

He that climbs a ladder
must begin at the first
round.
Talleyrand.

The Illuminator

The best way out of a
difficulty is through it.

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Company Seeks FPC Approval For Blue Ridge



Informal ceremonies last month commemorated a moment of high drama last September when J. Harvey Ingles, left, was saved from death by electric shock by the efforts of the two men on his left: Ray Adkins and Lundy Boone Morris. The ceremony was the presentation of the Edison Electric Institute Medal Award to the two by F. M. Baker, vice president and general manager of Kentucky Power Company. The three are in the Ashland division line crew. (Photo by Ben McCullough, Ashland Daily Independent.)

Two Awarded EEI Medal For Saving Employee's Life

Two Kentucky Power men last month received the electric industry's highest award for their successful life-saving efforts on a fellow employee.

Lundy Boone Morris and Ray Adkins, foreman and lineman in the Ashland line crew, accepted the Edison Electric Institute Medal before all Ashland division employees, and in the presence of J. Harvey Ingles, the man whose life they saved.

The life-saving took place last September when the metal boom of the line truck came in contact with a 7200-volt line. Mr. Ingles, a groundman in the crew, was removing his tools from the truck at

the moment of contact, and the current passed through his body to ground. When Mr. Morris and Mr. Adkins reached him, both his heart and his breathing had stopped.

They immediately began to apply mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and closed chest heart massage, the technique taught to all Kentucky Power employees last year.

Within a few minutes, Mr. Ingles was revived and taken immediately to a hospital. He was confined there for several weeks for treatment of burns on his hands and feet, and is now convalescing at his home.

In presenting the award, F. M. Baker, Kentucky Power's vice president and general manager, told the assembled employees that, "This presentation is an indication of the effectiveness of our safety training program. However, its real significance is the presence here today of Harvey Ingles."

The award consists of a lapel medallion and a certificate for each man. The presentation in Ashland marks the sixth successful saving of human life in the electric utility industry by the new heart-lung resuscitation method. The certificate reads, "For the participation in the saving of human life from death by electric shock by the application of artificial resuscitation methods."

Larew Named To Personnel Post By Appalachian

John R. Larew has been named assistant personnel director for Appalachian, effective March 1.

He moves to Roanoke from the post of division personnel supervisor of Ohio Power's Steubenville division.



Mr. Larew

Mr. Larew then took a leave of absence to attend the Harvard Graduate School of Business, where he earned a master's degree in business administration.

In September 1949 he was a member of the Appalachian system personnel staff, and transferred a year later to Ohio Power's system personnel department. He worked as Portsmouth division personnel supervisor, and again in Canton before becoming Steubenville division personnel supervisor.

A Presbyterian, Mr. Larew is married and is the father of four children. He expects to move his family to Roanoke in the near future.

Annual Report To Be Mailed

The 1964 Annual report of the American Electric Power Company, detailing the operations, activities and performance of the AEP System for the past year, will be mailed later this month to the home of every employee of the company. It will not be necessary for employees to request a copy of the report as in the past.

Expanded Concept Includes Generation At Bluestone Dam

Appalachian Power Company has filed an application with the Federal Power Commission for a license to construct two hydroelectric projects on the New River—its Blue Ridge Combination Pumped Storage and Hydroelectric Development in Grayson County, Va., and a power plant at Bluestone dam in Summers County, W. Va.

Donald C. Cook, president of Appalachian and of its parent, the American Electric Power Company, said that the application proposes a comprehensive plan of development that includes:

—Construction of the two-dam, pumped storage Blue Ridge Development;

—Installation of two generating units at the Federal government's Bluestone dam; and

—A proposed recreation plan for the area to be affected in Virginia and North Carolina.

With the addition of Bluestone in the comprehensive plan, total cost of the project is estimated at about \$129-million.

Appalachian earlier applied to the Virginia State Corporation Commission for a license to construct the Blue Ridge Development. The company has also applied to the West Virginia Public Service Commission for a certificate of convenience and necessity in connection with the installation of generating units at Bluestone dam.

The company has had the Blue Ridge Development under study for the past several years, and almost two years ago received a

preliminary permit from the Federal Power Commission, under which Appalachian has been conducting feasibility studies.

The company is proposing to construct two dams on New River in Grayson County, Va. The ultimate combined generating installation for the two power stations, consisting of six pump turbines at the upper dam rated at about 150,000 kilowatts each, and two 40,000-kilowatt units at the lower dam, would be approximately 980,000 kilowatts. Initial installation would be three pump units at the upper dam and two conventional units at the lower dam.

Energy would be transmitted from the upper dam over 345,000 volt transmission lines and from the lower dam over 138,000 volt transmission lines.

Upper Dam

The upper dam would be approximately 267 feet high and 2,000 feet long. It would be built about four miles downstream from the mouth of Little River in Grayson County. It would be a rock-fill type with compacted impervious clay core. It would create a lake of 16,600 acres, extending 40 miles along New River into Alleghany and Ashe Counties, N. C.

The lower dam would be about 160 feet high and 1,190 feet long. It would be built at Fries, about 15½ miles downstream from the upper dam. It would be a concrete gravity type structure.

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Mr. LaFon

Mr. Porterfield

LaFon, Porterfield Elected To Board

W. S. LaFon, assistant general manager of Kentucky Power, and M. C. Porterfield, assistant to the general manager of Appalachian, have been elected members of the board of directors of the American Electric Power Service Corporation.

Mr. LaFon, a veteran of 25 years of service with the American Electric Power System, joined Appalachian in 1939 after receiving a BS degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He worked with Appalachian until 1957, when he was transferred to Kentucky Power as assistant general manager. At the time he was manager of the old Beckley district.

Mr. Porterfield joined Appalachian Power in 1935 as a rural surveyor, and in his 30 years of service he rose to become manager of the old Logan district before his promotion to his present post in 1963. Mr. Porterfield also is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, which awarded him a BS degree in industrial engineering in 1933.

New 345,000-Volt Sporn-Huntington Line, Major Station Announced For Tri-State Area

An extra high voltage transmission line, 62 miles long and operating at 345,000 volts, will be constructed by Appalachian to a major new substation in the vicinity of Huntington from the Philip Sporn plant.

The \$6¼ million project, when completed late in 1966, will provide a large block of additional electric power for the growing tri-state region around Huntington.

The new substation in Huntington will probably be known as the Tri-State station. It will step electric power down from 345,000 volts to 138,000 and 69,000 volts for further transmission in the area. The new station will be tied into existing transmission facilities in the region, including Appalachian's Darrah and West Huntington substations, and the South Point substation of Ohio Power Company.

In addition, a new 138,000-volt line will be constructed from Tri-State to Kentucky Power's Bellefonte station.

Sporn plant, on the Ohio River in Mason County, has a generating capacity of 1,100,000-kilowatts and is jointly owned by Appalachian and Ohio Power. It is already a source for Appalachian's two other 345,000-volt lines, to Kanawha River plant, near Charleston, a distance of 65 miles, and to Roanoke, a distance of 185 miles.

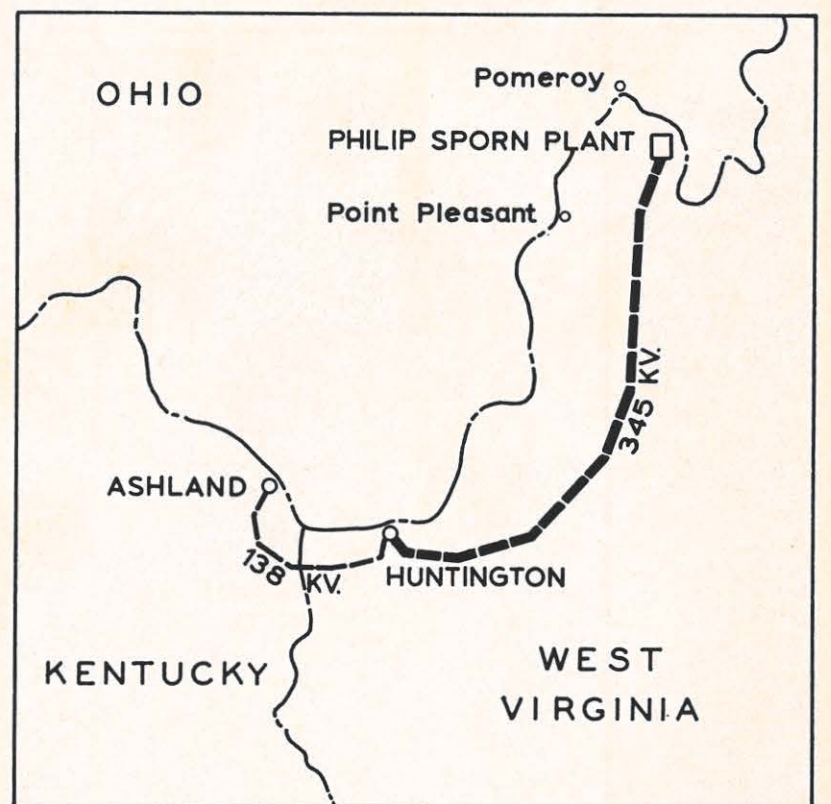
Right of way clearing for the new line has been started by Bartlett Tree Expert Company. Contracts for construction of the line, to begin in May and be completed in September, 1966, will be let soon.

Announcement of the new line follows completion in January, 1965, by Appalachian of a 138,000-volt line from Philip Sporn plant to

the Darrah substation in Huntington.

Appalachian pioneered the use of 345,000-volt transmission lines in this country. The Sporn-Kanawha line was placed in opera-

tion in 1954, and for several years, it was one of the highest voltage lines in the nation. Appalachian is now conducting tests at Apple Grove, W. Va., on transmission voltages up to 775,000 volts.



A new 345,000-volt transmission line will be built from Philip Sporn plant to a new Tri-State substation in the vicinity of Huntington. In addition, a new 138,000-volt line will be constructed to Kentucky Power Company's Bellefonte substation in Ashland. This map shows the general area and the proposed lines.

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Plants And Customers

On the front page of this issue there are three announcements. They are significant in themselves and taken together, tell the story of how an investor-owned electric utility like ours operates.

One story says that we have asked for permission to lower some of our rates. Another says we are going to build a major new line and station. The third says that we are asking the FPC for a license to build the Blue Ridge Pumped Storage Project.

Notice how these three follow a sequence: customer, transmission, generation. It is, of course, incidental that all three stories occurred at the same time. The important thing is that together they tell the story of how we, as a company, operate.

In our business, the customer comes first. We aim to give one kind of service to everyone—the best that's possible at the lowest practicable cost. When we can, we lower our rates, and so make it possible and desirable for him to buy more of our product.

Unless we can deliver the product when he wants it, our customer isn't happy. And since the demand of our customers is steadily growing, our system must grow, too. So we build new stations near load centers, and connect them to our power plants with high-voltage lines.

And finally, with the increased use of electricity, we must make sure there's enough power for our customers when and where they want it. So, years before they are actually needed, we start planning and building new facilities. And our continuing research makes it possible for us to improve our facilities and thus help to keep the cost of electric service as low as possible to our customers.

