

Company Denies Wrong-Doing Charges In Danville

Appalachian Power Company and the American Electric Power Company have been charged with wrong-doing in the City of Danville, Virginia, by the mayor of the city and some members of council. At the same time, Appalachian has been praised by a group of business leaders of the city for its help during the past ten years.

The charges of wrong-doing stem from a controversy over a bond referendum for \$11-million for a new generating unit for the city's electric system. The bond referendum, the third since 1958, was first set for March 18, 1969, and then on February 21 was called off by City Council in a special meeting. In a resolution passed by City Council, Appalachian was accused of creating an emotional atmosphere in which the voters could not judge the issues.

Later in March, Mayor W. C. McCubbins, in separate letters to the Securities and Exchange Commission and to President Nixon, accused Ap-

palachian and the American Electric Power Company of "unwarranted political interference in the affairs of the City of Danville" and added that the council had felt it "necessary to postpone the March 18 referendum for the expansion of the city's electric generating facilities until the emotional climate of the city is more wholesome."

In both letters the Mayor asked for an investigation and pleaded with President Nixon to make the problem a matter of his concern.

A few days later, U. S. Senator Metcalf, D. Montana, a sponsor of S. 607 Intergovernmental Consumer's Council Act of 1969, charged in a Senate speech that the referendum had to be called off because Appalachian "pulled up its heavy artillery and commenced a barrage of propaganda".

At about the same time, the American Public Power Association, an organization of municipally owned utilities and cooperatives, issued a reso-

lution charging Appalachian and the American Electric Power Company with interfering in the affairs of the city and using political influence to cause the referendum to be called off.

Company's Position

Appalachian categorically denied that it was doing anything illegal or improper in attempting to bring before the citizens of Danville the company's views regarding the city's future electric power supply and the \$11-million bond referendum.

"Appalachian has a right, duty and obligation to make available to the citizens of Danville the analysis Appalachian has made of the city's future power supply problem. This and only this has been the objective of our activities, including the opening of an information office in Danville. It is the view of Appalachian that a full and fair presentation of all the facts concerning Danville's power supply prob-

lem should be made and then the people should decide what is best for Danville," D. C. Kennedy, manager of the Roanoke division, said.

"The proponents of the \$11-million bond issue have seen to it that their views and their reasons for supporting the \$11-million expenditure have been widely circulated. We believe it is entirely proper that they should do so. But we think it is highly improper for them to attempt to suppress any information or views which are contrary to theirs by making unsubstantiated charges in proceedings first instituted before the Federal Power Commission and now in letters by Mayor W. C. McCubbins to the President of the United States and the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission."

"These letters and the charges they contain, in our view, reach the height of irresponsibility and absurdity."

"Appalachian values the City of Danville as a good

customer, and we hope to continue to serve Danville," Kennedy said. "Over the years we have provided low-cost power to the city to supplement its own generation, and also we have provided low-cost power to Danville's major industries. We have worked with city officials, the Chamber of Commerce and other groups in Danville to bring new industry to this area, resulting in employment for more than 2,000 persons and a payroll of almost \$10-million. To provide our electrical service, we have invested more than \$5-million in local facilities."

City's Savings Cited

"A review of our supplemental service to the City of Danville over the past nine years shows that the city has saved several million dollars as a consequence of the decision its citizens made in 1957 and again in 1967 when elections were held on power bond issues. Studies today indicate that similar savings can be achieved by continuing to purchase power from Appalachian rather than by installing the proposed 65,000-kw machine at a cost of some \$11-million," Mr. Kennedy said.

"It certainly is not illegal or in any way improper for Appalachian to make known such factual information to the citizens of Danville. To do otherwise, the Appalachian Power Company would be

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that which you have the
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Amos Plant Takes Shape

Construction work on Appalachian's John E. Amos plant near Charleston progressed on a regular schedule throughout the winter.

As spring came and buds started to sprout, it was apparent that a new power plant was taking form on the west bank of the Kanawha River. It will be some plant, too—Appalachian's largest with 1.6-million-kw generating capacity and representing a cost of \$200-million. Someday, when additional generating units which have been designed for future construction are completed, it will be the largest in the nation with a capacity of 4.2-million-kw and a cost of \$750-million.

The top picture shows the "feet" of the first of two 433-foot cooling towers. One cooling tower will serve each of the two 800,000-kw units. This tower will serve Unit 1.

The bottom picture shows the base of what will be the 900-foot stack which will serve both units. Work is due to begin on pouring the fly-ash concrete shell this month.

Some 500 construction workers



are involved in the project now and this number will increase to about 700 this summer, according to Lawrence Lieving, resident engineer. "It's not actually the weather which will cause the increase, but rather the stage of construction that we're approaching. Much of the foundation work is completed and now we're ready to start going up."

Unit 1 is scheduled for completion in 1971 and Unit 2 in 1972.

Corporation Buys Princeton Shell

The Prince Corporation of Princeton has agreed to purchase Appalachian's Project Decision shell building in Princeton Industrial Park. A shopping center will be developed at the site.

Announcement of the sale by Appalachian was made by Jack Lloyd, area development director of Appalachian.

Mr. Lloyd said that although the original intent of the building was for an industry, the company was well pleased that the Prince Corporation wants to develop a shopping center in the area.

"When we broke ground in the summer of 1963 for this building, the area was rather barren of activity, except for North American Aviation's nearby plant. We feel that the construction of the building has done much to attract people to this area of Mercer County."

He went on: "For example, The Dean Company came to look at the shell building and decided it was too small for their needs. But they proceeded to construct a larger plant next door. This fulfilled our aim with the Project Decision program."

Cabin Creek Plant Is First Location To Reach 300 Per Cent Of WS Quota

Cabin Creek plant was the first location to ever reach or exceed 300 per cent of its quota in Appalachian's Work Simplification/Better Methods proposals.

During 1968, Cabin Creek employees turned in 213 proposals with 113 being approved for circulation and awards. The proposals earned 4,337 rating points and amounted to 321.3 per cent of the plant's assigned quota.

Seventy-four employees participated with 54 having their proposals approved.

Arthur R. Lively is the WS/BM program coordinator at Cabin Creek and William R. McDaniel is the associate editor.

One of the specific advantages of the program is to improve safety performance. Cabin Creek's safety record leads all AEP System plants and at the end of the year had reached 1,766,138 manhours without a disabling injury.

There were eight locations which



McDaniel, associate editor (left), and Lively, coordinator, look over Cabin Creek's quota award. Chart shows names of employees with highest number of accepted proposals for the year.

License Issued For Cook Plant

The U. S. Atomic Energy Commission last month issued a license for construction of the American Electric Power System's first nuclear power plant.

