

Art hath an enemy called ignorance.

Jonson

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There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.

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## 1968 AEP Education Award Winners Are Announced



Carolyn Clouser



Douglas Blevins



James Alan Hart



Johnny B. Hawks



Diana B. Love

The winners of the 1968 American Electric Power System Education Awards include 10 children of employees of our three companies.

Receiving \$1,000 grants for their freshman year of study this coming fall are:

Appalachian Power Company: Douglas Dane Blevins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Blevins. His father is an engineer serving Logan-Williamson; Carolyn Clouser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Clouser. He is assistant purchasing and stores director, general office, Roanoke; James Alan Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hart. The father is yard foreman, Philip Sporn plant; Johnny Bruen Hawks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Earl Hawks. He is lineman in Tazewell (Bluefield Division); Diana Bonham Love, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howard Love. He is electrical engineer, Pulaski; Barry Everett Overstreet, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Overstreet. The father is line foreman, Roanoke; and Elizabeth Lynn Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Walters. Mr. Walters is assistant customer accounts administrator, general office, Roanoke.

From Kentucky Power Company, the two winners are Adrienne Lynnette Combs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Combs. He is an electrical engineer, Hazard, and John R. Scholtens, whose father is John W. Scholtens, administrative assistant, in Ashland.

The Kingsport Power Company winner is Emily Anne McAlpine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louise B. McAlpine. The mother is home sales representative in Kingsport.

Douglas Blevins, Logan high school, plans to study medicine, is counting on military service as a physician, and after that, to practice. He is vice president of his church class and a member of his school's Prayer Club. He's also vice president of the National Honor Society, and a member of the National Thespians, Key Club, Latin Club, and Student Council. In the 1967 American Legion Oratorical Contest, Douglas was a first place winner in the Regional Finals. He took part in the University of North Carolina's National Science Foundation, and represented Logan County at West Virginia University's Science and Humanities Symposium in 1967.

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## AEP Is Seeking Approval For Acquisition Of Columbus And Southern Ohio Company

An agreement under which American Electric Power Company would acquire Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric Company through an exchange of stock was announced on January 22.

A memorandum of agreement was signed by Harry M. Miller, chairman of Columbus & Southern Ohio, and Donald C. Cook, president of AEP, who jointly made the announcement.

In the proposal, AEP has offered

to exchange 1.3 shares of its common stock for each share of C&SO common stock, of which 5,600,000 shares were outstanding as of December 31. The proposal also contemplates that, if feasible, an offer would be made to exchange AEP common stock for C&SO preferred stock on a basis still to be worked out.

The agreement is subject to approval of the securities and exchange commission. It is also

contingent upon the meeting of all legal requirements and upon the acceptance by holders of 80 per cent of the outstanding C&SO stock to ensure that no federal income tax would be incurred by them as a result of the exchange of stock.

Mr. Cook said that, with the successful consummation of the transaction, AEP would build an all-electric office building in Columbus and establish an AEP

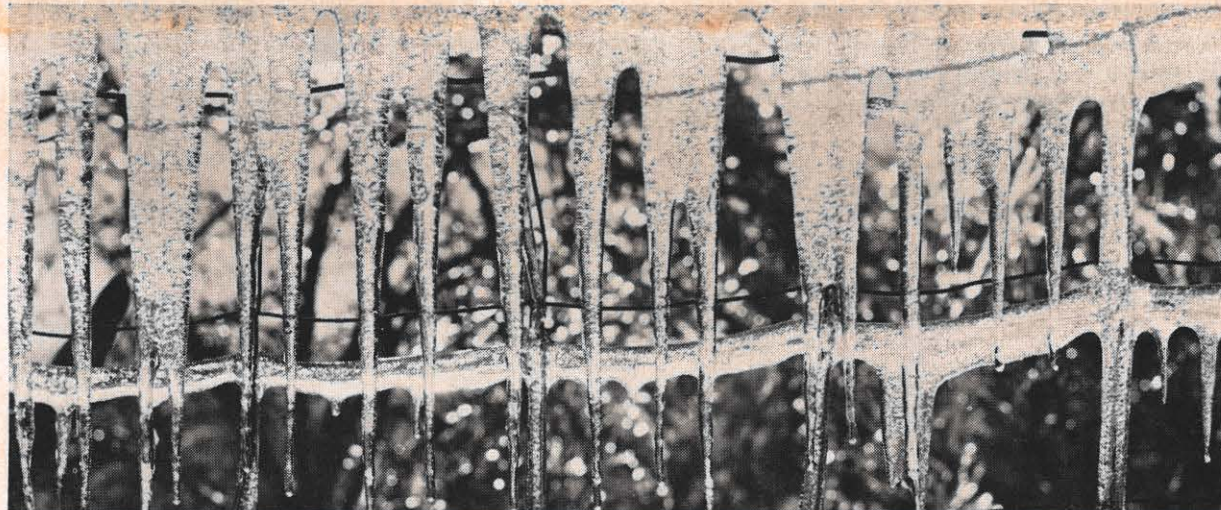
operating headquarters in that capital city of Ohio. Metropolitan Columbus, with an estimated population of 930,000, would become the largest community served by the seven-state AEP System.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Cook emphasized that, after the transaction is completed, C&SO would continue to operate as a separate corporate entity, under its present Board of Directors, as augmented by representatives of AEP, and with its existing executive officers and personnel. In this way, they continued, the company would continue to be fully responsive to the local requirements and character of the area the utility serves.

Mr. Miller said that, for its part, C&SO would recommend acceptance of the AEP offer to its shareholders and would "render all assistance and cooperation" to effect the transaction. He said that in his opinion the proposal carried with it a number of major and significant advantages to the shareholders, customers and employees of C&SO.

Mr. Cook supported Mr. Miller's opinion, stating, "The acquisition of C&SO by AEP would provide material benefits: to the shareholders, through a tax-free exchange of stock with an immediate increase in dividends and market value; to the customers, through the prospects of significant rate reductions over a period of time as the result of economies to be derived from large-scale utility operations; to the management and employees, through the opportunities and benefits made available by such corporate union; and to the area served, by bringing into it all of the resources of the AEP System.

"We are delighted over the prospect of having this fine utility join the AEP System, and we pledge ourselves to doing all we can to expedite completion of the transaction so that all of its benefits can be enjoyed at the earliest possible moment," Mr. Cook concluded.



Winter brings its own creations of beauty, such as this ice covered wire fence. There's no denying that. But, in all its beauty, it can bring trouble to our companies —as it did recently. See story on page 6.

## Appalachian, Ohio Sweep Safety Competition For '67

Appalachian Power Company and Ohio Power Company picked up all the marbles in the American Electric Power System Annual Safety Competition in 1967.

The first three spots in all three competing groups belonged to one or the other of those companies.

Ohio took first and second in Group A (divisions). Zanesville, with 1,403,698 manhours since

its last disabling injury, was first. Second was Tiffin, with 1,349,172. Third was Appalachian's Bluefield, with 938,184.

In Group B (plants) Appalachian won all three top spots. Cabin Creek plant had 1,495,373 manhours; Radford Army Ammunition plant had 1,254,374, and Glen Lyn plant had 1,109,807. These were the only plants to exceed 1-

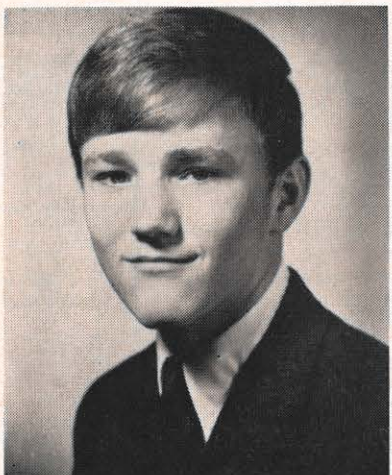
million manhours.

In Group C (offices), Ohio Power's General office (excluding transmission & distribution and accounting) was first with 911,466. Appalachian's general office accounting was second with 690,525, and Ohio's general office accounting was third with 633,033.

The top five in each group: (Standings on page 2)



Lynn Walters



Barry E. Overstreet



Emily A. McAlpine



John R. Scholtens



A. Lynnette Combs

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# Kingsport Flame Fighter



C. J. Bryan, Kingsport executive vice president (center), accepts the Flame Fighter Award on behalf of his company from Donald C. Cook, president of AEP and of our companies. At left is Paul W. Emler, vice president-commercial of the Service Corporation. The award is in recognition of Kingsport attaining 100 per cent or more of quota in all sales categories in 1967.

## Bad Weather Driving Test

How many of us are sure what to do—and what not to do—in bad weather situations? Well, here's a quickie quiz—with answers—prepared and researched by The National Tire Dealers & Retreaders Association:

1. If you're going 20 m.p.h. on glare ice, what's your stopping distance? (a) 151 feet (b) 161 feet (c) 171 feet
2. When is driving in the rain most critical? (a) during the first ½ hour (b) after the first ½ hour (c) after the rain is over
3. What is best for driving out of a snow bank? (a) keeping the car in low gear (b) rocking fore and back to get traction (c) melting snow by spinning tires
4. When is it more advisable to ride on a flat than to stop? (a) when it's raining (b) when the tire's been punctured by a nail (c) when there's no escape shoulder on a high-speed highway
5. What's the best way of checking tire treads yourself? (a) with a penny (b) with a magnifying glass (c) with a tape measure
6. If the edges are feathered on the side of each tread on your tires—(a) your air pressure is too high (b) your air pressure is too low (c) front wheels may be out of alignment
7. Driving conditions are most hazardous on wet or icy roads at (a) zero-degrees (b) 32 degrees (c) 38 degrees
8. Tires should be rotated (a) every 5,000 miles (b) every 10,000 miles (c) every 15,000 miles
9. If you should go into a skid—(a) try to steer in the direction of the skid and use a stab and release brake pattern (b) jam on the brakes and try to stop short (c) race the motor until the tires "grab"

(Answers on page 12)

### SCORE

- 10 right—Expert
- 8-9 right—Good
- 6-7 right—Fair
- 4-5 right—Take instruction
- 0-3 right—Dangerous driver

## We Get Letters . . .

Yes, we get letters. We don't always print them, because there are too many.

But, once and awhile it's nice for all of us to be reminded that our customers, and the public in general, do appreciate some of the things we do. The following two letters are examples.

### GENTLEMEN:

Thank you again for two great favors: the self-addressed envelope, and the light bill being mailed every two months. Best wishes for a successful, prosperous New Year. You have added to ours! Very truly yours,

\* \* \*

In appreciation for the nice folder (Reddy Power News) in with my bill, I want to thank you for taking time out in these busy times to let us as customers know how you feel about us. Every good wish for you in 1968. Yours for success, a South Charleston resident.

\* \* \*

I would like for you to know how much we appreciated the help given us by your Mr. Tom Ritchie and Mr. Ed Murray last Tuesday morning on I-64. We were on our way to Florida and before we reached Milton, we had car trouble. In a matter of minutes, the boys stopped and offered their assistance. They had us fixed and ready to go in no time, and their kindness and help will long be remembered. Sincerely,

(Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Murray are Huntington division station employees.)

## Education Award Winners

(Continued from page 1)

He plays folk and classical guitar, and once had a summer job demonstrating that instrument. He also plays baseball, basketball, and tennis.

Carolyn Clouser will enter William and Mary College in the fall and will major in mathematics. She's a senior at Cave Spring high school and active in much of the work of Windsor Hills Baptist Church. In school she is an officer of the National Honor Society and a member of the Future Teachers of America. She plays the piano and flute, and is a member of the Symphonic and Marching Bands. She's been a delegate to the Youth Seminar of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and has attended the summer Institute of Applied Mathematics, and the State Latin Tournament twice. Carolyn is also head majorette at Cave Spring.

James Alan Hart, of Letart, West Virginia, is undecided about a career, but believes it will lie either in business administration or civil engineering.

He's president of the Student Council at Wahama high school and of his church's Youth Fellowship. He's a member of the National Honor Society, the marching and concert bands and is active in 4-H work.

Johnny Bruen Hawks looks to a career either in college teaching or law. Along with strong creative interests in writing and art, he has also worked two summers in a law office. He has won superior ratings in music festivals for his piano, ribbons in art exhibits, and prizes in creative writing competitions; his favorite reading deals with history, literature, drama, and archaeology. In Tazewell high school he is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Thespians, the Latin Club, and Music Club. He's active in Scouting and church work, having twice served as officer of the Youth Group and Sunday School Class.

Diana Bonham Love, Pulaski high school, is looking forward to a career in teaching. To prepare for it she plans to study music education and hopes to earn a master's degree. She is vice president of the National Junior Honor Society, of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and of the band. She is editor of the annual, treasurer

also another Appalachian winner who plans to enroll at William and Mary College. Planning a writing career, she will major in English. At Cave Spring she has worked on the school literary magazine and the newspaper, and is also a member of the French Club. She has worked as a teacher's aide, and enjoys sewing, swimming, and hiking as recreation.

Adrienne Lynette Combs, a senior at Hazard high school, is undecided about her college major, but leans toward languages. If, following college graduation, she doesn't return to Eastern Kentucky, she hopes to serve in the Peace Corps. Musically inclined, she plays the piano and recorder, and has represented her community in many folk-dancing festivals. She is president of her church Youth Group, and a member of the Future Homemakers of America, Y-Teens, and the Debate, Spanish, Bible, and Beta Clubs. She's on the newspaper and yearbook staffs, and says that reading "anything that will broaden my outlook" is her favorite pastime.

