

Fear always springs from ignorance.

Emerson

The Illuminator

Gratitude is the heart's memory.

French proverb

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National Award



Kingsport Power Company has received the nation's top award for local advertising in the 1965 Freedoms Foundation competition. Above, Clarence J. Bryan, right, Kingsport Power general manager, receives the award—the George Washington Honor Medal. Presenting it is Kenneth D. Wells, president of the Foundation. The award was earned by Kingsport Power for a series of ads entitled, "They Helped Make America Great." It recounted significant contributions of 21 distinguished Americans, including Woodrow Wilson, George Marshall, Knute Rockne, P. T. Barnum, Mark Twain and Andrew Carnegie.

Children Of Three Companies

Win Ten Education Awards

Ten of the 25 American Electric Power System Educational Awards have been granted to children of employees of our three companies.

"Woman Of Year" Is Employee's Wife

Mrs. Virginia Jones Blankenship, wife of Jack R. Blankenship, Clinch River plant safety supervisor, has been named Russell County Woman of the Year for 1965.



Mrs. Blankenship

Mrs. Blankenship was cited for her active interest in church, civic, recreational, and educational activities over an extended period of time. She is the current president of the Lebanon Women's Club, a Sunday School teacher at the Lebanon Memorial Methodist Church, and a former den mother in Cub Scouting.

Mrs. Blankenship is the second Clinch River wife in succession to achieve this honor. Frances Houchins, wife of L. C. Houchins, was Woman of the Year in Russell County in 1964.

Another award of Appalachian interest is that made to Robert Rude, whose father is E. I. Rude, AEP auditor, assigned to Roanoke.

In the 1966 competition, seven of the \$750 awards were granted to Appalachian, two to Kentucky, and one to Kingsport. Appalachian this year also received the "floating" award in addition to the six ordinarily assigned to it.

The winners of the Appalachian awards are Barbara L. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Brown, Lynchburg; Vicky Crouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Crouse, Grundy; Jimmie R. Fleshman, son of Mr. and Mrs.

W. R. Fleshman, Glen Lyn; Tony G. Linkous, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Linkous, Radford.

Also, C. Lewis Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Reynolds, Roanoke; Thomas L. Robinette, son of Leonard W. Robinette, Bluefield, and David L. Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Walters, Charleston.

The Kentucky Power awards were won by daughters of Big Sandy plant employees. They are Elizabeth Gilligan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Gilligan, Jr., and Rita Ann Spears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Spears.

Carolyn A. White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. White, won the Kingsport award.

Mr. Brown is Lynchburg division janitor, Mr. Crouse is meter serviceman at Grundy, Mr. Fleshman is head material clerk at Glen Lyn, and Mr. Linkous is personnel and safety supervisor at Radford plant, operated by Appalachian for the U. S. Government.

Mr. Reynolds is commercial sales engineer in Roanoke, Mr. Robinette is power sales engineer in the Bluefield division, and Mr. Walters is Charleston division accounting supervisor.

Mr. Gilligan is maintenance supervisor at Big Sandy, Mr. Spears is maintenance man there, and Mr. White is administrative assistant in Kingsport.

Further information about this year's winners is on page 7.

Association Organized For Appalachian Retirees

Retirement from active service won't mean the end of personal association for Appalachian employees.

Announced last month were plans for the establishment of the Association of Retired Appalachian Employees.

A committee, appointed by Joe P. Gills, vice president and general manager, elected three officers to organize the group, draft by-laws, and make preliminary plans for Association activities.

Elected were C. W. Lovell, chairman; M. O. Wilson, secretary, and W. F. Keehne, treasurer.

The purpose of the Association, in the words of the by-laws, is to provide an agency and means by which members may keep in touch with each other, arrange for periodic social gatherings at suitable places, and enjoy the advantages of long-standing friendships and choice associations.

Membership in the Association is automatic, is open to active employees 64 or over; former employees of Appalachian no longer employed by reason of age or health, and spouses of these members. In a letter to all retired em-

ployees, Mr. Lovell wrote that one purpose would be to get together at least once a year, at some particular place, for a week or two, to fish, play golf, have picnics, dinners, bridge games, or tours.

Also possible, and in fact, already been talked about, is a trip to Nassau or Hawaii, or perhaps Europe. Divisional or regional meetings occasionally are also projected for the benefit of those unable to attend the annual meeting.

Ohio Power Seeks Dam Study Permits

Ohio Power Company has applied to the Federal Power Commission for two-year permits to study the feasibility of installing power generating facilities at two federally-owned navigation dams on the Ohio River.

The dams are the existing Green-up dam, near Portsmouth, Ohio, and the proposed Racine dam, near Pomeroy, Ohio. Construction of the latter is scheduled to begin next year.

Appalachian has for 30 years operated generating facilities at Marmet, London, and Winfield, all federal navigation control dams on the Kanawha river near Charleston.

Ohio Power's proposed studies would determine the number, size, and type of generating units that might be installed. At Racine, construction of the powerhouse would proceed with that of the dam.

400,000-kw

Smith Mountain Dam Goes Commercial

The four generating units in Appalachian's Smith Mountain Dam went into commercial operation February 1.

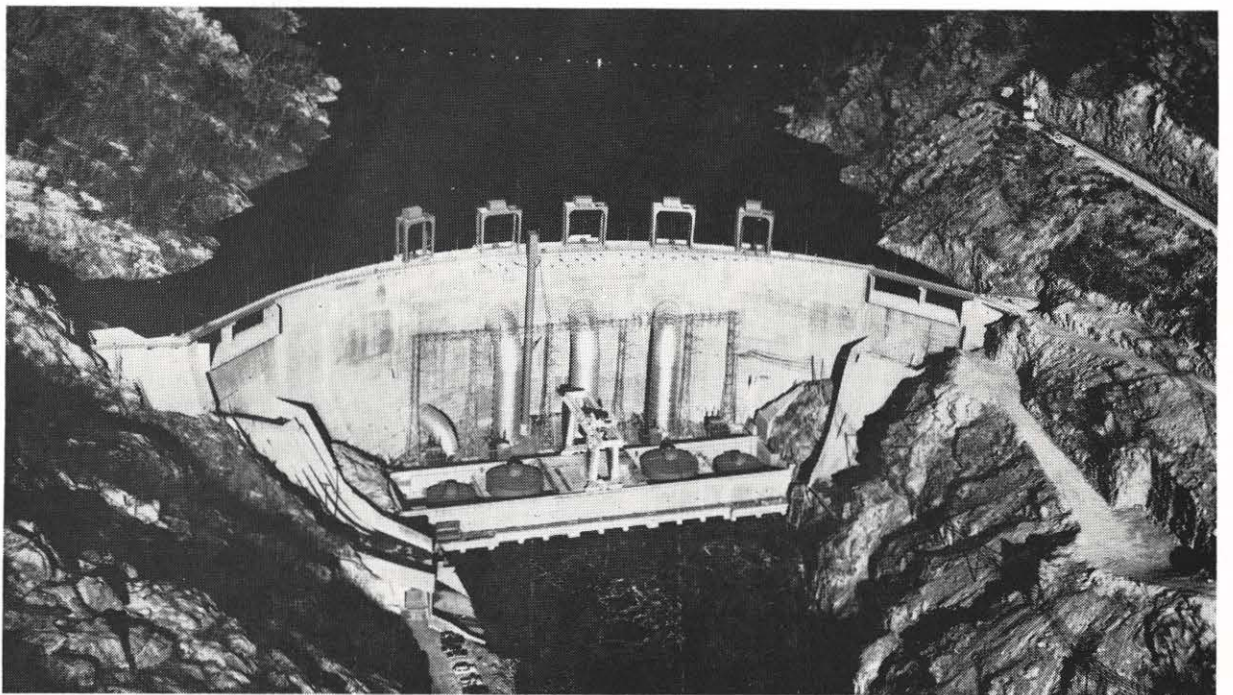
Putting the 400,000-kilowatts of power on the line marks an end to the construction of the development, except for finishing touches. Leesville dam, 18 miles downstream from the Smith Mountain structure, went into commercial operation two years ago.

The 20,000-acre lake created by the construction of the Smith Mountain Dam, meanwhile, was approaching maximum pool as February ended. Over one week end last month, the lake, fed by melting snow and a good rainfall, rose three and a half feet. By the end of the month the level was close to elevation 794. Maximum pool is 795.

Also contributing to the rising lake level was the pump-back

operation at the dam, which draws water from the lower lake into the upper for re-use at times of peak demand for power.

The sole remaining major project now remaining to be done at Smith Mountain is the construction of the visitors' overlook and recreation area. Some grading is now being done for these, and Appalachian plans to begin construction of these facilities in the near future.



Appalachian's Smith Mountain has gone into commercial operation, and has added its 400,000-kilowatts of power to the system transmission lines.

Annual Report To Be Mailed

Distribution to employees of the 48-page, 1965 Annual Report of American Electric Power Company will begin later this month. The report, which details the operations, activities and performance of the AEP System during the past year, will be mailed to the home of each employee. It will not be necessary for employees to request a copy of the report, as in the past.

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The Future Of Youth

Young people today are more involved in the world about them than any other generation. There is all around us a restlessness that is not quite political, not quite social, but perhaps something of both—and more.

Today's youth has more to think about, and more to know, than at any time in history. Never before has youth had such an opportunity to prepare to assume leadership, or to shape it. In the 1968 elections, there will be approximately 13-million persons voting for the first time, and there will be 16-million eligible voters between the ages of 21 and 25.

What thoughts will move them when they enter the voting booth? What ideas will shape their choice of candidates? The answers to these questions carry far-reaching consequences for the future.

If the nation is to remain strong and its citizens free, these young people must see to it.

Youth searching for causes can find them: freedom and faith have need of champions. Young people will march to those drums, only if the spiritual values of our nation and its economic system have been implanted in their minds. They must know that government is a creature of man, and not man of government; that the free enterprise economic system is man's best hope for the realization of his hopes and ambitions and dreams; that freedom—to live, to vote, to make one's own way—is man's greatest gift to himself, and that dying is not too high a price to pay for it.

To preserve these values we look to youngsters like the winners of the AEP Educational Awards, listed in this issue. They are bright boys and girls, certainly; but when you read about them, you will be struck by the fact that they are very much a part of the world around them. They are whole people, in that their interests range beyond the printed page and the laboratory into church work, club work, and the idea of service to their schools and communities.

We look beyond them to the hundreds of others who participated in the Awards program, and even further to the thousands of students whom our winners epitomize.

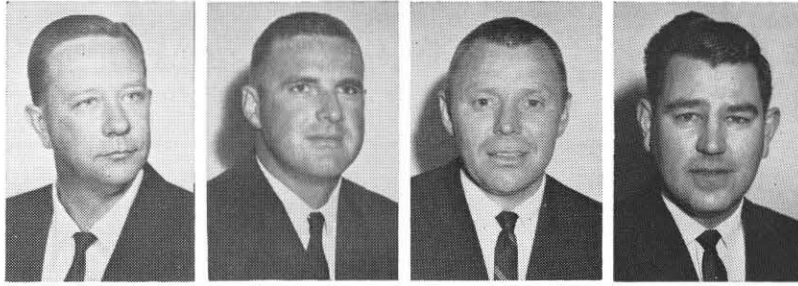
We congratulate them all, and we wish them well.

College Fund



Joe P. Gills, vice president and general manager, has been elected co-chairman of the Ferrum Junior College Parents Fund Committee, recently organized. A fund goal of \$15,000 has been set to help support the school and to assist in student recruitment. Mr. Gills' son, Richard, is a student at Ferrum. With Mr. Gills, center, is S. W. Bowles, co-chairman of the committee, and Dr. C. Ralph Arthur, Ferrum's president.

Four Promoted At Glen Lyn



Mr. Ratliff **Mr. Trawick** **Mr. Crewey** **Mr. Pennington**

Four promotions have been announced at Glen plant, following the transfer of R. H. Walton Jr. to Cardinal plant.

R. B. Ratliff has been named maintenance supervisor, succeeding Mr. Walton. Replacing Mr. Ratliff as plant engineer is A. J. Trawick Jr., whose former post of plant performance engineer has been filled by T. E. Crewey. S. K. Pennington moves up to senior test engineer to succeed Mr. Crewey.

Mr. Ratliff is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and joined the company in August 1950. He has worked since as junior maintenance engineer, test engineer, results engineer, and plant engineer. He lives in Narrows with his wife, two sons and two daughters. He is a veteran of three years' service with the Air Force in the Second World War.

Mr. Trawick started his Appalachian career at the plant in April 1956, and has worked there as test engineer and plant performance

engineer. He is a graduate of Georgia Tech, and lives in Rich Creek. He is married, and is the father of two sons and a daughter.

Mr. Crewey spent three years in the Navy during the Korean War, and later graduated from West Virginia Tech. He went to work for Appalachian in June 1959, and before his present promotion, worked as test engineer. He and his wife are the parents of three daughters and a son. They live in Narrows.

A graduate of West Virginia University, Mr. Pennington joined the company at Glen Lyn in 1958 as test engineer. He lives in Athens, West Virginia, is married, and has two daughters and a son.

