We make our fortunes, and call them fate.

Disraeli

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Nothing that is worth knowing can be taught. Wilde

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# **Test Centers Announced** For Education Awards

KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

If you haven't turned in a completed registration form for the 1967 AEP System Education Awards Program for your college-bound son or daughter—better get with it! The deadline is October

This year's 27 awards are worth \$1,000 each, and of course, the competition is open to children of all AEP System employes. All Company personnel supervisors have registration forms and information booklets available.

The College Entrance Board Scholastic Aptitude Test, which forms the basis of the competition for the awards, will be given at locations throughout the System on Saturday, December 3. The examination will be administered and scored by the agency which prepares them, the Education Testing Service of Princeton, N. J.

Winners will be selected on: a) the test scores; b) school records furnished by the applicant's high school principal; and c) other personal information provided by the applicant.

The Company will pay the cost of the examination, but contestants must pay their own travel expenses, if any, to the test locations. An applicant may take the test in a state other than the one he lives in if that location is nearer or more convenient to his home.

Winners in this 11th annual awards program will be announced about February 1, 1967. Once a winner has enrolled in college, his \$1,000 award will be deposited with the college treasurer for use in paying charges for tuition, room, board, books or lab fees.

Here are the locations of the test centers:

### **Appalachian Power**

VIRGINIA: Altavista, Amherst, Bassett, Bedford, Blacksburg, Castlewood, Chatham, Danville, Floyd, Gate City, Glade Spring, Grundy, Lebanon, Lynchburg, Marion, Martinsville, Pearisburg, Pulaski, Radford, Roanoke, Rocky Mount, Salem, Stuart, Tazewell, Vinton, Wytheville.

WEST VIRGINIA: Beckley, Bluefield, Charleston, Huntington, Logan, Nitro, Oak Hill, South Charleston, Welch, Williamson. OHIO: Athens, Gallipolis.

TENNESSEE: Bristol, Kingsport.

**Kentucky Power** 

KENTUCKY: Ashland, Harlan, Hindman. VIRGINIA: Grundy. OHIO: Ironton, Portsmouth. WEST VIRGINIA: Huntington, Williamson.

### **Kingsport** Power

Kingsport Gate City, Va.

# Up In The Air



# **Appalachian Seeks Rate Reductions Of \$2.2-Million In Two States**

Appalachian has applied to the Virginia State Corporation Com-mission and the West Virginia mission and the West Virginia Public Service Commission for authority to reduce rates to residential, commercial, school, and industrial customers in the two

The reductions would amount to more than \$2,290,000. Of this, more than \$1,455,000 would be in West Virginia, and more than \$837,000 in Virginia. The difference is represented by a larger number of industrial customers in West Virginia.

Joe P. Gills, vice president and Joe P. Gills, vice president and general manager, who announced the company's application for the required authority, said that the new rates "bring to more than \$6,880,000 the total reductions in rates made by Appalachian to its customers in Virginia and West Virginia since 1960." The latest move he said is in keeping with move, he said, is in keeping with the company's philosophy of reducing rates at every practicable opportunity.

The reduction in residential rates would affect about 350,000 customers with savings of nearly \$700,000 annually.

Commercial customers in the two states would save more than \$192,000 a year, and large industrial power users would show savings of better than \$1.2-million.

Schools in the two states would save \$197,000 each year.

Regulatory commissions in the two states must approve the new rates.

### **Dougan Featured** In News-Story

Larry Dougan, Lynchburg divi-sion personnel supervisor, was the subject of an article on blood donors in a recent issue of the Lynchburg News.

According to the story, Mr. Dougan "holds the record for the greatest donation of blood in the Lynchburg

area "Records at the Metropoli-tan Lynchburg Chapter, American Red Cross, show that Dougan has donated 52 pints—37 in Lynchburg and 15 else-where." The Appa-

Mr. Dougan

lachian man ing "I've been was quoted as saying donating blood for about 28 years, even before the bloodmobile pro-gram was started. I usually give three or four times a year. That gives the body plenty of time to rebuild the red cells.

"I've never experienced any ill effects from donating, because I've always done exactly what the nurses advised—lie still for a few minutes after the donation is completed, then sit up for a few minutes, and wait at least 15 minutes before leaving the center...It's a personal satisfaction to me. I actually enjoy giving blood.

"It's nice to think that something that causes me no pain and very little effort may result in saving someone's life.

**FPC** Extends Deadline

For Blue Ridge Testimony



Roger Hylton, stationman in Fieldale, closes the reclosure switch in the new Stuart station and energizes Appalachian's first 34.5-kv distribution line from Stuart to Hillsville. This is the first part of a \$2.5-million conversion project covering parts of the Roanoke and Pulaski division. At right is Dillard Gravely, inspector on the job.

# **Appalachian Energizes First 34.5-KV Distribution Line**

The first part of a project to give Appalachian and the AEP system its first 34.5-kv distribution line has been completed.

Energized last month was a 28-mile stretch of that voltage from Hillsville station in the Pulaski division to Stuart station in the Roanoke division. Completed at the same time were

major improvements at the Stuart station to handle the increased voltage. The line work involved conversion of a 12-kv line to 34.5kv.

Work on the Hillsville-Stuart leg of the project started last fall. Also scheduled are conversion of another 12-kv circuit from Stuart to Hills-ville of some 34 miles, and a 12-kv circuit 28 miles from Hillsville to Floyd station. This work is sched-uled for completion over the next

A dozen linemen-trainees drawn from Kentucky Power's three divisions, spent two weeks recently in an intensive Linemen's Training School in Paintsville. Under the eyes of Everett Bush, Hansel Stratton, and Jess Collier, foremen-instructors, the group attended class each morning for a study program including basic electricity, first aid, safety, and other topics. The afternoons were spent in actual climbing situations in a special area in the Thelma station property. At the conclusion of the two weeks, Waldo S. Lafon, assistant general manager, presented graduation certificates. John Scholtens directed the school.

Appalachian Power Company late last month received word of the postponement by the Federal Power Commission of the deadline for filing direct testimony in the current FPC proceeding involving the utility's application to build its proposed Blue Ridge Pumped Storage and Hydroelectric De-velopment on the New River in Grayson County, Virginia.

The FPC order postponed from October 3 to October 31 the date by which direct testimony may be filed by the Department of the Interior, the five intervening rural electric cooperatives, and the FPC staff. (Appalachian had filed its direct testimony with the FPC June 7.)

The FPC also postponed from November 15 to December 13 the date set for the hearing on the project.

The extension was granted at

the joint request of the Department of the Interior and Appalachian, which are currently engaged in discussions relating to Interior's requested water pollution abate-ment provisions for the proposed project. These requests were made by Interior this summer, shortly after the Department was permitted to intervene in the proceeding.

Joe P. Gills, vice president and general manager, said that the company's study of the requests would not be completed for several weeks. He added that it was Appalachian's hope that further discussions would resolve outstanding questions between the two parties.

"Thus," he explained "the extension was requested and granted in the hope of simplifying and thereby actually expediting the entire FPC proceeding.

two years, along with work in the three stations.

The entire project represents a pilot program for the AEP system. Before this project began, 34.5-kv was considered transmission rather than a distribution voltage. The idea was developed to meet the problems of serving about a 700square mile area with a steadily growing load, and with long dis-tances between stations.

In the recently completed work, over 1,100 new poles were set, and 275 transformers of the new voltage have been installed.

B. B. Corker, system distribution, served as the coordinator on the job, working with the Appalachian system, New York engineering, and the divisions concerned. On the job just completed, Scott Haskins of Roanoke, and Dillard Gravely of Fieldale were the inspectors.

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Elements of Appalachian's IBM 650 electronic data processing system are loaded in a truck in Roanoke on the start of a journey to Marshall University in

Huntington. The equipment was presented to the school by the company.

# A Goal To Meet

Everyone sets goals for himself, things to aim at, standards to measure against, achievements to attain.

What's true of individuals is equally true of communities. When a community fails to meet its goals—or worse yet, has no goals at all-it means there's something wrong in that community someplace. For failure to meet goals shows that a community's future is uncertain and its citizens indifferent.

That's why full participation in a United Fund campaign is so important to a community. It's a sign that people care for other people and their needs. It's a sign that the old spirit of the helping hand is still alive. It's a sign people are interested in the growth of their town.

Whether, in your town, it's called United Fund, or Com-munity Fund or Community Chest, or some other name, its purpose is universally the same: to provide funds for the causes and people who need that helping hand.

Scouting, life-saving crews, health associations, youth programs-which of us hasn't benefited in some way from their activities in our own towns? These and many other agencies share, through these campaigns, in your generosity.

So, when the pledge card comes around to you, think of your own goals and your community's goals, and give a fair share to help meet them.

# **On Excellence**

"We must recognize that there may be excellance or shoddiness in every line of human endeavor. We must learn to honor excellence (indeed, to demand it) in every socially accepted human activity, however humble the activity, and to scorn shoddiness, however exalted the activity. There may be excellent plumbers and incompetent plumbers, excellent philosophers and incompetent philosophers. An excellent plumber is infinitely more admirable than an incompetent plumber. The society which scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity, will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water."

JOHN GARDNER, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

# **Companies Reach Agreement On MG&E Purchase Terms**

In an agreement announced re-Cently by all three parties, Michigan Gas and Electric Company has endorsed a modified proposal by American Electric Power Com-pany and Michigan Gas Utilities Company in connection with their efforts to accurre company stock of efforts to acquire common stock of MG&E.

The endorsement covers an in-crease from \$100 to \$115 per share in the price bid by AEP and MGU in tender offers to MG&E share-owners. The increase would apply to both past and future tenders and is figured on the basis of pre-split shares (in early August, the MG&E stock was split 7 for 1). The three companies agreed to join in an application to the Securities and Exchange Com-mission for approval of the new proposal, which modifies an AEP-MGU agreement of July 1, and the tender offers made initially by AEP and subsequently by MGU. An SEC hearing date has been set for October 5.

necessary SEC approval, AEP chose to assign MGU its contractual rights to all stock tendered. As part of the assignment of rights, AEP and MGU had agreed to a plan—when sufficient stock had thus been acquired and after SEC approval had been granted—where-by AEP eventually would own and

# 650 System Presented To Marshall University

Appalachian has made a gift of an IBM 650 electronic data process-ing system to Marshall University in Huntington.

The equipment was removed from Appalachian's system accounting office after a larger and more sophisticated system had been in-stalled to meet the company's increasing needs.

### **Subcommittee Kills REA Bank Bill**

The proposed legislation in the House of Representatives which would have created a multi-billion dollar Federal bank for the REA co-operatives has been killed.

A subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee refused to affirm a favorable recommendation to the full committee.

The legislation was opposed by the investor-owned electric utilities, and Donald C. Cook president of American Electric Power Company and of our companies, was one of the companies, was one of the industry spokesmen who made his views known in hearings on the bill.

### **Steenland Elected To Two Positions**

Peter R. Steenland has been elected an assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the American Electric Power Service Corporation. Formerly an assistant controller

of the Service Corporation, Steenland has resigned

that post in order to take up new duties as assistant to W. J. Rose, who is vice president and secretary of the parent American Electric Power Company and vice president-finance and secretary of the Service Mr. Steenland

"This freed the 650 system," said Hugh Stillman, Huntington division manager, who presented the gift, "and after conferences with the school's administration, we foun that Marshall could put it to use. we found

The system, consisting of three machines and seven control panels, and weighing about 5,700 pounds, was shipped from Roanoke to Huntington by truck.