Three of this year's Educational Award winners are the second from their families to receive the honor. They are:

E. Lynn Walters, whose brother David won in 1965 and is a sophomore and Merit Scholar at Duke University; Emily A. McAlpine, whose sister Mary Louise also won in 1965; and Lynette Combs, whose sister Teresa won in 1967.

of the Art Club, and still finds time to take part in the work of the Girl Scouts and 4-H Club. Diana lists swimming and horseback riding as hobbies, and has worked as counselor at a Girl Scout day camp.

Barry Everett Overstreet's ambition is to study nuclear physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is president of William Fleming High School's Science Club, and his principal interest is building and launching model rockets. He is a member of the Beta Club and the SCA Honor Committee, works on the school paper, and holds Eagle Scout rank. Other than rocketry he lists astronomy, science and science fiction reading, swimming, water skiing, and football as his hobbies.

Elizabeth Lynn Walters, another Cave Spring high school senior, is

John Richard Scholtens will enroll in a college with a military program, and will work on a degree in engineering. Active in the ROTC program at Paul G. Blazer high school in Ashland, John is captain of the school rifle team. He attended Bluegrass Boys' State in 1967, and lists shortwave radio and electronics as hobbies.

Emily Anne McAlpine, a senior at Kingsport's Dobyns-Bennett high school, wants to attend a girls' college, preferably small, majoring in liberal arts. She is interested in religious education. She attends First Presbyterian Church, she's a cheerleader, a member of the student council, Beta Club, Y-Teens, Junior Classical League, and the annual staff. She likes sewing and cooking—"especially my own concoctions"—and plays the piano and guitar.

## Safety Standings

(Continued from page 1)

The figures for Appalachian's general office accounting are those compiled since establishing new AEP classifications in 1965. The accounting group passed the 1-million manhour mark during 1967, going back to the last disabling injury prior to the new method of classification. Our companies' full safety story will be told in next month's Illuminator Annual Report Supplement.

GROUP A	COMPANY	MANHOURS SINCE LAST DISABLING INJURY
Zanesville	Ohio Power	1,403,698
Tiffin	"	1,349,172
Bluefield	Appalachian	935,184
Kingsport	Kingsport Power	787,842
Roanoke	Appalachian	669,364
GROUP B	COMPANY	MANHOURS SINCE LAST DISABLING INJURY
Cabin Creek	Appalachian	1,495,373
Radford Army Amm.	"	1,254,374
Glen Lyn Plant	"	1,109,807
Windsor	Ohio Power	677,368
Muskingum	"	607,391
GROUP C	COMPANY	MANHOURS SINCE LAST DISABLING INJURY
General Office except T&D and Acctg.	Ohio Power	911,466
General Office Acctg.	Appalachian	690,525
General Office Acctg. Dept.	Ohio Power	633,033
Roanoke General	Appalachian	583,296
General Office	Indiana & Michigan	457,610

## Kentucky Power Cited By Jaycees

The Ashland Jaycees recently paid tribute to individuals and agencies which have helped them in their civic projects.

Kentucky Power received one of the "Top Ten" plaque awards during the presentation at a special banquet. The award was for the company's participation during last year, including help in the Tri-State Science Seminar.

James G. Saltz, personnel director and a member of the Jaycees, accepted the award for the company.

### C. M. Powers Authors 'Idea'

One Appalachian Power man contributed to the January issue of AEP's Operating Ideas.



Mr. Powers

C. M. Powers, master maintenance man at the Clinch River plant, authored a story entitled "Measuring HP Control Valve Stem Travel". The story discusses a new device for accurately checking the control valve stem travel.

Since the ends of the valve stems are recessed deep in the compression spring, something that would permit the dial indicator to accurately follow the rise and fall of the valve system was needed. The travel of the bottom control valve stems was especially difficult to obtain because the bearing cup seats are above the place of measurement, unlike the seats of the top valves.

The old method of measuring valve lift was not accurate enough because the solid round bar put on top of the "bearing cup seat" did not hold the rod completely stationary. However, with the new apparatus there is no wobble or movement during measurement. This is prevented by a guide that fits snugly in the "locking head" near the point of the rod that rides in the counter sunk hole in the "bearing cup seat". The mounting plate has a boss machined on it that snugly fits the hole in the spring retainer cover to ensure more stability.

### H. F. (Pete) Carter Dies At Roanoke



Mr. Carter

Harold F. (Pete) Carter, Roanoke division line foreman, died of a heart attack on January 1.

Mr. Carter began working with Appalachian in August 1946, as a groundman. He steadily advanced through several other job classifications until his promotion to line foreman in 1963.

Born in Botetourt County in 1922, Mr. Carter graduated from high school in Buchanan, Virginia, before entering the U. S. Army in 1943. During World War II he served as a medic in the invasion of Italy. Before being discharged in 1945 he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

He was a member of Roanoke Calvary Baptist Church where he had served as secretary of the men's Sunday School Class for a number of years.

Mr. Carter is survived by his wife, Berta Plasters, and two children, both at home.

The funeral was held January 3 at Oakey's Mortuary.

### Brown To Head Design Section

William B. Brown has been named head of the mechanical design section of the American Electric Power Service Corporation design division. He succeeds William V. Graham, who retired January 1.

Mr. Brown joined the company in 1941 as a draftsman in the mechanical design section, and was promoted to group leader in 1962.

He and his wife have three sons and a grandson, and live in Hempstead, Long Island.



Aerial view of the purchased land.

### Land Adjacent To Roanoke Office Purchased For Future Company Use

Appalachian Power has purchased seven parcels of land adjacent to the main office building in Roanoke for future use by the company.

The land in the block ringed by Franklin Road, First Street, Day Avenue and Second Street was purchased for \$599,800. The company already owned two buildings and a parking lot in the block.

The seven parcels purchased include:

\*A three-story building on First Street now occupied by Sunnyside Awning & Tent Company, Moore Business Forms, The Girl Scouts, and the Blue Ridge Parkway. It was owned by Sunnyside, Inc.

\*A small lot behind Sunnyside, owned by Miss J. Elizabeth Temple.

\*A building at the corner of First Street and Day Avenue, purchased from Mr. and Mr. George S. Via, formerly occupied by Via Tech and Research Inc.

\*A small parking lot beside the Via building on First Street.

\*Two parcels now occupied by Fulton Motor Company on Second Street and Franklin Road.

\*A building on Second Street now occupied by Longworth's Auto Upholstery Shop and a Fulton Motor Company garage.

In making the announcement, Joe P. Gills, executive vice president, said, "Appalachian is committed to downtown Roanoke, and with the growth in the downtown section, and the growth of Appalachian, we decided to purchase this property to insure that we would have room to expand when we need to."

Mr. Gills emphasized that many of the present occupants of the properties included in the purchase would continue to occupy them on a lease basis.

Not included in the purchase were several other properties in the block. They are the YWCA building and C. B. Malcolm & Sons, as well as two dwellings and a building occupied by Fisher Supply Company on Franklin Road.

### Kanawha Plant Safety Supervisor J. C. Burnette Ends Long Career

John Carter Burnette, safety supervisor, retired from the Kanawha River plant on February 1, after 38 years of service with Appalachian.

Employed in 1929, Mr. Burnette started his career as a tree surgeon in the Charleston office. He later served as foreman, safety inspector and division safety director before his transfer to Kanawha River in 1952.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Mr. Burnette received his education there. He worked for a tree care company in Louisville for three years before joining the company.

Mr. Burnette is married to the former Wilma Aultz of Charleston and has one son. The Burnettes plan to spend some time in Dallas, Texas, visiting their new granddaughter. They will also tour parts of the southern United States



Mr. Burnette

before returning to their home in Charleston.

### Bluefield Man, H. H. McClung, Retires After 36-Year Career

Hylbert H. McClung, engineering aide in the Bluefield transmission and distribution department, retired on February 1 after 36 years of service.

He was employed in 1926 as a clerk. After six years of broken service he returned to work for Appalachian in 1938 as clerk in T&D. He was promoted to head substation record clerk in 1949 and to head T&D clerk in 1954. His last promotion to engineering aide was in 1959.

The native of Sun, West Virginia, graduated from Oak Hill high school in Oak Hill, West Virginia. Mr. McClung also did some extension work with West Virginia Tech and Concord College.

He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, past president of the Civitan Club and past chairman of the Salvation Army Board. He attends the Trinity Methodist Church.

Married to the former Helen McClure, Mr. McClung is the



Mr. McClung

father of two children. He also has nine grandchildren, five girls and four boys.

### Retirement Ends 41-Year Career For Bluefield's James B. Roach

James B. Roach, station operator in the Bluefield division, retired on February 1 after 41-years of service with the company.

Mr. Roach began his utility career in 1927 as a helper in the T&D department. He was promoted to substation operator in 1944, and made station operator in 1949. Mr. Roach also worked for Tazewell Light and Power Company, a predecessor company of Appalachian, from 1922 to 1927.

A native of Chatham Hill, Virginia, he attended public schools in Tazewell, Virginia. He is married to the former Ollie VanHoozer of Asbury, Virginia.

The couple has three children and three grandchildren. The daughter, Mary Ruth, is married to John Scott, lineman in Bluefield, and one of the sons, Douglas, is a meterman.

Mr. Roach is a member of Ebenezer Methodist Church. He enjoys gardening, collecting old



Mr. Roach

guns and fishing. He plans to continue living in Bluefield.



Mr. Whitmore Mr. McDearmon

### J. B. Whitmore, R. H. McDearmon Are Promoted

Promotions involving two positions in Appalachian's valuation department at Roanoke have been announced.

J. B. Whitmore, former division planning engineer, has been named senior appraisal engineer to succeed Earl King who retired at the first of the year. R. H. McDearmon, property record accountant-senior in the accounting department, rises to appraisal engineer.

In making the announcement, W. M. Johnson, property valuation supervisor, said the promotions are already in effect.

Mr. Whitmore, a 33-year company employee, has been at Roanoke since joining the firm in 1935 as a meter reader. He also has served as rural service salesman, junior power engineer, senior power engineer and district commercial manager before being named division planning engineer in 1959.

He is a graduate of VPI with bachelor and master degrees in electrical engineering.

Active in the Huntington Court Methodist Church, Mr. Whitmore is a trustee and member of the church's official board and is Roanoke District treasurer of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Church. He also is a director and past president of the Williamson Road Rotary Club, a member of the Masonic Lodge and a member and past president of the Virginia Mountain Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

A World War II veteran, he was retired from the Army Reserve as a colonel. He is married and the father of three sons. They reside at 2604 Broad St., N. W.

Mr. McDearmon also has spent all of his service at Roanoke. A 27-year veteran, he joined the company as a clerk in the accounting department in 1940. In 1949 he was named senior retirement cost clerk and in 1966 rose to property records accountant-senior.

Mr. McDearmon graduated from the National Business College at Roanoke. He served in the Navy during World War II.

He is active in the Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, which he serves as an elder.

He is married and the father of five children. The family resides at 2625 Fairway Drive, S. W.

### David E. Trout Is Promoted In Personnel Move

David E. Trout has been promoted to the position of personnel assistant in Appalachian's newly created general office personnel section. The move was effective on February 1.

Mr. Trout moved to the post from that of personnel assistant in the Roanoke division.

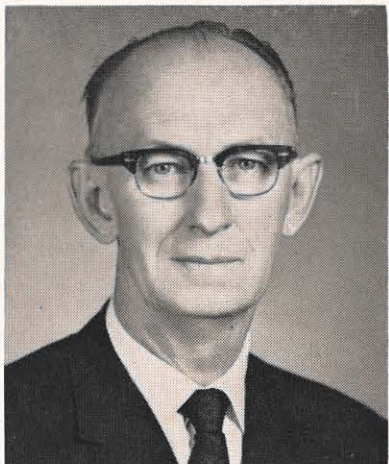
Mr. Trout joined Appalachian as a clerk in the transmission and distribution department in Roanoke April 9, 1941. For 10 years he was private secretary to the Roanoke division manager, and in 1956 became personnel assistant in the division.

A graduate of National Business College, he was in the Army from 1944 to 1946. He is a past member of the Jaycees and is presently a member of the Personnel Association of Roanoke.

He is active in the Melrose Methodist Church, where he is a trustee, vice chairman of the official board, a member of the Stewardship and Finance Commission, chairman of the Membership and Evangelism Commission, and Sunday School teacher for the Young Adults.

He is married and has three children.

### Ellis E. Ratcliffe, Danville, Claimed



Mr. Ratcliffe

Ellis E. Ratcliffe, regional chief operator at the Danville station, died on January 9, 1968.

A native of Grundy, Virginia, Mr. Ratcliffe started to work with Appalachian in 1927, in Bluefield, West Virginia. He worked at Williamson, Bluefield, Huntington, Portsmouth and Roanoke during his 41-years with the company. He had been regional chief operator for the general office in Danville since 1952.

Mr. Ratcliffe, is survived by his wife, Lydia, and three sons, Bob, Jack and Charles.