Phelps Transfers To Canton Office

J. D. M. Phelps, assistant head of the AEP Service Corporation's electrical engineering division, will transfer in that same post to the Service Corporation's engineering division offices in Canton.



Mr. Phelps

In the move, which takes effect May 1, Mr. Phelps will continue to report as before to the head of the electrical engineering division in New York in carrying out assigned engineering duties.

In Canton, he will also work on administrative matters under the head of the engineering division there. Mr. Phelps joined the American Electric Power System in 1938 as an engineer with Appalachian Power Company, shortly after receiving a bachelor of science degree from Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He was transferred to the Service Corporation in 1953 and in 1959 became head of its plant and station section.

In 1961, he was promoted to assistant head of the electrical engineering division with general responsibility for the engineering of substations and the evaluation of station equipment performance. He will continue in this responsibility in his new post in addition to his new duties.

AEP Employee Earns Doctorate

Kasi Nagappan, a member of the Service Corporation's analysis and computer division, has been awarded the degree of doctor of philosophy in electrical engineering by Purdue University.



Mr. Nagappan

He is believed to be only the second regular employee to hold a Ph.D. in the system's 58-year history and the first in engineering. His thesis was devoted to a new approach in the analysis of power system stability problems using a method described by the Russian mathematician Liapunov.

Mr. Nagappan was born in Madras, India, and graduated with honors in electrical engineering from Annamalai University in 1954. He taught at the University of Rangoon and at Annamalai, and later was principal of Thiagarajar Polytechnic in Salem, India.

He enrolled in Purdue in 1960, worked as a graduate teaching assistant and earned his master's degree there in 1962. From 1962 to 1964 he was an instructor there while working for his doctorate.

Mr. Nagappan worked in the AEP computer services section during the summer of 1963, and last August joined the company as a permanent employee.

Two Heat Pumps

Bluefield Chamber Occupies All-Electric Quarters

New and all-electric, and therefore modern, quarters have been occupied by the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce.

Moving into the new building with street entrances on both Federal and Bland streets in the heart of the downtown area comes less than a year after the Chamber first appointed a committee to find a new building for its operations.

Financing was settled by having members double their dues for a period of five years, and by planning sufficient room in the new building to be used as rental property. A city landmark, the old Flat Iron Building, was removed to make room for the modern building.

The building is two stories, each of 1,350 square feet, heated and cooled electrically with two heat pumps, and has a high lighting level. The chamber quarters include a reception area, board room, manager's office, work room, rest rooms, and library. The lower level will be rented, although it is anticipated that in time chamber activities and programs will require use of the entire building.

Fred Langenheim, manager of the chamber, reports that member traffic has increased one hundred per cent, and that board meeting attendance has been unanimous

since the chamber began operating in the new quarters. Herbert Light, president of the chamber,

goes a step further: "this is one of the finest chamber of commerce buildings in the United States."



People looking for the new Bluefield Chamber of Commerce building won't have any trouble finding it, thanks to the sign. The all-electric building is heated and cooled with two heat pumps, and is located in the heart of the city's business section, almost directly across the street from Appalachian's office building.

Bowling Lanes Earn Building Award In Welch

The first All-Electric Building Award to be presented in Welch went to Earl Mullins, owner of the new Black Diamond Bowling Lanes in Welch.

Appalachian presents the All-Electric Building Award only to businesses meeting the highest standards for comfort, convenience and efficiency through electricity.

Among many features which qualify Black Diamond Lanes for this award are three electric heat pumps. These pumps maintain a spring-like indoor climate by heating in the winter and cooling in the summer. These pumps also filter the air and remove excess humidity.

The Black Diamond Lanes contain an all-electric kitchen, a steam room, a nursery and conference room, as well as locker rooms.

The area around the building is well lighted by the use of Dusk-to-Dawn Lights.

Sandy Valley Bowling Lanes in Grundy earned a similar award last year.

Appalachian Man Elected Head Of West Virginia Industrial Group

New president of the West Virginia Industrial Development Association is Nick Roomy, area development consultant, with headquarters in Charleston.



Mr. Roomy

A native of Logan, Mr. Roomy attended Marshall University at Huntington, and is a graduate of National Business College at Roanoke.

Since his employment at Logan in 1938 in the meter department, he has been assistant local office manager at Logan, heating and builder sales representative, and local office manager. He was named residential sales supervisor and moved to Huntington in 1958. He became heating and builder sales coordinator of the Huntington division in 1960 and moved to Charleston as Charleston division area development representative in 1963.

He is Elder in the First Christian Church of Charleston, a member of

the State Board of Christian Churches in West Virginia and past president of the West Virginia Christian Men's Fellowship. He and his wife have one son.

Employee Elected To County Post

Ralph B. Allen, collector, St. Albans office, was elected president of the Putnam County Court last month. He was elected in 1961 to a six-year term as commissioner.



Mr. Allen

Mr. Allen has long been active in politics and was co-organizer and chairman of the Citizens Party in the town of Bancroft. He has also served as campaign director of the Putnam County March of Dimes.

Mr. Allen is married, and he and his wife have three children. He has been with Appalachian for 21 years.

Martinka Named To Head New Coal Division

Paul D. Martinka, power contracts engineer for the AEP Service Corporation, has been appointed director of its newly formed coal and special contracts division.

Mr. Martinka for the past nine years has been in charge of the negotiation and administration of special power contracts with the AEP System's large power users. In his new post, he will continue these activities and will also be responsible for the supervision of coal mining and coal purchasing.

E. F. Eckhardt and C. K. Thigpen will continue in their respective duties as manager, coal mining, and manager, coal purchasing in the new division.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Martinka joined the Central Ohio Power and Light Company at Findlay in 1935 and served that company until its merger with Ohio Power Company in 1954. He served as executive assistant to the vice president and general manager of Ohio Power from 1952 until 1956, when he was transferred to the Service Corporation in New York.



Ballet In Glass

Ballet in glass is the title the *Charleston Gazette* put on this striking photograph made while contractor's crews were installing a 10 x 14-foot plate glass window in the Charleston office. The window, one of a pair, weighs 600 pounds, and had to be lifted with the help of suction cups. The picture was made by Chris Mitchell of the Charleston office and made available to the paper.



Two Lynchburg employees were among the winners of extra Electrobucks for accepted Work Simplification ideas. The two are J. O. Franklin, left, and Miss Judy Irby. W. S. White, Jr., division manager, awards the prizes as Connie Foster, right, division W-S coordinator, watches.

Nine Ideas Win Electrobucks In First Quarterly Selection

Three Work Simplification proposals from Philip Sporn plant were among the nine receiving 50 extra Electrobucks as the most notable submitted during the last quarter of 1964.

The three were the largest number from a single location, closely followed by Lynchburg with two. The complete list follows:

Sporn plant: E. H. Gloss, John Werry, and R. E. Smith. Lynchburg: Judy Irby and J. O. Franklin. Bluefield: C. M. Fletcher and C. I. Shockey; system accounting: Geraldine Marshall, B. Caldwell, and C. L. Fulp. Pulaski: H. B. Newland, and Logan: G. W. LeGrande.

The awards were made under the new incentive plan adopted last fall for the Work Simplification program. Authors of all accepted proposals earn 15 Electrobucks.

KRP Chemist Publishes Article

R. W. Marchal, Kanawha River plant chemist, was the author of a possible solution to a boiler tube problem, which was published in the February issue of *Power Magazine*.

In the magazine's energy system problems section, the question "How can we stretch boiler tube life?" was posed.

Mr. Marchal suggested that periodic acid cleaning may be the answer, since the formation of scale in a boiler tube leads to localized overheating of tube metal and tube failure. The acid cleaning would have removed any dangerous accumulation of scale. He also suggested that if the water-treating system is adequate a change in raw water quality or a change in chemical suppliers could be at fault.

At the end of each quarter these are reviewed and the best ideas are further rewarded by 50 Electrobucks for their authors.

Education Award Winner Of 1961 Earns Degree

Miss Jane Matney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Matney of Fort Gay, West Virginia was a mid-term graduate of Berea College receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree in English.



Miss Matney

Miss Matney is a 1961 graduate of Fort Gay High School, where she was the salutatorian of her class and a 1961 recipient of the American Electric Power Scholarship Award.

Miss Matney's father, Harry, retired from Kentucky Power in 1960 after having worked in the Ashland division for 36 years as a serviceman at Louisa.

While attending Berea College, Miss Matney has been a member of the Spanish Club, Harmonia Society, Public Affairs Forum, Berea Players, and the Women's Athletic Association. She has been an officer in the Y.W.C.A. and the "Twenty Writers," a campus organization whose members are selected on the basis of their creative writing ability. She has also been a staff member of the "Pinnacle," the college newspaper.

1,100 D-D Lights Sold

Ira Conn Is Williamson's "Light Man"

Selling Dusk-to-Dawn lights is a family affair for the Ira Conns.

In the Williamson area of the Logan-Williamson division, they call Mr. Conn, a meter serviceman, "the light man," and he says his wife Elsie, his daughter Myra, and his son Larry are partly responsible for this label.

The reason: with their help, Mr. Conn has sold, since 1961, nearly 1,100 Dusk-to-Dawn lights. That makes him far and away the champion D-D seller in our companies, and probably for many miles around.

Enthusiasm

What makes him a good salesman, first of all, is that he believes in the lights wholeheartedly. From the first he was an enthusiastic



Mr. Schiffler

Ashland Retiree, C. O. Schiffler, Dies

Charles Schiffler, who retired from the Kentucky Power Company in 1961, died in Ashland February 10 following a brief illness. He had been preceded in death last November by his wife Hazel.

Mr. Schiffler joined the Kentucky Power in 1944 as an appliance serviceman. He was promoted to residential sales representative in 1952 and in 1958 to merchandise order and billing clerk.

A veteran of Army service during the first World War, Mr. Schiffler was a member of the Rainbow Division Association. He was a member of the First Christian Church where he had served on the Board of Deacons.

Mr. Schiffler is survived by his three sisters.

Roanoke Division Promotes Dennis

Robert E. Dennis has been promoted to working foreman in the division effective February 13.



Mr. Dennis

Mr. Dennis is an assistant scoutmaster, enjoys hunting and fishing, and working on hot rod cars.

A fisherman of some stature, Mr. Gillespie once won the Rod and Reel Club's first prize for the largest fish caught by a member during the year. He is also a member of the Naval Reserve.

With his wife and two sons, Mr. Dennis makes his home in Salem, and attends the Tabernacle Baptist Church.

booster, because he saw clearly that a D-D light was a real customer service, and a bargain to boot. And when Appalachian began offering Electrobucks for employee sales of the lights, he was able to turn his zeal into advantage for himself, profit for the company, and convenience to the customer. Everybody wins.

His technique has three clearly defined sides. First, is the sale. He might see a place where a light would serve an obvious purpose, and he begins to talk up the light, not only as a light, but as a service. When he is installing a meter, for example, he suggests to the home owner that the light "gives protection for your wife when you are away from home." Or, perhaps at a filling station: "if you have had trouble with persons stealing gasoline or tires, this light will be as good as a watchman. Or, if you have to go out at night for more coal or wood, you don't need a flashlight.