Marshall is already using a smaller computer system, and the new equipment will allow the university to expand its operations in this field. It is planned that the 650 will be installed in the basement of the Old Main Building, adjacent to the present system.

Dr. Stewart H. Smith, president of Marshall, said that the 650 would be used for instruction of students in programming operations of electronic data processing equipment, and helping with accounting and other record-keeping in the uni-versity business office, including registration and grade-recording. In addition it will aid in research problem solving for the chemistry and education schools.

Dr. Smith said that the larger installation will also permit several other operations. With it, Marshall

### **Columbia Honors** Philip Sporn

Philip Sporn, chairman of the American Electric Power System Development Committee and re-tired president of AEP, received an honorary doctor of laws degree September 22 at ceremonies mark-ing the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Columbia Uni-versity Graduate School of Business.

Mr. Sporn was one of three internationally known leaders in business and industry to be honored at the historic convocation for their contributions to the business world. other two erv degrees recipients The were Gaston Premier of honorary Eyskens, former Belgium, and Sir Jehagir Jivaji Ghandy, Indian industrialist. Mr. Sporn is a member of the Graduate School's Advisory Council.

may be able to offer, on a contract basis, computer services to the City of Huntington, the Board of Education of Cabell county, and commercial organization.

### S. C. Bartlett **Retires From AEP**

S. C. "Bart" Bartlett, consulting electronics engineer of the AEP Service Corporation, retired Sep-tember 1 after 29 years of service.

Mr. Bartlett joined the Service Corporation in 1937 as an assistant engineer and in 1944 be-came an engineer in the then system planning and operating department. In 1946, he became head of the electronics and communications section, a position he held until last May, when he was named a consultant to H. C. Barnes, deputy chief engineer.

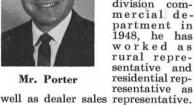
Mr. Bartlett is a 1924 graduate of Worcester (Mass.) Polytechnic In-stitute, where he received a BS degree in electrical engineering.

### **Porter Promoted To Sales Post**

J. D. Porter has been named Charleston division dealer sales coordinator,



moving up from dealer sales representative. Since join-ing Appalachian in the division com-mercial department in 1948, he has worked as rural repre-sentative and and residential representative as



He holds a degree from Morris Harvey College, and is a Mason. He attends Perrow Presbyterian Church. He is married and has two daughters.



Chronology of the acquisition efforts dates back to May 17, when AEP made its initial tender offer of \$100 per share for MG&E stock. Then, on July 1, because of delays incurred in the proceeding for

tne electric assets and MGU the gas assets.

The new three-party agreement provides that, upon payment for the tendered shares, each of the utilities will discontinue all pending actions in state and federal courts and before the Federal Power Commission and, until then, will take no further action in pending litigation.

Donald C. Cook, president of AEP and of our companies, said that the agreement was highly gratifying and added that he was hopeful of speedy SEC approval of the plan.

MG&E Chairman Richard L. Rosenthal commented that the agreement represented an increase of more than \$3 million for MG&E shareowners and that under these circumstances "we feel it is appropriate to accept and endorse the improved proposal."

#### Corporation.

Steenland had been a member of the controller's staff since 1955. He had been specializing in coordination of the design, engineering and construction of buildings, in computer applications and ultilization, and in the preparation of operating forecasts.

He joined the Service Corpora-tion in 1939 and shortly afterward was assigned to the accounting department. He served there until his transfer to the controllership years of service with the U. S. Navy in World War II. Steenland has attended the Graduate School of Business of New York University and has completed the AEP System Management Course at the Uni-versity of Michigan.

# **Retirees'** Association Accepts Two Amendments

Two amendments to the by-laws of the Appalachian Retired Em-ployees' Association have been adopted, following system-wide organizational meetings.

The first called for establishment of a local chapter of the Association in each division, with election of a chairman, secretary, and treasurer. The chairman of each chapter would automatically become a member of the board of directors of the executive committee.

The second amendment approved established dues of \$1.00 per retired employee. Half of the dues would be retained in the local chapter for small incidental expenses, the other half would go to the executive organization for similar expenses.

Copies of the revised by-laws will be sent to all retired employees.

Also to be mailed is a list of activities which local chapters can enter into with a request that members or potential members check the items they are most interested in. From this information, the executive committee can begin to plan group activities.

Officers of the executive group are M. O. Wilson, W. F. Keehne, and C. W. Lovell.

October, 1966



This simple contemporary design is the basic configuration of three office and service buildings Ken-tucky Power Company will construct this winter. The

three, costing more than \$330,000, will be located in Whitesburg, Grayson, and Prestonsburg. A drive-up window is at the left.

# **Kentucky Plans Service Buildings**

A new office and service building will be built in each of Kentucky Power's three divisions.

Plans for the three buildings were announced locally last month by the division managers concerned. All three are of the same general design, and will cost a total in excess of \$330,000.

The buildings will be located in Whitesburg, in the Hazard division; Grayson, in the Ashland division and Prestonsburg, in the Pikeville division. Completion of each is expected this winter. These three points serve areas which anticipate considerable arouth as trade and considerable growth as trade and industrial centers, and the buildings will permit Kentucky Power to meet the expected increased demand for electric service.

Each building will feature a drive-up window for customer convenience and will be heated and cooled electrically. A conference-type meeting room will be available for civic meetings, and more room

for display of electric appliances and electric heating equipment is also included.

Accounting and commercial de-partments will have office space, and facilities for line crews and their equipment are part of the buildings to put all local company

functions under one roof. The company's service vehicles will be stored at the rear of the building.

### John Hudnall **Retires From Plant**

## Forde Duckworth **Dies In Hospital**

division meter superintendent, died of a heart attack in a Roanoke hospital September 11. He was 63. He joined the company in 1927, and except for a short period, remained in meter work for his entire

He is survived by his widow, a son and a daughter.

Forde D. Duckworth, Roanoke

career. He was made division meter supervisor in November 1960.



### **Appalachian Power Company**

**Bluefield Division** 

DWIGHT E. MEADOWS from meter reader to lineman.

#### **Cabin Creek Plant**

DONALD R. YOUNG from laborer to boiler operator. SAMUEL L. MELVIN from laborer to turbine auxiliary equipment operator.

#### **Clinch River Plant**

ROGER L. BREEDING from laborer to utility man. JAMES DON BARTON from laborer to utility man. PAUL C. KISER from utility coal handler to coal equipment operator. FORD O. JACKSON from utility coal handler to coal equipment operator. G. WOODY HACKNEY from utility coal handler to coal equipment operator. CLARENCE B. PARROTT from yard helper to utility coal handler. CLITUS W. MUSICK from yard helper to utility coal handler.

**Huntington Division** J. A. KOVICH from appraisal engineer to electrical engineer.

Lynchburg Division

E. V. PROEHL from station man-B to station man-A. W. A. ROBERTSON from station man-B to station man-A. J. H. PORTER from station man-C to station man-B. T. M. SANDIDGE from maintenance man to station man-A. S. S. GILBERT from hydro operator-B to station man-B. DAVID E. BOOTH from hydro operator-B to station man-B. HUGH M. T. GARRISON from maintenance man to station man. L. G. RAMSEY from assistant hydro operator to station man. W. B. SPENCER from assistant hydro operator to station man. G. E. ELDER from maintenance man to station foreman.

# Arnold, Roush, Jeffers **Promoted At Sporn Plant**

Promotions affecting three men in the operating department of Philip Sporn plant have been announced.

Keith E. Arnold has been named shift operating engineer, and George A. Jeffers and Richard E. Roush were promoted to assistant shift operating engineers. All three moves were effective October 1.

operator be-fore he was transferred to Sporn plant in



Mr. Roush **Mr. Jeffers** 

New Haven with his wife and three children. Mr. Roush has been at Sporn

plant since construction. He was a plant since construction. He was a diesel plant operator while the plant was being built in the first half of 1949. In July of that year he transferred to coal handler, and later became auxiliary equipment operator, and assistant control operator. He was promoted to unit foreman in November 1952. Mr. Roush also served in the Army. He and his wife have three children. and his wife have three children, and live on a farm near New Haven.

### **Kentucky Helps** Industry's Plans

Kentucky Power has sold a tract of nearly 200 acres to Kenwood Products, Inc. for the site of a new wood-processing complex in Paints-ville. Kentucky Power had acquired the land two years ago, when the Paintsville Chamber of Commerce began efforts to locate the industry there.

A public fund-raising effort at that time fell short, and the power company stepped in to buy the land and hold it for the day, which occurred last month, when Kenwood was prepared to buy the site. Kenwood is now ready to start construction on the complex.

### H. V. Wise, 79, **Dies In Charleston**

Harry V. Wise, 79, retired sub-station operator in Charleston, died September 8 at his home in South Charleston. He began his company service

He began his company service with the predecessor company, the West Virginia Water and Electric Company, in Charleston on July 1, 1922, as an operator at the old Slack Street power plant. After his service as an operator at the power plant ended, he became affiliated with the substation section of the with the substation section of the company where he remained as a station operator until his retire-ment. His retirement January 1, 1952 ended 29 years of service with the company.

He was an active member of The First Baptist Church of South Charleston. He is survived by his widow, Anna, two daughters and one son. A brother, Fred, is a retired Appalachian employee.

Services were conducted at Snodgrass Funeral Home, South Charleston, Saturday, September 10. Burial was at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Putnam County,

September 1. Mr. Hancock was first employed by the company on November 26, 1945 as a clerk. On Au-gust 16, 1946 he was trans-ferred to John Sanford Hudnall, a veteran of 36 years' service at Cabin Creek plant, retired September 1. groundman and after a

series of promotions, be-

two sons.

He started out in March 1930 as a repairman at the plant, and worked later as maintenance man He is a graduate of Mark Twain and mechanical maintenance man before he was promoted in April High School, and is a member of the Elks, Moose and the Beckley 1954 to mechanical maintenance mechanic. He held this position until his retirement. Presbyterian Church. He and his wife Elizabeth make their home in Beckley with their

On retirement he was presented with gifts from the mechanical maintenance department and from the plant employees at large.

Mr. Hudnall

# **Baseball Calls Joe Donegan** For Retirement Pleasure

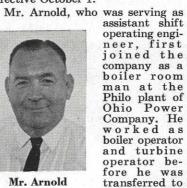
Joe W. Donegan, Charleston division area serviceman, closed out with retirement October 1 a career of more than 42 years. It began in April 1924, when he

went to work as groundman for the West Virginia Water and Electric Company, an Appalachian prede-cessor. In the years that followed, during which the company became worked as a lineman and trouble-man. In April 1953 he was pro-moted to area serviceman at St. Albans, the job he held at retirement.

A sportsman all of his life, Mr. Donegan is especially interested in baseball. In the 1920's he was an outstanding pitcher for the power ompany t ms in a f league. In later years he played on teams from other industrial plants in the Charleston area, and still later he formed an Old Timers Club, which often played exhibition games preceding professional games. As recently as 1964 he pitched three innings for the Old Timers in exhibition. He takes his baseball so seriously that he has bought a 22-foot mobile home, and plans to spend early spring touring major league base-ball training camps in Florida. He and Mrs. Donegan will be in Florida from December 1 to April 1 each year. For the rest of the year they will continue to live in the year they will home in St. Albans. When they return each April, they will be welcomed home by a family which includes five daughters, a son, a step-daughter and two step-sons, and 29 grandchildren.



