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E. T. Gills Named To System Post



Mr. Gills

E. T. Gills has been named system transmission line superintendent in Bluefield, succeeding the late W. Price Carter.

Mr. Gills holds an engineering degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and later attended West Virginia University extension studying engineering. He joined Appalachian in September 1931 in Bluefield as a line inspector. In 1938 he was made engineer, in 1950 system senior transmission engineer, and in 1953 he was promoted to system supervising transmission engineer.

Mr. Gills is a member of the board of directors of Union Mission, and a deacon and usher in College Avenue Baptist Church. He and his wife have one daughter.

I&M's 600,000-kw Unit To Operate This Month

The largest electric generating unit ever built by private industry is expected to be in full operation some time in July.

The 600,000-kilowatt turbine-generator is an addition to the Tanners Creek plant of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, and brings that plant's total capacity to 1,125,000-KW.

With the addition of Unit 4, Tanners Creek becomes the AEP System's largest. The new unit is designed to operate at a heat rate of 8,450 Btu per kilowatt-hour.

The new unit reflects all the technological advances which have been made in the electric-generating art since the AEP System adopted in 1924 the technique of reheating steam during its passage through the turbine. It will operate at a super-critical steam pressure of 3,500 pounds per square inch, well above the critical point at which water flashes into steam without boiling first; at temperatures as high as 1,050 degrees Fahrenheit, and with a double re-heat cycle. It is the world's largest super-critical unit.

AEP Annual Report Wins

The American Electric Power Company's 1963 annual report has been awarded first prize in the "holding company" category in the yearly Reddy Kilowatt annual report competition among investor-owned electric utilities in the U. S. and abroad.

The award was presented by Ashton B. Collins, chairman of Reddy Kilowatt, Inc., at the annual convention of the Edison Electric Institute at Atlantic City in early June. The various annual report awards are made to companies that "simplify, dramatize and humanize their annual reports in order to create greater stockholder interest and understanding of the operations of investor-owned, business-managed, tax-paying companies."

Industry Group Elects LaFon

Members of the Central Ohio Valley Industrial Council have elected Waldo S. LaFon, assistant general manager of Kentucky Power, president for the ensuing council year.



Mr. LaFon

COVIC is to promote the economic growth of the Central Ohio Valley and to bring about a closer relationship between the communities in the area.

Mr. LaFon has been active in civic affairs since moving to Ashland in 1957. He is presently serving as a director of the Ashland Rotary Club and is the immediate past-secretary of COVIC.

Mr. LaFon is a former director of the Kentucky State Chamber of Commerce and former chairman of the Ashland-Boyd County Planning and Zoning Commission. Active in scouting on the council level, he has been honored with the Silver Beaver Award.

A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering, Mr. LaFon

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On a recent industry-hunting trip to New York, Kentucky Governor Edward Breathitt, right, confers with Donald C. Cook, president of AEP and our companies. The two last month jointly announced a \$7-million transmission construction program for Kentucky Power.

Kentucky Steps Up Plans For Transmission Work

A stepped-up construction program that will almost triple Kentucky Power Company's previous plans for expansion of its transmission facilities has been announced.

The program, entailing an investment of \$7-million, was jointly announced by Governor Edward T. Breathitt and Kentucky Power's vice president and general manager, F. M. Baker in Kentucky, and by Donald Cook, AEP president in New York.

Nearly \$4.5-million of the program represents new work, and includes none of previously announced \$2.5-million construction scheduled for the last half of 1964 and all of 1965-66. The program covers only transmission, and does not include additional expenditures for generation and distribution facilities.

Approximately 49 per cent of the new construction will be located in the Pikeville division, 31 per cent in Hazard, and 20 per cent in Ashland.

Total Expenditure

The total anticipated expenditure of \$7,031,000 is an increase of about 175 per cent over the company's previous plans for the next 30 months.

The Governor said the company's accelerated program was good news for eastern Kentucky and its economy, and described it as further evidence of industry's continuing faith in the future of the Commonwealth. He expressed the hope that others might emulate Kentucky Power's step.

Mr. Cook, in New York, echoed the Governor's words by saying the move was "indicative of the confidence this company places in Kentucky's prospects for growth and prosperity, but also attributed the accelerated expansion program to the governor's interest in and encouragement to business and industry. Another factor, he added, was the recent reduction in the Federal income tax rate.

"Great Assets"

A further comment came from Miss Katherine Peden, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Commerce. The expansion of the Kentucky Power facilities, plus a survey now being conducted to develop sites for new industry in eastern Kentucky "will be great assets for the industrial growth of this area," she said.

The largest single item among the dozens of projects to be undertaken is a general modernization of Kentucky Power's lower voltage transmission lines throughout all three divisions. The estimated cost is \$2,140,000.

Other projects include:

Construction of 138,000-volt 23-mile transmission line between the Thelma and Betsy Layne stations, thus completing a new and direct line between Kentucky Power's Big Sandy plant and Appalachian's Clinch River plant;

Construction of a 34,500-volt, 11-mile transmission line between Hazard division's Leslie and Clover Fork station, and

Construction of a 69,000-volt, six-mile transmission line from the Ashland area to the new Inco operation south of the city.

For the rest of this year, expenditures will be \$1,047,000; for 1965, \$1,577,000, and for 1966, \$1,849,000.

Company's Service Cited By FFA

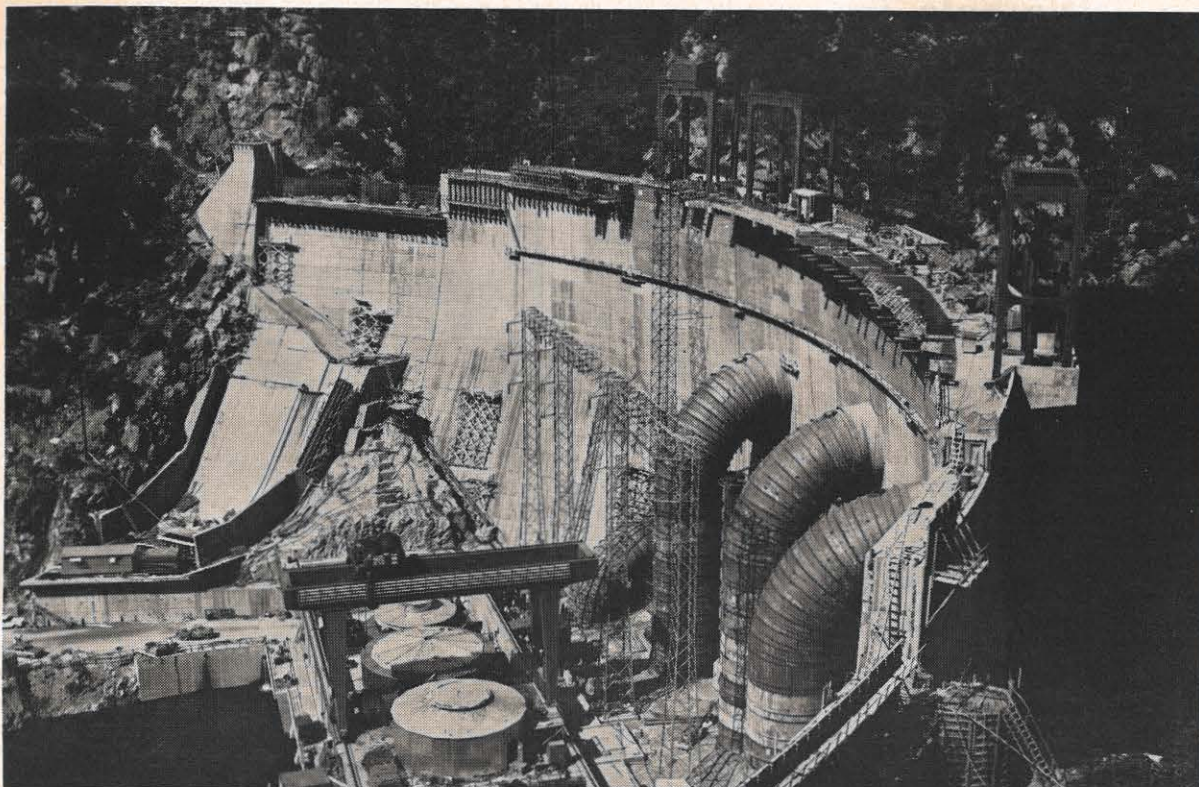
For "outstanding service rendered to rural youth" Appalachian has received the Distinguished Service Plaque from the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America.

The award was made at the 38th annual meeting of the association at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and was accepted by J. E. Collins, Appalachian's agricultural sales engineer.

Signed by the association's president Lowell Koontz, the citation accompanying the award reads in

part, "For a number of years Appalachian Power Company has made outstanding contributions to vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America. In cooperation with the Virginia Farm and Home Electrification Council, it has assisted in the preparation of teaching aids and materials and has provided other assistance in the area of farm and home electrification. It has supported the FFA Foundation program and other incentive projects."

Dam Progress



This picture of Smith Mountain Dam, taken in the early part of June, shows concrete work being done at the very top of the structure; progress on the generating units, and some of the lake filling behind the

structure. No. 1 unit is virtually completed; the water is about 150 feet deep at the dam. The entire 440,000-kw plant will be in operation next year.



Robert Mills Richard Mills

Twin Eagles Roost In Mills Family

Scouting's highest award came in a double dose to the family of R. L. Mills, Roanoke division power sales engineer.

Mr. Mills' 15-year-old twin sons, Richard and Robert, both achieved Eagle rank recently. Both are members of Troop 50, Woodlawn Methodist Church, and plan to attend the National Jamboree at Valley Forge this month. They are sophomores at Patrick Henry High School, and both hold YMCA and Red Cross Junior Lifesaving certificates.

Robert also holds the Good Camper and God and Country Award, and the Order of the Arrow. Richard is currently troop quartermaster, and is president of his home room class at Patrick Henry.

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A Sort of Parable

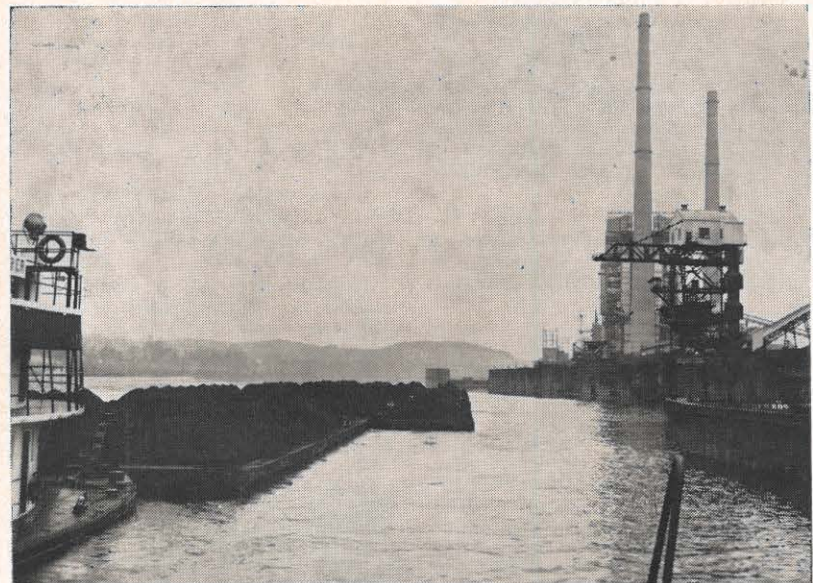
Now when summer was on the land, there came to most of the inhabitants thereof a special time; and it was called vacation.

And they were jubilant, one with the other, and didst pack up their cars and their trailers, and taking their credit cards and their children, did go forth from their dwelling places that they might find happiness elsewhere; for it is written, verily the grass is greener in another's yard.

And on the way, they saw many cars, and they went exceedingly fast, and many who started out saw not the end of their journey, for they were wrecked. And many, whilst at play, saw not the end of the day; for they didst grow foolish, and didst drown, or burn themselves with fire.

For uncounted are the ways man canst destroy himself and others.

For they who wouldst see their children grow in joy; and they wouldst return to their work whole and happy didst follow the rules. And the greatest of these, above all others, is BE CAREFUL.



A string of loaded coal barges, shepherded by a tow boat, approaches Sporn plant.

Coal Is Big Story For Plant's Area

"Coal by Wire" has by now become an accepted part of our business, and the phrase has passed into the language as a good description of electricity.

What isn't so well-known is the collection of facts and figures about coal, and the story of how the coal gets to a plant. Philip Sporn plant, with its 1,100,000-kw capacity, has a particularly impressive set of figures.

For example, the plant burns about 9,000 tons of coal a day, the equivalent of 180 50-ton railroad cars. Since the plant's commercial operation started in 1950 up to April 1 of this year, deliveries of coal to the plant amount to 26,193,831 tons. It would take 45 football fields to hold the base of this pile, which would reach up half again as high as the Washington Monument. If all this coal were delivered in one train, it would need 523,876 cars stretching 3,968 miles from head end to caboose; and anybody waiting at a crossing for this train to pass would wait . . . well, quite

a long time. In terms of river traffic, it would require 29,104 barges.

Barges, in fact, deliver the majority of the coal to Sporn plant, and the remainder comes by truck. A hundred trucks a day, and a fleet of 75 to 80 barges keep the plant's boilers hot.

The plant itself employs about 260 persons, but the livelihood of about 1,000 more depend on its continued high level of coal consumption. Miners, truckers, transportation workers are direct beneficiaries of the plant's coal operations, plus equipment manufacturers and suppliers.

Most of the coal delivered to the plant is mined within a radius of 35 miles in both West Virginia and Ohio, and directly employs some 500 men. The remainder comes from the Kanawha river valley mines. Wherever the coal comes from, however, its purchase by the plant provides a major and stable force in the economy.

Retiring EEI President Hails Dynamic New Age

"Mankind has moved into the beginning of a dynamic new age, an age that might aptly be called the Age of Energy Unlimited. This single fact, above all others, can be expected to shape the growing progress of the investor-owned electric utility industry for a long time to come."

These were the words of Walter Bouldin, retiring president of the Edison Electric Institute, in his keynote address at the 1964 EEI Convention in Atlantic City last month.

Anticipating that an all-electric America lies not far over the horizon, Bouldin said, "We are planning with confidence for the Age of Energy Unlimited. We are looking toward the probability of an individual use of energy in this country of 100,000 kilowatt-hours per annum in the year 2200, compared with only 5,400 kwh per capita used in 1963." Bouldin is president of Alabama Power Company.

New President

The convention elected Walker L. Cislser, chairman of The Detroit Edison Company, as its 1964-65 president.

