

You must plough with such oxen as you have.
English proverb

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If dirt were trumps, what hands you would hold.
Lamb

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Mr. Darrah



Mr. Hall



Mr. White



Mr. Jones

Four Areas Are Involved In Moves Of Appalachian, Kentucky Managers

Promotions of four managers in Appalachian and Kentucky Power have been announced. They are effective January 1, 1969. They were:

C. C. Darrah, Ashland division manager, will become executive assistant on the staff of the executive vice president of Kentucky Power.

O. C. Hall, manager of the Logan-Williamson division, will become manager of the Ashland division.

He will be succeeded as manager of Logan-Williamson by J. B. White, Fieldale Area manager of the Roanoke division.

J. E. Jones, administrative assistant to the Roanoke division manager, is being promoted to the post of Fieldale Area manager.

Mr. Darrah, a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, was employed by Appalachian in Charleston in 1931. He worked in Welch before going to Hazard as assistant district manager in 1937. He was assistant district manager in Williamson and Beckley before being named district manager at Williamson in 1954. He became Ashland division manager July 1, 1960.

He is active in the chamber of commerce, Catlettsburg Rotary Club, and Presbyterian Church. He is married and has one daughter. He is a registered professional engineer.

Mr. Hall became manager of the Logan-Williamson division July 1 this year. He joined Appalachian in Roanoke in 1950, and was at Beckley, Rainelle, Oak Hill, and Charleston before going to Point Pleasant in 1958 as district superintendent. He was made manager there in 1963.

Active in civic and professional work, Mr. Hall is a 1950 graduate of the University of Kentucky. He is married and has two daughters.

Mr. White joined Appalachian in 1938 at the company's Pulaski office as a draftsman. He entered the Air Force in 1942, and then attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, graduating in 1948 with a BS degree in engineering.

He rejoined Appalachian at Abingdon, in 1949 as an engineer.

He was power sales engineer in Bluefield, district commercial manager in Abingdon, and assistant district manager at Abingdon before becoming Fieldale manager in 1963.

A native of Bristol, he was reared at Pulaski. He attended the Public Utility Executive Program at the University of Michigan in 1958, and is a registered professional engineer in Virginia.

Married and the father of two sons, Mr. White is a member of the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, the Danville Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia State chamber, and an honorary member of the Martinsville Jaycees. He is past president of the Martinsville-Henry County Development Foundation, Martinsville Kiwanis Club, West Central 4-H Club camp, Blue Ridge Boy Scout Council, and Chatmoss Country Club; and past president of the United Fund of Henry County and Martinsville.

A native Roanoker, Mr. Jones attended Cornett School of Business. He is a member of the Roanoke and Virginia Chambers of Commerce, a director of the Williamson Road Life Saving crew, member of board of Roanoke Valley Safety Council, trustee of Central Roanoke Development Foundation, chairman of City of Roanoke Industrial Development Authority, and a member of the Youth Commission.

He is serving his second term as a member of city council.

He is past president of the Roanoke Jaycees and past state vice president of the Jaycees. He has served as chairman of the March of Dimes in Roanoke city and county, and in 1962 was elected chairman of the Roanoke Chapter of the National Foundation.

Mr. Jones is married and has two children. He attends South Roanoke Methodist Church, where he is secretary-treasurer of the building fund and teaches a Sunday School class.

Our Three Companies Have Eighty Children Participating In Educational Award Program

The prospect of \$27,000 for college education prompted 228 sons and daughters of AEP System employees to apply for participation in the 1969 AEP Educational Award Program. Applicants from our three companies totaled 80.

Available are 27 awards of \$1,000 each for the freshman year in a degree-granting institution, to be given to the top winners in the Standard College Entrance Board Scholastic Aptitude Test. The test was administered at various points all over the System November 2. Deadline for registration was September 13. Winners will be announced about February 1.

The 228 applicants included 124 boys, 104 girls. Here is a company-by-company breakdown, with the number of awards in parentheses:

Appalachian Power Company (7)—31 boys, 28 girls. Kentucky Power (2)—12 boys, 4 girls. Kingsport Power (1)—3 boys, 2 girls. Ohio Power (7)—43 boys, 35 girls. Indiana & Michigan (5)—11 boys, 24 girls. Wheeling Electric (1)—3 boys, 1 girl. Michigan Gas & Electric (1)—3 boys, 2 girls. Service Corporation (3)—18 boys, 8 girls.

They were:

APPALACHIAN

Abingdon division: Michael L. McFall, son of William McFall, Jr.; Rebecca E. Wagner, daughter of C. M. Wagner, Jr.

Bluefield division: Donald H. White, son of Hobart S. White; Ernest L. Whitley, son of E. Lane Whitley.

Charleston Division: Rebecca F. Blake, daughter of Billy E. Blake; Douglas B. Brown, son of F. Q. Brown; Terry L. Humphries, son of T. L. Humphries; Patricia A. Farmer, daughter of S. J. Farmer, Jr.; Harriet L. Lively, daughter of W. H. Lively; Sharon K. Price, daughter of Robert H. Price; Keith Hutcheson, son of H. H. Hutcheson.

Huntington division: Anna L. Kovich, daughter of J. A. Kovich.

Logan-Williamson division: Ernest L. Bevins, son of Ernest L. Bevins; Jack S. Blevins, son of Richard D. Blevins; Janet M. Hanley, daughter of Thomas J. Hanley; Emery M. Jeffreys, son of E. M. Jeffreys, Jr.; Robin D. Kinser, daughter of Dallas A.

Kinser; Mary A. Richmond, daughter of James L. Richmond.

Lynchburg division: Donald E. Elder, son of George E. Elder; Delores L. Figg, daughter of Herbert M. Figg, Jr.; Mary E. Miller, daughter of Lloyd M. Miller; Thomas M. Morris, son of Hermon L. Morris; Martha S. Pillow, daughter of Thomas H. Pillow; John W. Vaughan, Jr., son of John W. Vaughan; Joseph C. Wheeler, son of Goodman C. Wheeler.

Pulaski division: Jerry U. Dunn, son of Jack S. Dunn; Joy L. Hale, daughter of J. Leonard Hale; Bruce B. McCall, Jr., son of B. B. McCall; James A. Sharp, son of R. C. Sharp.

Roanoke division: Julius K. Hutcherson, son of J. K. Hutcherson, Sr.; Diane L. Philpott, daughter of L. A. Philpott; Timothy L. Reed, son of Malcolm E. Reed; Richard L. Watkins, son of James R. Watkins; Joel T. Wilson, Jr., son of J. T. Wilson.

General office: Steven A. Minnich, son of Owen R. Minnich; James G. Tapley, son of James G. Tapley; Bonnie J. Wissler, daughter of Donald O. Wissler.

Clinch River plant: Victor C. Arrington, son of Virgil Adams; Luther C. Houchins, III, son of Luther C. Houchins, Jr.; Ginny L. Kiser, daughter of Paul C. Kiser.

Glenn Lyn plant: Glenn R. Garrison, son of Duard L. Garrison; Kenneth D. Garrison, son of Duard L. Garrison; Alinda J. Pateson, daughter of Carl B. Pateson; Anna D. Powell, daughter of G. T. Powell; Barbara E. Robinson.

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Mr. Volkov

Soviet Affairs Specialist To Address Management Meeting

Leon Volkov, former Soviet air force officer and now Newsweek magazine's specialist in Soviet affairs, will be the featured speaker at the annual American Electric Power System management meeting in Wheeling this month.

He will address the 300 members of the system's management at dinner on November 13. Traditionally, the dinner speaker has been from outside the company. Last year, he was Dr. Walter Heller, the distinguished economist, and another time, Clark Clifford, now Secretary of Defense.

Mr. Volkov has seen at first hand the Soviet and American political systems at work. At the end of the Second World War in Europe, he was a lieutenant colonel in the Russian Air Force, assigned to the Soviet Military Mission in Germany. He parachuted safely into the French zone of occupation from an aircraft that crashed, and requested asylum with the Americans. It was later given out that there were no survivors of the

crash, and Mr. Volkov lived in the U. S. under a pseudonym until 1953. Following the death of Stalin and a lessening of political tensions, he made his identity known. His unconventional entry into the United States later was legalized and he was granted U. S. citizenship by a special act of Congress.

He has served as a consultant on Soviet affairs to several agencies of the U. S. government, and joined Newsweek in 1953. Volkov is said to be the first U. S. observer to detect the split between China and Russia. He has written a number of articles for the popular magazines.

The meeting will be held in Wheeling's Oglebay Park November 12, 13, and 14. President Donald C. Cook will open the session with a "state of the company" address. The program will include presentations on engineering and construction progress, governmental relations, sales, and area development.



"Heavy" climbs at 74.

Charleston Man 'Climbs' Out Of Retirement

'Heavy' Hawes Back In Harness At Age 74

"Heavy" Hawes was back in Harness one day last month. In doing so he literally climbed out of retirement.

"Heavy" is the nickname Charles H. Hawes, retired Charleston division line inspector, acquired in 1927 while working in Clendenin, three years after joining Appalachian. He retired in December of 1959 after 35 years of service.

In his day he had climbed many a pole but at age 74 hadn't tackled too many recently.

He "went up" again as a favor

to his son Chet, who happens to be a photographer for the Charleston Daily Mail. Chet, being a good newspaper man, didn't miss the opportunity for a good feature picture and supplied the facts for a story on dad in the Mail's "Once Over Lightly" column by Adrian Gwin.

Chet is an amateur radio bug and recently moved his ham station to his new home at St. Albans. When it came time to set up the 40-foot steel tower which carries the antenna, Chet was at a loss.

He can't stand heights, which, as the article said, sounds strange

considering that he flies his own airplane almost every day. But without his airplane under him, Chet gets all quivery and swears that if he climbed the 40-foot tower he'd be clamped around it with his arms tied in a sailor's knot.

So dad got out his old climbing safety belt and up he went. He got the job done in fine fashion. It must have made him feel like a lineman again while the boys stayed on the ground.

But Chet says he can't get him up in a plane. His father's comment: "Those things make me nervous".

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Uncle Dibe's Last Hunt

Editor's note: Hunting seasons will be in full swing soon. Every year some hunters never return from the field. The following is purported to be true. If not, it very easily could be.

Uncle Dibe was quite a guy. He was a man's man and a hunter's hunter.

An ardent outdoorsman, it always seemed a shame that he was born into a rapidly changing world. A world that saw the outdoors that he loved so much shrinking to the point that it was almost nonexistent.

Uncle Dibe was getting up in years when I was a boy (or rather it seemed so then, he was about 50) and he was full of tales of how it used to be. Many a night I went to bed with my head reeling with thoughts of the woods and fields alive with game. It must have been great, I thought, thinking of the many times we had tramped all day without seeing anything.

Yes, Uncle Dibe liked to reminisce, and it was always with a saddened look on his face as he passed the housing developments which popped up in what were once his favorite quail fields. When he was a boy one of his chores was keeping the larder supplied with game. He became quite good at it.

Uncle Dibe was a realist, too; he knew the changes had to come. He knew it could never be quite the same. His biggest concern, and worry, was that while the woods and fields were shrinking, the number of hunters was increasing. Being a realist, he knew the woods which he loved were getting to be dangerous places during hunting season. He felt the trigger-happy weekend hunter was the bane of his existence. He believed in premonitions and in the back of his mind was the thought that he'd probably get his at the hands of one of those monkeys.

Uncle Dibe respected his guns and tried to teach others to do the same. Being the head of the local hunting club, he initiated gun handling courses for youths. He warned older hunters, too, that experience can cause over confidence.

Many a father would haul his boy over to Uncle Dibe's place for some personal tutoring. This was quite a treat because it meant a day in the field with the area's top hunter. Uncle Dibe was all business when teaching a boy gun safety. He lay traps such as leaning a gun against a fence and telling the student to climb across. You had to be on your toes to pass his field tests.

My father, 10 years his brother's junior, was no exception. I wasn't allowed on my first deer hunt until Uncle Dibe said it was okay. I was almost heartbroken the first year I felt I was old enough to go on the annual family deer hunt. Uncle Dibe didn't think so. I'd flunked one of his tests.

The next year was mine. There wasn't much sleep the night before. The season was two weeks long and I didn't get to go until the last week. Uncle Dibe said most of the one-time-a-year hunters would be gone then.

A legend in his own time, Uncle Dibe had gotten his buck for 14 years in a row. This year he wasn't doing so well. He had several opportunities for does, but he was of the old school and just didn't feel right about shooting does. Once he had passed up a shot at a nice eight-pointer because he knew I was just beyond. Another time he missed one when a "weekender" popped up and spooked the deer he'd been watching approach him. It had been a frustrating hunt for Uncle Dibe.

It was the last day and the sun was nearly down. Time was running out and it looked like Uncle Dibe was going to get skunked.

Then he heard it. That sound that only a deer makes when it's picking its way through the hunters' lines.

He couldn't see it very well. The light was bad and it was standing in heavy brush. He waited for it to take that one step into the clearing. Suddenly he could see its rack.

Then it turned. It was changing direction, but he could still see its antlers. It was heading back into the brush.

Carefully Uncle Dibe drew down on the antlers, slowly dropping his sights until he was right where the chest area would be. This had to be a sure shot because one more step and the buck would be completely back in the thicket and the season would be over.