Mrs. Harris with her roses

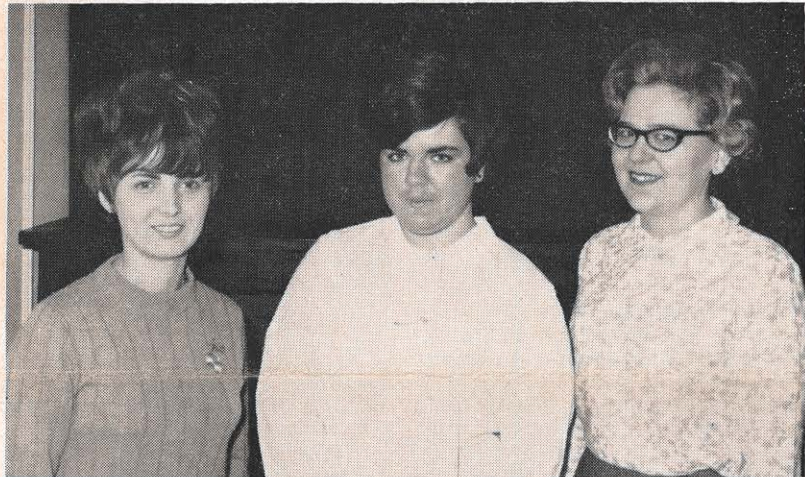
### Lynchburg Soldier Remembers Wife On Their First Wedding Anniversary

The front door of Appalachian's Lynchburg office building opened. A delivery boy from a local florist approached the cashier's counter and delivered a box of American Beauty roses to Mrs. Dottie Sue Harris.

There absolutely is nothing unusual about a lady receiving flowers—it happens everyday. But these flowers were something special. They

were sent by Mrs. Harris's husband who is serving his country in the armed forces in Vietnam. The occasion? It was in remembrance of their first wedding anniversary. Regardless of the sniper fire, bombs and all the other devastations of war, this soldier did not forget the happy event of one year before in Lynchburg.

### Logan Women Elect



The Logan Appa-Lassie Club for women employees recently elected new officers. Those elected are left to right: Rosalie Skeens, president; Emma Jane Reynolds, secretary-treasurer; and Mary Randan, vice president.

### Lunsford Named To Purchasing Supervisor Post

T. S. Lunsford Jr. of Roanoke was promoted to the position of purchasing supervisor of Appalachian Power Company effective January 1.

Announcement of the promotion was made by U. K. Vaught, purchasing and stores director of the company.

Mr. Lunsford will rise from the post of purchasing and stores assistant of Appalachian.

A native of Roanoke, he is a graduate of Jefferson high school and attended Virginia Southern College. This past summer he attended the Public Utility Executive Course at the University of Michigan.

He joined Appalachian in its Roanoke storeroom in 1938, and in 1951 went to the general office purchasing and stores department as administrative assistant. He was named purchasing and stores assistant in 1956.

Mr. Lunsford is a member of West End Methodist Church, where he is secretary of the Official Board and superintendent of the adult division of the Sunday School.

He, his wife, and three sons live at 2630 Spring Road, S. W.



Mr. Lunsford

### Meter Reader Is Pretty Sight

Men are not usually considered to be pretty. But, one of Kingsport's meter readers recently was the prettiest sight a customer had ever seen.

During the first snow of the season, one of Kingsport's rural customers fell and broke her ankle while walking toward the barn. Sometime later, L. A. Phillips, meter reader, drove in to inspect the meter and saw the girl lying in the snow.

Mr. Phillips carried her into the house and went for her father who lived some distance away. Together the two men fixed splints and rushed her to the hospital.

### They're Engaged

NANCY EPPERLY KIDD to David Waltz. Miss Kidd is the daughter of W. C. Kidd, division superintendent, Bluefield.

NANCY ELIZABETH JOHNSON to Richard B. Ballengee. Miss Johnson is the daughter of Clyde R. Johnson, head-general laboratory of American Electric Power, Huntington. Mr. Ballengee is an engineering student, Huntington.

ANN WHITE to Raymond Kenneth Kirby. Miss White is a stenographer in the g. o. transportation department, Roanoke.

PATRICIA ANNE BODENSTEIN to L. C. Angle III. Mr. Angle is the son of L. C. Angle Jr., power sales engineer, Abingdon.

JUDY M. TILLEY to George D. Capito Jr. Mr. Capito is the son of G. D. Capito, stores and garage supervisor, Lynchburg.

### New Arrivals

#### Ashland Division

MR. AND MRS. TOM COOKSEY, a son, Benny Ray, November 30. Mr. Cooksey is employed in the general office accounting department.

#### Abingdon Division

MR. AND MRS. BOBBY RAY CORNETT, a son, Bobby Ray, December 21. Mr. Cornett is a lineman helper.

#### Pulaski Division

MR. AND MRS. JACK D. SPRAKER, a son, Matthew Gregory, December 24. Mr. Spraker is a station man.

MR. AND MRS. W. P. UMBERGER, a daughter, Cheryl Lynn, January 16. Mr. Umberger is a lineman.

#### General Office

MR. AND MRS. FRANKLIN D. LANCASTER, a son, Edwin Dean, January 21. Mrs. Lancaster is a former stenographer in the general office personnel department.

MR. AND MRS. BOB E. CHAPMAN, a daughter, Carla Leigh, January 11. Mr. Chapman is employed in the general office accounting department.

### Crews Promoted To Lynchburg's Personnel Chief

J. W. David Crews, a native of Madison Heights, became personnel supervisor of the Lynchburg division of Appalachian on February 1.

He succeeds L. G. Dougan, who earlier was named personnel supervisor of the Roanoke division.

Mr. Crews rises to the post from that of heating and builder sales representative, Lynchburg division manager.

He joined the company at Lynchburg, where he has spent his entire service, as a T&D clerk in 1948. He served four years in the Navy from 1950 to 1954, and became an engineering aide in 1960. He was named heating and builder sales representative in 1963.

Mr. Crews has attended the University of Virginia Extension and Lynchburg College. He is past president of the Amherst Jaycees and past state director of the Virginia Jaycees. He is a member of Timberlake Methodist Church. He is married and has one son.



Mr. Crews

### Bluefield Club Officers



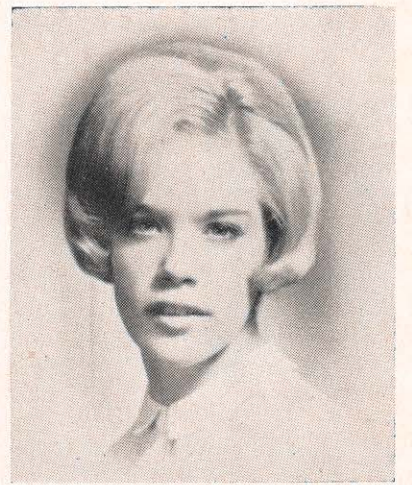
Newly elected officers of the Bluefield Women's Service Club are left to right: Guineline Mitchell, treasurer; Martha Mays, secretary; Bonita Pruett, vice president; and Helen Vermillion, President.

## Weddings



Waggoner-Young

Veda Waggoner and Charles Thomas Young were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the Malden Baptist Church on January 6. Mrs. Young is a clerk-typist, Kanawha Valley Power Company.



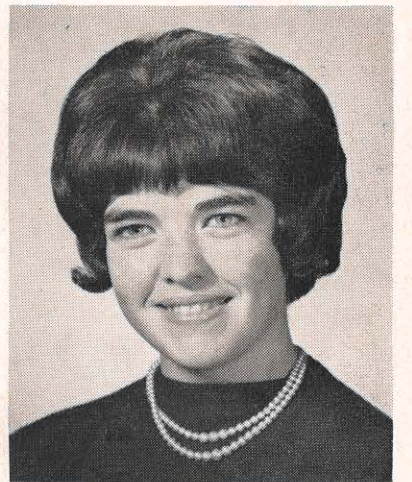
Cline-Epperly

Patricia Lynn Cline was married to Kenneth Austin Epperly on January 13. Mrs. Epperly is a clerk-trainee in Roanoke Division accounting department.



Rasnake-Rasnake

Phyllis Rasnake became the bride of Larry O. Rasnake on December 2. Mr. Rasnake is a results helper, Clinch River Plant.



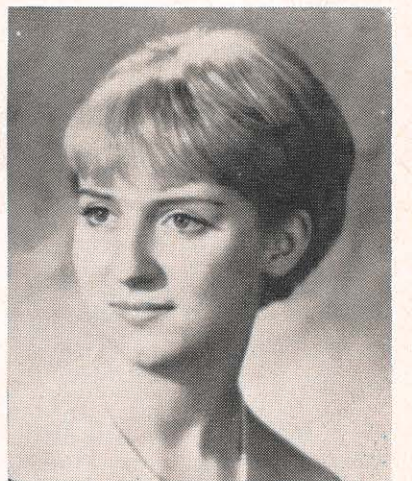
Gilmour-Saunders

A double ring ceremony performed October 18 in the Presbyterian Church, Mt. Airy, North Carolina, united Vivian L. Gilmour and Jack L. Saunders. Mrs. Saunders is the daughter of W. C. Gilmour, administrative assistant, Point Pleasant.



Matheny-Triplett

Judith Jeanette Matheny and Gary Michael Triplett exchanged nuptial vows at the Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church. Mrs. Triplett is a clerk stenographer in the commercial dept., Huntington.



Arthur-Armstrong

December 22 was the wedding day of Eva Rene Arthur and Jerry Ray Armstrong, who were married at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, East Bank, West Va. Mrs. Armstrong is the daughter of Jennings D. Arthur, results maintenance man, Cabin Creek Plant.

#### York-Collins

Dianne York became the bride of Michael Collins in the Blessed Sacrament Church of Fort Mitchell. Mrs. Collins is the daughter of Lewis York, serviceman, Hazard.

#### Jones-Meador

Martha Elizabeth Jones and Robert Michael Meador were married December 16. Mrs. Meador is employed in the general office accounting department, Roanoke.

#### Cooper-Roush

Donna J. Cooper became the bride of Robert C. Roush on December 22. Mr. Roush is a utility man, Philip Sporn Plant.

#### Workman-Waugh

Donna Marie Workman and Donnie L. Waugh were married on December 9 at the East Bank Church of God, East Bank, West Va. Mr. Waugh is a boiler operator, Cabin Creek Plant.

#### Abshire-Rankin

Peggy G. Abshire was married to Jerry M. Rankin on December 16 in the Summit Missionary Baptist Church, Summit, Kentucky. Mrs. Rankin is employed in the purchasing department, Ashland.



*Lights Went Out And Men Went To Work***Abingdon Outage: Classic Example Of Service — Real Service**

It was one of those bleak pre-Christmas December mornings. The rain started before the first crack of day. At times it came in sheets. Now and again it let up, and became merely irritating.

The sun didn't rise that day in far southwest Virginia. It was so dark and dreary that many families in the coal fields of Dickenson County cut on the gay Christmas lights at the front of their houses when they arose for breakfast.

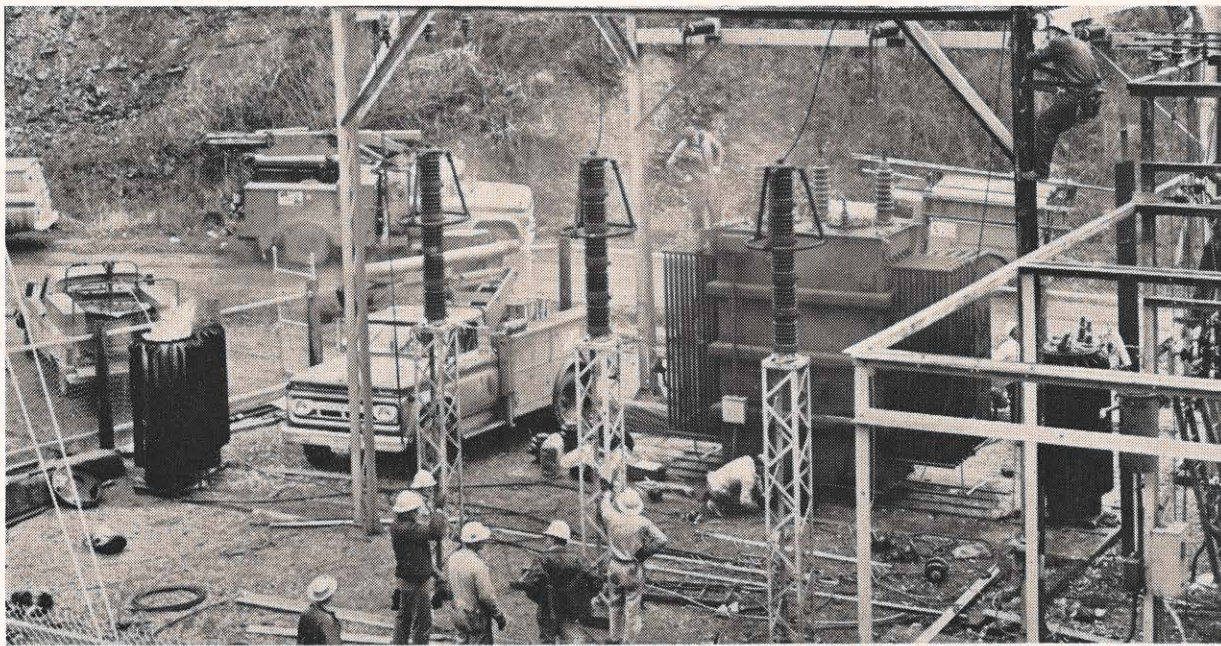
But then the lights went out. There was no electric service. It was precisely 7:47 a.m.

Calvin Jackson, Abingdon division area supervisor in Clintwood, immediately began searching out the trouble. The logical place to start was at Moss substation, which serves the area. Mr. Jackson arrived there a few minutes after 8, and he didn't need to look any further.

