

Discretion in speech is more than eloquence.

Bacon

The Illuminator

Though familiarity may not breed contempt, it takes the edge off admiration.

Hazlitt

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Three Elected To Board Of Service Corporation

W. S. White, Jr., assistant general manager of Appalachian Power Company, and D. C. Kennedy and W. J. Gillespie, Jr., managers of the Roanoke and Bluefield divisions, respectively, have been elected to the board of directors of American Electric Power Service Corporation.

Mr. White, who became a general manager last October 1, joined the AEP System in 1948 as an assistant engineer with the Service Corporation. In the New York office, he held several positions, including work in system planning, and as assistant to former AEP president Philip Sporn and office manager. He was transferred to Appalachian Power in 1962 as Lynchburg district manager and became division manager there in 1964.



Mr. White

Mr. Kennedy started with the company in Charleston in 1932. He carried out rural extension work in Charleston and in Roanoke before moving to Lynchburg in 1936. He worked there as dis-

tribution engineer, assistant district manager and district manager, and was promoted to Roanoke division manager in 1963.

Mr. Gillespie joined Appalachian in 1937 as a rural service engineer in Bluefield. He worked in the rural electrification program in western Virginia for several years before his promotion to rural sales supervisor in Pulaski in 1942. He moved to Bluefield as assistant district manager in 1948 and later served there as district manager and assistant division manager, and became division manager in 1964.

Also elected to the Service Corporation board were two division managers of Ohio Power Company: Robert I. Bull, Newark, and Robert W. Painter, Zanesville.



Mr. Kennedy



Mr. Gillespie

Tower At A Time



A helicopter lowers a complete two-pole transmission structure while a ground crew below guides it into the holes. The use of helicopters, which has expedited some phases of our companies' construction work, is rather routine now. But, line construction in the Pikeville division recently added a new wrinkle in the use of helicopters. For the first time, a complete unit, consisting of a two-pole suspension structure with crossarm braces, insulators and other hardware, was lifted directly to the site. Hitting two holes at the same time in the lowering process posed a problem, but everything went smoothly. The structure weighed approximately 3,500 pounds. Lifting the two-pole structure as one unit reduced work time by one half.

Electric Companies Sign Agreement To Insure Maximum Reliability

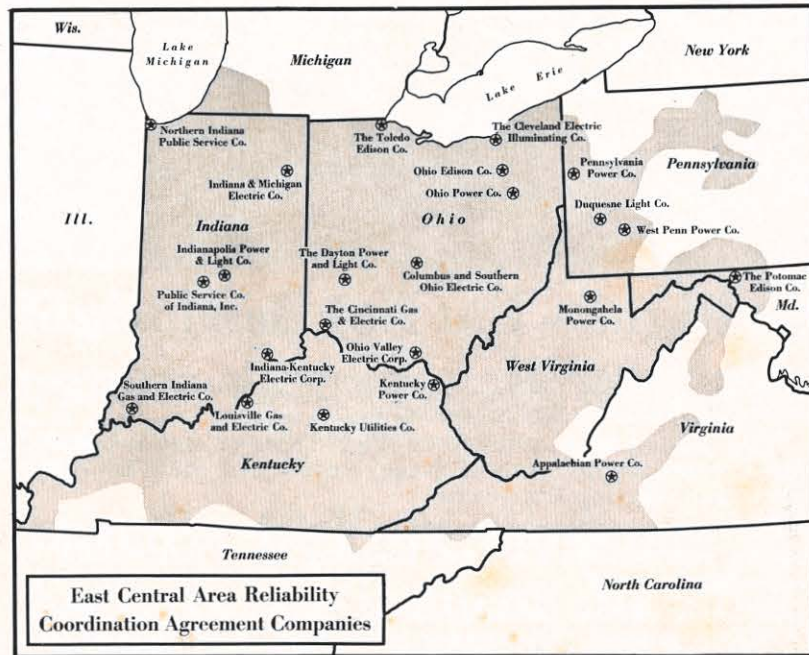
Twenty-three investor-owned electric companies in eight East Central states—including Appalachian and Kentucky Power—have joined in an agreement having as its single objective the maximum reliability of their bulk electric supply. It is the first arrangement of its kind ever undertaken.

Ohio Power and Indiana & Michigan Electric Company are the other AEP System companies in the agreement, officially known as the East Central Area Reliability Coordination Agreement. The 23 member companies serve a population of 25-million in a geographical area of 154,000-square miles.

J. Lee Rice, Jr., president of Allegheny Power System and acting chairman and spokesman for the 23-company group, said that the agreement establishes the machinery for review and evaluation of the member companies' plans and operating practices as they pertain to reliability of power supply. In the words of the agreement, its purpose is "further to augment reliability of the parties' bulk power supply through coordination of the parties' planning and operation of their generation and transmission facilities."

Capacity Equals France's

The 23 companies have combined assets of almost \$7 billion, and last year had combined energy



sales of 156-billion kilowatthours. They operate power plants with total generating capability of 28.7-million kilowatts—roughly equal to all of France—and 20,200 circuit miles of high-voltage transmission lines. Further, new facilities now under construction or authorized through 1972 will add 14.6-million kw of capacity and 4,560 miles of high-voltage transmission lines.

The ECAR companies provide electric service in all or parts of the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan. The present group includes all of the investor-owned utilities in the area. ECAR expects, however, to add two companies in Michigan when interconnection facilities already authorized are completed.

More Than Power Pool

Mr. Rice distinguished the agreement from "power pooling" and other concepts that mark existing interconnection agreements involv-

ing electric utilities. "While economies can be achieved through such pooling and interchange arrangements among several companies operating in relatively small areas," he explained, "the ECAR companies believe that maximum bulk power supply reliability can only be effectively achieved among electric systems within a major area of reasonable geographical boundaries."

He continued, "The companies in this agreement feel strongly that the best insurance against a widespread regional power failure lies in ECAR's review of all major programs of construction of each of the group's members prior to their commitment. This is to make certain that the planning and operation of power plants and transmission lines are carried out in such a manner as to avoid creating conditions that, under adverse contingencies, might trigger such a power failure. It is not our intent to assign to one central

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Annual Report To Be Mailed

A copy of the 1966 annual report of the American Electric Power Company will be mailed to the home of each AEP System employee. The report, which details the operations, performance and progress of the System during the past year, will arrive at homes later this month.

Rankin Named To IEEE Council

Appalachian's E. C. Rankin has been re-elected to a two-year term as a member at large of the Council of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Power Group. He is one of only nine men in the country to be chosen for this honor.

Mr. Rankin is transmission and distribution manager, and is a member of Region 3 of the national IEEE organization. He is also past chairman of the Virginia Mountain Section of IEEE, and for seven years served on the group's substation committee. He is a member of the transmission and distribution committee at the present time.



Mr. Rankin

He joined the company in 1935 as a groundman, and was named T&D manager in 1965. He is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute and is a registered professional engineer in Virginia.

The Power Group functions as a voluntary organization of IEEE members interested in the art and science of electric power production and transportation.

Most Of Kingsport's Budget To Cover T&D Expansion

Kingsport Power Company has budgeted more than a million dollars for construction during 1967, almost equal to the amount invested in construction in 1966.

The work in 1967 will be aimed at further insuring reliability of electric service as well as making more electricity available to customers. Power requirements have more than doubled during the past eight years largely due to the rapid growth of electric heating in homes and commercial buildings.

The major portion of the budget will go for transmission and distribution facilities, with over half to distribution.

In the way of transmission, work will be completed on installation of a new transformer at West Kingsport substation, and the addition of new lines out of the substation. Also to be completed is the rebuilding of a line from West Kingsport station to the company's Cumberland substation located on Main and Cumberland Streets.

Included in the distribution work is the completion of the conversion from 4,000 volts to 12,000 volts of four lines in an area near the Civic Auditorium and in a portion of the downtown business and industrial areas. This will greatly increase the capacities of these circuits.

Several other projects are in the

planning stage and will be announced later.

Employee's Son Wins Decoration

Capt. R. W. Witzel, son of W. R. Witzel, Huntington division personnel supervisor, was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in enemy territory during fighting in Viet Nam. He is commander of Company A, 299th Combat Engineer Battalion.



Capt. Witzel

Capt. Witzel is a 1962 graduate of West Point and also was graduated from the Army's airborne and ranger school. After serving a tour of duty in Korea, he received a degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University.

He has served in Viet Nam since July.

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Be Right - But Not Dead Right

Dead right—but, dead. That seems to be the theme in more and more of today's traffic accidents.

With automobiles capable of high rates of speed, coupled with the modern fast pace of living, a drive in a car is no longer a peaceful, relaxing adventure.

Time spent on the road seems to be an abomination to some drivers, representing a self-set, tempting record just waiting to be broken.

Of course, that's the other driver. You are a good driver. Therefore, it seems, the answer is not only to watch your own driving, but the other guy's.

There's a term for it, and it couldn't be more appropriate—defensive driving.

When you get behind the wheel you're putting your life on the line, and the lives of passengers in your car. You're taking a chance the minute you turn the key. The longer you're on the highway, the more the odds are against you. Beyond the next curve or over the next hilltop may lurk that "other driver."

The formula for defensive driving isn't difficult. You just have to be ready to miss the other guy when he "attacks." Of course, this means you have to have your own vehicle under control.

Often, it's impossible to "miss" the other guy. Traffic fatalities are always tragic, but even more so when the victim is an innocent party.

The use of defensive driving practices may save your life in an unavoidable accident, too. By being prepared, the seriousness of an injury may be reduced.

A perfect example of being prepared—reported in this issue—occurred recently in an Appalachian company truck accident. By adhering to company rules about the use of seat belts, serious injury was avoided. The company driver was not at fault, but the accident occurred just the same.

A Pat On The Back

It's nice to get a pat on the back. Especially when it's delivered by that all-important person—the customer.

It's reassuring to see proof that we are living up to our obligations to serve the customer and render one kind of service to everyone—the best possible.

Evidence that we are doing this job is reflected in letters from "more than" satisfied customers. The evidence continues to strengthen our already strong belief that our policy of putting the customer first is the best, and only, way. It also points out that we must be aware of this constantly and continue to seek ways to improve.

A Charleston division customer writes: "This bill completes three years of 100 per cent satisfactory service with electric heat. Just want you to know how well we have been pleased and served by Appalachian. Also, it's the only bill we have which has gone down every year for the same amount of service."