Slowly he squeezed off the shot. It echoed through the still

Cook Tells Public Utility Securities Club

System's Interconnections Nearing 105 Points

The American Electric Power System will soon be interconnected with neighboring electric utilities at more than 105 points, President Donald C. Cook told members of The Public Utility Securities Club of Chicago last month.

For many years the most interconnected electric power system in the world, AEP today is operating 88 high-voltage transmission ties with its neighbors and is currently constructing another 17. Of the total of 105, Mr. Cook said, 33 are or will be at 345,000 volts or higher—an interconnection level introduced by AEP in its tie with Commonwealth Edison of Chicago just 10 years ago.

The interconnection of its facilities with those of others, together with the integration of its own

plants and lines to enable them to operate efficiently as a single, unified system in accordance with the best engineering practice, Mr. Cook said, have led to the achievement of a "superior" reliability of service.

In addition to the highest reliability, the AEP president continued, these practices also have led to significant economies. For example, he pointed out that the present-day cost of building a 138,000-volt power line (standard transmission voltage of the 1940's) is \$40,000 per mile. Such a line is capable of carrying approximately 80,000 kilowatts over a 100-mile span, representing an investment of about \$50 per 100 kw. In contrast, 345,000-volt lines cost twice as much, \$80,000 per mile, but are

capable of handling eight times as much power—660,000 kw. Thus, the investment per kw is reduced to about \$12, less than one-fourth that of the previous standard lines.

Today, Mr. Cook continued, the AEP System is building 1,200 miles of 765,000-volt lines, the highest operating network voltage in the world. Cost of these lines is almost double that of the 345,000-volt lines, but their carrying capability is six times as great—3.8-million kw. Thus, the cost per 100 kw has been further reduced to only \$4.

An added advantage of the 765,000-volt system, he said, will be a further reduction in power line losses. A reduction of even 1% in line losses, considering the AEP System's present load of close to 60-billion kilowatt-hours per year, is equal to a generating unit producing about 600-million kwh annually—representing a cost of about \$3-million per year.

Still another advantage, Mr. Cook added, will be the AEP System's continuing ability to make large sales of power to neighboring utilities. "It is not uncommon," he said, "for our deliveries to other companies to exceed 1-million kw on an almost continuous basis." Such sales for the 12 months ended June 30 were more than 10-billion kwh.

In describing the AEP System's recent growth, he said that industrial energy sales during the 12 months ended June 30 were 10.4% ahead of such deliveries for the previous comparable period. Sales to commercial customers at the same time were up 9.3%, while residential sales increased 8.5%.

Mr. Cook said that residential customers paid an average price of 1.88¢ per kwh for electricity during the 12 months ended at mid-year, an all-time low for the company and a figure more than 14% below the corresponding average for all of the nation's investor-owned utilities. Such a continual decline in the cost of electric service has been an important factor in its mounting use in the home, he said, noting that the average home on the AEP System today is using close to 6,500 kwh per year. This level of utilization is more than 1,000 kwh above the investor-owned industry's average.

More than 89,000 residential electric heating customers were on AEP lines at the end of June. In this respect, Mr. Cook told the securities analysts, the AEP System has experienced a growth rate of about 20% per year for the past 10 years. Over the first eight months of 1968, residential heating installations were up 26% over the like period last year.

He said that 55% of all new homes being built on the AEP System today, including 85% of all new apartment units, are all electric—a development Cook described as "a revolution in the living habits" of people residing in the company's seven-state service area.

Cook Appointed To U. S. Council

Donald C. Cook, president of American Electric Power Company and of this company, is one of 30 members of an advisory council recently appointed by President Johnson that will seek ways for government and business to exchange promising young executives.

In a letter to Secretary of Transportation Alan S. Boyd, chairman of the council, the President said its goal was "to foster the flow of promising young men and women who are headed for the top in government and business to spend a portion of their careers in a challenging assignment in the other sector." It will "enrich government and business by providing an infusion of talent and fresh perspective," he added.

President Johnson asked the council to propose an exchange program and report to him by December 15. He does not expect to put the idea into effect in his administration, Secretary Boyd said, but, if it can be worked out, the program "will be on the next President's desk on January 22."

Mitchell Plant Transaction Final; Ohio Power Assumes Ownership

The 1.6-million-kilowatt Mitchell plant, under construction on the Ohio River south of Moundsville, West Virginia, has been sold by Appalachian Power Company to Ohio Power Company.

The transaction was completed October 17. Purchase price represented the cost of construction then finished; Ohio Power will assume all obligations beyond that date. Total cost has been estimated at \$200-million.

The sale was approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission and regulatory commissions in both West Virginia and Virginia.

Employees of Appalachian Power engaged in construction supervision at Mitchell were transferred to Ohio Power on the same date.

President Donald C. Cook said that the plant's ownership was transferred to help achieve a better balance between generating capacity and customer demands within the two companies. He explained that Appalachian was currently

engaged in building another generating station of the same capacity, the John E. Amos Plant, near Charleston, West Virginia, and was proposing to build a major pumped-storage complex on the New River in Virginia as soon as Federal Power Commission approval could be achieved. The combined cost of these two projects is estimated at close to \$500-million.

Mitchell's construction got underway in 1967. Its first 800,000-kw unit is scheduled for commercial operation in 1970; the second unit, in 1971. Amos plant unit 1 is scheduled for service in 1971; the second in 1972.

Ralph Foreman Dies At Age 59

Ralph J. Foreman, 59, administrative assistant to the vice president—commercial of the American Electric Power Service Corporation, died of an apparent heart attack October 14 while en route to his home.

He had joined the Service Corporation in 1964 after having been general manager of the Nebraska Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative. With AEP he was largely responsible for coordination of the system's rural activities.

Born in Homer, Illinois, he began his electric industry career in 1927 as a groundman with the Central Illinois Electric and Gas Company. After World War II service in the U. S. Navy, he became manager of the Southeastern Michigan Rural Electric Cooperative in Adrian, Michigan. He joined the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington in 1949, rising to director of the Northeast Electric Area Office, special assistant for power supply, and finally, deputy administrator of the REA. He had joined the Nebraska co-op in 1961.



Mr. Foreman

Point Pleasant Employees Cited

The Point Pleasant area of the Huntington division passed 1,000 calendar days without a disabling injury last month.

The mark was set at midnight October 17 and completed 33 months of disabling injury free work. The two-year stage was passed on January 21 of this year.

The 52 employees were congratulated by George Hervey, division manager, and W. R. Witzel, division personnel supervisor, at Point Pleasant's regular safety meeting which happened to be the day after the mark was set. Doughnuts and coffee were served.

The 1,000 days represents more than a quarter-million manhours, 284,240 to be exact.

Mention was also made that the line crew at Ripley which was formed in August of 1953 hasn't had a disabling injury since it was formed. W. O. Sallaz is foreman.

evening air, bouncing back off the mountainside. The shot deafened him for a second and he couldn't tell for sure if he had a hit.

Normally he would have waited motionless, but it was nearly dark now. He walked carefully to the thicket and stopped in horror.

When we got there, he was sitting motionless, his eyes fixed in a glassy stare. At his feet was his dead brother.

It took quite a while to get out of the woods. We practically had to carry Uncle Dibe, too.

Uncle Dibe didn't hunt any after that day. He didn't live much longer either. He just didn't seem to want to.

Education

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daughter of W. M. Robinson.

Kanawha River plant: Patricia A. Armstrong, daughter of James B. Armstrong; Larry S. McDaniel, son of Floyd B. McDaniel.

Philip Sporn plant: Brenda J. Bradford, daughter of Clarence A. Bradford; Mary C. Haggerty, daughter of James E. Haggerty; Thomas M. Hoffman, son of C. T. Hoffman; Carolyn J. Keefer, daughter of Earl H. Keefer; Rita L. Doolittle, daughter of William R. Doolittle; Ralph G. Gibbs, son of Ralph V. Gibbs; Paul F. Sayer, son of Mary Jane Sayer; Charles R. King, son of Charles F. King.

Radford plant: India A. Miller, daughter of Iven B. Miller; William R. Webb, son of Estel Edward Webb.

Central Appalachian Coal: Sandra K. Brown, daughter of Lawrence Brown; Wilma L. McMillion, daughter of Lonnie W. McMillion; Melissa R. Tucker, daughter of Ray A. Tucker.

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Ashland division: William Holbrook II, son of William Holbrook; Arthur Porter, Jr., son of Arthur Porter; Kenneth Gallaher, son of Mason Gallaher; George Travis, son of George Travis Jr.

General office: Debra Wade, daughter of Don Wade; Jack Palmer Jr., son of Jack Palmer; Robert Sizemore, son of Dewey Sizemore.

Big Sandy plant and construction: Patricia Armstrong, daughter of Robert Armstrong; Rex Williams, son of Byron Williams; Karen Adams, daughter of Thomas Adams; John White, son of Hubert White; Richard Reynolds, son of W. C. Reynolds.

Hazard: Terry Ledford, son of Aster Ledford; Jerry Yonts, son of Wesley Yonts; William Hays, son of Nolan Hays; Lois Fugate, daughter of Woodrow Fugate; Keith Hudson, son of Oscar Hudson.

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Donna Matthews, son of Wayne Matthews; Gary Pairgin, son of Alvin B. Pairgin; John Randall III, son of John Randall Jr.; Emily Simpson, daughter of M. C. Simpson Jr., and Kent Stair, son of Arthur Stair.

Roanoke Hosts Electric Group

Margie Lee, Roanoke division home sales representative, was Appalachian's representative and host for the annual report meeting of the Franklin County 4-H Electric Club members in Appalachian's Roanoke auditorium.

Over the year about 120 boys and girls took part in the various projects and many of the youngsters presented their own demonstrations before the county-wide group.

During the meeting Mrs. Lee showed the group an effective lighting demonstration and afterwards led a tour of the building which included a stop at the coordinating center on the sixth floor.

Two other Appalachian employees who assisted in many parts of the program during the year were Ann Browning, home sales representative, and Harry Candler, agriculture sales engineer.

Ohio Power Company's Unit 5 At Muskingum Goes Commercial

Muskingum River plant unit 5, last in the American Electric Power System's series of 615,000-kilowatt generating units, was placed in commercial operation on October 1.

The plant, located on the river of that name at Beverly, Ohio, is owned and operated by Ohio Power Company.

The new addition raises the generating capacity of the plant to 1,495,000 kw, making Muskingum the largest power station on the

AEP System. It also raises the total system capability to approximately 10.7-million kw, which represents a doubling of its power supply in 10 years and a tripling in 15.

Still under construction elsewhere on the system are projects totaling 4-million kw, with another 4-million kw awaiting U. S. government licensing. This construction is represented by the following:

Plant	Company	Energy Source	KW Capacity	Opn. Date
Big Sandy #2	Ky. Pwr. Co.	Coal	800,000	1969
Mitchell #1	Ohio Pwr.	Coal	800,000	1970
Mitchell #2	Ohio Pwr.	Coal	800,000	1971
John E. Amos #1	Appal. Pwr.	Coal	800,000	1971
John E. Amos #2	Appal. Pwr.	Coal	800,000	1972
Donald C. Cook #1*	Ind. & Mich. Elec.	Nuclear	1,100,000	1972
Donald C. Cook #2*	Ind. & Mich. Elec.	Nuclear	1,100,000	1973
Blue Ridge Project**	Appal. Pwr.	Pumped-Storage	1,800,000	—

*—Subject to Atomic Energy Commission licensing.
**—Subject to Federal Power Commission licensing.



J. B. Cook seems confused by the military clock in the Huntington dispatch center.

Military Time Sounds Confusing

Most people wear a wrist watch. Many learn how to tell time on a 12-hour clock even before they start to school. This arrangement of using the 12-hour timepiece has worked out well for hundreds of years.

Recently, however, the entire American Electric Power System has begun to use the so-called "military time" method on any record which requires a notation of time.

Military time is easy to understand. An ordinary clock has only 12 numbers. The day starts at one second after midnight, and at one second after noon, the clock starts another 12-hour revolution.

A military clock has 24 numbers and makes only one complete revolution per day while a standard clock makes two. Recording time on the military method only changes after the clock passes noon. At the point, 1:00 p.m. becomes 1300 hours. Four thirty p.m. becomes 1630 hours, which is four and one half hours added to 1:00 p.m. This is easy to learn after some practice.

These 24-hour clocks are becoming standard in all operating centers around the system, and one of the newest to be installed was in the new regional dispatch center at Huntington.

It takes a little thought and some practice to become accustomed to the "military method", but keep in mind that when all else fails the operator can give you the correct time, any time.

System Plants Set Heat Rate Pace For U. S.

During 1967, the American Electric Power System operated its power plants at the lowest combined heat rate of any multiple-plant system in the United States. AEP earlier had held the top position in 1964 and 1961.

According to industry figures now available, the AEP System heat rate for its 16 major steam plants last year was 9,487 British thermal units per kilowatt-hour of net generation. The runner-up Tennessee Valley Authority had a heat rate of 9,520 Btu/kwh. A year earlier, in 1966, the two system's positions had been reversed.

(Heat rate, which measures the amount of fuel energy used to create a unit of electric energy, is thus a yardstick of the generating efficiency of an entire electric power system, a power plant, or a single generating unit.)