J. R. Loving Joins Four-Gallon Club

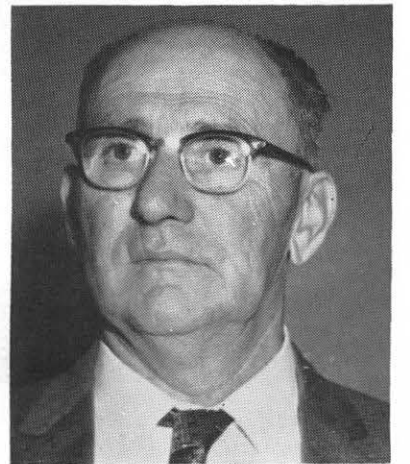
A new name on the Appalachian Red Cross Blood Center Four-Gallon Honor Roll is James R. Loving, Jr., Roanoke division meterman.

He first gave blood when he was in the Army in the Second World War stationed in the United States and in the island of Luzon, and has continued the practice on and off ever since. He feels that giving blood to those who need it is going a step farther than giving the proverbial "shirt off your back."

He joined Appalachian in 1947 in the meter department in Roanoke. He and his wife have two sons, and attend Colonial Presbyterian Church, where he is a deacon.



Mr. Loving



Mr. Parsons

Roanoke Man Retires To West Virginia

Retiring last month with 27 years of service was Carl E. Parsons, Roanoke division meter service helper.

He joined Appalachian in October 1936 in the construction work at Logan plant, and moved later to Windsor plant construction. He left the company for two years, and returned to Logan in 1940 as a maintenance man in the plant he helped to build.

Mr. Parsons worked there as maintenance machinist, and moved to Roanoke's meter department in 1961 following the plant's closing.

He is married, and attends Roanoke's First Christian Church. He lists golf and traveling as his hobbies, and one of his first trips will be to Ravenswood, West Virginia, where he will live in retirement.

McLoughlin Is Section Head In Construction

F. Eugene McLoughlin, plant maintenance engineer, has been appointed head of the mechanical section of the AEP Service Corporation's construction division.

He succeeds Francis V. Sweeney, who resigned to become manager of domestic construction for Sanderson & Porter, New York engineering firm.



Mr. McLoughlin

Mr. McLoughlin joined the AEP system in 1941 as an assistant mechanical supervisor during the construction of Ohio Power's Philo plant. Before transferring to the Service Corporation in 1946, he also worked as an engineering construction supervisor on Cabin Creek, Twin Branch, and Tidd plants. He was a section head in the engineering construction departments, and moved into plant maintenance engineering in 1963.

Mr. McLoughlin received a degree in mechanical engineering from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

AEP System Peak Reaches New High

The American Electric Power System achieved a new, one-hour peak load of 7,202,000 kilowatts on Monday, February 21 between 10 and 11 a.m. The System's previous peak occurred on Monday, January 17, when the load for the hour between 10 and 11 a.m. rose to 7,115,000 kilowatts.

Robert W. Reeves Moves To AEP Engineering Post

Robert W. Reeves, formerly of the chemical section of the AEP Service Corporation's mechanical engineering division, has been transferred to the project engineering group of the engineering department. This group, under R. S. Hunter, coordinates all major generating plant construction.



Mr. Reeves

Mr. Reeves, a chemist with 18 years of power-plant experience, will work in the project engineer's group on construction and equipment delivery for the Cardinal and Muskingum River plants and for the three recently announced 800,000-kilowatt generating units that are scheduled for completion in 1971.

Mr. Reeves joined the Service Corporation in 1948 as a chemist. He was assigned to the Service Corporation chemical laboratory, then at Windsor plant of Ohio Power Company. In 1953 he was assigned to Muskingum River plant as plant chemist, and two years later was transferred to the chemical section in New York.

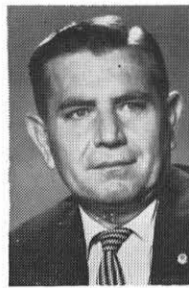
A native of Wheeling, W. Va., Mr. Reeves was graduated from Colgate University in 1948 with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry.

Life-Saving Award

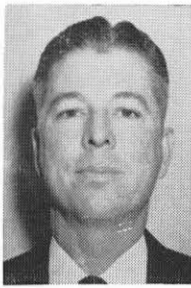


Further honor has come to the two Kentucky Power men whose resuscitation efforts saved the life of a fellow worker last year. The Kentucky Department of Public Safety has awarded to L. B. Morris, line foreman, and Ray Adkins, lineman, Certificates of Merit for their successful efforts following an accident to James H. Ingles, a member of their crew. Here, at left, Glen Lovern, the state commissioner of public safety, presents the certificate to Mr. Morris, while Mr. Adkins, second from right, shows his to C. D. Broughton, Ashland system safety supervisor.

Service Anniversaries Noted



P. C. Gosney
30 Years
Logan-Williamson



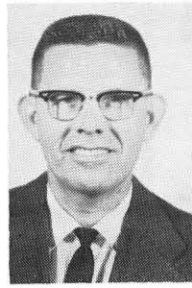
R. W. Ruble
25 Years
Pulaski



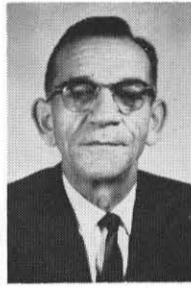
J. L. Dorsey
25 Years
Huntington



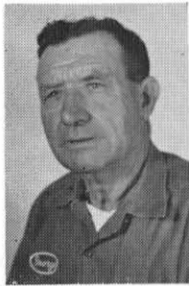
Basil Thaxton
25 Years
Charleston



A. R. Smith
25 Years
Cabin Creek



F. W. Isley
25 Years
Kingsport



George Morrison
25 Years
Kingsport



Chester Smith
25 Years
Pikeville



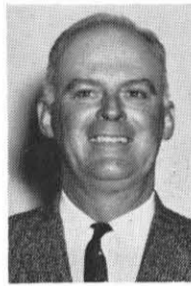
F. P. Wilburn
25 Years
System



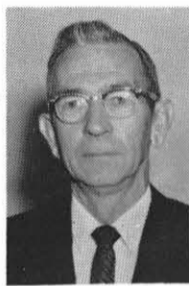
R. F. Cooke
25 Years
Roanoke



G. F. Sanders
25 Years
Roanoke



J. G. Morrison
25 Years
Roanoke



J. W. Eanes
25 Years
Roanoke



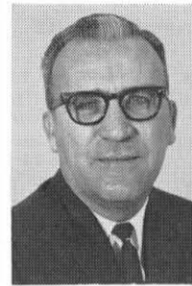
F. O. Smith
20 Years
Lynchburg



Sally Marrow
20 Years
Huntington



C. P. Wyatt
20 Years
Bluefield



J. F. Clendenin
20 Years
Charleston



E. B. Suthers
20 Years
Pulaski



S. C. Weatherman
20 Years
Pulaski



Luther Thompson
20 Years
Ashland



Russell Scaggs
20 Years
Ashland



J. F. Faucette
20 Years
Roanoke



Alice Naff
20 Years
Roanoke



J. J. White
20 Years
Abingdon

Veteran Retires After Long Career

A. B. Correll, meter reader in Christiansburg, retired from active service February 1, after spending his 30-year career entirely in the Pulaski division.

He joined the company in Pulaski's local accounting department, and worked there and at Christiansburg, the latter since 1960.

Active in church work, he is a member of the Christian Church. He is past master of the Masonic Lodge and past president of the Ruritan Club, and is now secretary of the Eastern Star.

He and his wife will continue to make their home in Shawsville.



Mr. Correll



C. L. Miller
20 Years
Logan-Williamson

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

Carl Hedgecock Dies After Illness

Carl R. Hedgecock, 40, system accounting department general bookkeeper, died February 1, following a long illness.

He joined Appalachian as work order cost clerk in April 1947. In July 1959 he was promoted to general bookkeeper in the general records section.

Mr. Hedgecock was past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias, and was a member of the United Commercial Travelers Lodge.

He is survived by his widow, a son, two daughters, and his mother. Funeral services were conducted from Oakey's Chapel in Roanoke, and interment was in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens.



Mr. Hedgecock

Idea Authors Win Electrobucks In Last Quarter

Ten work simplification ideas were worth 50 Electrobucks each for their originators in the selection of outstanding proposals in the final quarter of 1965.

Winners of the quarterly judging were W. R. Wagner, Huntington; C. C. Beard Jr., system transmission and distribution; H. R. Gordon, Sporn plant; William Hulme and D. D. Taylor, both of Pulaski.

Also Richard Youngman and W. W. Krebs, both of Roanoke; W. J. Buchanan, Kanawha River plant; Anna Lackey, Lynchburg, and Ed Jarrett, Cabin Creek plant.

Restoring Ford Is Retirement Job

Pulaski's Red Clark, 33 years an Appalachian man, retired February 1.

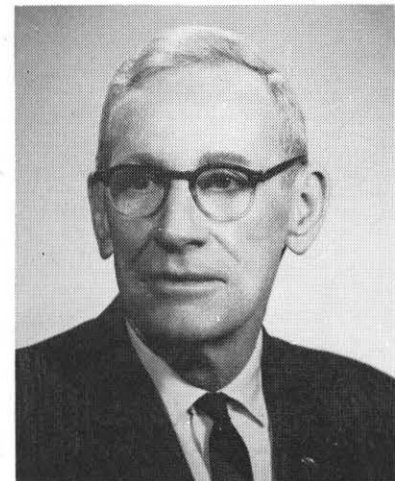
Known officially as A. D. Clark, he joined the company first in 1930 in Bluefield, working with J. P. Jones on substation construction. From 1932 to 1935 he worked for a coal company, and returned that latter year to Appalachian as an electrician at London hydro plant.

He came to the Pulaski area in 1939 when he worked at Claytor, and later at Byllesby and Buck hydro plants. In 1940 he was promoted to plant superintendent for those hydros. He transferred in 1952 to the Pulaski district as T&D superintendent, and became division superintendent when the district became a division in 1964.

Mr. Clark is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a degree in agricultural engineering.

He and his wife will continue to live in Pulaski, where he has done much of the construction and remodeling of their home there as a hobby. He plans to spend some retirement time restoring a 1928

Ford, which he acquired two years ago as a potential retirement project. In Pulaski Mr. and Mrs. Clark are members of the First Methodist Church.



Mr. Clark



Appalachian Power Company

Bluefield Division

CHESTER G. SMITH from T&D clerk, senior, to engineering aide; LINDA BALL from clerk trainee, division accounting, to clerk trainee, division T&D; GLENN B. NASH from lineman C to lineman B; EDWARD B. GREGORY from lineman B to lineman A; JERRY C. MARTIN from lineman C to lineman B; CHARLES D. STOVER from groundman to lineman C.

Cabin Creek Plant

GEORGE PERDUE from laborer to boiler maintenance helper.

Charleston Division

ROSALIE RANSON from stenographer, system area development to stenographer, division commercial; W. D. GRIMMETT from lineman C to lineman B; JOE C. THOMAS from janitor to lineman helper; SAM H. WILLIAMS, JR., from lineman C to lineman B.

Clinch River Plant

EDWARD E. MAMORAN from maintenance man to master maintenance man; GLENN MARSHALL from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; DONALD LASLEY from helper to junior maintenance man; JOHN C. BARRETT from utility man to helper; IRA G. OWENS from utility man to results helper; CHARLES B. HINCHEY from Clinch River Plant to Cardinal Plant.

Glen Lyn Plant

G. R. JACKSON from equipment operator to switchboard operator; A. M. HILL from auxiliary equipment operator to equipment operator; E. J. CANDLER from auxiliary equipment operator to boiler operator A; J. C. WEATHERLY from auxiliary equipment operator to boiler operator A; PAUL NEELY from auxiliary equipment operator to boiler operator B; R. E. PENDLETON from auxiliary equipment operator to boiler operator B; T. T. THOMPSON from auxiliary equipment operator to boiler operator B; F. F. FERGUSON from auxiliary equipment operator to turbine operator; O. J. WHITTAKER from auxiliary equipment operator to turbine operator; J. M. WHITE from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator; C. D. THOMPSON from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator; J. C. SUTPHIN from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator; E. S. FREEMAN from utility man to auxiliary equipment operator; T. E. DENT from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator; G. A. THWAITES from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator; C. D. WILEY from utility man to auxiliary equipment operator; E. C. THORNTON from utility man to auxiliary equipment operator; G. M. GOAD from utility man to auxiliary equipment operator (upper pump); M. H. LEONARD from utility man to auxiliary equipment operator (upper pump); B. A. CLEMONS from utility man to utility operator; T. L. BROTHERTON from utility man to utility operator; B. A. WALKER from utility man to utility operator; L. B. JACKSON from utility man to utility operator; W. H. DILLOW from utility coal handler to brakeman; E. E. BROWN from utility coal handler to coal sampler.

Kanawha River Plant

CLARA J. ARMSTRONG from time clerk, senior, to plant clerk, senior.

Lynchburg Division

CHARLENE L. THOMPSON from stenographer to secretarial stenographer.