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1949 as operator. He was named assistant shift operating engineer in June 1950. Mr. Arnold lives with his wife in New Haven, W. Va. They have two married children.

Moving up from unit foreman was Mr. Jeffers. His career with the

company started at Sporn plant in August 1950. He worked as a laborer, auxiliary equipment opera-

tor, and assistant unit operator be-

fore he was promoted to unit fore-

man in November 1952. He is a

veteran of four years' service in the Army Signal Corps, and lives in

**HancockPromoted** 

**ToStationForeman** 

### Paul P. Hancock has been promoted from area serviceman to station foreman in the Beckley area. The move was effective

### **Philip Sporn Plant**

GEORGE R. MOODY from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator. TERRY M. HENRY from utility man to utility operator. GEORGE C. WHITE from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator. JOHN M. ROTTGEN from helper to maintenance man. PAUL E. ZERKLE from utility man to utility operator. GEORGE R. JOHNSON from auxiliary equipment operator to results helper. LAWRENCE G. CLARK from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator. WILLIAM K. CURTIS from utility man to utility operator. BILLY L. THOMAS from results helper to instrument maintenance man. OREN L. WRIGHT from auxiliary equipment operator to equipment operator.

#### **Roanoke** Division

KENNETH W. WINGER from meter service helper-A to meter serviceman-C. GEORGE W. CONNER from meter service helper to meter serviceman. ELMO M. PAYNE from head material clerk to head material clerk, special. MARTIN L. RATCLIFF from lineman helper to T&D clerk. CARL E. BAISDEN from lineman-B to lineman-A. DONALD J. DICKER-SON from lineman helper to lineman.

#### System

SHIRLEY B. CLEMMER from key punch operator to clerk-typist. JOYCE L. McGLOTHLIN from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer.

### **Kentucky Power Company**

#### **Pikeville Division**

HERSHELL D. CLARK from lineman B to lineman A. EVERETT E. JUSTICE from lineman B to lineman A. JACK D. DESKINS from rodman to T&D man-D. WILLIAM B. SYCK from appliance serviceman B to appliance serviceman A.

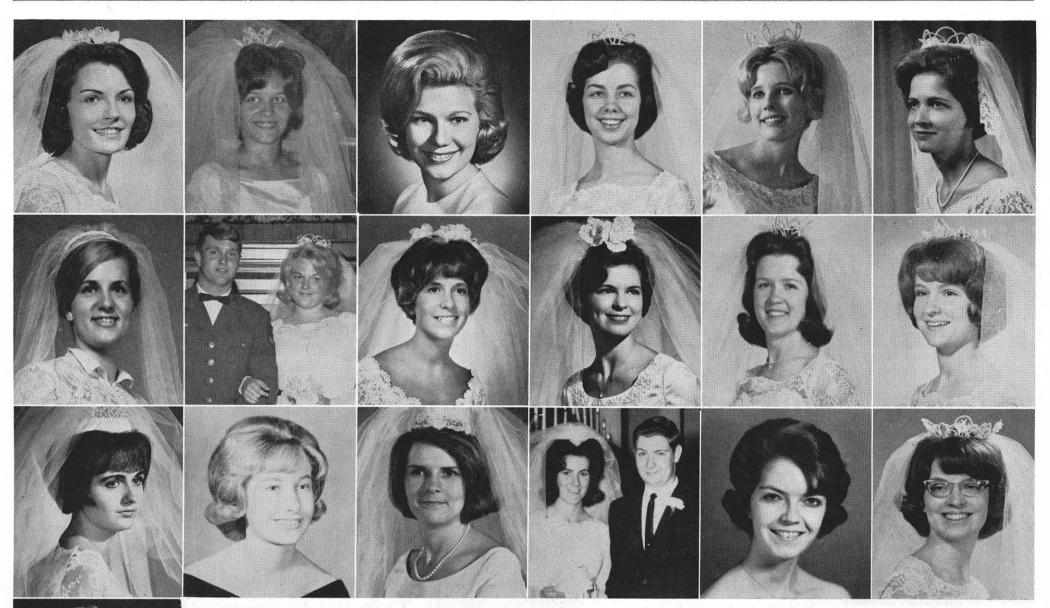
Mr. Donegan



Mr. Wise

a part of Appalachian, he also





### Mrs. Seitz Retires From Accounting

Mrs. Nora Seitz, operating and cash book clerk in the system ac-counting office of Kentucky Power Company, retired August 31, 1966.

Mrs. Seitz began her career as a temporary employee in the system Accounting Office in 1938 in con-Accounting Office in 1938 in con-nection with the FPC inventory to determine original costs. In Jan-uary 1944 she became operating and cash book clerk, the position she held until retirement.

Mrs. Seitz is a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church and is active in church work.

On three different occasions, Mrs. Seitz was honored at dinner parties given by her friends, fellow em-ployees and members of the system accounting office.

A native of Ashland, she and Mr. Seitz make their home at 1528 Central Avenue, Ashland. They plan to continue to make their home in Ashland.

### **Fox-Cromer**

August 20 was the wedding day of Kitty Rae Fox and Donald L. Cromer, who were married in a double ring ceremony performed at the Bland Street Methodist Church of Bluefield. Mr. Cromer is a tracer.

Married across the system in recent weeks were, top row, from left: Mrs. Donald Cromer, Bluefield; Mrs. Dennis Williamson, Ash-land; Mrs. James L. Richmond, Jr., Logan-Williamson; Mrs. Don-

#### **Buskirk-Williamson**

Susan Lorene Buskirk and Dennis Williamson were married on August 5. Mrs. Williamson is a clerk trainee, Ashland.

#### **Rhodes-Richmond**

Pamela Elizabeth Rhodes and Ens. James L. Richmond, Jr. were married on September 19 in Calvary Baptist Church in Roanoke. Mr. Richmond is the son of James L. Richmond, division superintendent at Logan-Williamson.

### Mann-Green

Linda Carole Mann was married to Ronald Wayne Green at the Daniels Community Church on

#### **Sheets-Gregory**

ald Wayne Green, Charleston; Mrs. F. E. Wells Jr., Bluefield, and Mrs. J. Jack Mitchell, Abingdon. Sec-ond row, from left: Mrs. Thomas Wayne Gregory, Pulaski; Mrs. Larry W. Kallmerten, Charleston;

On August 27 Mary Kathryn Sheets and Thomas Wayne Gregory exchanged nuptial vows in the First Methodist Church at Pulaski. Mrs. Gregory is the daughter of R. E. Sheets, electrical engineer at Pulaski.

#### Pottorff-Kallmerten

On September 10 Betty Pottorff and Larry W. Kallmerten ex-changed nuptial vows in a double ring ceremony in the Grace Baptist Temple, St. Albans, W. Va. Mr. Kallmerten is the son of O. W. Kallmerten, line foreman in Charleaton Charleston.

### **Higginbotham-Figg**

Joyce Elizabeth Higginbotham became the bride of Ronald Lee Figg in a double ring ceremony performed at the Rivermont Ave-nue Baptist Church. Mr. Figg is the son of Herbert M. Figg, Jr., heating and builder sales representative, Lynchburg.

#### **Talbert-Brown**

Wedding Bells Ring For Many On System

Mrs. Ronald Lee Figg, Lynchburg; Mrs. David K. Smith, System; Mrs. Danny Wayne Farley, Bluefield, and Mrs. Robert Brown, Glen Lyn.

Bottom row: Mrs. Robert Blancher, System; Mrs. Glenn Johnson,

Marriage vows were exchanged by Linda Talbert and Robert Brown in a double ring ceremony performed on August 27th in the Church of God, Kelleysville, W. Va. Mr. Brown is the son of E. E. Brown, brakeman at Glen Lyn Plant Plant.

### **Conner-Farley**

Marriage vows were exchanged by Bettye Sue Conner and Danny Wayne Farley in the First Methodist Church, Princeton. Mrs. Farley is the daughter of James Conner, T&D clerk.

### **Kirby-Blancher**

Karen Gail Kirby and Ronald Wayne Blancher exchanged nuptial vows on August 19. Mrs. Blancher is the daughter of T. A. Kirby, system safety supervisor, Roanoke.

### Wheeler-Broughton

Sporn; Mrs. Gregory VanMeter, Logan-Williamson; Mrs. David Broughton, Ashland; Mrs. Jimmie Miller, Pikeville, and Mrs. William Camden, Glen Lyn. Left: Mrs. Duncan MacNair Porter, Kingsport.

Roberta Ann Wheeler and David Nelson Broughton were married on July 23. Mr. Broughton is the son of C. D. Broughton, general safety and employee relations super-visor of Kentucky Power.

#### **Damron-Miller**

Deborah Elaine Damron and Jimmie Miller were married Sep-tember 11. Mrs. Miller is the daughter of Ralph Damron, division chief of party, Pikeville.

#### Brown-Camden

A double ring ceremony per-formed August 27 in the Church of God in Kelleysville, W. Va. united Rita Brown and William Camden. Mr. Camden is a laborer at the Glen Lyn Plant.

### Holyoke-Porter

A double ring ceremony per-



September 15. Mrs. Green is the daughter of C. H. Mann, draftsman at Beckley.

### Storey-Wells

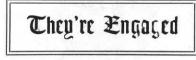
Carolyn Ruth Storey and F. E. Wells, Jr. were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the First Methodist Church on Sep-tember 2. Mr. Wells is the son of of F. E. Wells, Sr., line foreman at Grundy.

### McConnell-Mitchell

Mary Rachel McConnell became the bride of J. Jack Mitchell on September 3 in the Green Spring Presbyterian Church in Abingdon. Mitchell is an engineering student, Abingdon.

**Reed-Smith** 

The Copper Hill Church of the Brethren in Copper Hill, Va. was the setting of the September 10th wedding of Katherine M. Reed and David K. Smith. Mrs. Smith is a key punch operator in Roanoke.



JUDITH LYNNE DOWNS to Frederick K. Long. Mr. Long is an engineering aide in Ashland.

MARY KATHERINE JENNELLE to James Franklin Hensley. Miss Jennelle is a home sales representative in Fieldale.

BETTY JEANNIE TAYLOR to Richard Boone. Mr. Boone is rodman in T&D dept. in Roanoke.

#### Thompson-Johnson

Patricia Thompson became the bride of Glenn L. Johnson on September 10 in the Vernon Church in Letart, W. Va. Mr. Johnson is utility man at Philip Sporn Plant.

### **King-VanMeter**

Linda Carol King became the bride of Gregory VanMeter on August 20 in the First Methodist Church in Williamson. Mrs. Van-Meter is the daughter of E. E. King, manager at Williamson.

Paul's Episcopal Church united Sarah Josephine Holyoke and Duncan MacNair Porter. Mrs. Porter is the daughter of C. E. Holyoke, superintendent at Kingsport Power Company.

### Hansford-Kuhl

Dorothy Hansford and Alva L. Kuhl were married on August 19. Mrs. Kuhl is the daughter of J. M. Hansford, results maintena mechanic at Cabin Creek Plant. maintenance

### Hoffman-Zerkle

Janet Hoffman and Paul E. Zerkle were married on September 3 in the Block Methodist Church. Mr. Zerkle is utility operator at Philip Sporn Plant.



Jennifer Warwick and some of her souvenirs from a trip this summer through Europe. Photo courtesy "Kingsport Times."