Ohio Power Company's Cardinal plant ranked third last year among the nation's most efficient generating stations with a heat rate of 8,766 Btu per kwh. In first place was Duke Power Company's Marshall plant, 8,682 Btu; in second, Potomac Electric Power Company's Chalk Point plant, 8,700 Btu.

Altogether, six AEP System plants ranked among the top 15 in generating efficiency. The others were: Breed plant, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, sixth, 8,910 Btu; Clinch River plant, Appalachian Power Company, eighth, 8,993 Btu; Big Sandy plant, Kentucky Power Company, 10th, 8,996 Btu; Appalachian's Kanawha River plant, 12th, 9,051 Btu; and I. & M.'s Tanners Creek plant, 15th, 9,068 Btu.

Among individual generating units, Cardinal plant unit 2 (which Ohio Power sold to Buckeye Power, Inc. earlier this year) ranked fourth last year with a heat rate of 8,716 Btu per kwh. Cardinal unit 1, with a mark of 8,796 Btu, ranked ninth; Tanners Creek unit 4, 10th, 8,829 Btu; and Breed unit 1, 14th, 8,910 Btu. The nation's best single unit was Marshall No. 1 of Duke Power; its heat rate was 8,660 Btu.



Jake addresses an anniversary card.

Smith Mountain Visitors Get Cards Followed By Surprise A Year Later

Abner (Jake) Jacobs sends a lot of post cards. Most of them go to people he doesn't know.

Mr. Jacobs is a Visitors Center attendant at Smith Mountain Dam

and it's all part of his job.

The post cards represent a gesture on the part of the company as another reminder that the public is welcomed and encouraged to visit our facilities at the dam. It's an attempt to go "just one step further" in our responsibility to the public.

The cards and postage are free for the asking and Mr. Jacobs has mailed about 1,800 since the program started in April of this year. Altogether about 5,000 have been distributed at the dam. The post cards feature color photographs of the dam and surrounding area.

On the anniversary of the visitor's inspection of the dam, he receives another surprise. A card which says, "Remember? A year ago you were a visitor at our Smith Mountain Dam. We hope you have told your friends about us. Come see us again."

Addresses are taken from the register book at the center. A student from New York wrote to express his thanks for receiving a card and said that one of his text books carried a full-page picture of the dam and an explanation of the pumped storage concept and our application of it.

Mr. Jacobs has been an attendant since June 1, 1967, and was first employed by the Smith Mountain construction department on July 5, 1961. He worked until the completion of the dam when he transferred to his present position. He is married and lives at Gretna about 15 miles from the dam.

Ralph H. Baughan Going To Logan

Ralph H. Baughan Jr., customer accounts representative at St. Albans, was promoted and transferred to Logan as customer accounts supervisor. The move was effective November 1.

A native of Pratt, West Virginia, Mr. Baughan joined the company in 1950 as a meter reader. He later advanced to general clerk, utility clerk and customer accounts representative. All his service has been in the Charleston division.

Married and the father of two sons, he is a Navy veteran and holds a BS degree in business administration from Morris Harvey College.

The family will be moving to Logan in the near future.



Mr. Baughan

Area Development Report Shows Appalachian Aiding Industrial Growth

New industrial investments totaling over \$180-million have been announced in western Virginia and southern West Virginia in the past 12 months.

In a report released recently to the public, Appalachians area development department said that, in the 12-month period ending August 31, 37 new industries located in its service area, and 64 existing industries announced expansions.

Appalachian, railroads, chambers of commerce, and other local and state organizations, including the Virginia and West Virginia State Departments of Industrial Development, and governing bodies work together in attracting new industries to the area, and help existing industries to grow.

This major growth in the past 12 months is a good indication not only of the success of these efforts, but of the vitality and progressiveness of the area.

The 37 new industries will provide employment for 5,171 people earning over \$26.5-million annually. Another 2,842 jobs will be provided in the expansions, meaning a payroll of \$11.8-million a year.

The growth in industry in Virginia has been in a number of fields. A new Westinghouse Electric plant near Abingdon will produce copper and aluminum wire, Ingersoll-Rand in Roanoke County will make electric and air hoists. E. F.

Houghton & Company at Lynchburg will manufacture molded rubber parts, Burlington Industries at Hillsville will produce synthetic yarn. Quality Mills at Hillsville will make wearing apparel, and Empire Manufacturing at Marion will produce wood mouldings.

Chief among expansions in Virginia are the furniture and textile and garment industries. There will also be expansions in industries like Goodyear, Dibrell Brothers, and Commodore Mobil-Homes in Danville; General Electric and Babcock & Wilcox in Lynchburg; Columbus-McKinnon in Damascus; and others.

In West Virginia, the coal industry continues its rapid growth with several new major mines, although the electronics, glass, and chemicals industries also noted several expansions.

Among the coal companies, Island Creek, Pocahontas Fuel, U. S. Steel, and Eastern Association Coals announced the largest new facilities.

Five more new industries located in the area during the 12 months ending in August than did in the year ending in December 1967, the last report issued. Total employment and investment showed an even greater difference. Jobs were provided for 2,000 more people, and investments totaled \$55-million more in 1968 than in 1967.



Roanoke Benevolent Officers

Roanoke's Employee Benevolent Association officers for the coming year were elected recently. They are, (from left): Joyce Greenway, treasurer; Elmer Vaught, chairman; Barbara Rex, secretary; Frances Hampton and W. G. Feazelle.



Making plans for the 13th Annual Secretarial Workshop at Roanoke this month were, (from left): Mary Sublett, Faye Amos, Jewell Woolridge and Betty Burnett, chairman of the project.

They're Engaged

JEAN CLIFTON HARGROVES to David S. White. Mr. White is the son of J. B. White, area manager, Fieldale.

CONNIE MAE EDGINGTON to George Donald Corbin. Miss Edginton is a stenographer in the g. o. personnel department, Roanoke.

PATSY SUE OWENS to James Edward Hill. Mr. Hill is a draftsman, Abingdon.

JETTA GOBLE to Ronald S. Wright. Miss Goble is a clerk-trainee in the commercial department, and Mr. Wright is a g. o. personnel department assistant, Ashland.

LADONNA DEBORAH SAMSON to Woodrow Branham, Jr. Miss Samson is the daughter of Elba Samson, accounting, Logan.

Wedding Bells



Leedy-Huffman

Sherrie Lynn Leedy became the bride of Charles Douglas Huffman on August 24. Mr. Huffman is the son of Frances C. Huffman, cashier, Pikeville.



Wade-Jamison

Ahwanda Lee Wade was married to Nicky R. Jamison on August 30 in the Belmont Methodist Church. Mrs. Jamison was a clerk-stenographer in the general office executive personnel department, Roanoke.

Roanoke NSA Holds Workshop

The Roanoke chapter of the National Secretaries Association is sponsoring its 13th Annual Secretarial Workshop November 8-9 at Hotel Roanoke.

Betty Burnett, Roanoke division commercial department and past president of the chapter, is chairman of the workshop. Helping her will be Appalachian NSA members Mary Sublett, Faye Amos and Jewell Woolridge, also a past president of the Roanoke chapter.

Last year 52 Appalachian girls attended the workshop which is open to any secretary in the city.

Familiar Faces In New Places

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon Division

RONNIE D. GILL from station man helper to station man c. ROBERT P. CUSSINS from lineman b to lineman a.

Bluefield Division

RICHARD LEE DAVIS from janitor, building service, to lineman helper, T&D. JUDITH MARSHALL FRAGILE from clerk trainee, miscellaneous, to clerk trainee, T&D. ROBERT MCCOY COOPER from material clerk to head material clerk. THOMAS A. FRENCE, JR., from customer accounts representative, accounting, to material clerk, stores. JOHN WADE HURT from janitor, building service, to lineman helper, T&D. MERVYN EDWIN ANDERSON from lineman to station man. RICHARD LEE BOCOCK from clerk trainee, T&D, to customer accounts representative, accounting.

Charleston Division

HOMER W. GREENE from material clerk, stores, to meter reader, accounting. DAVID F. RICHMOND from meter reader, accounting, to station man helper, T&D. KENNETH ESTEP from lineman to line foreman. BILLY LAWRENCE CHASE from lineman to line foreman.

General Office

LINDA A. KELLEY from key punch operator c to key punch operator b. H. R. MAYES from engineering aide to engineer. W. D. MARTIN from engineering aide to engineer. NORWOOD C. TURNER from tax accounting assistant to tax accountant. GENE M. GILLOCK from chief operations coordinator to operations engineering supervisor. JOHN E. SADLER from station maintenance man helper to station maintenance man. GILBERT L. SMITH from maintenance man to station maintenance man. KATHERINE R. SMITH from key punch operator to head key punch operator. AMELIA P. MILLS from key punch operator to head key punch operator. A. C. THOMAS from mail clerk to payroll clerk. CAROLYN H. HORN from operations department to accounting department. WILLIE M. HUNT from customer accounting clerk b to customer accounting clerk a. BARBARA J. HAYES from key punch operator c to key punch operator b. CARRIE B. AUSTIN from clerk-trainee to invoice receipt clerk. JANICE R. JERRELL from site ledge posting clerk to retirement cost clerk. JAMES T. GREGORY from operations engineer to assistant power dispatching supervisor. E. E. JOHNSON from operations engineer to power dispatching supervisor. W. F. MOORE from operations office supervisor to operations information supervisor.

Logan-Williamson Division

GROVER C. WOOTEN, JR., from station man helper to station man.

Lynchburg Division

CONNIE S. FORE from clerk-trainee to clerk-typist. JOHN K. MAY from clerk-typist to customer accounts representative.

Pulaski Division

WILLIE M. GARDNER from lineman b to lineman a. DALLAS E. SPRAKER from junior maintenance man to maintenance man. T. D. AKERS from lineman helper to lineman. LOIS K. COLLINS from PBX operator, miscellaneous, to customer accounts representative, accounting. BARBARA B. MARSHALL from customer accounts representative, accounting, to T&D clerk, T&D. S. C. WEATHERMAN from T&D clerk, T&D, to PBX operator, miscellaneous dept.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland Division

GEORGE H. WHITE from T&D man to lineman. DONALD J. THORNSBURY from clerk-trainee to contract clerk. SHARON N. LEWIS from clerk-trainee to clerk-typist.

Correction, Please

It was inadvertently reported last month in the wedding story of Sally Ann Glass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Glass, to Guy

L. Hargis that Mr. Hargis was an employee. The new bride's father, Mr. Glass, is an instrumentman at Lynchburg.

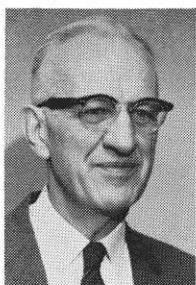
Win Fair Ribbons



Children of O. K. Mann, Bluefield heating and builder sales representative, all came home from the Spanishburg Fair with ribbons. The three, (left to right) K. O., Marsha and Jane, exhibited rabbits, chickens and a pony.

Earl O. Snider, Retiree, Dies

Earl O. Snider, retired Beckley area administrative assistant, died October 4 in the Beckley Veterans Hospital after an extended illness.



Mr. Snider

Mr. Snider joined Appalachian in 1921 as a salesman and served in several capacities during his 39-year service before retirement in 1960. Active in civic and church work, he was a charter member and organizer of the Rural Development Council.

He is survived by his widow, Mildred, and four children and three grandchildren.

Burial was in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens.

Wylie R. Strader, Dispatcher, Dies

Wylie R. Strader, regional dispatcher at the Clinch River station, died September 26 after an extended illness.

He was a native of Danville and worked with the Danville Electric Department prior to his employment with Appalachian. He started in 1953 as a substation operator and became regional dispatcher in 1959.

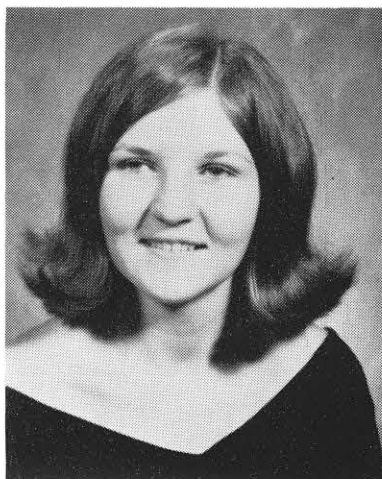
Mr. Strader is survived by his widow, Kathleen, and four daughters.

New Arrivals

General Office

MR. AND MRS. F. O. BLEVINS, a son, Frank Andrew, September 27. Mr. Blevins is an engineer in the T&D meter section.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD E. HARRIS, a son, Tracy Scott, September 5. Mr. Harris is a rodman in the hydro department, Blue Ridge Development.



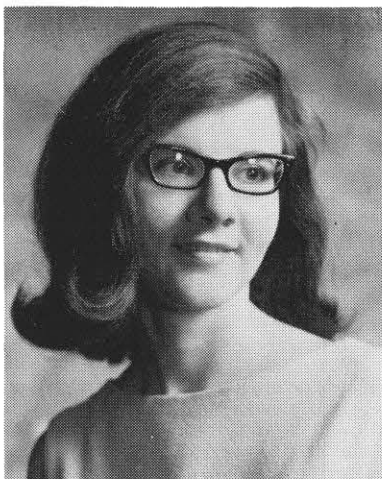
Barker-Poe

September 1 was the wedding day of Nancy Barker and John Robert Poe, who were married at the Shady Spring Baptist Church, Shady Spring, West Virginia. Mrs. Poe is the daughter of Louie Barker, stationman helper, Beckley.