Another highlight of the meeting was presentation of the Edison Award, the electric utility industry's highest honor, to Southern California Edison Company for its outstanding "advancement of the

all-electric Gold Medallion Home."

Walter H. Sammis, soon-to-retire president of Ohio Edison Company and chairman of the EEI Research Division Executive Committee, reported that research and development expenditures by 138 electric utilities, by EEI and by 14 equipment manufacturers working specifically on electric utility equipment had totaled \$151,500,000 for the year 1963, a figure he termed "conservative." EEI member companies had 1,831 research projects under way or recently completed, according to data just compiled for 1963, he added.

Other Quotes

Other principal speakers included: Jack K. Busby, president, Pennsylvania Power & Light Company: "There will continue to be strong support of government power by persons who have a vested or ideological interest in this viewpoint, but these people are a minority. They will not prevail if there is general acceptance that the competitive forces which are generally relied on to provide innovation and good quality and low prices also can be relied on insofar as electric power is concerned."

C. A. Tatum, Jr., president, Dallas Power & Light Company: "Our theoretical market for electric home heating at the beginning of 1965 will be a total of 55,750,000 housing units." He offered a three-point program to companies seeking the electric heating market: (1) collaboration between utility and manufacturer to encourage better equipment and installations at lower costs, (2) competitive rates that are attractive when electricity's advantages are considered, and (3) a superior selling effort by the power companies.

J. Harris Ward, chairman and president, Commonwealth Edison Company: "Our business, more than any other, must stay close to its customers."

James H. Campbell, president, Consumers Power Company: "Career challenges in our industry are as exciting and profitable as any extant today. This great industry spends more than any other in the building of new plant—well over

\$3-billion a year. We look at our plant account and reflect on the fact that over half of it is less than 10 years old. And 10 years from now, it will have expanded again in the same fashion. Much of the plant which will materialize by 1970 has not even been designed and some of it has not yet been invented at all."

Charles F. Avila, president, Boston Edison Company, told the convention that the Interior Department's proposed \$1.12-billion Passamaquoddy-St. John tidal power project could be equalled, in delivered electric generating capacity and output, with an investment in alternative facilities of just \$100,125,000. He described the Federal government's plans to build two tidal power plants totaling 1-million kilowatts of peaking capacity on the Maine-New Brunswick border and a 750,000-kw hydro plant on the St. John River in upper Maine as "the most wasteful, the most indefensible, the most incredible power project which has ever come to my attention."

Plant Men Elected Mayor, Councilmen

John J. McAvoy, filter plant operator and sampler at Clinch River plant, has been elected mayor



Mr. McAvoy

of Lebanon, and two other plant employees have been elected to serve with him on the town council. They are W. Henry Brown, head material clerk, and R. E. Senter, assistant plant manager, who was re-elected.

Mr. McAvoy is active in civic affairs, and has previously served two terms as a member of the council and as vice mayor.

Another plant man, Golden C. Williams, maintenance man, was elected to the Cleveland town council.

Lost Boy, Burning TV

It's All In A Day's Work — Sometimes

The average work day is just that—average. But not always. To illustrate, there are the stories of: the meter reader who put out a fire, and the line crew foreman who dealt with a pajama-clad two-year-old boy on a country road.

Tommy Bryant, of Roanoke, is the meter reader. He was leaving a customer's home when the lady of the house rushed outside, yelling that her television set was on fire.

Mr. Bryant followed her inside and carried the smoking set into the yard. He returned to the living room to put out flames in nearby curtains and newspapers, which had caught fire when the TV picture tube exploded. His fast action saved the customer's house from possible serious damage.

In Huntington, Lee Perkey's line truck rounded a country road curve, about coffee-break time one

morning, and there was a barefoot, pajama-clad youngster, smiling up at the big truck. The tot accepted their chewing gum, got acquainted with the men and had a good time exploring the truck.

Mr. Perkey looked around the area, hefted the small boy to his shoulders and headed for the only house in sight. But the child didn't live there and the occupants did not recognize him.

The foreman returned to his truck and crew, with the boy still riding his shoulders, for a conference on the matter.

Just then the boy's father came along the road, retrieved his adventurous son and explained that the youngster had crossed two bridges, and walked along a heavily traveled highway before turning onto the smaller road;

Cook Heads Group To Settle Sale Of German Firm

Donald C. Cook, president of American Electric Power Company and of our companies, has been named chairman of a seven-man committee that will plan the sale of the U. S. Government's stock in the General Aniline and Film Corporation.

Formation of the panel was announced by U. S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. General Aniline and Film was seized by the Government in 1942 as a German asset, and the Government has held 93.5 per cent of the firm's stock. Mr. Kennedy said he hoped that the firm would be returned to public ownership by the end of the year.

Mr. Cook is familiar with the Government's interest in General Aniline through his experience as director of the Office of Alien Property in the Department of Justice in 1946-47.

In another development, Mr. Cook was succeeded as president of the Electric Heating Association by Thomas G. Ayers, executive vice president of Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago. Mr. Cook was instrumental in founding the Association last year and served as its first president. He will continue as a director of the EHA and as a member of its executive committee.

"Proclaim Liberty . . ."



On the steps of the Capitol Building of West Virginia is a replica of the Liberty Bell. Around it appears the inscription from Leviticus, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." That's Jeff Scholl, 6, tracing the words while his mother and father and his brothers Mike and Steve watch. Dad is Frank Scholl, meter serviceman in Charleston; and he took his boys to see the bell to remind them of the Fourth of July and what it stands for—more than fireworks, a picnic, and a holiday, even though all those things go with a birthday: our country's.

Plant Employees Lead In W-S Contributions

Plant employees continued to supply the bulk of work simplification proposals through April and May. Of the 30 received during those two months, 18 came from plants, 10 from divisions, and two from system accounting. Through the first five months of the year, the total is 82.

From Glen Lyn came six ideas. B. M. Brown and S. K. Pennington proposed the installation of a time delay breaker in the control circuit to minimize breakage of Unit 6 coal

tripper drive shaft. Mr. Pennington had another idea, this one to install an under voltage relay by-pass to facilitate paralleling of Unit 6 battery charger and battery. A flashing light to create safer conditions in material handling in the storeroom was suggested by K. E. Farewell.

J. H. Oxley had an idea to reduce the paperwork connected with identification of coal samples taken from railroad cars, T. B. Skelton described a storage rack for drill bits, and E. A. Painter proposed fabrication of dust collector tubes locally. This idea resulted in savings of \$4,890 annually.

Sporn Plant

Seven ideas came from Philip Sporn plant. Nelson Roush suggested replacing rubber wheels with steel on welding machines to make them easier to move. Gail Buck's idea of heavy duty grating over the hatchway in the storeroom provided better utilization of the space and safer operations, and Joe Cullen demonstrated that inspection of equipment was easier with the installation of oil reservoirs on Unit 5 wall slag blowers.

Reduction of wear on the ash pit sump pump was achieved through the installation of a weir to minimize flow of debris. This was suggested by L. J. Karschnik. Marvin T. Roush showed how house-keeping and safety could be improved by installing a drain line on a vent valve serving the circulating water discharge tunnel. Control switches to permit operation of ash hopper make-up pumps from the basement as well as the control room was the idea of Harry A. Davis, and John Werry suggested the use of a particular kind of cleaner to remove deposits and stains from gauge glasses.

Eight Clinch River employees contributed five ideas. T. Watson, H. Ferguson, A. Nestor, and J. Hackney collectively came up with an idea with a yearly saving of \$1,000. They proposed an averaging unit for sampling boiler gases to replace one originally supplied by the manufacturer. The savings come from the reduced maintenance the new unit offers. N. R. Crumbaker proposed buying spare parts

Computer Expert Lectures At Purdue

Glenn W. Stagg, head of the AEP Service Corporation's computer services section, was a principal lecturer at Purdue University's course, held June 1-12, on new uses for digital computers in electric utility operations.

Stagg pioneered in the application of digital computer techniques to power system operations and is the author of more than 15 papers regarded as guides for electric utilities in changing from network analyzers to digital computers.

and thus reduce the annual cost of new flashlights used by plant personnel. A remote control system for electric-driven fire pumps so they can be operated from the control room as well as the circulating water house was suggested by G. K. Tiller.

Jimmy L. Ferguson suggested the installation of a vacuum connection in No. 3 control room to facilitate cleaning and minimize handling of vacuum hose. Walter Gilmore's idea was to provide an auxiliary control switch in the control room to provide remote operation of blower on the plant's vacuum system.

Among Divisions

Among divisions, Roanoke led the list of suggestions by contributing six. Prince E. Thornton proposed that plastic-covered desk tops be fabricated locally for the refinishing of office furniture rather than buying new tops from the manufacturer. L. R. Buchanan's idea was along the same lines: have office chair arm rests re-padded by a local upholsterer instead of buying new ones. R. A. Armistead suggested that an index of work simplification proposals be prepared periodically.

J. R. Watkins suggested a change in relocating the T bracket on a transformer pole for better lightning protection and safer access to cut-out and/or lightning arrester. R. E. Barkley and R. A. Armistead jointly described the salvage by welding of worn augers used on hydraulic diggers. St. Elmo Murray suggested a new way of testing the A base kilowatt-hour meter by eliminating the need for handling the current leads.

Huntington

In Huntington, R. M. Miller described the trial installation of certain post insulators and dead end clamps to eliminate radio and television interference. A procedure to improve customer relations in rural line extensions was suggested by R. M. Bates.

J. D. Walters and J. L. Twitty, both in Charleston, proposed that system accounting prepare semi-annual lists of inactive meters for use by divisions to reduce meter inventories.

From Bluefield's Frank E. Wells came the proposal to use two-inch conduit as a protective guard for sidewalk guys. Guards commercially available, he reported, have tendency to turn, and thus expose the cable.

One proposal from H. R. Ball, system accounting, described a procedure for sorting small groups of data processing cards. The new method will save an estimated \$238 annually. Basil Bennett, of the same department, described a coding system for identification of accounts which has great flexibility.

Plant Training Work Reported In "Ideas"

A full-scale report on Clinch River plant's employee education-training program, written by Luther C. Houchins, appears in the June issue of *AEP Operating Ideas*.

A number of courses, theoretical and practical, have been originated, offered, and attended by employees. Among them

are basic mathematics, basic physics, basic electricity, and welding and blueprint reading. Planned for the future are such classes as fundamentals of analog and digital computers and a survey of basic equipment for power generation. Teachers are drawn from plant personnel, and classes are held during employees' off-hours.

The whole point of this extensive program, reports Mr. Houchins, is to provide up-to-date technical knowledge to support on-the-job experience, and to permit employees to develop to their full potential.



Mr. Dunn



Mr. McClung

Dunn To Retire As PR Head; McClung Named Successor

G. South Dunn will retire as Appalachian's public relations director August 1, and William A. McClung has been named to succeed him.

A native of Kentucky, Mr. Dunn has been associated with our companies since 1925. He was commercial manager for Kentucky Power in Ashland before moving to Roanoke to become Appalachian's first public relations director in 1948.

He has served on the boards of the Salvation Army, the Roanoke Kiwanis Club, the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, and the Roanoke

County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and has been active in other civic affairs in Roanoke.

Mr. McClung joined Appalachian in 1949 as editor of company publications. In 1955 he was named advertising and publications supervisor, and he was made assistant public relations director in July 1963.

He is a native of Huntington and a graduate of Concord State College in Athens, West Virginia. Before joining Appalachian, he worked on newspapers in Bluefield and North Carolina, and for the Associated Press in Huntington and Bluefield.



Mr. Carter

W. Price Carter, 64, Dies Suddenly

W. Price Carter, system transmission line superintendent in Bluefield, died suddenly June 1. He was 64.

He joined Appalachian in September 1919 in Bluefield, where he spent his entire career. His first job was in construction; a year later he became construction foreman. In 1926 he was promoted to general foreman, and in 1939 to distribution superintendent. He became system transmission line superintendent in March 1944.

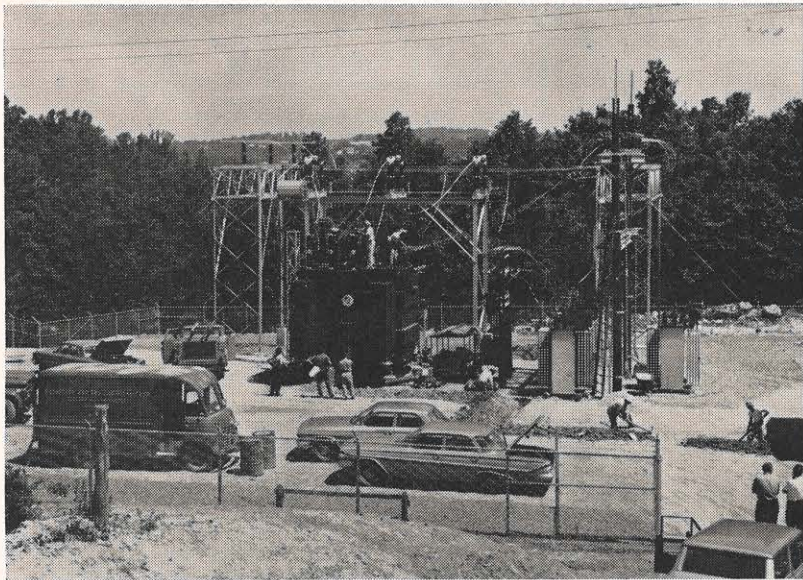
Four times in his Appalachian career Mr. Carter won annual awards in the AEP Operating Ideas competition, two first place awards, and two seconds. Many of his ideas and developments have become standard practice in electric utility operations. He was active in Appalachian's development of high voltage lines, and in the training program for bare-hands line work.

He had served on a number of committees of the Southeastern Electric Exchange and the National Safety Council.

In Bluefield, Mr. Carter was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Masons.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, and two sons.

Station Work



Work is being completed on the new 50,000 Kva station near Princeton. Power will be fed to the station from the 138,000-volt Glen Lyn-Switchback line. Initially, the \$286,000 installation will provide a 34.5-kv line to the Princeton station, joining the present line from Glen Lyn as a primary source of power for Princeton. The new station will also provide an additional source of power for Giles County. Future plans call for the station to serve a 69-kv line to the South Bluefield station as a third source of power for both Bluefield and Princeton.



Margaret Thompson



Eloise Pierce



Richard Wade



Donald Belcher

School Honors Come To Youths

Children of Philip Sporn plant employees had a big part in graduation ceremonies in the plant's area last month. At Rutland High School, George White Jr. was valedictorian, and Roberta Ann Smith was co-salutatorian. Beverly Burns was co-valedictorian at Wahoma High School.