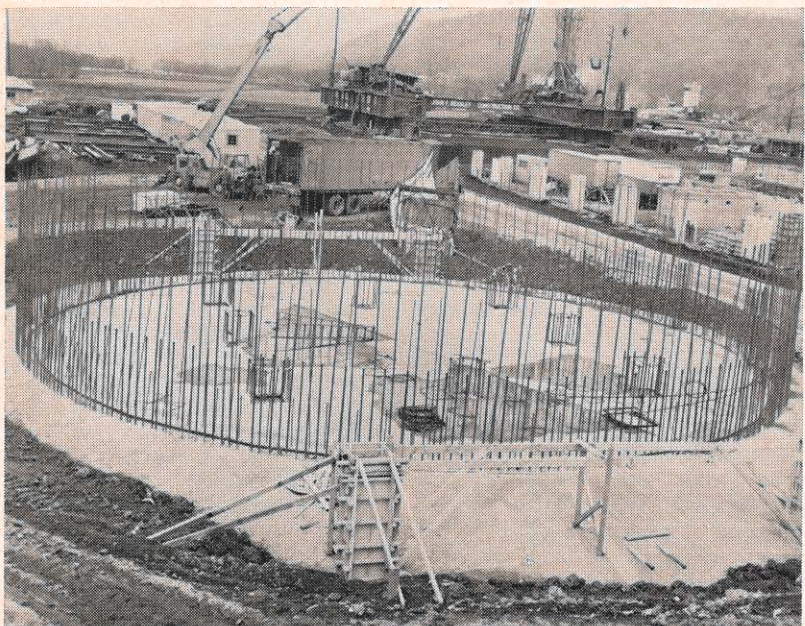
The AEC license for construction of the 2.2-million-kilowatt Donald C. Cook Nuclear plant at Bridgman, Michigan came after a year-long study of all aspects of the plant's design, including its unique ice condenser containment system. Application for the license had been filed in December 1967.

The Cook plant, to be built by Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, will have two 1.1-million-kilowatt generating units. The first unit is scheduled for completion in 1972, the second in 1973.

reached or exceeded 100 per cent of their assigned quota. Clinch River plant was second to Cabin Creek with 146.6 per cent and general office purchasing and stores department was third with 118 per cent.

Others over 100 per cent were: general office accounting, 111.6 per cent; general office operating, 110 per cent; Radford plant, 107.6 per cent; Philip Sporn plant, 105.9 per cent, and Huntington division, 105 per cent.

There were 444 proposals processed from all areas during the year.



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For He Is Risen

This worship center was created by Annise Craig, secretary to the Roanoke division manager, for the Prayer Room at the annual Virginia Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, United Methodist Church Spiritual Growth Weekend at Blackstone. About 185 guilders attended the conference. Mrs. Craig is a member of the Huntington Court UMC Guild, Roanoke.

Reliable People

D. R. "Dock" Hunt, Roanoke line foreman, believes in the "second mile." While working during a severe sleet and ice storm on Bent Mountain near Roanoke, he received word that an elderly couple was without power, so he and his crew checked it out. It took a jeep to reach the house through fallen trees and icy woods.

They found the couple had been out of service for 15 hours. The oldsters had no transportation to get out and no family members to come in to see about them.

At the time of the inspection trip the power was on to the house. Earlier line trouble had been cleared. The trouble now was in the house switch box—blown fuses.

This might be as far as our line crews could technically be expected to go, but it wasn't for Dock.

He returned to the main highway, bought some fuses with his own money and sent one of his men to replace the blown fuses.

Reliability? Much of it boils down to reliable people, such as Dock, doesn't it?

Reddy's Kite Flying Tips

While youngsters are busy reshaping the fielder's glove, finding the Louisville slugger where it was left last fall or digging fishing worms, you will find many doing the same thing they have done every spring for years—flying their kites.

In a changing world, and in the midst of many sporting events, kite flying continues to hold its fascination for youngsters. It's fun, is the reason why.

Reddy Kilowatt says that it will be even more fun if it is done safely, and urges all youngsters and their parents to observe a few simple safe kite flying rules.

Reddy suggests that only dry string and wood and paper, not wire or anything metallic, should be used in a kite. Kites should be flown only on days when there is no rain, and busy streets and highways should be avoided.

He goes on to say that kites should be flown far from TV and radio aerials, and from electric or power lines.

He says that if a kite gets snagged in a power line, don't climb a pole or pull the string to try and dislodge it. It would be better to either leave the kite or call your Appalachian office.

As long as there are youngsters, there will be kite flying. And as long as kite flying is done safely, it will be fun. Tell your children that Reddy said so.

doing an injustice to the citizens of this community," Mr. Kennedy said, adding that "the facts as we know them clearly indicate that an expenditure of \$11-million by Danville for a 65,000-kw generating unit would be extremely wasteful of funds."

No Takeover

"Appalachian is being accused of attempting to take over the Danville power system," Mr. Kennedy said. "Nothing could be more misleading. We pointed out in both the 1957 and 1967 bond issue elections that we were not attempting to take over the electric system in Danville. The citizens believed us when they defeated both issues, and we ask that they believe us today, when we repeat, we are not trying to take over the electric system in Danville."

"We believe it is proper—and indeed that we have the obligation—to make known the relevant facts and our view that it is not in the best interests of Danville to make this \$11-million expenditure. We think it is highly improper for the proponents to attempt to suppress any views but their own. With a full and fair discussion of all sides of the question, the people of Danville can then decide with full knowledge whether they want to expand their present generating plant or continue to purchase their future power requirements from the Appalachian Power Company."

Senate Hearings

On March 17, at the invitation of Senator Metcalf, Danville's Mayor McCubbins and John W. Carter, a member of the Danville City Council, appeared before the Subcommittee on Government Operations and repeated many of the charges against Appalachian and American Electric Power Company. Due to a sore throat, Mayor McCubbins had Councilman Carter be the spokesman for the City.

Mr. Carter expressed no objection to the concept of private power companies but said "it is morally reprehensible for them to be fooling around in our internal affairs. I can tell you that public power has been a tremendous boon to our city . . . as a result of public power, we are able to maintain the lowest real tax rate of any major city in Virginia."

Mr. Carter said, "If American Electric Power . . . can come into my community and pour out limitless amounts of money both directly and indirectly through front organizations serving its evil purpose and takeover, it can take over any community in this country."

On March 19, Julian Stinson, a former Mayor of Danville who had served in City Council for a total of 14 years, presented a statement to the

same committee. He was accompanied to Washington by several civic leaders and businessmen from Danville.

Sought Appalachian

Mr. Stinson reviewed Danville's situation and Appalachian's part in the growth of the City. He recalled that in 1957 members of the Danville City Council and the Chamber of Commerce began searching for ways to diversify the economic base of the city and surrounding territory. Contacts were made with other Chambers of Commerce and local government groups in Virginia. "The best way to attract industry to a community was by working through a private enterprise power company," he told the Senate Subcommittee.