Philip Sporn Plant

JOHN T. FERGUSON from auxiliary equipment operator to helper; WILBUR J. STEWART from barge attendant to helper; JAMES L. FRY from coal handler to barge attendant; ROBERT W. GORE from utility man "A" to utility operator; JERRY C. SCOTT from helper to junior maintenance man; JOHN T. FERGUSON from helper to junior maintenance man; DENVER E. WELL from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; LEONARD R. M. ROUSH from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; VIRGIL G. ROUSH from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; ROBERT G. RHODES from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; WILLIAM L. POWELL from utility man "A" to coal handler; GEORGE L. WRIGHT from master maintenance man to material clerk; GEORGE R. MOODY from utility man "A" to utility operator; JOHN W. TAYLOR, SR., from maintenance man to master maintenance man.

Pulaski Division

GLEASON K. SMYTHERS from T&D clerk, senior, to dealer sales representative; MARION G. STOWERS, JR., from lineman helper to lineman C; VIRGINIA E. RORRER from clerk typist to stores clerk; CHRISTIE HURST from lineman A to line foreman (non-exempt); JOHN T. BALL, JR., from lineman helper to T&D clerk; KENT M. SHARP from station man A to station foreman (non-exempt); PAUL L. SOWERS from lineman A to line foreman (non-exempt); ERNEST B. SUTHERS from lineman A to line foreman (non-exempt).

Roanoke Division

BILLY L. ALTICE from T&D clerk to T&D clerk, senior; ANN S. PIERCE from contract clerk to contract clerk, senior; JACKIE R. SCRUGGS from general clerk to pre-audit clerk.

System

L. W. CHEESEBREW from system station operator B to regional dispatcher Sporn Station; F. W. ISLEY from system station operator B to regional dispatcher, Clinch River Station.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland Division

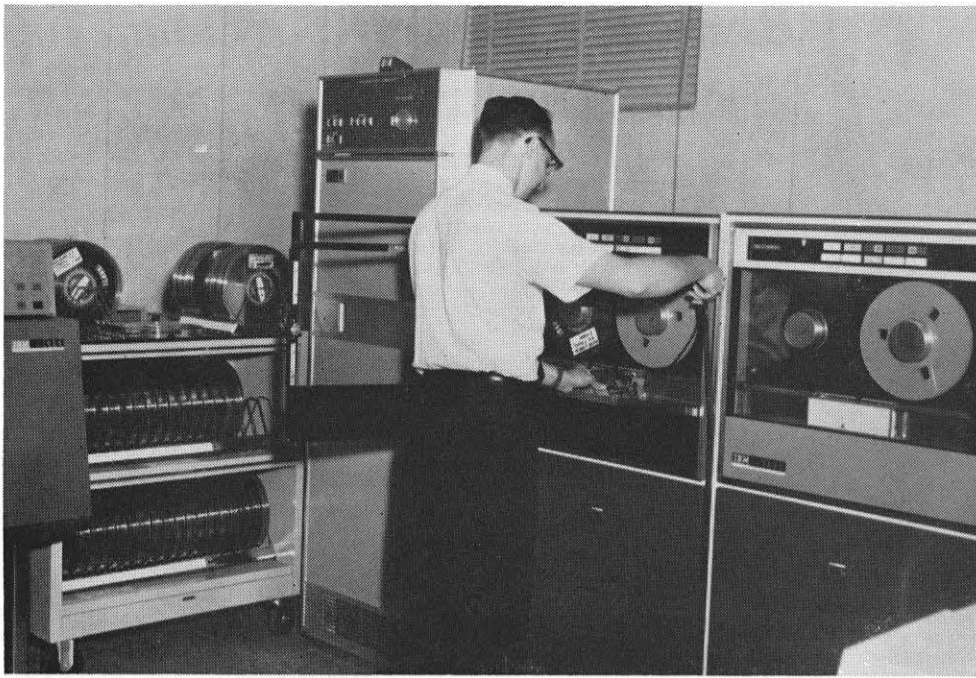
WENDELL PRIDEMORE from commercial and power sales representative, Hazard Division, to distribution engineer, Ashland.

Big Sandy Plant

WILBUR J. HUDSON from junior maintenance man to maintenance man.

Pikeville Division

SHARON CAROL PHILLIPS, clerk trainee, from engineering department to commercial department; TILDEN JUSTICE from PBX operator, senior, to serviceman, line section; DAVID RATLIFF from material clerk to head material clerk; JAMES BAILEY from auto repairman helper to auto repairman B.



Harold Ball loads a tape reel on part of the 1401 computer system. At right, Sarah Young, Jean Thompson, Evelyn Scott, Judy Absher, and Joy Stinson make a blizzard with the tiny chips punched out of IBM cards in the computer room.

The trip from the customer's meter to the customer's mailbox is shorter than ever.

Between the two is Appalachian's newly-installed 1401 tape-oriented computer system, that marks an additional giant step into the computer age. This new system is linked via microwave to the 7074 system in Canton's Computer Center, which presently serves all of the operating companies of the American Electric Power System in the customer billing and accounting areas.

Appalachian's 1401 is the customer accounting part of this operation. It begins at the customer's meter, where the meter reader marks special cards with the meter information. Each day these cards are returned to the machine room where they read by machines, and the information fed into magnetic tapes. The tapes are then "played," in a manner of speaking, to the Canton computer by microwave. There the computer calculates usage and the amount to be billed each customer.

These calculations, plus large quantities of other statisti-

cal information, are transmitted back to Roanoke into the 1401 computer, which prints out the customer's bill.

The trip from meter to mailbox is now seven days long. In the pre-1401 days, it required 15 days. The 1401 makes the trip quicker, and in the process produces essential information in the areas of sales and engineering as well as accounting, all necessary if we are to continue to serve our customers better.

When the present 1401 computer system was installed to process customer accounting, a number of older, outdated machines were removed, along with 139 control panels. There were savings too in procedures, in some cases, reducing the number of processing steps from 15 to one.

Because the system uses tape instead of cards, there is enormous saving in storage space. For example, the information contained in a single reel of tape 10 1/2-inches in diameter would require a stack of IBM cards 132 feet high, or some 200,000 cards.

1401

ACCOUNTING . . . there is no ultimate



Mr. Keehne: "There is no ultimate . . ."

Development and installation of the 1401 accounting system, says Appalachian's W. F. Keehne, is only the latest development in a trend of 40 years.

"The technology of accounting," he says, "has kept up with the technology of power generation and transmission. Both had to expand and grow as the number of our customers and their demands for power grew. They're related. We're in business to sell service, and the better we do it, the more we'll grow."

He talks of accounting as part of that service. "You can't run a 1966 business with 1926 accounting, any more than you can rely on low voltage lines. It just wouldn't do the job. Like the engineers, we're always looking for better ways to do things."

In 1926, when Appalachian was formed and the accounting department first took on the general outlines of organization, the better way was to have a great many people doing all the accounting by hand.

"We had the old Boston box ledgers," he says,

"that opened up this big . . ." and he spreads his hands to encompass nearly the length of his desk. Down one side of the sheet, 20 or 30 lines, the customers' names and addresses were listed, and across the huge pages, all 12 months of the year.

Kilowatt-hour consumption was posted by hand by customer per month, and "we had little charts that showed how much the bill was for a given amount of electricity. Well, it wasn't long before we got so many customers that this method became obsolete," Mr. Keehne recalls, "and in 1927, Appalachian became the first AEP company to install machine billing."

This system was good enough, with improvements, to produce not only efficient results, but also to supply the company in fairly quick time more information about customer accounting than was heretofore available. But again, company growth demanded a change, and the perennial search of improvement supplied the answer.

In 1937 came an improved key drive system, the first designed by the manufacturer primarily for utility billing. This provided additional statistical information on customers, and brought to the accounting operations greater speed than ever.

But this too developed shortcomings as the field grew bigger and the work load heavier, and that brought Appalachian in 1955 to the first of the numbered systems, the 650. "Appalachian was the first AEP company to go to electronic billing," Mr. Keehne says, and recalls that he saw such an operation in the offices of a Boston insurance firm when he attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business. Up to this time the electronic computer was used essentially for load monitoring and engineering studies.

This installation followed the trend of developing expanding systems for accounting. In a few years it became apparent that the trend was continuing, and studies made on an AEP system-wide basis revealed that one major computer center and subsidiary computer centers, coupled with the use of microwave, would serve not only accounting but also load, engineering, and management information functions as well. And that is the 1401.

"But, you see," says Mr. Keehne, "there isn't an ultimate. As long as the system grows, and

Appalachian grows, the accounting part of our business will grow too. It's bound to. And we'll keep on looking for the next system." Already studies are underway on a total management information system, utilizing the 360 computer. Installation of this system is scheduled to begin in late 1967.

Mr. Keehne has, in his words, "been around here a long time." But the developments of the past few years, especially in the area of computers "have been the most exciting period of my life, and I'm glad I was a part of it."

"And another thing I'm glad about—proud of—is this: in all of those 40 years, and all in the shifting from one system to another, with the department always growing, no employee has ever lost his job because of a machine. Even where a machine took over an employee's function, we were able to retrain the employee, and find another job in the company for him."

"The people in this department," he says with great pride, "are wonderful. They've been helpful and co-operative every step of the way . . . and with an attitude like that, we can't lose."



"The people . . . are wonderful."



Presentation of the Past President's Award to John Gates makes his retirement as president of the Beckley Chamber of Commerce official. John, left, administrative assistant in Beckley, accepts the award from R. L. Webb.

Charleston

Employees who contributed their eighth pint of blood during the Bloodmobile visit included J. D. Bostic, Robert H. Clarkson, Tom Craft, John Frazier, Rex Hayes, Paul Hull, Beulah Johnson, Bob Lowther, Milton Scott, Jack Skelton and Earl Stone. All thus became members of the Gallon Club.

Mary Lynn Munday, daughter of E. L. Munday, Jr., was one of 16 George Washington High School seniors elected to appear in Who's Who Among Student Leaders in High School, and in Distinguished Seniors of America.

Bob Selbe and his brother Arnold placed sixth in the handicap doubles of the men's City Bowling Tournament recently, only 30 pins out of first. Their score was 1300.

Howard Sampson Jr., son of commercial's Hazel Sampson, is in the middle of a 30-day leave before reporting to Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

Back at work after an operation and lengthy convalescence is Carol Whittington of St. Albans.

New employees in the division include Larry Dent, Larry White, Charles Tracy, Franklin Payne, and Carolyn Walker. Resigned are Sandra Myers and Frances Smith.

Beckley

John M. Wright, area supervisor at Oak Hill, has been elected vice

president of the Oak Hill Chamber of Commerce . . . Beckley's annual service awards dinner was held last month. Eleven employees who received service pins last year were recognized at the dinner, along with their supervisors.

Owen Bowers, stepson of Lewis Jones, has been assigned to army duty in Vietnam.

Kanawha River Plant

A new Kentucky Colonel is G. C. Fannin, maintenance man, who has received his commission from Governor Breathitt . . . New employees at the plant include Everett Bird, J. B. Meadows Jr., and L. F. Peal . . . A dozen students from the Vocational and Industrial Club of Cedar Grove High School toured the plant recently . . . W. F. Sampson recently told the youngsters in the fifth grade science class at Malden School what goes in a power plant.

Cabin Creek Plant

F. E. Hoyt, safety supervisor, attended the Office of Civil Defense Shelter Management Instructor School at Battle Creek, Michigan last month.

New employees at Cabin Creek are Ellis McDaniel, Donald Young, Samuel Melvin, Gary Hess, Donnie Waugh, and Bernard Ray.

Hazard

The division has six new employees: Sue Whisman and Lucy Napier in accounting; Harold Ogelvie, Paul Alexander, and Willis Strong in T&D, and Charles Cox, stores.

Huntington

The new president of the Huntington Toastmasters Club is Dana Gibson, chemist in the general laboratory . . . D. O. Meadows and L. L. Esque are division employees.

Philip Sporn Plant

A long stretch of 16 months of night class work has ended with the completion of a business administration course by William Weigand, work order clerk. He attended Gallipolis Business College, and he will receive his diploma at graduation ceremonies in August.

Abingdon

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smythers have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They are the parents of W. L. Smythers, Abingdon engineering; Opal Alford, a former Pulaski division employee, and Mrs. Clarence Rosenbaum, whose husband is a lineman in the Galax line crew. Another daughter is Mrs. Ruth Sexton.

Happenings Around The Circuit

Bluefield

Tommy Robinette, Red's son, has been nominated by James Kee, Congressman from the 5th West Virginia District as a competitive candidate for the U. S. Air Force Academy. Examinations are to be held in March.

James S. Dodd, who retired September 30, 1965, has just completed a one-room addition to his home, all his own handiwork.

Glenn H. Reynolds, William H. Vance, and Harry L. Buston, II, lucked out on the early February blizzard. Glenn, a pilot, was at Eglin Air Base near Pensacola, Florida, William and Harry, Air Police Specialist, were in sunny Panama. All are members of the Air National Guard and were on annual two-week field training.