# **European Tour Delights Kingsport College Student**

There was an airline strike in this country and a gondolier strike

in Venice, but it was still the Grand Tour for Jennifer Warwick. The 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Warwick (he's auto repairman for Kingsport Power) has just returned from a tour of Europe a survise gift from tour of Europe, a surprise gift from her parents. Miss Warwick is an art major and a junior at the Uni-versity of Tennessee, and worked the first part of the summer to earn

the first part of the summer to early spending money for the trip. At Amsterdam she was impressed by the lack of cars—everyone rode bicycles—and also toured a diamond-cutting factory. At Venice she was forced to ride a motorboat because of the gendeling strike and because of the gondolier strike, and

found the scenery in Switzerland, Holland, Germany, and Austria "tremendous."

Paris was best to Miss Warwick, because of her art interest. There she bought several paintings and etchings. Then she went on to Rome, traveling with a touring group. She and others in the group also made several side trips, seeing more of each country and its seeing more of each country and its customs.

"We rode their subways and buses, ate in small restaurants, and went to the smaller shops and bargain basements. I speak enough French and German to confuse the natives, which made it interesting,' she said.

MR. AND MRS. MILES LOTTS, a son, Kevin Lynn, August 30. Mrs. Lotts was a stenographer.

MR. AND MRS. SCOTT HASKINS, a son, John Clark, September 19. Mr. Haskins is an engineering aide and Mrs. Haskins was a stenographer.

MR. AND MRS. J. W. MUNSEY, a aughter, Amy Joyce, July 15. Mr. Munsey assistant regional chief dispatcher.

MR. AND MRS. N. R. YOUNG, a daughter, Beth Ann, April 24. Mr, Young is employed as regional dispatcher.

Linda Jones holds up one of the pound cakes entered in a recent baking contest she organized.



**Roanoke** Division

System

#### Ashland Division

MR. AND MRS. JOHN CORNETTE, a son, born September 5. Mr. Cornette is a lineman.

### **Cabin Creek Plant**

MR. AND MRS. CLINTON MARKS, a daughter, Patti Joe, August 8. Mr. Marks is a turbine auxiliary equipment operator.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE W. SHAWYER, a daughter, Mechiele Rhea, August 21. Mr. Shawyer is a test engineer.

### **Clinch River Plant**

MR. AND MRS. MASON A. VAUGHAN, JR., a daughter, Mary Catherine, August 2. Mr. Vaughan is a chemist.

MR. AND MRS. JIMMIE MUSICK, a son, Christopher Vince, August 30. Mr. Musick is a yard helper.

### **Huntington Division**

### **Former Roanoker Pens Art Book**

A new art book for children called "Sports and Games In Art" was written by



Barbara John-son Shissler of Roanoke. Mrs. Shissler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis M. Johnson. He is system super-visor of property valuation for Appalocr Appa-lachian. Mrs. Shissler is on the staff of the Minne-

Mrs. Shissler

apolis Museum and this is her first book, although she has done some book, although she has done some writing for the museum. She is the mother of two children and has earned her MA in aesthetics and art history from Western Reserve University. She hopes to com-plete her PhD when both children are in school are in school.

She did undergraduate work at Smith, and spent her junior year abroad at the Sorbonne. One of the abroad at the Sorbonne. One of the girls on that trip was Miss Jacqueline Bouvier, destined to become the widow of President John F. Kennedy. Mrs. Shissler recently returned to Roanoke for a visit, and she was interviewed and her book reviewed for the book section of the

for the book section of the "Roanoke Times."



### Mrs. Manning **Thelma Manning**

**Retires In Roanoke** Thelma D. Manning, veteran of more than 40 years of company service, retired from Appalachian's system accounting department

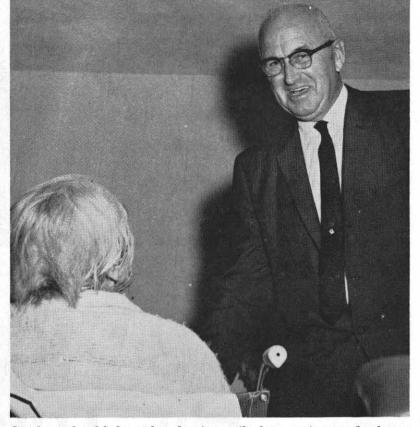
October 1. Mrs. Manning joined the old New River Development Com-pany in January 1926, later moving to the system accounting depart-ment. All of her service, with the exception of the first two years, was spent in the general bookkeeping section.

Her retirement plans include a winter vacation in Florida, and fishing trips with her husband, who

With her husband she is a mem-ber of the Oak Grove Church of the Brethren in Roanoke.

# **Culinary Campaign Continues**

In her campaign to return eop 's interest ome



Jim has a handshake and a cheering smile for a patient confined to a wheelchair.

# **Retiree Shows "Other Side"** In Mercy House Activity

For years Jim Ferris worked hard for Appalachian doing jobs that required rugged strength. He helped repair tranformers, and received, recorded, uncrated, and numbered thousands of distribution transformers.

He also worked as lineman, troubleman, maintenance man and station man. An outdoorsman, he

was tough. He had to be. But that is the outward Jim Ferris. The other Jim isn't so well known. This Jim Ferris is a kind, sympathetic, compassionate soul, of a gentleness not indicated by his ruggedness.

ruggedness. Jim, who has now retired from Appalachian's Roanoke Division, has for years been spending time with the patients and staff of the city's Mercy House, bringing them theoleur and above

theology and cheer. Mercy House, a United Fund agency in Roanoke, has as its patients people of all ages and sexes,

### Who's Who **Problem At Clinch River**

The coincidence of similar names in a company is not uncommon, even in a single plant or division.

But Clinch River plant can lay claim to a most un-common situation, and it can lead to confusion if you ask for Mr. Blankenship or Mr. Campbell, or Mr. Johnson, or Mr. Breeding.

There is Jack L. Blanken-ship and Jack R. Blankenship, known in the plant as Store-room Jack and Safety Jack, after their jobs.

In the operating depart-ment there are Dorus Camp-

from the crippled, retarded, and Some are able to pay their expenses, some not, but none are turned away. There are 150 patients at Mercy House

It all began in 1950 when Jim, assistant Sunday School teacher at the First Christian Church, was invited to Mercy House to teach a Sunday School class. He accepted, and was so touched by the need of these people for a friend that he has

been going back ever since. Soon his class became a short service, with prayers and songs, and service, with prayers and songs, and teaching at several of the cottages at Mercy House. Later a Wednes-day night prayer service was added, and now Jim is leader, coordinator, and often speaker for both services. He also enlisted the aid of other house and minister and is services. laymen and ministers, and is never more pleased than when he can get a singing group to appear.

One time Jim found that one of the patients at a service was a pianist, and now she is the ac-

companist for all services. But while conducting these serv-ices is valuable, it is not the most important thing Jim does. As the guests say: "Jim is the only one who cares about us... the only one who ever comes to see us... he always has time to listen to our problems."

It is this genuine interest and concern Jim has for people that is most important. He brings candy most important. He brings candy and small gifts to several, and a cheery greeting to all. He knows them all. For many he is the only person from the "outside world" they ever see. Jim Ferris is one who practices what he preaches: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

**Glen Lyn Man** 

MR. AND MRS. RONALD HOUSE, daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, September Mr. House is a chemist.

#### Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. R. W. MARCHAL, a girl, Maria Denise, August 20. Mr. Marchal is a chemist.

#### **Kingsport Power Company**

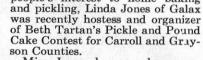
MR. AND MRS. GEORGE W. GOTT, a son, George Shannon, September 19. Mr. Gott is a meterman.

#### **Pikeville Division**

MR. AND MRS. HERSHELL D. CLARK, a daughter, Glenda Darnett, September 5. Mr. Clark is a lineman.

#### **Pulaski** Division

MR. AND MRS. FRED W. MYERS, a daughter, Kelly Diane, born September 8. Mr. Myers is a Pulaski meter reader.



Miss Jones, homes sales representative in the Pulaski division, has said that the art of cake baking and pickling is fast moving into the prepackaged mixes and commercial pickle jars. On top of that, there aren't as many fairs as there used to be, where people could vie for awards for their baking skills. The contest was sponsored by the

Winston-Salem Journal and Twin City Sentinel and held in Appa-lachian's Galax office. Mrs. M. G. Martin of Hillsville won the Carroll County cake contest and Mrs. Joe Wilson was Grayson County winner. Mrs. Osco Ward's sour pickles were judged best in both counties. All winners received \$25 savings bonds.

bell and Dorse Campbell, spelled differently, but pro-nounced the same. That problem is solved by calling Dorse by his middle name, Earl.

Harold V. Johnson and Harold E. Johnson work shift together. The first remains together. The first remains Harold, the second goes by Ellis.

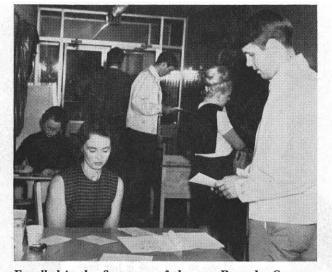
Now come two Roger Breedings, one Roger L. and the other Roger C. New em-ployees, they will have to be called Operating Roger and Coal Roger.

The odd part is that none of these name twins are related, or were even acquainted before they joined the plant's personnel.





Ernest L. Bevins, right, with James Harless, director of the Logan Branch of Marshall University, is working in a two-year program in business administration. A student of economics and accounting, he is customer accounts supervisor in Logan.



Enrolled in the first term of the new Roanoke Community College is Richard Boone, Roanoke division T&D. This is his first college course, and he is enrolled in English and math classes. Mrs. Betty Craig, English instructor, is his counsellor.

# With Company Help, Employees Hit The Books

When, next June, Charles Lester steps up to the podium at Virginia Polytechnic Institute's graduation exercises and accepts his master's degree in business administration, Appalachian Power Company will beam on him almost as fondly as his wife.

For Mr. Lester, a full-time employee of the company, has spent five years working on his bachelor's degree, and another year on his master's, and most of that study was done with the help of the company's educational assistance program.

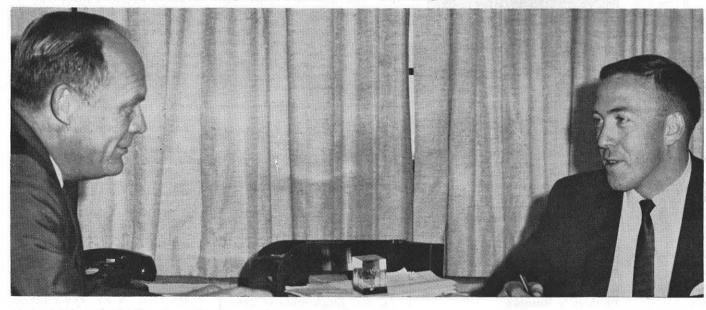
This program, 13 years old last month, provides for payment by the company of 75 per cent of the tuition for approved courses offered by colleges, universities, night schools, technical schools, or

Charles Lester, right, discusses his classroom load for the fall quarter with Dr. H. H. Mitchell, dean of the College of Business at VPI. Mr. Lester will complete his work tocorrespondence schools. To be approved under this plan, the course planned must be of benefit to the employee in his job or help prepare him for future advancement.