The City Council began deliberations with Appalachian on the possibility of Appalachian's industrial development department working to attract industry to Danville. As a result, an agreement was reached with Appalachian permitting the power company to serve any new industry it brought to the area, Mr. Stinson said.

He pointed out that in 1958, even though the City Council voted 6 to 3 against installing more electric generating facilities in the city-owned plant, council had called a referendum on a \$4-million bond issue for additional generation. The bond issue was defeated by the voters and the city entered into a contract with Appalachian to supply the additional power needed by the City.

Five New Industries

Mr. Stinson said, "In the next seven years as a direct result of the Danville-Appalachian power agreement, five major industries located in Danville creating 2,000 new jobs and an annual payroll increase of almost \$10-million." He listed the names of the companies and the dates that they established plants in Danville.

He reviewed the situation in Danville which led to a second bond referendum for additional generating facilities in 1967. This issue was for \$9-million. He told of the strong feeling of the Danville business community against the bond issue, saying "it would be a backward step for the city."

He headed a group of citizens under the banner of The Greater Danville Committee, which was successful in defeating the bond referendum.

He told of the donations from many interested citizens and how much money was spent by the Committee on the 1967 campaign. "All of the funds were expended for newspaper and radio advertising. The newspaper and radio advertising was prepared by members of the Committee, who were amateurs."

"The City electric department had a professional from the American Public Power Association to help prepare its propaganda," the statement continued.

Mr. Stinson reviewed the activities of a new committee, headed by John W. Daniel, a Danville contractor, which was formed after City Council had announced the proposed March 18 bond referendum. This committee is called the New Day For Danville Committee. It has been accused by City Council members and others of being a "front" for Appalachian.

Need Appalachian

In closing his statement, Stinson said, "Gentlemen, we are here today to make one point clear. We represent, to the best of our knowledge, a cross-section of Danville. We feel that this constant crusade by the City Electric Department and those who would use it for national purposes has damaged the City of Danville and retarded its spectacular progress made from 1959 to present. Danville is proud of its municipally owned gas, water and electric distribution systems, but we have no illusions about Danville's ability to attract industry with this system as our only electric power source. Danville needs Appalachian Power Company much more than Appalachian needs Danville. Consequently, any action by this Committee, any Federal agency, or any local government body which destroys the relationship between Danville and Appalachian, the only private enterprise power company serving our area, could have disastrous results."

R. A. Youngman Named Chief Transportation

Richard A. Youngman has been promoted to automotive transportation supervisor for Appalachian. He succeeds G. Fred Murphy who retired after 32 years of service.

Mr. Youngman rises from the position of administrative assistant in the general office transportation department. A native of Portsmouth, Ohio, Mr. Youngman is an electrical engineering graduate of Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana.

He joined Appalachian as an engineer in Roanoke in March, 1946. In 1949 he went to Fieldale as distribution engineer and was line and station supervisor there before returning to Roanoke as transportation coordinator for the Roanoke division in 1965. He was named administrative assistant in the general office transportation department in 1966.

He served in the Army from 1942 to 1946, coming out as a first lieutenant. He is active in the reserves.



Mr. Youngman



Companies Receive System Sales Awards

Commercial managers of Kingsport, Appalachian and Kentucky recently received System awards for exceeding sales quotas last year from Donald C. Cook, president of AEP and of our companies. From left they



Mr. Murphy

G. Fred Murphy Retires To End 32-Year Career

G. Fred Murphy, Appalachian automotive transportation supervisor, has retired after a career of 32 years.

Mr. Murphy is well-known on the eastern seaboard in the electric utility transportation field and was instrumental in the development of a medium duty line truck for electric utilities. Appalachian has 45 of these trucks in service

A native of Grafton, West Virginia, Mr. Murphy joined Appalachian at Huntington on February 9, 1937. He was transferred to Roanoke in 1944 as a statistician and became administrative assistant in 1946. He was named supervisor of the general office transportation department in 1951.

He is a past president of the Public Utilities Fleet Managers' Association and is a Mason. He is married and has a daughter.

C. M. Blevins, Logan, Succumbs

Charles Moss Blevins, Logan plant retiree, died February 24 after an extended illness. He would have been 77 on March 4. Mr. Blevins was employed from 1943 until his retirement on March 1, 1957. He was a guard at the time of his retirement. A native of Big Creek, West Virginia, his funeral services were held there.



Mr. Blevins

Stanton, Schaenen

Two New AEP Directors Nominated

Two distinguished figures in American business—one the president of a leading television-radio network, the other long prominent in the investment industry—have been nominated to be directors of American Electric Power Company.

Dr. Frank Stanton, for over 22 years the president of Columbia Broadcasting System, and Nelson Schaenen, recently retired president of Smith, Barney & Company, both of New York, are among 13 candidates to be voted upon at the 62nd annual meeting of the Company on April 23. The other 11 are nominees for re-election.

The two new nominees would succeed two directors who, having attained the Board's statutory retirement age of 72, are not candidates for re-election. They are Philip Sporn, former AEP president, and Harold Boeschstein, chairman of the executive committee of Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation.

Dr. Stanton, president of CBS since 1946, is a 1930 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and holds a Ph.D. degree from Ohio State University. He is a director of New York Life Insurance Company and Pan American World Airways, as well as CBS and its subsidiary, the New York Yankees, and a trustee of The RAND Corporation and The Rockefeller Foundation. He is chairman of the U. S. Advisory Commission on Information.

Mr. Schaenen, in the investment business since 1929, retired as head of Smith, Barney at the close of 1967. He had been with that com-

Virginia Roberts Retires To End Lengthy Career

Nearly 40 years of service, all of it in the managerial department at Pulaski came to an end April 1 with the early retirement of Virginia Neale Roberts, secretary to the division manager.

During her long career she has worked for five division and district managers, including A. L. Wellford Jr., E. W. Hogg, D. P. Minichan, A. F. Horne and the present manager, Claud K. Kirkland.

Born at Salem, Virginia, Miss Roberts was graduated from Pulaski high school, attended Stonewall Jackson College at Abingdon for two years and took a post graduate business course.

Miss Roberts, widely known throughout the company, is a member of the Presbyterian Church and enjoys sewing and flower gardening as hobbies.

She resides at 328 Longview Court, Pulaski.

pany, beginning as a utility specialist, since 1944 and was its president during 1964-67. He is chairman of the Advisory Council of the Graduate School of Business Administration at Cornell University, where he was graduated in 1923.

The annual meeting will be held at the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel Theater, New York, beginning at 9:30 a. m.