Flames sprouting from two regulators were stretching up through the substation structure and showering their embers down on transformers and lines and all the other equipment that makes a substation tick.

The substation is located on a little-traveled dirt road, made a quagmire by the rain, near Clinchco, but it didn't take long for help to arrive. The flames were subdued sufficiently so that the offending regulators could be moved out of the way.

The damage was severe. Two regulators lost, steel members of the station buckled and crumpled by the flames and heat, switches and lines burned up, the trans-



Crews scurry around Moss substation as fire still smoulders.

former scorched, 2,500 customers without electricity.

Not then, was the cause of the explosion and fire in the regulators discovered. But then, our people weren't worried about what caused it. All they cared about was safely getting electricity back to those

customers as quickly as possible.

It was a classic in service—real service. Using a generous helping of ingenuity, a heap of knowhow, some spare parts, efficient teamwork, and willingness to brave the elements and long hours of work with little rest, our employees got

to work on the substation.

They found some discarded steel crossarms in a nearby substation yard, welded them together, and formed new steel members of the substation. They strung new lines, brought in new switches, and swarmed all over the substation.

Two other teams were at work at the same time. One of them was testing equipment, tests that eventually proved the transformer could be safely returned to service. Another team made personal visits to customers, coal mine operators, commercial business owners, and others, to inform them what the trouble was and what we were doing about it (as a direct result, customers were sympathetic with us, and we heard little complaint). News media were contacted throughout the day to help us keep our customers informed.

A mobile substation began its long journey from Roanoke to the substation site. By the time it reached Abingdon, our people had found that the station transformer was all right, and the mobile substation was returned to Roanoke. But it had been ready to take over if it was needed.

Throughout the day, more than 30 employees converged on the substation to lend a hand, not counting the ones contacting customers. They came from Abingdon, Clintwood, Lebanon, Carbo, Bluefield, and Roanoke.

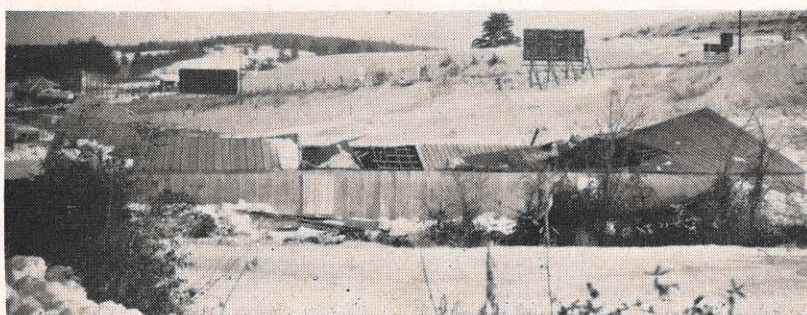
A portion of the area without power near Clintwood was switched to another substation during the day, returning it to service by noon.

Exactly 10 hours after power went off, the signal came. We can begin returning service. Piece by piece, service came back. A section here, a stretch of line there.

In two hours, every Christmas light in that far southwest coal field was back on. It was nightfall. But it was a cheery night, heading for a Merry Christmas.

*Thanks To Men, Machines And Helicopter***Snow, Ice, Odds Are Conquered Again**

John Prather (left) and C. E. Robinson, Roanoke division, were two of many employees who responded to the call for quick action.



Heavy snow collapsed roof on building leased by Appalachian at Hillsville.

Wet, heavy snows which fell throughout our companies' territory during the latter part of December and early in January played widespread havoc with our facilities.

The deep snow, up to 20 inches in some areas, had no more fallen than a temperature dip was accompanied with a freezing rain, coating and making heavier the already bothersome snow.

Although the snow was rather general throughout our areas, it appeared that the Charleston-Beckley, Bluefield-Welch, Logan-Williamson and Pulaski areas received the blunt of it. Or, perhaps it should be said our employees in those areas.

Our people did a remarkable job in restoring service to customers while facing almost insurmountable odds.

At Charleston the trouble started on December 28 when a snow began that would amount to over 17 inches during the following week.

Lines were sagging under the weight and customers started to loose service. All available crews were alerted in anticipation. Forty persons who were on vacation were called back in the emergency. Battling the snowdrifts were 12 crews from Charleston, 7 from Bouligny, 2 from Huntington, 1 from Point Pleasant, plus all area servicemen. One Beckley crew was sent to the Whitesville area.

A helicopter was brought into service to patrol lines. It ended up being used in a much more direct manner to combat the snow. Sagging lines had touched to lock out breakers. Using safety precautions to make sure the line was out of service, the copter hovered over the snow-laden lines until the rotor-wash could dislodge the snow. When the sagging lines were back to their normal positions, they were energized. This method of

blowing the snow off was credited with saving many other lines from falling.

The copter pilot, with M. D. Prowse, senior foreman, along, reported by radio many cases of downed lines which helped expedite restoration.

After a night on the ground at Clendenin, even the copter froze. Hoses were attached to company trucks and cars and the exhaust directed at the copter until the coat of ice melted.

December 28 also was a bad day for the Logan-Williamson division. With a forecast of heavy snow for the area, the first part of the day was spent preparing vehicles with snow-driving equipment and checking equipment needed for possible repair work to lines. Then they were dispatched to areas where trouble might be expected.

This move proved invaluable a few hours later when the 16-inch snow came and trouble started to mount.

All available employees, including some who were on vacation, willingly responded to the call. While the crews were in the field, clerical and other workers manned tele-

phones and took trouble calls.

The company auditoriums at Logan and Williamson were turned into restaurants to furnish hot food for the men in the cold. At Logan the commercial department employees were mainly involved and at Williamson commercial and other employees manned the kettles. Sandwiches and hot coffee were prepared and delivered to the men in the field. In all, 588 sandwiches and gallons of coffee were delivered and approximately 100 hot meals were served in the auditorium to those working in close.

Approximately 6,366 customers were without service at different times during the snow, but their service was restored in most cases within a few hours.

The Welch area's trouble also started on the 28th. Approximately 5,000 customers were affected, lasting from about eight minutes to eight hours. Complaints from customers were at a minimum, mainly because they were informed of the trouble and because of the fast service in getting power restored. Sagging lines again was the main cause of outages.

The Pulaski division had troubles, too, but they weren't quite as widespread or the same. While there was no major breakdown, the line and service crews at Hillsville and Galax were kept busy maintaining service to customers in their areas.

The Hillsville employees had trouble before they could get to the trouble. The leased building in which the trucks and equipment were stored, collapsed under the 17-inch snow on the roof.

The crew had to dig the trucks out and all but the two hydraulic trucks were put back into service. The hydraulic trucks had to be checked for safety reasons before they could be used. This seriously handicapped the crews by not having all their equipment, but personnel and equipment were sent from other areas to help.



Roanoke division Bombardier Carrier was put into use to reach areas where rugged terrain and snow prevented other methods of transportation.

# 1770 Botetourt County, Virginia Encompassed Most of AEP System

The Commonwealth of Virginia—rich in historic treasures—has countless stories to tell.

Virginia's Botetourt County has one of particular interest concerning our American Electric Power System companies. As a matter of fact, if the county's boundaries had remained the same as when created in 1770, the AEP System could well have been the "Botetourt System."

The original boundaries included all of Kentucky, portions of Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, most of Indiana and Illinois and a point of Wisconsin. All of AEP operating companies' territories would have been touched except Kingsport, Wheeling and the newly acquired Michigan company.

The county was formed by act of the Virginia Assembly on October 15, 1770, nearly six years before the fight for independence. It was named for Lord Botetourt, one of Virginia's early and probably best liked governors, acting as representative of the English Crown.

### Extended To 'South Seas'

Virginia's early boundaries were spelled out so as to divide it from North Carolina on the south and Maryland on the north and extended westward to the "South Seas" including the "Island of California"; the "Potowmack" River separated it from Maryland.

By the Treaty of Paris in 1763, Virginia claimed all territory east of the Mississippi River, including the states of West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois. After the Revolutionary War, Michigan was added to this territory.

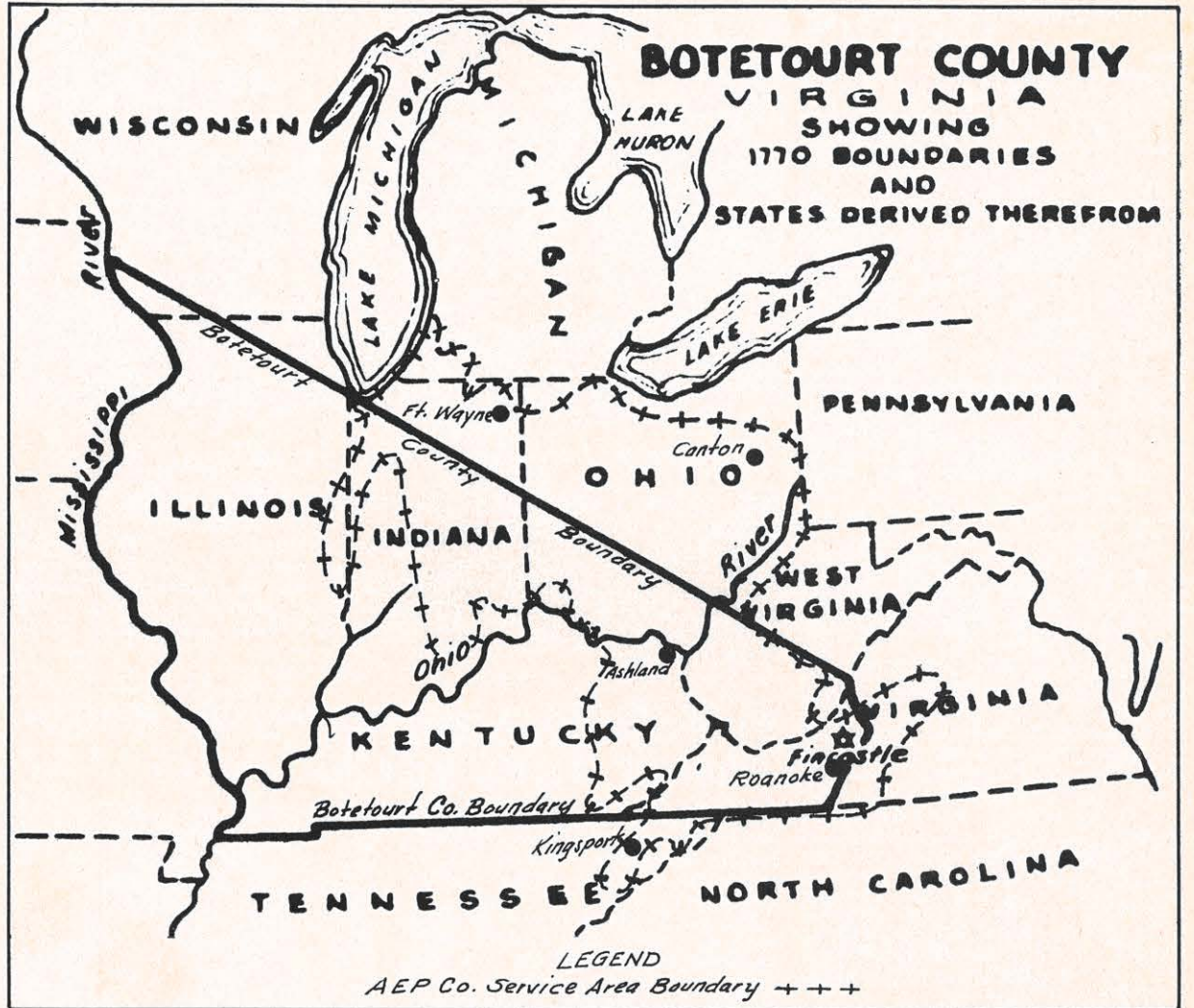
When Botetourt County was formed, it inherited the title to all

this land which at that time was a wilderness, inhabited by Indians and a few hardy white settlers. Botetourt's boundaries began on the east along a relatively short irregular line on the top of the Blue Ridge Mountains going southward to the North Carolina line (part of this line forms the northeastern present day county boundary) following that line to the Mississippi River and northward along this river to a point in present day Wisconsin then eastward back to the beginning point.

### Touched Point Pleasant

The line passes some 30 miles north of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and it was at this site where one of America's most critical battles was fought. Eight companies of crack marksmen from Botetourt County, along with other Virginia County soldiers engaged Chief Cornstalk and his combined Indian nations' warriors at Point Pleasant on October 10, 1774. The Indians were decisively defeated and withdrew. Some historians credit this battle as being the real start of the Revolution and as the bloodiest battle ever waged with the Indians in Virginia.

This decisive defeat of the Indians did keep them quiet for about three years and prevented a two-front war when fighting the British after July 4, 1776. At Point Pleasant today there is a memorial park honoring the memory of this great event and its leaders. At Park Tu-enda-wee, which means a triangle (formed by the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers), stands a granite shaft 22 feet square at the base by 86 feet in height honoring these valiant men of Botetourt and neighboring counties.



Even before the formation of the county, early settlers were building homes and tilling the rich soil. Many of these early names are carried today by present day government and economic leaders of the county and area. Agriculture was and still is a very vital force in this county. Its seat of government was chosen near its eastern boundaries at Fincastle, a pleasant crossroads of the past and the future.