Mrs. Lois K. Rounion and Helen Sue Spangler, secretarial stenographers, were elected to the Board of Directors of the Bluefield Community Concert Association . . . Mrs. Kenneth Myles, Stenographer, was elected Chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism of the Grace Methodist Church, while Bess Hodges, cashier, was elected chairman on Missions. Heber Stafford, transportation, was elected chairman of Stewardship and Finances for the Church.

In other church news, W. C. Kidd, division superintendent, was elected to the Board of Deacons of the College Avenue Baptist Church; Mrs. Lloyd B. Lee, wife of Lloyd B. Lee, assistant division superintendent of T&D, was elected Vice-President of the Virginia Asher Bible Council. James J. Harmon Jr., senior station engineer, was elected chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Graham Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. McKinley Cornett Jr., wife of the division engineer, was elected chairman of the Leadership and Resources Committee of the Bramwell Presbyterian Church.

Robert R. Jones, station foreman, has returned to work February 2, 1966 after surgery and convalescence.

Margaret Ann Whitley, daughter of E. Lane Whitley, division planning engineer, was elected to Alpha Sigma Chi at the Medical College of Virginia.

Welch

Cathy Cook, daughter of Lucille Cook, Welch cashier, has received several honors at Pineville High School and in her church. She has been elected president of the student body of Pineville High School, and taken into the Honor Society, and made a member of "Brain Trust Group." Members of this group must have at least an A average in their grades. She was also a guest speaker for Youth Week at the Cook Memorial Baptist Church.

W. A. Chaffins, stores, has been elected president of the Welch Elementary School Parent-Teachers Association . . . Dorothy W. Lawless, stenographer, has been installed Mother Advisor of the Northfork Assembly No. 33, Order of Rainbow for Girls.

W. L. Mitchell, lineman, has been installed Treasurer of Grundy Lodge No. 17, International Order of Oddfellows . . . R. H. Ruff, power sales engineer, attended the 35th Anniversary Celebration of the Charles Town, W. Va. Lions Club. He was also the guest speaker on this occasion. He is Lions International Director.

Cheryl Green, daughter of J. C. Green, meterman, has been inducted into the Junior High Honor Society at Welch High School. Sonja Mills, daughter of L. J. Mills, lineman, was inducted as a member of the Quill and Scroll at the same school.

System

New employees in system accounting are Doris Ellis and Bobby Chapman. Carolyn Cole has resigned.

Roanoke

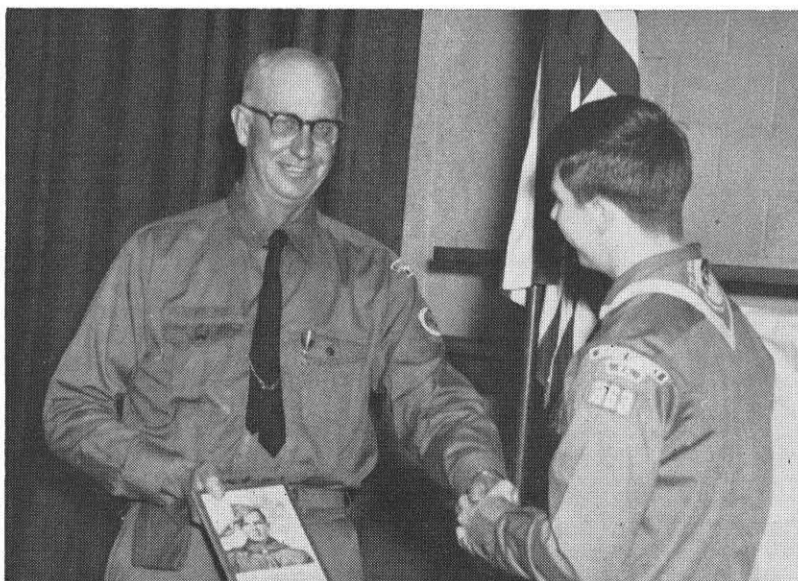
A Roanoke division employee was a participant in a recent tragic accident in Roanoke recently. Mrs. James Scruggs and her husband discovered and reported a fire in a home near theirs, and their further attempts to aid the inhabitants met with failure. Mrs. Scruggs is in the division accounting department.

Mrs. Richard Snedegar has been elected president of the Roanoke Exchange Club, an auxiliary of the Exchange Club. She is also an officer in professional nursing groups. Mr. Snedegar is division senior line engineer.

Jack Cooper Jr., a summer employee in division engineering and the son of Jack Cooper of the division T&D, has been named to the honor roll of Frederick Military Academy.



When Tommy Smith sets up to do something, he means to do it well. This determination extended to his participation in a recent Dale Carnegie Sales Course, from which he carried away six awards, including one for the Championship Sales Talk of the course. Tommy is dealer sales representative in the Roanoke division.



A. G. "Tex" Adams receives with pleasure a plaque of appreciation from Scout Charles Ellis of Burnt Chimney Troop 363. Tex, who is truck driver-groundman in the Rocky Mount area of Roanoke division, has been Scoutmaster for three of the seven years he has been working with the troop.

Safety Pioneer

H. T. Wilson Dies

One of Appalachian's safety pioneers is dead.

He is Hunter Thomas Wilson, 84, who retired in 1946 as safety inspector in Bluefield. He had joined Appalachian in 1933 when he moved to West Virginia, after having worked for a number of power companies in the midwest.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church, he was formerly a ruling elder in the United Presbyterian Church, and was also a life member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

Funeral services were held in Belvedere, Illinois.

Safety Is Served With Breakfast

Fried apples, scrambled eggs, country ham, hot biscuits, grits, and a plea for safety on and off the job were served up to all employees of the Abingdon Division during February.

The unusual safety program, the brainchild of Jack Frier, Abingdon personnel and safety supervisor, was held to give impetus to the company's safety program in the new year.

The breakfasts, prepared by home service representatives, were held in Abingdon, Marion, Gate City, Clintwood, and Lebanon.

After each breakfast, Mr. Frier reviewed the division's safety performance in 1965, and then each department supervisor spoke of the things employees in his own group could do to make his job safer.

Fillmore McPherson Jr., division manager, closed each session by urging employees to "make safety our first consideration."

Plant Men Have Kentucky's Ideas

Four Big Sandy plant men have contributed to Kentucky Power's work simplification program, and one of them, H. W. Jenks, is the author of three proposals.

Mr. Jenks offered a way to eliminate an unsafe oil drain, to improve drainage procedure of a reciprocating dry vacuum pump cooling jacket and to improve operation of a solenoid-operated air valve.

M. L. Gasparovic devised a method to improve coal sampler rotary-division chute drive. E. A. Childers came up with a way to improve binding post design for a potentiometer connection, and D. R. Jacobs, developed a way to assure automatic start-up of diesel engine drive fire pump.

Lynchburg

W. S. White Jr., division manager was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Home Builders Association of Central Virginia, and spoke on the extensive economic growth of Lynchburg and the surrounding area . . . Mrs. Jeanette Almond, T&D, has resigned.

Pulaski

David D. Taylor, accounting supervisor, is co-chairman of the Pulaski annual YMCA drive.

Glen Lyn Plant

Glen Lyn has a number of new employees: H. D. Bradley, W. R. Camden, H. L. Harless, L. B. Martin, B. H. Shires, B. L. Stafford, and D. G. Whisman.

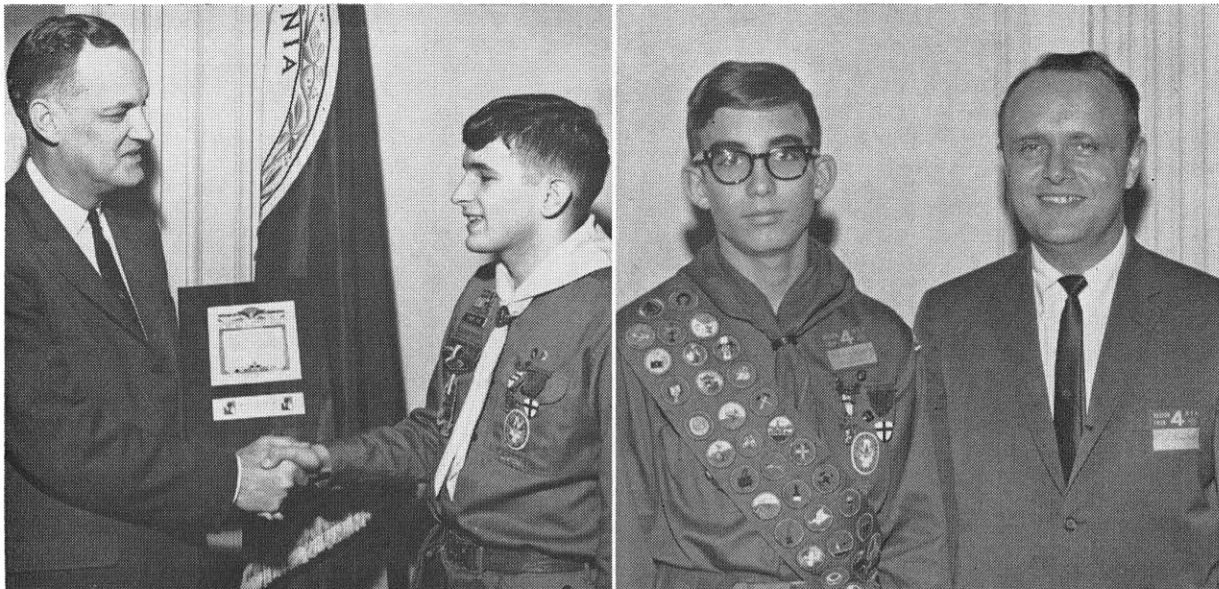
Kentucky

Ashland

Lalo Bradford has joined the company in the commercial department, and James Hutchinson Jr., in T&D . . . Pat Darby of the accounting department has resigned.

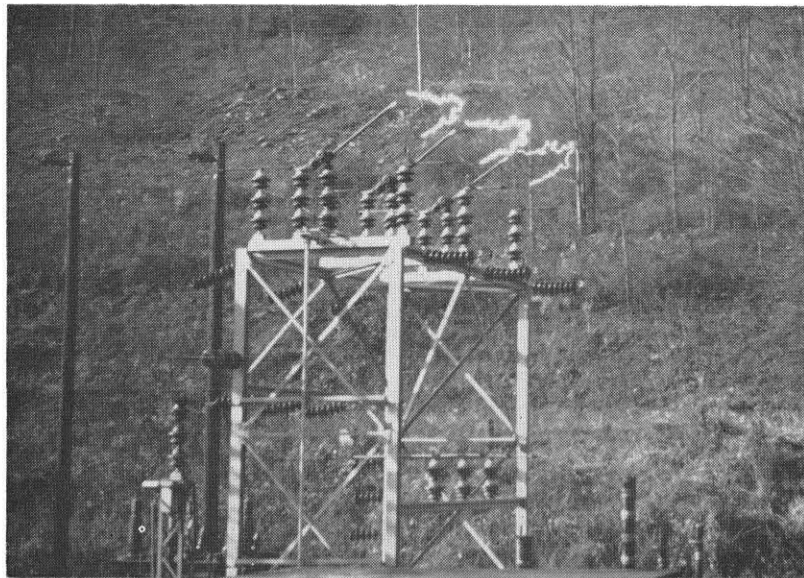
Pikeville

Mitchell Collins is a new employee in T&D.



Two Scouts, one from Ashland and one from Roanoke, paid official calls on the governors of their two states. The Roanoker was Robert Rude, Troop 50, who represented the Blue Ridge Council in the ceremonial meeting with Governor Mills E. Godwin in connection with National Scout Week. His father is E. I. Rude, AEP Service Corporation auditor in Roanoke, and is also an institutional representative for the Boy Scouts. Robert is an Eagle Scout, holds the God and Country

Award and the Order of the Arrow and has earned 40 merit badges. At right is William Holbrook II, Ashland Troop 112, with Kentucky Governor Edward T. Breathitt. William is the son of W. M. Holbrook, head T&D clerk in Ashland. William is also an Eagle, is a senior patrol leader, and holds 41 merit badges. He is also president of the student council at Coles Junior High School in Ashland.



This rare photograph was made by Pete Montague, Bluefield division electrical engineer, when the Coal Creek-Garden Creek line was isolated to permit replacement of a line potential device.

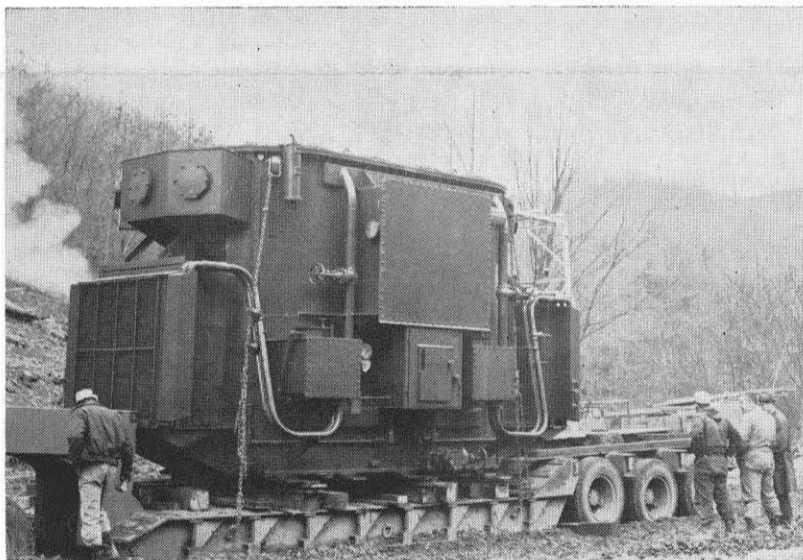


Lynchburg's Apelcoe Club elected new officers for the coming year, and here they are: John Horn, president, Kitty Jessee, assistant treasurer, and James Collins, vice president. Larry Dougan, treasurer, was absent.