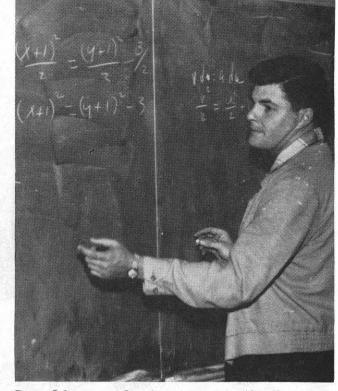
Under this program, Appalachian has spent nearly \$122,000 for employee education and training for 1,679 employees. They have studied everything from the engineering disciplines to mathematics, English, psychology, liberal arts, clerical and secretarial skills, accounting, drafting, public speaking, shop courses, salesmanship, and business law.

They have studied with International Correspondence Schools, home study programs of major

wards a master's degree in December. He is in system accounting.



John Haddon Smith, Charleston division meter clerk, buckles down to study with the start of a new term at West Virginia State College. He's working towards a degree in business administration. Majoring in business administration and minoring in political science, Jack Pippin, Kingsport accounting, has already earned 42 quarter hours of the 198 necessary for a degree from East Tennessee State University. He has a quality average of 3.66 out of 4.0.



Perry Johnston, right of way agent in Abingdon, needs only 18 hours to complete work for his degree in engineering. This fall he is attending night classes at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, studying physics and math. He's been at this program of study for about four years.

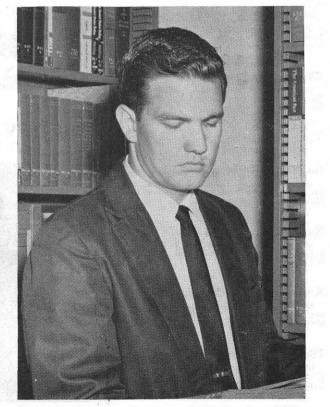
universities, Marshall University, Morris Harvey College, the University of Virginia, West Virginia Institute of Technology, East Tennessee State University, Roanoke College, National Business College, VPI, and many others.

Most of the employees in the program enrolled in night classes in home towns, but some, like Mr. Lester, combined company work with class work.

Mr. Lester, for example, was night shift data processing operator in the system accounting department. During the days, over his long period of study, he drove to Blacksburg and back, 100 miles round trip, for class, did his studying at home, and then reported for work. "I couldn't have gone to college—much less earned two degrees—without Appalachian's help," he says. With a grade of 3.4 out of a possible 4.0, Mr. Lester will complete his master's work in December, and will actually receive his degree at the June commencement.

All regular employees are eligible for participation in the plan. Local personnel supervisors have detailed information.

The Educational Assistance Program last year (1965) enjoyed its greatest participation when 174 employees took part at a cost to the company of nearly \$20,000. Involvement in the program has been showing a steady increase since 1962, with a consequent rise in company payments. Company costs in the last four years exceeded \$54,000.







Beginning his second year at the University of Virginia Extension in Lynchburg is Thomas F. Puckett, storeroom material clerk. This fall he is studying English literature, algebra, and trigonometry.

in logan and williamson, they ask

# are the corners

The last disabling injury in the Logan-Williamson division occurred August 8, 1963, more than three years ago.

It's an article of faith among people concerned with accident prevention that the farther away a disabling injury is in time, the greater is the tendency to forget the lesson it taught. To George Hervey, the division manager, this represents an undesirable state of affairs, and he determined recently to do something about it.

In co-operation with the system safety department, and in particular with John Frazier, system safety supervisor in Charleston, he developed the idea of what he called a "safety audit." John would devote an entire week in the division, spending time with each of the six line crews and two station crews, observing their techniques, work habits, and use of equipment. He would look around the storerooms and offices, inspect vehicles, reading the tags on fire extinguishers.

Division supervisors were notified of the plan in a letter from the division manager. The letter made clear that the audit was not a spy mission in the sense that its goal was to uncover violations. Rather, as he wrote, "sometimes we are so close to the forest that we can't see the trees." John's aim was to determine if the division's success in accident prevention had made anyone over-confident; if the square corners of safe practice had been rounded off; if any unsafe habits had grown up. "The time to take stock of our accident prevention program is before an accident, not after," wrote Mr. Hervey.

And the results? "All any of us could hope for," says John Frazier. "Sure, we found some places where corners were rounded a little bit, and things that weren't exactly as they should be. But most of these just developed over the years."

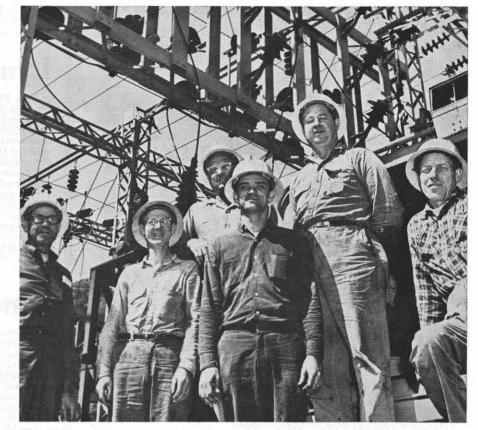
The men John worked with, the line and station crews, were equally pleased with the audit. J. M. Sullivan, of Paul Adams's Logan station crew, remarked that the audit was "a big help—John was helping us to do our job the right way."

Hursten Swiney, foreman of the Logan line crew, not only welcomed the audit, he believes "we should do it more often. The boys didn't think anything that was done was a criticism . . . for example, we all know linemen shouldn't throw things off a pole; we know it's wrong, but having somebody from outside the crew tell us is a good reminder."

The same idea was expressed by Everette Carrico, foreman of the Williamson line crew. He says the outside eye is helpful "to see what we're doing that's not completely wrong, but not exactly right either. We get lax sometimes. These boys know Johnny and he knows them."

Out at Sprigg station, the Williamson station crew said they appreciated the little things the

On a 12-kv relocation job at North Matewan, Everette Carrico's crew believe an outside eye on their safety practices is a good way to improve. Here, at a tailboard conference, are Jerry Akers, E. Slater, E. Carrico, E. Deskins, J. Muncy, and R. Meade. still square?



The Williamson station crew at Sprigg station said they appreciated "the little things" the audit turned up. In the rear are C. Ball and M. Phillips; in front, are J. Akers, foreman, H. Stollings, J. McCown, and R. Williams.



Hursten Swiney's line crew in Logan think that periodic audits should be done more often. In front, kneeling, are Bob Mixon and Marion Davis; standing, are Holmes Cassady, James Farmer, Hursten Swiney, J. B. Buskirk, B. J. Brumfield, and E. L. Adkins.

audit turned up—"the things we let slip by, like fire extinguishers, and first aid kits, and maybe some poor housekeeping."

"Nobody in this crew objected to what Johnny was doing," said Jimmie Butcher, acting foreman of another Logan line crew. "It was like taking stock of things, and everybody can benefit by that. I think all of us in the division will do a better safety job now."



The big result of the audit, said Jimmie Butcher, acting foreman of H. K. Spears's line crew, is "all of us will do a better job." Here are T. J. Fleshman,



of us will do a better job." Here are T. J. Fleshman, Mr. Butcher, O. E. Thompson (sitting), and Connie Hager.



J. M. Sullivan, left, and G. C. Wooten, Jr., stationmen, agreed that the audit was "a big help."

### THE ILLUMINATOR

Happenings Around The Circuit

# Kentucky

### Pikeville

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The annual employees family cnic was held recently at the picnic Pikeville Sportsmans Club picnic area. This outing was one of the largest the division has had.

Walter Stone and Roger Damron have resigned from transmission and distribution department, and Larry Kinney is a new employee.

### Ashland

Lincoln Bloebaum, meter man, was elected to the board of directors of the Southern States Farm Cooperative at a recent meeting of the stockholders.

Lea Slone, wife of Wilbur Slone, Ashland engineering aide, was elected vice president of the Hatcher School PTA.

# Bluefield

Elected to church offices were: Mrs. J. J. Harmon, Jr., wife of the electrical engineer, secretary of Women of the Church at the Graham Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. John B. Kahle, wife of the heating sales engineer, vice-presi-dent of the same organization . . . Mrs. Willard Johnson, wife of Princeton meter reader, elected for the second wear as vice president the second year as vice president of the Women of the Church at the Princeton Presbyterian Church . . . James R. Bailey, area serviceman, was elected for the second year as Sunday School Superintendent at the Bailey Memorial Baptist Church. Jim is also chairman of the committee for officers and teachers. ... M. E. Rich, record supervisor and B. E. Bates, retired, have been elected chairman of the official Board and chairman of the Board of Trustees respectively of First Methodist Church . . . Mrs. J. P. Gills, wife of the retired division manager, was elected first vice presi-

Charleston

division manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sevy

combined church work and vacation

last month when they attended the

American Baptist Assembly at Green Lakes, Wisconsin. This, by coincidence, was the place where, exactly 20 years before, they had spent their honeymoon. Mrs. Sevy is secretary to the Charleston division monotor

Martha Whitlock, daughter of commercial's Jim Whitlock, re-cently attended a National GOP Youth Camp in Webster county. She was sponsored by the Kanawha

### dent of the Woman's Missionary Union at the College Avenue Baptist Church . . .

Jack Saunders, retired, and Mrs. Saunders, were honor guests at the Golden Age Club in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Angela, daughter of Jack Newland, engineer, is a cheerleader for the Princeton Jaycees' football team.

Returning to work recently after four months' absence due to illness was Marie B. Dunn, PBX operator.

New employees are Curtis L. May, station crew, Charles E. Long, station crew, and Martha R. Mays in the accounting depart-

Ment. V. J. Clayton, station man, has completed a West Virginia University Extension Course in Mining Electricity.

### Welch

Richard H. Ruff, power sales engineer and director of Lions In-ternational, attended the fall con-ference of State Lions at Black Water Falls. Gregory Ruff, his son, was elected vice-president of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and senior delegate from this fraternity to All Campus Political Party. In to All Campus Political Party. In addition, he was appointed a mem-ber of the Campus Election Com-mittee. He is a senior at West Virginia University.

C. K. Kirkland, assistant division manager, and W. C. Groseclose, administrative assistant, have been appointed by the McDowell County Court to serve on the McDowell County Planning Commission. Mr. Groseclose is also serving as Secre-

Louise Barns, wife of R. J. B. Barns, line inspector, has been installed as President of the Women of the Church of Anderson Me-morial Presbyterian Church in Welch. She will serve for two years.

Carol L. Mills, daughter of L. J. Mills, lineman, has received her Blue Band at the Presbyterian School of Nursing in Charlotte, N. C.

At the District Assembly No. 6, Order of Rainbow for Girls, held in

County Republican Women's Club. Kenna Judy Jr., engineering aide, was third place winner in an exhibit of color photography at the West Virginia State Fair.

Danny Daugherty, Dennis Selbe, and Daniel Harris in division T&D, and David Wickline in the garage are new employees.

Resignations were submitted by E. G. McGavran Jr., T&D, and Christine Mitchell, managerial.

#### Beckley

The new president of the Oak Hill Methodist Men is Paul C. Elliott, lineman in the Oak Hill

Returning to work after a period of 14 months following an injury was E. L. Hutchinson, area serviceman.

Chrissie Presley, whose father is R. E. Presley, garage and stores supervisor, won a \$50 gift certificate in connection with a back-to-school promotion staged by Beckley stores. New employees in the area are Wooten, Robert Barley, Graham, and Howard Vernard Richard Biggers.

### **Cabin Creek Plant**

G. R. Morris has resigned to enter business.

Northfork, W. Va., Sonja Mills, daughter of L. J. Mills, lineman, was elected recorder.