How To . . .

"All of these approaches, and others, work well," says Mr. Conn. "But you just don't jump off your truck and sell a light. When you work around a customer's premises you can spot all kinds of opportunities for light sales." For example, one customer remarked to Mr. Conn one day that she was impressed by the idea of an "eternal flame" for a small rural cemetery where his family was buried. Mr. Conn said he could offer the next best thing, which would illuminate the quiet scene at night. The result was another application.

Another part of his technique is follow-up. Customers not only call Mr. Conn to install a light, but also to take care of it if troubles arise. This is important in maintaining good customer relations.

And finally he works with customers who, for one reason or another, decide they want a D-D light disconnected. Before taking the light out, Mr. Conn will try to determine the source of dissatisfaction. Many times, by moving the light a few degrees, or by blacking out one side of the light to eliminate a neighbor's objection, he is able to satisfy the customer, and keep one more light burning.

Rewards

The Electrobucks the family has received—they have all had a hand either in selling the lights or paving the way for sales—has provided clothes for each member of the family, a movie camera and projector, furniture, appliances, and storm windows. Cash awards have added to the family savings, added a room to the house, paid for an extension course at Marshall University, and bought a typewriter.

And he works on other sales as well as D-D lights. At every opportunity he talks electric heat, water heaters, ranges, and dryers, and has racked up a number of sales in these areas as well.

With efforts such as Mr. Conn's everybody is living better—electrically.



The champion at work: Ira Conn, "the light man," hooks up another of the nearly 1,100 Dusk-to-Dawn lights he has sold in the Logan-Williamson division.

McDermott Retires In Lynchburg

John P. McDermott, Lynchburg transportation foreman, retired March 1 after approximately 31 years of service.

He was employed September 17, 1934 in Lynchburg and was responsible for the maintenance and repairs to the automobile equipment.

Mr. McDermott is proud of his safety record in his career. He has averaged four employees under his supervision who have worked during the past 31 years over 63,000 manhours without a lost time accident.

In retirement, Mr. McDermott plans to reside at his home, in Lynchburg with his wife. He plans to follow his hobbies of hunting and fishing and sports in general.

He is a member of the Izaak Walton League, the Lyn-Buck Hunt Club and the Quaker Memorial Church.



Mr. McDermott

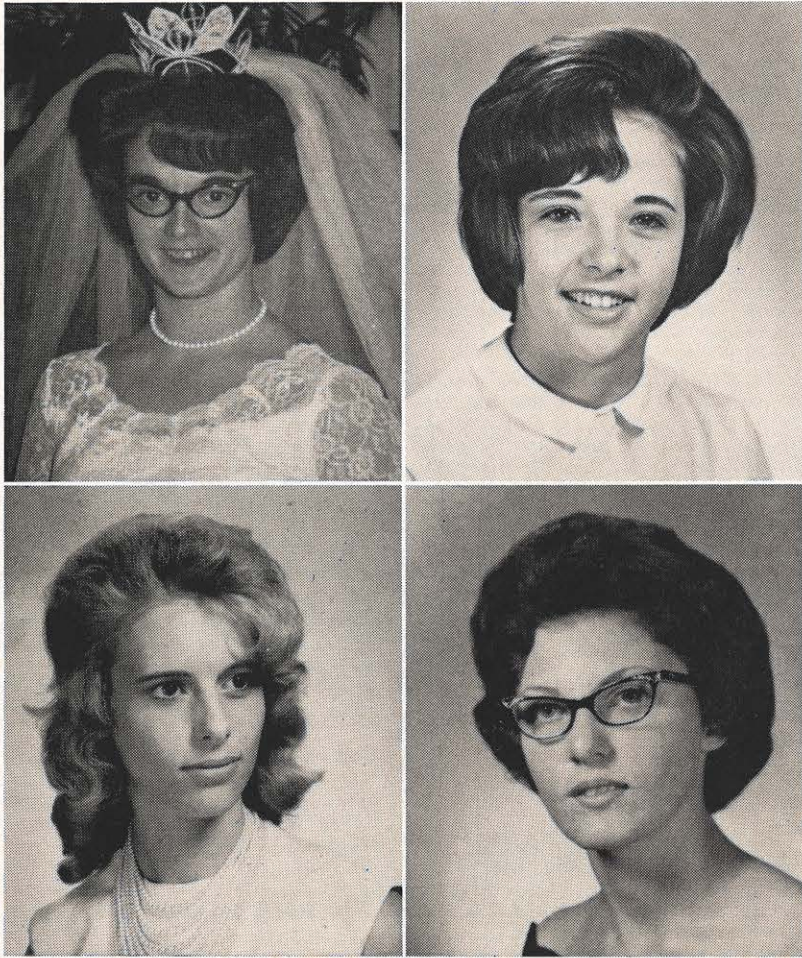


Saved Twice

For the second time in less than a year, C. R. L. Brown, Roanoke division groundman, has earned membership in the Turtle Club. His hard hat again saved him from injury when, last September, a pair of hot-cutters fell 15 feet and bounced off his hat. He is believed to be the only Appalachian man to join this exclusive club twice. John Vaughan, assistant division manager, presents the award.



The Ira Conn family—Mr. and Mrs., Larry, and Myra—have all benefited by their selling activities.



Married in recent weeks were, top row, left to right, Mrs. Ova P. Taylor, Charleston, and Mrs. Billy M. Gabbert, Glen Lyn. Bottom row, Mrs. Garland L. Farmer, Clinch River, and Mrs. Larry D. Hayner, Glen Lyn.

Recent Brides

Childers-Taylor

The Aldersgate Methodist Church at Pocatalico was the scene of the wedding on January 16 of Joyce Carol Childers and Ova Patrick Taylor. Mr. Taylor is a T&D clerk in Charleston.

Thompson-Gabbert

Wanda Gail Thompson was married to Billy Mike Gabbert in a ceremony conducted in the bride's home in Glen Lyn, Virginia. Mrs. Gabbert is the daughter of T. T. Thompson, auxiliary equipment operator at Glen Lyn Plant.

Strader-Farmer

On December 25 a double ring ceremony performed at the Lebanon Baptist Church in Lebanon, Virginia, united in marriage Faye Strader and Garland Lee Farmer. Mrs. Farmer is the daughter of Wylie R. Strader, regional dispatcher at Clinch River Plant.

Falls-Hayner

On January 23 a double ring ceremony performed at the Church of Christ in Camden, South Carolina, united in marriage Mary Ann Falls and Larry D. Hayner. Mr. Hayner is the son of Dallas T. Hayner, labor-janitor foreman at the Glen Lyn Plant.

Adkins-Jackson

Doris Alizabeth Adkins became the bride of Henry Elder Jackson in Pembroke, Virginia, January 28. Mr. Jackson is the son of H. P. Jackson, assistant shift operating engineer at the Glen Lyn Plant.

Elmore-Armstrong

Ruth Crush Elmore became the bride of D. Vernon Armstrong in a double ring ceremony performed January 23 in the Airlee Court Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia. Mr. Armstrong is joint pole use supervisor in the system distribution department, Roanoke.



For Hope

Mrs. Sue Pomykata, left, is busy working on stuffed rabbits and turtles. They are destined to be used by child patients aboard the S.S. Hope. The S.S. Hope is independently operated by the People to People Health Foundation, and links the American people with newly developing nations of the world, and offers medical aid and treatment to the citizens of those lands. Making stuffed toys is part of a two-year national project for Junior Woman's Clubs. Mrs. Pomykata belongs to the St. Albans Club. Mrs. Pomykata, wife of Lloyd Pomykata, area supervisor at St. Albans, also belongs to the Woman's Chorus of the American Association of University Women. With her here is another club member, Mrs. Alvin Foster.

Foster Home

Love Opens Youngs' Door To Others' Children

If true happiness is found in giving it to others, then Wanda and Roscoe Young are surely among the happiest in the world. For they have given happiness to others in measure beyond counting. They have shared what they have with children, three of their own, and they cannot remember how many foster children.

At the present time the Youngs are mother and father to their own three and to five others, ranging from four to 15. One of the five foster children is retarded, and another attends the Romnaey School for the Blind, and comes home for holidays and summer vacation. To the Young children, sharing not only their home and their belongings, but their parents as well, is the most natural thing in the world; it has been like that as long as they can remember. In fact, the Youngs had a foster child before they had a child of their own. This first of somewhere between 20 and 30 foster children since 1946 stayed with the Youngs four years until his own mother could take him back.

Growing Up

After that came two more boys and a girl, all of whom the Youngs put through high school. The two boys, now in military service, write home frequently, and the girl, now married, often brings her own child to visit.

How did all this begin? Mrs. Young remembers that they were just taking care of the first one; the second one had no mother, and the

father asked them to board him. Finally, after they had taken care of several others, the Welfare Department asked them to become foster parents to another child. Since then, there have been several in the family most of the time.

The Youngs do this out of love. They realize the great need for foster homes, for persons who will take care of youngsters on temporary basis until some domestic problem in their real homes is solved. To the Youngs, and to all foster parents, this is the hardest part of all: taking a child, learning to love it as one's own, and then, someday giving it up. Wanda and Roscoe Young admit that to have, to hold, to love, and to give up requires an enormous amount of self-discipline.

The Hard Part

This was the case last fall. They had little Billy for three years, and he had just started to school, and now the time had come. He was up for adoption, and his future with his prospective parents, even to a college education, was assured. It was the best thing for the child, and the Youngs spent long hours of talk with the child to prepare him for the move.

If there is a wrench in parting, there is also joy in staying. When the Youngs took the retarded child at two, she walked stiffly, talked poorly, and had little comprehension. The prognosis was decidedly unfavorable.

However the prognosis failed to take into account the care and

optimism of the entire family. Today she behaves in much the same manner as any other five-year-old. Her handicap is barely noticeable, and Mrs. Young attributes much of the progress to her own five-year-old, Terry Lynn. The two spend all of their time together.

Chores For All

Running a house with two adults and seven youngsters is a major operation. A big breakfast starts the day, and after Roscoe has gone to his job as area serviceman and five of the children go off to school, Mrs. Young has five bedrooms to clean and straighten, plus of course, the washing, ironing, mending, other cleaning, and cooking. She bakes bread every day, buys eight loaves every other day for snacks and sandwiches. Cooking ten pounds of potatoes for a single meal is not unusual. And of course, the older girls help out with the housework and the younger children when they're not in school.

For the boys, there is ample work. Roscoe gets their help on the place, gathering eggs, feeding the cows, calves, ponies, chickens, and hogs, milking the cows, and tending the garden. The Youngs raise their own beef, and their freezer stays full. All of this leaves the family little time for anything but church, which they all attend regularly.

For the parents, it is a good life and useful and it's the only one they want. And their monument, like the great architect Christopher Wren's, is all around them.



An evening at the Youngs' might see Roscoe lending a hand with the homework, left, while Mrs. Young keeps the little ones quiet with television. One of these children is the Youngs' own grandchild.

Williamson Women Dine Around World—At Home

Exotic dinners around the world, without leaving Williamson, was the social theme of the Williamson women employees' club, K-Appa-K during 1964. Nine times during the year, the women sat down to different, strange, and usually very tasty dishes prepared by their members.