T&D Sections Combine; Two Get New Duties



Mr. Middaugh

Mr. Guill

Two changes were announced last month in Appalachian's general office T&D department with the combining of two sections into one.

The carrier and communications sections were combined into a large new communications section, including radio, microwave, and carrier current communications.

Beryl W. Middaugh, supervising carrier engineer, was promoted to communications superintendent of the new section. George M. Guill, Jr., was named to the new position of assistant to communications superintendent.

Mr. Middaugh, a native of Pleasant County, West Virginia, is an electrical engineering graduate of West Virginia University. He joined Appalachian at Charleston, in 1949 as an engineer, and came to Roanoke in 1950 as system relay engineer. He has also been electronics and electrical engineer, and became supervising carrier engineer in 1968.

Married and the father of three children, he is assistant training officer of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and a member of the Cave Spring Methodist Church. He was in the Navy from 1943 to 1946.

Mr. Guill is a native of Danville and has studied communications through the Capitol Radio Engineering Institute. He joined Appalachian in 1936 and has been carrier current engineer, engineer, electronics engineer, and communications supervisor.

He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, American Radio Relay League, and First Baptist Church.

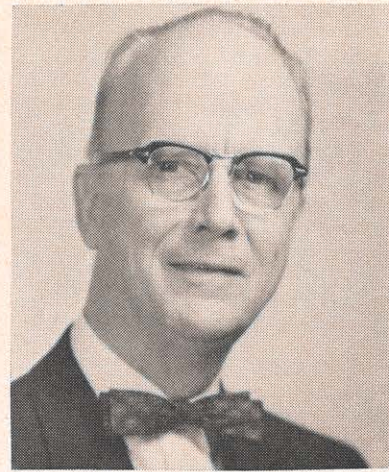
S. R. Pritchard Jr., Executive Assistant, Ends 35-Year Appalachian Career

Samuel R. Pritchard Jr., executive assistant on the staff of the vice president, retired from Appalachian April 1 after 35 years of service. Most of his service was in supervisory and managerial positions.

Mr. Pritchard joined Appalachian in 1934 at Welch as an electrician. A short time later he was named assistant supervising inspector there and became inspector in 1936. That same year he was named engineer and in 1942 became general superintendent. He was acting Welch district manager from 1943 until 1944 when he assumed the full duties of manager. In 1946 he went to Logan as district manager and moved to Huntington in 1950 to be district manager there. He has been in Roanoke since 1964 as an executive assistant.

A native of Blacksburg, Virginia, he received a BS degree in electrical engineering and an EE degree at Virginia Tech. He also attended Union College and took a graduate course in fuel engineering at Tech.

His father, the late S. R. Pritchard Sr., was the head of the Department of Physics and Electrical Engineering and later dean of the



Mr. Pritchard

College of Engineering at Virginia Tech. Pritchard Hall, a new high rise dormitory on the Blacksburg campus, was dedicated in his honor last year.

The new retiree is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church and the Salem Rotary Club. He is on the Executive Board of the Blue Ridge Council of Boy Scouts of America and is a past chairman of the council's camping committee.

He and his wife, Helen, reside at 4848 Westhill Dr., SW., which they plan to maintain as their residence. He will continue his affiliation with Appalachian on a part-time consulting basis.

The Pritchards have a son and a daughter.

16 To Attend Advanced Course

Sixteen employees of Appalachian and Kentucky will attend the AEP System's Advanced Management Training program at the University of Michigan this summer. The four-week course will start June 8.

The program this year is a repeat of last year's and will involve employees who have previously attended the sessions at Ann Arbor.

Kentucky employees are: R. E. Matthews, commercial manager; J. M. Wood, Pikeville division manager, and C. A. Zoellers, Hazard division managerial assistant.

Appalachian employees scheduled to attend are: R. A. Armistead, Roanoke division, T&D superintendent; W. B. Belchee, Bluefield division sales manager; J. E. Blackwell, training supervisor; E. J. Clouser, purchasing and stores director; C. L. Fulp, special reports supervisor, general office accounting department; O. R. Minnich, T&D distribution superintendent; J. A. Moore, Philip Sporn plant manager; J. L. Richmond, Logan division T&D superintendent; W. M. Robinson Jr., Glen Lyn plant assistant manager; G. F. Schwartz, Huntington division T&D superintendent; R. E. Senter, Clinch River plant assistant plant manager; G. W. Unangst, Charleston division T&D superintendent, and R. D. Webster, commercial and industrial sales supervisor.

Berginnis Gets Kentucky Post

Edward L. Berginnis, administrative assistant to the accounting manager of Kentucky Power, has been promoted to area office accounting coordinator in the general accounting department.

A native of Beckley, West Virginia, Berginnis is a 1965 graduate of Concord College with a BS degree in business administration. He joined Kentucky Power in June, 1965 in Ashland as departmental assistant in general accounting and was promoted to administrative assistant in June, 1967.

Mr. & Mrs. Berginnis reside at 1044 29th Street, Ashland, Kentucky.



Mr. Berginnis



Countdown For Safety

This picture might appear to be an argument between four fellows who couldn't agree on the correct time. Actually it was a countdown in the Huntington division on February 18 and marked the exact time when the division employees passed one-million manhours without a disabling injury. This was the first time the division had reached one-million safe manhours. Gagging it up slightly were (from left) W. S. Kitchen, company safety director; Clifford Picklesimer, safety coordinator; W. R. Witzel, division personnel supervisor, and George Hervey, division manager.

Company Couples Exchange Wedding Vows



Cottle-Sledd

A double ring ceremony performed February 9 in the Carswell Community Church united Brenda Sue Cottle and Clifford L. Sledd. Mr. Sledd is a lineman helper, Bluefield.



Spicer-Gilmer

Rebecca Eilene Spicer became the bride of Lanny William Gilmer on February 14 in the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Gilmer is the daughter of Darrell R. Spicer, meter reader, Roanoke.



Doss-Littreal

Donna Lee Doss was married to Alan Neil Littreal on February 29 in the First Christian Church of Roanoke. Mrs. Littreal is the daughter of Jasper P. Doss, line foreman, Roanoke.



Richmond-Moran

Rosemary Richmond and James B. Moran were married on March 7 in the Wesleyan Chapel. Mrs. Moran is the daughter of James B. Richmond, stationman, Beckley.



La Fon-Layne

Rebecca English La Fon and Robert James Layne, Jr., were united in marriage at the First Christian Church, Pearisburg, Virginia, on October 12, 1968. Mrs. Layne is the daughter of Waldo S. La Fon, executive vice president, Kentucky Power Company.

Our Job: Far Removed From Valentines Day?

"Our Job," the company's philosophy of doing business, seems far removed from Valentines Day, but you never know.