# Lynchburg

Mrs. Penelope Garber and Harry Hughes Jr. have joined the com-

pany in Lynchburg. Melinda Allen Tibbs, daughter of commercial's R. A. Tibbs, has been selected by the Army Nurses Corps for training and commissioning as an Army Nurse. Miss Tibbs has completed two years of pre-nursing at Longwood College, and will en-roll in the University of Virginia for the next two years. Six months before graduation she will be commissioned a second lieutenant, and after graduation with a nursing degree, will spend three years in the Army.

# Kingsport

Clarence Bryan, vice president and general manager, was re-elected as director and to the executive committee of the Holston Valley

Community Hospital. Wilson Trumbo, personnel super-visor, was re-elected to serve an additional three years as director of the Kingsport Safety Council. Joe McCarroll is a new employee in the T&D department.

Williamson

An uncirculated ten dollar na-

An uncirculated ten donar ha-tional currency note, issued by the National Bank of Logan, and signed by the bank's president and cashier, was donated recently to

the Boy Scouts by Merill Atkinson,

retired administrative assistant. The Scouts put the note into the

The Scouts put the note into the hands of the Logan County Coin Club to be sold. The going price for the note is \$90.00. Everette Carrico, line foreman, has been elected president of the Mingo County chapter of the Izaak Walton League. Wives won civic jobs last month. Mrs. T. L. Henritze, whose husband is retired line foreman, has been

is retired line foreman, has been appointed by Governor Hulett Smith to a second term as chairman

of the Logan County Cleanup Campaign, and Mrs. J. L. Rich-mond was elected treasurer of the Logan Country Club Women's As-sociation. Her husband is division

Marvin Peyton, accounting, has been elected president of the Logan Branch of Marshall University,

where he is a sophomore student in

superintendent.

chemistry.

Logan-

# Roanoke

Assistance Program.

Division T&D offices look different these days. Recently moved from the main office on Franklin Road to newly remodeled quarters at Walnut Avenue, the difference also comes from seeing three persons back after lengthy medical absences. The three are Jean Livesay, J. B. Whitmore, and J. E. Hopkins.

Sharon Hudson, division accounting, has resigned to move out of town.

#### Fieldale

Peggy Beheler was graduated last month from the School of Nursing of Danville Memorial Hospital in Danville. The daughter of Alonza Beheler, Fieldale account-

Huntington

Graduation day has arrived for

George K. Roach, of the accounting

department. For the past year-and-a-half, he has been attending

Gallipolis Business College two

nights a week. Last month he

finished, and earned his diploma in

Burnam, heating and building sales

representative, won a ribbon at the

Mason County Fair as runner-up

in the horseshoe pitching contest.

New employees in Sporn plant

are Robert L. Coderm, James E.

business administration.

**Philip Sporn Plant** 

ing, Miss Beheler will be on the staff of Martinsville General Hospital, from which she received a nursing scholarship for her recent training. Mrs. Dillard Gravely served

again this summer as director of the Girl Scout day camp in the Martins-ville area. She was assisted by Karen Shelton, whose father Ben Shelton, is a Fieldale lineman. Mrs. Gravely, wife of the Fieldale engi-neering aide, is a delegate to the National Girl Scout Convention to be held in Detroit later this month. be held in Detroit later this month. Mrs. Al Croy was elected treas-urer of the John Redd Elementary School PTA. Her husband is electrical engineer in Fieldale . . . Melvin Brown's son Jerry was elected head manager of the Fieldale-Collinsville High School football team football team.

Roach, and Ronald G. Martin, all in the labor-janitor department.

# Pulaski

A. D. (Red) Clark recently en-A. D. (Red) Clark recently en-tertained his entire high school graduating class in his home for a week end. The group consisted of three, counting Red himself, who graduated from Clintwood High School in 1921. The three went on to VPI where they roomed to-gether and graduated together.

Carl Schmidt has been appointed to the advisory board of Evangelism for the Virginia Synod of Lutheran Churches. He is also the current chairman of evangelism for Pulaski's Trinity Lutheran Church.

### College of Virginia.

E. P. Ott, maintenance supervisor, has been named secretary of the Lebanon Lions Club. Eli Buskirk, shift operating engineer, was renamed to the Board of Directors in the same club.

Bernard D. Myers, Jr., laborer, has enlisted in the U. S. Navy.

Abingdon

Mrs. J. C. Hughes, wife of Scott county heating and builder sales representative, has been elected president of the W. M. U., First Baptist Church, Gate City. Mr. Hughes has been re-elected presi-

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C. E. Richardson, right, Roanoke division heating and builder sales rep-

resentative, is congratulated by J. M. Burnett, division commercial man-ager, on earning a degree in electrical engineering from ICS. Mr. Rich-ardson's study program began in 1956, and required about 3,000 hours

of study and preparation. He studied under the company's Educational



Like mother, like daughters . . . In 1941 and 1942, Parthenia Glover, stenographer in Beckley, was a majorette for the Woodrow Wilson High School there. Now, 24 years later, her twin daughters, Susan and

Sally, have succeeded to the same job. Above are from left, Mrs. Glover, Susan, and Sally . . . or is it the other way around?

dent of the Scott County Rural Areas Development Association (RADA) for the third year. Jack Leonard, Scott county area serviceman, was elected to the Board of Directors of the RADA.

E. J. Vencill, Russell county meter reader, was awarded the "Jaycee of the Month" award for month of August by the the Lebanon Jaycees.

### **Clinch River Plant**

Two American Electric Power Company scholarship award win-ners entered medical school this fall. Larry A. Massie, son of J. A. Massie, is attending the Medical College of Virginia after completing his BS degree at the University of Tonnerson Brown son of Tennessee. Ronnie Brown, son of W. H. Brown, earned his BS degree at VPI and is now enrolled in the College of Dentistry at the Medical

Donald Campbell, son of Clinch River plant unit foreman Dorus Campbell, was recently commissioned second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force after graduation from East Tennessee State University.

New employees at Clinch River plant are Thomas W. Yates, Larry J. Null, Roger C. Breeding, Jimmie Musick, John P. Compton, and Garnett E. Taylor.

# System

New employees in system accounting include Jerry M. Comer, Doris M. Switzer, Brenda C. Milton, Richard L. McNaughton, Franc D. Roberts, and James R. Poff, Jr. William Beckett has resigned to enter college. Kathryn Weddle has also resigned.





A new use has been found for bottom ash from steam plants. Bottom ash from Sporn plant has been used successfully in constructing new asphaltic concrete roads and resurfacing old roads near the plant. The ash was used in the limestone base as a binding material, replacing the rock dust normally used, and re-

sulting in considerable cost saving. The top course of the new road, plant access roads and parking was mixed with bottom slag from wet bottom furnaces at Kyger Creek plant. The work near the plant is believed to be first application of ash in asphaltic concrete roads in West Virginia.

# People, Places And Things



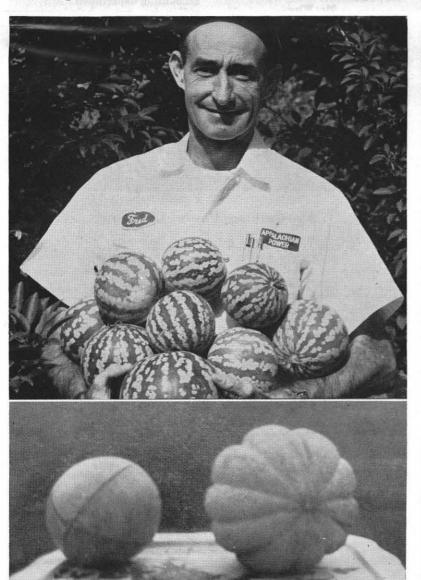
Personnel in the Huntington commercial department manned two booths in the Mason County fair. R. L. Burnam, above right, attended the Carolina Lumber Company booth with Don Hill, left, which showed a heat pump, baseboard heating, PSP water heaters, ranges, and insulated windows. Q. H. Wickline and Virginia Black worked out of the Southern States Cooperative booth, which featured all major electrical appliances.



The officers of the Roanoke Employees Benevolent Association plan a program of action following their recent election. From left, they are C. E. Hylton, treasurer; Rosemary Finch, secretary, and T. C. Smith, chairman. Last year, employees pledged more than \$16,100 through the Association for the United Fund, March of Dimes, Heart Association, and Cancer Society.



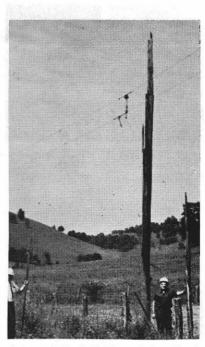
Historic Ruffner Park in Charleston got a bright new look recently, thanks to the efforts of the Kanawha Garden Club. Seeking to reduce vandalism in the area, the group campaigned for, and got, six 7,000-lumen mercury vapor post-top luminaires. The thanks of the group were expressed by Miss Mazie Young, park project chairman of the club, and Mrs. Turner Ratrie, president, to Kenna Judy Jr., division engineering aide, who engineered and expedited the job.



In our agricultural corner this month we note the success of Frederick Eugene Galbraith, meter reader in Bluefield, who never heard of citron melons until last spring. The citron is of the watermelon family, but unlike it, is not edible except in preserves and pickles. The preserves, he says, are so good that he plans a new crop next year. Below is a dramatic picture of the effects of Glen Lyn plant's fly ash used as a soil conditioner. That's a cantaloupe at right, measuring 32 inches in circumference, and weighing 14 pounds, grown by J. H. Oxley, chemist assistant at the plant. Next to it, for comparison purposes, is a regulation football.



Rubble covers the area of the old Logan plant where the offices, lockers, showers, and machine shop used to be. The plant is now being demolished after a long and busy career. It was retired from service in 1961. The demolition job should be completed by spring.



A customer walked into the Tazewell office recently and said "you have a pole scattered all over the road," and sure enough, we had. It seems that lightning had struck the pole the night before, smashed it into splinters, and pulled the wires loose; but service was still on, and so there were no outage reports. Some pieces of the pole were up to 150 feet away.



Eighty retired employees and guests, members of the Appalachian Retired Employees Association, spent a day recently on Smith Mountain Lake, at the dam, and visiting the lake areas. Divided into four groups,

they were taken on a boat trip to the dam, and then 20 miles upstream to Haleford bridge, and then returned for a shore-side lunch. This was the first activity for the Roanoke chapter of the Association.

# Service Anniversaries



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S. F. Bowling Jr. Abingdon



C. M. Jackson Abingdon

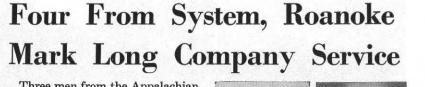


W. L. Halstead Huntington Huntington



THE ILLUMINATOR

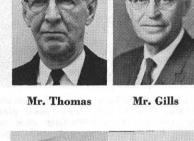
Margaret Mitchell Bluefield



Three men from the Appalachian system and one in Roanoke lead the long service anniversary list this month.

Top man is R. M. Thomas, rec-ords supervisor in the system real estate and right of way depart-ment, with 40 years. With 35 years are E. T. Gills, system transmission line superintendent; S. H. Wise, system station superintendent and system station superintendent, and C. M. Mills head contract clerk in the Roanoke division accounting department.