The program was planned to provide both entertainment and conversation for the club, which also carries on a regular schedule of community activities. Volunteers, some with family origins in the old world, agreed to prepare the meals and provide such other touches as music and costumes.

Begin With England

In January came the first international night. England's traditional cabbage and potato menu. In February came Germany's sauerbraten mit gingersnap gravy, kartoffel klosse, and sweet and sour red cabbage. Then, in order

came sukiyaki and fried rice from Japan, eaten with chopsticks; chicken tchakhokhbelli, dolma, and piaz from Armenia; crepes frangipane from France.

Following a July rest, there came lamb stew over rice and kibbee from Lebanon, antipasto, spaghetti and meat balls from Italy; chili con carne, tamales de maiz con chile y queso and guacamole from Mexico, and in October a Polynesian luau with delicacies seldom found beyond those enchanting islands. In November, of course, was the traditional American Thanksgiving dinner.

At December's meeting, a globe of the world, decorated with sequins and glitter, marked the countries the K-Appa-K's visited during the

year, and served as the centerpiece for the Christmas party.



Farleys Celebrate

Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Farley, the parents of Claude A. Farley, Pineville area supervisor, and Clyde L. Farley, Princeton working foreman, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on January 31, 1965, with a reception at the First Methodist Church of Princeton, West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Farley reside in Princeton and have nine grandchildren. Mrs. Freeland Agee and Mr. Watt Hylton, witnesses at Mr. and Mrs. Farley's wedding in 1915, were present at the reception.

New Arrivals

Charleston Division

MR. AND MRS. E. L. SPENCER, a son, Joseph Lawrence, January 28. Mr. Spencer is a truck driver-groundman.

Hazard Division

MR. AND MRS. ARNETT STRONG, a son, Douglas Wade, February 2. Mr. Strong is a draftsman.

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. J. W. DALTON, a daughter, Patricia Jane, January 15. Mr. Dalton is a test engineer.

They're Engaged

CAROLYN SUE BECKNER to Albert Thomas Taylor. Miss Beckner is a contract clerk in the Roanoke division accounting department.

ELIZABETH L. SEACRIST to Paul Kees. Miss Seacrist is a clerk-typist at the Kanawha River Plant.

CAROLYN SUE HALL to Lloyd Miller. Miss Hall is the daughter of Paul W. Hall, serviceman in the Bluefield division.

Happenings

Around the Circuit

... Among Employees and Their Families



KENTUCKY

Ashland

Cadet Roger Thompson, Jr., marched in the Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington, D. C., January 20 as a member of the Corps of Cadets from the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York. A member of the Class of 1966, he was one of the 600 cadets selected to represent the Academy in the parade.

New employees are Faye Sammons, local accounting department, and Leonard Brammell, system accounting department.

Frank Alexander has been elected President of the Grayson Creative Arts Club.

Dave Leasure, Jr. has resigned.

The blood donation last month to the Red Cross by J. A. Palmer, marked his first gallon given to the Ashland blood program and the third gallon since starting in the Roanoke program in 1951.

Pikeville

W. W. Zoellers was appointed chairman of the industrial development committee of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce for 1965.

W. J. Baird, III, stores department, has resigned.



BLUEFIELD

Bluefield

Elections brought a number of Bluefielders into the news last month. To wit: Mrs. Ben Bates to the YWCA board; Ray Heldreth to secretary of the Clover Club; Mrs. Armistead Wellfor, Jr. and Helen Sue Spangler to the board of the Community Concert Association; W. J. Gillespie, Jr. to a two-year term on the YMCA-YWCA board, Oscar Adams to vice president of the Princeton Kiwanis Club, and Peter Montague to president of



50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Jessee celebrated their Golden Anniversary recently at their home "Twin Hills" at Glen Lyn, Virginia. They were married January 27, 1905 at Lebanon, Virginia, and resided at Glen Lyn for the past 42 years. Mr. Jessee, now retired, was employed at the Glen Lyn plant for more than 36 years. Mr. and Mrs. Jessee are members of the Glen Lyn Christian Church and are the parents of one daughter and one son.

the Young Adult Club of the Bland Street Methodist Church.

Oscar Adam's son, William, has been notified of his acceptance to the U. S. Naval Academy . . . William T. Goodloe just completed a 20-year perfect attendance record in the Bluefield Kiwanis Club, of which he is secretary . . . New division employees are Charles Branscome in Princeton and Patricia Jones in Grundy.

Welch

A number of employees' youngsters figured in Welch High School activities: Francine Adams, Scotty Robinson, J. W. Belchee, and Patty Groseclose have all been selected to take part in the school's May Court, and Scotty has been voted best looking and most popular in the School's Who's Who . . . Also in the school Patty and Peggy Groseclose, Francine Adams, Scott Robinson, J. W. Belchee, and Carol Mills were inducted into the Homeric Chapter Chapter of the National Honor Society.



LOGAN-WILLIAMSON

Mrs. J. C. LeMaster, was chosen sweetheart of the Logan County Education Association. She is now eligible for competition on a regional basis to vie for a position in the state contest. Mrs. LeMaster is a teacher at Logan Senior High School . . . Cynthia Warren was one of a select group of juniors, from Logan County High Schools who were guests at a West Virginia University Alumni Dinner, February 8 . . . Viola Mendez, was chairman for the March of Dimes Drive in Justice Addition . . . Mrs. Dallas Kinser is chairman of the reading and library service committee, West Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers. She recently attended a state workshop in Charleston.

The Logan County Amateur Radio Club tested its emergency communications system recently. The test was held to familiarize members on procedures in case of an actual civil defense emergency, and to check equipment. Employees Richard Blevins and Wayne Warren and Dr. August Winter, brother of Eleanor Cunningham, took part in the tests.

George E. Hervey was appointed to serve a one-year term on the City of Logan Water Board . . . E. P. Hager is to be a judge at the annual Logan Central Junior High Science Fair . . . E. E. King has been appointed a Director of the Tug Valley Country Club . . . Paul Jeffrey received a gallon donor pin at the last Bloodmobile visit to Man.



PULASKI

Pulaski

Gerolean Buckner, wife of Cecil Buckner, has been named secretary of the board of directors of the Hensel Eckman YMCA.

Miller Bennington, son of Fred Bennington, is treasurer of the Junior Class in Galax High School.

Glen Lyn

Miss Donna Mann, participated in the "Know Your State Government Day" March 1 at the West Virginia Education Association Center in Charleston.

Miss Snowflake Is Dorothy Mann

Miss Dorothy Mann of Petersburg, West Virginia, reigned as Snowflake Queen during the annual Snowflake Formal held at Concord College recently.



Miss Mann

Residents of the Upperclass Women's Dormitory elected her on the basis of personality, friendliness, and cooperation in dormitory life. She was crowned by Dean Davidson, dean of faculty at Concord College.

Miss Mann will receive her degree in education in June 1965. She has served as typist for the yearbook, and secretary and assistant fire marshal for the Women's Hall Council.

Miss Mann is the daughter of Paul H. Mann, Glen Lyn.



CHARLESTON

Charleston

Jake Scraggs, transportation department, recently returned to work after completing 17 days' training with the 130th Air Commando group in Panama. The group is with the Air National Guard, which is stationed at Kanawha Airport.

Employees who became "galloons" at the last Bloodmobile visit were Bob Isner, Oscar Kallmerten, Jim Smolder and C. C. Harper.

Beckley

Miss Frances Smith has been appointed Chairman of the ways and means committee for the Beta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Mrs. J. C. Barker is presently rehearsing for her role as Lotus Blossom for the Curtain Callers production of "Teahouse of the

August Moon." The play will be presented in March at the Play House. The Curtain Callers is a local theatre group and the Play House is the old Palace Theatre which had been closed for some time. Members of the Curtain Callers through their own efforts restored it to its present usable condition.

Kanawha River Plant

Luther Boyd has been appointed to a 35-member steering group to work on the development of a county-wide watershed plan for Kanawha County. Included in the group are mayors of Charleston, Dunbar, Cedar Grove, Clendenin.

Cabin Creek Plant

Mr. W. R. McDaniel was elected treasurer of the Church of the Good Shepherd of Hansford (Episcopal) for the sixth consecutive year.



HUNTINGTON

Huntington

The news from the Far East has a personal interest for Leanna Ford of the T&D section. Her son, Warrant Officer Larry Ford, is on duty in Viet Nam, flying armed helicopters. He graduated from the Army Aviation School in December 1964.

Philip Sporn Plant

Charles W. Roush was recently elected fire chief of the New Haven Fire Department. Charles A. Weaver, supervisor, was elected secretary and Thomas O. Grinstead was elected treasurer.



ABINGDON

Clinch River Plant

N. Ruth Jones has been named secretary-treasurer of the Lebanon Little League for the 1965 season.

Susan Peay placed second in the Bland Memorial Music Contest conducted by the Lebanon Lions Club.



LYNCHBURG

Lynchburg

J. H. Haley, Jr. recently completed an assignment as first aid instructor for teachers in the Lynchburg public school system.



Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis quietly marked their 50th wedding anniversary last month at their home in Chelyan. The couple was living in that same house when, in 1924, Mr. Ellis went to work for Appalachian at Cabin Creek plant. He retired early in 1954 as boiler operator. A son, Odell Ellis, is presently assistant control operator at the plant. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have two other children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



ROANOKE

Roanoke

Prince E. Thornton, received notable recognition from Ruritan National recently. The national organization invited him to be Master of Ceremonies at its thirty-fourth annual convention in Philadelphia last month. Appearing on the program with him were such well-known persons as Carl Erskine, former Brooklyn Dodgers' great pitcher, Alexander Nunn, executive editor of "Progressive Farmer" magazine, and Captain Eddie Rick-enbacker, World War I air ace.

Mr. Thornton who has been a Ruritan only five years, presided over the closing session of more than 1,000 delegates. He is immediate past president of the Burnt Chimney Ruritan Club.

Three Roanoke Division T&D employees have just returned from their annual tour of duty with the U. S. Naval Reserve Seabee unit 5-2. O. B. Gillispie, J. P. Doss and T. W. Abshire spent 15 days' duty in the Bahamas. As part of their duty while there, they assisted in installing 3800 feet of 3/8-inch stainless steel messenger cable and the three 2300-volt primary conductors and spacers attached to it and then removed the old cable. All this happened in 90-degree temperature.

William G. Loope is a new employee of the Roanoke division T&D department.

System

Betty S. Barnard, Wanda J. Harris, and Maurice C. Andrews, Jr. are new employees in the system accounting department.

Betty R. Rhodes, Alice P. Sell and Norma C. Bell have resigned their positions with the company.

Susan Bailey, daughter of James E. Bailey, system T&D, was selected to the Honor Roll at Glenwood School during the third six weeks of this year.



KINGSPORT

Kingsport

Carolyn White was elected one of the two Dobyns-Bennett High School delegates to Tennessee Girls' State at Middle Tennessee State College.