A Roanoke division customer wrote that she was moving into an apartment where the electric bill would be paid by the owner and, since she wouldn't be dealing with Appalachian directly, expressed her satisfaction with service over many years.

She reflected that it was one bill which she never objected to paying, because of all the comforts and conveniences electricity has given to her family of six children. Her note hinted a tinge of sadness in ending her association with the company, due to the thoughtful service which she said she had always received.

She later learned that the apartment complex into which she was moving is total electric, so our association with her will continue.

It's a good feeling to know that our customers feel this way—one that all employees can share.

Lynchburg Man Retires, Ends 43 Years Of Service



Mr. O'Brien

Otway C. O'Brien, Lynchburg Division right-of-way agent, retired February 1.

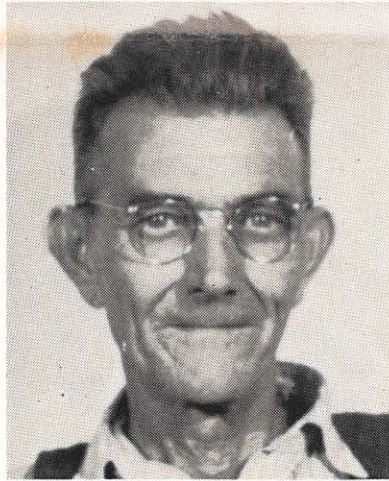
Mr. O'Brien was employed January 21, 1924 as a meter tester in the meter department. He was transferred to the right-of-way department as a rural extension agent in June 1, 1929 and was promoted to his present position on May 1, 1945.

He is a member of the Centenary Methodist Church and attends the Men's Bible Class there. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 301 A. F. & A. M. of Appomattox, Virginia.

Mr. O'Brien will continue to live in Lynchburg with his wife. They are the parents of a son.

As to the future, Mr. O'Brien plans to work around his home and "take life easy."

Plant Retiree, H. W. Kirk, Dies



Mr. Kirk

Harrison W. Kirk, retired employee at Cabin Creek plant, died January 10, 1967.

Mr. Kirk started his continuous service with the company at Cabin Creek in November 1938 as a laborer. On February 1, 1945 he was promoted to laboratory attendant, the position he held until retirement in February 1956.

Mr. Kirk was a member of IOOF, and Moose Lodge. He is survived by his widow, four sons and five daughters.

Retiree Cited For Service

James Crouch, recently retired Roanoke division administrative assistant, received a tribute from the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce for his outstanding service toward the betterment of the Bedford county.

The certificate of merit read, "Presented to James Crouch in recognition and appreciation for outstanding service to the program, aims and objectives of the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce." It was signed by Hugh H. Bond, chamber president.

Mr. Crouch was unable to attend. D. C. Kennedy, Roanoke division manager, accepted the presentation on his behalf.

Camp Site Lures Plant Retiree



Mr. Mullins

After a career of nearly 25 years, Hubert S. Mullins, Cabin Creek plant janitor, retired February 1.

Mr. Mullins started his continuous service with Appalachian in June, 1941 as a laborer, and was promoted to plant janitor April 1, 1949.

Mr. Mullins plans to spend a good deal of his time at his camp site on Elk River, but will continue to live in Chesapeake.

Plant employees presented him with a wrist watch with his name and total years of service engraved on the back.

Vines, Price Move To New Positions In Beckley Area



Mr. Price

Mr. Vines

Promotions involving two men from the Beckley area have been announced, effective March 1.

John E. Vines, line foreman at Rupert, has been promoted to service foreman and transferred to Beckley, and Robert H. Price, area serviceman at Rupert, has been named line foreman to succeed Mr. Vines.

Mr. Vines started out as a groundman in 1936. After working through several jobs in the line crew, he was made line foreman in 1948. A native of Beckley, he worked in Richmond and Roanoke before joining the company. He and his wife are the parents of three children.

Mr. Price worked as groundman in 1940, and joined the company permanently in 1946 as a lineman. He was promoted to area serviceman in 1948. Mr. Price served in the Marines from 1943 to 1946. He lives in Rupert with his wife and four children.

Eplin Promoted To Foreman Job

J. B. Eplin, meter serviceman in Charleston, has been promoted to meter service foreman there. The promotion was effective on February 1.

Mr. Eplin, who joined Appalachian in 1939, has spent all of his service in meter service work. He started as a meter man helper and advanced

through various meter serviceman's classifications.

A native of Kanawha county, he attended schools in Marmet and East Bank, W. Va. During World War II he served in Europe with the Army Air Force.

He attends the Marmet Baptist Church. He and his wife are the parents of four children and reside at Marmet.

Princeton Office



Operations at Princeton, W. Va., Bluefield division, have moved into the new company office on South Water street. Shown above in the accounting section in the main lobby are, from left, Linda Ball, clerk-trainee; Sherry C. Ross, clerk-typist; Thomas A. French Jr., credit and collection clerk, and Neva F. Shepherd, senior cashier. The building features a drive-in window customer service, shown at right rear. The building has an 80-seat auditorium, demonstration and commercial kitchens, store-room and line gang headquarters, besides the regular office space.

Medical Coverage Extended To Infants

The AEP System's Comprehensive Medical Insurance Plan has been liberalized to provide hospital, surgical and medical coverage to newborn dependent babies during their first 14 days of life. The change took effect January 1, 1967.

Under the new coverage, the Plan now will pay 50% of the first \$500 in nursery charges, pediatrician's fees and other covered medical expenses—and 80% of these expenses beyond \$500.

W-S Proposals Save \$500,000 For Company Last Year

Work simplification proposals processed during 1966 created direct savings of more than \$500,000, as a record number of employees participated in Appalachian's idea program.

The names of 356 different em-

ployees appeared on 513 proposals. The individual leader was Robert Herndon, engineering aide at Philip Sporn plant, who was the author or co-author of 11 proposals. E. A. Stone of Charleston, and W. J. Buchanan of Kanawha River plant, were next with eight to their credit.

Last year was the first full year in which company locations were assigned work simplification point quotas, based on the quality of the proposals made. The company at large had a quota of 20,300 points, and scored 23,075, a percentage performance of 114.8.

Bluefield led all divisions in percentage with 218.5, rating points, 3,059, and with processed proposals, 73. Abingdon was second with 178 per cent of quota, and Lynchburg was third with 128 per cent.

Among the plants, Clinch River had 164 per cent, and the most points, 2,132. Second was Kanawha River, with 151 per cent, and the most proposals, 271. Glen Lyn had 114 per cent of its quota.

Of the five groupings in General Office Departments, T&D, with 138 per cent, 972 points, and 18 proposals, had the best record. Real estate and right-of-way barely edged accounting for second place in percentage, 117 to 116.7. Area development and public affairs, both part of the administrative group had 159 and 141 per cent respectively.

The estimated savings of \$508,000 came from 243 proposals in which the savings at the point of origin could be measured directly. This figure does not include the savings from the same idea applied in other locations. It also does not include proposals having indeterminate or intangible benefits.

In 1965, the estimated savings came to \$84,800.

Julien Named Illuminator Editor

Marshall O. Julien has joined Appalachian's public affairs department as editor of *The Illuminator*.



Mr. Julien

He was promoted February 13 and transferred to his new post from Ohio Power Company, where he had been assistant editor of that company's employee publication, the *Ohio Power Review*.

In Roanoke he succeeds Donlan Piedmont, earlier promoted and transferred to the public affairs department of the American Electric Power Service Corporation in New York.

Mr. Julien is a native of Ohio, and received a degree in journalism from Bowling Green State University. Prior to joining Ohio Power last year, he had been associated with three Ohio newspapers.

He and his wife have a son and daughter. The family will move to Roanoke in the near future.



Appalachian Power Company

ABINGDON DIVISION—20 YEARS: W. B. CLATTERBUCK, lineman. JACK LEONARD, area serviceman.

BLUEFIELD DIVISION—45 YEARS: J. J. HARMON, area serviceman. 40 YEARS: CLARENCE J. LIGHT, stores supervisor. 35 YEARS: C. F. MUNDY, line inspector. RALPH SLADE, station supervisor. HYLBERT H. McCLUNG, engineering aide. G. S. HELTON, meter serviceman. 30 YEARS: W. C. KIDD, division T&D superintendent. M. P. KIRK, Jr., division station inspector. O. L. ROBINSON, division accounting supervisor. 20 YEARS: J. H. HARRIS, line foreman. JACK NEWLAND, engineer. 10 YEARS: JAMES H. LOONEY, lineman. VIRGIL L. MILAM, janitor. 5 YEARS: RICHARD C. BOWMAN, dealer sales representative. THOMAS A. FRENCH, Jr., credit & collection clerk.

CHARLESTON DIVISION—40 YEARS: T. W. POOLE, area serviceman. 25 YEARS: G. V. LOVEDAY, hydro utility operator. 20 YEARS: R. O. WALKER, T&D clerk. ALLISON E. ZUTAUT, area serviceman. 15 YEARS: FREDERICK J. BONHAM, lineman. 10 YEARS: PARIS W. HATCHER, Jr., garage foreman.

CABIN CREEK PLANT—25 YEARS: ROBERT J. DENT, mechanical maintenance man. 20 YEARS: FRANCIS E. HOYT, maintenance foreman.

CLINCH RIVER PLANT—30 YEARS: W. HENRY BROWN, head material clerk. 15 YEARS: C. FRED HERBERT, equipment operator. IRVEN W. WREN, unit foreman. 10 YEARS: N. RUTH JONES, time clerk.

GLEN LYN PLANT—35 YEARS: T. H. BROWN, chief plant dispatcher. 25 YEARS: E. J. STALKER, plant stores supervisor. SIDNEY SARVER, switchboard operator. 15 YEARS: T. B. SKELTON, maintenance man. K. E. FAREWELL, maintenance man. F. A. AGE, brakeman.

HUNTINGTON DIVISION—35 YEARS: C. W. BROWNING, material clerk. 30 YEARS: E. R. BIAS, groundman. STONEWELL FANNIN, truck driver-groundman. 5 YEARS: JOYCE BOWLES, petty cash clerk.

LYNCHBURG DIVISION—40 YEARS: E. L. SUTOR, Jr., division accounting supervisor.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—15 YEARS: JAMES E. HAGGERTY, equipment operator.

PULASKI DIVISION—25 YEARS: V. M. SMYTHERS, pre-audit clerk. K. M. SHARP, station foreman. S. J. JOHNSON, lineman. 15 YEARS: R. W. HAMPTON, lineman.