George is the son of George White of the plant's labor department. In his school days he was active in band, baseball, football, student council, National Honor Society, drama, year book staff, and was a class officer. Since graduation he has enlisted in the Air Force. Roberta has been equally active: secretary of the National Honor Society, accompanist for the Glee Club, dramatics, member of the scholarship team, a class officer, winner of the DAR Good Citizen's Award, a member of Girls' Ensemble, and a competitor in the district and state ensemble contest. Her father is Robert Smith, plant maintenance man.

Beverly is the daughter of George Burns, maintenance man. She played in the school concert band and was a majorette in the marching band. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the Future Home Makers.

Another Sporn plant youngster to make his mark was Charles Keefer, son of Earl Keefer, plant chemist. A regional winner in West Virginia Forensic Tournament, he advanced to the quarter-finals in the state competition, one of the top 18 competitors in the tournament.

The school year's "Miss Beckley College" is Miss Carolyn Pierce, whose mother is Eloise Pierce, Beckley area T&D department. She was chosen on the basis of grades and contribution to college activities.

At Narrows High School, an employee's daughter was picked as the prettiest in the graduating class. She is Margaret Thompson, daughter of Fred W. Thompson, assistant shift operating engineer at Glen Lyn. Margaret was president of

the Future Home Makers of America, and was an all-state member of the Choral Music Group.

Two Kentucky youngsters were also recognized for notable achievements during the school year just past.

Donald Keith Belcher was selected valedictorian of Johns Creek High School. He is interested in science and math, and already has an amateur radio operator's license. His father is Clyde Harmon, T&D department in Pikeville.

In Ashland, Richard Paul Wade won the DeMolay Scholarship Award for his 3.7570 average for four years in Paul Blazer High School. He majored in science and math, and still found time to play in the band, on the golf and swim teams, for the Chevron Club, the Junior and Senior Honor Societies, and the Methodist Youth Fellowship. His father is Don Wade, division residential sales adviser in Ashland.

Masters Conferred On Employee's Son

A master of science degree in business administration has been conferred on William F. Keehne, Jr. by Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Mr. Keehne received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics from VPI in 1954. After serving three years in the Air Force, he returned to VPI. He is now employed as a sales representative of the California Chemical Company, Ortho Division.

He and his wife and two daughters live in Roanoke. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Keehne, Sr.



Mr. Keehne



Mr. Houchins

Plant Men At Work

Television Or Turbines, It's A Maintenance Job

Whether the job calls for the replacement of a washer in a lavatory sink or repairing a leak in a boiler tube subjected to 2000 pounds of pressure and 1000 degrees of temperature, the call goes out for the plant maintenance supervisor.

At Glen Lyn plant, the man is Ed Painter, and he holds a 24-hour-a-day responsibility. His job is to supervise, plan, and co-ordinate the activities of the largest single group of employees at the plant; they repair and maintain virtually everything mechanical on the plant property—boilers, turbines, generators, pulverizers, fences, air-conditioning equipment, closed circuit television systems.

Some of this work is immediate in nature: a piece of equipment develops a flaw, and it must be repaired quickly. Much of it is



Mr. Painter's office is usually a busy scene, since most Glen Lyn maintenance jobs are scheduled and planned here in detail.



Mr. Painter and J. A. Moore, Glen Lyn plant manager, discuss a generator turning gear control.



T. K. Skelton makes an adjustment on a closed circuit television control, while Mr. Painter observes. Maintenance jobs in a plant run from just delicate adjustments as this to repairing a chain-link fence.

planned, or preventive maintenance. This puts an obligation on Mr. Painter to work closely with other plant personnel and department to make sure that maintenance jobs are scheduled for the most efficient times.

One Goal

"All of us in maintenance," he says, "ought to have one goal: to reduce maintenance costs through the use of better methods and materials. The whole point of preventive maintenance is to keep equipment in good order; it's cheaper and easier to do it that way than to shut down a unit and lose valuable time making repairs after a breakdown."

He is in frequent touch with plant management and operating men to learn their maintenance needs, both prospective and immediate. Another part of his job is training of supervisors and other employees in maintenance skills. Mr. Painter, and men like him in other plants on the system, help keep the turbines spinning.

And, like so many other plant men, he's an active citizen. He has served on the Roch Creek and Glen Lyn Town Councils; twice he has been campaign chairman of the Giles County United Fund, and once chairman of the Giles County chapter of the Red Cross. He is a past president of the Rich Creek Lions Club and has directed 14 annual fund-raising stage shows for county Lions Clubs. Mr. Painter holds a bachelor's degree from VPI in mechanical engineering and a master's in power and fuel engineering. After three years in the Army Corps of Engineers, he joined Appalachian in 1947.

He and his wife have a son and a daughter, and spend family vacations touring in a camping trailer.

(Note: This is another in a series of articles about plant employees, whose activities keep generating units working at a high level of efficiency.)

Employee's Son Wins Prize Trip

Robert Paul Syck, son of William B. Syck, appliance serviceman in Pikeville, spent a week at the New York World's Fair as a prize for his outstanding performance as a newspaper carrier.

Robert, as carrier for the Williamson Daily News, was awarded the trip over other carriers because he added customers to his route, had no complaints from his customers, and kept his collections and records up to date.



Robert Syck



Mr. Mathews

Mathews Retires With 43 Years Of Company Service

Another of Charleston's veterans has retired.

He's Howard Mathews, meterman, who retired July 1 after accumulating a total of more than 43 years of service. He started out working for the old Virginia Power Company at Cabin Creek in 1918, when he was just short of 18 years old. His continuous service began in October 1923.

In May 1925 Mr. Mathews transferred to Charleston from Cabin Creek when the American Gas and Electric Service Company acquired the Virginia Power Company and the West Virginia Water and Electric Company. Since then, his service has been entirely in the meter department.

Mr. Mathews and his wife will continue to make their home in Charleston, at least for the present, but they plan to spend the summer months in their camp on the Elk River. He enjoys gardening, hunting, fishing, and watching baseball and football. He attends Calvary Baptist Church.



W. T. Collins Jr., right, receives his ICS diploma from C. R. Settle, Welch area superintendent. Mr. Collins has completed a course in business administration.

Collins Awarded ICS Diploma

W. T. Collins, Jr., local office supervisor, has received a diploma from International Correspondence Schools for the completion of two divisions of work in business administration. In previous studies he has taken courses in bookkeeping and accounting.

The course in business administration included such studies as work simplification, work measurement, work scheduling, business law and a number of related subjects. He maintained an A average in this course.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Collins is Scoutmaster of Troop No. 43 in Grundy, a deacon in the Presbyterian Church and a member of Grundy Kiwanis Club.

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

Need For Car Seat Belts Shown In Point Pleasant Safety Meeting

A clerk-stenographer at the Point Pleasant office has some tips on how to create interest in driving safety.

Frances J. Jordan, division T&D, recently conducted a program on the value of seat belts. After researching her subject carefully, Mrs. Jordan presented her program to office personnel.

She used films, "Safety Through Seat Belts," and "Broken Glass," graphic sketches of the destructive, life-killing forces released when ve-

hicles collide or smash into stationary objects. She gave literature to those attending the program.

Mrs. Jordan, in stressing seat belts and safety, traced the development of the passenger car, noted that today it is the backbone of our transportation system. She said it offers greater potential for pleasure and profit than ever.

But the car, driven recklessly, is also a potential killer of men, women, and children. She pointed to the nearly 40-thousand people who die each year in traffic mishaps in this country. It is clear that improper use of the auto is an epidemic of national proportions.

On one holiday weekend more than 700 persons died in traffic mishaps. When the toll was analyzed, the survey indicated that not a single person who died was wearing a seat belt. 42 percent of those who died that weekend would have been saved by seat belts. And 20 percent more might not have died. So, for a single holiday weekend, the sad indication is that 434 people died for want of an inexpensive safety device called a seat belt.

Mrs. Jordan had figures showing that seat belts reduce injuries by one-third. Without them, the chances of being killed are five times greater if thrown from the vehicle. She also said that two out of three traffic deaths occur within 25 miles of home, and more than half of the fatalities involve speeds under 40 miles an hour.

Mrs. Jordan's personnel program was so informative that it was given again for their families and friends (a pair of seat belts was given as a door prize to Dixie Wickline, wife of Q. H. Wickline). Then the program was given for Point Pleasant line crews and to the Ripley area personnel.



Mr. Melton

R. A. Melton Dies At Hillsville

Rupert Arthur Melton died at Hillsville April 29. He was meter serviceman for the Hillsville area.

Mr. Melton joined the company in September 1947, when Appalachian acquired the former Cranberry Manufacturing Company, where he had been employed since February 1938. Since 1947 he had worked as substation operator and lineman, and in 1956 he was named meter serviceman.

A native of Carroll County, Mr. Melton was an active member of the River Hill Christian Church. He is survived by his widow and a daughter and a son.

Funeral services were held at the church, and burial was in the Monte Vista Memory Gardens, Galax, Va.

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served as an officer in World War II. Prior to coming to Ashland in his present capacity, he was Beckley district manager for Appalachian Power.

A deacon in the First Christian Church, he is married and the father of three children.



Service Anniversaries

Appalachian Power Company

- ABINGDON DIVISION—30 YEARS: LYMAN C. VALLEY, area supervisor. 10 YEARS: LORENE P. NESTER, home sales representative. 5 YEARS: EVELYN SUE SANDERS, clerk stenographer; H. C. BREEDING, electrical engineer.
- BLUEFIELD DIVISION—40 YEARS: JAMES S. DODD, division dealer sales coordinator. 35 YEARS: ROBERT E. SHIPWASH, appliance serviceman. 30 YEARS: HOWARD B. KIDD, station man; RALPH SLADE, station supervisor. 15 YEARS: MILLARD GIBSON, meter serviceman.
- CABIN CREEK PLANT—30 YEARS: PATRICIA A. HASTINGS, clerk stenographer; RALPH H. WILLIAMS, assistant shift supervisor; JOE A. ALLINDER, chief chemist. 20 YEARS: EDWARD L. WORKMAN, guard.
- CHARLESTON DIVISION—30 YEARS: W. H. MITCHELL, area serviceman. 25 YEARS: D. P. NEWMAN, division line engineer; C. R. S. GARTEN, customer accounts supervisor. 15 YEARS: ROBERT R. GRIFFITH, senior line engineer. 10 YEARS: HERB BARKER, lineman. 5 YEARS: NORMAN J. CALDWELL, janitor; STEVE CARPENTER, electrical engineer.
- GLEN LYN PLANT—35 YEARS: R. Y. WOODBURN, plant office supervisor. 20 YEARS: W. M. WOODYARD, maintenance man; R. M. TRENT, working foreman; O. M. McCLAUGHERY, chemist assistant; PATRICIA N. DUNN, private secretary; L. O. WHITTAKER, coal equipment operator. 5 YEARS: T. E. CREWEY, test engineer.
- HUNTINGTON DIVISION—40 YEARS: H. B. HOUT, division station engineer. 25 YEARS: J. R. PUGH, meterman.
- KANAWHA RIVER PLANT—25 YEARS: W. B. MOORE, shift operating engineer. 15 YEARS: J. R. BOSTIC, maintenance man; J. D. POORE, utility operator. 5 YEARS: C. T. BROOKS, test engineer.
- LYNCHBURG DIVISION—35 YEARS: R. C. FOSTER, record supervisor.
- PHILIP SPORN PLANT—15 YEARS: RALPH E. WARNER, operations supervisor; JAMES H. BENNETT, unit foreman; JOHN A. BRYAN, guard; LAWRENCE HALL, coal sampler.
- ROANOKE DIVISION—35 YEARS: J. W. CRAIG, head T&D clerk. 30 YEARS: J. W. BRYANT, station man; E. W. HOLLAND, meter service foreman. 25 YEARS: J. D. COOPER, right-of-way agent; J. W. FRENCH, division power sales engineer; W. M. MILLS, electrical engineer. 20 YEARS: D. G. MERRIMAN, working foreman. 10 YEARS: D. W. COOPER, lineman; J. B. BELL, meter service helper. 5 YEARS: RUTH S. GRAYBEAL, credit and collection clerk; J. M. QUARLES, car washer.
- SYSTEM—40 YEARS: EARL KING, senior appraisal engineer. 35 YEARS: J. R. WOLFORD, system transmission general foreman. 30 YEARS: O. A. HAWKINS, supervisor-general bookkeeper; W. H. RIBBLE, system operations coordinator. 25 YEARS: J. M. SCITES, system right-of-way supervisor; C. E. FERNATT, system station man. 5 YEARS: ANNE E. CONNER, stenographer; ELIZABETH A. PASLEY, accounting machine operator clerk; BETTY H. THOMPSON, key punch operator; G. M. GILLOCK, system operating engineer; W. L. YOUNG, JR., methods and procedures analyst.

Kentucky Power Company

- ASHLAND DIVISION—25 YEARS: W. S. LAFON, assistant general manager. 51 YEARS: CHARLES STAYTON, assistant division office supervisor.
- PIKEVILLE DIVISION—10 YEARS: WINFRED R. MILLER, power sales engineer.

Kingsport Power Company

- 30 YEARS: F. K. UMBERGER, JR., assistant district office supervisor.
- 25 YEARS: J. K. WHITE, administrative assistant.



Married in recent weeks were, top row, left to right: Mrs. Lloyd B. Lee, Bluefield; Mrs. Charles D. Ab-

sher, system; Mrs. Bernard Corker, system; Mrs. Larry Eversonon, Clinch River; Mrs. Franklin Holtz,

Ashland. Bottom row, Mrs. Earl M. Hudgins, Roanoke; Mrs. David

Gregory, Kingsport; Mrs. Robert Harper, Charleston; Mr. and Mrs.

Mason D. Chinault, Glen Lyn, and Mrs. Robert E. Bower, system.

Ten Married Over System In Recent Weeks

Brown-Harper

The Sacred Heart Church in Charleston, West Virginia, was the scene for the wedding of Patricia Ann Brown and Robert Gene Harper May 30. Mrs. Harper is employed as a clerk typist, Kanawha Valley Power Company, and Mr. Harper is a draftsman in the T&D engineering department in Charleston.

Martin-Absher

Judy Faye Martin and Charles Dean Absher exchanged wedding vows May 22 in Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Absher is employed in the system accounting department in Roanoke.

Yost-Lee

Marriage vows were repeated May 28 by Mrs. Ruth Lester Yost and Lloyd Bernard Lee in the First Methodist Church of Bluefield, Virginia. Mr. Lee is assistant division superintendent in Bluefield.

Ray-Bower

Sandra Kay Ray and Robert Eugene Bower were united in marriage May 9 at the First Wesleyan Methodist Church in

Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Bower is an employee in the system accounting office.