Secretaries Review



Betty Baker, right, and Mrs. Frederic Dooley, review the annual Secretarial Workshop program held last month in Roanoke. Miss Baker, Roanoke division commercial department, is president of the Roanoke Chapter of the National Secretaries Association, which has sponsored the workshop for nine years.



Service Anniversaries

Appalachian Power Company

ABINGDON DIVISION—15 YEARS: J. O. RASNICK, station man.
 CABIN CREEK PLANT—35 YEARS: D. E. JOHNSON, shift supervisor.
 CHARLESTON DIVISION—15 YEARS: EDWARD F. PROCH, electrical engineer; HERBERT R. HILL, meter serviceman.
 CLINCH RIVER PLANT—30 YEARS: BERNARD D. MYERS, shift operating engineer.
 GLEN LYN PLANT—25 YEARS: D. T. HAYNER, labor-janitor foreman.
 HUNTINGTON DIVISION—20 YEARS: LAURA S. COLLINS, secretarial stenographer; J. F. HICKS, engineering aide; GENEVIEVE L. FARRY, PBX operator.
 KANAWHA RIVER PLANT—30 YEARS: D. E. EVERSON, assistant shift operating engineer. 15 YEARS: W. W. MCCOLGAN, plant engineer.
 LOGAN-WILLIAMSON DIVISION—30 YEARS: J. B. BUSKIRK, groundman. 10 YEARS: HOWARD L. FOGLESONG, electrical engineer; NAOMI D. CANTEES, general clerk.
 LYNCHBURG DIVISION—30 YEARS: MORRIS LEWIS, helper; D. S. GOURLEY, assistant hydro operator.
 PHILIP SPORN PLANT—5 YEARS: MARTIN L. HALL, test engineering aide.
 PULASKI DIVISION—10 YEARS: DAVID K. SPIVEY, draftsman.
 ROANOKE DIVISION—40 YEARS: F. E. BOWMAN, service coordinator. 25 YEARS: C. E. PARSONS, meter service helper. 20 YEARS: C. L. PETERS, auto repairman.
 SYSTEM—30 YEARS: R. W. SPEASE, hydro supervising engineer; IVAN FRENCH, system transmission inspector. 25 YEARS: ELIZABETH J. BOSANG, private secretary. 15 YEARS: RALPH M. MILLER, radio engineer. 10 YEARS: C. H. BRYANT, system station man. 5 YEARS: H. F. ST. CLAIR, system station man; ARTIS R. BARBOUR, assistant structural engineer; JOAN N. CARROLL, clerk stenographer.

Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DIVISION—30 YEARS: RALPH L. EVICK, commercial and power sales representative. 15 YEARS: DEWEY SIZEMORE, accounts payable and payroll supervisor. 5 YEARS: DANA RILEY, pre-audit clerk.
 PIKEVILLE DIVISION—20 YEARS: BETTY ROBINETTE, secretarial stenographer.

Kingsport Power Company

20 YEARS: ADELE WILLIAMS, contract clerk.

Service Anniversaries



R. W. Speas
System
30 Years

R. L. Evick
Ashland
30 Years

J. B. Buskirk
Logan-Williamson
30 Years

Ivan French
System
30 Years



D. E. Everson
Kanawha River
30 Years

Morris Lewis
Lynchburg
30 Years

B. D. Myers
Clinch River
30 Years

D. T. Hayner
Glen Lyn
25 Years



C. E. Parsons
Roanoke
25 Years

Betty Robinette
Pikeville
20 Years

C. L. Peters
Roanoke
20 Years

Laura Collins
Huntington
20 Years



Genevieve Farry
Huntington
20 Years

J. F. Hicks
Huntington
20 Years

Beckley Employees Hold Service Dinner

Twenty-seven employees in the Beckley area held their annual service dinner late in January. The three longest-service employees were Vera Haynes, J. O. Graham, and E. F. Eager, all of whom marked 35 years of service during 1964. W. C. McMahan, manager in the Beckley area, presided at the dinner party.

In Huntington

British Wives Haven't Forgotten Home

When the poet, fifty years ago, wrote that "there's some corner of a foreign field that is forever England," he had other places than Huntington in his mind. Just the same Huntington represents to at least three women a brave little outpost of empire over which, figuratively, the Union Jack still flies.

The three are the English-born wives of Appalachian employees; they have lived in Huntington at least ten years, they have assimilated to the point where supermarkets and hot dogs are part of their lives, and they have even learned to tolerate, if not appreciate, the tea bag.

They are Mavis Bailey, wife of Lawson Bailey; Jean Gibson, wife of Richard Gibson, and Marjorie Davis, wife of Herbert C. Davis.

Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Davis married their husbands in 1945, and came to the United States after the war. Mrs. Gibson and her husband were married in 1954 while he was stationed in England with the Navy. The experiences of the first two in Huntington were centered mostly around food, since they had just experienced the austere war years of rationing and shortages.

Supermarket Visit

Her first visit to a supermarket was a "thrill" to Mrs. Bailey, when she saw shelf after shelf of the canned and fresh fruit, things she hadn't seen in years. In ten days of carefree shopping, she had exhausted the month's food budget, but the cans lined up on the shelf were "such a beautiful sight."

How British housewives managed to feed families on such meager rations during the war was, in the face of Huntington's plenty, even more of a miracle in retrospect. The per person weekly ration, Mrs. Bailey recalls, was one egg, two



Jean Gibson, Mavis Bailey, and Marjorie Davis, left to right, enjoy tea. This is afternoon tea, called "cuppa," and is not to be confused with high tea. This event would include eggs, or fish, or welsh rarebit, plus bread and butter, spread, cakes, and pastries. And tea.

ounces of meat, two ounces of margarine, and two ounces of sugar.

In their first months in Huntington, all three had to shift mental gears to accept strange new things. For Mrs. Bailey, it was shopping.

For Mrs. Davis, it was terminology. "I no longer used an oven cloth; it became a potholder, and a frying pan turned into a skillet. I listened to the radio instead of the wireless, fastened my dress with snaps instead of poppers. I discovered that it was rather confusing to go shopping. A jumper was now a sweater, wellingtons were rubber boots, scones were biscuits and biscuits, cookies." The American monetary system, however, was easier. "Now when I go home for a visit I realize how complicated our pounds, shillings, and pence must seem to American tourists."

Weather Adjustment

It was the weather that represented the most difficult adjustment for Mrs. Gibson. The winters were much colder and the summers so much hotter than she expected. "Contrary to what you might think, it is not very cold nor is it always foggy in London. When the temperature drops to 25 in London, that is very cold. On the other end of the thermometer, 80 is hot for old London town." A Londoner, Mrs. Gibson's home was on Baker Street, a block—or, rather, a square—away from Sherlock Holmes' mythical rooms.

Drive-in movies, watermelon, baseball—"not at all like cricket!"—and hot dogs are now the way of life, of course. But now and again there is a nostalgic longing for

something typically English, and that's where the Britannia Club enters the picture. This is a social club, the local chapter of an organization called Cosmopolitan Associates, made up of women of British birth. At the present time there are about 20 members who meet monthly in each other's homes, primarily to enjoy themselves. The women do have projects to raise money for such organizations as CARE, and for these the club has introduced whist—"something like bridge and very easy to learn"—to Huntington.

And, of course, the three Appalachian wives have been able to fly home for visits with relatives, and Mrs. Gibson has gone one better: her mother and father have moved to Huntington.

Huntington's English-speaking unions have seven Anglo-Americans: The Gibsons include Diana, 8, and Justin and Keith, twins, 5; Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have Rebecca, 14 and Anthony, 12 and Mr. and Mrs. Davis have Janie, 17.

J. B. Harris Retires In Williamson

John Bud Harris, groundman at Williamson, has taken early retirement because of disability. The effective date was January 1.

Mr. Harris, a native of Goody, Kentucky, was employed May 9, 1946 as a laborer. He has worked as field time and material clerk and groundman. His hobby has been sports.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris have four children and one grandchild.



Pulaski T&D Man Retires March 1

1912 Light Bulb Still Works

Benjamin Franklin Surratt, T&D clerk, retired from active duty March 1, after completing more than forty-one years of service with Appalachian Power Company.

He began his service March 25, 1923 with J. P. Jones, as a carpenter with the substation construction crew in the Bluefield division. In 1929 he moved to the Pulaski 88-KV substation as operator. When the Pulaski substation was made automatic in 1935 he worked with the Pulaski line crew until 1937 when he transferred to the T&D Records section in the Pulaski district office. He has continued to work there until retirement.

Mr. Surratt expects to continue to make his home in Pulaski and will devote his time to his hobbies: hunting, fishing, and woodworking. His main interest, however, will probably be in his gun collection of some twenty double barrel shotguns, most of which are truly collector's items. He is much interested in trading and adding to this collection.

A native of Sylvatus, Virginia, he is an active member of Christ Episcopal Church, Pulaski, and a member of the B.P.O.E.

Pulaski T&D Man Retires March 1

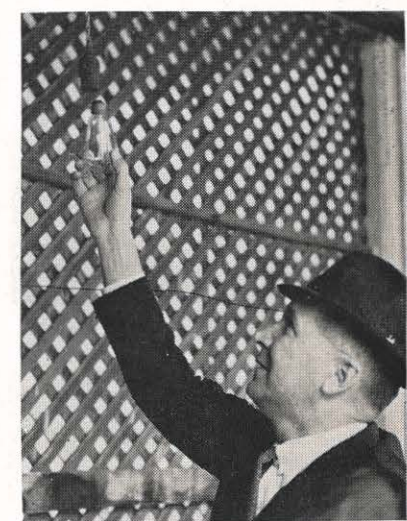
Prominent on C. N. Robinson's desk in the Wytheville office is a clear, carbon-filament light bulb, a link between the early days of electricity and today's modern way of living.

The bulb, still usable, is rated at 22 watts. In 1912, when Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Richmond moved into a new home near Rural Retreat, it was one of two they installed on the back porch, controlled by a switch in the back hall.

Both stayed in service until recently when Mr. Robinson, a heating and builder sales representative, was working with Mrs. Robinson in converting her home to electric baseboard heat. He traded a new 75-watt bulb for one of the old ones, and she gave the other to Allen Scott, who was actually installing the new heating system. Mr. Scott later appeared on a local television version of "I've Got A Secret" with his bulb.

Mrs. Robinson, 78, recalled that her home was among the first in Rural Retreat with electric service when Appalachian built a line from Wytheville. She compares today's illumination levels with the old yellow light given by carbon lamps, and is especially pleased with the individual room controls of her new heating system. The home

never had a central heating system, and she remembers going from room to room, tending fireplaces and stoves.



C. N. Robinson removes a 22-watt bulb from the receptacle it filled since 1912. It was on the back porch of a Rural Retreat home, recently converted to all-electric, where it was still in use.