ROANOKE DIVISION—20 YEARS: ALMA C. OBENCHAIN, contract clerk. JOHN H. TERRY, transportation foreman. 15 YEARS: W. M. HANCOCK, garage attendant. 10 YEARS: L. A. STONE, Jr., utility clerk. H. A. CAMPBELL, lineman.

GENERAL OFFICE—40 YEARS: W. E. COLEMAN, R/E & R/W superintendent. 35 YEARS: D. L. BUCKINGHAM, station foreman. 30 YEARS: G. F. MURPHY, transportation supervisor. E. J. GRAY, real estate supervisor. 25 YEARS: B. N. BENNETT, systems & procedures analyst. 20 YEARS: C. W. EDMONDS, transmission man. R. L. HOWERY, transmission man. PAULINE G. MITCHELL, transmission clerk. 15 YEARS: ELIZABETH D. HARRISON, stenographer. 10 YEARS: W. E. IRVING, training supervisor. GERALDINE C. MARSHALL, stenographer. N. E. BELCHER, station foreman. H. D. BREWER, transmission man. 5 YEARS: CAROLYN M. HOGAN, flexowriter operator-clerk. NANCY P. SIMMONS, station clerk.

Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DIVISION—30 YEARS: VERNON GREENE, station foreman. 25 YEARS: IRWIN B. KINNER, assistant disbursing agent and general bookkeeper. D. P. WADE, heating sales supervisor.

HAZARD DIVISION—30 YEARS: K. C. BRASHEAR, Sr., customer service representative. 20 YEARS: JIMMIE OLIVER, groundman. JOHN PENNINGTON, Jr., serviceman. ISOM SERGENT, meter reader.

PIKEVILLE DIVISION—30 YEARS: ERNEST B. SCOTT, serviceman.



Flame Fighters

The past year was a big one for Kentucky Power Company's sales efforts with better than 100 per cent of quota in all categories achieved. Shown above with Flame Fighter Awards are, from left, W. S. La Fon, assistant general manager; Donald C. Cook, president

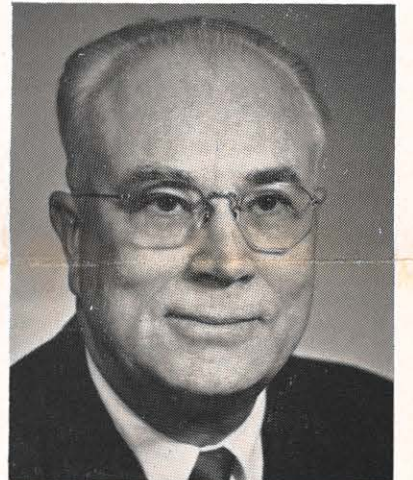
of our companies and of the American Electric Power Company, who presented the awards; F. M. Baker, vice president and general manager, and J. M. Wood, commercial manager.

Lovell's 42-Year Career Ends In Retirement March 1

Forty-two years and one month from the day he took over the management of a small electric utility in Oak Hill, West Virginia, Cecil W. Lovell retired as assistant manager of Appalachian's Charleston division.

That was January 31, 1925, two months before the small company became part of the new Appalachian. Mr. Lovell at that time was fresh out of the University of Southwestern Louisiana with a degree in electrical engineering. He remained in Oak Hill, and was distribution engineer there when he was transferred to Beckley in 1935. In 1947 he was made district manager in Beckley, and in 1951 moved to Charleston as assistant division manager.

For Mr. Lovell there will be no lack of things to do in retirement. Last year he was one of the princi-



Mr. Lovell

pals in establishing the Appalachian Retired Employees Association, along with M. O. Wilson and W. F. Keehne. He is now chairman of the group, and expects to spend considerable time in this work.

For example, he envisions such things as group trips, extending in length from a week end to a month, to local scenic spots, or even by plane to foreign lands. The Association he feels, can now be considered a going concern, and there are many other activities for members all over the company; stamp clubs, bridge clubs, coin collectors' clubs, and the like.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovell will maintain their home in Charleston, and use it as a base for their own activities. Immediately after retirement, they plan a trip to Baton Rouge to see their five grandchildren, and after that, to spend some time in Florida. Other travel is also in the works, but not yet crystallized.

Their love of gardening will also take up their time. Mr. Lovell has developed and grown trophy-winning roses, and his interest in that field led him to the Charleston Rose Society, which he has served as president. Using his well-equipped woodworking shop, Mr. Lovell has several projects in mind with furniture refinishing and antiques.

In Charleston he has been at various times a director of the Charleston area Chamber of Commerce, the Kanawha-Clay Chapter of the American Red Cross, and Goodwill Industries, Inc. He has also been active in Charleston's First Presbyterian Church, Rotary, Elks, Scottish Rite, and Shrine and was a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers.



Mr. Adams

Redmond Adams Dies In Roanoke

Redmond T. Adams, retired Roanoke division employee, died in a Roanoke hospital February 10. He had been in ill health for several years.

Mr. Adams joined the company in November 1930 as an auto mechanic. He was promoted to foreman in 1945, and held that job when he retired in January 1958.

He was a member of the Colonial Avenue Baptist Church, the Lakeland Masonic Lodge, and the Murray Chapter.

Funeral services were held in Oakey's Roanoke Chapel February 13, and burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, a son, Redmond T. Adams, Jr., and four granddaughters.

Blankenship Moves To Kentucky Job

Jack R. Blankenship, safety supervisor at Clinch River plant, has been promoted and transferred



Mr. Blankenship

to the personnel department of Kentucky Power Company. The move was effective February 1.

He started out with Appalachian in Huntington in June 1949, and worked in the T&D department there until he transferred to Logan plant. He was administrative assistant there until he moved to Clinch River in 1958 as safety supervisor.

He will move his wife and two sons to Kentucky at the close of the school year.



Col. Reynolds

serve unit was alerted in the fall of 1966 for possible duty in Vietnam.

Colonel Reynolds was educated at Emory and Henry College where he received a degree in engineering. He joined Appalachian in 1949 as a senior engineer in the Roanoke T&D. He worked there until 1959 when he was transferred to the commercial department as a commercial sales engineer, his present position.

He is a member of the Roanoke City Transportation Museum Committee, advisor on the Junior Achievement Council, an officer in the PTA, and was immediate past president of the Blue Ridge Chapter of the Illuminating Engineering Society.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baker try to decide which of their new "antique" pictures will look best on the wall of their family room. Home decoration is a family hobby with the Bakers.

Decorating Is Group Hobby For Paul Baker's Family

The Paul Baker family has made home decoration a collective hobby, with a strong serving of ingenuity and a dash of imagination, salted with an artistic temperament.

The family's home in Point Pleasant, where Mr. Baker is commercial sales engineer, is filled with the results of this hobby, to the delight and surprise of every one who has ever visited there.

Mrs. Baker, for example has a new twist on refinishing household items: she takes something new and makes it look old. Her starting point was her home's new family room, and her favorite project was making "antique" wall plaques. She's been so successful with her work that now she's getting requests from friends and neighbors.

These plaques, featuring pictures with an old-fashioned flavor, are made from scrap wood, of any size or shape. The pictures, sometimes reproductions of old paintings, sometimes Currier & Ives prints, are clipped from magazines. She pastes the picture on the wood, using a standard wall paper paste, and taking care to smooth out all air bubbles.

The edges of the wood is hacked and scraped with a knife to give it an old and properly battered appearance—that's Mr. Baker's job—and then the edges of both picture and wood are stained with a dark finish. The final step is to cover the whole thing with shellac. When it's dry, fix a clip or a hook on the back, and you have a quaint wall decoration.

Mrs. Baker's son Bill, 15, also takes a hand in home decoration, and also uses scrap as his raw material.

He calls his hobby "bottle sculpture," and he starts, usually, in the trash can. Bill, a student in

Point Pleasant High School, selects old bottles of startling or interesting shapes; fancy decanters are his favorite. He stacks them end on end experimentally until he finds a structure that is pleasing, and then glues the bottles together. He stains the glass surface with aquarium paint, and the result is an attractive example of creative pop art.

They're Engaged

SHIRLEY S. VEST to G. M. Guill. Miss Vest is a forms and office supply clerk in Roanoke general office.

DONNA S. SCOTT to Ronald L. Switzer. Mr. Switzer is a mail clerk in the Roanoke general office.

DORIS M. ELLIS to Giles H. Wood. She is a reproducing machine operator in Roanoke general office.

LONA K. ROBERTS to Stanley M. Hill. Mr. Hill is a reproducing machine operator in Roanoke general office.

JANICE R. HOREN to Richard C. Herring. Miss Horen is a clerk-stenographer in the Roanoke general office.

LINDA DARNELL WATKINS to Wilbur Parker Tyson. Miss Watkins is a cashier in Fieldale.

MYRTLE LOUISE SPENCER to Noland Lee Jennings. Miss Spencer is T&D clerk in Lynchburg.

DAWN STINNETTE to C. Raymond Daniel, Jr. Miss Stinnette is a stenographer in Lynchburg.

BETTY ADKINS to Raymond K. Robinson. Mr. Robinson is a lineman helper in Abingdon.

Eight Long Years Of Home Study Pay Off

Often it's a long, hard road down the education trail. Especially if a person is married, has a family and a full time job.

Such was the case with C. E. Richardson, recently promoted to heating and builder sales representative, Roanoke division commercial department.

Rich, as he is known to his friends and fellow employees, received an electrical engineering degree through correspondence courses recently after eight determined years of study.

When he started, both of his children, Nancy and William, were in high school. While Rich was pursuing his own degree, his children both were graduated from college. Nancy, who was one of the first of Appalachian employees' children to receive an American Electric Power System Educational Award, received a bachelor of

divinity degree in religion from Westhampton College and is now working toward a master's degree at Duke University. His son earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Rich started his work toward a degree by applying for educational assistance. With this granted, the actual work began—eight years of it.

Active in his church, the Tabernacle Baptist Church, and a member and past president of the Edgewood Lions Club, Rich found it difficult to allot the proper amount of time toward his studies. He tried to set a firm schedule of 10 hours per week on his studies.

This, of course, deprived him and his family of time together. His wife, Myrle, encouraged his work and patiently endured the sacrifices.

Through the years his work progressed slowly, but surely. Finally in September, 1966, it was over. The course was finished. He had graduated and received an electrical engineering degree.