Clemons-Chinault

On June 6 a double ring ceremony performed at the Glen Lyn Christian Church, Glen Lyn, Virginia, united Phyllis Jane Clemons and Mason Glen Chinault in marriage. Mrs. Chinault is the daughter of Dudley R. Clemons, equipment operator at the Glen Lyn Plant.

Umberger-Gregory

Jane B. Umberger was married to David Russell Gregory June 7 in a ceremony performed at the Broad Street Methodist Church in Kingsport, Tennessee. Mrs. Gregory is the daughter of Frank K. Umberger, Jr., assistant district office supervisor.

Zikeli-Corker

Gretchen Zikeli became the bride of Bernard Calwell Corker June 13 at St. Johns Church in Morgantown, West Virginia. Mr. Corker is the son of B. B. Corker, system distribution department in Roanoke.

Hall-Hudgins

Beverly Camille Hall became the bride of Earl M. Hudgins on June 6 in a ceremony at Calvary Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Hudgins is the daughter of A. LeeRoy Hall, head meter reader in Roanoke.

Club Chooses Employee's Wife

Mrs. Anna Lee Stockton, wife of A. D. Stockton, Jr., system electrical engineer, was recently elected president of the Roanoke Woman's Club. Installed May 15, she attended the General Federation of Women's Clubs Convention in Atlantic City as a delegate from Roanoke.



Mrs. Stockton

Anna Lee Starbuck, formerly employed as secretary to W. F. Ficklen, Charleston division manager.

Residing in Roanoke for the past seven years, she has also served the Woman's Club as secretary and vice president. Mrs. Stockton recently received a check for the proceeds from the Floyd Ward Revue which the Club sponsored, to be used to purchase equipment for the Cerebral Palsy Clinic School located in Roanoke. The Club devotes its time to many community projects, among which currently are the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, Heart Fund, Virginia Society for Crippled Children, and working with veterans at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Salem.

Mrs. Stockton belongs to the Covenant Presbyterian Church, where she is active in youth work, and she was a charter member of the Windsor Park Garden Club. Although actively working for the betterment of her community, she still finds time for a favorite hobby, bridge, having been a member of a team representing the Woman's Club on a local TV program, "Bridge Party." Proceeds from their victory were applied to the purchase of a piano for the Roanoke Rehabilitation Center.

Friel-Holtz

Maureen Friel and Franklin Holtz were united in marriage May 30 at the Holy Family Church in Ashland, Kentucky. Mrs. Holtz is a clerk-stenographer in the Purchasing Department in Ashland.

Keeney-Eversonon

Kay Keeney and Larry Eversonon were married June 6 at Sparta, South Carolina. Mrs. Eversonon is the daughter of Lewis M. Keeney, maintenance man at Clinch River Plant.

New Arrivals

Charleston Division

MR. AND MRS. JAMES C. MUSGRAVE, a daughter, Julie Lynn, June 5. Mr. Musgrave is a heating and builder sales representative.

Clinch River Plant

MR. AND MRS. DONALD ARRINGTON, a son, Jeffrey Don, May 20. Mrs. Arrington is a former employee in the personnel department.

MR. AND MRS. DANIEL R. HIGGINS, a daughter, Robin Denise, May 12. Mr. Higgins is a utility man.

Smith Mountain

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM H. TERRY, a daughter, Carla Elaine, May 16. Mr. Terry is senior payroll clerk.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. JOHN T. FERGUSON, a son, Glenn Aca, May 27. Mr. Ferguson is an auxiliary equipment operator.

MR. AND MRS. DELBERT E. MURRAY, a son, Randell Glenn, May 27. Mr. Murray is an auxiliary equipment operator.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES H. EVANS, a son, Robert Charles, adopted May 19. Mr. Evans is a plant engineer.

System

MR. AND MRS. I. R. GOINS, a son, Irving Rodney, III, April 13. Mr. Goins is employed in the system operating department at Switchback station.

MR. AND MRS. S. G. LANDIS, a son, Jeffrey Sattis, May 14. Mr. Landis is employed in the system operating department at Kanawha station.



Nancy Vaughan Paula Theis

Curved Bar Award Given To Two

Girl Scouting's highest award, the Curved Bar, has gone to the daughters of two employees, several hundred miles apart.

The recipients are Nancy Vaughan of Roanoke and Paula Theis of Middleport, Ohio. Nancy, daughter of John Vaughan, assistant division manager, is 14, a freshman at Patrick Henry High School, and has been in Scouting four years. She is a member of Troop 57, sponsored by Woodlawn Methodist Church.

Paula's father is Paul Theis, accounting supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant. She is 15, a sophomore in Middleport High School, and has been in Scouting for six years. She has been chosen a majorette for next season.

Golden Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Arch Peyton celebrated their golden wedding anniversary May 24 with an Open House at the home of their only child, Mrs. Denver Combs of Man, West Virginia. Mr. Peyton joined the company the first day of 1921, and he retired in February 1956 as local representative in the Man area of the old Logan district.

Youngster's Secret Is Real Stumper

Robert Winebrenner, five-year-old son of Willia Winebrenner, meter reader in Charleston, has a secret that no TV panel could guess.

He was ring bearer at his grandmother's wedding.

It happened when Mrs. Helen Coleman married Steve Lostovich at Fayette County Courthouse recently. Young Robert was called into service to carry and hand over at the appropriate time the bride's wedding ring. He did just fine, thanks.

They're Engaged

MARTHA CLARE McCARTHY to James Noel Bernard, Jr. Miss McCarthy is the daughter of Clarence D. McCarthy, master maintenance man at the Reusens Hydro Station.

BONNIE MAY McCONNELL to William Leslie Payne. Mr. Payne is the son of P. C. Payne, transportation supervisor, Pulaski.

MARY LOUISE O'BRYAN to Paul Douglas Wellman. Miss O'Bryan is a secretarial stenographer in the Big Sandy Plant.

SANDRA D. HICKS to Franklin D. Lancaster. Miss Hicks is a clerk stenographer in the system personnel department in Roanoke.

Happenings

Around the Circuit

... Among Employees and Their Families

HUNTINGTON

Huntington
Ronald Lee Malcolm received his Ph.D. degree last month at North Carolina State University. He is the son of Norman L. Malcolm, Kenova, retired [Huntington] lineman.

After finishing high school in 1955, Ronald attended West Virginia University. He graduated with honors in 1959, and remained at the school where he received his Master of Science degree in 1961.

He has accepted a position with the United States Geological Survey Team at Denver, Colorado. Ronald is married, has three children.

Philip Sporn Plant

Barry R. Phillips received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. The son of Dayton L. Phillips, Barry graduated cum laude last month at Ohio University. Barry, a member of Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa, and of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, worked three summers as a laborer at the Philip Sporn plant.

Gloria Gibbs, daughter of Ralph V. Gibbs, Jr., received a history award from the Daughters of the American Revolution . . . Jennifer Zerkle, daughter of William Zerkle, has been named a majorette in the Wahama High School band.

Sarah Roush and Clifford P. Decker have resigned.

ABINGDON

Abingdon
Robert A. Sheffey finished the 1963-64 bowling season with the highest game average of any league bowler at Highland Bowling. Mr. Sheffey, a member of the Burley League, had an 187 pin average per game.

Clinch River Plant

Lon R. Brewer has received a "Good Citizen" award from the Lebanon Junior Chamber of Commerce. His home was judged to have the best-kept appearance in

Golden Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Les Ingels of Mason, W. Va., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 24, with a family reunion at their home. Mr. Ingels is a retired janitor at the Philip Sporn plant. He was first employed there as a guard in April, 1951, was transferred to the janitor department February 13, 1956 and retired June 1, 1958. Five of their six children were present for the celebration. The couple resides in Mason, W. Va.

town. The top award came at the climax of a clean-up, paint-up, fix-up campaign sponsored by the Lebanon J.C.'s. Mason A. Vaughan, Jr., treasurer of the Lebanon J.C.'s, took an active part in the campaign to brighten up the town.

Mary Ann Tucker, daughter of J. B. Tucker, was crowned VFW Poppy Queen at a pageant held in Saltville. Thirty-one Southwest Virginia girls competed for the title. Miss Tucker was honored at Abingdon High School with an award for outstanding achievement in drama during the recently completed school year. She plans to enter Virginia Intermont College this fall to pursue a course in dramatics and speech therapy.

PULASKI

Dorothy N. Whitaker has been elected Wytheville District Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guilds.

Welcome to new employees: Harry B. Rhett, P. C. Payne, Jr. E. J. Kidd, J. A. Whitehurst, Pulaski; K. L. Neathery, Jr, Christiansburg; J. P. Johnson, Galax; and D. B. Shepherd, Hillsville.

Linda Jean Buckner, daughter of J. C. Buckner, served as piano accompanist for graduation activities at Pulaski high school.

ROANOKE

Ellen Kennedy, daughter of D. C. Kennedy, received an award as outstanding senior mathematics student at Patrick Henry High School . . . Pam Goggin, daughter of James T. Goggin, has been named head cheerleader at Breckenridge Junior High School . . . Eva Krebs, daughter of W. W. Krebs, received the Girl Scout's Award at St. John's Episcopal church.

J. B. Whitmore served on the finance committee, June 8-11th, for the Virginia annual conference of the Methodist Church.

System

Welcome to new employee Robert E. Mickey . . . Resignations from the company have come from Barbara F. Holley and Peggy Lee Love.

LYNCHBURG

Lloyd T. Smith has been appointed chairman of the Lynchburg Rotary Club's Employee-Employer Relations Committee. W. S. White Jr. is also a member of this committee.

Karen Harker, daughter of Jack D. Harker, was named "Miss Home Economist of 1963-64" at Mars Hill College. She received a trophy and a special pin . . . Staff Sgt. Ronald E. Brooks, son of H. A. Brooks, retired, has been chosen Airman of the Year at the Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho. He received the award for outstanding achievement in performance of his duties as a missile maintenance specialist with the 569th Missile Squadron.

J. O. Franklin and Robert G. Hooper attended the annual meter school, June 9-12, at Wilmington State College, Wilmington, N. C.

CHARLESTON

Charleston
John C. Frazier is the new vice president of the West Virginia chapter, American Society of Safety Engineers . . . Bob Wells is sponsorship chairman of Kanawha Soap Box Derby, to be held July 12 . . . Guilford C. Smith has been appointed to a new committee, tentatively called the Publicity and Image Committee, of the Charleston area Chamber of Commerce . . . K. P. Counts, retired, has been named Quartermaster General of the Order of Stars and Bars, a military Society of Confederate officers and their male descendants. He and his wife will attend The Stars and Bars annual convention, August 13-16, in Atlanta . . . Mrs. Carl Perkins was appointed building supervisor chairman for the Charleston Westside Women's Club. She is also chairman of a special committee on decorations and city beautiful.

Pat Taylor has completed two weeks training with the 868th Army Postal Unit at Camp Pickett . . . Jake Scraggs completed two weeks training with the National Guard unit in Charleston.

Nick Roomy discussed area development on a county level at the annual meeting of the West Virginia Association of County and Circuit Clerks . . . Chester Spradling attended the ninth annual meeting of the West Virginia School Food Service Association at Camp Caesar near Cowen.

Carl Keffer, co-op student, has returned to the University of Cincinnati after completing his three-month work assignment . . . Tom Wilkerson, son of Mrs. Katie Wilkerson, recently attended the West Virginia State Student Council rally at Jackson's Mill . . . Roger Keeling, a junior at Duval High School, was one of two students from his school at "Know Your Government" day activities. He was also first alternate winner in an essay contest sponsored by Representative Ken Hechler. Roger is the son of Norris Keeling.

Blake Blackshire has resigned from the company.

Beckley

Mrs. L. C. Mollohan, wife of Lloyd Mollohan, was recently selected "Driver of the Week" by the Beckley Police Department.

Edward L. Berginnis, son of E. A. Berginnis, has been elected vice president of the student government association at Concord College. He has also served as a member of the Student Senate, the Tennis team and the Men's Hall Council . . . Lloydette Humphrey, daughter of Lloyd Humphrey, was chosen by the Beckley Elks Lodge to attend the 22nd session of Rhododendron Girls' State, at Jackson's Mill. Lloydette, a junior at Woodrow Wilson High School, is a high honor student, a newly-chosen cheerleader, secretary of the Thespians, and vice-president of the Tri-Hi-Y. She is a member of the Student Council Senate and of the executive committees of the National Honor Society and the Junior Historians.

Welcome to new employee Eleanor Persinger . . . Anna Banks has resigned.

Cabin Creek Plant

James O. Hesson, rising junior at David Lipscomb College, was chosen to serve as a staff counselor for approximately 80 boys during a ten-week Bible course this summer at Camp Shiloh, New Jersey.

Mrs. Marjorie K. Buzzard has resigned.



Cutting The Cake

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Buckland of Peterstown celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary May 24 with the help of friends, their six children, 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Buckland, who retired at Glen Lyn plant in 1959 with 24 years of company service, was a member of the Peterstown town council for 40 years, and was judged "Man of the Year" in 1963 by the Peterstown Rotary Club. Mr. and Mrs. Buckland are life-long residents of Peterstown.

BLUEFIELD

Bluefield
Archie G. Phlegar is the new tail-twister for the Bluefield Lions Club . . . McKinley Cornett was elected third vice president of the Bluewell Lions Club . . . Basil Vassar was named secretary-treasurer of District 24F of the Lions Clubs of Virginia. He is also the new first vice president of the North Tazewell Lions Club. His daughter, Cynthia, won the top art award for the tenth and eleventh grades at Tazewell High School. She was also chosen editor of the high school annual for the coming school year . . . Myrtle P. Paxton won a 19-inch portable television set in an Elks' raffle.

Jack Hawks has been appointed a member of the new Tazewell Planning Commission . . . Grady L. Parker has been named to the Christian Education Committee of the Synod of West Virginia Presbyterian Church, U. S.

Juanita Crouch has been elected secretary of the Preston Street P. T. A. . . Mrs. W. C. Kidd won ten-thousand green stamps in a supermarket contest.

Ryland Y. Bailey has resigned from the company.

W. B. Belchee's son, Bill, was selected at Welch High School to attend Boys' State at Jackson's Mill, June 8-13th.

Welch

Jane Dudash, daughter of Steve Dudash, represented Bramwell High School at Girls' State. Among other honors Jane has received, she was elected treasurer of the National Honor Society and the Future Homemakers of America.