This past Valentines Day, an informal "Valentine Coffee" was held in our Williamson auditorium to welcome newcomers to the community, and to acquaint them with Williamson citizens and organizations.

"Gee, wouldn't it be nice if all the newcomers could get together and become acquainted?" was a chance remark by a new citizen of Williamson. Lorraine Corea, Williamson home sales representative, agreed and offered that "the community would like to know you better also."

The Valentine Coffee, it was decided, would be the best way

to accomplish such a meeting. Churches, social, civic and fraternal organizations were contacted and invited to participate in such an affair. Each organization was given a specific task to perform. Spot announcements on local radio and articles in the daily news made the plans known to the public. Each new family was contacted personally and received an invitation to attend.

As guests arrived, each was registered and given a name tag, indicating whether they were newcomers or represented an organization. Refreshments were served and acquaintances made.

Lorraine explained her functions as a home sales representative and expressed Appalachian's desire to assist in any way with

the use and care of electric appliances or service.

Door prizes were donated by merchants and organizations, and tote bags were given each newcomer. There were 102 people registered, representing 23 new families in the community.

Many favorable comments were received, both from the newcomers and the established residents of the area. But perhaps the one comment which meant the most to Lorraine and to Appalachian was, "you people really mean what you say in the little folder you mail out with our power bill—something about "our job" and being a citizen of each community and taking part in its affairs."



Hodges-Erps

Beverly Ann Hodges and William Gary Erps were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church on February 22. Mrs. Erps is the daughter of Ashby N. Hodges, heating and builder sales representative, Lynchburg.



Artis-Harrison

Palma Louise Artis and Jeffrey Arch Harrison exchanged nuptial vows at the First Church of the Nazarene, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on February 1. Mrs. Harrison is a clerk typist in Ashland, and Mr. Harrison is a performance engineer at Big Sandy Plant Unit 1.

Wells-Jacobs

Wanda Wells was married to Roger Lee Jacobs in the Park View Methodist Church. Mrs. Jacobs is the daughter of R. E. Wells, T&D employee Lynchburg.

Richeson-Stone

Elizabeth Ann Richeson and George Michael Stone were married on February 8. Mr. Stone is the son of G. W. Stone, engineering aide, Lynchburg.

Beeler-Hutson

Phyllis Ann Beeler and Gary A. Hutson were united in marriage at the Litz Manor Baptist Church. Mrs. Hutson is the daughter of William L. Beeler, meterman, Kingsport.



Mrs. Lindamood

Helping Elderly Is Gate City Woman's Goal

Frances Lindamood, wife of W. C. Lindamood, Gate City local office supervisor, is actively engaged in a community service helping the elderly people of Scott County.

Frances has found that Scott County has over 2,000 older citizens who need to know that someone cares for their well being. They need to realize that they can still be useful to their community, possessed with skills and talents that should be utilized.

Coordinating efforts with local agencies, Frances stated her goal is to organize the elderly into self-expression groups with a provision for recreation. Actively engaged in the mainstream of the community will hopefully give the elderly a purpose in life—a sense of usefulness in Scott County.

In a rapidly changing world, with little evidence of concern, some still care.

New Arrivals

Bluefield Division

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD W. LANTER, a son, Chad Wade, February 19. Mr. Lanter is an engineering aide.

Charleston Division

MR. AND MRS. I. G. BURNS, a daughter, Jeana Raina, February 27. Mr. Burns is a lineman.

Logan-Williamson Division

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE EVANS, a son, Clarence Evans, Jr., March 5. Mr. Evans is a lineman helper.

Lynchburg Division

MR. AND MRS. J. W. MORRISSETTE, a daughter, Danielle Michelle. Mrs. Morrisette was a cashier.

Glen Lyn Plant

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES H. SHUMATE, a son, Robert Lee, February 1. Mr. Shumate is a brakeman.

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. EVERETT BIRD, a daughter, Lisa Dawn, February 21. Mr. Bird is an auxiliary equipment operator.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT H. EASON, a son, Hubert Alvin, November 13, 1968. Mr. Eason is an assistant results engineer.

MR. AND MRS. GLENN L. JOHNSON, a son, Douglas Keith, January 3. Mr. Johnson is an auxiliary equipment operator.

MR. AND MRS. GLENN A. ICEN-HOWER, a son, Glenn Allen, February 8. Mr. Icenhower is a utility man.

Ashland Division

MR. AND MRS. PAUL SAVAGE, a son, Kevin Ray, February 26. Mrs. Savage was a general office personnel department employee.

Pikeville Division

MR. AND MRS. JOHN L. HARRIS, a daughter, Paula Gayle, March 15. Mr. Harris is a draftsman.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL V. PRICE, JR., a daughter, Kelly M., February 15. Mr. Price is area supervisor in Paintsville.

General Office

MR. AND MRS. VIRGIL W. BOEH, a son, William Scott, February 21. Mr. Boeh is an accounting employee, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. DEA E. UNDERWOOD, JR., a son, Mark Evans, February 21. Mr. Underwood is an accounting employee, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD C. BRADLEY, a son, Michael Joseph, February 20. Mr. Bradley is an area development employee, Roanoke.

They're Engaged

VIRGINIA HELEN BOWMAN to Roger Allen Pancake. Mr. Pancake is the son of W. M. Pancake, draftsman, Point Pleasant, Huntington Division.

JUDITH LYNNE FARLEY to John William Fleming. Miss Farley is the daughter of Clyde L. Farley, Tazewell area supervisor, Bluefield Division.

LINDA BLAHA to Lt. Roger E. McKinney. Mr. McKinney is the son of Erle M. McKinney, meter serviceman, Bluefield.

LINDA PATTON to Make Crawford. Miss Patton is a clerk trainee, Ashland.

JEAN LOUISE RAMEY to Ronald L. Fraley. Mr. Fraley is a clerk trainee, Ashland.

Line Crew Bridal Shower? The Men Felt Responsible



Whittaker (left) with newlywed Martins

Early morning breakfast meetings aren't uncommon for the Pearisburg line and service crews. Early morning bridal showers are.

At the regular monthly safety breakfast late in February the men honored Hobart M. Martin and his new wife, Dawana Lee. It was a real old-fashioned breakfast with country ham, hot biscuits and red-eye soppy.

Bridal showers aren't routine for

the crew, but they felt responsible in this case. D. R. Whittaker, area supervisor, explained that Hobart met his wife while she was working at a bank and he was making deposits for the accounting department. They were married on January 9.

You might say they were trying to make it up to the Pulaski division T&D man for causing him to fall "in the line of duty."

Kingsport

Ricky A. Anderson, son of Charlie Anderson, collector, recently won second prize in an oratorical contest sponsored by the Optimist Club. To correspond with Law and Order Week, the subject of the oratory was "Cornerstone of Citizenship". Ricky is a fifth grader at Kingsley Elementary School.