Later, his present job opened and required a man with a degree—and the knowledge that goes with it. His new job involves designing equipment in duct layout for warm-air systems for residential custo-



C. E. (Rich) Richardson plans job.

mers. The first payoff for eight years of study. Was it worth it? Rich thinks so.

What's Mew, Pussycat?

About 1,500 customers were without service for nearly two hours recently in Mew, a Russell county community in the Abingdon division, after a cat crawled into the bus side of a recloser at one of our substations.

The cat was killed. A closing coil in the recloser and three station fuses were damaged and replaced.

It might be said that the pussycat didn't know "What's Mew."

ECAR

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group the planning and operating functions of our member companies, but rather to establish the mechanism for thorough analysis and simulated testing of our systems' performance so that problems that might affect the entire area can be solved."

Liaison With Others

He added that the agreement's provisions called for continuous liaison with non-associated utilities and utility groups outside the East Central Area, particularly with those with which individual ECAR members were interconnected by high-voltage transmission ties.

"Interconnection with adequate transmission is the backbone of power system reliability," Mr. Rice said. The East Central Area was one of the first to develop and perfect the concept of inter-connections among the transmission systems of contiguous companies, and through the years this area has grown to become one of the strongest in the nation from the standpoints of the number, flexibility and capacity of such inter-connections, both within and outside the group's membership.

"I want to emphasize," Mr. Rice concluded, "that the ECAR group is the basic organization with which to achieve our objective of reliability. With the size and resources of its members, we are not starting from scratch. We are starting from strength and experience and are adding to both. The companies in the area have a long background of cooperation and experience in the operation of interconnected systems."

The agreement calls for direction of the group's activities by a 16-man Executive Board. The Board will be assisted and advised by a Coordination Review Committee, which in turn will be assisted by advisory panels of technical experts drawn from the member utilities in such fields as system reliability, generation, transmission, equipment protection, and operation. An executive manager, under direction of the Coordination Review Committee chairman, will have over-all supervision of its day-to-day activities.



New Arrivals



Ashland Division

MR. AND MRS. JAMES HUTCHINSON, twin daughters, Tina Louise and Lisa Ann, February 7. Mr. Hutchinson is a T&D man.

Bluefield Division

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT E. PARNELL, a son, Anthony Trent, August 6. Mr. Parnell is a lineman helper.

Cabin Creek Plant

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD E. MUNROE, a daughter, Tammi Lou, January 28. Mr. Munroe is a laborer.

Charleston Division

MR. AND MRS. JOE CHARLES THOMAS, a son, Michael Alan, January 2. Mr. Thomas is a lineman helper.

Glen Lyn Plant

MR. AND MRS. ROY E. PENDLETON, JR., twins, Pamela A. and Paul N., January 8. Mr. Pendleton is a laborer.

Huntington Division

MR. AND MRS. LARRY D. ESQUE, a son, Christopher Scott, January 25. Mr. Esque is a station man helper.

Roanoke Division

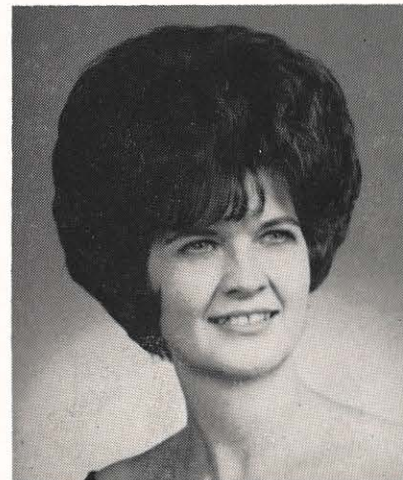
MR. AND MRS. JAMES CLINTON LUTHER, a son Timothy Lee, February 7. Mr. Luther is a collector.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH L. ASHWORTH, a daughter, Amy Lee, February 15. Mr. Ashworth is a meter reader.

General Office

MR. AND MRS. ROY F. HOWARD, a son, Lee Allen, January 9. Mr. Howard is a draftsman.

Weddings Announced



Married in recent weeks over the system were, left, Mrs. Mike George Jr., Huntington, and Mrs. Stephen Proctor, Charleston.

Bowles-George

Joyce A. Bowles and Mike George Jr. were united in marriage. Mrs. George is a petty cash clerk in the Huntington division.

is the daughter of Alton Roush, janitor at Philip Sporn Plant. Mr. Hoffman is the son of Bernard Hoffman, conveyor operator at Philip Sporn plant.

Snyder-Proctor

Charlene Snyder was married to Steven Proctor on January 21, 1967 in the Brawley Chapel Methodist Church, Clendenin, W. Va. Mrs. Proctor is the daughter of Mrs. Jo Snyder, general service clerk, Charleston division.

Bachner-Brown

Karen Bachner and Donald C. Brown Jr. were married on December 26 at the First Presbyterian Church in Middleport, Ohio. Mr. Brown is the son of Donald C. Brown Sr., plant engineer at Philip Sporn plant.

Roush-Hoffman

Eleanor Louise Roush and George Hoffman exchanged nuptial vows on January 17 in a double ring ceremony at the Union Parsonage, New Haven, W. Va. Mrs. Hoffman

Salters-Gill

Linda Salters became the bride of Raymond J. Gill on January 20, 1967 at the Old Kanawha Baptist Church, East Bank, W. Va. Mr. Gill is a mechanical maintenance helper at the Cabin Creek plant.

Two Queens



Joan Carol Lang in Pikeville, left, and Lang Foster in Abingdon were both crowned Valentine Queens at appropriate ceremonies last month. Mrs. Lang is clerk-stenographer in Pikeville accounting, and was chosen by the Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Miss Foster, the daughter of Anne Foster, Abingdon records department, won her crown at the annual Key Club dance at Abingdon High School, where she is a senior.



Marshall Griggs, S. S. Snidow, and Guy Pendleton (back to camera), all Roanoke employees, get a strenuous workout.

electric heat

Going Strong For 35 Years

We tend to think of electric heat as totally modern, in every sense of the word—as indeed it is. Our companies have been promoting the electric heating concept intensively for only about ten years, so it might come as a surprise to many employees, excluding veterans of the commercial department, that as far back as 1933, electric heat was a fertile sales field that deserved its own publication on the system then known as American Gas and Electric Company.

Ira Henderson, The Illuminator's associate editor in Bluefield, passed on the AGE Electric Heat Bulletin for 1933, its two-color cover showing one of Britain's handsomely uniformed and mounted Life Guards. Below was printed "Electric Heat Guards Your Product," and to one side appeared the list "Farm, Food, Industry, Medicine."

It's true that electric heat sales efforts then were concentrated more on product and process applications than on home space heating, but there were still some uses which even today would be remarkable.

For example, an article headed "What, No Electric Heat? Poor Fish!" described how a Charleston couple buried electric heaters in the sand on the bottom of their fish pond. These people had some 60 different specimens of fancy goldfish, some 16 inches long. The heaters maintained a warm water temperature for the comfort of the fish, and even promoted the blooming of water lilies in January. This, plus underwater lighting, produced "a sight worth seeing," according to the author. The author, incidentally, was C. B. Talley, retired Charleston district manager, who was, at the time he wrote the article, power engineer in Charleston.

Other articles described how electric heat was used to set the twist in silks, how steam electric irons were used in textile mills, how a heating system was used in applying glue to the inside paper liner of cigar boxes, and how heat was used in a "modern tire shop."

There was also a photograph of an operator's cabin, perched on stilts above a railroad yard. This was, undoubtedly, one of the early uses of electricity for space heating.

Air conditioning was mentioned at some length, and one article called attention to its demonstrated value in movie theaters. This calls to mind, said the article, "its equally great value in other establishments," notably apparel shops, barber shops (where hot steaming towels create "an uncomfortable atmospheric condition"), restaurants and hotels.

On the farm, a piece described how young quail in one farmer's brooder began dying off in great numbers. Cause of death was finally determined as lack of moisture in the air. Solution? Right. An electric humidifier.

And if you think the electric knife is new, you should read an informative little article on surgical diathermy. This described, in excessive clinical detail, the uses of an electric needle, and a technique called "electro-cutting." This, the article explains, "is a term synonymous with electro-surgery, radio knife, electric scalpel, etc." Dr. Harvey Cushing, the distinguished brain surgeon, is listed as using this method.

At the bottom of the page on which story appears is the slogan: "Electric Heat Guards Your Health."

It did then, and it does now.

don't just sit there DANCE!

Dancing is the craze—again. Forget the "bird" and the "frug." For real fun you might join several Roanoke area employees who are kicking up their heels in the good old-fashioned way—square dancing.

You might say its a combination of good clean fun, fellowship, and music—not to mention a built-in physical fitness course.

Square dancing, which has more than held its own as an American tradition, has gone organized. Appalachian employees are active in two of several Western Style Square Dance clubs in the Roanoke area.

S. S. Snidow, Marshall Griggs, and Guy Pendleton and their wives, are members of the "Moonlight Squares," one of the oldest such clubs in the area. Mr. Snidow is in the Roanoke division transportation department, and Mr. Griggs and Mr. Pendleton are general office employees. The latter is president of the Roanoke Federation of Square Dance Clubs.

The "moonlighters" group was formed in the summer of 1955 in a barn meeting near Bennett Springs. Prior to this several couples had been getting together for dances under the summer moonlight on patios at their homes.

Other Appalachian employees, J. K. Hutcherson, Roanoke division stores department, and Bob Webster, Mary Manning, V. D. Willis and Gus

Cromer, of the general office, belong to another club, "Blue Ridge Shufflers."

These clubs, which usually meet twice a month, are non-profit organizations and admission is to members only. Each club has its own record player and arranges for a caller, usually someone from out of town.

Color is the key for dress. Members usually wear some form of authentic western garb with the women donning frilly, colorful dresses.

A square dance "festival," or "conference," is a gala get-together of clubs which attracts large numbers of dancers from hundreds of miles around.

The Roanoke Valley Square Dance Festival, held in November of 1966, featured callers from California, North Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland and Tennessee. For the Fontano "Rebel Roundup" held in October, advance reservations were sold out in May. Dancers numbered in the thousands at the two events.

Festival time is the time to show your stuff, but the individual club's regular meetings offer the opportunity to learn new routines—which is half the fun of square dancing.

At the regular meetings, each caller teaches some new routine by careful call and explanation. Then it is practiced in full cadence and with musical background until it is done with ease.

Sound like fun? It is. It's a swingin' good time.



Here Comes Weather!