Next year she will serve as co-editor of the school newspaper and year-book . . . Sonja Mills, daughter of L. J. Mills, has been installed as secretary of the Welch High School Tri-Hi-Y. The installing officers included Sonja's sister, Carol Mills, and Francine Adams, daughter of Fred Adams . . . Jenny Bivens has won a prize, given annually by the senior English instructor at Welch High School, for reading accomplishment . . . Sarah Chaffins, daughter of W. A. Chaffins, represented Welch's First Presbyterian Church at the Senior High Conference at Bluestone Presbyterian Center, near Hinton . . . Carol Mills, daughter of L. J. Mills, became a Candy Stripper in a recent capping ceremony at Grace Hospital in Welch. The youth organization, sponsored by the Welch High School Future Nurses Society, takes part in the nurses aid program in local hospitals.

The following officers have been installed for the Welch Assembly No. 18, Order of Rainbow for girls: Recorder, Jackie Belcher, daughter of Ballard Belcher; Charity, Francine Adams, daughter of Fred Adams; Love, Sonja Mills and Hope, Carol Mills, daughters of L. J. Mills; 1st Bible Lecturer, Vickie Pearman, daughter of Bill Pearman. Installing officers included Mrs. John Vermillion and Mrs. Fred Adams. Francine, Carol and Sonja attended the Grand Assembly of the Order of Rainbow Girls at Charleston, June 9-11th . . . Ellen Hardy, daughter of Alonza Hardy, has been installed as First Messenger, and Barbara Mitchell, daughter of W. L. Mitchell, has been installed as Recorder of Bethel No. 60, Imperial Order of Job's Daughters. Barbara's mother, Mrs. W. L. Mitchell, has been installed as Bethel Treasurer . . . Jeanette Bivens, wife of H. H. Bivens, was installed as Conductress, an elective office—and Helen Vermillion was installed as Adah, an appointive office, in the Welch Chapter No. 87, Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Charles Kinzer was installed as treasurer at the June meeting of the Park View Garden Club, Bluefield . . . Mrs. Charles R. Settle has been elected Secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Welch, and named corresponding secretary of the Colonel Andrew Donally Chapter, D. A. R. Mrs. Jack Martin, Pineville, is chairman of the Social Committee of the Gamma Xi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. As outgoing president, Mrs. Martin was honored by fellow sorority members, with a surprise kitchen shower.

Janet S. Monti and Sarah Faughn have resigned.

Glen Lyn Plant

Congratulations are in order for R. H. Walton, Jr., and J. O. Heslep, both re-elected to the Town Council of Rich Creek . . . Virginia and K. E. Beasley, G. C. Thompson, D. T. Hayner and B. A. Walker, all elected to the Glen Lyn Town Council.

Welcome is extended to Summer employees: Fairley J. Long, Danny L. McClagherty, Glen L. White and Gerald W. Duncan.

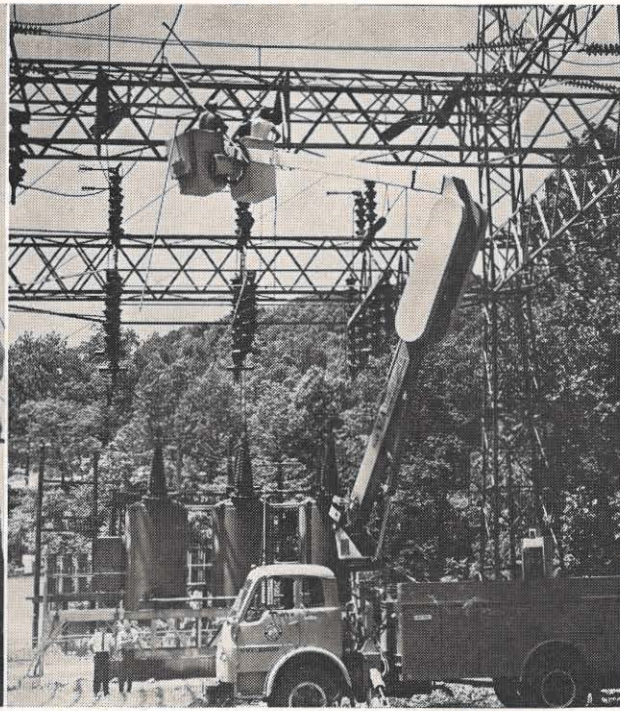
Members of the Forrest Hill High School senior class toured the Glen Lyn plant.

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New Trucks

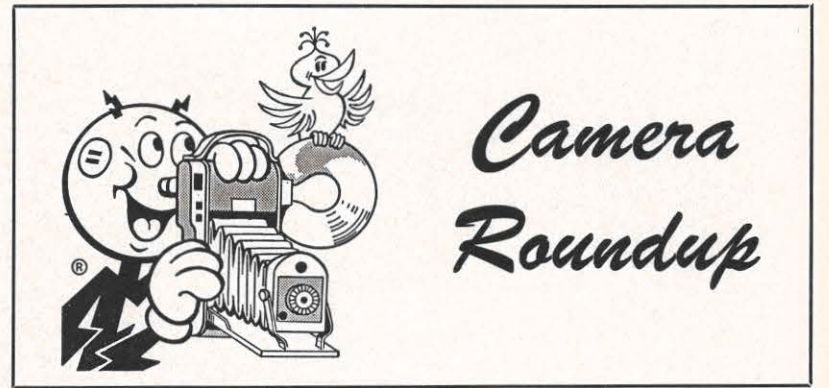


Shown here are two new trucks now in use by Kingsport Power. In foreground is a combination man-cab and pick-up truck; behind it a line truck that has more space for equipment and is more efficient than older models.



Hazard division people were up in the air last month, but for different reasons. In the picture at right, system transmission men make the final taps to 161-kv oil circuit breakers in Hazard switchyard. This completed the first phase of the work in which the breakers were raised 4½-feet above old elevations in a move to protect them from flooding.

At left, Farris Erwin, serviceman, hangs a basket of artificial flowers from a power pole on Main Street. This is part of the Mountain View Garden Club's latest city beautification project. The club will change the baskets periodically to keep them seasonal.



Sons of Roanoke employees run through a practice session to sharpen themselves up for the National Scout Jamboree in Valley Forge this month. In front, at left, are Robert Mills and John Vaughan; in back, Richard Mills, Robert Rude, and Gary Tapley; in the picture at right is Kenneth Dunn. They are the sons of R. L. Mills, John W. Vaughan, E. I. Rude, J. G. Tapley, and C. B. Dunn.



Maury Sharp, 9, son of Kent M. Sharp, Pulaski division station man, puts real interest and imagination into his school studies. While studying about the early history and the settlement of Jamestown, he became interested in pictures of the old Fort. He proceeded to gather material and build a replica, which turned out to be very close to the pictures he studied. This was not a school assignment and was done at home in his free time. However, his 4th grade teacher asked him to bring it to school for the art class exhibit. Maury's hobbies are Cub Scouting, model boat and model airplane building. He attends the Northwood Elementary School in Pulaski.



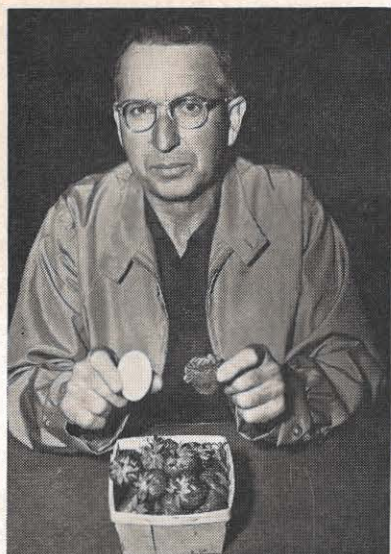
Electric heat is as fine as frog hair, says this toad. He found warmth in an electrically-heated hot bed built by Ira Henderson, Bluefield division administrative assistant. The frog left when the heat was turned off.



An overhead bridge, constructed by Glen Lyn plant maintenance men, will support ash lines running from the plant across East River to the ash storage basin. A section of the bridge is being lifted into place by the crane.



A citation for community service is presented to Hugh J. Eads (left), of Kentucky Power's system accounting office. Ashland Mayor Everett Reeves made the award. Mr. Eads in 20 years as a member and chairman of the city's recreation commission, saw the development of Ashland's youth recreation facilities, including a large, modern swimming pool.



Two dozen strawberries to the quart. That's what Pulaski's E. Wysor Smith gets, and some of them are nearly as big as hen's eggs. The secret: a sprinkler system timed to water the plants at specific intervals.



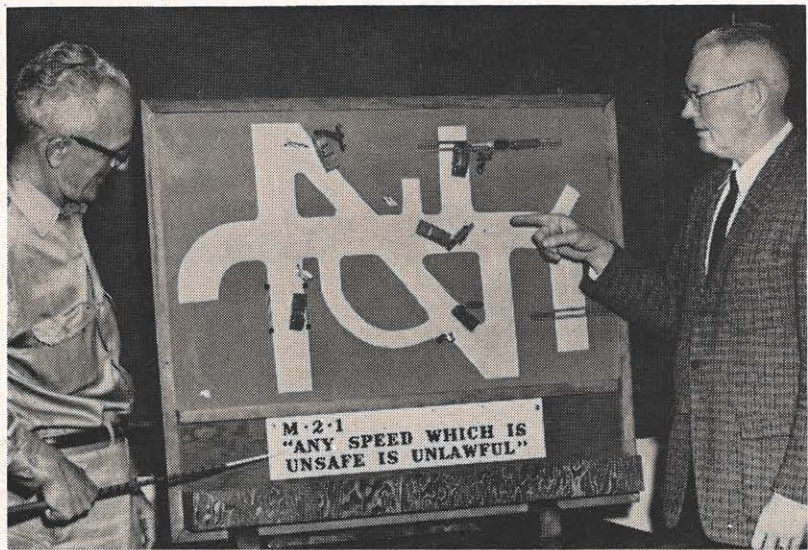
Four Appalachian men and one retired were among the members of the Virginia Mountain Section, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers who toured the Smith Mountain Project earlier this month. From left, Henry Clarke, Howard Martin, J. P. Cruickshank, Paul Bailey, and Ed Woody. Mr. Clarke is retired system station superintendent.



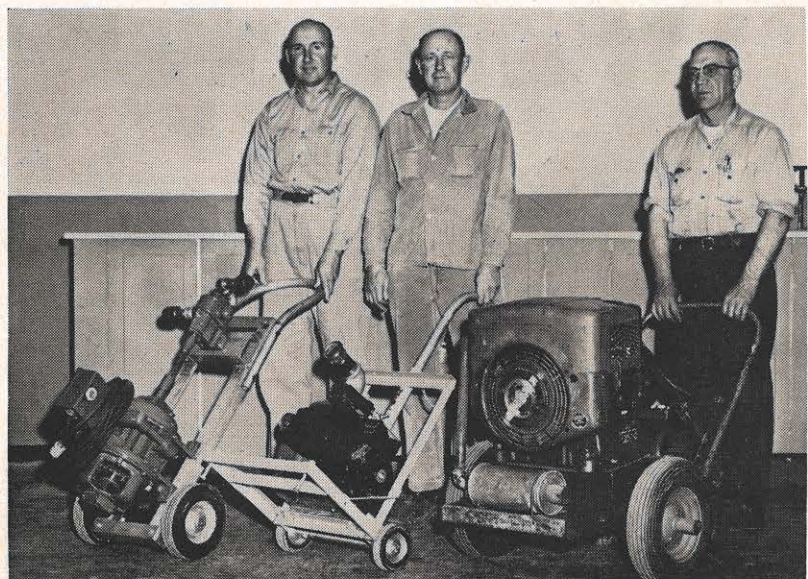
Fifteen Roanoke division employees have completed a First Aid refresher course, bringing to 77 the number who have done so since last November. In the picture above are P. H. Lynch, A. L. Hall, D. W. Henry, and the victim, C. E. Smith.



I got shoes, you got shoes, all got safety shoes. C. M. Fletcher and C. B. Yearout, Bluefield, conduct a safety shoe fashion show for employees. They come in dress and work models, and are safe for home and work.



C. M. Fletcher, left, and Carol Shockey, create a hypothetical accident on the new Instant Accident Viewing Board.



The station crew becomes mobile. From left are Ray Eskew with an oil pump; Woodrow Munsey with a sump pump, and R. H. Stowers with a portable generator.

In Bluefield, Gadgets Do Work

In Bluefield, they're great ones for gadgets or devices or ideas to make things easier.

R. R. Jones—they call him "Casey"—has come up with a rig for mounting a can of silicone lubricant on the end of a hotstick. It's used to lubricate airbreak switches while they're energized. By manipulating the smaller stick, a crew man can release the spray where it is needed. It works in the same way as a car windshield deicer. Mr. Jones is working foreman of the Bluefield station maintenance crew.

Much of the crew's equipment has now been put on wheels. Such things as sump pumps, oil pumps, generators, welding gas tanks, and other heavy items can be moved easily to the place they are needed. So big wheels and little wheels have been installed to make transportation easier and quicker. The biggest item of all is a 3½-kw portable electric generator.

Designed more for understanding than for utility is an accident demonstration board design by C. M. Fletcher, division line supervisor, and Carl Shockey, division personnel supervisor. The board, made of sheet iron, is laid out with streets, railroad tracks, curves, intersections and bridges, all painted appropriate colors. Small ani-

mals, cars, trucks, and trains have magnets mounted on their bases. Once these items are set up, viewers can create virtually any possible accident, and discuss and review accidents under investigation.



Mr. Ferguson

Two-Decade Vet Retires In Roanoke

Shearl R. Ferguson, with nearly 21 years of service, retired July 1 as truck driver-groundman in the Roanoke division.

He joined the company in August 1943 as groundman in the Roanoke district. He was promoted to his present position in 1946. Since 1958 he has been the operator of the first hole-digging truck bought by Appalachian that year, and just recently he did some digging of his own to come up with the answer to a question. If all the holes he dug for poles and anchors were in a continuous excavation, how deep would it be? The answer, give or take a few feet, is 14 miles.

Mr. Ferguson is a member of the Latter Day Saints Church, and counts hunting and truck farming as his hobbies. He has three children—one of whom, Mabel Fulp, is a system accounting department employee—and three grandchildren. Some travel is included in his immediate retirement plans.



R. R. Jones with a long-handled spray can.

Gaw's 45 Years Lead List Of Employees Celebrating Long Service Anniversaries

R. K. Gaw, system operations coordinator in Roanoke, marked his 45th anniversary in company service last month, and led a long list of company veterans.

With him were three 40-year men, J. W. Evans and H. B. Hout, both of Huntington, and James S. Dodd of Bluefield. Marking 35 years of Appalachian service were R. C. Foster, Lynchburg; J. R. Wolford, system; F. E. Hemmings, Cabin Creek; Robert Y. Woodburn, Glen Lyn; R. E. Shipwash, Bluefield, and J. W. Craig, Roanoke.