### Mr. Thomas





Mr. Wise Mr. Mills



John Harrison Charleston



T. W. Old System



Norman Johnson Lynchburg





**Bill Schweitzer** Ashland

W. T. Sublett

Lynchburg



E. E. King Logan-Williamson





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A. R. Schlaegel Wayne Warren Logan-Williamson Logan-Williamson Leroy Balding Charleston



Robert Gilpin Bluefield



Mr. Thomas September 16 was the date on which, 40 years ago, R. M. Thomas started work with Appalachian in the real estate and right of way department. His entire service has been with this department, in which he has held a series of assign-ments. Mr. Thomas is past presi-dent of St. John's Lutheran Church dent of St. John's Lutheran Church Council, and has served as the church's choirmaster since 1958. He has been active in many choral groups, and during the Second World War, he traveled with a group entertaining servicemen in training centers and hospitals in Virginia and West Virginia. He is married, and has one son, who is at present a ministerial student.

### Mr. Gills

Mr. Gills joined Appalachian in September 1931 in Bluefield as a line inspector. He became engineer in 1938, and then worked as system in 1938, and then worked as system senior transmission engineer and system supervising transmission engineer before he was promoted to his present job in 1964. Mr. Gills holds an engineering degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and also attended West Virginia Uni-versity extension. He has served as a member of the board of di-rectors of Union Mission, and as a rectors of Union Mission, and as a deacon and usher in Bluefield's College Avenue Baptist Church. He and his wife have one daughter.

#### Mr. Wise

A graduate in mechanical engineering from the University of Kentucky, Mr. Wise began his company career as a substation

helper in Charleston in 1931. He held other assignments as relay engineer, system foreman, and system supervising breaker engineer system supervising breaker engineer before he was promoted to his present post. He moved to Roanoke in 1949. He is past president of the Roanoke Camera Club, attends Huntington Court Methodist Church, and is a registered pro-fessional engineer in West Virginia. He and his wife have two children. He and his wife have two children.

#### Mr. Mills

Mr. Mills, joined the company in 1931 as assistant to J. G. Harvey, 1931 as assistant to J. G. Harvey, who was local office manager in Roanoke. Since then, he has worked, in his words "from one end to the other" of the division accounting department. A devoted golfer, he shot a hole-in-one last year. He and his wife are members of Greene Memorial Methodist Church, where he is on the board of stewards. They have one son. of stewards. They have one son.



### **Appalachian Power Company**

ABINGDON DIVISION-30 YEARS: S. F. BOWLING, JR., meterman. C. M. JACKSON, area supervisor. 20 YEARS: JOHN G. LEONARD, meter serviceman. 10 YEARS: A. S. BUCHANAN, utility clerk. H. C. BREEDING, electrical engineer. DOROTHY B. HAWLEY, clerk stenographer.

BLUEFIELD DIVISION-30 YEARS: MARGUERITE GUINELINE MITCHELL, petty cash clerk. IRA WILLIAM HENDERSON, administrative assistant. 20 YEARS: WILLIAM CALVIN SEXTON, station man. ROBERT JESSE GILPIN, engineering aide. 10 YEARS: JOE L. MULLINS, local office supervisor.

CHARLESTON DIVISION-30 YEARS: JOHN G. HARRISON, r/w agent. DALE B. STONE, lineman. 25 YEARS: LEROY BALDING, heating and builder sales representative. 20 YEARS: WILLIAM N. WALKER, head contract clerk. STEVE DIDIER, station foreman. CLIFFORD PICLESIMER, line inspector. RALPH MYERS, engineering aide. FRANK HARKINS, collector. 10 YEARS: ROBERT WELLS, coal procurement assistant.

CLINCH RIVER PLANT-15 YEARS: NATHAN E. MINNICK, unit foreman. 10 Avon G. Whitz, utility operator. Robert L. PARKS, maintenance man. Guy E. Pu equipment operator. DONALD LASLEY, maintenance man. PAUL G. CAMPBELL, guard. eman. 10 YEARS: GUY E. PUCKETT,

HUNTINGTON DIVISION-30 YEARS: E. L. MUNDAY, JR., assistant division manager. W. L. HALSTEAD, meterman. 25 YEARS: P. R. BAKER, power sales engr. 10 YEARS: DOROTHY C. SMITH, cashier clerk. 5 YEARS: FRANCES JORDAN, clerk stenographer.

KANAWHA RIVER PLANT-30 YEARS. R. L. BIAS, tractor operator. 25 YEARS: A. R. SCHLAEGEL, maintenance man.











**Dale B. Stone** Charleston



D. R. Hunt

Roanoke



R. W. Swain

Roanoke

**Helen Vaught** Pulaski



C. V. Smith

System

M. T. Akers Jr. Pulaski



R. L. Bias

**Kanawha River** 





Clyde Dangerfield John G. Leonard Bluefield Abingdon

M. C. Short Roanoke

B. C. Harlowe Joe Hatfield Logan-Williamson Roanoke

William Walker Charleston



E. D. Layne

Lynchburg



C. Picklesimer Charleston



**Frank Harkins** Charleston

William Sexton Bluefield

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

LOGAN WILLIAMSON-25 YEARS: E. E. KIN manager, WAYNE WARREN, head T&D clerk. 20 YEARS: JOE HATFIELD, line foreman. 10 YEARS: CONNIE HAGER, lineman.

LYNCHBURG-25 YEARS: NORMAN JOHNSON, Jr., auto repairman helper. E. D. LAYNE, T&D clerk. W. T. SUBLETT, collector.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT-15 YEARS: DANNY F. WOOLCOCK, chief chemist.

PULASKI DIVISION-25 YEARS: HELEN LUCILLE VAUGHT, general clerk. M. T. AKERS, JR., lineman. R. D. CARSON, division engineer. 10 YEARS: J. D. SPRAKER, station man.

ROANOKE DIVISION-35 YEARS: C. R. MILLS, head contract clerk. 30 YEARS: M. W. BROWN, customer accounts supervisor. D. R. HUNT, line foreman. R. W. SWAIN, station foreman. 20 YEARS: M. C. SHORT, engineering aide, B. C. HARLOWE, line foreman. 10 YEARS: M. L. CROFT, local office supervisor. K. E. FRENCH, draftsman. EDITH M. RUSHER, secretarial strengersphere. stenographer.

SYSTEM: 40 YEARS-R. M. THOMAS, r/w records supervisor. 35 YEARS: E. T. GILLS, system trans. line superintendent. S. H. WISE, sys. station superintendent. 30 YEARS: C. V. SMITH, head stores accounting records audit section. 25 YEARS: T. W. OLD, assistant sys. sta. supt. 20 YEARS: THURMAN BALL, sys. automotive inspector. 15 YEARS: J. G. FACEMIRE, civil construction assistant. ELIZABETH H. SYNDNC, clerk-typist. M. R. CREEDLE, sys. electrical engr. 10 YEARS: C. C. GARRETT, sys. trans. man. G. J. HODOCK, sys. trans. man. 5 YEARS: R. A. WHITLOW, sys. station man.

**Kentucky Power Company** 

ASHLAND DIVISION-25 YEARS: BILL SCHWEITZER, commercial & power sales rep-

HAZARD DIVISION: 20 YEARS: A. R. BRASHEAR, meter serviceman.

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# Won 25, Lost 1 Dick Gills Boxes — And Wins — As A Hobby

Dick Gills says that, contrary to the old saying, what you don't know will hurt you—at least, it will if you happen to be a boxer. Dick, son of Joe P. Gills, vice president and general manager, came home from the recent South-ern Conference Golden Gloves

ern Conference Golden Gloves Tournament in Baltimore with two trophies to add to his growing collection, and to indicate that what he knows in the ring is considerable.

The tournament was the latest venture into the sport for Dick, now a junior at William and Mary College. He started boxing in combetter boxing in control to the started boxing in control petition when he was a student at Kentucky Military Institute, and has kept it up ever since. Over those years, boxing principally as a middleweight, he has won 25 to 26 matches. The sole loss was a design in a city wide toursement matches. The sole loss was a decision in a city-wide tournament in New York.

In his most recent tournament at Baltimore he had four matches in the light-heavyweight division. He won three by knockouts and the other by a decision for first place; for his style and skill he also won the Outstanding Boxer trophy.

Dick spent the summer of 1964 working at the New York World's Fair, and in the course of the summer, worked out frequently with Joey Archer, middleweight title contender. "That's when I really learned to box," Dick says, and he learned so well that in the New York City AAU tournament, he won second place in the middleweight division. Later, in the North Carolina Golden Gloves, he collected another Outstanding Boxer trophy to add to his growing collection of hardware.

"I like boxing," he says, "because it's an individual sport. You win by your own efforts, or you lose by your lack of them. You're in the ring by yourself, without any outside help.

"And I think boxing has done me a lot of good. It develops self-confidence, for one thing."

For a while, in high school, Dick did some weight-lifting, but gave it up because it tended to tighten muscles that need to be loose for



Dick Gills with boxing trophies and the gloves he won them with.

boxing. At William and Mary, he participated in track, running the 100 (best time: 10.3), and 220, and pole-vaulting.

From time to time during the course of his boxing hobby-he doesn't choose to call it a career-Dick has had several offers to turn professional. But this doesn't have any appeal to him. He likes boxing solely for the sport of it-and besides, he has plans for law school.

## **Bowling Leagues** At It Again

Fresh from a summer break, company bowlers are at the lanes again, renewing old rivalries.

In Roanoke's Appalachian Bowling League, annually the first league in the city to get started, Stores has taken a quick two-game lead after four weeks of rolling. Tied for second are Computer, Local Office, Line, and System Station No. 1.

Roy Howard, Local Office, with a 607, and K. K. Hubbard, Distribution, with a 613, have early high sets.

At Philip Sporn plant, Karl Wiles is the new president of the bowling league. James Haggerty is vice president, Lloyd Wright secretary, and Carl Searls treasurer.

Wiles and Searls are also officials of the Mason County Bowling Association, Wiles the secretarytreasurer and Searls the president. Wiles is also assistant director and Searls director of the Appalachian Area 1 Bowling Tournament.

At Charleston, the Kilowatt Bowling League is underway under the direction of Fred Helm, president. Steve Carpenter is vice president, and Don Newman and Fred Clendenin board members. Each team captain is also a board member.



**Paul Parsons and his Sleepy Hollow** handicap tourney trophy.

### **Golfing Scene** Still Busy One

Undaunted as summer entered its final throes, golfers still crowded the links and put finishing touches to tournaments.

At Ashland, Waldo LaFon, as-At Asmand, Waldo Laron, as-sistant vice president and general manager of Kentucky Power, won the first flight of the Bellefonte County Club Tournament. He fired a 156 in the 36 hole match to edge his opponent by a stroke.

Then he moved on to Williamson, where he won the Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce Tournament September 10.

Going into the Handicap Championship with a handicap of 9, Paul H. Parsons rapped out a 78 for a net score of 69 to win the Sleepy Hollow Golf Club event by five strokes.

Paul, Charleston division personnel assistant and current division golf champ, survived the rounds of play against 200 other golfers at Sleepy Hollow. He was one of nine medal play finalists, where he took all the marbles. Fifty employees participated in the annual Philip Sporn Plant Golf Tournament last month. Bob Gilmore won the championship flight and Bub Stivers was runnerup. Larry Lieving won a play-off over Jerry Arnold for the first flight title, and William Harris won in a play-off over John Taylor Sr. for the second flight title. Helen Handley registered the best woman's score. Other winners were: Bob Gilmore, most birdies, most pars, and closest to pin on No. 2 and No. 5; Cricket Searls, least putts; Willis Dudding, most fives; Bud Stivers, longest drive and closest to pin on No. 6.