Weather: sometimes a friend—sometimes a foe. You can't change it but you can be prepared. In the electric utility business, we've got to be prepared.

It's a well known fact that electricity can't be stored, in the true sense of the word. It goes directly to the customer as soon as it is produced.

And, weather, that intangible factor which plays such a large role in determining how much electricity our customers will need, is a serious business with our companies and sister American Electric Power System firms.

Exaggerating the point, it's a somewhat simple formula. When it's cold, more electricity is needed for heating purposes. When it's hot, the demand is affected by the use of air conditioners.

The problem is knowing how the weather will affect the demand for electricity—in advance.

This is where the operations department people come in. All AEP System companies have access to weather reporting and forecasting services from which is gleaned valuable information on present and forecasted conditions across the system.

Appalachian's operations department is headed by J. W. Kepner, superintendent. G. M. Gillock, Appalachian system chief operations coordinator, is in charge of coordinating the flow of electricity through Appalachian's area plus channeling energy to and from sister companies.

Load forecasting and capacity planning for all AEP companies originate from the operations control center in Canton. But, the weather information is used by each company for localized operations. The information is relayed from Roanoke to division superintendents for their information and action.

The reporting services are Weather Corporation of America, St. Louis, Mo.; U. S. Weather Bureau, Huntington, and Civil Aeronautics Weather Service, Washington.

Weather Corp. furnishes a three-day forecast and a summary of conditions and fronts affecting the weather pattern across the AEP System.

U. S. Weather Bureau forecasts localized information for the New and Kanawha River Basin.

Advance weather information can't prevent line trouble like this, but it gives us a chance to get ready for it. Here are Clyde Wysor and Ardis Anderson, Bluefield linemen, removing a tree that took down electric lines during a recent snowstorm.



Civil Aeronautics Service offers more precise information on actual conditions. Major airports east of the Mississippi River are contacted for hourly weather conditions. The service updates its forecast every eight hours. Also, during hurricane season it aids in determining the path of storms so that the water level in our hydroelectric projects can be regulated when a heavy rainfall is expected.

The information is vital, in forecasting loading conditions both system-wide and locally. On the local scene, it's of the utmost importance in determining when a piece of generating equipment can be taken out of service for regular maintenance work.

Also, when the companies know a storm is approaching, crews can be alerted and ready to move in case of outages. Recently the Bluefield division area was struck by a wind and sleet storm which caused power outages affecting nearly 1,400 customers as an example. Preparing for a storm can reduce the outage time.

Having up-to-date weather information on hand, Mr. Gillock once made a believer out of a doubting service station attendant. En route home on a

mild, sunny day with the temperature in the high 60s, he stopped for gasoline and advised the man he had better get his snow tires and chains ready for the coming snow. This, of course, was taken as a joke. So—you guessed it—seven inches of snow fell that night. Now the "believer" jokingly refers to Mr. Gillock as the weatherman.

The weatherman tag is one thing the operations people would like to forget. Hundreds of telephone calls go in and out of the department during a routine work day. For every call made for a request to take a piece of equipment out of service temporarily, several more are made to assure the slack in the flow of electricity can be picked up from another area. This means the phones are in constant use coordinating the flow of energy.

Add to this a dozen calls from employees seeking weather information for personal reasons, and you have trouble. They're a nice bunch of people in operations and most accommodating, but they just don't have time to be a weather information service for fellow employees.

Let Us Spray But Let's Do It Carefully

Progress, it seems, carries its own hazards: the automobile brought traffic accidents, for example, and television brought cartoons.

Convenience then is not an unmixed blessing. The aerosol spray can, which permits application of everything from paint to deodorant with side trips to whipped cream and shoe polish, is certainly one of the blessings of our time; and yet, it can be not only a convenience, but a problem and a menace as well.

Ever read the small print on the side of those cans? Caution. Do not use near heat or open flame. Do not puncture. Do not incinerate.

Misreading or ignoring those directions can lead to disaster.

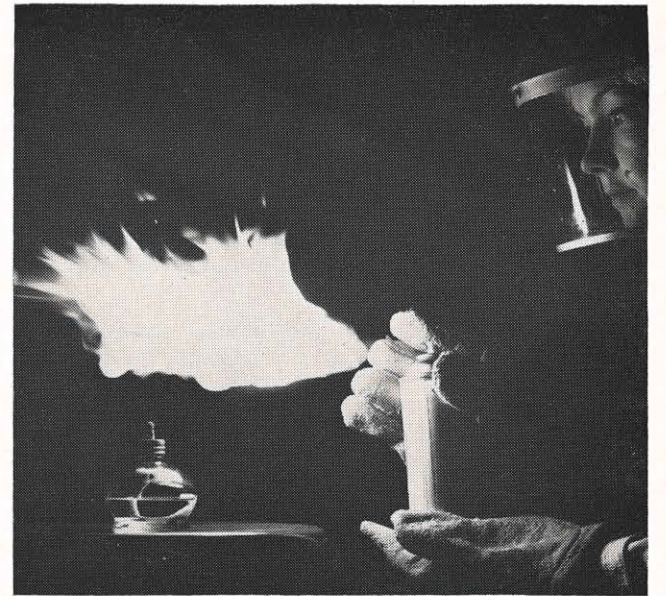
Item: a woman in Pennsylvania threw a used insecticide spray can in the trash fire in her back yard. As she turned away the can exploded, and sent a piece of metal through her jugular, killing her on the spot.

Item: a man left a can of "spare air," an emergency tire-filling kit, in the rear seat of his car all day. The sun shining through the window heated the can, caused it to explode and tear the seat fabric to shreds.

Item: a woman using hair spray in a closed room was burned severely when spray vapors were ignited by her cigarette. Tests have shown that flaming spray will shoot as far as seven feet out of the mouth of a can.

In Huntington, Arlene Leadman of the AEP General Laboratory, has conducted similar experiments. A can of clear lacquer burned with the velocity of a blow torch. Deodorant and air freshener burned with a furious flame.

Well, what do you do with such a deadly item around the house? You can't puncture it, because suddenly expanding gasses can send slicing bits of metal all over the room. You can't burn it. And cities which have an incinerator system have to institute special techniques to avoid throwing the cans in.



Arlene Leadman shows what happens when vapor from an ordinary can of hair spray happens to blow across open flame.

Do we face a future in which we are all slowly and inevitably suffocated under an avalanche of undisposable aerosol cans? No, not really.

Actually there are two fairly simple and direct ways to rid the home of these potentially dangerous objects. One is to find a place to bury them. This has been seriously recommended by some experts.

But, since the propelling gas remains in the can long after that which it propels has been used up, the obvious method is to get rid of the gas. *Home Safety Review*, a safety publication, says the can should be put into a basin of water, and the nozzle depressed until all the pressure is dissipated.

It may take a few moments, and it may make for a messy basin, but by Sam, it's safe.

Eleven In Company Honored For Long Company Service

Eleven Appalachian employes received service pins in the 35-to-45-year classifications last month.

Heading the list was James J. Harmon, Bluefield division, who has served for 45 years.

Honored for 40 years of service were E. Lewis Sutor Jr., Lynchburg division; Clarence James Light, Bluefield division; T. W. Poole, Charleston division, and William E. Coleman, Roanoke general office.

Thirty-five-year recipients were D. L. Buckingham, Roanoke general office; Thomas H. Brown, Glen Lyn plant; C. W. Browning, Huntington division, and Garnett Smith Helton, Charlie Foster Mundy and Hylbert H. McClung, all of Bluefield division.

Mr. Harmon

Mr. Harmon, area serviceman at Switchback, possesses a remarkable safety record—he hasn't lost a day of work due to an accident during his 45 years. Born at Ivanhoe, Va., he attended schools there and has lived in that area most of his life. Starting as a utility man, he has held several job classifications.



Mr. Harmon



Mr. Sutor



Mr. Light



Mr. Poole



Mr. Coleman



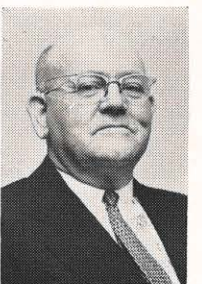
Mr. Buckingham



Mr. Brown



Mr. Browning



Mr. Helton



Mr. Mundy



Mr. McClung

His hobbies are fox hunting and fishing.

Mr. Sutor

Forty-year man Mr. Sutor is office supervisor at Lynchburg. He started with the company as a payroll clerk. He and his wife reside at Lynchburg and have one married son. He is a member of the Industrial Management Club and the Centenary Methodist Church.

Mr. Light

Mr. Light, stores supervisor at Bluefield, began his service there and later was employed at Glen Lyn plant before being transferred back to Bluefield. He is a member of the Methodist Church and favors golf as a hobby. He resides at Bluefield.

Mr. Poole

An area serviceman at Montgomery, Mr. Poole has spent his entire 40 years in the T&D department, Charleston division. He joined the company as groundman. He has several hobbies, but lists aviation, hunting and fishing as favorites. He and his wife reside at Glasgow and are the parents of five children.

Mr. Coleman

Mr. Coleman, superintendent, real estate & right of way, has spent his entire service at Roanoke. He held a series of job assignments in the department until he was named superintendent in 1948. A member of the Calvary Baptist Church, he lists golf and other sports as his hobby. He and his wife reside at Roanoke.

Mr. Buckingham

Marking his 35th year, Mr. Buckingham is a station foreman in the Roanoke general office. A native of Indiana, he worked for the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company before joining Appalachian. He is active in the Huntington Court Methodist Church and sings with the Roanoke Valley Chorus. His hobbies are bowling and golf. He and his wife have one son.

Mr. Brown

Chief dispatcher at Glen Lyn plant, Mr. Brown began his service there and advanced through the operating department. He and his wife reside at Kellysville, W. Va. Mr. Brown's brother, D. T. Brown, is yard foreman at Glen Lyn, and another brother, O. G. Brown, is retired from the plant.

Mr. Browning

Mr. Browning, 35-year Huntington man, is a material clerk in the stores department, and has had service in the construction and production departments as well. He is a member of the Elder Church of Christ. He and his wife are the parents of three children.

Mr. Helton

One of three 35-year Bluefield veterans honored, Mr. Helton is a meter serviceman. He started as a groundman. He and his wife reside at Bluefield and are the parents of four children.

Mr. Mundy

A Bluefield line inspector, Mr. Mundy started as a lineman. He is assistant pastor of the North Tazewell (Va.) Church of God. He and his wife reside at North Tazewell.