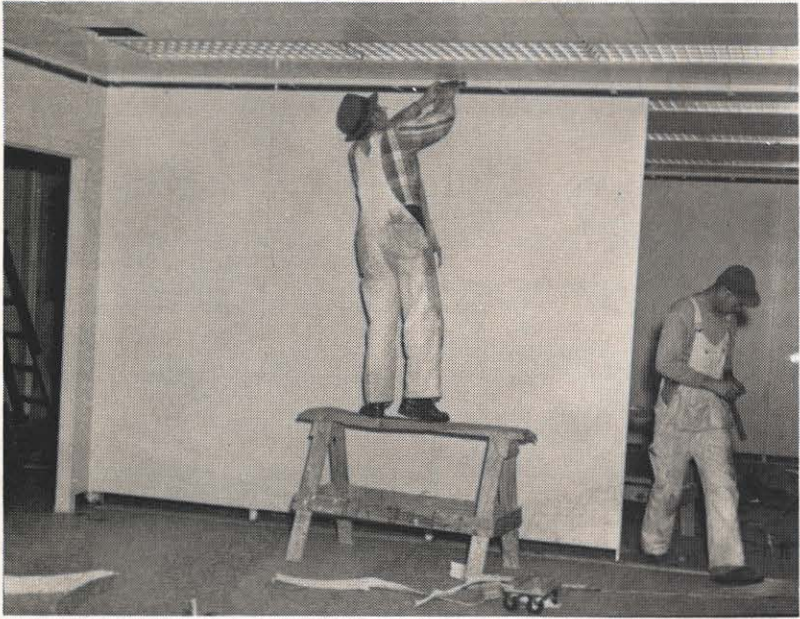


Two employee women's clubs in Logan and Williamson elected their officers recently. At left are the Logan Appa-Lassie leaders: Viola Mendez, vice president; Emma Jane Reynolds, secretary-treasurer, and

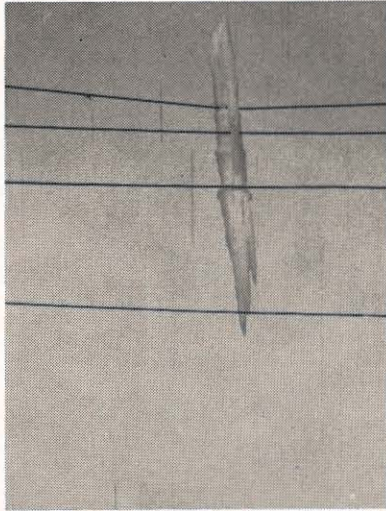
Judith Gore, president. At right are Williamson's K-App-K officers: front, Virginia Stafford, vice president; Ruth Boothe, president; back row, Hazel Farris, secretary, and Naomi Cantees, treasurer.



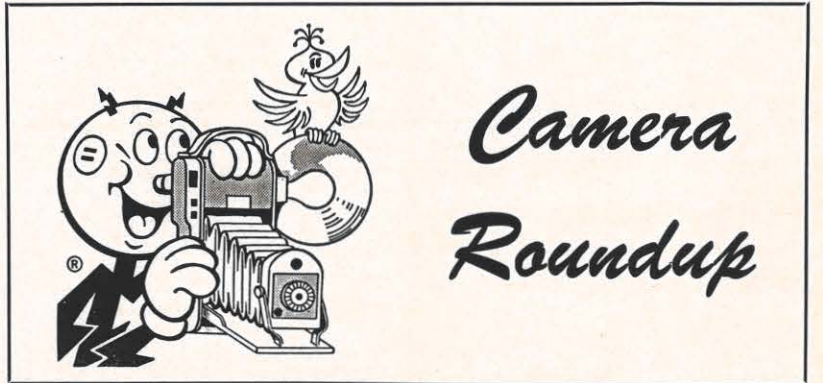
Sammy Squirrel is living better electrically these cold winter days. Keith and Mary Ruth Chambers, employees in Bluefield, have a number of squirrel visitors whom they feed, and for whom they built a drinking cup. In cold weather, the water froze. The squirrels went thirsty until Keith, an electrical engineer, installed a 25-watt bulb in a can under the drinking cup. It's a squirrel's life.



Remodeling work in the Roanoke office building was centered around the fifth floor, where inside partitions, above, were recently erected. The fifth floor will house the T&D, hydro, and public relations departments, and will be ready for occupancy in March. Parts of the sixth and fourth floors and all of the second yet remain on the remodeling schedule.



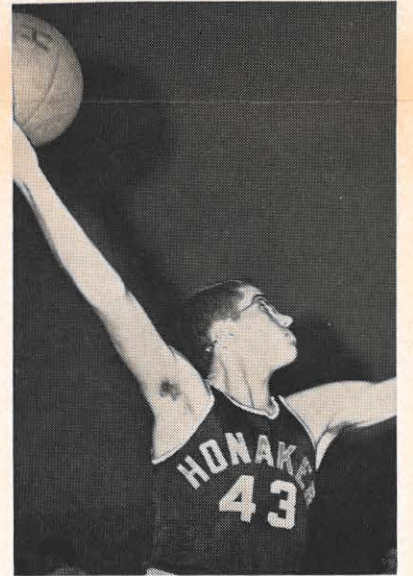
A huge icicle hanging in the middle of a three wire-service in Bluefield caused some head-scratching recently, and made some people think that perhaps the juice was leaking. The explanation, of course, is simple. It formed next to the gutter on a house, and slid down the service when the temperature rose.



Joe Stinson was recognized by his colleagues in the selling field as outstanding when the Bluefield Sales Executive Club gave him its Top Salesman Award. Here he accepts his trophy from W. J. Gillespie, Bluefield division manager. Mr. Stinson is heating and builder sales representative in Bluefield.



New officers of Lynchburg's Apelcoe Club are, from left, James K. Reid, president; Juanita D. Baker, secretary, and John B. Houn, vice president.



Mac Jones, son of Henry M. Jones, area serviceman at Honaker, has been named "player of the month" at Honaker High School for the outstanding job he has done for the Honaker Tigers on the basketball court. The 6-foot, 3-inch center is averaging 13.6 points per game for the year. Mac is 15 and a sophomore at Honaker High School.



It was udderly ridiculous, thought Jean Trout, that first graders believed milk came from cartons, and she did something to change this view. With the help of her father, Roanoke division's Dave Trout, she built and painted this creature named Tinkerbell. She used rubber balloons and tempera paint to demonstrate just where milk does come from. Miss Trout is a senior at Longwood College, and a practice teacher in Roanoke's Wasena School. (Roanoke Times Photo)



The Reddi-Lite Club for Roanoke division employees has elected these folks as officers: from left, Charlie Saul, president; Helen West, secretary; Mary Lotts, treasurer, and M. E. Maxey, vice president.



Two unexpected presents came to the H. P. Johnsons in Narrows last month. Mr. Johnson had just retired from Glen Lyn plant. Mrs. Johnson was notified that she won an electric knife given away in a sales campaign in Narrows, and two hours later she learned that she had won another prize, the color television set shown here.



Mr. Ransbottom

C. C. Ransbottom, Retiree, Dies

Clinton C. Ransbottom, who retired in Huntington on the last day of 1953, died February 15 in that city. He was 75.

At the time of his retirement he had 35 years of company service. He started out in 1918 in Kenova with the Consolidated Light, Heat, and Power Company. In 1924 he moved to the meter department, in 1942 to the line section of T&D, and in 1944 to the substation section. He was working there when he retired.

He is survived by a brother and a sister.

Plant Launches New Safety Plan

In a continuing effort to promote safety at Clinch River Plant, a new program utilizing the "Job Safety Analysis Schedule" has been put into effect.

The new program has as its basis the job specifications of an individual job classification which are used in safety meetings to thoroughly analyze the skill, effort, and responsibility required to successfully perform the job at the same time well and safely.

Each individual job duty is broken down into tasks, then into smaller steps and the key points for safe performance brought out. This involves close scrutiny of the required job process required for successful performance.

Another feature of the program highlights the individual physical, mental, and social traits necessary for the successful performance of the work in an approved safety manner. Physical activities such as balancing, climbing, and sensory perception are included to safely match the man to the job. Unusual working conditions are given special attention and this study has rendered many good ideas for improvement of physical plant layout as well as work pattern.

Blue Ridge

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The development would be designed to provide for 160,000 acre feet of flood storage in the upper reservoir. This is the equivalent of three inches of run-off from the drainage area involved.

Appalachian would also allocate 25,000 acre feet of storage in the upper reservoir to augment low flow during periods of severe drought.

Construction of the Blue Ridge Development would favorably affect the coal industry.

In this method of generating electric power from water, a part of the water would do double duty. It would be pumped back, at nights and on weekends, from the lower reservoir to the upper reservoir, to be used again.

The electricity needed to operate the pumps of the ultimate installation of six units at the upper dam in the Blue Ridge Development would require the burning of more than 1,170,000 tons of coal annually in Appalachian's steam-electric generating plants in Virginia and West Virginia.

At Bluestone dam, Appalachian proposes installing initially two 30,000 kilowatt generating units in a powerhouse the company would build.

Bluestone was completed in 1949 by the U. S. Corps of Engineers as a flood control project, with provisions for future hydroelectric development. The dam is located a mile above the confluence of the New and Greenbrier Rivers at Hinton, W. Va.

Flood Control

With the construction of the Blue Ridge Development and the flood control benefits it will provide, Bluestone Dam and Reservoir will be relieved of certain flood control requirements, thus making it possible to maintain higher pool elevations which will enhance the recreational values of the reservoir.

In addition, with the entire Blue Ridge concept, including Bluestone, downstream water users will benefit because of the low flow augmentation that will be provided.

The recreation plan Appalachian has proposed to the Federal Power Commission for the Blue Ridge Development is in accordance with an FPC order issued in 1963. The order requires that recreational developments be included in proposals for hydroelectric projects.

Recreation

In its application to the Federal Power Commission, Appalachian emphasizes that the recreation plan is a preliminary one, based on present knowledge and the best available information on recreation opportunities and needs.

In its plan, Appalachian suggests 10 public boat launching areas and two overlook areas, as well as large areas which may be appropriate as general locations for Virginia and North Carolina state parks. The proposal also suggests

areas for three county parks, one each in Grayson County, Va., and Ashe County and Alleghany County, N. C. The plan also suggests possible development by Appalachian of parks similar to the county parks.

The plan discusses boating, fishing and other outdoor sports activities in the development, pointing out that the Blue Ridge Development will create new recreational outlets for many persons not now close enough to a large body of water to participate in such activities.

State Co-operation

In its preparation of the recreation report, Appalachian worked closely with state and local governmental agencies. In Virginia, state agencies cooperating in the plan were the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Divisions of Parks and Water Resources of the Department of Conservation and Economic Development, and the State Water Control Board.

In North Carolina, representatives of these state bodies were consulted: State Parks Division of Department of Conservation and Development, North Carolina Recreation Commission, Division of Stream Sanitation and Hydrology of Department of Water Resources, and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

In addition, meetings were held with the governing bodies and planning commissions of Grayson, Ashe and Alleghany counties.

Appalachian has been working closely with the Virginia Department of Highways and the North Carolina Highway Commission on highways which would be affected by the Blue Ridge Development.



Mr. Johnson Mr. Bowman

Roanoke, Plant Men Celebrate Long Service

Fred E. Bowman, Roanoke division service coordinator, with 40 years, and Donald E. Johnson, shift supervisor at Cabin Creek, with 35, are the two who were honored for long company service last month.