Camera Roundup



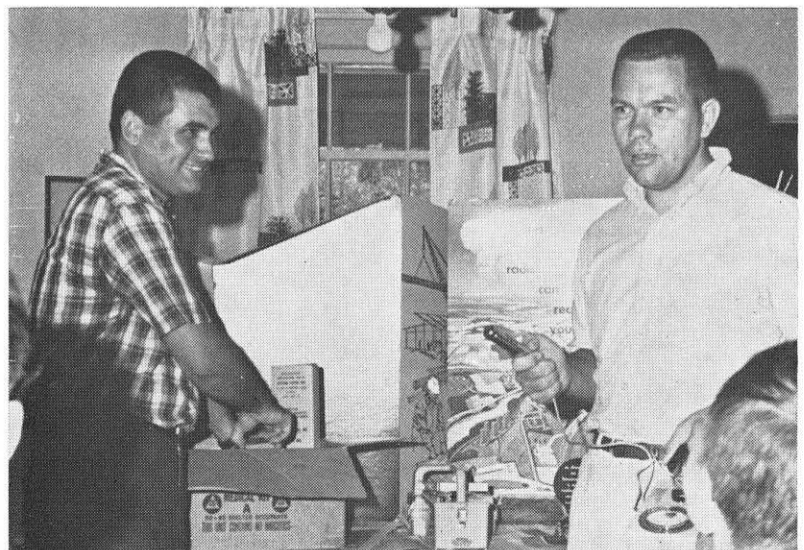
Nick Roomy, area development consultant in Charleston, receives a plaque from the president of the West Virginia Industrial Development Association, J. C. Millin, right. The plaque was given Nick for "his efficient direction and devotion" to the association during his recent term as president, during which he "served with honor and distinction."



This 81-ton transformer really pushed its weight around when it was being moved to the Monte Carlo station in Wyoming County. Being moved over a road that had built up with rock, the equipment still sank. It was raised with the help of 50-ton jacks, and pushed on its foundation with a bulldozer.

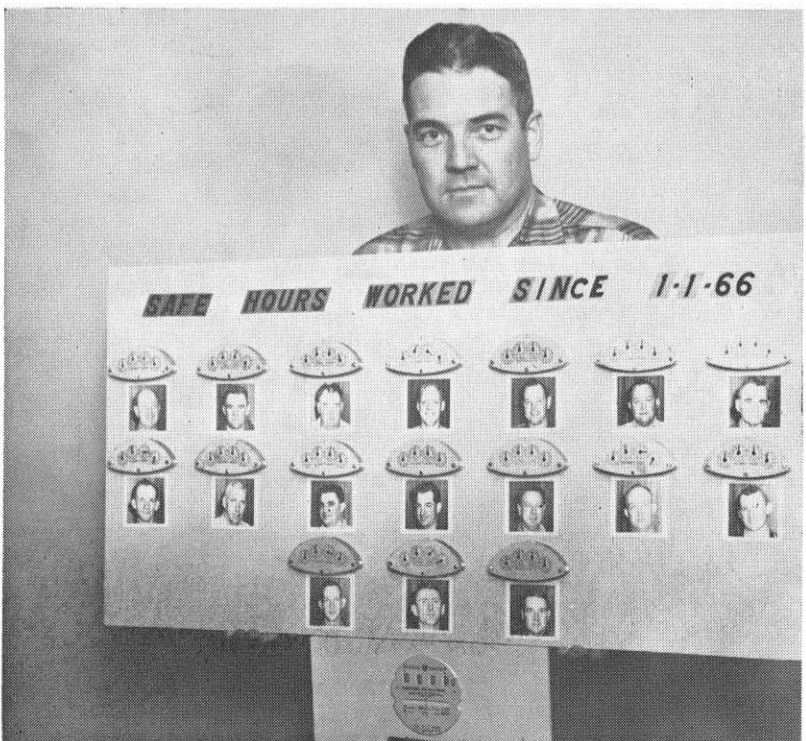


Membership in the Wise Owl Club has been awarded Eugene Medley, maintenance man at Glen Lyn. A half-inch drill bit broke into three pieces, one of which struck and shattered the right lens of his safety goggles. The lens had to be replaced, but the eye was undamaged.



Richard Blevins, right, engineering aide in Logan, demonstrated the use of civil defense equipment to members of the Amateur Radio Club recently. He has had training in civil defense radiological monitoring. With him is James Freeman, who is not an employee, also active in civil defense-radio work.

Pick the man, take his meter reading, and there is his safety record. This is the safety meter idea dreamed up in Princeton by Grady Parker, area supervisor, and shows his man's individual safety record on meter registers. The registers were salvaged from discarded meters, and Grady assembled the board in his home workshop.



NEXT STOP ... COLLEGE

*a look at this year's
education award winners*

Barbara Brown is a senior at Dunbar High School in Lynchburg. She plans to enter college next fall and to work toward a degree in mathematics and a career as a teacher of college math. Barbara is a member of the National Honor Society and has been a member of the Student Council at Dunbar High, editor-in-chief of the school newspaper and school news reporter on a local radio station.

She has also been president of the Y-Teens and of her church youth group and a member of the Future Teachers of America and the Debating Club. Barbara employs her spare time mainly in reading and sewing. She has made most of her own clothes since she was 10 years old. Some of her spare time is spent in baby-sitting.

Vicky Crouse attends Grundy Senior High School and is planning to spend two years at Bluefield College, followed by two more years at Virginia Polytechnic Institute or the University of North Carolina. She has in mind a career in public relations.

Vicky has been captain of her school's cheerleaders, editor of the yearbook and a member of Tri-Hi-Y, the Key Club and the Beta Club. She likes painting, sketching, and sports, but her main interest is teaching her Sunday School class. Vicky has done some clerking in a department store during Christmas vacation and works as a book-keeper in a local establishment during the summers.

At Peterstown High School, **Jimmie Fleshman** is a member of the football, baseball and track teams, the Eureka Science Club and the National Honor Society. An Eagle Scout, he has received the "God and Country" award and also holds the Order of the Arrow. He is a member of the Order of DeMolay, and is assistant Sunday School superintendent and a member of the youth choir of his church.

He plans to attend West Virginia University to study electrical engineering. During summer vacations he has worked on farms and for the State Road Commission, mowed lawns and delivered newspapers. Jim likes camping, hunting and fishing.

Kentucky Power Company winner **Elizabeth Ann Gilligan** attends Russell High School in Russell, Ky. The Ashland, Ky., girl plans to study at a junior college, then transfer to a specialized school for design. She hopes to become an interior designer. At school, Elizabeth has been a member of the Tri-Hi-Y Club, a member of the yearbook staff, and an alternate student council member-at-large. She is librarian of the Photo Club and helps in the guidance counselor's office during her free period. A member of her church Youth Group, Elizabeth devotes some of her spare time to baby-sitting and is interested in art, reading, photography and horseback riding.

Tony Linkous of Christiansburg High School would like to study instrumental music or commercial art in college. He has a firm background in music, having served as president of the school band and student director of the dance band. He has been a member of the All-State Band for the past four years.

At school, he is a member of the Brass Choir, the Key and Beta Clubs, the President's Club and the Student Council. He has also attended Boy's State, is a church usher and a bugler for the American Legion. Tony has worked as a draftsman for a local cabinet shop, played with dance bands and combos, cut lawns and washed cars.

Lewis Reynolds hopes to obtain a doctorate in nuclear physics. He plans to attend Virginia Military Institute for his bachelor's degree and the University of Virginia for his master's degree and doctorate.

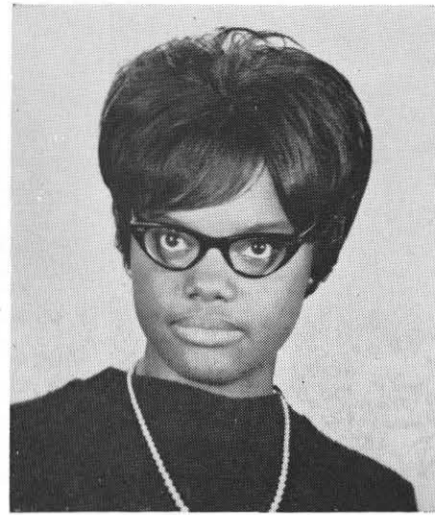
He has had four years of football and track at Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke and twice has been president of his home room, a member of the House of Burgesses and of the French Club, and a laboratory assistant to his chemistry teacher. He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, has served as a monitor, been a delegate to Boy's State, and an officer in the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

A career in bio-chemical research is the aim of **Thomas L. Robinette**, a senior at Bluefield High School. He plans to attend West Virginia University to study in this field and hopes ultimately to attain a master's degree. He participates in many non-academic affairs and has served as district governor of District 755 of the Rotary International Interact Clubs. He has served as youth pastor of his church, YMCA youth counselor and swimming instructor for the YMCA and the Red Cross.

At school, Tom plays varsity football and track and is a member of the Student Council. He is interested in other sports as well and is an award-winning archer. During summers, he has been working as a lifeguard and in other seasons works part-time as a lifeguard at the YMCA pool and cleans a local shop on weekends.

Robert Rude's choice of career lies either in dentistry or political science, which he hopes to study at some small eastern college. At Cave Spring High School he is on the staff of the school newspaper, a member of the National Honor Society, National Thespian Society, Latin Club, and French Club, and is treasurer of the Student Co-operative Association. His favorite activities are swimming, reading, hiking, and bowling, a sport in which he has collected 14 trophies. He is an Eagle Scout, and holds the Bronze, Gold, and Silver Palms, the God and Country Award, and the Order of the Arrow. He is also active in the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

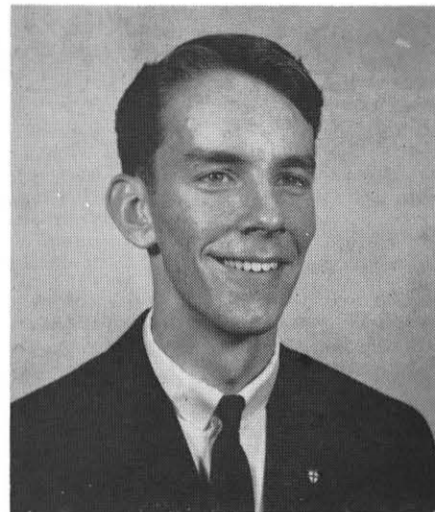
Teaching high school English, physical education or economics is the career at which **Rita Ann Spears** of Catlettsburg, Ky., the other Kentucky Power winner, is aiming.