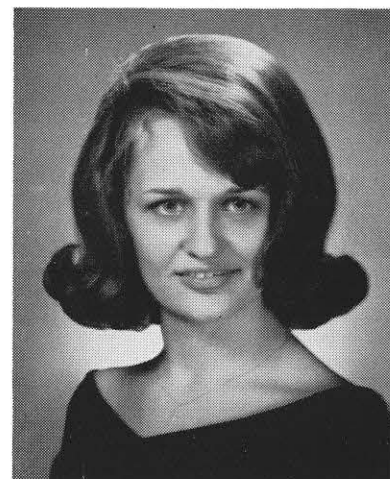
Collins-Hogg

Joyce Ann Collins and Fred Hogg were united in marriage at the Consolidated Baptist Church. Mrs. Hogg is an employee in the accounting department, Hazard.



Vines-Little

Barbara Ellen Vines and Clarence William Little, III, were united in marriage on October 12 at the Trinity United Methodist Church, Orange, Virginia. Mrs. Little is the daughter of John E. Vines, service foreman, Beckley.



Brickles-Grimmett

Elaine Brickles and Mason Grimmett, Jr. exchanged nuptial vows on August 10 at the Campus Church of God, Davin, West Virginia. Mr. Grimmett is a T&D clerk, Logan.

Young-Grisso

The United Methodist Church in Floyd, Virginia, was the setting of the August 13th wedding of Sue Nichols Young and Benjamin Melvin Grisso. Mr. Grisso is a customer service representative, Roanoke.

Hall-Williamson

Nancy L. Hall and Bobby Lee Williamson were married on September 13. Mrs. Williamson is a clerk-stenographer, Pikeville.

Parcell-Chittum

Theresa Anne Parcell was married to Sterling F. Chittum on September 3. Mrs. Chittum is the daughter of Mrs. Lillian Parcell and the late W. F. Parcell, former serviceman, Fieldale.

Pruett-Tosh

Bonita Kaye Pruett and Charlie Lee Tosh, III, were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony on September 14 in the Gate City Methodist Church. Mrs. Tosh is a stenographer, Bluefield.

Roanoke

Sympathy is extended to Lewis Mills, power sales engineer, on the death of his father, and to Daniel E. Vaught, commercial sales engineer, on the death of his father.

Tommy Brown, son of Gordon Brown, meter serviceman, recently was approved by the administrative board of the United Methodist Church as a licensed local preacher.

Ferrum Junior College announced that Prince E. Thornton Jr. has joined the teaching staff as assistant professor of math and physics. His father is an administrative assistant.

Recent visitors to the Roanoke office were retirees: J. L. White, Mrs. R. O. Dooley and James Crouch.

Sheryl Smith, 16-year-old son of Clifford Smith, has received the lead guitar position with the Golden Souls musical group. The eight-member band plays at school functions, including some out of state.

Captain Robert "Butch" Armistead, son of R. A. "Pete" Armistead, T&D superintendent, has joined the staff at Stanford Research Institute at Menlo Park, California. A nuclear weapons effects officer with the Shock Physics Directorate for the past two years, he will be a staff physicist at the institute. A 1962 graduate of Virginia Military Institute, he graduated second in a class of 370. With a BS in physics, he went on to get his masters at Carnegie Institute of Technology the next year and a doctorate in nuclear engineering, also at CIT.

Fieldale

J. B. White, manager, was selected as publicity chairman of Henry County to support the \$81-million bond issue for Virginia college and mental health improvement program.

Melvin Brown, Fieldale customer accounts supervisor, made a likely looking fire chief for his Rotary Club during a recent public project to sell fire extinguishers and promote fire and safety.

Kingsport

New employees are Linda Sue Hartley, commercial department, and J. D. Mills, building service department.

M. C. Simpson Jr., commercial manager, was named team captain of the utilities group for the 1968 United Fund Drive.

Clarence J. Bryan, executive vice president, was elected a director of the Kingsport Alumni Group of the University of Tennessee.

Emily Simpson, daughter of M. C. Simpson Jr., was one of the contestants in the Junior Miss Kingsport Pageant.

John E. Faust, power sales engineer senior, was elected to a three-year term as director of the United Fund.

Abingdon

Daughters of two employees were named feature editors of the Marion Junior high Journal staff. They were Sally Stambaugh, daughter of M. M. Stambaugh, and Rhonda McGlothlin, daughter of W. B. McGlothlin Jr.

Perry G. Johnston and Raymond Totten recently completed the Dale Carnegie Course held in the company auditorium.

Daughters of employees participating in the "Miss Washington County" beauty pageant were Ellen Gregory, daughter of Roy Gregory, and Bonnie Leonard, daughter of Jack Leonard.

Lynchburg

Second Lt. Melinda A. Tibbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Tibbs, has been sent to Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio, Texas, for special training for assignment to Walter Reed Hospital in Maryland. She is a nurse in the U. S. Army Nurses Corp. Her father is commercial sales representative.

Happenings Around The Circuit

Huntington



The title of "Pretty Baby of the Milton Fall Festival" went to Vanessa Lee Hicks, 10-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen C. Hicks, this year. Vanessa was picked from 40 entries in the contest. Mr. Hicks is an area serviceman in the Milton area of Huntington division.

Q. H. Wickline, dealer sales representative at Point Pleasant, was named superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School there. He succeeds O. C. Hall who was transferred to Logan as division manager.

Returning to work after extended illnesses were Stonewall Fannin, and S. B. Metzger, both of the T&D department, and Allen Cross, commercial department.

J. R. Nisbet has returned from Hendersonville, North Carolina, where he attended an outdoor lighting institute sponsored by the General Electric Company. The course covered roadway and street lighting, its application and design and demonstrated modern equipment and future lighting technology.

Anna Laura Kovich, daughter of J. A. Kovich, was elected secretary of the senior class at East Huntington high school.

Pulaski

Charles S. Clayburn, building service, was elected to the Board of the American Red Cross at Pulaski.

D. M. Davis, line foreman at Pearisburg, was elected an elder of the First Presbyterian Church at Narrows. A member of the church for 23 years, he has served as deacon for six years and as Sunday School superintendent for three years. Mr. and Mrs. Davis recently attended the reunion of the 915th Signal Company at Topeka, Kansas. He served with the company during World War II in Europe.

Sympathy is extended to David R. Whittaker, area supervisor at Pearisburg, on the death of his wife Louise; and to Kelly L. Buckland, engineering section, on the death of his brother, Robert.

General Office

New employees at Roanoke are: Dea E. Underwood, accounting; Glen H. Poindexter, R/W & R/E; Susie Ann Saunders and Daniel C. Naff, both accounting; Scott McDonald, hydro; Sheila Mae Hartman, operations; Edwin Leigh Cooper, and Patrick J. Murphy, both station.

Pikeville

Jane Craig Fields, daughter of Craig H. Fields, residential sales advisor, was named to the "Who's Who List Among American Colleges and Universities." She is a senior at Transylvania College at Lexington. A mathematics major with a minor in chemistry, Miss Fields plans a teaching career. She has been on the dean's list for three years, a member of student council and dormitory counselor, member of Delta, Delta, Delta sorority which she served as secretary and currently is treasurer of the group and was voted outstanding activity girl. She also is a member of the Pep Club, Phi Beta, Student National Education Association and Women's Athletic Association and is secretary of the Board of Publications. Her father, Craig Fields, was elected president of the Northeast Area Extension Council. The council is a newly organized group made up of representatives from a 1-county area in eastern Kentucky.

Herbert H. Kincaid, retiree, and his wife, Florence, recently returned from a month-long trip to South America. They spent the majority of the time in Brazil. Jerry Bellamy, son of Earl Bellamy, was elected president of the sophomore class at Johns Creek high school. Winifred Marrs, wife of Edward Marrs, retired employee who died September 13, died on September 29. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Sympathy is extended to Clarence F. Martin, T&D man at Prestonburg, on the death of his father-in-law.

Bluefield

Delegates from the Bluefield Civic League attending the Southern District Woman's Club convention at Beckley October 12 included Helen P. Vermillion, PBX operator, and Jane Meadows, wife of Howard S. Meadows, senior electrical engineer. Mrs. Meadows also was re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Bluefield Area Red Cross chapter, and Lois K. Rounion, secretarial-stenographer, was named to the board for the first time.

At the installation services held at Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church at Welch, Frank B. Barns, line supervisor, was installed as president of the Men's Club and Margaret Mullins, wife of Joe L. Mullins, customer accounts supervisor, was installed as secretary of the Women of the Church.

William B. Belchee, sales manager, was appointed chairman of the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce municipal affairs committee and a member of the retail steering committee.

Garland Morrison, Bluefield car washer and a member of the Boy Scout Troop 93 at Tazewell, earned his 50-mile award, historic trails award, second class pin and Hiking merit badge at the Presbyterian Church during the Court of Honor.

At Welch high school, Cheryle Green, daughter of Jack C. Green, engineering aide, was named secretary-treasurer of the senior class and is one of the school's cheerleaders. Carla White, daughter of Hobert S. White, line foreman, was elected to represent the seventh grade on the student council.



Jane

Charleston

New employees in the Charleston area are: Judith Ann Garnett, clerk-trainee, St. Albans accounting, and James Stewart Kelly, electrical engineer, and Eddie Lee Richards, engineer-B, both T&D department.

New employees in the Beckley area are: Harold R. Massey, material clerk in the stores department, and James M. Harvey, Jr., station man helper, T&D department.

Dianne Keatley, daughter of K. K. Keatley, area serviceman at Beckley, was chosen a cheerleader at West Virginia University where she is a freshman.

Sympathy is extended to Elizabeth Scott on the death of her sister-in-law, and to Jean Kay Brash on the death of her father.

Mrs. Bonnie Evans has returned to work in the Rupert office after several weeks illness and surgery.

Homer W. Greene, meter reader in the Beckley area, was elected president of the Mabscott PTA for the second consecutive year. Anna Lee Graham, wife of R. L. Graham, lineman in Beckley, was elected secretary.

Vicky Price, daughter of R. H. Price, line foreman in Rupert area, is the treasurer of the newly organized Juniors, a club for girls from 16 to 19 years of age which is sponsored by the Rupert Junior Woman's Club.

John M. Gates, administrative assistant in Beckley, was recently elected first vice president of the Kiwanis Club. He is also serving as publicity chairman for the 1969 Campaign of the United Fund.

Patty Farmer, daughter of S. J. Farmer, Jr., customer accounts supervisor in Beckley, was chosen "Teen Of The Week" by the local Raleigh Register. Patty is a senior at Woodrow Wilson high school in Beckley where she is vice president of the Boosters' Club, page editor of the school paper, secretary of the National Honor Society, editor of the yearbook and secretary-treasurer of the Te-ettes Sub Deb Club. She is also a first-class girl scout and attends the Memorial Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Barker, 1601 Ridge Road in Oak Hill, received the "Yard Of The Month Award" for September from the Redbud Garden Club. Across the front of the Barker home is a bed of petunias in shades of pink, orchid and white. Along the sides and back are beds of Chrysanthemums, roses and gladiolus. On a terraced area in back there are cannas, dahlias, rose of sharon and creeping phlox. Barker is a station man in Beckley.

Mrs. Marie Brashear, wife of R. S. Brashear, retired Beckley superintendent, won the Sweepstakes Award and the Award of Distinction in the special awards division in the fall flower show sponsored by the Inglewood and Radford Garden Clubs in Radford, Virginia. She also won 4 blue ribbons in the Artistic Division. The Brashears make their home at Claytor Lake, Virginia.

Ashland

Edgar E. Heyl, a retiree, is still very active in serving his community. He recently completed 20 years of service as chairman of the Boyd County Selective Service Board.

Orville Henderson, Ashland division supervising engineer, was named public service chairman of the 1968 Community Chest-Red Cross Campaign in the Ashland area.

Bill Bradford was elected president of the Morehead State University student council. Bill is the brother of Lalo Bradford, heating and sales representative.

Ella Mae Rolen has re-joined the company as a new employee in the general office accounting department. Mrs. Rolen, the mother of three children, previously worked for the company for eight years.



Mr. Henderson

Logan-Williamson

Fred Wagner, draftsman, was named chairman of the annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition for the second consecutive year. The contest is for boys between the ages of 8 and 13.

Beverly Watkins, daughter of Oscar Watkins, station man at Logan, reigned as queen of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity during homecoming activities at Bluefield State College. Beverly is a senior majoring in music. Nancy, daughter of Howard Collins, personnel supervisor, is a member of the Queens College Chorus at Charlotte, North Carolina. Nancy is a freshman at Queens.



Beverly

Dawna Jean Perry, cashier at the Main office, recently returned to work after an extended illness.

Robin Dale, daughter of Dallas Kinser, station man, has been named a semi-finalist in the 1968-69 National Merit Scholarship program. She is one of 15,000 seniors selected from 17,500 high schools across the nation. The semi-finalists will be competing for 3,000 merit scholarships to be awarded in 1969.

H. W. Cerrato, administrative assistant, was elected president of the Sacred Heart Parish Council. This is a new organization formed to study changes in the Catholic Church. One of his first official acts was to attend a statewide conference late last month at Parkersburg.