Mr. Gaw

Mr. Gaw joined the company in May 1919 as an operator at Logan. In March 1926 he became watch engineer at Charleston, and in January 1939 was promoted to system operator. In September 1955 he was promoted to his present position. He and his wife live in Roanoke, and have one son and a grandson. Mr. Gaw's hobbies are fishing and golf.

Mr. Hout

Mr. Hout is the Huntington division station engineer. He joined the company in 1924 after graduating from VPI with a degree in electrical engineering. He worked in Logan as a meterman, transferred to Huntington in 1936 and moved into the T&D department. He is a veteran of service in World War II, a member of Tri-State Management Group, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and a deacon in the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church. He and his wife have one son.

Mr. Evans

Mr. Evans's 40-year career with Appalachian has been spent entirely in Huntington. He started out in the substation department in 1924 as an electrician helper, and progressed through various job levels. In 1947 he was promoted to his present post of station foreman. He attended Greenbrier Military School, and completed an electrical engineering course through ICS. He is a member of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Huntington Managerial Club, AIEE, and the Kyova C.B. Club.

Mr. Dodd

Bluefield's J. S. Dodd celebrated his 40th anniversary June 27. He started out as a bookkeeper in Bluefield, and later worked as rural service salesman, rural solicitor, rural supervisor, rural service supervisor, and district residential and sales supervisor. He is now division dealer sales coordinator. A Virginian, Mr. Dodd attended Washington and Lee University and Roanoke College, and taught English in Roanoke public schools before joining Appalachian. He and his wife have two daughters and three grandchildren. He is a member of the College Avenue Baptist Church.

Mr. Foster

Joining Appalachian in 1929, Mr. Foster worked in various jobs in the



Six Gallons

H. C. Davis, Huntington division engineer, right, gets a six-gallon blood donor pin from P. M. Vannoy, president of the American Red Cross in Huntington, and division sales engineer there. Mr. Davis gave his first pint of blood in January 1952, and is only the third person in the chapter's history to earn a six-gallon pin.



Mr. Gaw



Mr. Wolford



Mr. Hout



Mr. Hemmings



Mr. Evans



Mr. Woodburn



Mr. Dodd



Mr. Shipwash



Mr. Foster



Mr. Craig

distribution department until 1946, when he was promoted to his present job as plant records supervisor. He is active in Lynchburg's civic affairs, having served in the past as president of the Industrial Management Club and the Lynchburg Civitan Club, and also as lieutenant governor of the Civitan district. He has also participated in the work of the YMCA, Red Cross, and United Fund, and in the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Wolford

Mr. Wolford's 35 years of service began in Bluefield in June 1929, when he started work as a lineman. In May 1934 he was promoted to foreman, and to system transmission general foreman in July 1963. He is married and has two sons, three daughters, and two grandchildren. He belongs to the Odd Fellows Lodge, and is a member of the official board of the Graham Christian Church. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

Mr. Hemmings

A native of Chelyan, Mr. Hemmings started work at Cabin Creek plant in June 1929 as filter plant operator. In 1950 he was made assistant shift operator, and in 1954, shift supervisor. He enjoys hunting and bowling, and has bowled in the Charleston Kilowatt League for more than 20 years. He and his wife reside at Cabin Creek and are the parents of a daughter.

Mr. Woodburn

In the course of his 35 years of service, Mr. Woodburn has worked in both a district and a plant. He started his Appalachian career in June 1929 as time-keeper in the old Bluefield district T&D department, and later held the job of chief clerk. In 1938 he transferred to Glen Lyn plant, where his job is now plant office supervisor. He worked in the steel business in Pittsburgh before joining the company. He and his wife live in Bluefield.

Mr. Shipwash

Mr. Shipwash joined the company permanently in 1929, after having prior service in 1921. He started as laborer in T&D, and worked as meterman's helper, clerk, serviceman, and field time and material clerk. He became appliance serviceman in 1960. He is a Mason, a Shriner, and a Kiwanian. He and his wife are members of the Grace Methodist Church in Bluefield.

Mr. Craig

Since joining the company in 1929 in Roanoke, Mr. Craig has worked as clerk and stenographer. He was promoted to head T&D clerk in 1949. He is a graduate of National Business College.

How To Make A Match Box Attractive

Ladies looking for a hobby or a project might take a tip from Freda Shipley, clerk-typist in Charleston. Miss Shipley's handicraft is "catching on" in Charleston, where she has given away, and sold numerous match cases, (which aren't actually used as such to any degree; they are mainly ornamental.) She even had one request for 200 from a local store, but declined, saying this is only a hobby, and she doesn't have time to set up a schedule to fill orders like that.

It started last summer when Miss Shipley saw one of the ornaments while she was on vacation in Florida. She started making them right after her return to Charleston.

Take four penny match boxes, some grosgrain ribbon, some glue and two pieces of four-inch square tile. Little pieces of ribbon are applied to the bottom of the match trays with pieces of tape, so they will slide out of the box when the ribbon is pulled. On one piece of the tile, flowers, shells, sequins or whatever is desired as decoration is applied with strong glue and allowed to dry overnight, preferably with a weight on it. When thoroughly dried, the tile is glued to the bottom and top of the match boxes, which are arranged in a block of four. Miss Shipley sometimes touches the flowers up with gold paint. They make very nice prizes for bridge parties, and she has made several for that purpose.



Miss Shipley

Service Anniversaries Noted



Patricia Hastings
Cabin Creek
30 Years



R. W. Williams
Cabin Creek
30 Years



J. A. Allinder
Cabin Creek
30 Years



W. H. Mitchell
Charleston
30 Years



Ralph Slade
Bluefield
30 Years



H. B. Kidd
Bluefield
30 Years



J. W. Bryant
Roanoke
30 Years



E. W. Holland
Roanoke
30 Years



O. A. Hawkins
System
30 Years



W. H. Ribble
System
30 Years



F. K. Umberger Jr.
Kingsport
30 Years



L. C. Valley
Abingdon
30 Years



J. R. Pugh
Huntington
25 Years



C. E. Fernatt
System
25 Years



D. P. Newman
Charleston
25 Years



C. R. S. Garten
Charleston
25 Years



W. S. LaFon
Ashland
25 Years



J. D. Cooper
Roanoke
25 Years



J. W. French
Roanoke
25 Years



W. M. Mills
Roanoke
25 Years



J. M. Scites
System
25 Years



J. K. White
Kingsport
25 Years



G. F. Schwartz
Huntington
25 Years



E. L. Workman
Cabin Creek
20 Years



D. C. Merriman
Roanoke
20 Years



L. O. Whittaker
Glen Lyn
20 Years



Patricia Dunn
Glen Lyn
20 Years



O. M. McClaugherty
Glen Lyn
20 Years



R. M. Trent
Glen Lyn
20 Years



W. M. Woodyard
Glen Lyn
20 Years



W. B. Moore
Kanawha River
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.

July Deadline For Art Contest

July 15 is the deadline for the Allis-Chalmers Art of Extra High Voltage art competition.

The contest is open to all employees of electric utilities, and offers \$3000 in cash purchase awards. The only limitation is that the subject must deal with some aspect of extra high voltage. There are no limits on media or style, but entries must be no smaller than 9 x 12 or bigger than 60 inches in any dimension.

Contact Warner Frazier, Art of Extra High Voltage, Allis-Chalmers, Box 514, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53201.

Plant Men Finish Advanced Training

F. G. Lippert of the service corporation, and J. A. Mundy and Bill Irving of the system personnel department, have completed presentation of the advanced supervisory training course "People and Productivity" at Clinch River Plant.

Among those attending were: C. E. Archer, R. E. Senter, L. C. Houchins, Tom Watson, M. V. Pack, T. E. Peay, E. P. Ott, Eli Buskirk, B. D. Myers, L. E. Hollins, W. M. Robinson, and V. A. Adams.

Also, J. B. Tucker, Norwood Dingess, P. B. Blizzard, L. A. Singleton, R. G. McComas, Howard Ferguson, Ben Thompson, Carl Richards, Dick Crumbaker, H. F. Roush, J. R. Blankenship, Fred Lawson, Bill Griswold, Frank Barr, N. E. Minnick, W. H. Brown, J. T. Bunton, K. O. Murphy, Bill Austin, Lon Brewer, Jack Carter, Ronald Wentz, Dorcas Campbell, James Massie, Harvey Gillespie, Mason Vaughan, J. T. Bunton, Carl Smith.

Those attending from the Abingdon division were: Rufus Bondurant, Leon Valley, Jack Frier. F. E. Hornbeck from System also was present.



Mr. Bondurant

Roanoke Retiree Dies At 88

John L. Bondurant, retired Roanoke district meter reader, died June 4 at the age of 88.

He had retired September 30, 1941 after 18 years service with the company. Mr. Bondurant was a member of the Methodist Church.

He is survived by two daughters, a son, three brothers, and two sisters.

Plant Man Named To New Position

D. H. Brown has been promoted to the post of stores-power plant coding co-ordinator in the system purchasing department, based at Kanawha River plant. He had been in the plant stores department.

Mr. Brown joined the company at the plant in January 1953 in the stores department.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Brown is chief of the Pratt Volunteer Fire Department, and a trustee of the Old Kanawha Baptist Church. He has been a Scoutmaster for 18 years, and holds the Scouter's Key and Scouter's Award. He served in the Navy during the second World War.

He is married and has a daughter and two sons.



Mr. Brown

VPI Alumni Elect Phlegar President

A. G. Phlegar, Bluefield division commercial sales engineer, has been elected president of the Bluefield Chapter of the VPI Alumni Association.

He graduated from VPI with a B.S. degree in agricultural engineering in 1952, after serving two years in the second World War.

He joined the Company in 1954 as an area representative. In 1958 he became a heating sales engineer, and became Bluefield district engineer in 1961. Last June he became commercial sales engineer.

He and his wife have three children.

Phlegar is a Presbyterian, a Lion, and an Elk.



Mr. Phlegar



Appalachian Power Company

Bluefield Division

ARCHIE G. PHLEGAR from electrical engineer, division T&D department, to commercial sales engineer, division commercial department; ALFRED K. MILES from T&D clerk, Pocahontas, to meter clerk, senior, Bluefield; GEORGE E. ADAMS, from area supervisor, Pocahontas, to area supervisor, Welch; CHARLES D. KINZER from lineman A, Pocahontas, to lineman A, Princeton; GENE T. LINEBERRY from meter serviceman, Pocahontas to lineman B, Bluefield; JAMES E. REYNOLDS from truck driver-groundman, Bluefield, to truck driver-groundman, Welch; C. H. McVEY from working foreman, Pocahontas, to area serviceman, Tazewell.

Charleston Division

LOUISE MARTENS from clerk stenographer, to stenographer, commercial; W. D. JAMES from T&D clerk, senior to engineering aide.

Logan-Williamson Division

OSCAR L. WATKINS from janitor to groundman.

Philip Sporn Plant

JOSEPH W. MOORE from utility operator, Radford Ordinance Steam Plant, to laborer, Philip Sporn Plant.

Pulaski Division

W. M. GARDNER from auxiliary equipment operator, Radford Ordinance Steam Plant, to lineman C, Pulaski division; B. W. MANN from utility operator, Radford Ordinance Steam Plant, to meter reader, Pulaski division; B. J. MCCOY from auxiliary equipment operator, Radford Ordinance Steam Plant, to meter reader, Pulaski division.

Roanoke Division

JUDITH R. LAMKIN from PBX operator to petty cash clerk; C. E. BAISDEN from lineman C to lineman B; H. A. CAMPBELL from lineman B to lineman A; J. P. DOSS from lineman A to working foreman; R. H. HAMBLIN from utility operator, Radford Ordinance Steam Plant, to groundman, Roanoke division; J. E. NICHOLS, JR. from groundman to lineman C.

System

B. N. SMITH from system station operator "A" to regional dispatcher.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland Division

DONALD YATES from tracer to engineering record clerk.



Mr. Sands

Pulaski Retiree Dies May 28

George K. Sands, Pulaski division T&D clerk, who retired early May 1 because of ill health, died May 28 at the Veterans Hospital, Salem.

He started with the company December 28, 1936, as a clerk in the Pulaski storeroom. He worked there until July 1942, when he joined the Navy and served with the Seabees. He was discharged in November 1945 and returned to Appalachian. He transferred to the T&D records section in 1949.

Mr. Sands was a member of the First Methodist Church and the Elks Lodge. He is survived by his wife and one son.

Funeral services were held in the church and burial at Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski.



Mr. McLain

Roanoke Retiree Recalls Working Before Job Began

John T. McLain, Roanoke division air conditioning engineer, retired on July 1, after 35 years of service.

He was employed at Roanoke as an appliance serviceman on May 6, 1929 and worked in this classification until April 1, 1949.

When he was employed, the company was only servicing refrigerators but started servicing electric ranges soon after. His first working day was to have been on a Monday, but he was called in on Sunday for an emergency job and spent five hours repairing a refrigerator.

He helped train every new appliance service employee in the Roanoke service department.

He was promoted to air conditioning engineer during the construction of the Roanoke office building in 1949. This was one of the first heat pump installations in the company and it was his job to learn this heat pump from beginning to end. During the plastering of the building he practically lived in the penthouse day and night for three months. The controls had not yet been installed on the heat pump and he operated it manually to dry out the plaster in the new building.

Although he handled heavy equipment during his entire employment he has never had a lost time accident. Except for a short illness in 1960 he lost practically no time from work during his entire service.

His hobby for many years has been raising rabbits. He has been a member of the American Rabbit Breeders Association for 30 years, is a state representative of the group, and has been a licensed judge and registrar since 1944. In 1955 he organized the Roanoke Rabbit Breeders Club in Roanoke and has been its only president. He plans to continue attending the American Rabbit Breeders' annual conventions, judging contests and working with his rabbits after retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. McLain have four children and nine grandchildren.

Appalachian In New Saltville Office

Appalachian has moved into a new leased building on Park Drive in Saltville, Virginia. Offices were previously located in the old N. & W. Depot in the town square, a building that is to be razed for the location of a new post office.

The new brick building with mahogany entrance panelling,



Virginia Gillenwater, cashier-clerk, shows off the new Saltville office to R. M. Bondurant, Abingdon division T&D superintendent.

Watch Out, Bluebirds

Somebody's Got His Eye On You

The subject is bluebirds. Hugh Garrison, Jr., maintenance man at Reusens hydro plant, knows his hobby well. Remember the song with the line, "There's a bluebird on your window?"