Mr. Bowman

Mr. Bowman joined the old Roanoke Railway and Electric Company in February 1925, hired by W. W. Krebs, now the assistant division superintendent. His first job was to make a field layout of the entire system, a map showing poles, lines, stations, and transformers. He was in distribution from 1935 to 1937, when he moved to the commercial department. He was in rural and residential work until 1960 when he became division appliance service supervisor. He was promoted to his present post in August 1960. He and his wife have two children and one grandchild. Mr. Bowman is active in the Williamson Road Church of the Brethren as trustee and Sunday School superintendent, and is a member of the Williamson Road Lions Club.

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson started out as a filter plant operator at Cabin Creek in February 1930. He worked later as chemical laboratory assistant and assistant chemist before moving to the operating end of the plant in 1937. He served then as turbine room man, boiler operator and assistant shift supervisor until 1957, when he was promoted to his present job. He is a native of East Bank, West Virginia, where he makes his home. He and his wife are the parents of a son and a daughter. He is a Mason.



James Boulton makes an adjustment on a 1912 player piano he has revived.

Player Piano Now Plays

Ever play a tune on a windshield wiper hose?

But it doesn't go woosh, woosh, it goes plink plink, and the genius responsible for this is James Boulton, Appalachian's heating and builder sales representative out of Pearisburg.

He has spent about a hundred hours bringing life back into an old player piano, and it was in the course of the repair work that he thought up the idea of using windshield wiper hose as a spare part.

Mr. Boulton recalls spending many hours as a child at an old player piano in an aunt's home in Norfolk. In recent years, with fond memories, he has been on the lookout for one that he could buy and repair. Things came his way when another Pearisburg employee, W. H. Lineberry reported that his mother had one she would sell.

It had a full complement of 88 keys, but the player section needed repairs. In went the hose, plus some special material to replace the bellows-covering. He replaced sixteen hammers, and put new straps on all of the key action, and replaced missing ivory on the keys.

A test—and it worked, with an excellent tone, and Mr. Boulton has now embarked on the collection of old and new tunes for his old-new piano. As near as he can determine

the piano was built around 1912 by the E. G. Harrington Co. Mr. Boulton's next plan for the piano is to remove the varnish and refinish the whole instrument.

But that will have to wait until his family and friends permit him to remove it from service. Right now, it's too much fun to play.



Mr. Doss

System Retiree Dies In Tucson

James Bradley Doss, 57, who retired a year ago as system transmission general foreman, died in Tucson, Arizona January 23.

He joined the company in June 1929 as a lineman in Bluefield. In later years he was promoted successively to line foreman, system foreman, system transmission foreman, and was system transmission general foreman when he retired because of ill health February 1, 1964. He then made his home in Tucson.

He is survived by his widow, three daughters, and five grandchildren. Funeral services were held in Bluefield.

D. R. Workman Dies In Charleston

Dennie R. Workman, 70, retired station man in Charleston, died February 17, in a Charleston hospital, after a short illness. A native of Manila, West Virginia, he had been employed by Appalachian from August, 1937 until he retired, January 1, 1952.

Services were conducted February 20, at Cunningham Funeral Home, Charleston, by the Rev. Shirley Hammack. Burial was in Madison Memorial Park, Madison.

Mr. Workman is survived by two sons, one daughter, one brother, two sisters and 12 grandchildren.

Cold Job



Maintenance work performed during a recent outage at Philip Sporn plant presented certain problems, as this picture shows. The work was done on Unit 5, an outdoor unit. At ground level the temperature was seven below zero, and at the top fan floor, it was 20 below. Portable heaters and windbreaks protected the men from the weather.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon Division

R. P. CUSSINS from groundman to lineman C.

Cabin Creek Plant

PATRICIA A. HASTINGS from clerk-stenographer to stenographer.

Charleston Division

WILLIAM D. GRIMMETT from groundman to lineman C; JOHN W. SMITH from groundman to lineman C.

Lynchburg Division

OTHA D. HAWKINS from meter reader to auto repairman A; H. M. CRANK from lineman A to area serviceman; RUTH ANN MONTGOMERY from clerk trainee to clerk-stenographer.

Roanoke Division

R. E. DENNIS from lineman A to working foreman; O. B. GILLISPIE from groundman to lineman A; R. E. MICKEY from mail clerk, system accounting department to clerk, trainee, division T&D department; C. F. OSBORNE from lineman B to lineman A; M. B. PITCHES from T&D clerk to T&D clerk, senior; J. W. WRIGHT, JR., from utility clerk, senior, division accounting department to dealer sales representative, division commercial.

Teams From 12 Locations Compete In Tournament

The Second Annual Friendship Tournament, sponsored by the Megawatt League of Montgomery, attracted 32 teams hailing from twelve locations throughout our three companies recently.

The sponsoring league is made up of teams from Cabin Creek and Kanawha River plants, Montgomery office, Kanawha Valley Power Company and Central Appalachian Coal Company.

Locations represented were: Kingsport, Fieldale, Glen Lyn plant, Bluefield, Clinch River plant, Big Sandy plant, Beckley, Logan, Huntington, Charleston, Williamson and Sporn plant.

Winners

This year's winners and trophies are — Traveling trophy: men, Megawatt—6002 (two teams); women, Huntington—2958 (one team). High team series: men, Williamson, 3092 (beating Charleston out by one pin). High handicap series: men, Okey Toney (Central Appalachian) 690; women, Karen Creasey (Kanawha River plant employee's wife) 625. High handicap game: men, Harry Wilton (Charleston) 277; women, Mary Mallory (Huntington) 235.

High actual series: men, John Blair (Kanawha) 630; women, Mary Mallory (Huntington) 479. High actual game: men, John Blair, 264; women, Mary Mallory, 191.

Sportsmanship awards were presented: J. Thompson of Glen Lyn and Dorcas Lindsey of Huntington. Totem pole awards (\$5.00 checks for bowling lessons) went to K.

Epperly and Grace Curry of Williamson.

Started In 1963

The original idea for the friendship tournament was initiated by the Megawatt group in 1963 when several bowlers expressed interest in matches with bowlers in other locations. The idea grew and is now destined to be an annual affair with different locations expressing interest to host the event. Plans are tentatively underway to hold next year's tournament in Huntington.

The tournament, requiring weeks of planning and organizational activity, was under the supervision of Russell A. Fields, tournament chairman, and B. E. Sheets, Megawatt League President.

A buffet luncheon under the direction of Nell Wenzel, Montgomery homes sales representative, was one of the highlights of the day.

Rod and Reel Club Gives Fishermen Annual Prizes

The annual awards meeting of the Appalachian Rod and Reel Club was held in Roanoke January 15, 1965. D. C. Kennedy made the awards to 1964 winners.

K. E. French, club president, said each first and second place winner received \$10.00 and all third place winners got \$5.00. The club supports its program by \$1.00 annual dues per member and is now recruiting new members for 1965.

Prizes were awarded under the categories listed to the following employees:

Large mouth Bass: 1. E. L. Wirt, 2. Curtis Hodges.

Small mouth Bass: 1. E. L. Wirt, 2. Frank Webb, 3. A. H. Gravely.

Trout: 1. W. S. Shanks, 2. John Bostian, 3. Kenneth Shelton.

Pike: 1. K. E. French, 2. John Witt, 3. E. L. Sult.

Catfish: 1. E. L. Sult, 2. B. P. Coley.

Crappie: 1. K. K. Hubbard, 2. W. A. Henley, 3. E. L. Sult.

Among the prize winning fish the largest was a smallmouth bass—weighing 5 pounds 10 ounces—caught by E. L. Wirt. The smallest was a catfish of 9 ounces caught by B. P. Coley. Each received \$10.00 for his catch.

Officers of the club are president, K. E. French, vice president, K. K. Hubbard, secretary-treasurer, Elmo Payne, and advisors, J. A. Lyon and J. G. Harvey.

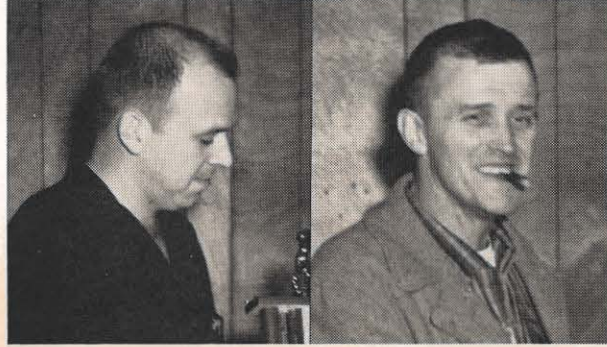
Beckley Employee On Winning Team

Bob Thomas of Beckley, bowled a 601 series in the final match, and thereby helped to win the 1964-65 Traveling Trophy for his team. He has regularly bowled in the competition among traveling teams from all over southern West Virginia. He is a lineman in the Beckley area.

Leaders



Grundy employees are leading the Sandy Valley Bowling League at the mid-point of the season. Team members are, in front, C. D. Stover, Onsbie Yates; back row, S. W. Hylton, J. H. Looney, C. E. Spraker, and Clancy Mullins.



Most of the winners in the Second Annual Friendship Bowling Tournament are shown here. At the top are the Megawatt League teams who won the men's traveling trophy: Charley Walker, Max Stanley, Tom Redman, Russ Fields, Wiley Gwinn, Ken Winter, John Blair, and Harold Higginbotham. P. T. Schneider, right, presents the trophy. Missing when the picture was made were Leonard McKinney and Bill Massey. The left picture in the middle shows the Huntington group that won the traveling trophy: Jean Harbour, Dorcas Lindsey, Mary Donathan, Jeanette Jenkins, and Mary

Mallory. The high team series for men was won by Williamson, right picture, middle row. Team members are Clyde Warren, Billie Lee, Leonard Justice, Jerry Akers, and Jay Runyon. In the bottom row are some individual winners. From left to right, they are John Blair, Kanawha River, high single and high three games; Okey Toney, Central Appalachian Coal Company, high series with handicap; Karen Creasey, Kanawha River, high series with handicap, and Harry Wilton, Charleston, high game with handicap.

Charleston Bowler Joins Century Club

Ranny Woodyard, recently became the second Charleston Kilowatt bowler to qualify for a Century Club Award.

On January 29, Ranny's first game in the league, 147, was about average (140). His second game was 176. Third game, first frame, he failed to spare, leaving two pins. He spared in the second frame, and followed up with a double. Another spare in the fifth frame gave him hope, which turned to jubilation when he followed up with seven straight strikes! Final tabulation—246! This was his average, plus 106 pins!

His 569 series is not high for the season, but with handicap, his 713 series is. So is his 246 actual pin, and 294 handicap, game.

The American Bowling Congress awards a "Century Club" arm patch to any male bowler who rolls 100 or more pins above his average in one single game.



Mr. Woodyard

Clinchers Supply Cheerleading Talent

Continuing the Clinch River Plant employees' past practice of supplying cheerleaders for the local high schools, the 1964-65 group includes Teresa Williams, daughter of Golden C. Williams, cheerleader at Cleveland High School and Diana Jones, daughter of Ruth Jones and Linda Lawson, daughter of Fred Lawson, who cheer the Lebanon Pioneers on.