Ricky

Condolences are extended to J. D. Mills, janitor, on the death of his mother; to R. C. Scarlett, Jr., station supervisor, on the death of his stepmother; and to John E. Faust, power sales engineer senior, on the death of his mother.

Jan King is a new employee in the accounting department. A graduate of Ketrone high school she is a clerk-trainee.

Deborah Greenwell, daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Greenwell, PBX operator, was elected Little Sister by members of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity at East Tennessee State University. Debbie, a member of Sigma Kappa sorority, is a sophomore majoring in sociology.

L. E. Miller, Jr., service coordinator, was appointed a member of the nominating committee of the Moose Lodge No. 972. A member of the lodge for approximately 18 years, he is also a member of the entertainment committee.

Emily Simpson, selected as a Kingsport Symphony Belle and escorted by Gary O'Connell, was recently presented at the Symphony Ball. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Simpson, Jr. Mr. Simpson is the commercial manager.

Escorting another Symphony Belle, Susan Powell, was John A. Randall, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Randall, Jr. Mr. Randall is a residential heating salesman.

Clarence Carter, civil engineer, was recently elected vice president of the Kingsport Rifle and Pistol Club.

Mrs. Carl McClellan has been elected secretary of the newly organized Kingsport Chapter of the Women's Council of the National Association of Real Estate Boards. In addition, she is chairman of a circle of the First Christian Church and chairman of the Hospitality Committee of the Lynn Garden Elementary School P.T.A. Her husband Carl, is a Lineman.



Mrs. McClellan

Mrs. Doris Jane Poe, daughter of J. W. Bolton, meter supervisor, is the new choir director at Ketrone Memorial United Methodist Church. A graduate of East Tennessee State University, she taught music in the Kingsport city school system before "retiring early" to raise a family.

It seems that when people elected to offices do such a tremendous job, they are reassigned to these duties. Such is the case with Mrs. Tommy Dorton. Mrs. Dorton, whose husband is a line foreman, has been re-elected president of the Church Hill Home Demonstration Club.

Pulaski

Diana Love, daughter of R. L. Love, division engineer, was named to the Dean's List at Eastern Carolina University.

Hazel L. Hawkins was honored with a dinner at Blair House by the women of the Pulaski office. Miss Hawkins is moving from Pulaski's accounting department to the Hillsville office. She received a corsage and a gift of silver.

Claud K. Kirkland, division manager, was named chairman of the newly formed Housing Committee for the Pulaski Chamber of Commerce.

Happenings Around The Circuit



The Retired Employees Club of Lynchburg elected officers at its annual meeting recently. Shown here following the luncheon are (from left) John W. Vaughan, division manager; Dr. John T. Hundley, director of the city health department who spoke to the group; R. D. Curtis, president; J. W. McCarthy, secretary, and B. C. Cook, treasurer.

Lynchburg

Kitty G. Arrowood is a new employee in the commercial department. She is a clerk-trainee.

J. H. Haley, customer service representative and co-chairman of Metropolitan Red Cross—First Aid, was on a local radio panel program discussing first aid and safety in industry. The second part of the program was devoted to answering questions from the audience and by telephone.

Charleston

James Helm, 14-year-old son of Fred Helm, division sales manager, was chosen to serve one day as an honorary page for the 59th session of the West Virginia State Legislature. The appointment was made by Ivor F. Boiarsky speaker of the house. Young Helm's duties consisted of carrying messages from the speaker to delegates, vice versa and from delegate to delegate.



James

Mona Sue Charlton, maid, was elected corresponding secretary of Orchard Manor Improvement League. The league is a planning group to plan and implement actions to better the living conditions in and around the Orchard Manor housing project.

Mary Alice Dahmer, daughter of Eugene Dahmer, meterman, was named to Marshall University's Dean's List for the third consecutive semester. A sophomore, she is majoring in business administration.

Receiving diplomas on completion of a four-week Civil Disturbance Course held in the Raleigh County Armory at Beckley were W. C. McMahan, area manager; J. R. McGinnis, area superintendent; J. E. Vines, service foreman, and W. J. Groseclose, Jr., lineman.

New employees are: John L. Hudson, R. L. Chafin, Jr., N. A. Baker, R. J. Haynes and Gary A. Merical, all T&D, Charleston; Lawrence E. Haynes, miscellaneous department, Charleston; Sammie Robinson, Jr., building service; and Gary L. Bird, accounting, Clendenin.

Abingdon

Mrs. Anna Crabtree, home sales representative, Marion, Virginia, was selected for "Personalities of the South in 1968". Mrs. Crabtree is also serving as president of the Radford College Alumnae Association in Smyth County.

E. J. Sanders, Gate City accounting, has been changed from active service to Long Term Disability leave. Mr. Sanders has been off duty for several months due to illness.

Paula Dunn, daughter of Paul Dunn, area development consultant, Abingdon, was elected president of the Abingdon High Science Club.

James Hughes, administrative assistant, has been appointed to serve on the Washington County United Fund Board.

Eleanor W. Honaker, stenographer in the engineering department, was elected to the official board of St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church, Abingdon, Virginia.

Frankie Selfe, wife of Arthur Selfe, Clintwood serviceman, was elected president of the Billie Rader Home Demonstration Club, Clintwood. Gwen Selfe, daughter of Arthur Selfe, was elected to the Student Council of Clintwood high school.

Debbie McClellan, daughter of George McClellan, Clintwood T&D clerk, portrayed Longfellow in a historical play at Clintwood elementary school.

Gary Robinson, son of Dean Robinson, working foreman in Clintwood, won first prize consisting of a trophy and money in the Teenage Rock & Roll Contest held recently at Clintwood high school.

Clinch River

Jimmy Cox was elected internal vice president, and John Jones was elected a director of the newly formed chapter of the St. Paul-Castlewood Jaycees. Both are charter members.

Doug Jones, son of Ruth Jones, won third place in the Boys' Physical Science Division at Lebanon high school. Doug's winning entry was a spinthariscope.

Spencer Foster is a new employee in the labor department.

Sympathy is extended to two employees on the death of their fathers: Harold E. Johnson, helper, and James B. Britt, Jr., master maintenance man.

Glen Lyn

Anna D. Powell, has been chosen by the George Pearis Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for the organization's annual "Good Citizen" award at Narrows high school. She is the daughter of G. T. Powell, switchboard operator at the Glen Lyn plant. The award is based on dependability, leadership, service and patriotism. Anna is a member of the Latin Club, National Honor Society, Library Club, Future Homemakers of America, and Girl's Athletic Association. She is a former Girl Scout and 4-H Club member. She attends the Glen Lyn Christian Church. She plans to attend Radford College.