Ruby Henritze, wife of retired employee, Thomas L. Henritze, recently attended a Community Improvement seminar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Mrs. Henritze joined other women club leaders for one of a series of regional programs held by the General Federation of Woman's Clubs and co-sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. Mrs. Henritze presently serves as president of the Southwestern District, West Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs.

John Collins, son of Howard, division personnel supervisor, has been elected president of both his home room and the sophomore class at Logan Senior high school for the school year 1968-69.

Patricia, daughter of Paul Cantley, commercial sales representative, has been chosen to perform as a member of the Logan East Junior high schools drill team, the "Kit-Kats". The eighteen member precision drill group performs for various civic and athletic functions. Patricia is a ninth grade student.

Gene Stepp, senior draftsman, Logan, recently attended a three-day conference of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Mid-Atlantic Institute at Fairmont, West Virginia. The Institute is comprised of Jaycee Chapters located in the eleven-state region along the eastern seaboard. Its purpose is to allow Jaycees to exchange ideas on various facets of Jaycee activities.

C. A. Simmons, division engineer, has been chosen to head the commercial section of the classified employees division for the Logan County Community Chest Campaign.

Kanawha River

Robert L. Bowen Jr., performance engineer, and Walter E. Davis, laborer, are new employees. Both started in October.

Glen Lyn

Roy S. Meadows is a new employee in the maintenance department.

All-Electric Forum House: People's Choice



The unpretentious exterior of the Forum House is compatible with any surroundings.

Everyone has his own ideas on what should be included in his dream house. Recently 35 Charlestonians had the enjoyable experience of sitting down and putting together all their ideas into one composite dream house.

The result was Charleston's first Forum House—all-electric, of course.

The panel included housewives, clubwomen, career girls, businessmen, financiers and economists—a good cross section of the community. Their ideas were fed into a computer and out came the basic list of "musts" for the Forum House.

All this was done under the auspices of the Housing Guidance Council, Washington, D. C. Working from the computerized data, Lon Purcell, a Hamilton, Ohio, architect, designed a highly liveable composite of the living preferences. David L. Atkinson, a gold Medallion home builder, transformed these plans into a sparkling seven-room neo-Colonial showplace.

The Forum House is Colonial in feeling since more than three-fourths of the panelists named this period as their favorite in architecture. However, the results weren't strictly Colonial, because the panelists also insisted on many modern touches—such as a cantilevered deck off the family room.

Features in the "most wanted"

list which are included in the Forum House are:

- All-electric kitchen.
- Electric heating and air conditioning.
- Electric washer and dryer.
- Spacious entrance foyer with large guest closet.
- Living room removed from the household traffic pattern.
- Formal dining room.
- Eating space in or adjacent to the kitchen.
- First floor utility area (this was considered a must even by those whose ideal home has a basement).
- Family room with fireplace.
- Roomier-than-usual bedrooms (the panel rejected the current trend toward sleeping cubicles for children opening into a communal activities area).
- Master suite with private dressing room and bath.
- Tubs with showers (no stalls) in all bathrooms.
- Wall-to-wall carpeting.
- Two-car garage.
- Outdoor living area with storage space accessible from the yard for outdoor equipment and tools.
- Many-paneled, easy-to-clean windows (this paradoxical stipulation was met by fitting multi-section snap-out mullions over conventional double-hung windows).

Adequate storage space is a strong feature of the Forum House. In addition to broad, folding-door closets in the usual places—foyer, bedrooms and hallway, the Forum House has such unexpected and welcome bonus hideaways as recessed dining room shelves, deep

enough for larger serving pieces hidden behind four tiers of curtained Provincial shutters; a square, shelved game-and-toy closet in the family room; a tall, shelved closet at the landing of the carpeted stairs leading to a finished recreation room; a broad shallow-shelved pantry to hold canned and boxed foods; washer-dryer alcove hidden behind folding doors in the kitchen; a large storeroom off the recreation room; and two closets (one a large walk-in type) and a wall of peg-board in the garage.

More than 2,000 people visited the Forum House during a seven-day period late in August. The home was built in Mr. Atkinson's all-electric Laurel Meadows subdivision on Route 21 near Sissonville high school.

Susan Lewis, Charleston home sales representative, worked as a tour guide. J. C. Musgrave, and H. K. Shabdue, worked with Mr. Atkinson to coordinate publicity, advertising and other functions. Mr. Shabdue and Leroy Balding were on the panel.

Two weeks prior to the Forum House showing the gas company at Charleston held an open house for its "House of Enchantment" which was priced at \$54,000. The all-electric Forum House was priced at \$36,800.

An informal survey of visitors who had viewed both houses revealed that more conveniences of the all-electric house were preferred and the difference in price was generally considered out of line.

You might say the all-electric house is still the "People's Choice."



Colonial and cantilevering coexist happily in the Forum House, just as the panelists said they would.



All-electric kitchen features woodgrain royal oak Formica. Doors at left conceal a shallow-shelved pantry and an alcove for electric washer and dryer.



The panel decided the hearth belongs in the family room and that the informal eating area be adjacent to the kitchen. (Photographs courtesy of Ray Wheeler, Charleston Daily Mail.)

Audit: In True Sense of Word

It isn't a game of "I Spy." It's an audit, in the true sense of the word, and every nut and bolt is scrutinized carefully. A figure out of place could have disastrous results.

When a miscue is spotted, the corrective words fall easily on the violator—something like this: "Don't you think it would be better to . . ." or, "Doesn't the manual say . . ." or, "What do you think would happen if . . .". The words fall easily, but the meaning sticks.

Speaking is C. R. Wooten, general office safety coordinator. The occasion: a recent Safety Audit of the Lynchburg Division. It could have been C. O. Yearout at Abingdon, Bluefield or Kingsport or Cliff Pickelsimer at Charleston, Logan-Williamson or Huntington, their areas of responsibility. Or, it could have been Mr. Wooten at Roanoke or Pulaski.

During a Safety Audit the coordinator spends one or two days at a time with each line, service and substation crew, depending on the type of work the crew is performing at the time. He observes work practices and makes a checklist, not only of the violations but also the good points.

When necessary, he offers suggestions on how to perform the work in a safe manner. This is sometimes done through the crew's supervisor who then instructs his own people, or sometimes, with the supervisor's permission, tailboard conferences are held with the employees at the scene of the job. Tools and equipment also are inspected.

According to W. S. Kitchen, Appalachian safety supervisor, Safety Audits offer several benefits. Some of those are: 1. Increase the safety awareness of each employee. 2. Help to develop a more positive attitude toward safety. 3. Detect unsafe tools and equipment. 4. Help to correct unsafe practices. 5. Give the safety personnel a better understanding of field problems where safety is concerned.

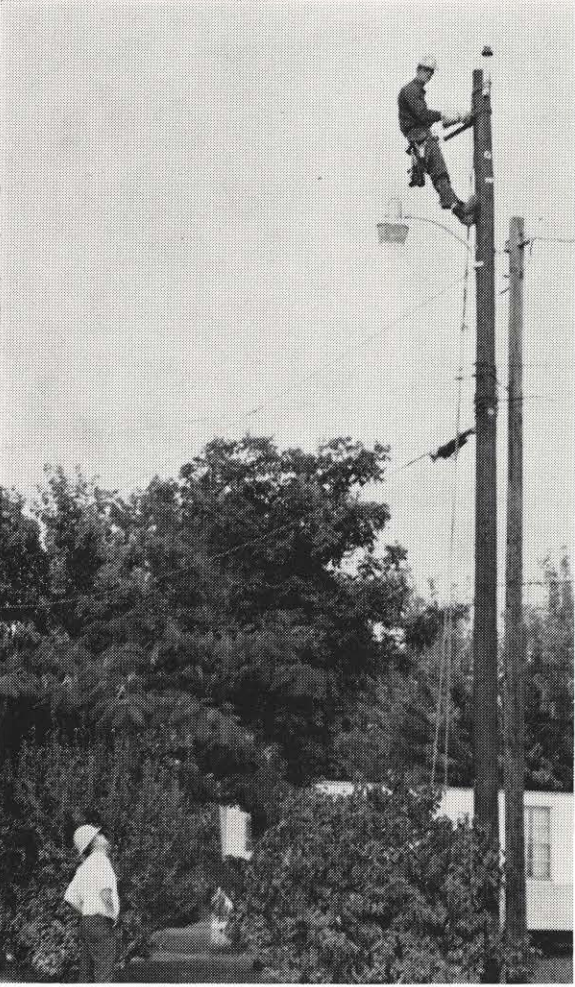
Before starting an audit, employees are informed of the inspection. This is to relieve any tension or possible suspicion on the part of the employee. This provides a more relaxed working atmosphere and aids in the acceptance of safety suggestions.

As Mr. Wooten puts it, some people may think that "tipping off" the employees will make them cover up any unsafe working condition. This might be, but, we aren't here to catch somebody doing something wrong. If they are especially careful to follow all the safety rules while we are there, we've accomplished what we are trying and that's to make everyone more aware of unsafe practices.

Safety Audits are done on the invitation of the division manager and results are sent to the manager.

What are the results? Mr. Wooten said that although findings are generally good, "We do find some very serious violations. Many seem minor to the person who is doing the job day-in-and-day-out, but in almost every case we can go back into our records and find that these "minor" violations have caused accidents in the past. This is another value of the audit. An outsider is more likely to spot the violation that may have been overlooked through repetition of a minor practice. We don't turn our back on minor violations, and we don't neglect to point out the good things too."

Chances are that when the Safety Audit is over, employees are just a little more aware of safe practices.



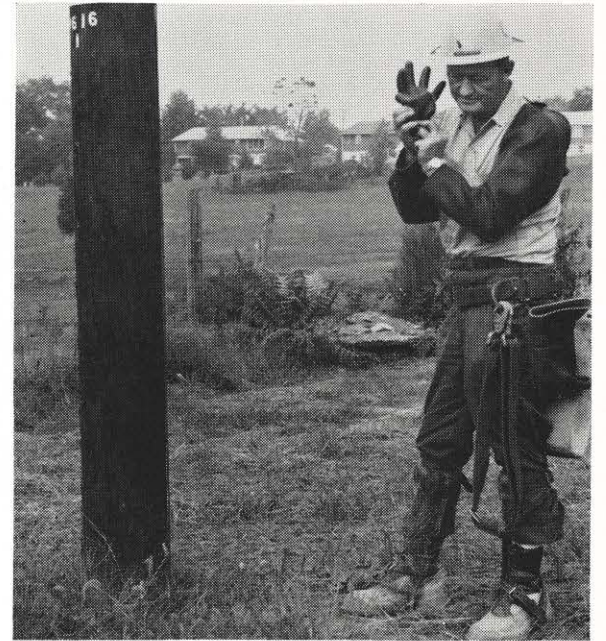
D. L. Goodwin, Lynchburg lineman, agreed to pose this picture showing a violation of the safety manual which is hard to spot. He's using his protector gloves as work gloves without the inside rubber gloves.



Good housekeeping is discussed here by Wooten and H. M. T. Garrison, station man at Reusons hydro.



Wooten (left) holds tailboard conference with Lynchburg group at the end of the work group. The men are, (from left): C. W. Wynn, S. L. Drumheller, C. E. Jordon, G. L. Staples, line foreman, and B. L. Jefferson.



S. L. Drumheller, lineman, listens for air leak in inflated rubber gloves before climbing pole. This procedure is to be followed each time the gloves are used.



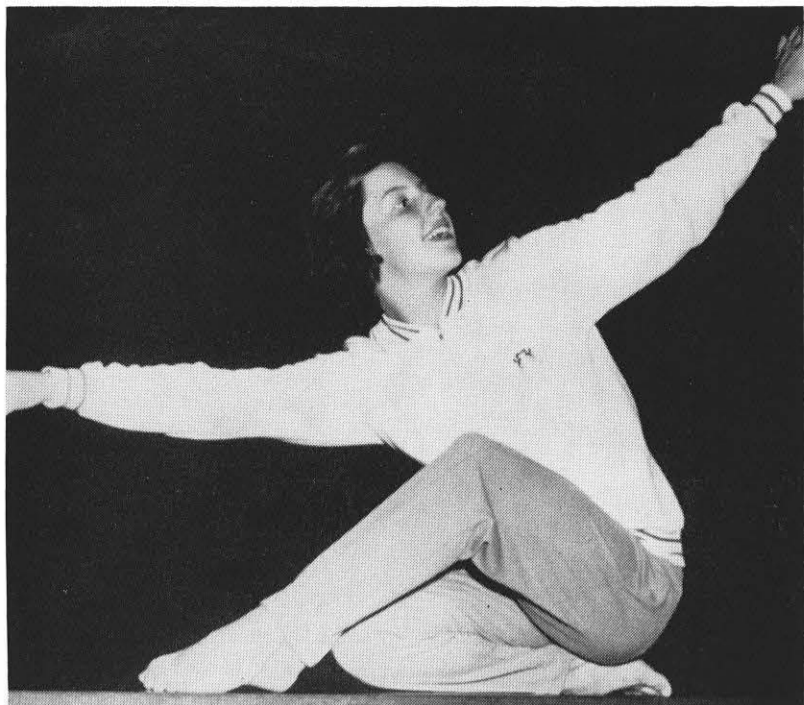
G. L. Elden, station foreman, and Wooten check station for unsafe conditions.