# Let's Go Hunting --- Safely

Every year nearly 6,000 hunters are killed or injured. And more than half of them were shot when the shooter stumbled and fell; the trigger caught on brush; the shooter was taking a gun out of or putting it into a car; or the shooter was crossing a fence with a loaded gun.

The lesson is obvious. Carelessness while hunting is a deadly thing. But hunting can be fun and safe with observance of a few common-sense rules. They're called the Ten Commandments of Gun Safety.

1. Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun. This is the cardinal rule of gun safety.

2. Carry only empty guns, taken down or with action open, into your automobile, camp, and home.

3. Always be sure that the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.

4. Always carry your gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle, even if you stumble. Keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.

5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.

6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot.

7. Never leave your gun unattended unless you unload it first.

8. Never climb a tree or a fence with a loaded gun.

9. Never shoot at a flat, hard surface or the surface of water.

10. Do not mix gunpowder and alcohol.

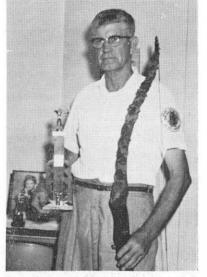
### **Three** Contribute **Operating Ideas**

Two men from Big Sandy plant and one from Roanoke were authors of articles in the September issue of AEP Operating Ideas.

The plant men, J. W. Pullen, maintenance supervisor, and M. Babinetz, plant engineer, described a new technique of washing a certain type of air preheater element. Normally, this washing is done with a stream of highpressure water, but this had a tendency to damage radial seals. To overcome this, the two welded flat steel bars on to the radial seal holding bars, at a cost of \$25, plus 40 manhours. The savings in labor and materials for repairs to damage in the old method amounts to \$150 in materials and 60 manhours.

Nelson Havens, electrical engineer in the Roanoke division, designed a demonstrator kit to be used in explaining voltage dips to industrial customers. It consists of a demonstration circuit, to be used by the company's representative, which shows the customer what happened, and what he can do to prevent it in the future.

### Archer



First place in the Tug Valley Archers Association Shooting Match was recently captured by Harold "Tuck-er" Akers, Logan-Williamson meter serviceman. The association is er Anors, 22 serviceman. The association ... made up of archers from Mingo County, W. Va. and Pike County,

### **Runner-up Tournament Team Is Led** By Sons Of Point Pleasant Employees

The Kiwanis Club of Point Pleasant Little League team was runner-up in regular play and in a special tournament this season, the good showing in part due to three sons of employees.

David Stricklen, son of W. H. Stricklen, line foreman; and Mark and Jeff Miller, sons of R. D. Miller, lineman; were on the team.

The special tournament is sponsored each year by the Kyger Creek Plant Employees Club, and this season attracted 40 entries from Mason County, W. Va. and Gallia and Meigs Counties, Ohio.

David played center field and pitched one game, a two-hit winning effort, in the six games the team played in the tourney. Mark plays shortstop and left field and Jeff is right fielder.

For their good showing, team members were treated by the Kiwanis Club to a trip to Cincinnati to see the Redlegs play.





Leading batsmen on the Bramwell Presbyterian Church entry which finished second in the Bluefield City Church Softball League were these system operating men at Switchback. The team had a 15-2 record. The men and their batting averages are, from left: I. R. Goins, .562; J. W. Munsey, .395; and M. K. Haynes, .475.

**Hitters All** 



Sporn plant's bowling officers are, from left: Lloyd Wright, secretary; Carl Searls, treasurer; Karl Wiles, president; and James Haggerty, vice president.

R. D. Miller and W. H. Stricklen stand proudly behind their sons and their trophies. The boys are from left: David Stricklen, Mark Miller, and Jeff Miller.

Mr. Yost



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Mr. Crickenberger

### **System Retiree Dies In Roanoke**

H. P. Crickenberger, who retired March 1, 1963 from the system operating department, died Sep-tember 5. He was 68. Mr. Crickenberger had a service record of 45 years, dating back to his employment at Cabin Creek plant in 1917. After service with the Army Engineers in the First the Army Engineers in the First World War, he returned to Cabin Creek. In 1926 he moved to Turner station as system operator, in which capacity he helped in the formation of the system operating depart-ments. In 1942 he was named statistician for the department, and in 1946, administrative assistant, the position he held at the time of the position he held at the time of his retirement.

He was past commander at the American Legion post in Dunbar, West Virginia, and a past member of the AIEE, and was an Elk. In Roanoke he was active member of the Christ Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his widow, three sons, and four grandchildren. One son, David, works in the system meter department.

### **Clinchers** Speak **On Civil Defense**

Three Clinch River plant em-ployees were speakers at a meeting of Russell County teachers and principals last month. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a civil defense program for Russell County schools. L. C. Houchins, plant personnel supervisor, spoke to the group

supervisor, spoke to the group about the details involved in about the details involved in planning for and organizing com-munity shelters. Jack R. Blanken-ship, safety supervisor, outlined directions for the proper operation of larger shelters, and Harvey G. Gillespie, Jr., maintenance foreman, presented a short course in radi-ological monitoring techniques and ological monitoring techniques and proper protective measures against radio-active fall-out. Approxi-mately 300 people were in at-tendance.



In a way it looks like an army tank that has gone out without its overcoat, with its treads and its skinny metal frame, and its truck bed body.

**Bombardier** Away

But don't let appearances fool you, because it's the Bombardier Carrier, now part of the Roanoke division's motor fleet, and it can go almost anywhere trouble needs correction correction.

Designed primarily as a service vehicle for rough terrain, it can go up and down almost vertically while carrying two or more men in the cab and a load of line material in the back. It has two sets of eight wheels on each side, inside an ordices rubber tread with inside an endless rubber tread with steel cross cleats. Because of this arrangement, the three-ton Bombardier exerts pressure of only one pound per square inch downward. That means that, even loaded, it can run on sawdust, marsh, swamp, or even dry snow to get to the job; it can power its way through drifted snow that would block a con-ventional line truck.

### **Minnich** Promoted To New Position

Owen R. Minnich has been pro-moted to the position of system supervising distribution engineer in Appalachian's transmission and distribution

department in Roanoke. He had been

system senior distribution

engineer. In his new duties Mr. Minnich

will coordinate

work between distribution

engineers in



Appalachian's headquarters Mr. Minnich and field staffs.

engineers with problems in dis-tribution and sub-trement work. He will also supervise work of the system distribution engineers.

Mr. Minnich, a native of Franklin County, Pa., joined Appalachian in Huntington as an engineer in 1946. He came to Roanoke 10 years later as a member of the distribution section of the system transmission and distribution department.

He had also worked two previous years with Appalachian at Logan. He received a BS degree in electrical engineering from the Uni-versity of Cincinnati in 1943, and has attended an advanced manage-ment course at the University of Michigan. He served in the Army from 1943 to 1946.

A registered professional engineer in West Virginia, Minnich is a member of the Presbyterian Church, is married, and has two sons and a daughter.

4-H Honor

The muscle comes from a six-cylinder, 125-hp engine with a top speed of 12 miles an hour. In use, it will be carried by trailer as close as possible to the scene of trouble, and then turned loose. It's less than 12 feet long and seven feet wide, and can turn around in a 15-foot circle.

Roanoke division people think the Bombardier can go anywhere, and tests so far indicate that they are right. But just in case it does run into poor footing, there's no need to worry. The Bombardier carries its own winch to pull itself out of trouble.



Mr. Farley

## Farley, Yost Move In Bluefield Area

Clyde L. Farley, line foreman in Princeton, has been promoted to area supervisor at Tazewell. He replaces Morriss M. Yost who re-cently assumed the supervision of the Bluefield area line and service groups succeeding the late T. W. groups, succeeding the late T. W. Testerman. The move was effective October 1.

Prior to his connection with the Appalachian, in 1941 Mr. Farley worked for the Turkey Gap Coal Company as an electrician.

In 1951 he was made area service-man. He worked subsequently as area serviceman, working foreman, and line inspector before he was promoted to line foreman in 1961. He is married and has two children, and is a member of the Methodist Church, Elks, and Masons.

Mr. Yost began his employment with the company in 1935 as a rural survey statistician. He has served in positions of meterman, clerk, serviceman, lineman and working foreman. In 1964 he was made Tazewell area supervisor.

He attended VPI and served in the U. S. Army from 1941 to 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Yost are members of the First Christian Church of Bluefield.

### **Appalachian Buys Building Site**

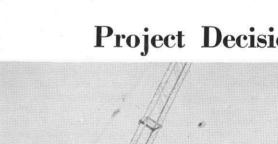
Appalachian has bought 24 acres of land in the Roanoke Industrial Center as the possible site of a service operations and storage center.

Feasibility studies are in pro-gress, and if they indicate the site is not suitable for such a center, the land will be made available for industrial development.

The Roanoke Industrial Center is the former American Viscose manufacturing operation, which closed down several years ago. Since then it was acquired by a development organization, and the complex of buildings is now oc-cupied by 18 different companies.

# **Project Decision**

administration from Concord Col-lege, and is a member of the Methodist Church. His hobbies are hunting and fishing, and he is active in Scouting work.



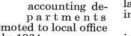
**Joe Mullins Heads** 

Welch Jaycees

lachian Sep-tember 1, 1956 as a business administration trainee and worked in a

number of assignments in the meter and

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until he was promoted to local office supervisor in July 1964. He holds a BS degree in business

occupant.



Joe L. Mullins, Welch local office supervisor, was recently elected newly-reactivated Welch Jaycees. He was in-stalled on Sep-tember 1, 1966. Mr. Mullins joined Appa-lachian Sep-Two Roanoke division employees recently were able to apply their first aid training to help the victim of an automobile accident. G. V. Funk, engineering aide, and J. C. Shelton, line inspector, came upon a single car accident near Roanoke immediately after it occurred. Inside the car, un-conscious on the floor, was the sole

Roanoke T&D's P. E. Peters is firmly planted in the back as the new

Bombardier demonstrates its ability to go over uneven terrain.

The two employees quickly took charge, found no bleeding or apparent injury, but made the victim comfortable until proper authorities arrived.

**Employees** Use

First Aid Training

### Shelby Reffett, 49, **Dies At Home**





Honored by the Virginia State 4-H Congress for his long record of service to the farm youth organization was James E. Crouch, Roanoke division administrative assistant. Mr. Crouch was presented a gift, the latest in a series of honors he has received for his work with youth. In 1950, he received the Virginia State Future Farmers of America Award, and in 1952 the rank of 4-H All Star. Here Mr. Crouch, right, accepts the gift from E. T. Swink, head of the agricultural engineering department of Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Mr. Reffett

Shelby Reffett, boiler operator at Cabin Creek, died of a heart attack at his home August 21. He was 49

A veteran of service in the Second World War, Mr. Reffett joined the company at Cabin Creek in April 1952 as a laborer. From November 1959 to February of this year, he worked at Kanawha River plant. He was promoted to boiler operator at Cabin Creek in July 1966.

He is survived by his widow, a step-daughter, and a son.

Funeral services were held at Hafer Funeral Home in Elkview, and burial took place in Elk Hills Memorial Garden.



Appalachian's Project Decision 4 building in Lynchburg will be com-pleted this fall, and ready for inspection by industry seeking to locate in that growing and busy city. Project Decision is the company's area development and improvement program by which a top-ranked com-munity is selected to be the site of a 50,500-square foot shell building built by Appalechian built by Appalachian.



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