Anna

Logan-Williamson

C. R. Wilson, Jr., power sales engineer, Logan, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Logan Country Club.

Patricia, daughter of N. P. Cantley, commercial sales representative, Logan, is exchange editor for the 1969 Logan Junior high school newspaper, "Echo". Patricia is also serving as typist for the "Echo".

Sympathy is extended to Edith Williams, maid, on the death of her father-in-law, William L. Williams, Sr.

E. E. King, Williamson area manager, has been named chairman of a committee formed to accomplish a "clean up the city" campaign for Williamson's Diamond Jubilee.

William David Viars is a new employee in the Williamson T&D department.

Madison area employees recently increased their proficiency in first aid by completing the Standard First Aid Course. The 10-hour course consisted of lectures, movies and practical demonstrations. R. D. Blevins, Logan engineering, was the course instructor. Employees completing the course were: Paul Gosney; Bob Goff; Corbett Brumfield; Ralph Bragg; Sam Halstead; A. M. Abshire; Richard Atkins and Glen Ball.

Douglas, son of R. D. Blevins, Engineer B, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Virginia. Douglas is a pre-med major.

Gene Stepp, lead draftsman, and his wife, Martha, recently attended the Board of Directors meeting of the West Virginia Jaycees. The meeting was held in Princeton.

George Mathis, draftsman, was recently named to the program committee of the newly formed Logan County Christian Recreation Association. This new group will assume management of the Logan-Mingo recreation complex, which for many years has served as the chief recreation facility in Logan County. Gene Stepp was named as one of the incorporators of the association.

Logan employees recently elected new credit union officers. George Mathis was named president. Others elected were: C. W. Boughton, vice-president; O. F. Toalston, retired, secretary-treasurer; Paul Adams, and Lester Toler, directors. Elected to the credit committee were: Eleanor Cunningham, Howard Foglesong and Wayne Warren. Those serving on the supervisory committee are M. A. White, chairman, Gene Stepp and Harry Ruloff.

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Pikeville

Sandra Jean Huffman, daughter of R. L. Huffman, R/W agent, engineering department, was one of the cheerleaders for Johns Creek high school. Sandy is a junior this year in high school and is one of the captains of the cheer group. Next year as a senior she will become the head cheerleader captain. Sandy has been a cheerleader at the Johns Creek school through three years of high school, junior high and grade school. Johns Creek participates in football, basketball, baseball and track. Sandy has been on the honor roll all through school and is a leader of school activities.



Sandy

L. J. Horne and Herbert Stapleton, commercial and power sales representatives, and David Lang, distribution, were judges for the Pike County Science Fair.

Linda Lou Huffman, daughter of R. L. Huffman, R/W agent, recently graduated from the Pikeville Beauty School and has passed the state examination to practice cosmetology.

Christy Bartley, daughter of Jerry Bartley, appliance serviceman, placed second in the junior division (biological) at the recent Pike County Science Fair. Christy goes to the Robinson Creek school.

Stephen Collier, son of Freddie Collier, stationman A, placed third in the primary division (biological) at the recent Pike County Science Fair. Stephen goes to the Johns Creek school.

Bill Harris, meter clerk, senior, and his family were the recent winners of a color television in a merchants contest.

General Office

Carolyn Clouser, a 1968 AEP Education Award Winner and the daughter of E. J. Clouser, purchasing and stores director, received several honors recently at the College of William and Mary. She was on the Dean's List for the first semester and was accepted by the Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honorary society for freshman women. Carolyn also was named to the "Orchisis" dance group which has a membership of only 19. It's a high honor to be accepted in the group and membership may be held all four years.



Carolyn

Jess Woolridge returned to work following a three-month absence due to illness. He is a tax accounting assistant, accounting department.

John W. Fore, purchasing and stores assistant, became a grandfather for the first time on March 3. A seven-pound, six ounce girl was born to his son John, Jr. and wife.

New employees are: Ronald W. Looney, Guy L. Ferguson and Michael F. Witt, all T&D station section; Jackie L. Bundy and Helen R. Billings, both T&D transmission section; William O. Hickman, operations; John P. Phipps, hydro; Teresa D. Brantley, accounting, and Robert A. Waid, R/E&R/W.

Sporn

New employees are Charles J. Young and Paul M. Harmon, both janitors; Stanley H. Smith Jr., performance engineer, and Charles E. Cline, chemist.

Educational Assistance: A good deal

Continued education is one of the keys to success in today's world. Employees of our companies realize this, and more and more of them are taking advantage of the Educational Assistance Program.

Through this program the company pays 75 per cent of the costs of an approved course of study. These costs include registration, tuition and laboratory fees.

Last year, 249 Appalachian employees participated in the program. Kingsport had eight and Kentucky five. Kingsport started its program in 1953 and Appalachian and Ken-

tucky started in 1954. Since then, a total of 1,676 employees continued their education through the assistance program. Appalachian leads all AEP System companies with a total of 1,455. Kentucky totals 187 and Kingsport 34.

Appalachian also leads in another category: lowest number of employees among the three largest companies in the System to leave the company after receiving educational assistance. Since the beginning of the program, 65 employees left Appalachian compared with 130 from Ohio Power

Company and 111 from Indiana & Michigan. Kingsport has had only two to leave while Kentucky had only four.

All regular and probationary employees are eligible for educational benefits. Employees eligible for Veterans' Assistance may also be eligible for supplemental assistance under the company plan.

J. Emmett Blackwell, Appalachian training supervisor and whose office administers the education program, summed it up. "In this time when knowledge is doubling every five to seven years, the individual who is content with the "old" di-

ploma may find himself too far behind to provide the talent and leadership that is required in any industry today. Many of our employees have recognized this and are meeting the challenge of the future through continued education. I hope other employees will take advantage of our Educational Assistance Program. This is the kind of money we like to spend."

For complete Educational Assistance Program details, employees should contact their respective personnel departments.



Three employees (top) H. M. Figg and W. D. C.

Clinchers Go To College

When the new Southwest Virginia Community College opened its doors in the fall of 1968 there were 24 Clinch River plant employees waiting to enter.

Twenty-two of these are on the Company Educational Assistance Program and the other two are taking advantage of the GI Bill. Clinchers, who traditionally enjoy the challenge of evening courses for self improvement have literally "gone college."

The courses they are taking are varied and include mechanical technology, chemical technology, communicative skills, shorthand, business administration, English composition, higher mathematics, welding and metallurgy.

They study to learn, to do, to earn credits for degrees and progress in their field.



George E. Munsey, chemist assistant, is enrolled in a two-year chemical technology course.



Sandra Arrington, personnel clerk, is taking a nine-hour English composition course.



Jessee Hackney, i man, is enrolled in



Five Clinchers listen intently in class. From left: Bob Parks, Gene Lester, (behind Parks) Jess Hackney, Lloyd McFarland and Ed Carr.