### Churches Established

Being so close to everyday dangers and many harsh realities of nature, these early settlers were religious people and promptly established churches in the neighborhood of their new homes. In colonial America, the official church was the "Established Anglican Church" or Church of England, forerunner of our present day Episcopal Church. Many of these early settlers were rebellious at the powers of the tax-supported "Established Church" and defiantly established churches of their own. Parish officials were semi-governmental authorities who often compiled with the law and at the same time were active supporting members of other denominations.

The first "Established Church" in Botetourt was built in Fincastle in 1770, but ran into difficulty and the property was later bought and used by the Presbyterians, many of whom were members of both churches. These same Presbyterians later rebuilt, repaired or restored their purchased church building to its original condition. It's still in use today.

Other denominations built their own houses of worship in Fincastle and neighboring communities. Such groups include Methodists, Baptists, German Baptist (present day Brethren) and others. Many of these early structures are in excellent repair and are things of beauty today.

Virginia has been referred to by historians as the Mother of States; likewise, Botetourt County has the distinction of being the Mother of Counties.

### First great split

The first great split after 1770 was the formation of Fincastle County in 1772 which in turn in 1777 became the counties of Montgomery, Washington and Kentucky (the state). The splitting of land and organization of new counties and new governments was necessitated by the steady growth of population in the area.

A most impressive New Year's Eve service is held each December 31 in Fincastle beginning at 11:45 p. m. when the bell at the Court House rings once followed at 10-second intervals by a single ring

from the Presbyterian Church, then Baptist, then Methodist, then Episcopal, and finally back to the Court House. This single ring repeats for 15 minutes until just at midnight, with taps sounded by a bugler at the Court House. Then all bells ring out in unison, lustily.

The chore or task of being the bell ringer is jealously guarded and is handed down from one generation to the next. Since each bell has its own unique tone and quality, each listener soon knows which bell is ringing and it makes a very impressive and pleasant way of seeing in the new year.

The present Court House at Fincastle was built about 1820 on a basis of repairing or rebuilding along the plans as originally furnished by Thomas Jefferson. Present day Botetourt County has only 549 square miles, which is

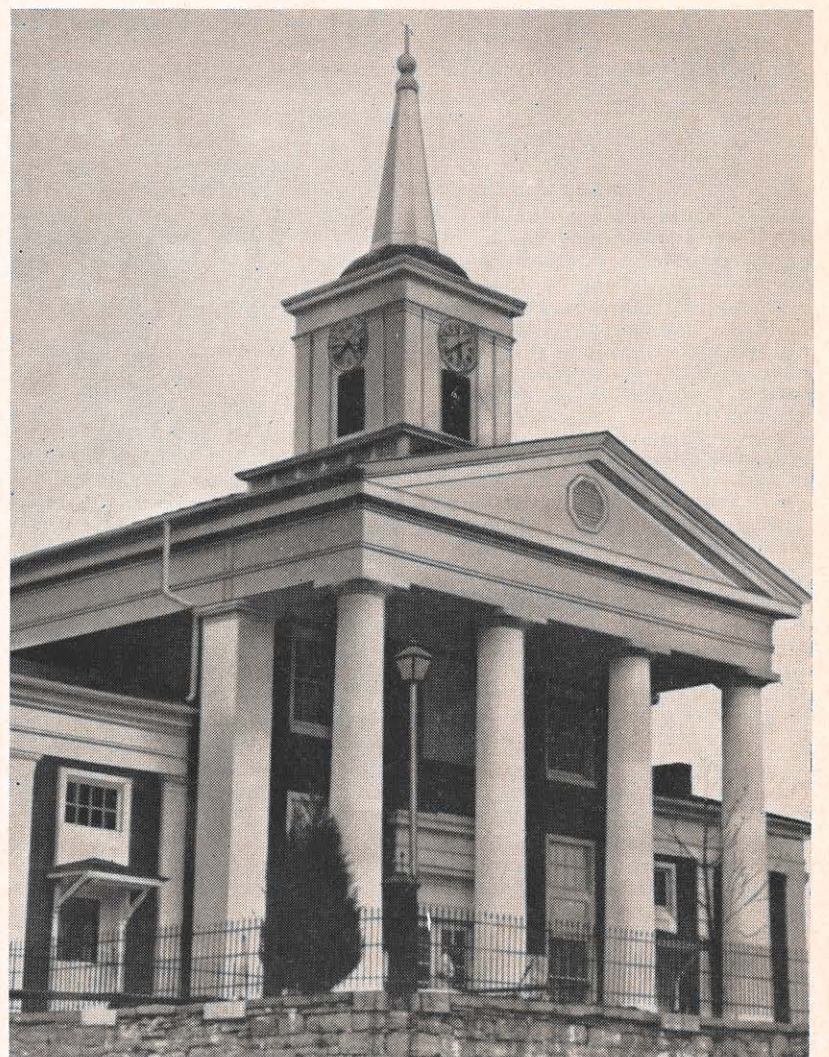
only a small fraction of its original area. It lies north of Roanoke and is bisected by the James River and U. S. 220 and 11 as well as the new Interstate 81 only a few miles from the world-famed Natural Bridge.

Modern day citizens and officials of Botetourt County have kept themselves apace with the world's progress while zealously guarding all of their beauties and treasures of Virginia's rich historic yesterday.

Plans are underway with Appalachian's cooperation and others, to help restore some of the original historic beauty around the Court House. An ancient building behind the seat of government, serving as the site of the new and growing county museum, while displaying the old is using the new—it is total-electric including year-round comfort conditioning.



Historic Botetourt County jail still functioning.



Botetourt Court House—Jeffersonian.

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## General Office

William B. Jones, data processing operator in the accounting department, was granted a four-year military leave of absence to enter the U. S. Air Force effective January 19.

Joyce A. Beard, Shirley A. Hamlin, Brenda F. Truman and Frances M. Bower are new employees in the accounting department.

Vickie Carr, daughter of Valentine Carr, work order accountant in the accounting department, has been selected for a part in the Children's Theatre League presentation of "Sleeping Beauty."

William A. McClung, public affairs director, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Virginia Travel Council with headquarters in Richmond.

H. C. Dunlap is a new employee in the T&D transmission section at St. Albans, West Virginia.

Wayne T. Sink is a new co-op student engineer in the T&D station section at Roanoke.



### Cherry Creek Work In Final Stage

John M. Gates, administrative assistant in the Beckley area, is shown looking over the temporary 3,000-kv portable substation at the Cherry Creek substation at Shady Springs. This will be replaced with a 3,750-kv permanent station which will be completed in the spring. The rebuilding of the substation is the final phase of a \$1-million improvement program which started in 1966. The change involves constructing a 5-mile, 46,000-volt transmission line from the Sullivan Switching station to Cherry Creek.

### E. H. Braid, Line Supervisor, Retires After 40 Years At Charleston

Edward H. Braid, Charleston line supervisor, retired on February 1, after more than 40 years with the company. All of his career has been in Charleston.

He joined Appalachian in 1927 as a draftsman and later became an inspector. In 1938 he was promoted to assistant superintendent of the transmission department, and to T&D department superintendent in 1948. He moved to line supervisor in 1955.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Mr. Braid attended public schools in Charleston. He is a graduate of West Virginia University and has a degree in electrical engineering.

Mr. Braid is an avid golfer and also has done some hunting and fishing. One of his most interesting hobbies has been his electrically heated greenhouse at the rear of his home. He has raised various types of flowers, vegetables and fruits, but has found a great interest in growing pineapples. He also has had success with orchids and has raised some unusual blooms.

A member of the Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charleston, Mr. Braid plans to continue living in Charleston.

Mrs. Braid is a retired company employee.



Mr. Braid

### Lynchburg Area Students Hear Company Story

The Lynchburg division along with 42 other local industries sponsored a Career Opportunities Day program on December 27. There were 148 college juniors and seniors from Lynchburg and the Central Virginia Area who attended the conference.

The purpose of the program was to encourage young men and women who live in the Lynchburg area to explore employment and career opportunities available to them in Lynchburg.

L. G. Dougan, Lynchburg personnel supervisor, said, "This worthwhile program gave the students and local employees an opportunity to discuss mutual problems as well as job opportunities with local industries."

### New Peak Load Set By AEP, Two Of Our Companies

During the early evening hours of Thursday, January 4, the 1,547,000 customers of the American Electric Power System were using more electricity than at any other time in its 61-year history.

The new one-hour system peak load, established during the hour of 6-7 p. m. on January 4, was 8,861,000-kilowatts. It shattered the previous high of 8,682,000-kw, set only two days before.

During 1967, the AEP System had set a new load nine times, including three times in December. The peak for the year came on December 27, when the load reached 8,583,000-kw. The summer peak of 8,299,000-kw was set on June 16.

During the same cold spell, Appalachian and Kentucky Power Companies also set new peaks. Appalachian's, which came on January 8 between 10-11 a. m. was 2,549,000-kw were used by the customers. Kentucky's peak of 325,000-kw was reached during the hour of 10-11 a. m. on January 5.

### Ira Henderson, Bluefield, Retires To Close Varied 31-Year Career

Ira W. Henderson, personable and versatile administrative assistant for the Bluefield division, has retired after more than 31 years of service. His retirement was effective on February 1.

Mr. Henderson's varied career with Appalachian started in 1936 as a rural serviceman in the commercial department at Bluefield. In 1943 he was promoted to serviceman in the T&D department and returned to the commercial department as a senior clerk in 1944. In that same year he became a rural representative and was named district right-of-way supervisor in the T&D department in 1950. His latest promotion came in 1951 when he was named administrative assistant.

It was in the role as administrative assistant that Mr. Henderson became well-known throughout the company for his sense of humor and witty personality.

He was one of the original correspondents for the ILLUMINATOR when it was established in 1949. Under his direction, the Bluefield district won in 1954 and for several consecutive years finished in the top five. His photography skill greatly aided him in his ILLUMINATOR work.

In recalling his long career, Mr. Henderson enjoys telling the experience he had with a country store owner. It seems the owner wouldn't sign a rural right-of-way agreement because he felt it would ruin his kerosene business. Mr. Henderson couldn't convince him that he'd have a new and bigger business selling light bulbs. Two years later, the company had to build a rush line to the man's home because he was seriously ill and needed refrigeration for his food and medicine.

Born at Burkes Garden, Virginia, Mr. Henderson graduated from Bluefield high school in 1921 and from Roanoke College with a BS degree in 1925. Before joining



Mr. Henderson

Appalachian, he was commercial manager for radio station WJSV at Washington, D. C. until 1930 and was self-employed in a window display and advertising business at Bluefield until 1936.

He is a member of the Bland Street Methodist Church, Sigma Chi Fraternity, Bluefield Chamber of Commerce, Pocahontas Electrical and Mechanical Institute, University Club and is Science Fair chairman for the Appalachian Industrial Council for Education.

He and his wife, the former Elizabeth Chatfield, reside at 816 Lyndale Avenue at Bluefield.

During retirement, Mr. Henderson plans to "play it by ear," but expects to devote much more time to his many hobbies, which include photography, gardening and pipe collecting. He also spends much time in his basement workshop in various "do-it-yourself" projects. He also claims to be an "amateur oenologist", a fact to which his neighbors happily attest, and is registered as such with the federal government.

## Hazard

New employees are Sally Leedy, home service representative; Karen Napier, accounting clerk-trainee; and Linda Begley, engineering clerk-trainee.

Lynette Combs, daughter of Adrian Combs, senior distribution engineer, was named by the National Council of Teachers of English as the 1967 runner-up in its annual Achievement Awards Competition. Miss Combs was nominated to represent Hazard high school in the competition. The schools of the nation nominated 8,000 students. She also was a 1967 AEP Educational Award winner.

## Big Sandy

Garry Hill, son of Arthur H. Hill, maintenance foreman, has been honored by his selection to membership in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. This honor is accorded to about one-half of one per cent of all college students. Garry is a senior at Glenville State College in Glenville, West Virginia. He has been a summer employee at Big Sandy the past four summers.

## Ashland

Sue Glimore, neice and ward of W. C. Conley, working line foreman, was the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Award at Fairview high school in Ashland. Sue has a 4.0 scholastic record and has participated in numerous school and church activities.

Daniel B. Huffman, son of Frank Huffman, serviceman, has been tapped for membership in Phi Kappa Phi, a national honor society. Daniel is a senior at Virginia Tech.

James Speaks is a new employee in the T&D department.

### Warren Brooks, Retiree, Succumbs

Warren E. Brooks, retired Bluefield meter supervisor, died on Wednesday, October 18, in the Bluefield Sanitarium. He retired in March 1958 after 38 years of continuous service with Appalachian Power.

Mr. Brooks joined the company in 1917 as a meterman after working for a predecessor of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, now a sister company of Appalachian Power. During his tenure with the Bluefield division he was employed as shop foreman, district meter superintendent and meter supervisor.

Mr. Brooks is survived by his wife, Florence, and one brother.

Entombment was in Monte Vista Park Cemetery.

### William Hartman, Roanoke, Retires After 26 Years



Mr. Hartman

William I. Hartman, Roanoke division T&D groundman, retired on November 1, 1967, after 26 years of service.

He started with the company in 1941 as a crane operator at the old Walnut Avenue Steam Plant. He was promoted to turbine auxiliary equipment operator in 1944 and production maintenance man in 1947. When the steam plant was retired, Mr. Hartman was transferred to the Roanoke T&D department.

A native of Roanoke county, Mr. Hartman was educated in Roanoke. He is married to the former Bertha Fisher and has two children and three grandchildren.

Mr. Hartman retired for health reasons and has no immediate plans for the future. He will continue to live in Roanoke.