Mr. McClung

Mr. McClung, Bluefield engineering aide, was a school teacher before joining the company. He started as a clerk in the engineering department. He is a member of the Methodist Church and of the Salvation Army Advisory Board and active in the Civitan Club. He and his wife reside at Bluefield and have two children.

Service Anniversaries Noted

30 Years



E. J. Gray
RE/RW



Stonewall Fannin
Huntington



E. R. Bias
Huntington



W. C. Kidd
Bluefield



G. F. Murphy
Transportation



J. I. Gilbert
RE/RW



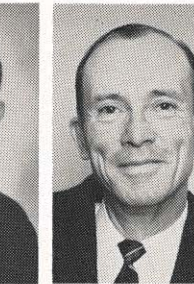
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Ashland



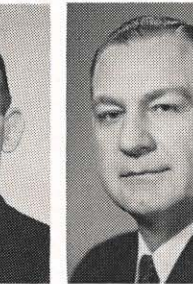
Ernest B. Scott
Pikeville



W. H. Brown
Clinch River



O. L. Robinson
Bluefield



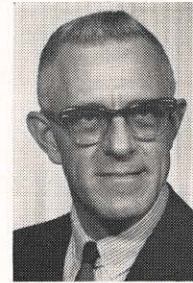
C. K. Kirkland
Bluefield



W. J. Gillespie, Jr.
Bluefield



K. C. Brashear
Hazard



D. P. Wade
Ashland



K. M. Sharp
Pulaski



L. R. Buchanan
Roanoke

25 Years



E. J. Stalker
Glen Lyn



Sidney Sarver
Glen Lyn



G. V. Loveday
Kanawha Valley
Power



V. M. Smythers
Pulaski



R. J. Dent
Cabin Creek

20 Years



S. J. Johnson
Pulaski



R. L. Howery
T&D



Mason Gallaher
Ashland



Jack Newland
Bluefield



Alma Obenchain
Roanoke



C. D. Edmonds
T&D



Talmadge Debord
Ashland



T. J. Shelton
Roanoke



W. L. Sutor
Accounting



Pauline Mitchell
T&D



J. H. Terry
Roanoke



Francis E. Hoyt
Cabin Creek



Jack Leonard
Abingdon



R. O. Walker
Charleston



R. M. Martin
Roanoke



S. F. Plybon
Roanoke



Allison E. Zutaut
Beckley



John Pennington, Jr.
Hazard



Happenings Around The Circuit

Bluefield

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Grady L. Parker has been named chairman of the month-long campaign for funds to underwrite the research, educational, and community service programs of the Mercer County Heart Association. Associated with him in the Heart Fund drive are Mrs. Karl Mann, chairman of special events, and Martha Mays.

Mr. Parker was also one of two employees named to leadership posts by the Session of the Princeton Presbyterian Church. He was appointed to the congregational missions committee, and Willard A. Johnson, was named to the Christian education committee.

Also elected to various jobs recently were Ray Heldreth as director of the Bluefield Country Club, and his wife as garden council chairman; Archie Phlegar to the board of the YMCA; Mrs. B. E. Bates, wife of the retired meter supervisor, to secretary of the board of governors for the Golden Age Club, and Mrs. Alfred H. White, chairman of the activities at the YWCA.

Among the younger generation, Vera Jane Dudash, daughter of Steve Dudash, made the dean's list at Marshall University, and Scott Robinson, son of O. L. Robinson, did the same at Bluefield College . . . G. E. Hill's daughter Paulette was a model in a recent style show . . . Linda Jean Roach was elected chairman of the Radford College Honor Council. She is the daughter of Greever C. Roach.

Welch

Don White, son of H. S. White, lineman, was selected as "Newsboy of the Week" by the staff of the *Welch Daily News*. This selection is made on such things as courtesy to customers, honesty, general ambition, and character.

Richard G. "Greg" Ruff, son of R. H. Ruff, power sales engineer, has been elected president of Rho Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon, national social fraternity at West Virginia University.

Mrs. Evelyn Martin, wife of Jack D. Martin, meter service man, has been selected by the Pineville Jaycees for the Best Citizen of the Year Award, and her name will also be entered in state competition. Mrs. Martin will also serve as Pineville City Chairman of the March of Dimes Drive.

John A. Barns, Welch electrical engineer, has been appointed Custodian at the First Presbyterian Church in Welch. This selection was made by the Board of Deacons, of which he is a member. In other church work, W. T. Collins, Grundy local office supervisor, has been filling the pulpit at the Whitewood and Jewell Valley Presbyterian Churches while they are without a minister.

Huntington

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Among the unhappy consequences of a recent major fire in downtown Point Pleasant was the total cremation of O. C. Hall's personal car. The car was in a shop for repair, and the shop happened to be one of three buildings totally destroyed by the million-dollar blaze.

Philip Sporn Plant

Frank E. Sisson, coal handler, has resigned.

Pulaski

Marsha Ann Sheets, daughter of R. E. Sheets, electrical engineer, received her nursing cap in graduation ceremonies at Roanoke Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. Miss Sheets, with a 93 average, was in the top ten of her class.

S. A. Dewey has been elected president of the Pulaski Country Club for the second time in three years. Bruce McCall and Vernon Hinton are on the board of directors. Mr. Hinton is retired, Mr. Dewey and Mr. McCall are in the commercial department.

Completing the Dale Carnegie course recently were L. L. Bucklen and D. K. Spivey.

Pulaski division employees take a certain satisfaction in the fact that Tommy Francisco, a summer employee, was named Virginia Tech's Most Valuable Player for the past football season. He starred in Tech's losing effort in the Liberty Bowl game.

Ray Lester was elected to the board of directors of the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club.

Abingdon

Frances Ratliff, home sales representative, has been elected reporter for the Gate City home demonstration club, and 4-H counselor for Scott county. In the Scott county home demonstration club organization, Harold Cox's wife Betty was elected secretary-treasurer.

The First Baptist Church of Gate City has tapped two employees for three jobs. J. C. Hughes was elected to the board of deacons and also president of the Men's Brotherhood, and Ralph Carter joined him on the board.

Rebecca Carter, Ralph's daughter, helped out with the recent March of Dimes Telerama over station WCYB in Bristol.

Becky Wagner was a second place winner in the local Bland Memorial contest sponsored by the Lions Club. She is the daughter of Charlie Wagner.

Roanoke

Named to the dean's list at William and Mary College for the first semester was Betty Mills, a junior majoring in English. She is the daughter of Lewis Mills, division commercial.

Three new employees have reported for duty. They are Ann H. Browning, home sales representative in Roanoke. Her husband will graduate from VPI in June with a degree in electrical engineering . . . H. Lynn Copley is the new home sales representative in Fieldale. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina . . . Aubrey Whorley, a VPI graduate is heating and builder sales representative in Roanoke. He worked for Virginia Electric & Power Company in Norfolk, and is a native of Bedford county.

Returning to work after long illnesses were Faye Philpott, R. R. Dove, and C. L. Hill.

Walt Hodges, son of C. W. Hodges, won first place in the junior division in the Roanoke County 4-H public speaking contest, and moves now to further competition at the West Central 4-H Educational Center. He is a member of the 4-H Club at Mount Pleasant School.

Richard Dove is now a published artist. A sketch by him was ac-



The subject under discussion here is the future activities of the Retired Employees Association in Lynchburg. F. M. Cloyd, left, president of the Lynchburg chapter, talks to John Vaughan, division manager about the group's plans. With them are J. B. McDermott, vice president, second from right, and Baxter McIntosh, treasurer, right.

Lynchburg

Three Lynchburg employees have been given committee assignments by the Kiwanis Club: L. M. Miller and Paul Bailey are on the agricultural and conservation committee, and W. W. Ford is on the business and economic committee.

Herbert M. Figg, Jr., attended the 6th district spring conference of the American Legion of Virginia. He is vice commander of the Legion's Department of Virginia.

Mrs. Mary Margaret DuLaney, home service representative, has resigned to join the faculty of Linkhorne Forest Junior High School in Lynchburg.

Bill Ford's daughter Donnis, a student at E. C. Glass High School, was one of the three Lynchburg winners in an art contest sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Donnis's entry will be placed in competition with district winners, and, if it wins again, will go on to state competition.

General Offices

Accounting

Resigning from the accounting department recently were Amelia P. Mills and Brenda A. Brooks. New employees in the department are Jack M. Cummings and Barbara D. Chapman.

Purchasing

Carol M. Steagall has resigned and Joan Carroll has returned to work.

Charleston

Judy Hackney, area development secretary, bowled 606 actual pins in Charleston's Keglers Bowling League last month.

Henry Cline has reported for four months of training with the National Guard.

New employees are Millard C. Jeffers, Chester L. Hardy, and John R. Tucker, all T&D, and Harry Wilson, building services. Daniel Harris has resigned.

Beckley

S. J. Farmer Jr., customer accounts supervisor, has been appointed chairman of the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce. One of his first jobs will be to conduct Business-Education Week in which high school students are given an opportunity to see business at work.

In another Chamber of Commerce, John M. Wright at Oak Hill was elected to the board of directors.

Twenty-nine area employees who received service pins last year attended the annual service dinner in Beckley.

Frances Jones in Beckley and Dora Richardson in Rupert are new employees, and Sandra M. Thurbon has resigned.

Gary L. Burkhart reported for military duty January 6 . . . Roy B. Wehrle and Ronald Surbaugh are new employees.

Kentucky

Ashland

Frank Alexander, division serviceman, is the father of Grayson's Young Man of the Year. His son David was chosen for that distinction by the Grayson Jaycees for his work with that organization, the Boy Scouts, and the Bagby Memorial Methodist Church.

Recognition for more civic activity came the way of C. A. Zoellers, who was recently commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Breathitt. Specifically cited in the commission was Mr. Zoellers' work in community development; he is division commercial supervisor.

Rev. H. L. Jones, father of Sandra Hall, public affairs, recently returned from a mission trip to Haiti, where Christianity and voodoo lived side by side. He preached to the natives through interpreters, and saw some voodoo rites.

Another traveler is Gary Argo, whose wife Alice is home service representative in Ashland. He has received the Man-Mile Award from the Ashland Jaycees, a distinction given those who have traveled more than 1,000 miles on Jaycee business.

A new employee in the T&D department is Edward L. Kemper.