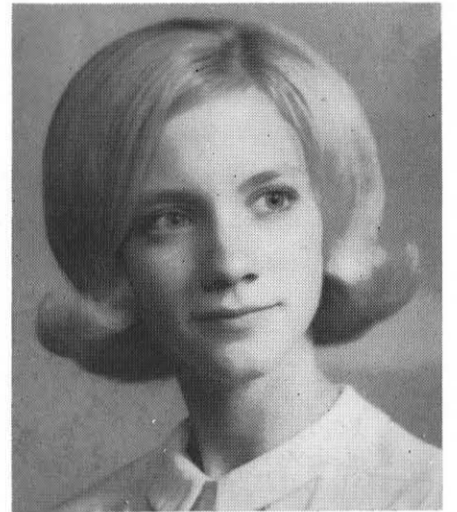
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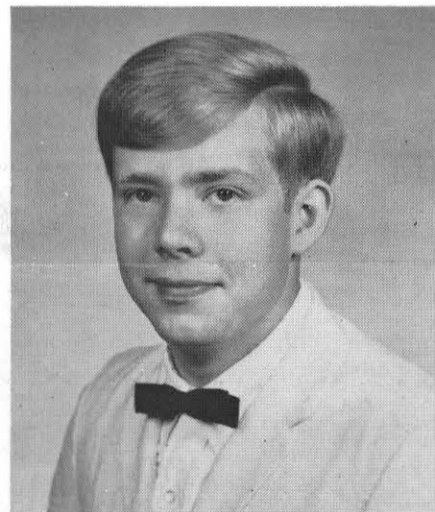
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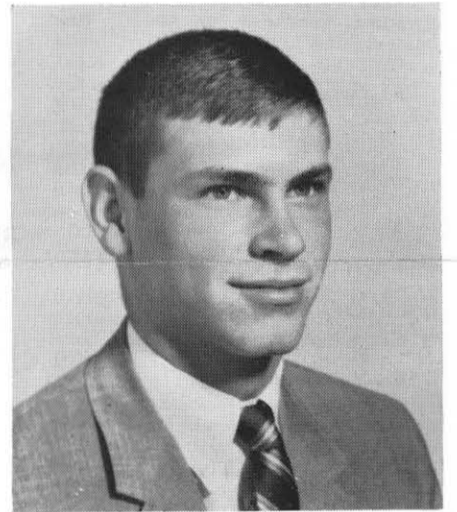
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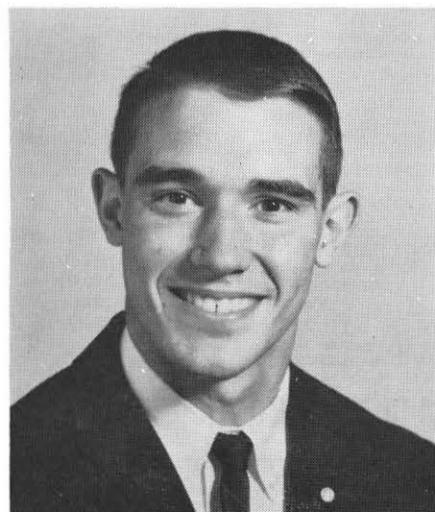
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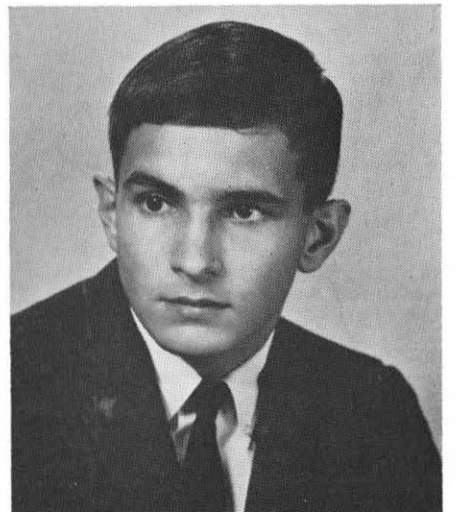
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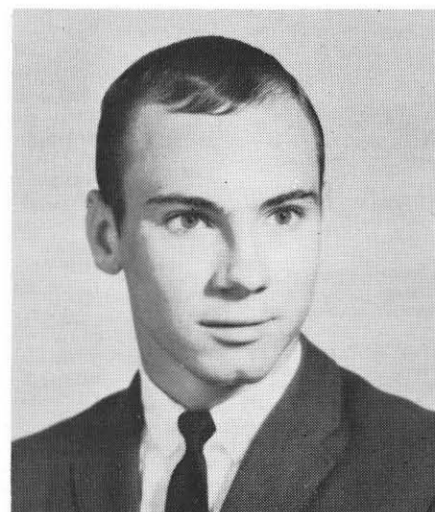
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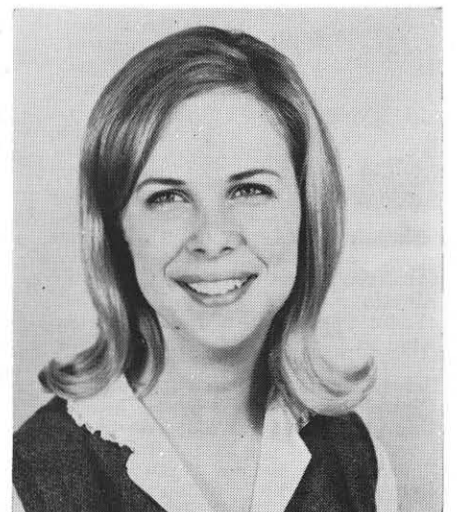
Robert Rude



Rita Ann Spears



David Walters



Carolyn White

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Sandra Matthews Is Named Princess

Sandra Kay Matthews, daughter of Dayton Matthews, Kanawha River plant unit foreman, has been chosen as a princess for the Sixth Annual Tucker



Miss Matthews

County Alpine Festival held at Davis, West Virginia. She is a senior physical education major at West Virginia Institute of Technology. The festival, state-wide sporting event, including skiing, skating and sled racing, was highlighted by ski races sanctioned by the U. S. Amateur Ski Association. Some of the events were held at Blackwater Falls State Park.

Athletic competition is no stranger to Sandy. She is a member of the Athlettes at Tech, a club affiliated with the American Association of Health Physical Education and Recreation. She has been a member of the Tech swim team for the past two years and has won a number of ribbons competing in swimming events, particularly a first place ribbon in her specialty, the backstroke.

She is a member of Sigma Iota Chi sorority, Wesley Foundation, and the West Virginia Student Education Association.

Vaughan Named United Fund Head

John W. Vaughan, Roanoke division assistant manager, has been elected president of the United Fund of Roanoke Valley for the coming year. Last fall, he was chairman of the Fund drive that raised a record \$900,000 in gifts and pledges.



Mr. Vaughan

Mr. Vaughan is a graduate of Duke University, and did graduate work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Georgia Tech. He is president of the Roanoke Chapter of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, and is active as well in the Rotary Club, Salvation Army, Junior Achievement, and Safety Council.

He joined Appalachian in 1947. He and his wife and their four children are members of Grandin Court Baptist Church.

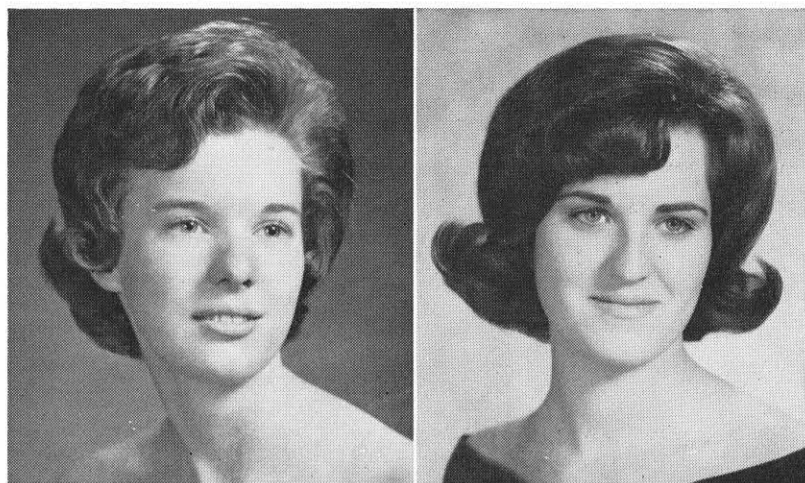
Logan Girl Picked As Valedictorian

Sharon Kaye Cassady, 17-year-old daughter of Holmes Cassady, meter serviceman at Logan, has been named valedictorian of the 1966 graduating class of Inez, Kentucky High School.

She has maintained a 4.0 scholastic average throughout her four years in high school, and is also head majorette. During her seven years as a member of the 4-H Club she has won an assortment of ribbons, awards and certificates of merit and achievement. She has attended Leadership Conferences in Lexington, Kentucky and has gone to Washington, D. C. to the Citizenship Conference as a delegate from Martin county. She is a member of the Pep Club, secretary of the English Club, and secretary to the basketball coach of Inez High School. She attends First Baptist Church, and was selected earlier this year to attend the Morehead Conference of Christians and Jews. Sharon is a school reporter and writes for the Martin County (Kentucky) Journal. She plans to attend Morehead State college this fall.



Sharon Cassady



Married in recent weeks over the system were, left, Mrs. James Kenneth Sigmon, and Mrs. Michael David Oliver, both of Bluefield.

Recent Brides

Mullins-Sigmon

A double ring ceremony performed in the Hemphill Methodist Church united Brenda J. Mullins and James Kenneth Sigmon in marriage February 4. Mrs. Sigmon is a clerk trainee, Bluefield Division.

Lineberry-Oliver

Beverly Ann Lineberry was married to Michael David Oliver in Ridgeland, South Carolina, November 23. Mrs. Oliver is the daughter of Gene T. Lineberry, meter serviceman, Bluefield.

New Arrivals

Ashland Division

MR. AND MRS. PAUL PRICE, JR., a daughter, Anne Marshall, January 22. Mr. Price is an associate engineer.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HURTZ, a son, Mark Sanford, January 21. Mrs. Hurtz is a former employee in the local accounting office.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK ROLAN, a son, Michael Frank, February 5. Mrs. Rolan is a former employee in the system accounting office.

Big Sandy Plant

MR. AND MRS. EVERETTE W. LYCAN, a son, Bryan Timothy, February 5. Mr. Lycan is a utility man.

Charleston Division

MR. AND MRS. W. S. WISEMAN, a son, Dennis Wayne, February 1. Mr. Wiseman is employed in the Rupert office.

MR. AND MRS. S. J. FARMER, JR., a son, Samuel James, III, February 10. Mr. Farmer is customer accounts supervisor, Beckley.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD O. BUTCHER, a son, Richard Wayne, January 28. Mr. Butcher is a lineman helper, Montgomery area.

Huntington Division

MR. AND MRS. RAY T. BEATTY, a son, Scott Alan, January 20. Mr. Beatty is a meter serviceman.

MR. AND MRS. TEDDY JOE McCOMAS, Robin Renee, January 29. Mr. McComas is a groundman.

They're Engaged

JOAN CAROLE DEHART to David Lang. Mr. Lang is an associate engineer in the transmission and distribution department, Pikeville, Ky.

ANN WARD to A/3c Tommy Ferrell. Mr. Ferrell is the son of Earl E. Ferrell, Clinch River Plant unit foreman.

ROBERTA ANN WHEELER to David N. Broughton. Mr. Broughton is the son of C. D. Broughton, supervisor of safety and employee relations, Ashland.

SUE HICKS to James Cantrell. Miss Hicks is a clerk trainee in the local accounting office, Ashland.

LINDA LOU BARKER to Larry Edward Walker. Miss Barker is the daughter of James A. Barker, station man, Beckley.

DARLENE KAZEE to Darrell Cordle. Miss Kazee is a clerk trainee in the commercial department, Ashland.

MADELINE OSBORNE to Edward B. Green. Miss Osborne is the daughter of Liew Osborne, line foreman, Ashland.

LESLIE DEANE ENNIS to David Ernest Gallaher. Miss Ennis is the daughter of Juanita Ennis, payroll clerk, Ashland.

MR. AND MRS. K. C. MORRIS, a son, Kenneth C., December 29. Mr. Morris is an engineering aide.

MR. AND MRS. E. M. COLEGROVE, a daughter, Cheryl Yvonne, February 14. Mr. Colegrove is a meter reader.

Pikeville Division

MR. AND MRS. DONNIE ALLEN, a daughter, Pamela Jean, January 22. Mr. Allen is a rodman.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM W. ZOELLERS, a son, Joseph Edward, February 8. Mr. Zoellers is division commercial supervisor.

System

MR. AND MRS. F. B. MITCHELL, JR., an adopted daughter, Susan Gatewood, November 24. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are employed in the system transmission line department, Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. C. E. GRAHAM, a daughter, Toni Leigh, January 23. Mr. Graham is employed in the system transmission line department, Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. O. B. TURLEY, a son, Michael Ray, January 21. Mr. Turley is employed in the system transmission line department, St. Albans.

Historic Hillsville House Is Total Electric Now

The stage coach drivers who stopped there wouldn't recognize the house now, and judges who presided over the Carroll County court that convened there for 30 years would be amazed that something they'd never seen used—electricity—now runs everything in the house.

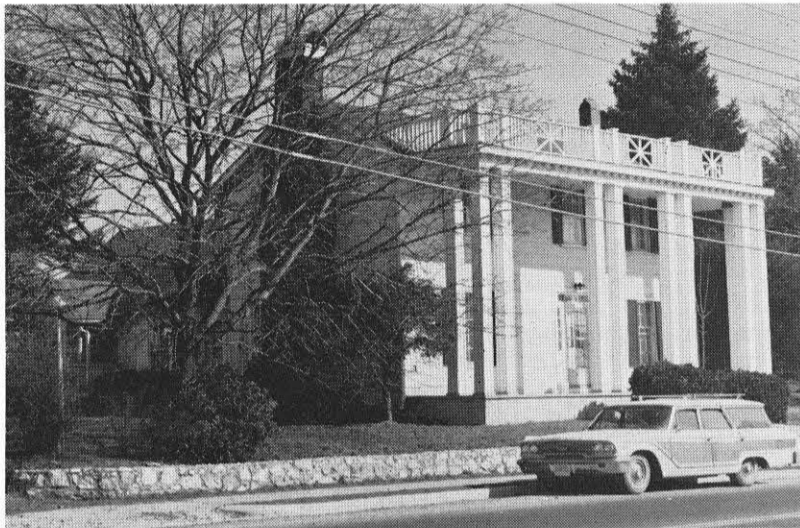
The "house" is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kyle in Hillsville in the Pulaski division, one of the historic landmarks in that part of Virginia. Recently the Kyles had electric heat installed in the house, as well as an all-electric, built-in kitchen. The house has come a long way since it was built in 1842, but still retains the grace that has marked it during its long life.