Wooten and Crews seem to be enjoying this inspection of correct use of seat belts. The employee is Mrs. Charlene Coleman, home economist. The shoulder harness should be loose enough that the palm of a hand can easily pass between the strap and body.



Handling heavy equipment can be dangerous when not following safety procedures. Here Wooten watches as Russell Elliott climbs onto lift. Others from left are W. C. Farmer and F. T. Foulconer.



Miss Metheny on balanced beam.

Linda Metheny Scores High

Ashland Employees Kept Eyes On Olympic Games; Rooted For 'Local' Favorite

Kentucky Power employees at Ashland had a special interest in the Olympics competition in Mexico last month. Karl Hopson, engineering aide in the T&D department, was at the top of the list.

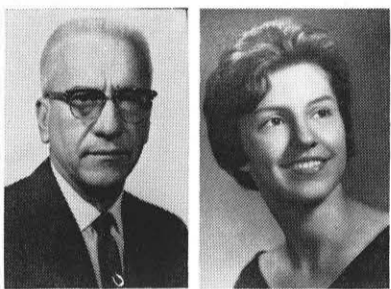
Mr. Hopson's niece, pretty 20-year-old Linda Metheny, was the reason. Miss Metheny, a frequent visitor to Ashland and one of the United States' top-ranked gymnast, came the closest that any American has come to winning a medal. She missed a bronze medal by a mere three-hundredths of a point while competing on the balanced beam.

In doing so, she also was one of two American women to make the final competition for the first time in 20 years in the sport usually dominated by European countries.

Finishing a very close fourth, Miss Metheny's score came just .03 of a point short of the third place finisher who was the bronze medal winner.

This was Miss Metheny's second trip to the Olympics. In 1964 she competed in the Tokyo games but no Americans made it into the finals. Hopes for a United States medal rose last year when she placed second in world competition in the World University Games in Japan and collected four gold medals and one silver in the Pan-Am games at Winnipeg, Canada. She also claimed title to the National AAU all-around women's gymnastics championship when a freshman at the University of Illinois. She is now a senior. Mr. Hopson said she plans to compete in the 1972 games in Germany.

Miss Metheny and her family stopped at Ashland on the way back from Mexico to visit with Mr. Hopson. Mr. Hopson, who was



Mr. Hopson Miss Metheny

amazed by the interest aroused in Ashland, said his phone was constantly ringing with calls from friends who wanted to know, "How is Linda doing?"

Needless to say, the television got a workout at the Hopson house.

Coordinators At Head Of Roanoke Bowlers

With the season eight weeks old, the Coordinators lead the Roanoke Bowling League and claim the highest team game, 929, the highest team set, 2595, and the highest average score, 811.6.

Three different teams have held the lead so far. Besides the Coordinators, they were Dispatchers and Computers.

AEP's Lien Gets New Assignment

George E. Lien, head of the piping and metallurgy section of the mechanical engineering division, has been given the additional assignment of quality control engineer for the AEP Service Corporation.

In this assignment, he will pay particular attention to the supervision of the extensive quality control programs required for the materials, equipment and construction of the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant at Bridgman, Michigan. Indiana and Michigan Electric Company, owner-operator of the plant, is now awaiting Atomic Energy Commission licensing before proceeding with full-scale construction.

Camp Kilowatt Gets Heavy Use First Summer

Camp Kilowatt, a camping, picnicking and boat launching facility on Smith Mountain Lake for the exclusive use of employees, opened officially June 15.

With the major portion of the camping season over, a look at the register shows the camp was used often by employees. The register shows that Nelson Simpson of Lynchburg was the first camper on June 15.

Since then 94 different camping parties totaling 371 people came and stayed for varied lengths of time. Sixty-eight were from Roanoke with more than half being general office employees and the remainder Roanoke division people.

Campers came from 16 locations besides Roanoke, including Kentucky and Kingsport, and one came from Proctorville, Ohio.

In addition to campers, 268 picnickers registered. Comments in the register seem to indicate employees felt the only thing lacking at Camp Kilowatt was shower facilities.

The camp is a primitive type and special care was taken not to disturb the natural surroundings anymore than necessary. It features a central building housing the water supply and comfort stations, dusk-to-dawn lights and a concrete boat launching ramp. Campsites and picnic area are on the water front.

Wytheville Employee's Coon Hound Finishes High At North Carolina

M. G. Stowers Jr. is an avid coon hound man. Recently his three-year-old black and tan placed sixth in a field of 50 dogs during the grand hunt in the Golden Triangle Coon Hunt at High Point, North Carolina.

The Pulaski division employee who works out of the Wytheville office received a Gold Trophy for his dog's efforts. It was the first win for his hound in this event. The competition is keen in North Carolina coon hunts and to place in the top 10 is considered quite an honor.

Mr. Stowers raised his black and tan and still owns the grandmother. He has been chasing hounds since a small boy, starting by hunting possums. He continued his sport while in the service in Texas.

Once he nearly lost his prize winning hound. The dog was taken from his home at Wytheville last year and taken out of state. With a little detective work he determined who had the dog and was about to go after him. Apparently word reached the culprits and they returned the dog one night.

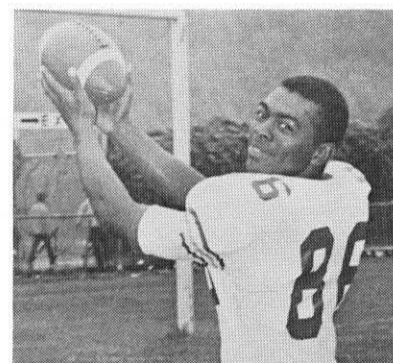


Huntington Golf Winners

Members of the team which won the Huntington Golf League this season are shown above. From left: Mark Lynch, Steve Cahn, Monte Huffman, and Jim Dorsey. A playoff was held at the Rivera Country Club and trophies were presented at a banquet.

Kingsport Griddler Cited

Kent Stair, son of A. W. Stair, heating and building sales coordinator at Kingsport, received dual honors last month. One week he was named "Teen of the Week" by the local newspaper and the following week was named football "Player of the Week."



Preston

Loganite's Son 'Player Of Week'

The son of a Logan employee recently was selected as the "Offensive Player of the Week" in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The honor came to Preston Watkins, son of Oscar Watkins, station man. Preston is a sophomore at Bluefield State College.

He received the honor after snaring four touchdown passes in Bluefield's 26-25 loss to West Virginia State. His total yardage for the game was 227.

The four touchdown passes in a single game broke the conference record of three which had stood since 1958.



Stowers, hound and trophy

Logan Hunter Bags Rare Game

He wasn't sure at first. It appeared as a gray streak, somewhat blurred. But then he got a better view. It was a squirrel!

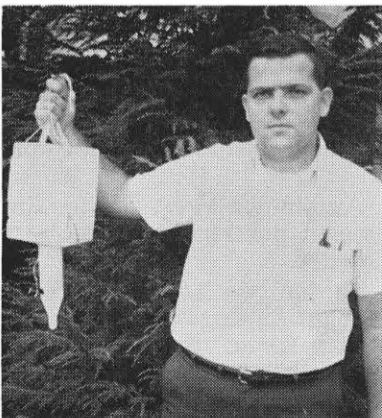
Those were the impressions which ran through the mind of Ron Toney, Logan service representative, as he stalked the elusive gray squirrel in the wilds of the Big Ugly Hunting Area of Lincoln County, West Virginia.

Determined to add Mr. Squirrel to the dinner menu at the Toney residence, Ron immediately took up the chase—or so he thought.

Rounding a slight knoll, Ron spied the squirrel perched on the limb of a towering hickory tree. Suddenly it disappeared from sight. Then Ron spotted it again on a higher limb. He fired.

Bullseye! And down it fell, to a point not far from where Ron was standing.

Much to his surprise, what he thought was a squirrel turned out to be a weather recording and transmitting instrument which was carried aloft by balloon from the Huntington Weather Bureau and had come to rest in the tree. The device, which is equipped with a barometer, thermometer, altimeter



Toney and 'squirrel'

and tracking transmitter, is battery operated, and is used to relay weather information to the bureau.

Instructions printed on the instrument indicate the finder should return the same to a certain address. This Ron intends to do, and then perhaps make another trip to Big Ugly to learn, if possible, whatever happened to that elusive squirrel.

Kentucky's Annual Golf Tournament Draws 104 Players At Paintsville

Kentucky Power held its Annual Golf Tournament October 5-6, at the Paintsville Country Club.

This year's tournament had 104 entries from throughout the system. This tournament is for present employees, former employees still in system and invited guests such as company lawyers and doctors. This year's tournament was the 10th anniversary of a Kentucky Power golf tourney which started with about 40 golfers.

The tournament champion with low medal was O. L. Robinson, division accounting supervisor, Bluefield, West Virginia, and a former Kentucky Power employee. He also won the par flight in the match play of the tourney.

The final day of this year's tournament was rained out for most of the fights and winners were determined by every known method under the sun. However, eight brave souls finished the last day's play in the rain while everyone else played from 7 to 15 holes.

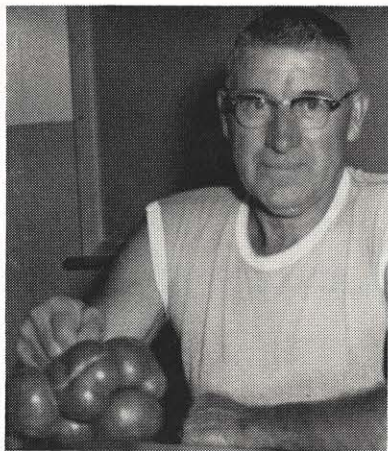
Winners of flights were as follows: Scratch—Callihan, Ashland; Par—Robinson, Bluefield; Divot—Barnett, Pikeville; Pitch—Stephens, Pikeville; Eagle—Price, Pikeville; Bogey—McKenzie, Ashland; Birdie—Page, Pikeville; OB—Wood, Pikeville; Ace—Gesling, Ashland; Mulligan—Fields, Pikeville; Tee—England, Big Sandy; Rough—Combs, Pikeville.



W. S. LaFon, executive vice president, (left) presents trophy to O. L. Robinson after Kentucky's Annual Golf Tournament.

Green—Justice, Pikeville; Shank—Gallaher, Ashland; Fairway—Coleman, Pikeville; Hook—Zoellers, Pikeville; Brassie—Wallen, Pikeville; Slice—Thompson, Ashland; Fore—Stapleton, Pikeville; Wedge—Lockwood (Retired), Ashland; Putt—Clark, Pikeville; Press—Hughes, Ashland; Chip—Elkins, Williamson; Bunker—McComas, Big Sandy; Fade—Varney, Williamson; Whiff—Cline, Hazard.

**People,
Places
and
Things**



Big 'Mater

Otto Sanders, truck driver-groundman in the Ashland division of Kentucky Power, picked tomatoes by the bunches this year. The "one" he is holding here is actually seven tomatoes growing out of one stem.



Girl Scouts Learning Young

Appalachian home sales representatives Ann Browning (left) and Margie Lee have recently completed a five week Girl Scout Cooking School with 32 girls. The session included use and care of the electric range, dishwasher and disposal. Also demonstrated were the proper measuring techniques, table manners, good cooking practices and the basic principles

of preparing a meal with electric appliances. The classes were held immediately after school for two hours each week in the newly remodeled Appalachian kitchen and auditorium at Roanoke. At the school's conclusion each of the girl scouts was given a certificate.



Watch It

One of many "stingy" situations our general servicemen run into but it's all in a b-u-z-z-y day's work. It's a good example of why bee sting kits are included in our safety equipment. This one was in the Huntington division.



Little League Booster

An annual event in the Milton area of the Huntington division is the Fall Festival. Shown above is W. H. Jackson, truck driver-groundman, and his son, William Andrew, in their booth at the festival. He is an active worker in Little League baseball and sold sorghum molasses to raise funds for uniforms and equipment. The molasses was made near Milton with a horse-drawn press.



Bluefield Benevolent Officers

Bluefield's Employee Benevolent Association officers for the coming year are, (from left): John W. Vermillion, past chairman and director; Martha Mays, secretary; John Davidson, director; W. C. Groseclose, treasurer; Roscoe Matney, director; Carolyn Royster, director, and Grady Parker, director. Glenn Reynolds, not shown, was elected chairman.



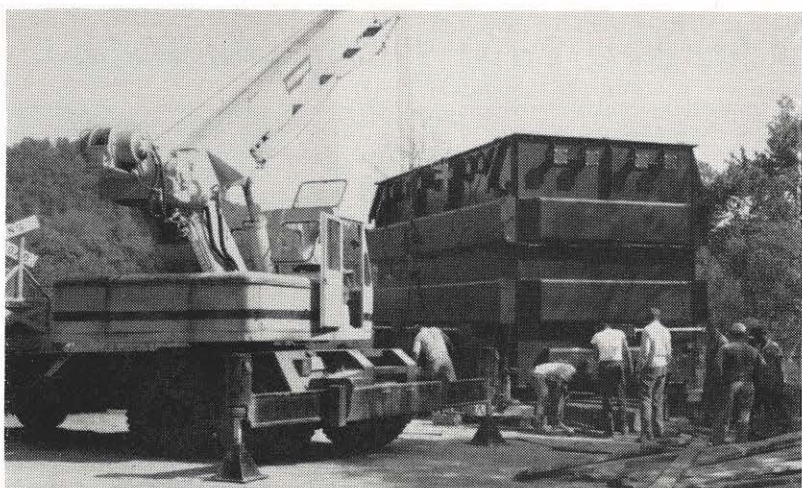
Big 'Taters

E. M. Armstrong, janitor at Kana-wha River plant, displays big sweet potatoes which he grew in his garden. The four potatoes weighed a total of five pounds and ten ounces.