### S. C. Smith Retires After 44 Years; S. P. Dahmer Promoted As Successor

S. P. Dahmer became payroll and personnel accounting supervisor for Appalachian when S. C. Smith retired from that post February 1 after 44 years with the company.

Announcement of the promotion and retirement was made by J. B. Berg, accounting manager of the company.

Mr. Smith was first employed in the utility business September 22, 1924 by the West Virginia Water & Electric Company, Charleston, an Appalachian predecessor, as a payroll clerk. He was chief payroll clerk before becoming payroll supervisor of the Charleston district in 1950. Five years later he was named division payroll supervisor.

In 1958 Mr. Smith came to Roanoke's general accounting office as payroll and personnel accounting supervisor.

Mr. Smith is married and has one son and two grandchildren. He also graduated from the Charleston School of Commerce, and is a member of the Windsor Hills Methodist Church.

Mr. Dahmer, who was born near Lewisburg, West Virginia, rises from the post of assistant payroll and accounting supervisor. He joined Appalachian at Charleston, West Virginia in 1938 as a clerk. He was in the Navy from 1941 to 1945, and became assistant payroll supervisor of the Charleston district in 1949. He was named division payroll supervisor in 1958, and a year later came to Roanoke as assistant payroll and personnel accounting supervisor for the company.

He attended the University of Indiana and is a graduate of the Charleston School of Commerce. This past summer he attended



Mr. Smith

a Management Training Course at the University of Michigan.

Married and the father of two daughters, he attends the Windsor Hills Methodist Church.

### Kilgore Reaches Four-Gallon Mark

R. B. Kilgore, Roanoke division station supervisor, reached the four-gallon blood donor mark in the American Red Cross Blood program. A graduate of Virginia Tech, Mr. Kilgore joined Appalachian in 1959. He has donated all except one pint of his blood in Roanoke. The other pint was

given while he was still in school. Mr. Kilgore and his wife, Charlene, have one son, Scott, and one daughter, Sara.



Mr. Kilgore



### 27 Take Roanoke First Aid Course



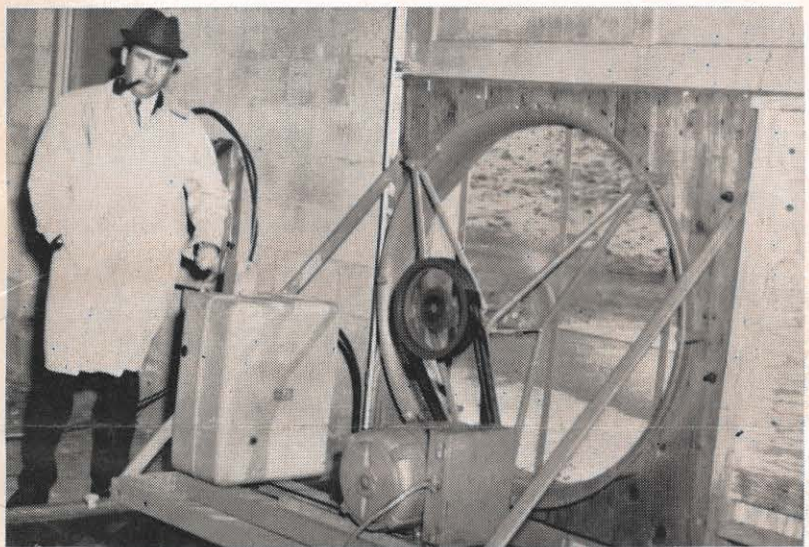
Lorena Terry, victim, is lifted by (from left) Vernon Willis, Tom Rotenberry, Ray Bright, Gayle Walker, Tom Kirby (instructor), Ron Owens and Tom Fox.

T. A. Kirby, personnel assistant in the general office personnel department, and R. R. Snedegar, senior electrical engineer in the Roanoke division T&D department, are busy instructing in class in the standard American Red Cross First Aid course.

Twenty-seven employees are taking the 10-hour course which is

the first such class presented in the Roanoke office for several years. The class is taught in the auditorium and the recent construction on the entire building has prohibited the use of space.

Three more classes have already been scheduled for office personnel as well as four more for the line crews of the Roanoke division.



Nelson Simpson with solution

### Hay Dryer Idea Solves Lynchburg's Problem Of Condensation In Building

"When it rains in Spain, it rains mainly on the plains." This once popular song does not apply to Lynchburg because when it rains in Lynchburg, it "rains" inside the Project Decision Shell Building.

This building, completed within the past year, has experienced an unusual amount of condensation forming on the roof and side walls. The water has been dropping to the dirt floor, causing a very muddy and slippery condition. The reason for this condition is due to the cold air in the building being warmed during the day, causing drops of water to form throughout the inside building surface.

This condition was annoying, particularly when the building was being shown to an industrial prospect.

After some discussion, A. Nelson Simpson, agricultural engineer, was

asked to make recommendations which would eliminate this condition.

A ventilating fan will dry hay, why not a building? Mr. Simpson had been working with a local dairy farmer on improving his method of drying hay. He was able to sell the idea of a new installation to this prospect, and was looking around trying to find someone interested in the prospect's old equipment.

After figuring the requirements for the Shell Building, Mr. Simpson found the old equipment would do the job. Appalachian purchased, at one-fourth the original price, a 7½ horsepower motor and a 48-inch fan with an output of 35,000 cfm and had them installed in the building.

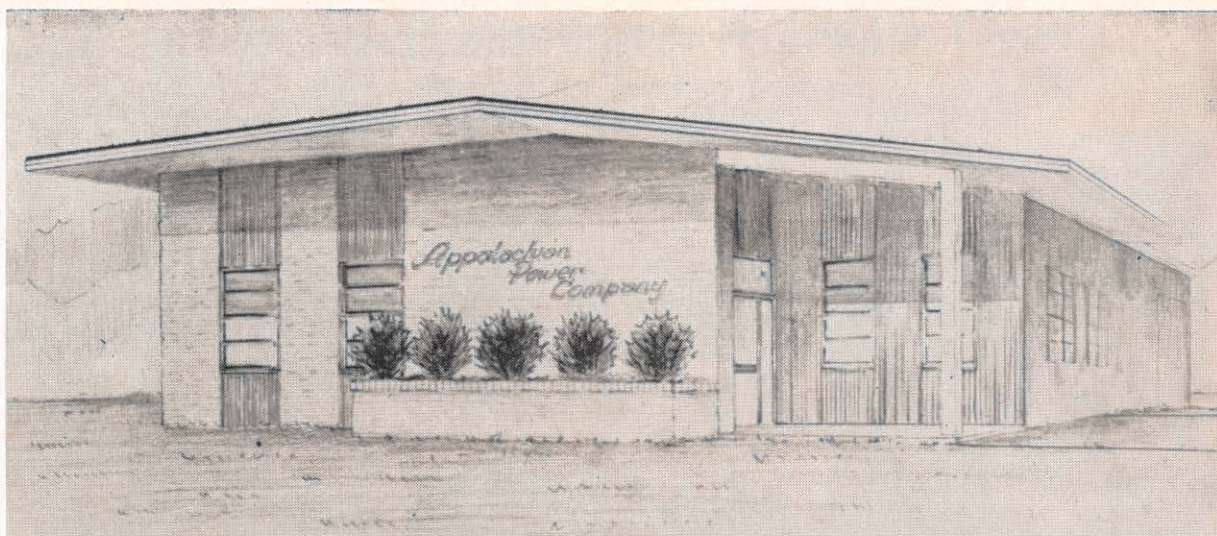
After two weeks of running the fan, the moisture from the walls, floor and roof has been eliminated.

### Safety Minded Crew



The Ripley line crew in the Point Pleasant area of the Huntington division was organized in August 1953 and since that time the crew has not had a single disabling injury. Two of the original members of the crew are still with it. They are W. O. Sallaz, foreman, right end, and M. C. Simmons,

truck driver-groundman, second from left. The other two men are S. E. Saunders, lineman, second from right, and D. C. Miller, lineman, on the left end. The latter two have never had a disabling injury and have been with the company for 12 and 11 years respectively.



Artist's Rendering of New Building

### New Service Building Is Announced At Lovingson In Lynchburg Division

Appalachian will build a new service building at Lovingson, Virginia.

In making the announcement, J. W. Vaughan, Lynchburg division manager, said the construction contract was awarded to Modern Building, Inc., of Lynchburg.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the near future, Mr.

Vaughan said, on the 40 x 74 foot pre-engineered steel building. Total investment in the new facility, including five acres of land, will amount to approximately \$81,000.

The new structure will be located approximately one mile south of Lovingson on U. S. 29 across from the Nelson Manufacturing Company.

The service center, Mr. Vaughan said, will further aid us in our continuing effort to give our customers the best service possible. Appalachian has 3,389 customers in the immediate area.

A line crew and area servicemen will be based at the new building which will house crew and storage facilities. There also will be a pole storage area. The service personnel formerly worked out of a rented structure north of the new site.



### Children Benefit

Charles Pope, general office accounting in Ashland, is shown presenting a \$100 check to Miss Gertrude Ramey of the Ramey Children's Home. The check represents contributions from division, general office and staff employees at a special coffee break on December 18. The price for a cup of coffee and a donut was quite a bit higher than usual so the desired goal could be reached. The check was delivered in time to help in arrangements to assure a Merry Christmas for the 50 children now living at the home.

#### Next Issue

Several sport items contributed to this issue were not used because of limited space. They will be used in the March issue.

### AEP Announces Additions To Two Departments

The creation of two new divisions in the American Electric Power Service Corporation—the construction scheduling division in the construction department and the civil engineering division in the engineering department—has been announced.

Robert S. Hunter, project engineer in the engineering department, has been appointed head of the construction scheduling division. Its two sections, power plant scheduling and T&D scheduling, are headed by John T. Dowd and Arthur Lannon, respectively.

John R. Struyk, formerly staff engineer in the engineering department, has been named head of the civil engineering division.

In two other promotions, Harold N. Scherer, Jr., has been elevated to assistant chief electrical engineer, while Richard A. Byron has succeeded Scherer as head of the electrical station projects section in the electrical engineering division.

Mr. Hunter, who holds a BSME degree from Penn State University, 1950, joined AEP in 1953. Mr. Struyk, holder of a BME degree from Clarkson College of Technology, 1951, joined the company that year. Both have attended the Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology.

Mr. Scherer has a BEE degree from Yale University, 1951, and an MBA degree from Rutgers University, 1955. He was an engineer with Public Service Electric & Gas Company in New Jersey for 12 years prior to joining AEP in 1963.

Mr. Dowd came with AEP in 1959 upon receiving his BSME degree from Newark College of Engineering. Prior to becoming section head, he was an engineer in Project Engineering. Lannon, a 26-year veteran with the Service Corporation, had been a member of the construction coordination and forecast section of the construction department before his new move. He holds a BBA degree, 1958, from City College of New York. Byron, a senior engineer in Electrical Station Projects before becoming head of that section, received his BSEE degree from Ohio University in 1958, joining the company upon graduation.



### Appalachian Power Company

ABINGDON DIVISION—30 YEARS: ELDON W. HENSON, line foreman. 20 YEARS: JAMES G. CRAIG, agricultural sales engineer. WILLIAM A. DENNY, line inspector. 15 YEARS: W. B. MCGLOTHLIN, meter reader. D. T. ROBINSON, line foreman. GLENN A. SETTLE, local office supervisor.

BLUEFIELD DIVISION—10 YEARS: ARDIS E. ANDERSON, lineman. KENNETH A. JACKSON, customer accounts supervisor. RALPH D. WIDENER, meter reader.

CABIN CREEK—30 YEARS: MARTIN L. LEWIS, utility man. 25 YEARS: JAMES E. PYLES, turbine operator. CONRAD BROWN, Jr., mechanical maintenance man. LANTY R. COULTER, control operator. JOHN A. KEFFER, mechanical maintenance.

CHARLESTON DIVISION—30 YEARS: HENRY C. MOSELY, truckdriver-groundman. JAMES A. WHITLOCK, general clerk commercial. BROOK MILLER, auto repairman. 20 YEARS: ELOISE D. FIERCE, T&D clerk. 15 YEARS: JAMES H. VICKERS, groundman. PARTHENIA H. GLOVER, stenographer.

CLINCH RIVER—25 YEARS: ARNOLD J. CONLEY, unit foreman. EARL S. KEES, maintenance man. 15 YEARS: CLARENCE E. BROWNING, maintenance man.

HUNTINGTON DIVISION—40 YEARS: V. F. STURGEON, accounting supervisor. 20 YEARS: W. C. FARRAR, meter reader. BERNICE M. ROUSH, secretary-stenographer. T. M. PAYNE, meter serviceman. NANCY C. BAILEY, cashier. 10 YEARS: BRADY RIGGS, Jr., meter reader. JEAN HARBOR, secretary-stenographer.

KANAWHA RIVER—15 YEARS: HENRY CURTIS EDELMAN, guard. FREDERICK W. HOLDREN, maintenance man. JOHN L. JOHNSON, maintenance man.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON DIVISION—10 YEARS: CHARLES F. BURCHETT, lineman.

ROANOKE DIVISION—20 YEARS: R. G. AMOS, Jr., station man. W. H. KAHL, lineman. B. E. SHELTON, lineman. 15 YEARS: D. F. GRAVELY, line inspector.