It didn't happen quite that way for Hugh. But some three years ago he saw a bluebird flit across his (suburban) yard. About the same time he read an article, "To Bring Back the Bluebirds." This started him thinking back to his boyhood days on the farm where bluebirds were plentiful.

Hugh recalled that bluebirds will return, year after year, to their nesting places. They build in hollow places—in trees, fence posts, and houses, but not on the ground or open tree branches. They like old orchards.

But orchards are getting better care now. And wooden fences are being replaced by metal ones. Hugh also pointed out that bluebirds, like robins, feed on insects (cardinals, many other birds feed on grain and seeds). Orchards, gardens and pastures are sprayed to kill insects. Sometimes the bluebirds are poisoned.

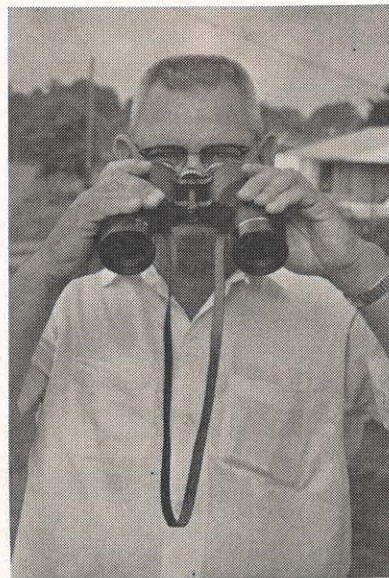
Hugh, who wants bluebirds to return, says, "They can be brought back in abundance if nesting places are built." So far, he has made more than 30 houses for bluebirds. The Lynchburg Bird Club (Hugh and his wife are members) built and placed in the community 150 bird houses last year alone.

On building a bird box: it should be at least eight inches deep for protection against cats. A 1½ inch hole should be drilled near the top.

No perch. Mount the house in the open on a post or pole, five to eight feet off the ground.

Hugh noted that bluebirds can be seen around his home all day long. He and his wife recently went to West Virginia on a Bird Club field trip where they saw 69 species in one day.

"Get a pair of binoculars," Hugh said, "and observe the birds for the most fascinating time of your life."



Just before he flies off a Lynchburg bluebird may get a glimpse—like this—of Hugh Garrison, an active and dedicated bluebird watcher.

Personals . . . (Continued from page 6)



Ashland

Three children of system employees are recent college graduates. They are: Carlin Cassidy, son of E. C. Cassidy; Phil Keyser, son of Don Keyser; and Martha LaFon, daughter of W. S. LaFon . . . Three division employees also have recent college graduates: Sharon Taylor Gevedon, daughter of Herman Taylor; Virgil Brewer, Jr., son of Virgil Brewer; and Frances Thompson, daughter of Roger Thompson.

The recent employees annual bowling tournament, at Paradise Lanes turned up these winners: Dick Nash and Clay Daniels won the doubles event. Donnie Bryan was the singles winner, and Dick Nash took top honors in all-events.

Becky Paul, daughter of J. R. Paul, won the Crisco trophy as outstanding home economics student.

Welcome to new employee Fred Long . . . Charles Atwater has resigned.



Mary Elizabeth Davis has been re-elected secretary of the Logan Community Players . . . The following part-time students were named to the Dean's list for the second semester at the Logan branch of Marshall University: E. L. Bevins, R. B. Waggoner, and Carol S. White.

New employees at Logan are: Emma Jane Reynolds, Michael M. Weddington, Leslie J. Browning, Hobert R. Raikes and Bobbie Mixon.

Recently completing the first aid refresher course under instructor R. D. Blevins were: Paul Gosney, Hursten Swiney, Ralph Stagg, Alpha Osburn, Corbett Brumfield and R. C. Atkins.



But I Won The Race!

Little Mary seems to be entering a horsey protest as Mrs. Dave Criswell prepares to award Kentucky Power Company's trophy to John Perrant. He was the owner-driver of Little Mary, winner of the Roadster Event at the Grayson, Kentucky, JC's Annual Horse Show.



In Appreciation

It was a sad day for the Ripley Little League when Leroy D. Balding moved from Ripley to Charleston as heating and builder sales representative recently. Leroy had devoted over six years to the Parkersburg-Ravenwood-Ripley area Little League as district director. In appreciation for his work, the 160 Ripley Little Leaguers presented him with this jacket, with the baseball insignia reading "Ripley Little League—Director." In the picture are from left: Leroy, Gene Lineville, vice president of the league; Bill Slaven, president; and David Neal, league member.



Future Football Stars

Pictured are five Clinch River youths who played in the P-Nut football league at Lebanon during April and May. Front row, left to right: Victor Arrington, Early Crist, Jr., and Gary Garrett. Back row: Lukie Houchins, Mike McDonald. The coaches cited both Garrett and Houchins for outstanding play in the spring season.



Golden Winner

Second prize in the "Raleigh Register" Fishing Contest went to this 14-3/4 inch, one pound-12 ounce golden trout. Kenneth R. Keatley, Beckley area lineman, caught the trout in Williams River, and had the newspaper take this picture of him with it.



Championship Golfer

Ferne Bondurant, wife of Rufus Bondurant, won the championship flight of the ladies' spring tourney at the Glenrochie Country Club. Last fall, she won the women's championship.



The Bird He Got!

Alfred H. White, of Bluefield, a turkey hunter since 1957, shows off his first kill. The 17-lb. gobbler, shot in Bath County, is in his freezer, dressed, and ready for a Thanksgiving date.

Scuba Diving Introduces Youth To New World, Perhaps Career

In a way, you could say that Tom Wilkerson is a plunger. Not that he is reckless or speculative, mind you, but his diversified interests have kept him diving into this venture and that, all through school.

Now he plunges—literally he's a frogman with an ambition to become a marine biologist. Well-read on this subject, he says that this is a field that is rapidly expanding. With rural areas dwindling and population increasing, the next 20 or 30 years should see Americans turning more and more to the sea for food. Government and private industry employ divers for research into the plant and animal life that lives beneath the surface of the seas, most of which is totally unexplored.

All this is fine to his mother, Mrs. Herman Wilkerson, who is assistant credit supervisor in Charleston.

Tom's interest in scuba diving began last summer on a trip to Sutton Dam with some friends. At this dam, where water was backed up, the reservoir had closed over what once was a 4-H camp. On Tom's introduction to this sport he was fascinated with what he saw underwater: here was an asphalt road; and here the friendly blue gills formed an escort, front and back of the divers, and sometimes were curious enough to take a nip at them. He decided, then and there, that this was for him.

Visibility under water varies—depending on how clear the waters are. At Sutton Dam, Tom estimates that he could see about 150 feet.

The word scuba comes from "Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus," which means that the frogman is on his own.

Safety Rules

There's a lot more to scuba diving than just putting on the gear and diving in. Tom, 17, is already a good swimmer, having passed his senior life saving test last summer. There are safety precautions to be learned, besides the basic principles of operating the equipment, and the laws covering underwater activities.

Tom's present equipment includes only the basic things that are necessary but he would like to own a wet suit and a dry suit, which would permit diving in water of any temperature.

Before he can realize his ambition to be a marine biologist Tom

has much ahead. He will be a senior this fall at Charleston's new George Washington High School. A representative for the past two years on the student council of Charleston High School, he is already active this summer on the general executive committee of the school's new student council. He has been on the St. Marks' basketball team which won the Charleston Church league championship for '63-'64, and several years ago was on the swimming team of a South Hills Club which won the championship in the novice league. Beyond 1965 lies college.

Huffman Wins Golf Tourney In Huntington

Evermonte Huffman, Jr., dealer sales representative in the Huntington division, walked away with the championship of the 1964 Golf Tournament, completed June 13, 1964. The tournament this year was played at two different country clubs.



Mr. Huffman

The first half of competition took place May 16 when the 44 players from both Huntington and Point Pleasant ground up the course at the Hidden Valley Country Club at Point Pleasant. The final 18 holes were played at the Riveria Country Club near Huntington.

Other employees who received prizes for their skills were Paul Vannoy, Carl Elkins, Tom Rose, John Browning, Dean Jenkins, Ray Wagner, W. C. Gilmour, V. F. Sturgeon, O. C. Hall, Ed Yeager, Chris Connelly, W. R. Witzel, Dick Stelle, C. Burnette, W. M. Pancake, Bill Chapman, H. A. Cross, Gene Wolfe, G. K. Roach, Woody Holbrook, C. E. Fowler, Jr. and Paul Baker.

Youngster Runs City —But Only For Day

Recently William Watson, Ashland T&D clerk, was taking orders from his own son. That's because Bill, Jr. happened to be mayor of Ashland and, as such, was top man around the house but just for a day.

His Honor, Mayor Watson, took office during the recent annual DeMolay City Government Day, when, with four commissioners, a police judge, and a city manager, he was sworn in by Ashland's Judge A. R. Imes. Bill, past master councilor, was elected to the City's top job by his fellow DeMolay members.



Bill Watson



When Tom Wilkerson goes underwater, scuba-style, this is the equipment he carries: air tank, marker buoy, converter hose, fins, weight belt, snorkel, mask, depth gauge, compass, and two knives.

Scoutmasters Teach Safety In Troop; Little Girl Thankful Brother Learned

An emphasis on safety and first aid by a Boy Scout troop, led by two employees, has already resulted in the saving of one life.

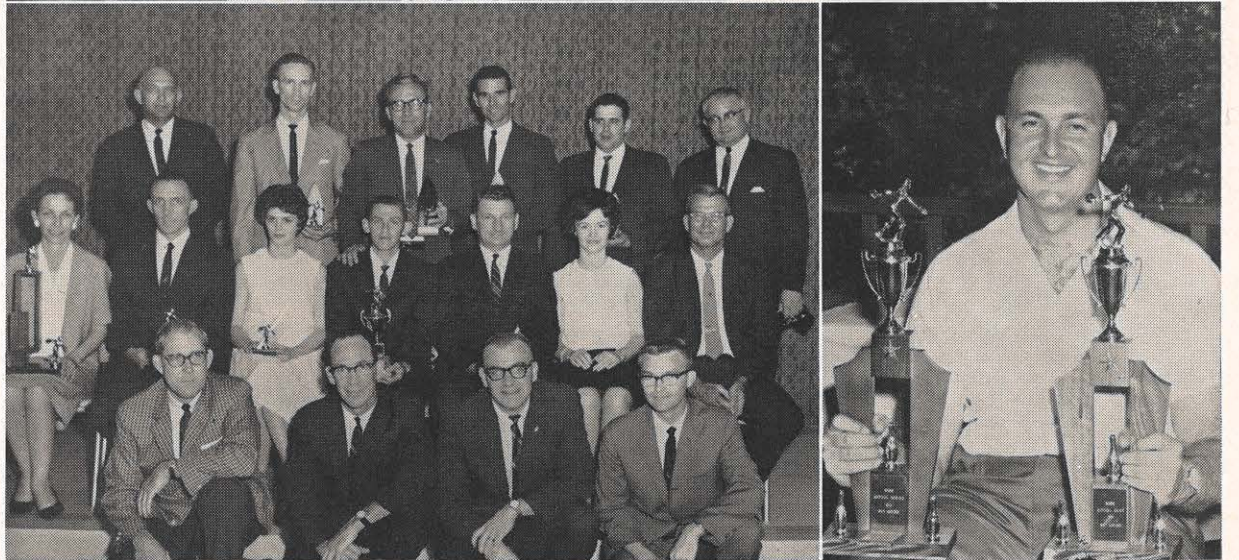
The troop is Point Pleasant Troop 259, sponsored by the 3664th Ordnance Company, West Virginia National Guard, with K. C. Morris, engineering aide, and Fred Nibert, T&D clerk, as scoutmasters.

The lifesaving act was performed by one of their Scouts, who had gone through the first aid and safety program of the troop. The boy, Freddie Wilson, has received a Certificate of Merit from the Tri-State Area Council of Boy Scouts for his "act of heroism."

Freddie's little sister was stirring soup on the stove when her dress caught fire. Freddie reached for a glass of water but there was not enough in it. He stopped his sister

from taking her dress off, so she wouldn't burn her face and hair. Quickly discarding the idea of rolling her in a rug because he was afraid it wouldn't put the fire out fast enough, he grabbed her and took her outside to roll her in the snow. About that time a baker happened along, and he, realizing the girl was all right, went into the house and extinguished a small blaze in the kitchen. The girl suffered only two small burns on her leg, thanks to Freddie's actions.

This same troop has also received other recognition for their safety work. In April, they won a blue ribbon for their exhibit at the Scout-O-Rama of the Mason-Gallia-Meigs District. Their theme was first aid, and while one Scout explained mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, another demonstrated it.



Winner and runner-up in the Megawatt League at Kanawha River plant are in the picture at top left. The Unluckies, representing Central Appalachian Coal Company, contradicting their name, finished first, and are in the front row: Bob Sult, Jim Rider, Okey Toney, Charles Walker, Tom Redman, and Herston Miles. Behind them are the Hi Volts: Max Stanley, John Blair, Arrietta Blair, and Reba Mooney. Carl Mooney was absent. At top right are the League's officers for next year: Russ Fields, vice president; Margaret Fields, secretary; John Blair, board member; Ed Sheets, president; Tom Redman, board member, and Bill Massey, treasurer. Naamen Bowen,

board member, was absent. Bottom left are the Charleston Kilowatt League champions and trophy winners. The front row holds the Medallions: Hubert Shabdue, Jennings Fulknier (who won high average), Jim Musgrave, and Ranny Woodyard. Individual winners, second row, are Chris Mitchell, Bill Bostic, Rosalie Ranson, Bob Fisher, Marvin Morrison, Jackie Hottle, and M. D. Prowse; Third row: Homer Bragg, Jim Webb, Fred Clendenin, Ronald Givens, Dick Isner, and Chester Spradling, all members of the runner-up Eyeballers. At bottom right is Ray Adkins, two-trophy winner from Ashland.

Last Look At Bowling

Winners — Teams And People — Named At Parties

A last look around the bowling world:

Kanawha River plant's Megawatt League brought its season to a close with a banquet at which trophy winners and new officers were recognized.

The League championship went to the Unluckies from Central Appalachian Coal Company in a roll-off with Kanawha River's first-half winning Hi Volts. The Unluckies had tied the Hawkeyes for second-half title. In the finals, the winning margin was only 20 pins.

Men's individual honors went to John Blair, high average of 176;

Ken Winter, high game of 249; Jim Oliver, high series of 640; Jim Creasey, high handicap game of 285 and Bill Malone, high handicap series of 774.