Joseph Day, a native Pennsylvanian and relative of Daniel Boone, built the original house of

hand-hewn logs. Mr. Day was a farmer and millwright and devoted much of his time to erecting water drive grist mills in the county area. At that time Hillsville was a community of eight to 10 houses and a store, and the road from Fort Chiswell to Mt. Airy, N. C. ran right through town.

It was only natural, then, that the Day home became a relay station for stage coaches. Horses were watered and fed there, and passengers were given meals and often spent the night.

The first court of Carroll County was held in June 1842 in the Day house, and was presided over by Joshua Hanks, Justice of the Peace. Court continued at this location until 1872, when the first regular court house was built.



Graceful, proud, historic—the old Day house in Hillsville has recently been made total electric by its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kyle.

Woman Finds Way To Show Service

Show your service.

That's what Beckley's Emma Jean Wilson does. When she received her 15-year Appalachian service pin, she took it and her five-and ten-year pins to a local jeweler and had them made into a charm bracelet. Since then, a 20-year pin has been added. Along with those four is a 15-year pin awarded to her husband by Piedmont Airlines.

The bracelet is not only a service record in metal, and a source of pride, but also, Mrs. Wilson reports, a conversation piece at any gathering.

Big Sandy Men Honored For Long Service

Seven Big Sandy plant men who received service pins last year were honored at a dinner last month in Louisa.

The senior among them was Homer Matheny, who earned a 30-year pin. Lester McElwee and William Varney both received 15-year pins.

Honored for 10 years' service were Harold Jenks, Arthur Jessee, and Gary Miller. Wilbur Hudson completed five years' service.

Busy Collector Is Talented Craftsman

It was in Korea that an interest in radio and television was first aroused in Clinton Luther, an interest that has since evolved into several hobbies.

Collector in the Fieldale area of the Roanoke division, Clinton enrolled in a correspondence course in radio and television repair when he returned home.

But this wasn't enough, and soon he began building his own equipment. Since he has designed and built several walnut cabinet radio-stereo sets and other sound equipment. He also works in metal, building and repairing farm equipment, and in fact, built his own arc welder.

His latest bent is electric guitars. Two years ago he started building professional models and has completed four. He makes the body of solid wood (the electric equipment gives it its musical qualities), such as pecan wood, with a black walnut neck. He buys and installs such things as frets, keys, and plastic faces, as well as controls.

Although the 15-year veteran is not musically inclined, his seven-year-old son is becoming quite adept with one of the guitars. Now Clinton is making a violin.

One of his other hobbies is keeping, training, and showing horses. To make it easier he built his own horse trailer complete with harness, sulky and supplies, and did so well he has since built and sold several



Sitting on a walnut radio-stereo-phonograph he built, Clinton Luther holds one finished and one unfinished electric guitar, products of his talented hands.

trailers to other horse fanciers. Clinton has also converted his brick home to total electric, helps his father work his Henry County

farm, works his own farm, and is active in several civic organizations. In addition, he hunts, fishes, and shoes horses.



Appalachian Power Company

ABINGDON DIVISION—20 YEARS: J. J. WHITE, lineman. **15 YEARS:** C. E. BAILEY, truck driver-groundman.

BLUEFIELD DIVISION—20 YEARS: CUMMINGS P. WYATT, JR., truck driver-groundman. **15 YEARS:** PAUL W. HALL, meter serviceman.

CABIN CREEK PLANT—25 YEARS: A. R. SMITH, maintenance foreman. **15 YEARS:** H. M. RUPERT, test engineer; G. E. BRIERS, assistant plant manager.

CHARLESTON DIVISION—20 YEARS: JOHN FRED CLENDENIN, head meter reader; BASIL THAXTON, lineman. **15 YEARS:** KEITH THOMAS, customer accounts supervisor; ROBERT CLARKSON, station man. **10 YEARS:** CHARLES E. JONES, station man.

CLINCH RIVER PLANT—15 YEARS: HAROLD V. JOHNSON, unit foreman.

GLEN LYN PLANT—10 YEARS: W. H. DILLOW, brakeman.

HUNTINGTON DIVISION—40 YEARS: AZEL MCCURDY, JR., consultant. **25 YEARS:** J. L. DORSEY, building supervisor. **20 YEARS:** SALLY MARROW, secretarial stenographer. **15 YEARS:** C. E. PORTER, area serviceman; E. M. BOWEN, meter reader; C. R. STREET, heating and builder sales representative. **10 YEARS:** R. T. BEATTY, meter serviceman; M. A. FOTOS, line inspector.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON DIVISION—30 YEARS: P. C. GOSNEY, area supervisor. **20 YEARS:** C. L. MILLER, engineering aide. **15 YEARS:** CLAUDE WARD, dealer sales representative.

LYNCHBURG DIVISION—20 YEARS: F. O. SMITH, station man.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—15 YEARS: JAMES P. GILBERT, results engineer; FRANK H. FITCH, utility man; DANA E. HOFFMAN, unit foreman; SYDNEY P. FITZGERALD, maintenance man; ROBERT S. LUTTON, master maintenance man; NORMAN J. BAXTER, unit foreman. **10 YEARS:** DORWIN D. CLARK, auxiliary equipment operator; WILBER J. STEWART, helper.

PULASKI DIVISION—25 YEARS: R. W. RUBLE, area serviceman. **20 YEARS:** E. B. SUTHERS, line foreman (non-exempt); S. C. WEATHERMAN, T&D clerk.

ROANOKE DIVISION—25 YEARS: R. F. COOKE, division accounting supervisor; J. W. EANES, material clerk; J. G. MORRISON, line foreman; G. F. SANDERS, line foreman. **20 YEARS:** J. W. FAUCETTE, JR., engineer; ALICE M. NAFF, cashier. **10 YEARS:** HELEN E. YOUNG, engineering aide.

SYSTEM—25 YEARS: F. P. WILBURN, system transmission foreman. **20 YEARS:** WILLIE M. HUNT, service order audit clerk. **15 YEARS:** R. J. PINNELL, system electrical engineer. **10 YEARS:** T. L. ROWE, system transmission man.

Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DIVISION—40 YEARS: J. W. ELLIS, JR., records supervisor. **20 YEARS:** RUSSELL SCAGGS, PBX operator; LUTHER THOMPSON, station man.

PIKEVILLE DIVISION—25 YEARS: CHESTER SMITH, commercial and power sales representative. **10 YEARS:** HERSHELL D. CLARK, lineman.

Kingsport Power Company

40 YEARS: OCHAEL B. WOOD, private secretary. **25 YEARS:** F. W. ISLEY, supervisor of area development; GEORGE MORRISON, groundman. **5 YEARS:** EVELYN GREENWELL, PBX operator.

Reddy Says

Fly Kites – But Safely!

Weather report: spring conditions; high winds, followed by small boys with kites.

When the ice and snow have gone—and go they must—the youngsters head for the outside, taking along their kites and optimistically thick balls of string.

As usual, there are some rules to make the sport more fun and safer for all.

Says Reddy Kilowatt:

Always use dry string, wood, and paper in your kite, and never use wire or metal.

Always fly the kite when there is no rain.

Always avoid busy streets and highways when flying the kite.

Always fly your kite away from TV and radio aerials, electric distribution and transmission lines.

Always call the local office of the power company if, in spite of efforts, the kite gets snagged in a power line. Never climb a power pole or tree to get the kite free of power lines.

Next Stop . . . College

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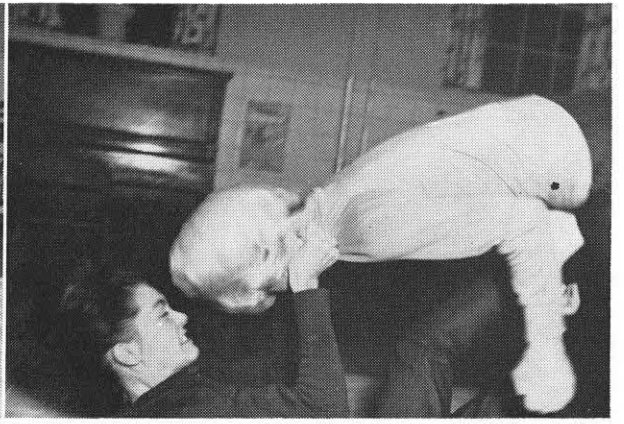
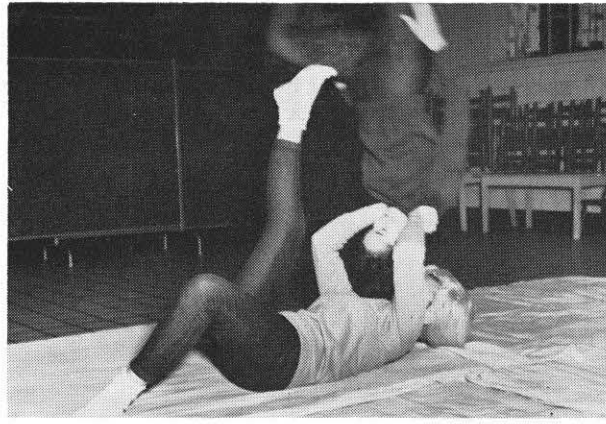
At Catlettsburg High, Rita Ann was class officer in her freshman and sophomore years, and has been an officer of the Pep Club, a member of the newspaper staff and editor of the yearbook. She was elected the school's "Best Citizen," "Most Courteous Junior Girl," and "Best Cheerleader," attended Girl's State, and has been a member of the Speech and Drama Club.

David Lee Walters attends South Charleston High School and would like to major in mathematics in college. He is considering a career in mathematical research or college teaching.

He is a member of his school's football, basketball, track and wrestling teams, president of the Honor Society and the Russian Club, and a member of the Student Council. He also is a member of the Varsity Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, secretary of the Hi-Y Club, vice president of his church's Youth Fellowship and a nominee for the Kanawha Juvenile Council "Good Citizen of the Year" award.

Carolyn White of Kingsport attends Dobyns-Bennett High School and is considering careers in teaching or government service. She is president of her school's International Relations Club, treasurer of the Y-Teens, and a member of the yearbook staff. She has been a member of the student council and a literary club, and was elected a delegate to Volunteer Girl's State.

She has served on her church's committees and with its youth group, been a Girl Scout for nine years, and worked with the Salvation Army on a number of projects.



One good turn deserves another. Barbara Markham, dark hair, goes through the air on the receiving end of a flying circle administered by Nancy Sutphin. At right, it's Barbara's turn to dish it out, and Mrs. Sutphin is just about to be launched. Mrs. Markham is

messenger in the Charleston office, and Mrs. Sutphin, a legal secretary, is the daughter of William R. Malone, bookkeeper for Central Appalachian Coal Company at Montgomery.

Watch Out!

Charleston Girl Sends 'Em Head Over Heels

It's not exactly a complimentary analogy, in referring to Charleston's Barbara Markham, to say that it isn't the size of the dog in the fight that counts, it's the size of the fight in the dog. Barbara, weighing in at 105 pounds, is a member of an advanced judo class in the Charleston YWCA, and any would-be purse snatcher who might have designs on her purse could easily land in the hospital.

This present advanced course follows the nine-week elementary course, in which Barbara learned some basic holds. In the first session, Barbara and her 20 classmates practiced delivering and taking falls. To prevent injury they concentrated on holding on to each other. Now, things have toughened up. There are more counter-holds, more strategy, and each girl fends for herself in man-to-man—or rather, girl-to-girl—combat. A little Karate is mixed in with the Judo, "but not much," says Barbara. "Just a blow or two."

Because she has heard so many derisive remarks from skeptical men, Barbara has accustomed herself not to take them seriously. But the

proof of her ability is always present, lurking just out of sight, and anybody who wants to test it can do so easily. In a demonstration in their front yard not long ago before an amazed and amused audience, Barbara sent her 230-pound husband sprawling in the snow. Everyone present was surprised—except husband Bill. A former Army man who had taken Judo himself, he never doubted his wife's ability, but he preferred to wait until there was a 12-inch snowfall to cushion his landing.

And that, of course, is the whole point of Judo. It enables a smaller person to turn his opponents greater size against him by leverage.

It's not a sport for the faint-hearted. Barbara says that her initial nervousness in class was based on a fear not of bodily injury, but of not giving a good performance. What she calls "a few little accidents" did occur in class,

however. Some torn muscles in one's leg, bruises on another's arm, a scratched ear when one forgot to remove an earring, and some torn sweat shirts.

Would she be capable of putting to use in a have-to circumstance what she has learned? She thinks so. "I'm sure that if I had just a second or two to collect my thoughts, I could take care of myself."

A worthy, if not downright dangerous opponent at Judo, Barbara is an equally formidable bowling opponent. Bowling in the Charleston Kilowatt League, she averages about 161, but she has chalked up series of 600 and 607, one of which was delivered in a state tournament.

She has one more goal: enrollment in the Dale Carnegie Course. "In case I can't win friends and influence them one way, I can always fall back on my Judo," says she.

Walton Promoted, Moved To Cardinal

R. H. Walton Jr., Glen Lyn plant's maintenance supervisor, has been promoted and transferred to Cardinal plant in Ohio as operations supervisor. The move was effective February 16.

Cardinal plant is jointly owned by Ohio Power Company and Buckeye Power, Inc.