GENERAL OFFICE—40 YEARS: RUSSELL A. FULLER, T&D cost accounting coordinator. 20 YEARS: GEORGE W. SKAGGS, supervising relay engineer. 15 YEARS: WINSTON D. MARTIN, engineering aide. MINER L. HAYZLETT, transportation station foreman. JAMES A. WHEELER, engineer. 10 YEARS: JACK W. HAGERMAN, transportation engineer.

### Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DIVISION—15 YEARS: L. T. WHEELER, engineer.

HAZARD DIVISION—25 YEARS: W. E. MANNING, head T&D clerk.

PIKEVILLE DIVISION—20 YEARS: CLIFFORD BOYD, heating sales representative.

### Kingsport Power Company

20 YEARS: J. H. CARTER, head material clerk. 5 YEARS: BURTON W. KEESSE, T&D clerk.



### Kingsport Hears Bell Choir

The Youth Group Hand Bell Choir of the First Baptist Church in Kingsport performed recently for employees in the lobby of the Kingsport office. Michael Bryan, son of the executive vice president, was a member of the group.

## Service Anniversaries Noted Across Our Companies

**30  
Years**



**Brook Miller**  
Charleston



**H. C. Moseley**  
Montgomery



**J. A. Whitlock**  
Charleston



**M. L. Lewis**  
Cabin Creek



**E. W. Henson**  
Abingdon

**25  
Years**



**A. J. Conley**  
Clinch River



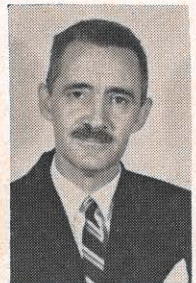
**E. S. Kees**  
Clinch River



**J. A. Keffer**  
Cabin Creek



**L. R. Coulter**  
Cabin Creek



**J. E. Pyles**  
Cabin Creek



**Conrad Brown**  
Cabin Creek



**W. E. Manning**  
Hazard

**20  
Years**



**J. H. Carter**  
Kingsport



**R. G. Amos**  
Roanoke



**W. H. Kahle**  
Stuart/Roanoke



**B. E. Shelton**  
Fieldale/Roanoke



**Bernice Roush**  
Point Pleasant

### Three Appalachian Men Receive Awards For 40 Years Of Service

Three Appalachian employees received their extended service awards recently for completing 40 years of service with the company.

V. F. Sturgeon, Huntington division accounting supervisor, began his utility career in 1926 when he worked at Charleston on a temporary basis while still in high school.



**Mr. Sturgeon**

Full time employment started in 1928 as a machine billing operator. Various positions held since that time have been clerk, assistant chief clerk, assistant and district office supervisor and his present position. He is a native of West Virginia and attended the Capitol City Commercial College. He is a member of the Elks Club and the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sturgeon is married, and has one daughter and two grandchildren.

The second 40-year man is D. L. Buckingham, foreman in the station section of the general office T&D department. A native of Indiana, he worked for the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company before joining Appalachian in 1926. After broken service Mr. Buckingham returned to the company in 1933. He has worked as electrician,



**Mr. Buckingham**



**Mr. Fuller**

assistant switchboard engineer and engineer senior in addition to his present classification. A member of the Huntington Court Methodist Church, he sings in the Roanoke Valley Chorus and enjoys bowling and golf. He is married and has one son.

The other extended service recipient is Russell A. Fuller, T&D cost accounting coordinator. He started out with Indiana & Michigan Electric Company in 1924, returned in 1926, and moved to Appalachian in 1927. His first job was switchboard wireman in the original installation of the 138-kv system. He later worked as substation inspector, engineer and system senior station engineer. In 1963 he was promoted to system station records supervisor. A Shriner, he enjoys golf and fishing and spends much time in Junior Achievement. He and his wife have a son, and attend Green Ridge Presbyterian Church.

### H. R. Miller Ends 40-Year Career With Appalachian; Carson Promoted

J. O. Carson of Roanoke has been promoted to the position of payroll records supervisor with Appalachian to succeed H. R. Miller, who retired January 1, 1968.



**Mr. Carson**

Mr. Carson, a native of Halifax County, attended National Business College. He joined Appalachian's data processing center January 1, 1961 as a machine operator. He was named statistical and reports assistant in 1966, the position he held until promotion to payroll records supervisor.

A member of Greenridge Presbyterian Church, Carson is married and has a son and a daughter. They live at 218 Monterey Avenue, N. E.

Mr. Miller is a 40-year veteran of Appalachian service. He joined the company July 21, 1927 as an office boy in Roanoke. He rose through several jobs, becoming payroll supervisor of the Roanoke division in 1950, and went to his



**Mr. Miller**

present position as payroll records supervisor in general office accounting in 1961.

He is a native of Chilhowie. Mr. Miller is a deacon at the First Baptist Church, a member of the Roanoke Valley Bird Club, and past master of Pleasants Masonic Lodge in Roanoke. He is married and has a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren. He lives at 1411 Brighton Road, S. W.

### Familiar Faces In New Places

#### Appalachian Power Company

##### Abingdon Division

JERRY LEE JESSEE from T&D clerk to engineering aide. JOHN DOUGLAS MOORE from lineman helper to meterman helper.

##### Bluefield Division

MYRTLE PEERY PAXTON from office messenger, division miscellaneous, to cashier, division accounting.

##### Charleston Division

WILLIAM NUTTER WALKER from head contract clerk, division accounting, to right of way agent, division T&D. DELMER EUGENE CAVENDER from contract clerk to head contract clerk. JENNIE WILSON HALL from credit and collection clerk to contract clerk. JAMES RICHARD KIDD from office messenger, miscellaneous, to clerk-trainee, division accounting. REX WASHINGTON HAYES from station man b to station man a. HENRY JESSE CLINE from auto repairman helper to auto repairman b. DENNIS EARL SELBE from lineman helper to lineman. ROBERT SHERIDAN LEADMAN from transmission helper, g. o. T&D, to lineman helper, division T&D. RAYMOND LEE ARMSTRONG from lineman helper to meter service helper.

##### Huntington Division

R. M. OAKLEY from meter clerk, division T&D, to general clerk, division commercial. ALBERT LEWIS JR. from meter clerk to meter clerk sr. C. E. DUNHAM from lineman c to lineman b.

##### Glen Lyn Plant

DUDLEY RHYNARD CLEMONS from equipment operator to switchboard operator. THOMAS THURMOND THOMPSON from boiler operator to equipment operator. DAN ECLID HALL from turbine operator to boiler operator. CHARLES DONALD THOMPSON from auxiliary equipment operator to turbine operator. BRADFORD ARVIN WALKER from auxiliary equipment operator (U.P.) to auxiliary equipment operator. JACKIE FELIX JESSEE from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator. HENRY LAFAYETTE HARLESS from utility man, maintenance, to utility operator, operation.

##### Kanawha River Plant

BILLIE J. WALKER from time clerk to time clerk sr.

##### Lynchburg Division

R. H. MARTIN from commercial sales representative to commercial sales engineer.

##### Philip Sporn Plant

JOSEPH C. VANCO JR. from utility man, utility, to utility operator, operations. ARCHIE J. BROWNING from utility man, utility, to results helper, results. GEORGE R. JOHNSON from results helper to instrument maintenance man. THOMAS O. GRINSTEAD from janitor, utility, to coal sampler, chemical. CHARLES P. COUGHLIN from utility man b to utility man a.

##### Roanoke Division

R. A. ARMISTEAD from assistant division superintendent of T&D to division superintendent of T&D. CLAUDE L. REYNOLDS from commercial sales engineer to power sales engineer. ORVILLE NAPIER from meter serviceman c to meter serviceman b.

##### General Office

JANICE H. HERRING from clerk-stenographer, g. o. accounting, to clerk-stenographer, g. o. r/e and r/w.

#### Kentucky Power Company

##### Ashland Division

CALVIN BURNETT from lineman b to meter serviceman a. LALO BRADFORD from departmental assistant to heating sales representative.

##### Big Sandy Plant

E. MILTON KIGER from utility operator, operations, to material clerk, stores. JOE E. NUNLEY from utility man, utility department, to utility operator, operations.

##### Hazard Division

DWIGHT SEXTON from T&D man d to T&D man c. HAROLD CORNETT from clerk trainee to general records clerk. MARVIN COMBS from meter reader to collector. WAYNE DAVIS from axman to meter reader.

##### Pikeville Division

CLARENCE MARTIN from T&D man d to T&D man c.

#### Kingsport Power Company

B. J. STEWART from meter reader to meterman c. RICHARD LONG from meter reader to lineman helper.



**Nancy Bailey**  
Huntington



**T. M. Payne**  
Huntington



**W. C. Farrar**  
Huntington



**Eloise Pierce**  
Charleston



**G. W. Skaggs**  
GO-T&D



**Clyde Marshall**  
GO-T&D



**W. A. Denny**  
Abingdon



**J. G. Craig**  
Abingdon



**Clifford Boyd**  
Pikeville

#### SERVICE

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

## A Time To Share



Roanoke's Office Program Planning Committee presented its final program for 1967 in the auditorium the week before Christmas. The Lucy Addison high school choir presented a full concert of religious and sacred songs for all employees working in Roanoke. Each employee donated either a can of food or money as they entered. Bob Station, committee chairman, said last year's donations were the largest ever with \$122 in money and nine large boxes of canned goods being given. All of the gifts were given to the Salvation Army to be distributed to needy families. In the above picture with the can goods are, from left: Miriam Martindale, Ruth Ann Loganacre and Shirley Bowers.

## Jake Kimberlin, Hazard, Retires After 44 Years



Mr. Kimberlin

Jake Kimberlin, senior collector in the Hazard division, retired January 1 after 44 years of service. Mr. Kimberlin began his service with Kentucky Power in 1923 as a meter helper in Hazard. He was promoted to lineman in 1937 and then moved through several serviceman classifications. He became senior collector in 1947. He is married to the former Katherine Haddix of Jackson, Kentucky. The Kimberlins plan to continue living at their present home in Hazard.

## Ira C. Handley, Huntington, Dies



Mr. Handley

Ira C. Handley, retired Huntington division employee, died on December 7 at his home in Hamlin, West Virginia. Mr. Handley worked as a meter helper, groundman, lineman, working foreman and area serviceman until his retirement in 1966. A native of West Virginia, Mr. Handley is survived by his wife, Argerite, two sons and a daughter.

## Two Areas Pass 7,000-Kwh Mark

The Lynchburg and Roanoke divisions both passed the mark of 7,000 kilowatt hours annual usage per customer in 1967.

Lynchburg led the entire company with 7,028 followed closely by Roanoke at 7,013. Lynchburg division has 34,169 residential customers as compared to 82,268 for Roanoke.

## Louis H. Marino Joins AEP At Roanoke Office

Louis H. Marino has joined the AEP Service Corporation's Treasury staff as system general accounting procedures coordinator.



Mr. Marino

He is located in the Roanoke office of Appalachian Power. Associated with Niles & Niles, certified public accountants, for the past 12 years, he has been in charge of the Appalachian audit in Roanoke for the past four years.

In his new post, Mr. Marino will be responsible for establishing, maintaining and the inter-company coordination of uniform general accounting policies and procedures for System-wide application. A graduate of Upsala College and a certified public accountant, he served with the U. S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II and later in the Korean area. He and his wife are the parents of a son.

## Bright Lights Cause No Lights

The new street lighting system being installed in Lynchburg is causing the local police some problems. It seems that many drivers are forgetting to turn on the car headlights at night.

The new mercury vapor lamps are bright enough that many drivers do not think about their lights. Many people simply get in their cars and start driving.

Sergeant C. E. Tuggle of the Lynchburg Traffic Bureau said that scores of drivers have had to be warned to turn on the headlights while driving on Fort, Memorial and Rivermont Avenues, as well as downtown.

## Abingdon Wins Second Half For Consistent Sales

Abingdon division was second-half winner of Appalachian's 1967 sweepstakes consistent sales performance award. The company-wide commercial department competition is based on monthly ratings in four areas: home heating, major appliances, home sales and commercial-industrial sales.

The second-half winner accumulated 147 points, an average of 24.5 points per month out of a possible 32. Roanoke division was second with a total of 125, with Pulaski taking third with 120 points. Roanoke division was the first-half winner.

Bluefield was fourth with 116 points followed by Logan-Williamson with 95, Huntington with 94, Charleston with 89 and Lynchburg with 78.

For their efforts the Abingdon division employees were honored recently at an awards dinner and presented with a plaque.



T. W. Edminster, president of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, is shown presenting 25-year awards to G. D. Kite, extension agricultural engineer at VPI in the center, and R. J. Blair, sales supervisor in Pulaski, on the right.

## Bluefield Retiree Taken By Death



Mr. Jessee

Dewey Jessee, retired Bluefield division employee, died at Lebanon, Virginia, on January 13, after several months of illness.

Mr. Jessee was employed by Appalachian in 1926 in the Clinch Valley district of the Bluefield division. He worked on a line crew for 10 years and was made serviceman for the Richlands area of Tazewell County in 1936. He retired in 1959.

Born in Russell County, Virginia, he attended school at Cleveland high school.

He was a member of the Mill Creek Baptist Church and is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

Interment was at Russell Memorial Cemetery at Lebanon, Virginia.

## Budding Star?



Lynda Fleenor, eight-year-old daughter of James E. Fleenor, dealer sales representative in Abingdon, recently appeared on television. Lynda and her classmates from the third grade of Abingdon elementary school were on "Kiddie Kollege." The youngsters made three appearances on the show.