More Parking Space

The old Mosby building, an historic landmark originally known as Lynch's Tavern, has been purchased by Appalachian and is being removed to provide more parking space at the Lynchburg office. The building is 156 years old and was in need of repairs. The old tavern was built to accommodate travelers crossing the James River on the old Lynch's Ferry.



Biggest In West Virginia

This 400-kva, 345,000-138,000-volt transformer will be the largest of its kind in West Virginia when it's installed at the Tri-State substation. It weighs 202 tons empty and 257 tons with bushings and oil. A special permit was required to transport it on the highways. The truck used to transport the transformer one mile from the railroad tracks to the site was 117 feet long and had 46 wheels.

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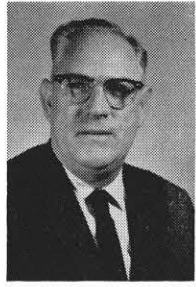
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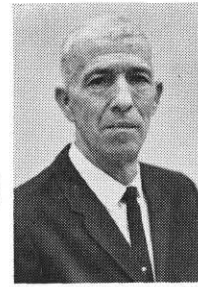


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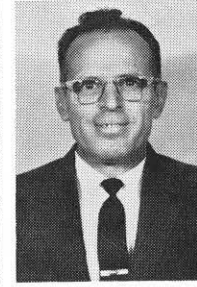


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G. R. Walls
Cabin Creek



C. A. Arnold
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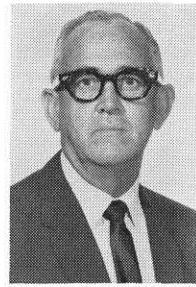
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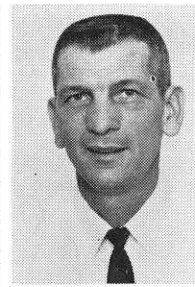
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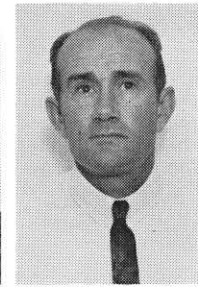
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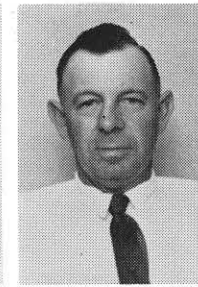
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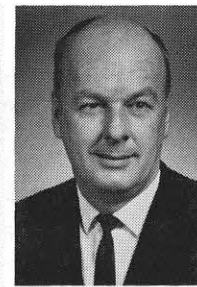
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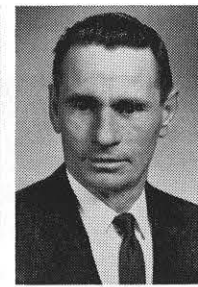
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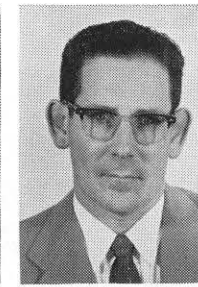
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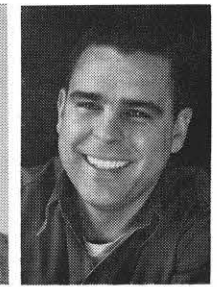
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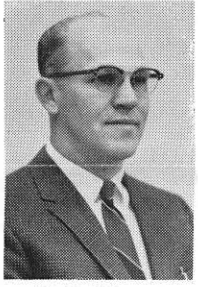
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GO-Accounting



J. M. Gates
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D. N. Sink
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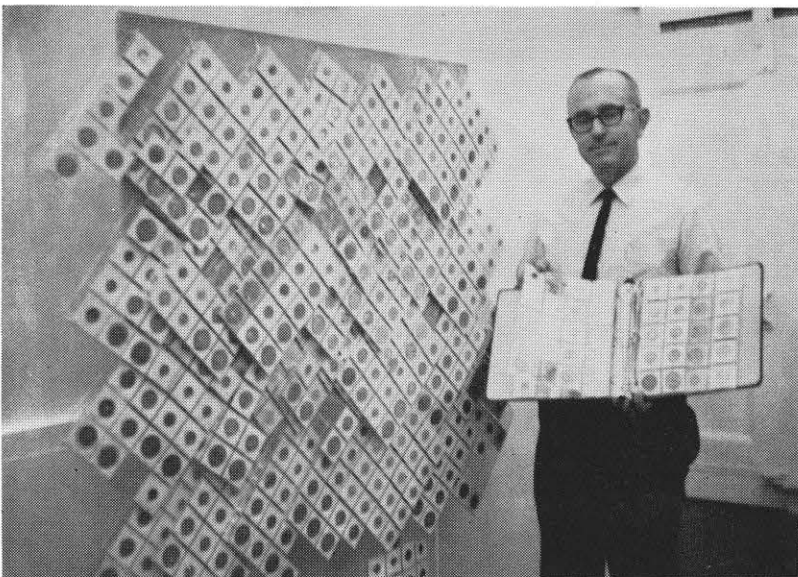
W. T. McCraw, maintenance foreman at Smith Mountain hydro plant, authored an item which appeared in the October issue of AEP's "Operating Ideas."



Mr. McCraw

Mr. McCraw's article, titled "Safe, Inexpensive Floation Platform," explained the use of a styrofoam-supported floating platform. The platform, the article said, supports up to four men safely. At Smith Mountain, the platform was devised to solve a critical inspection and repair problem in a difficult-to-reach location near the turbine runners. Its benefit is that it's practical in situations where a small boat would not because of size limitations, cost, shallow water or instability.

Williamson Man's Script Collection Adds New Twist To An Old Hobby



Mr. King displays collection

The coin collecting fad of the past several years seems to have died down in recent months, leaving the field pretty much to the bonifide numismatic, or those who collect for the enjoyment and satisfaction of accomplishment.

One aspect of the collecting craze is still running at a high fever pitch—script collecting.

Hubert King, engineering aide at Williamson, is an avid collector of coal company script, having accumulated an impressive collection which features pieces from 189 different companies, many of which abandoned operations years ago.

Mr. King has 63 complete sets.

A set consists of at least one piece in each denomination issued by a company. Each piece has been painstakingly hand cleaned and mounted in two-by-two-inch holders, and then set in plastic holder pages by sets of 20 each page.

He hasn't found it necessary to invest a cent of money to acquire his collection. About three years ago, his son came across three bags of the script in an old coal company store basement. Mr. King used this windfall as a means of trading with other collectors for the pieces necessary to round out his own collection.



Appalachian Power Company

ABINGDON DIVISION—20 YEARS: CLETUS E. FIELDS, lineman.

BLUEFIELD DIVISION—20 YEARS: CLOYD E. SPRAKER, lineman. JACK C. GREEN, engineering aide. LACY H. WALLACE, area serviceman. CHARLES E. HOWELL, general service man. 15 YEARS: EARL A. PROFFITT, auto repairman. 10 YEARS: SAMUEL W. HYLTON JR., engineering aide. JAMES E. REYNOLDS, station man. GLENN H. REYNOLDS, commercial sales engineer.

CHARLESTON DIVISION—30 YEARS: P. O. GOODE, engineering aide. 25 YEARS: SANFORD S. SCOTT, truck driver-groundman. 20 YEARS: JOHN M. GATES, administrative assistant. D. L. BLAKE, engineer meter serviceman. K. W. FISHER, division station. 15 YEARS: B. L. CHASE, line foreman. NELLIE WENZEL, home sales representative. 5 YEARS: J. W. SMITH, lineman. LOUISE MARTENS, stenographer.

GENERAL OFFICE—20 YEARS: CARL ROBERT WHITTINGTON, regional dispatcher. JAMES KENNETH DANIELS, regional dispatcher. C. L. FULP, special reports supervisor. VERNON S. LIKENS, station clerk. CARL H. HAGER, transmission man. M. V. WAID, station maintenance man. 15 YEARS: BILL MICHAEL ANGELO, station operator. NORMAN RAY YOUNG, regional dispatcher. DONALD O. WISSLER, station maintenance man. 10 YEARS: JAMES THORNTON GREGORY, assistant power dispatcher supervisor. MARION E. SHANK, payroll accounting assistant. GAYE P. JONES, stenographer. 5 YEARS: SUSAN S. CAYWOOD, customer accounting clerk. GEORGE H. HUDSON, farm operator. RONALD M. WESTFALL, electrical engineer.

HUNTINGTON DIVISION—20 YEARS: GENEVIEVE TAYLOR, secretarial stenographer. H. L. BACK, line foreman. J. R. DRENAN, line foreman. 15 YEARS: D. W. RITCHIE, station man.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON—25 YEARS: E. R. SLATER, truck driver-groundman. 20 YEARS: H. E. GARRETT, meterman. C. J. MAYNARD, credit representative. RICHARD D. BLEVINS, engineer. ROBERT L. GOFF, customer representative.

LYNCHBURG DIVISION—30 YEARS: E. T. WRIGHT, line foreman.

PULASKI DIVISION—20 YEARS: CLAYBORNE H. WIRT, lineman.

ROANOKE DIVISION—30 YEARS: WILLIAM C. REYNOLDS, meterman. CHARLES E. WEST JR., station man. 25 YEARS: SILAS W. FISHER, auto repairman. 20 YEARS: DEWEY N. SINK, meter serviceman. JAMES O. BOWLING, station man. 5 YEARS: JAMES E. BOARD, janitor.

CABIN CREEK PLANT—25 YEARS: GAY R. WALLS, boiler operator.

CLINCH RIVER PLANT—20 YEARS: JAMES R. TRAIL, master maintenance man. JAMES B. BRITT JR., master maintenance man. 10 YEARS: N. JACK BURK, equipment operator.

GLEN LYN PLANT—10 YEARS: NOAH J. JESSEE JR., janitor.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—15 YEARS: JOHN N. LEWIS, maintenance man. GEORGE W. NASH, maintenance man. BERL E. WALLACE, maintenance man.

Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DIVISION—20 YEARS: CLAYTON WILBURN, meter reader.

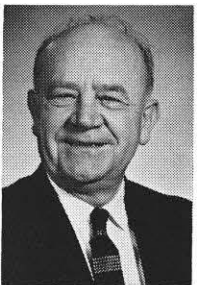
HAZARD DIVISION—20 YEARS: ROBERT TRENT, heating sales representative.

Kingsport Power Company

30 YEARS: CLYDE E. GREEN, distribution engineer. 25 YEARS: COY A. ARNOLD, station man.

Ted McCurdy, 67, Huntington, Dies

Azel (Ted) McCurdy Jr., retired Huntington consultant to the division manager, died Sept. 28 in a Huntington hospital. He was 67.



Mr. McCurdy

He started with Appalachian in 1926 at Huntington and later worked at the old Logan plant before returning to Huntington in 1938 as safety inspector. He was named district personnel supervisor in 1949 and consultant to the division manager in 1965. He retired in October, 1966. He was a member of the Exchange Club, Fifth Avenue Baptist Church and served on the Cabell County Draft Board since World War II. He also was active in Red Cross work.

Florida Retirement Awaits Bee Queen; Roanoke Dispatcher Served 42 Years

Bee Queen, regional dispatcher in the Roanoke regional dispatching office, retired November 1 after 42 years of service with Appalachian.

During retirement, Mr. Queen and his wife, Arizona, plan to move to Florida where he hopes to do "quite a bit of fishing."

A native of Queens Ridge, West Virginia, he attended public schools in Wayne County of that state. Before joining Appalachian he worked briefly with the Island Creek Coal Company at Holden, West Virginia.

Mr. Queen's career with Appalachian started in 1926 at the old Logan plant as a laborer. He was promoted to shift supervisor in 1952. He worked at the plant until 1961 when it was taken out of service. He was transferred to system operations department as a station operator at the Switchback Regional Dispatching office. He was promoted to regional dispatcher in 1966 and transferred to Roanoke in that position in



Mr. Queen

January of 1967.

Mr. Queen, who lists hunting and fishing as his hobbies, is a member of the North Roanoke Baptist Church.

He is the father of one son and one daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Queen presently reside at 436 Elden Avenue, N. W., Roanoke, but will have a Florida address in the future.

Norwood Turner Takes Tax Post

Norwood C. Turner has been promoted to tax accountant in Appalachian's general accounting office at Roanoke.

He rises to the position from that of tax accounting assistant.

A native of Boones Mill, Virginia, Mr. Turner attended National Business College and Virginia Southern College. He was in the Army Signal Corps from 1942 to 1945, and served in the European Theatre.

He joined Appalachian's tax section February 2, 1948, and this year observed his 20th anniversary in that department.

Mr. Turner is married and has three children. He is Church School superintendent at the Boones Mill Methodist Church, and a member of the Boones Mill Lions Club and Masonic Lodge.



Mr. Turner

Record Earnings Set During Year

American Electric Power Company reported record earnings of \$98,378,000 for the 12 months ended August 31.