Roanoke Teams Tie For Loop Lead

The Local Office and Line Teams are tied for first place in the Roanoke bowling league with 11 won and 7 lost records. In second place is Smith Mountain with a 10-8 record.

Bill Sheaff has high average of 178.6 and G. M. Adkins high individual game of 264. Kenny Hern has high set of 670.

Smith Mountain has high team game of 967 and Local Office high team set of 2755.

Hi-Pots Take Lead In Plant League

The Clinchers Bowling League at Clinch River Plant has completed the first half of the bowling season which found the "Hi-Pots" on top.

The Hi-Pots, led by Mason Vaughan, has such stalwarts as Don Jonas, Ray McComas, Bob Caldwell, Gene Wyatt, Jack Farmer and Jack R. Blankenship in the line-up.

The Flintstones took the high team honors, while Charlie Hinchey of the Planets bowled the high individual series (600) and the high game of 254.

Sporn Champs



These are the Tartans, who captured the first half title in the Sporn plant bowling league with a roll-off victory over the Trippers. The two teams finished the half with identical 28-11 records. In front are Buck Tennant and Bill Gibbs; in back, Glen Roush, Jack Johnson, Gene Hesson, and Bub Stivers. Willis Dudding had high average of 181, Gene Hesson high single game of 249, and Delbert Murray had high three game score of 628.

Two Companies Ask Reductions In Three States

Appalachian last month filed with the Virginia State Corporation Commission and West Virginia Public Service Commission for permission to reduce its rates in the two states by more than \$609,000 annually. The proposed rates would take effect with bills rendered on and after April 1. The greater part of the savings would go to residential customers.

At the same time Kingsport Power Company applied to the Tennessee Public Service Commission for permission to reduce its residential and general service rates, a move that would benefit virtually all of the company's residential, small commercial, and small industrial customers.

The proposed new rates would become effective with bills rendered on and after March 1.

Big Sandy Men Offer W-S Ideas

Six Work Simplification proposals were accepted in January from nine Big Sandy plant employees, and M. L. Gasparovic had a hand in three of them. G. W. Miller was involved in two.

Mr. Gasparovic and W. D. England found a way to make the acid pump start up faster and easier; he and L. V. Compton improved performance pulverizer, and with Mr. Miller, Mr. Gasparovic proposed some improvements in the gauge glass alarm. Mr. Miller also suggested a safety device for coal-handling.

J. E. Persinger devised a way to reduce pluggage in the sump pump, and Ronald Marshall had an idea for a vapor condenser for the heating system.

AEP Award Winner Graduates At Ohio

Melinda Hervey Hamilton, daughter of Logan-Williamson Division Manager George E. Hervey, received a BS Degree in Journalism at graduation exercises of Ohio University, Athens, Ohio on January 30.

Mrs. Hamilton was an AEP Scholarship Award winner in 1960, graduating from Point Pleasant High School, entered Ohio University. She is now news director for Radio Station WJEH at Gallipolis, Ohio. At a recent convention of radio and television news directors it was discovered that she is the only woman director of news in radio or TV in the State of Ohio.

Vaughan Picked For Two Posts

John W. Vaughan, assistant Roanoke division manager, has been chosen for two leadership posts in Roanoke. He was elected president of the Roanoke Area Manufacturers Association for the coming year, and picked to head this year's fund campaign for the Roanoke Valley United Fund. He is also a director of the latter organization.



Mr. Vaughan

Mr. Vaughan, since joining the company in 1947 as a power sales engineer, has worked as commercial manager in the old Fieldale district, the Roanoke district, and the Roanoke division. He assumed his present post in July 1962.

In addition to the Manufacturers Association and the United Fund, he is also active as a director of the Roanoke Rotary Club, the Safety Council, and Junior Achievement, and is vice president of the Roanoke Chapter of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. He and his wife and four children are members of the Grandin Court Baptist Church.

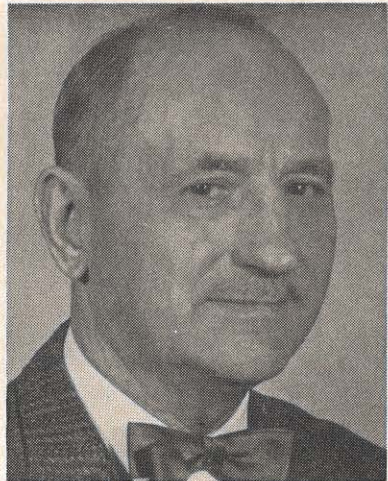
George A. Litsinger Retires - From Work, Not Walking

April 1 marked the close of 37 years of service for Charleston's George A. Litsinger. It was on June 11, 1928 that he worked his first day for Appalachian on the same site where the Virginia Street office now stands. Since that day, he has been in the commercial department, working in various capacities. He became commercial sales representative in 1951.

A native of Hinton, West Virginia, Mr. Litsinger was educated at New York University, and was a high school science and history teacher from 1924 to 1928.

In retirement, the Litsingers plan to continue living at their Beech Avenue home in Charleston. Mr. Litsinger would prefer to move south, but "try and tear a woman away from her grandchildren," he says, "Mildred is virtually riveted in Charleston." (They have two children and seven grandchildren.)

So, Mr. Litsinger, who philosophizes that, for one's own peace of mind, one should adjust to certain situations, is laying some plans for a life of retirement in West Virginia.



Mr. Litsinger

He would like a part-time job in conservation, because, above all else, he is an outdoorsman.

In March, 1960, THE ILLUMINATOR carried a story on his favorite hobby, walking. At that time, he estimated he had walked approximately 51,000 miles in 20 years.

The story was later reprinted in the "Charleston Daily Mail," and subsequently was picked up by Associated Press and released all over the country. As a result, Mr. Litsinger received several letters, one from a George Litsinger in Chicago, another from a George Litsinger in Easton, Pennsylvania. Through correspondence, they discovered they were all related (distant cousins). They still keep in touch.

Walking is not the only diversion with which Mr. Litsinger occupies himself. He likes reading, music, gardening, wood and metal shop-work, being "handyman" around his church, and playing a violin.

Scouts Honor Sears With Silver Beaver

One of Scouting's highest awards, the Silver Beaver, was given by the Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America, to Ammon Sears, area superintendent in the Roanoke division.

The award was one of seven made at the Council's annual recognition dinner at Roanoke. It is the highest award a Council can make to an adult for services to boyhood.



Mr. Sears

Mr. Sears's Scouting activity covers a period as Scoutmaster, counselor on the 1955 Atlantic cruise for the Council, vice chairman of the Patrick Henry district, chairman of the Independent Campaign in Patrick County, and a member of the Council's executive board since 1954.

In other civic work, Mr. Sears is or has been president of the Patrick County Junior Chamber of Commerce, president of the Stuart Rotary Club, chairman of the Patrick County Cancer Crusade, president of the Patrick County Industrial Development Commission, and of the Patrick County Industrial Corporation.

Mr. Sears joined the company in 1939 as groundman, and worked subsequently as meter reader, electrician helper, engineer in the commercial department, and local superintendent. He became area superintendent in Stuart in 1953. He and his wife are the parents of twin daughters.

Recalls Program, Puts Out Fire

S. S. Snidow, Roanoke division auto repairman, has a good memory.

Driving to work one morning he was attracted by a crowd of people to a car parked by the side of the road with smoke and flame pouring from the engine. The owner had exhausted a small extinguisher, but the blaze continued.

Mr. Snidow recalled a recent fire safety program held in Roanoke, and promptly began heaping snow on the fire. This lowered the temperature, and deprived the fire of oxygen. The fire out, Mr. Snidow came on to work.

Moving Day



Moving day draws near for Lynchburg storeroom employees, shown here packing up small items from their shelves. A new service building, ready for occupancy, will house the stores, meter, and line groups, for the first time under one roof. An open house is planned for the near future.



Accepting awards for their winning communities in the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Community Improvement Program from Roger Thompson, left, Kentucky Power, are Marvin Music, Prestonsburg, first place; O. T. Dorton, Paintsville, second; and John Hearne, Catlettsburg, third. (Photo courtesy Ashland Daily Independent.)

Prestonsburg Wins First Place In Improvement Competition

Prestonsburg was the district winner in the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's 1964 Community Improvement Program, and three other towns in Kentucky Power's service area finished second and in a tie for third.

Paintsville was runner-up, and Catlettsburg and Beattyville finished the competition deadlocked for third. All were in the District 7 contest. Middlesboro was the state winner.

Three Categories

The theme of the program was "Opportunity For Progress." Entrants were judged in three categories: commercial and area improvement and promotion; recreation and travel facilities development, and civic improvement.

Rufus Thomas, Kentucky Power's director of area development, is chairman of District 7. Because of illness he was unable to present the awards at the annual luncheon in Lexington, and was represented by R. G. Thompson of the same department.

Clinch River, Fieldale Men Publish "Operating Ideas"

Two men from Clinch River and one from Fieldale are the authors of articles appearing in the February issue of AEP Operating Ideas.

A. L. St. Clair, who works out of Fieldale, describes a color-coded visual map of rights-of-way on a one-inch-to-one-mile scale. By using different colors for different years, right-of-way men can chart progress on re-clearing, trimming and spraying, and as the work progresses, the proper color is filled in on the map.



Mr. St. Clair

Mr. St. Clair reports this map is of real value in planning and budgeting, gives at a glance status of the work, and locates the crews at any time.

L. C. Houchins and J. R. Blankenship, the plant men, wrote an article entitled "Put More Zing Into Employee Communications," in which they described the use of off-beat poster displays in the plant to promote more effectively safety, better housekeeping, and fire protection, and to stimulate sales efforts by individual employees. One display featured a shoe worn by an employee when he suffered a foot injury while using a power mower, and was headlined "Hard Toe or Maybe No Toe." Photographs of plant areas in need of housekeeping publicly pointed a figure at the areas. Later, when they were cleaned up and tidied, other photographs were made and displayed, along with appropriate comments of praise. Another poster was written in Chinese, with the English translation, "Safety First" added in small letters.



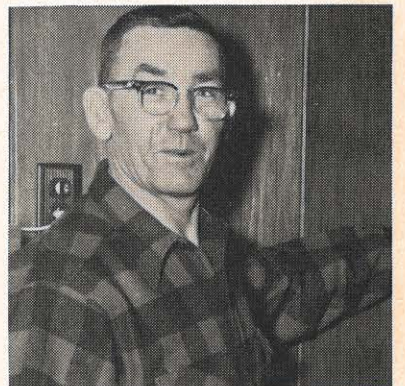
Mr. Blankenship Mr. Houchins

Williamson Man Retires Early

Ernest Bailey, line foreman at Williamson, elected early retirement February 1, because of ill health.

Mr. Bailey was employed September 26, 1928 as a meterman's helper at Williamson. He worked as lineman before being promoted to foreman July 1, 1944. His nearly 37 years of service were all spent in his native Williamson.

He is a member of the Volunteer Fire Department and the Williamson Life Saving Crew. He is also a Mason, Shriner, Elk, and Moose.



Mr. Bailey