Jeanne Sheets had high average for the women of 154; Arrietta Blair had both high single and high series of 221 and 541; Ruth Dooley also received two trophies for high handicap single of 278 and high handicap series of 681. ABC and WIBC Achievement awards went to Dan Hope and Ruth Dooley.

Other trophy winners were L. O. McKinney, who rolled every game; Reba Mooney with perfect attendance for the past three years,

and Bill and Charlotte Abele, reserves, always ready and willing to bowl when needed for any of the fourteen teams.

In Ashland, Ray Adkins is the candidate for "happiest bowler of the year" by reason of winning not one, but two trophies following league competition there. He captured honors for high actual pins in a single game, 245, and for a three game series, 614. Ray is a lineman in Ashland T&D.

Appalachian's first entry into the Twin-County Bowling League in Galax was made up of employees connected with the Blue Ridge project. The club finished sixth in a 14-team league, and won the Sportsmanship Trophy voted by the other teams. J. C. Barton, who added 25 pins to his average during the season, won the Most Improved Player trophy.

Archery Is Family Sport For Kings

Archery skill runs in the family at the Larry King home in Mason. At the recent West Virginia Open Archery tournament, Larry won the first place 400 instinctive trophy. He broke the state record by 12 points, shooting 112 targets in two days, for a total of 1837 points. He's been an archer some three years.

About 18 months ago, his wife, Wanda, gave up the struggle, as

she says, and joined Larry in the sport. She won second place in the women's 125 free style at the same tourney. Wanda has brought home seven of the 32 trophies, which glimmer brightly in the Kings den.

Both are members of the National Field Archery Association, the West Virginia Archery Association and the Lemanhaw Archery Club of New Haven. He is regional dispatcher at Sporn plant.



The Kings in their trophy room! Larry King points to his latest archery trophy as wife, Wanda, smiles approval. Together they have won 32 archery awards.

AEP Award Winner Makes Dean's List

Ronnie Brown, an AEP Educational Award winner in 1962, enrolls in VPI for his junior year with an outstanding academic record behind him.

In all four semesters at Clinch Valley College, he made the Dean's List, was picked as outstanding freshman and outstanding sophomore, finished with a 3.7 average, won a University of Virginia Intermediate Achievement Award, served as president of the Baptist Student Union and of the German Club.

He plans a career in dentistry and will study pre-med at VPI. He is the son of W. Henry Brown, head material clerk at Clinch River plant.



Mr. Brown

Aerial Spraying Proved To Be Safe, Economical, Quick

In more than one part of our territory, the clatter and whirr of helicopters will break the pre-dawn stillness as they lift off and begin the day's work of spraying herbicides along our rights-of-way.

Early risers will see them bobbing and flitting around transmission towers and under lines, bathing the vegetation with clouds of spray that do more good than most people realize.

For example, and most important, spraying rights-of-way keeps the lines clear of undesirable growth, and helps prevent electrical outages caused by burn-downs. Second, a cleared right-of-way provides a better and, therefore, safer working area for maintenance crews; and finally, the company is able to do the clearing at lower costs. This has a direct effect on our ability to provide economical electric service to customers.

The chemical spraying work started in 1948, and was adapted for helicopter operations in 1960. Before chemicals, the job was done by hand-cutting. The only thing that procedure accomplished was to keep the lines clear of vegetation; it was slow, laborious, and expensive—especially in the more inaccessible parts of our service area. A year after hand-cutting, conditions on rights-of-way were worse than before, because the brush had thickened. The chemical spray and the helicopter have solved these problems.

The Season

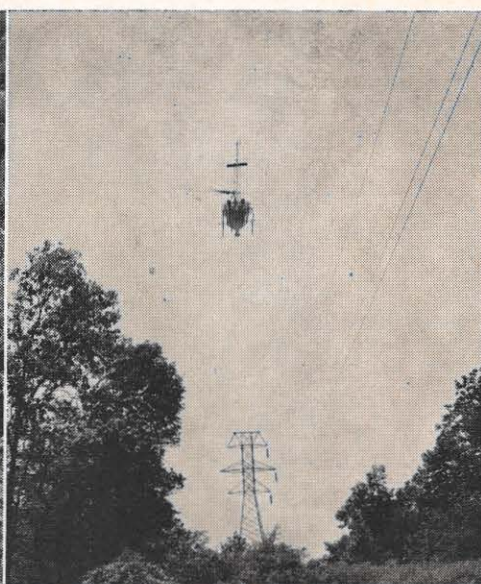
The spraying season for our companies is a period of eight weeks in June and July. This year four helicopters are on the job, scheduled to spray some six-thousand acres of brush.

This, by comparison, is the same amount of ground that could be covered by 12 ground-spray crews working all year long.

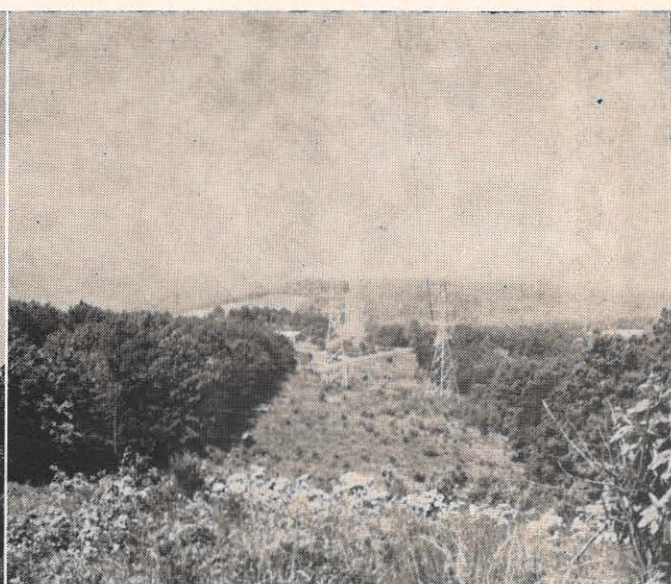
Because actual spraying work can be done only when winds are less than five miles-an-hour, the work day begins around 4:30 A.M., when the air is still. When conditions are ideal, the crews can work well into the evening. Each helicopter is serviced by two mixing trucks and a water truck. The mixing trucks leapfrog each other along the line to provide a constant



This series of pictures does not show the same stretch of line, but does give some idea of the effectiveness of helicopter spraying. At left, the man signaling is barely



visible in the high brush, which has already become difficult to move in, and would present some obstacles to ground crews. In the center picture, taken near Kingsport, the



helicopter is at work at a level just above the line; it takes a steady hand and a good eye to do flying work like this. And at right is a stretch of right-of-way near Roa-

noke. The light patch in the foreground is flowering rhododendron, the growth of which is actually encouraged by spraying. This right-of-way was sprayed four years ago.

supply of material for the aircraft. The work requires highly skilled pilots, involving as it does, flying under the conductors in many places.

The mixture used is a mixture of water and chemical compounds, commonly known as 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T. It is prepared as an invert emulsion that closely resembles mayonnaise in consistency. The nature of the material virtually eliminates drift.

In the early days of helicopter spraying, a variety of problems, prompted by curiosity, came in: barn roofs rusted, a cow went dry for two weeks, mules went blind, and a man became bald. A televi-

sion antenna was bent, and a concrete porch cracked loose from its foundation as the helicopter went over.

No Damage

More to the point were the apprehensions about the effects the chemicals would have on people and animals. Do they, the public wanted to know, cause any damage? The answer then, and now, is no!

The chemicals used by Appalachian have been in widespread use since 1946. Field tests and actual experience have proved that these herbicides are absolutely non-toxic to humans and animals. A research worker at the University of Chicago

ate pure 2,4-D acid for a period of three weeks with no unpleasant effects aside from what had been described as an unpalatable taste.

Before any new products in the herbicide family are used commercially, they are thoroughly tested by the manufacturer and later released to State Agricultural experiment stations for field testing. From the laboratory to full-scale commercial use usually covers a period of about five years.

Improvement

Neither do they harm wildlife nor destroy the habitats of wild game and birds. In practice, the herbicides used on our rights-of-way act selectively. They control broad-leaved vegetation, and do not harm grasses or waxey-leaved plants such as rhododendron. The foliage, following application of the herbicide, does present a browned-out appearance, but this is temporary. Over the long run, spraying actually creates a new attractive, and highly desirable plant community for wildlife. The Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries uses

a variety of herbicides to create openings in the forest for game feeding, because it is a more natural process, instead of using bulldozers.

Another advantage of the spraying is aesthetic. Nothing could be further from fact than the contention held by some that spraying destroys wildflowers along the rights-of-way. Bill Ditman, of Appalachian's T. & D. department, is the man responsible for the spraying program. He holds degrees from VPI in Forestry (B.S.) and in Plant Physiology (M.S.), specializing in brush control. In an hour he disposed of this faulty contention and added a convert to the spray method. He took the critic, a teacher of botany, on a walk along an Appalachian right-of-way. Within the hour, they found 32 different species of pancium grass. Other critics, perhaps not so well founded in botany, have only to look at rights-of-way ablaze in the Spring with laurel and rhododendron to see that much good comes from herbicide application. And besides, it helps keep customer service bills low.

In Retirement

Harry Nash To Sing, Sketch, Read

The career of Harry E. Nash, who retired June 1 as Roanoke division service coordinator, proves that things change, but sometimes not much.

For example, when he was a salesman in the commercial department in the early 1930's, refrigerators were marketed in brilliant colors; then they went to white, and now they've gone full circle and are coming out in colors again.

But other things have changed since he joined the company in February 1926. His first job was as clerk for the old Roanoke Railway & Electric Company. In October 1930 he went into the commercial department. Few dealers were selling appliances, so the company was promoting refrigerators, and later ranges and water heaters. Mr. Nash recalls that some of the early refrigerators were converted iceboxes, with the motor and compressors located in the basement and connected to the box upstairs with wires and pipes.

During the war, when appliances were hard to come by, Mr. Nash moved into local accounting office. In May 1945 he went back to commercial department as rural representative, securing rights-of-way, staking lines, and in general beginning to build up the rural load.

In 1950 he was promoted to area sales representative, and in 1954 to customer service co-ordinator.



Mr. Taylor

John Taylor Retires From Accounting Job

John E. (Jack) Taylor, accounting supervisor for the Bluefield division, retired July 1 after 31 years with the company.

He was first employed as a bookkeeper. In 1936 he became a clerk and in 1937, was made chief clerk. In 1945 he was promoted to local office manager. Three years ago, Mr. Taylor became district office supervisor and earlier this year was made division accounting supervisor.

Mr. Taylor is a member of the College Avenue Baptist Church. His civic activities include membership in the American Legion, Kiwanis Club (a past Kiwanian of the year), and on the board of directors for Crippled Children. He is also president of the Council of Social Agencies and a past president of the Salvation Army Advisory Board.

The Taylors plan to remain in Bluefield.



Mr. Nash

Since boyhood his interests have included music and singing. For 13 years he was choir director at Greene Memorial Methodist Church in Roanoke, and was soloist for four other church choirs in the city. In radio's early days he sang with a male quartet, and also sang, at 21, as a part of Clifton Woodrum's first campaign for Congress. The evangelist Billy Sunday once offered Mr. Nash a permanent job as singer with his organization. Mrs. Nash, who retired March 1, is a pianist and acts as her husband's accompanist.

Art and reading are also among his hobbies. He has a personal library of about 1500 books, and plans to spend much of his retirement time sketching, singing, reading and listening to records.

Robinson Named To Division Post

O. L. Robinson has been named accounting supervisor for the Bluefield division. He succeeds John E. Taylor, who retired July 1.



Mr. Robinson

It is Mr. Robinson's fourth promotion since he joined Appalachian at Welch as assistant local office manager. He has been local office manager, district office supervisor, and earlier this year was named customer accounts supervisor.

Prior to joining Appalachian in 1949, Mr. Robinson had worked more than 15 years for the Kentucky-West Virginia Power Company at Pikeville, Kentucky.

At Welch, he is a deacon in the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Robinson will move his wife and two children to Bluefield in the near future.

Station Work Underway In Pikeville

Work on one new station in the Pikeville division is more than half-completed, and work on another has just started.

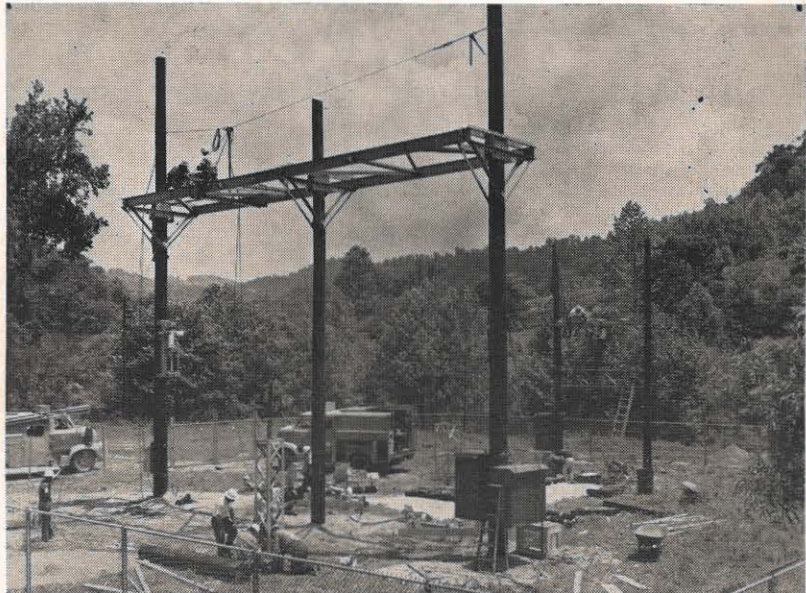
The 138/12-kv Topmost station, now about 60 per cent finished, will relieve part of the load on the existing Lackey, Carbon Glow, and Heiner stations, and will meet anticipated demands in the future. It is located in an area of Knott County where there are still many undeveloped tracts of mineable coal.

A 1500-kva transformer will be installed as part of the work, and a 900-foot, 138-kv tap line will be built to the station from the Beaver Creek-Hazard line. The work is being done by a station crew under

the direction of R. C. Anders, and Oscar Hamilton's line crew.

At Thelma, the first work is being done on a new 138-kv station. Land has been acquired, the transformer has been delivered to the site, and right-of-way has been cleared for the line to be built from Big Sandy plant. The new station and line provide a new and strong source of power for the lower end of the Pikeville division, as well as provide a link between Kentucky Power's Big Sandy plant and Appalachian's Clinch River plant.

They are two of several stations to be built by Kentucky Power under a \$7-million expansion plan announced recently by the company.



Work at the Topmost station in the Pikeville division is moving towards completion. It is one of several to be built this year as part of Kentucky Power's accelerated expansion program.