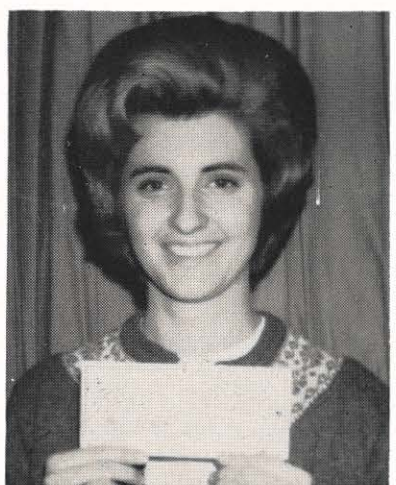
Pikeville

Daughters of two employees made the dean's list for their academic standing: Patricia Flanagan at Gulf Park College, and Jane Craig Fields at Transylvania College. They are the daughters respectively of H. R. Flanagan, division accounting, and C. H. Fields, division commercial.

Awards Harvest

At several points last month, employees came away from meetings with awards for their services and skills. Reading from the top down, Charles Ferguson of Huntington examines the clover-leaf paperweight given him by the Cabell County 4-H Chapter in recognition of his outstanding efforts in the promotion of electricity in 4-H work. He is division residential-rural sales development representative. Next is Joel Wilson of Fieldale, with the Sammy presented by the Sales and Marketing Executives Club of Roanoke. He is home builder sales representative in Roanoke division, and his 200 sales of electric heat last year won for him this Distinguished Salesman Award. Those 200 sales, incidentally, were the most scored by an employee on the AEP system. Third down is David Criswell, heating sales representative in Ashland, who received a plaque honoring his performance as top 4-H Counsel in the area. He has been active in 4-H work for 20 years. Next is Larry Swanigan, heating and builder sales representative in Charleston, who walked away from his Dale Carnegie course with no less than four awards: reporting award, goal-in-life contest, instructor's recognition award, and continuous outstanding performance awards.

cepted and printed in *Friends* magazine. He is a 9th grader in Lord Botetourt High School.



Judy Lamkin, contract clerk in Fieldale, makes a habit of winning. Here she holds a check for \$1000 which she won in an oil company promotional game. What she'll do with it, she doesn't know yet, but she says taxes come first. She also led the Roanoke division in prospecting for electric heat sales last year.

Bowling Teams Open Action For Second Annual Tourney

Preliminaries are under way in the men's division to select eight teams for the second annual Appalachian bowling tournament to be held April 15 at Bluefield. Playoffs in the women's northern and southern divisions will begin this month. Two teams will represent each division.

Action began February 25 for area-3 teams at Bluefield. Winners there, who advanced to finals, were Kingsport Power Company and Princeton.

Area-1 playoffs will be held March 11 at Mason, W. Va., for teams from Huntington, Point Pleasant and Philip Sporn Plant.

Both men's and women's divisions of area-2 will compete April 1 at Robins Lanes, Charleston.

Southern division women also will join the men's group when area-4 teams meet at Viking Lanes, Roanoke, April 1.

The tournament finals start at 1 p. m. on April 15th and will be followed by a banquet for both men's and women's divisions. Team and individual awards will be presented at the dinner.

Croy Wins Major Scouting Award

Alvin Q. Croy, formerly of the Fieldale T&D department, received one of the highest honors in Boy Scout work recently, the "Wood Badge," sometimes referred to as the "PhD of scouting."

The award is given only to those who have demonstrated a sincere interest in scouting, followed by completion of an eight-day training session. The course is open to a selected few, by invitation only.

Another Fieldale Area man, H. C. Agee, was awarded the Wood Badge. The two Appalachian men are believed to be the only two in the area so honored.

Mr. Croy attended a session at the Hillman Reservation of the Allegheny Council—Region 3 near Morgantown, W. Va. The instructor was the famed Boy Scout handbook author William H. Hillcourt.

A cubmaster of the Cub Scout pack 166 at Collinsville, he has one son who recently advanced from the cub age into the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Croy recently has been promoted and transferred to the Roanoke general office as an electrical engineer in the T&D department. He plans to move to Roanoke in the near future.



Mr. Croy

1,000 Points



Mack Jones, son of Henry Jones, Abingdon division area serviceman at Honaker, receives the game ball from coach Bruce Warner after he scored his 1,000th career point during a Honaker high school basketball game. He ended the game with 23 points which upped his total to 1,015 points.



Fishermen Bring Back Proof

Dave Rowe, left, retired Bluefield division employee, and Jack Carter, son of J. S. Carter, administrative assistant at Clinch River plant, display their fine catch of largemouth bass. The bass, ranging two to seven pounds, were caught at Lake Okeechobee, Florida, recently. The catch was reported in Florida newspapers and on an outdoor television program. Mr.

Rowe, who retired in 1964 as area supervisor in Tazewell, was in Florida for a brief vacation. He and his wife reside at Lebanon. Mr. Carter resides in Florida. At right, Francis Claytor, retired Bluefield division man, displays catfish he caught in the Witchlaoocha River near Dunellen, Florida. The fish was 28 inches long and weighed 12½ pounds.

Hunting In Comfort

All-Electric Deer Stand Beats Cold

Deer hunting can be uncomfortable at times, to say the least; especially when you are sitting in the open with wintry winds whipping snow into your face.

Linwood A. Stone Jr., utility clerk at the Fieldale office, has solved this problem—total-electrically, of course.

Linwood and his father have built an electrically heated hunting lodge-stand near Philpott Lake in Patrick county. The lodge, sitting atop 15-foot stilts for a better vantage point, was constructed by the father-son team near the senior Stone's cottage on a large tract of wooded land which he owns.

The stilts are pine poles, buried four feet deep and anchored by concrete. It is well braced and has an aluminum frame stairway.

It's within shooting distance of established deer runs, standing at the edge of a clearing with wooded area on three sides.

The comfortable part is in the interior. Equipped with electric heat (fan type), it has wall-to-wall carpeting and windows on all four sides. The windows, of course, open to allow shooting.

The eight-foot square house is insulated, painted and, of all things, even has curtains. Electric outlets for cooking and lighting assures all the comforts of home while "roughing it" in the deer woods.



Fieldale man will be sitting pretty in this all-electric lodge.

Familiar Faces In New Places

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon Division

V. W. GARRETT from lineman to line foreman. S. R. MOSER, JR. from lineman to line foreman. H. H. STOVALL from T&D clerk to engineering aide.

Bluefield Division

HELEN P. VERMILLION from contract clerk to chief PBX operator. GAIL E. DAVIDSON from credit & collection clerk to contract clerk. JOHN A. DANLEY from pre-audit clerk to utility clerk. CAROL J. CRAWFORD from contract clerk to stenographer. JOHN W. VERMILLION from radio engineer in general station to electrical engineer in division T&D. LOUIS G. DeFELICE from truck driver-groundman to auto repairman.

Cabin Creek Plant

RAYMOND J. GILL from laborer to mechanical maintenance helper. JOSEPH F. PATCHELL from laborer to results maintenance helper. ROBERT D. MOORE from boiler operator to boiler operator. GARY L. HESS from laborer to boiler operator. DONNIE L. WAUGH from laborer to utility operator. BERNARD R. RAY from laborer to utility operator. WILLIAM W. WOODS, II from laborer to turbine auxiliary equipment operator. CHARLES D. KING from laborer to turbine auxiliary equipment operator. ROBERT N. WHITE from laborer to utility man. ALEXANDER GILLIES from laborer to mechanical maintenance helper. CHARLES C. MATICS from laborer to electrical maintenance helper.

Charleston Division

E. C. ROBERTSON from lineman to area serviceman. K. K. KEATLEY from lineman to area serviceman. W. L. WALKER from material clerk to head material clerk. M. E. WEIKLE from auto repairman to auto repairman. GLORIA J. DODD from office messenger to clerk typist. JAMES F. STONE from building services-janitor to office messenger. JOHN R. DAVIS from auto repairman helper to auto repairman.

Glen Lyn Plant

BETTY F. FREEMAN from stenographer to personnel clerk. J. A. JOHNSTON from work order clerk to plant clerk. E. S. FREEMAN from aux. equipment operator to work order clerk. C. B. KING, JR. from time clerk to plant clerk.

Lynchburg Division

BETTIE JO MAY from office messenger to PBX operator. FRED E. AUSTIN from lineman to lineman.

Philip Sporn Plant

NORMAN E. HYSELL from utility man to utility man.

General Office

J. B. HORN from T&D clerk in Lynchburg division to purchasing clerk in general purchasing department.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland Division

SAM WILSON from meter reader to T&D man. JAY FUGITT from lineman to working foreman. WILLIE CONLEY from lineman to working foreman. HENRIETTA HANKINS from contract clerk to pre-audit clerk. LEONARD BRAMMELL from work order cost and accounting clerk to accountant-electric plant and stores.

Two Coins, Once Worth \$1.05, Now Valued At \$11,500 In Welch Employee's Collection

Most of us have trouble collecting money of any kind. Not so with W. P. Horton, T&D clerk in Welch.

Mr. Horton has been an avid coin collector for about 20 years and has amassed a collection valued at \$40,000. His prized possessions are an 1884 silver dollar worth \$3,500 and a 1913 nickel listed in value between \$5- and \$8,000. Both are in excellent condition.

According to a coin magazine, there are only seven of these two coins known in existence. Both these coins were among the first Mr. Horton acquired for his collection. They were among others that had been handed down through his and his wife's families.

Although Mr. Horton's collection is the envy of other coin enthusiasts, he seldom trades pieces. He never deals with professional collectors, but sometimes swaps with other amateurs.

The Welch area employee is self-educated in coin collecting. He reads all coin publications available and once received information from the U. S. Treasury



W. P. Horton displays rare 1884 silver dollar which is valued at \$3,500. The Welch area employee, whose coin collection is estimated to be worth \$40,000, also has a 1913 nickel for which he has been offered more than \$5,000.

Department.

He's a frequent caller at banks where he exchanges bills for coins. Then he sifts through these, constantly seeking another rare one to add to his collection. He has found several valuable coins by this method.

Mr. Horton explained that the date is not the only factor in determining the value of a coin. The surface condition and the number in circulation are important.

His oldest daughter also is interested in the hobby. She often finds rare coins at school.

To novice collectors, Mr. Horton advises that special care must be used in handling valuable coins. They can be damaged by excessive handling and should be kept in special containers or wrappers, he added.

A portion of his collection includes 2- and 3-cent pieces and several double-stamp coins. He also has a 2-dollar gold certificate and numerous Indian head pennies and buffalo nickels. His oldest coin is dated 1870.