Mr. Walton joined Appalachian at Glen Lyn in January 1949. He worked in a number of engineering assignments, including test engineer, results engineer, and plant engineer. He was promoted to maintenance supervisor in July 1965.



Mr. Walton

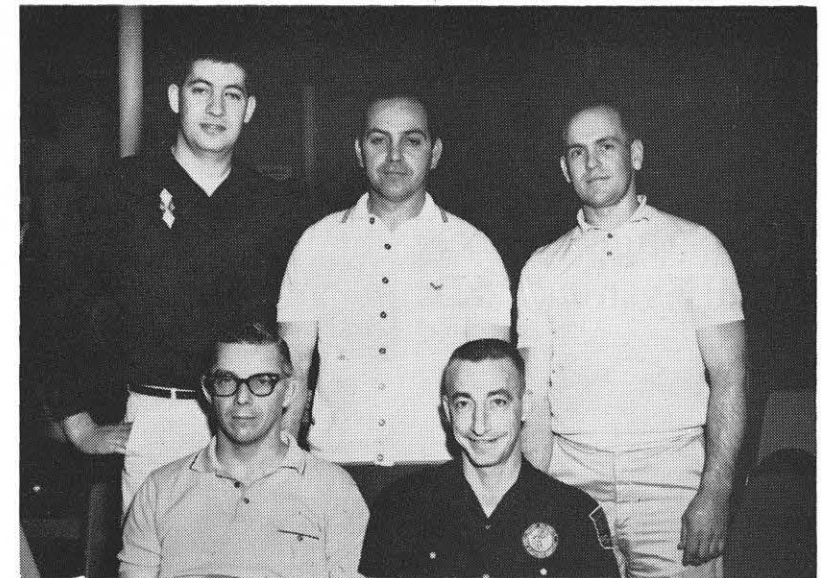
A native of South Boston, Virginia, Mr. Walton holds a degree in mechanical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. In Rich Creek, where he made his home, he was a member of the First Baptist Church, and was asked to fill the pulpit in many local churches. He has also served on the Rich Creek Town Council.

He and his wife have two sons.

Sheryl Smith Wins Judo Championship

Sheryl Smith, 14 year old son of Clifford E. Smith, Roanoke division air conditioning engineer, has scored again. Last month, he won the lightweight and overall 14-year division in Judo championships at Norfolk, Virginia, and represented the Virginia AAU in the Eastern Regionals at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland late in February.

Big Sandy Plant's Volts Win League's First Half



Sporn plant's latest bowling winners: Bob Couch, captain, and Nelson Roush are seated; Dorwin Clark, Gene Hesson, and Harold Russell are standing. Not present for the picture were Billy Thomas and Lou Karschnik.

More first-half bowling winners have been determined in company leagues all over the system.

In the Kentucky Power League at Ashland, the Big Sandy Volts, with a 48-20 record, are the leaders. Team members are Bob Elliott, Bill England, Gilbert Farthing, Wilbur Hudson, Tommy Jenks, and Milton Kiger.

In that league John Ramey and Bo Humphrey lead the league with averages of 171 (for the men) and 152 (for the ladies). This same pair holds high game of 243 and 190, and high series of 610 and 510. In handicap, it's John Ramey again with high game of 253, and Dave Criswell with a 643 high series. For the ladies Bo Humphrey has high series of 618, and Earline Sexton has high game of 241.

The Sporn plant league divides

its season into thirds rather than halves and the Chargers have won the second third. With the other two winners they will have a round robin playoff for the league title.

Members of the Chargers are Bob Couch, Nelson Roush, Gene Hesson, Dorwin Clark, Harold Russell, Billy Thomas, and Lou Karschnik.

To win the second third title, the Chargers edged the first third winners by only one game.

Willis Dudding has the league's high season average of 181 and Pee Wee Wright is next with 180. Pee Wee Wright has the high game of 255 and Bob Gilmore has the high three game series of 649. The Trippers have the high three game series of 2,682 and the Trippers and King Pins have the high game of 953.



Glen Lyn Safety

Glen Lyn employees celebrated 500,000 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury at a dinner recently, at which Joe P. Gills, vice president and general manager, presented the group with a citation. Here are, from left, C. L. Spangler, plant safety supervisor; Mr. Gills, W. G. Bell Jr., plant manager; C. B. Yearout, system safety supervisor, and W. S. Kitchen, system safety director.

Three Contribute Operating Ideas

The February issue of *AEP Operating Ideas* carries articles by three Appalachian men, two of them from Kanawha River plant. The plant men are Earl Adkins and E. M. Pell, and the third is D. R. Huffman from Charleston.



Mr. Huffman

Mr. Huffman's article describes a technique evolved in the Charleston division for residential construction. Part of the technique is the use of galvanized or aluminum conduit to the standard temporary service pole. This makes one pole suitable for either underground or overhead temporary service, and simplifies the contractor's job and saves him money. This, says the author, automatically improves company-contractor relations.

The idea described by Mr. Adkins saves about 480 manhours a year. He writes of a plant-fabricated jig, costing only a few dollars, which holds the links of traveling water screens to permit the removal of worn pins and their replacement by new ones. It eliminates a long and involved process, makes the replacement quicker and safer, and

Wade Sage Retires From System T&D

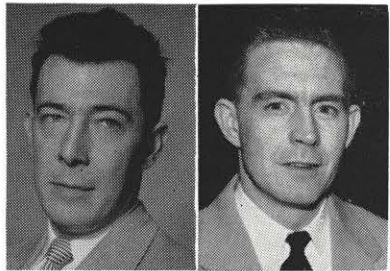


Mr. Sage

Wade F. Sage, who joined Appalachian in construction work in 1923, retired December 31, 1965 with more than 41 years of company service.

He started out as a lineman in the Bluefield district, and later transferred to the system transmission line department. Since 1951 he has worked with engineers and inspectors on major transmission line construction. At the time of his retirement he was a system transmission line.

Mr. Sage and his wife will continue to make their home in Princeton.



Mr. Pell

Mr. Adkins

reduces substantially down-time on the equipment.

By spending 75 cents, Kanawha River plant saves \$150 a year says E. M. Pell, who tells how the installation of a set-screw on the gage movement shaft on pressure transmitters improves accuracy on remote pressure readings, as well as saves money.

C. R. Settle Named Superintendent

C. R. Settle has been named Pulaski division superintendent, succeeding A. D. Clark, whose retirement is reported in this issue.



Mr. Settle

Mr. Settle started work with Appalachian in 1946 with the substation maintenance crew in Bluefield. The same year he was located at Switchback station as an engineer, and in 1951 was named district engineer in Welch. He moved to Pulaski as assistant division superintendent in May 1965.

Mr. Settle is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He joined the company after serving four years in the Army Signal Corps in both the European and Pacific theaters of war. At the time of his discharge he held the rank of major.

In Pulaski he and his wife attend First Methodist Church.

J. G. White, 85, Plant Retiree, Dies

James G. White, a retired employee of the Glen Lyn plant, died February 12, 1966 following a long illness. He was 85.

A native of Mercer County, Mr. White served as a plant guard from December 21, 1940 until his retirement June 1, 1945.

Mr. White was a member of the Rich Creek Methodist Church and was a former mayor for the Town of Rich Creek. He is survived by one son, Boxley White, a former employee at Glen Lyn. He was preceded in death by his wife in May 1965. Mr. White was a resident of Rich Creek, Virginia.

From Three Companies

Employees Celebrate Long Service

An employee from each of our three companies last month celebrated 40th service anniversaries. They are Mrs. Ochael Wood, Kingsport; J. W. Ellis, Ashland, and Azel McCurdy Jr., Huntington.

Mrs. Wood

Mrs. Wood, private secretary at Kingsport, joined the company in February



Mrs. Wood

1926 as bookkeeper and assistant cashier. Two years later she became a stenographer, and moved to the managerial department in her present position in 1933.

She has been active in church and civic affairs, and has held office in the American Legion Auxiliary and the League of Women Voters.

Mr. Ellis

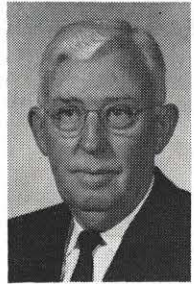
Mr. Ellis, engineering records supervisor, joined the company as a plant clerk in the Huntington division of Appalachian in February 1926, and went across the river to the Ashland office of Kentucky Power two years later. He worked in several assignments in the local office, and when he left the com-

pany for naval service during the Second World War, he was assistant chief clerk. Returning after the war he moved to the engineering department, and was promoted to supervisor of the records department in June 1948.

Mr. Ellis was recently elected master of his Masonic Lodge, and has received two awards for his youth work through the Order of DeMolay. He is also a member of the Elks and Kiwanis Clubs.

Mr. McCurdy

Mr. McCurdy started to work for Appalachian 40 years ago as contract clerk in the Huntington office. A few months later he transferred to Logan as plant clerk. In 1938, he returned to Huntington permanently, working first as safety inspector, and later as safety director, division safety director, and district personnel supervisor before becoming a consultant.



Mr. Ellis

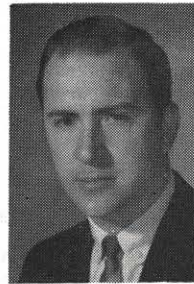


Mr. McCurdy

He is a native of Cabell County, attended Marshall University, and is active in community and civic affairs. He is a member of the Selective Service Board, and attends Fifth Avenue Baptist Church.

Dalton Promoted At Kanawha River

J. W. Dalton, Kanawha River plant test engineer, has been promoted to a position in the American Electric Power System's Concrete Laboratory at New Haven, West Virginia.



Mr. Dalton

Mr. Dalton, a graduate of West Virginia Institute of Technology, was first employed at the Kanawha River plant in June, 1956 as chemist. He was transferred to the results department in December, 1963 and assumed the duties of test engineer, which position he has held up to the present time.

Married, he is the father of four daughters and a son. The Daltons plan to move to Point Pleasant, in the near future.

Walter G. Peck Dies In Bluefield



Mr. Peck

Walter Green Peck, who retired in October 1957, died in Bluefield February 22.

Mr. Peck joined the company in 1926, and spent his career in Bluefield. At the time of his retirement was district credit supervisor. He was a native of Bluefield, and attended Bluefield Business College. Before joining Appalachian, he worked 16 years for the Norfolk and Western Railway.

Funeral services were held at Hawkins Funeral Chapel February 25, followed by interment in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Peck is survived by his widow, two daughters, and five grandchildren.

Paper Labels Idea "Stroke Of Genius"

What our companies call work simplification was labeled "a stroke of genius" by the Bluefield *Dailey Telegraph* recently.

Actually, it's a little bit of both.

Heber Stafford, Bluefield transportation department, applied work simplification methods to a Bluefield civic problem . . . or rather to two problems. One was trying to find a way to lengthen the runway at Mercer County airport, and the other was developing a sanitary landfill garbage disposal system for the county.

Mr. Stafford's solution: fill the gaping ravine now located at the end of the present runway with garbage, and scrape dirt over it. And there the county would have its landfill garbage disposal system, and after a period of time, a filled-in ravine that would support a runway extension.

Said the Bluefield editorial: "Most great ideas are just that simple. And why not do it?"

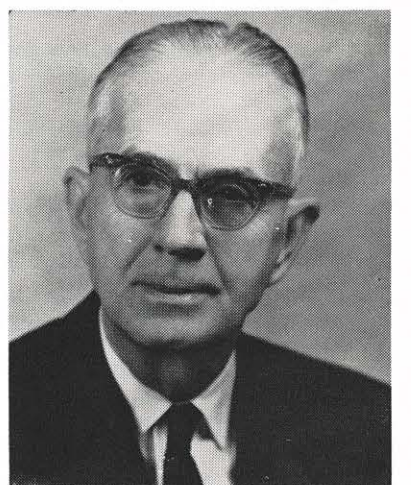
And in fact, Mr. Stafford's idea is now under serious consideration as a solution to two vexing community problems.

Good Cause



In the course of Appalachian's pole inspection program, holes are drilled into the pole to determine its soundness. But what fills the hole? Answer: wooden dowels, made in a vocational training center for mentally retarded adults who would otherwise have difficulty finding employment in the community. The trainees cut the pins to a specified length, point the ends, and prepare them for shipping.

Accounting Vet, A. R. Kiser Retires



Mr. Kiser

Arden R. Kiser, Appalachian's electric plant and stores accounting supervisor, retired March 1 with a service record exceeding 43 years.

He got into the utility business as a plant accounting clerk with the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company in Huntington in 1922. Two years later he was transferred to Charleston. When Appalachian was formed in 1926, he moved to Roanoke. He has worked in Roanoke as supervisor of general accounting, and electric plant accounting supervisor. He was promoted to the position he held at retirement early in 1965.

Early in life he took as his motto "Thou hast seen nothing yet." In an accounting career that virtually spanned quill to computer, that motto-prediction has come true.

A native of Guyandotte, West Virginia, Mr. Kiser is a member of the plant accounting committee of the accounting section of the Southeastern Electric Exchange. He is married, and has two sons and three grandchildren.