Donald C. Cook, president of AEP and of our companies, said the figure was 7.4 per cent higher than last year's net for the period of \$91,567,000.

Earnings per share for the 12 months were \$2.07 on 47,449,000 shares, compared with \$1.96 on 700,000 fewer shares a year ago.

He also noted new highs for the eight months and for August itself. Eight-month earnings were \$65,263,000, up 7 per cent over last year's \$61,000,000. August's net of \$7,461,000 was 4.8 per cent over earnings of \$7,120,000 for that month a year ago.

All of the above 1968 figures reflect full provision for the 10 per cent tax surcharge.

Snake-Bitten Woman Saved

A Lynchburg employee recently was credited with saving the life of a snake-bitten woman, thanks to his quick thinking and first aid knowledge gained in a company course.

Byrd Gilbert, street light attendant, was working in his garden at High Peak one afternoon about the middle of September when he was called to help the woman who had been bitten by a copperhead snake.

She had been among a group of people picking apples about two blocks away when the snake struck her on the foot. None of her fellow workers knew what to do and ran to Mr. Gilbert for help.

With no snake bite kit available, he improvised, using a shoestring for a tourniquet. He cut the bite with his pocket knife. The wound bled freely and released the poison. Only one fang had penetrated the skin.

The Life Saving Crew was called and she was rushed to the hospital where Mr. Gilbert was credited with possibly saving her life.

H. R. Snead Retires After 26 Years And Work On 11 Different Plants

After 26 years and a hand in the construction of 11 different American Electric Power System plants, H. R. Snead has retired.

Mr. Snead, who retired on October 1 as chief of electrical construction on the Mitchell plant, has spent all of his service in the construction of major power plants for Appalachian and its sister companies.

He started on May 16, 1942, as electrical supervisor on Ohio Power Company's Philo plant. Since then he has worked on the Glen Lyn, Sporn, Kanawha River, Sporn Unit 5, Leesville hydro, Smith Mountain hydro, Cardinal, Kammer, OVEC and Tidd plants, besides Mitchell.

Before joining AEP, Mr. Snead worked for General Electric Company as a test engineer and the Arundel Construction Company in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as an electrical engineer.

He is married and has two sons, one a hospital administrator at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the other serving in the Armed Forces in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Snead plan to continue to live at St. Clairsville, Ohio, after a trip to Florida. He plans to go into business as a private consulting electrical engineer.



Mr. Snead

Better Methods Proposals Win

Six Appalachian Work Simplification/Better Methods proposals were selected as winners during the third quarter.

Four of the six came from general office departments with the other two from Bluefield and Huntington divisions.

Submitting the winners from the general office were: two from E. G. Robertson, accounting; R. A. Fuller, T&D; and Thurman Ball, hydro. Huntington's came from E. C. Berry, line foreman, T&D, and Bluefield's came from Garlin E. Hill Jr., maintenance man, station, T&D.

Mr. Robertson's proposals dealt with "Control Cards for Meter Reading Cards," and "System Meter Test Data for Processing in New York." Mr. Fuller's subject was "In-Out of Service Reporting," and Mr. Ball reported on "Changing Hydraulic System Oil Filters on Tel-Econ Units."

Mr. Hill suggested a "Simplification of Maintenance of Type R Recloser," and Mr. Berry's proposal was titled "Protective Device for Portable Electric Tools."

C. R. S. Garten, Charleston, Dies

C. R. S. Garten, Charleston division accounting supervisor, died October 24 after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at the Sacred Heart Church at Charleston with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Mr. Garten is survived by his widow and three children. Mr. Garten became division accounting supervisor in September 1966 when he rose from the position of customer accounts supervisor. He joined the company in May of 1939 and served in various capacities during his career.

He was a native of Bellepoint, West Virginia, and graduated from West Virginia Tech.



Mr. Garten

Retired Director, Winne, Succumbs

Harry A. Winne, 79, retired director of American Electric Power Company, died September 15 in Schenectady, New York, following an extended illness.

He had been a director of AEP for more than 10 years, retiring from the board in 1964. Prior to his joining the company's board, he had spent his entire career with General Electric Company, rising to vice president—engineering.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; a son, David; a daughter, Barbara; a brother, and two sisters.



Scouts Bill, Luke and Jim Kesterson

Work In Scouts Is Way Of Life For Kingsport Employee And Family

When it comes to scouting, the J. L. "Luke" Kesterson family has a corner on the market at Kingsport. Luke and his two sons, Jim and Bill, are all Eagle Scouts and members of Troop 89, sponsored by the Old Kingsport Presbyterian Church.

Luke, a heating and builder sales representative in the commercial department, began scouting in 1937 in Troop 54 sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. He earned his Eagle in 1940, along with one palm. Since then, he has been associated with scouting as assistant scoutmaster, explorer advisor for three years, district training, and has been a scoutmaster for the past ten years, assisting 12 boys to earn their Eagle rank. Of these twelve boys, nine are attending college and three are still in junior high and high school.

Not only is Luke a charter member of the Sequoyah Council Order of the Arrow, he was one of the first Vigil Members (highest elected honor that can be attained) in this Order.

Having scoutmaster keys in exploring and scouting, Luke has earned woodbadge beads (special training course for eight days) and has been awarded the Silver Beaver (elected by the Sequoyah Council for the highest award given by a council).

Luke has attended two National Jamborees at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania—as assistant scoutmaster in 1950 and as scoutmaster

in 1964 when his son Jim accompanied him.

Jim, now a freshman at East Tennessee State University and majoring in history, started scouting in 1961 and attained Eagle in 1963. Presently Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 89, Jim belongs to the Order of the Arrow and has been a Vigil Member since he was 14. He has been elected vice lodge chief of the Order of the Arrow for two consecutive years—1967 and 1968.

Bill started scouting in 1965, became an Eagle only recently and will soon get a palm. He is a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has been elected senior patrol in his troop.

Bill attends John Sevier Junior high school in Kingsport where he has been elected to the student council for the second year and is a member of the visual aids group. Also, he is on the teen board at the Moose Lodge.

Hiking is a popular subject at the Kesterson home, as Luke has been on the 16-mile hike once, Jim has been 7 times and Bill has been 4 times. Anyone for a hike?

With three Eagle Scouts in her family, Mrs. Kesterson, naturally, has become involved in scouting and has helped many of the scouts in the troop in their advancement. It is no wonder the boys call her "assistant scoutmaster" of Troop 89.



Mr. Gillock

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Gregory

Mr. Moore

Operations Department At Roanoke Promotes Four In Key Positions

Four promotions were announced last month in the general office operations department of Appalachian at Roanoke.

G. M. Gillock, chief operations coordinator, has been promoted to the position of operations engineering supervisor. In this job he will supervise the department's engineering section and assist the operations superintendent in the management of department responsibilities.

E. E. Johnson, senior operations engineer, has become power dispatching supervisor, and will coordinate all dispatching functions of Appalachian, Kingsport and Kentucky Power.

J. T. Gregory, senior operations engineer, has been named assistant power dispatching supervisor to work with Mr. Johnson.

W. F. Moore, operations office supervisor, has been promoted to the post of operations information supervisor, working with computerized programs and handling

inter- and intra-company interchange power and engineering data.

Mr. Gillock graduated from Andrew Lewis High School and earned a BS degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He also attended the American Electric Power Management Training Program at the University of Michigan. He is married and has one son.

Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Elkhorn, West Virginia, high school and West Virginia Business College, and also attended the AEP Management Training Program. He is married and has a daughter.

Mr. Gregory graduated from Beaver high school in Bluefield and received a BS degree in electrical engineering from VPI. He is married and has a son.

Mr. Moore graduated from Bristol, Virginia, high school and attended the AEP Management Training School. He is presently attending the evening program at Roanoke College. Mr. Moore is married and has two sons.

Former Kanawha Man Finds Plenty To Do

Retirement Is Good To Joe C. Hill

Talking to Joe C. Hill, retired Kanawha River plant man, makes one look forward to retirement. A visit to his home, tucked back away from it all in the Kanawha County hills, makes one want to stay.

The former chief dispatcher, who retired in August 1963, may "retire" again. The reason? He's getting too busy.

Mr. Hill was one of the wiser employees who planned ahead for his retirement years, and as he kiddingly says, "I wouldn't want to go back to work for anything."

In 1948 Mr. Hill purchased 30 acres of land at Alum Creek, outside of Charleston. For years he and his family camped there as a retreat on the weekends. In 1958 with his retirement drawing near, he bought a house and two lots adjoining the 30 acres. The family moved to the new home that year.

An expert carpenter, he has a complete workshop in his basement,

as evidenced by the full-wall cupboards in the kitchen. He also bought a boat and motor with the full intent of spending much of his leisure time fishing. About an acre of vegetable garden lies behind his house just beyond his elaborate personal picnic grounds and just short of the picturesque woods which top the ridge beyond. He also bought a lot on Coal River with plans to develop it and perhaps build on it.

One of his problems is that he runs out of time for all his projects. He has the good fortune, or the misfortune, of being handy in everything he does. As a result, he's kept busy with odd jobs throughout his neighborhood. For example, he recently finished wiring a garage apartment for electric heat and helped remodel an old skating rink for his church, the Church of Christ.

About two years ago, Mr. Hill assumed another hobby—building grandfather clocks. As he puts it, "I had to find something to do during the winter months to keep away from my wife." At this, his personable wife, Mildred, gave that smile that only a wife can give.

Actually, he had an interest in grandfather clocks for sometime and one day he saw an advertisement in a magazine and sent for the plans. Now, about two years later, he has completed eight and is working on the ninth one.

He makes the entire cabinet in his workshop and buys the clock mechanism nearly intact. The finished product rivals the best anywhere. Although the same type clock would probably sell for about \$350 in most stores, Mr. Hill has given away three to each of his daughters and "sold" the others to friends. They all got good deals, though, since Mr. Hill says he figured he made about five cents an hour profit on the sales. He doesn't think he will make any more for sale.

His clocks have two movements, the Bim Bam which chimes on each half hour and the Westminster which chimes on the quarter hour and gongs on the hour.

Once while listening to his short wave radio, still another hobby, he heard Big Ben in London chime and it was almost exactly in time

with his clocks.

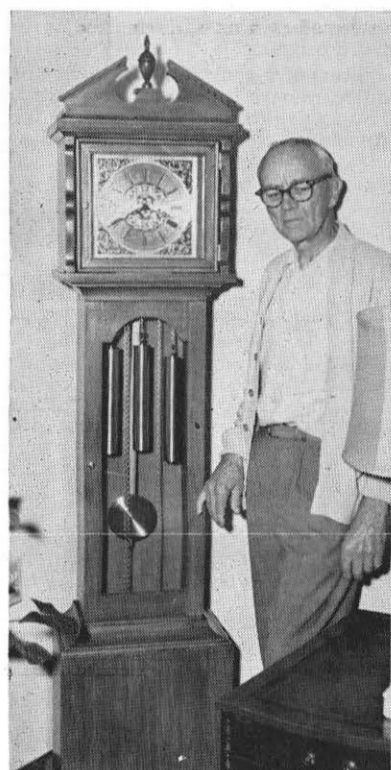
Mr. Hill's secret to an enjoyable retirement is probably his zest for living. As he says, "When you grow older, you enjoy life more. I hate to miss a day of it." He says he really doesn't feel any different than he did at 40, except maybe he can't work quite as hard or as long.

He said he often sees some older person walking along the road and asks his wife, "Do I look that old?" At this point, his wife chimed in that "The funny part is that usually he's older than the man he was talking about," with the twinkle in her eye giving her away that she's getting even for that crack about "building clocks to stay out of her way."

Chances are that Mr. and Mrs. Hill will never be old. They enjoy life too much.



Mr. and Mrs. Hill pause in kitchen. He built the cupboards.



One of finished grandfather clocks.



Backyard picnic area gets heavy use by Hill family.



Mrs. Dooley pauses during Color and Fashion for Living project.

Roanoke Retiree Has Time Problem

Need Some Help? 'Call Tory'

Victoria Dooley is a retiree with a time problem on her hands—she doesn't have enough.

Always an active person in civic and church affairs, Tory, as she is known to her many friends, retired from Appalachian as a contract clerk at Roanoke in August, 1966. She had served for 40 years, all in the division accounting department.

Until she retired, her off-the-job projects were limited to her spare time. The word soon got out that Tory would "help out"—and that she did.

Her church, the Raleigh Court Presbyterian, receives much of her time. She is co-chairman of her church circle and serves as treasurer. In addition, she is in charge of the altar area each Sunday. This includes choosing flowers for the altar arrangement.

The floral arrangement is right down her alley because she's quite active in the Mt. View Garden Club which she serves as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. In this post she succeeded in bringing a national known floral authority to Roanoke for a lecture. She also guided a rummage sale for the club and models fashions for a Roanoke department store, both fund raising projects for the Garden Club.

She served as chairman of special events for the Color and Fashion for Living, a city-wide project sponsored by garden and women's clubs. She also played a major

role in the project last year.

A long-standing and active member of the Colonel William Preston chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, she recently was elected regent, which is comparable to president. Last year she was treasurer and still conducts national correspondence for the

chapter. She also sells advertisements for the national DAR magazine.

A loyal attending member of the Roanoke Symphony, her list of activities could go on and on.

As a result of her energy, when something needs to be done, her friends say "Call Tory."



Mrs. Dooley busy at her garden wall.