They Know: Seat Belts Do Save Lives

It's foggy. Visibility is poor. Suddenly out of nowhere looms a car, careening at a high rate of speed on the wrong side of the road. The inevitable sickening crash, mingled with shattering glass and ripping steel follows. The pain is delayed somewhat—until the shock wears off.

This scene is repeated countless numbers of times. Often the innocent victim doesn't live to tell about it.

Fred Bruce, Huntington division substation foreman, did. So did his helper, Larry Esque. They survived. They survived perhaps because their seat belts were fastened.

You might say they are living testimonials to the "buckle up" slogan.

Fred and Larry are featured on safety posters across our companies. Fred, especially, instead could be the subject of a tragic story if he had not been following our company rules that seat belts are to be used at all times when driving.

The accident happened late in 1966. The two men were en route from Huntington to Point Pleasant in a company truck. Larry was driving. It was a foggy morning with visibility poor. At about 9:15 a car, which was attempting to pass four other vehicles, crashed head-on into the truck.

The collision only knocked the wind out of the driver, but Fred was unconscious and injured. The door had sprung open and Fred was sprawled half way out of the car. Only his seat belt held him in.

Larry, after shaking off the shock and with the aid of passers-by, assisted Fred until an ambulance rushed him to a hospital at Point Pleasant. The seat belts were still holding and had to be released in order to remove the injured man from the wreckage.

At the hospital he was treated for facial lacerations, cracked ribs and a sprained ankle. But, it could have been much worse.

The other driver was cited for reckless operation and driving without an operator's license. But knowing the other guy was wrong would have been little consolation if the crash had been fatal.



This tells the story: Fred Bruce and Larry Esque, their wrecked truck, and the seat belts which saved them from serious injuries.

Larry was commended by his supervisors for the way he conducted himself in the situation. He had called for the ambulance on the truck radio, set out emergency flares and remained close to assist the police in making out a report.

Fred is a firm believer of seat belts, now. He's anxious to urge all company people to use the belts.

He also readily admits that he used them only because it is the company rule. He didn't have them on his personal car, but he does now.

The seat belts were removed from the wreckage and presented to Fred and Larry. They won't forget them. They hope others won't.

Charles Burchett Retires; Was Strong Safety Advocate

Charles Burchett, area serviceman at Kermit in the Logan-Williamson division and a strong advocate of safe working practices, retired February 1 after nearly 42 years of service.

Mr. Burchett, who once accepted for the division an award for working 500,000 safe manhours and took great pride in the fact that his division completed 1-million safe manhours last October, urged his friends and fellow workers at a farewell party to strive hard for a good safety performance. He pointed out their individual responsibilities to look after themselves.

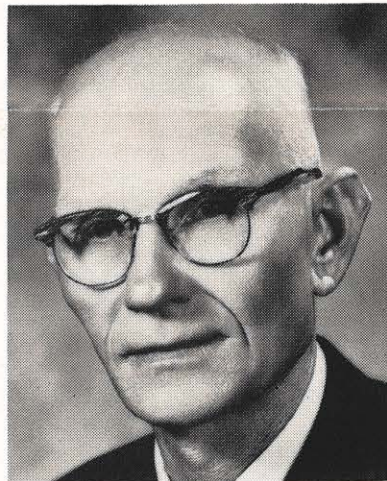
Shortly before his retirement, Mr. Burchett was involved in a traffic accident which caused him to miss two weeks of work, the first in his career. He told the audience that the injuries didn't pain him as much as the self hurt he felt over having an accident and losing time from work. Again, he pointed out that a person can't stop thinking safety for a moment.

Morgan Ozee Moves To New Position

Morgan J. Ozee, Hazard division personnel supervisor, has been named to the post of administrative assistant to A. R. Barber, division manager. The move was effective March 1.

He is a veteran of 34 years of continuous service with Kentucky Power, starting out in 1933 in the line department. He worked later in the stores and engineering departments, all in Hazard, until he was promoted in 1948 to division safety supervisor. A year later he was named personnel supervisor.

A past president of the Hazard Lions Club, he is now district chairman and member of the executive board of the Lonesome Pine Council of the Boy Scouts. He has also served as vice president of the Council, and holds Scouting's Silver Beaver. He is married, and attends First Baptist Church.



Mr. Burchett

Mr. Burchett is an enthusiastic fox hunter and hopes to devote more time to the sport during retirement. At the party, he was presented a gift of a complete hunting outfit.

He first joined Appalachian in 1925 and began his regular employment July 7, 1930, as a groundman. He later served as a lineman, and then area serviceman.

He is married and has one son, Charles F., who is a lineman in the Williamson area.

Clinch River Man Authors Idea

E. C. Carr, Clinch River plant, was the author of an article appearing in a recent issue of *AEP Operating Ideas*.

He reported on the advantages of using double-strength wire-rope slings and safety cables on hoist hooks and shackles supporting coal car shakers. Previously, hooking the hoists directly on the shackles destroyed about 12 shackles a year.

Results of the new method reduces maintenance costs by \$400 annually.



Mr. Carr

Huntington Employees Win Electrobucks For W-S Ideas

The idea for a round writing desk to fit over a truck steering wheel, pictured not long ago in THE ILLUMINATOR, won 50 Electrobucks for its originators, J. B. Browning and C. L. Slusser of Huntington.

This was only one of 10 work simplification proposals selected as the most outstanding of the last quarter of 1966, each receiving 50 Electrobucks.

Huntington suggestors contributed four of the quarter's top ten. Others were C. H. Murray, Point Pleasant, who suggested a technique to improve customer relations during right-of-way spraying; W. T. Locke and M. A. Fotos, who developed a training program for line section personnel, and A. W. York and G. F. Schwartz, who found a way to eliminate unusable cable and associated carrying charges.

O. C. Caldwell, general offices accounting, described a study which showed substantial savings in the use of motor freight over express in shipping certain accounting materials, a study which resulted in annual savings of more than \$500.

Two others from general offices accounting, J. C. Oliver and L. E. Jefferson, proposed a method of spot checking a representative group of invoices from each contractor every week rather than checking each invoice. Savings here were also substantial.

R. E. Herndon of Sporn plant, one of 1966's most prolific suggestors, proposed a method of balancing ID fans which reduces the chances of losing a unit during transfer from pressure to suction operation.

Roanoke's meter service foreman, E. W. Holland, found a way to increase the capacity of existing service drops for commercial or industrial customers, and save ma-

terial and time costs at the same time.

An unusual application of a relatively inexpensive tool was described by George Elder, station foreman at Lynchburg. His idea involved the use of a conventional automobile bumper jack to remove, with certain modifications, gate bolts from the water wheels at Reusens hydro plant.

Savings of up to \$800 for each application was the key to the idea of C. A. Farley. Woodpecker holes were the only damage to an otherwise sound pole, but left untended they could ultimately cause deterioration. He suggested splitting a section of well casing for use as a sleeve on the pole. This idea is most valuable where the pole is inaccessible, and where replacement would involve considerable cost.

H. B. Cottrell Dies In Retirement



Mr. Cottrell

Harvey B. Cottrell, who retired from Cabin Creek plant in 1961, died January 29, 1967. Mr. Cottrell started his continuous service at the plant as a laborer on September 12, 1944. He later was promoted to storeoom helper, and later became material clerk, the position he held until retirement May 1, 1961.

Mr. Cottrell was a World War I veteran, and member of the American Legion, and attended Hampton Baptist Church at East Bank, West Virginia.

He is survived by his widow, Genevieve, two daughters and four sons.

Pulaski Retiree Dies In Hospital



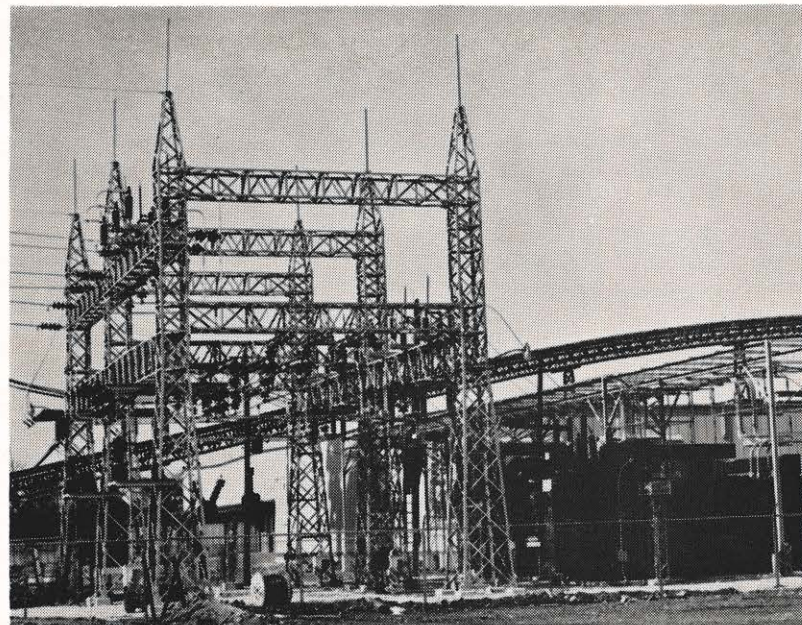
Mr. Harrington

Tom V. Harrington, retired Pulaski division meter serviceman died February 19, 1967 in a Sparta, North Carolina hospital. He was 60.

Mr. Harrington retired early, February 1, 1961 because of ill health. He joined Appalachian Power Company October 1945 after serving as an electrician in the Navy during World War II. His first job assignment in the Pulaski division was inspecting rural line construction by contractors. In 1950 he located in Independence as serviceman and lived there in retirement. He was a member of the VFW and the Virginia Farm Bureau. He and Mrs. Harrington were active in church and civic affairs.

He is survived by his widow, Grace Boyer Harrington. Funeral services were held February 21 in Independence Methodist Church with burial at the church cemetery.

New Station



Appalachian's new 69,000-volt substation serving the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company plant at Danville, Va., was energized on February 12. Construction on the substation started about a year ago, but was delayed due to material shortages. Goodyear began manufacture of off-highway tires in November, using power from a mobile substation. The permanent substation contains two 10,500-kv transformers at 69,000-volt primary voltage and 2,400-volt secondary, plus other necessary equipment. The station has two 69,000-volt feeds and eventually will be served as part of a loop feed from two major 138-kv stations. C. R. Paxton, Roanoke division senior electrical engineer, was supervisor during construction.