## Pulaski Division's R. J. Blair Cited By Agricultural Engineers' Group

R. J. Blair, Pulaski division sales supervisor, recently was presented a 25-year award by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers at the annual meeting of the Virginia Section ASAE held in Blacksburg. The presentation was made by T. W. Edminster, national president.

Mr. Blair, a 1932 graduate of VPI, has been a member of the society since 1935, and is past chairman of the Virginia Section of ASAE. Upon graduation from VPI Blair worked with Virginia Electric Power Company, and in

June, 1937 came to the Appalachian Power Company in Pulaski as agricultural engineer. This was when the company started its extensive rural electrification program.

His entire service with the company has been with the Pulaski Division where he has been active in the rural electrification and rural and residential sales programs of the division. He has been a member of the ASAE since 1935 and is past chairman of the Virginia Section of this organization.

## R. A. Armistead Is Superintendent Of Roanoke T&D

R. A. "Pete" Armistead was promoted to Roanoke division transmission and distribution superintendent on January 1.

He began with the company in 1935 in rural survey work. Later he was promoted to Roanoke district substation superintendent, area superintendent, and assistant superintendent.



Mr. Armistead

A native of Roanoke, he attended Jefferson high school. He received his BS in electrical engineering from Virginia Military Institute in 1935. He also attended an executive management school in 1962.

Mr. Armistead is a member and first vice president of the Lions Club. He also is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, First Baptist Church and Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Married and the father of one son, Mr. Armistead served in both World War II and Korea. He is a recipient of the Bronze Star and was Lieutenant Colonel in the Army reserve until 1963.

## Retired President Of AEP Is Cited By Professorship

The Philip Sporn Professorship of Energy Processing has been established at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, honoring the retired president of American Electric Power Company and of our company.

Dr. Herbert H. Woodson, who spent the 1965-66 academic year in the AEP Service Corporation's Electrical Engineering Division, has been appointed to the chair. An author and MIT graduate, he is a specialist in electromechanical energy conversion and control.

Mr. Sporn, a member of the Corporation Visiting Committee for the Department of Electrical Engineering at MIT, recently presented a series of four lectures at the school. Retired as president of AEP in 1961, he remains a director and consultant.



Mr. Bumgarner

## C. M. Bumgarner, Of Sporn, Dies

Claud M. Bumgarner, material clerk at the Philip Sporn plant, died on November 30.

Mr. Bumgarner joined the company in 1948 as a senior clerk timekeeper in the construction department and was promoted to senior clerk in 1951. He transferred to the operating department in 1952 and held the position of material clerk until his death.

He was a native of Mason County and graduated from Graham District high school. In his spare time, Mr. Bumgarner operated a large greenhouse.

Surviving are his wife, Edith, and two children. Burial was in the Graham Cemetery.

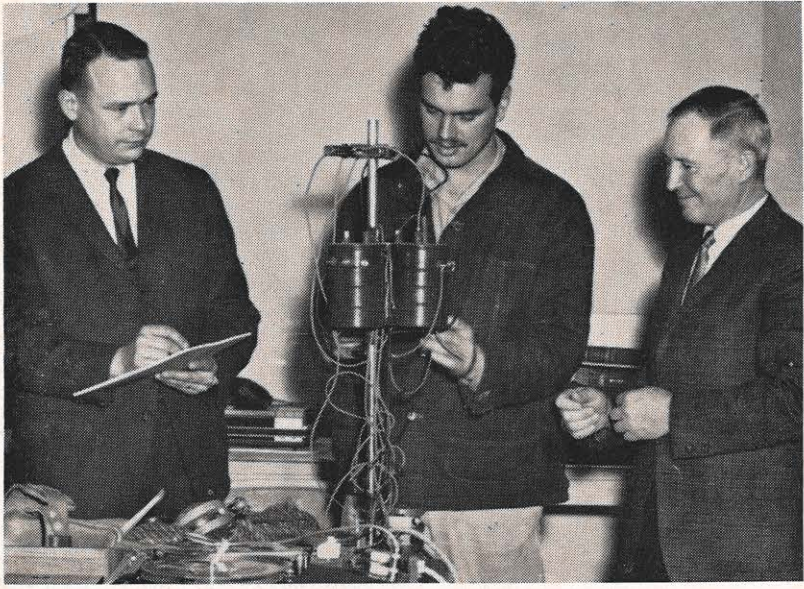
## Slusser Moved At Huntington

C. L. (Tut) Slusser was promoted



Mr. Slusser

February 1 to senior foreman in the Huntington division. He advances from line foreman. Having worked with the company for nearly 30 years, Mr. Slusser was first employed in 1938 as a groundman. Since then he has served as lineman and general serviceman in addition to line foreman. Mr. Slusser is married and has one son. He enjoys woodwork as a hobby.



Participating in the Instructor Training School in Charleston were left to right: J. Emmett Blackwell, Appalachian training supervisor; Lon W. Slater, Charleston lineman helper; and Everette Carrico, Williamson line foreman.

## Charleston Hosts Training Class For Lineman Helper Instructors

The second Instructor Training School for lineman helper training classes was held at North Charleston January 10 and 11. There were ten employees in Charleston for the two-day training program. These were men selected by their respective divisions to serve as instructors in the schools which will be conducted this year.

F. G. Lippart, director of employee relations of the American Electric Power Service Corporation, discussed instruction techniques. W. E. Irving, employee relations administrator of the service corporation, reviewed the use of analysis as a means of preparing for on-the-job instruction. J. Emmett Blackwell, training supervisor for Appa-

lachian, also participated in the program, as did Austin R. Neal and M. A. White.

M. D. Prowse and C. C. Willis of Charleston, who have instructed previous schools, reviewed with the group some of their experiences in last year's program. Each student instructor was given an opportunity to demonstrate on how to impart job knowledge to the student. Lon W. Slater and Paul Haynes, two new employees in the Charleston division, served as students at the school.

Instructor trainees attending the school were Everette Carrico, Logan; C. L. Slusser, Huntington; H. H. Rasmick, Abingdon; E. J. Wood, Beckley; L. A. Philpott, Roanoke; G. L. Staples, Lynchburg; C. A. Kidd, Pulaski; Charles Kinzer, Bluefield; S. E. Reed, St. Albans; and Clifford Picklesimer, Charleston.

Several lineman helper training schools are scheduled in Appalachian during coming months. The first school for 1968 was conducted in Charleston on January 22.

## Charleston Men Get Promotions



Mr. Walker Mr. Martin

Two Charleston employees have been promoted to right of way agents recently. W. N. Walker, head contract clerk, in the accounting section, and Brinford C. Martin, T&D engineering aide, are the new agents.

Mr. Walker first came with Appalachian in 1933, as a clerk in the accounting department. Since then he has worked as clerk, area sales representative, senior payroll clerk, assistant payroll supervisor, senior clerk, and head contract clerk.

He is a native of Frame, West Virginia, where he attended public schools. He also went to West Virginia University. He resides in South Charleston with his wife, Elsie, who is also a long-time employee of the company. Mr. Walker's hobbies are bridge and reading.

Mr. Martin joined Appalachian in 1938 in the T&D department. After being in the service, he returned in 1946 as T&D field clerk. Since then he has been senior clerk, senior distribution record clerk and engineering aide. He is very active in the Elks Hill Presbyterian Church. His hobbies include baseball, football, swimming and camping. He is a native of Charleston, and is married.

## Driving Answers

(Questions on page 2)

1. (b)
2. (a) During the first 1/2 hour when the rain mixes with oil from the road to create a slick condition.
3. (b) Use your motor from low to reverse to get enough traction from a rocking motion to get out of the snow bank.
4. (c) When there's no escape shoulder on a high-speed highway.
5. (a) Using a penny, insert it into the tire treads. If the tread is worn you'll be able to see Lincoln's head.
6. (c)
7. (b)
8. (a) Rotate tires every 5,000 miles.
9. (a)

## Winners Named In Non-Commercial Department Competition

# Employees' Prospects Bring 9,837 Sales

Appalachian's 1967 employee prospecting program resulted in 2,259 electric home heating and 5,578 dusk-to-dawn lighting installations for a total of 9,837 sales.

All of these sales came from names of prospective customers turned in by employees. The program is for non-commercial department employees only.

L. L. Koontz, supervisor of rural and residential sales, said, "These are remarkable figures since the commercial department had nothing to do with obtaining the prospects. It shows that many of Appalachian's employees realize selling the products of the company must be done by everyone in the company—not just the commercial department."

The individual winner in home heating prospects which resulted in installations is Abingdon division's Sylvia Darnell of the Gate City accounting department with 59. She was followed closely by Judy Lamkin, Roanoke division Fieldale accounting, and G. R. Smith, Pulaski T&D department, both with 53.

Others are: A. H. White, Bluefield T&D, 30; Bonnie Evans, Charleston division/Rupert ac-



Mr. Morrison



Mr. Caudle



Mr. Pettit

## Caudle, Pettit Get Promotions

Two employees have been promoted at the Kanawha River plant. S. V. Caudle moved up from results engineer to plant personnel supervisor, and L. R. Pettit was promoted from assistant results engineer to plant performance engineer. Both promotions were effective January 1.

Mr. Caudle is a mechanical engineering graduate of West Virginia University. He started to work with Appalachian as a test engineer in 1954. After two years in the Army, he returned to work and was promoted to assistant results engineer in 1962 and to results engineer in 1966. A registered professional engineer in West Virginia. Married, Mr. Caudle's home is in Charleston.

Mr. Pettit holds both a mechanical engineering and a mathematics degree from West Virginia Tech. He was employed by Appalachian in 1964 as a test engineer and was promoted to assistant results engineer in 1966. He is married, has two children and makes his home in Oak Hill, West Virginia.

## Bluefield, Clinch River, Purchasing Department Lead W-S Proposals For Appalachian In 1967

Bluefield division, Clinch River plant and general office purchasing department were the winners in Appalachian's 1967 Work Simplification-Better Methods Program. Eleven groups went over 100 per cent.

There were 416 proposals submitted during the past year. The over-all company percentage was 87.4 which is a decrease from 1966.

Bluefield, with 118.7 per cent, was the leading division. Second place went to Lynchburg with 106.5, and Huntington was a close third with 105.0. The other divisions in order were: Roanoke—88.3, Logan-Williamson—77.4, Pulaski—75.1, Charleston—67.5, and Abingdon—36.9.

Clinch River had 222.1 per cent to be the only group to reach the



Mrs. Darnell



Mr. Conn



Mr. Smith

Mrs. Lamkin

counting, 14; Paul Keys, Lynchburg engineering, 12; J. F. Hicks, Huntington T&D, 7; and W. W. Chambers, Logan-Williamson division/Man T&D, 5.

Roanoke had the highest number of employee prospecting installations with 528. Pulaski had 496 and Bluefield was third with 383 units installed. Abingdon was next

## Two At Glen Lyn Are Promoted

Promotions for two Glen Lyn men have been announced.

Lawrence K. Johnston has been named assistant shift operating engineer and Elbert W. Ganoe has succeeded him as unit foreman.

Mr. Johnston was first employed with the company on January 27, 1941, as a laborer, and has worked as a maintenance man, auxiliary equipment operator, boiler operator "b", shift operator and unit foreman, the position he held before this promotion.

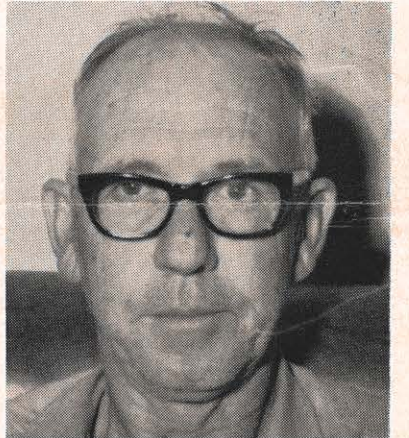
He was born in Mercer County, West Virginia, and now resides at Peterstown, West Virginia, where he attends the Baptist Church. He is married to the former Miss Frances Cheatwood of Elgood, West Virginia, and they have three sons.



Mr. Johnston

Mr. Ganoe

Mr. Ganoe joined the company at Glen Lyn in 1941, and has worked in both the maintenance and operating departments. He is married and lives in Rich Creek, Virginia, and he is a member of the Boozoo Christian Church.



Mr. Gilreath

## Henry Gilreath's Retirement Told

Henry Gilreath, PBX operator with Kingsport Power, chose early retirement due to failing health.

Mr. Gilreath started with the company as a boiler room man at the former Kingsport Steam plant in 1942. While working there he was a coal and ash operator and later boiler operator. Upon closing of the steam plant, Mr. Gilreath became a guard and later a PBX operator.

Prior to his employment with the company, he worked for Intermont Coal and Iron Company and L&N Railroad at Norton, Virginia.

During his spare time Mr. Gilreath plans to work on his farm.

their estimated savings are: Lynchburg—\$8,172, Charleston—\$7,929, Roanoke—\$6,514, Huntington—\$6,156, Bluefield—\$3,887, Pulaski—\$1,264, and Abingdon—\$476.

Clinch River's proposals are estimated to save \$22,008 per year. The savings for the other plants are: Cabin Creek—\$18,878, Philip Sporn—\$10,530, Glen Lyn—\$3,466, and Kanawha River—\$1,770.

The accounting department was the only general office department that submitted money savings proposals. The estimated savings was \$5,179 annually.

Each of the groups that were over 100 per cent will receive a plaque from Joe P. Gills, executive vice president. Clinch River will get a special one for being over 200 per cent.