Jimmy R. Cox, time clerk, is studying business administration.



Alfred Lambert, junior maintenance man, is increasing his knowledge of welding and metallurgy.



Lloyd McFarland, maintenance man, is working toward an associate degree in mechanical technology.



Ruth Jo clerk, is shorthand

Lynchburg Employees Hit The Books



(bottom) J. R. Dorman, crews pause on college steps.

Eight Lynchburg division employees are enrolled in the Educational Assistance Program. One is an "old timer", George R. Gillette, who is a meter reader in the accounting department. He has spent 1½ years in a 2¾-year course, taking drafting at E. C. Glass high school



G. R. Gillette at work.

"This is a 'top notch' program. It is a wonderful thing for employees like me. I could not take the course without assistance. I am studying general mechanical drawing and plan to 'branch off' into the mapping section and architectural drawing, after finishing this course. I am planning to go to school three nights a week and get my high school diploma."

John K. May, accounts representative, has been employed approximately one year and was quick to see the advantages of the program. He has enrolled in speech communication at the Central Virginia Community College. "I selected this course because I believe it will be very beneficial to me in talking with customers. The course also teaches me to properly conduct meetings and how to converse clearly and simply with people. I am enthusiastic about my class. It is small and keeps you busy and always on your toes, because you are always being called on to participate. Later on, I plan to study psychology and other courses which will eventually lead to a business management associate degree."

Another Community College student is Thomas R. Burley, engineering aide, who is studying engineering technical math. Burley has been enrolled for the past two years and will complete the course in another 2½ years. He attends class two nights a week, 2½ hours a night. At the end of the course he will receive a certificate in engineering.

"Every person, particularly a married man should use every available means to improve himself. Without the financial aid of the company, I could not possibly attend school. My course is costing me very little money."

Kenneth T. Triplett, engineering aide, has been taking classes at Lynchburg College for the past three years. "Education is one thing which cannot be taken away from you. At the present time my chief ambition is to receive an AB degree. I have taken

courses in English, geography, sociology, and history. During my first year in school I used the Educational Assistance plan. I became eligible for the G. I. Bill program and will be until 1972, so I switched from the company program to the government program. At the present time I am studying religion; the fall semester, the Old Testament; this semester, the New Testament. All the subjects I have taken, and plan to study in the future, will put me closer to my degree.

When Triplett was asked what would be his plans after he received his AB degree, he smiled and said, "After an AB degree comes my masters."

There are three employees attending Lynchburg College, enrolled in the same courses, "Effective Written Communication" and "Economic Environment of Business." They are W. David Crews, personnel supervisor; H. M. Figg, commercial sales representative, and J. R. Dorman, engineer.

Crews stated, "The Educational Assistance Program provides an incentive for me to continue my education. Through financial assistance, I am encouraged to enroll in job-related courses of study. This enables me to better equip myself for the more effective performance of my job. The Educational Assistance Program is still another advantage of being an employee of Appalachian Power."

Figg stated, "Ever since I got out of service, I have been involved in something. Since 1965 I have completed seven different courses. After two years, when I complete this course, I plan to study something else. For the past five years, I have been attending one night a week at VMI. I will complete this course this April."

"Our company has an excellent plan. Everyone can use additional training and information. This increases the employee's efficiency and he can be of greater value to the company."

J. R. Dorman has been taking courses for several years under the program. He started out with the University of Virginia Extension Service, studying math, which included calculus and differential equations. He also has completed a course in surveying.

In speaking of the company's program, Dorman stated, "It is a fine gesture on



K. T. Triplett researching.



M. E. Dickerson concentrates.

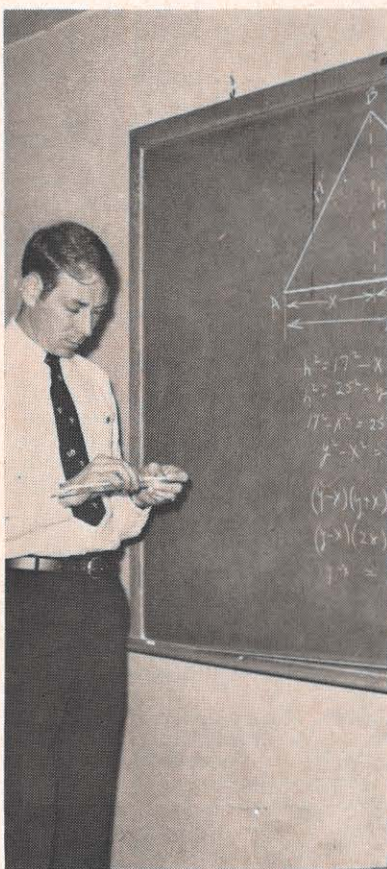


John May in Speech Class.

the part of the company to enable an employee to better himself."

M. E. Dickerson has been with the Appalachian for approximately a year and is employed as a Tracer. He is enrolled in the drafting class, which is being taught at E. C. Glass high school. At present, Dickerson is studying the "Basics in Drafting" which will eventually lead into architectural design.

Dickerson stated, "The company's Educational Assistance Program is a good plan. It gives each employee a chance to better himself, provided the employee his ambition and wishes to advance in the company. Anything which adds to knowledge is beneficial."



Tom Burley completes problem.



Instrument maintenance in a welding class.



Senior time sharpening her skills.

Happenings Around The Circuit

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Roanoke

Jimmy Crouch, retiree, recently received honorary lifetime memberships to the Virginia Press Photographers and Virginia Press Association.

Shelba J. Murphy was on the Dean's List at Hampton Institute with a three-point quality record. A senior, she is the daughter of Henry Murphy, division garage attendant.



Shelba

J. M. Burnett, commercial manager, was elected a director of the Roanoke Rotary Club and the Roanoke Better Business Bureau. The first is for a two-year term and the latter for three years.

Recent visitors were retired employees J. G. Harvey, James M. Brown, J. W. Lawrence, L. A. Fulcher and A. J. Good.

J. C. Shelton, C. E. Prather and Beatrice Eakin have returned to work after extended illnesses.

Roby Thomas, 15-year-old son of J. W. Thomas Jr., heating and builder sales representative, was elected treasurer of the Northside High School Key Club. He is one of only two sophomores in the club.

W. H. Hart, senior engineer, was an instructor in the lineman-C training school at Huntington last month. The following Roanoke linemen attended: B. A. Smith, R. W. English, N. C. Tester, R. D. Pilon, R. W. Dillon and C. E. Robinson.

Sympathy is extended to Dale Fisher, meter service helper, on the recent death of his mother.

J. R. Davenport, administrative assistant, was elected a director of Downtown Roanoke.

Dunbar Hill, janitor, received a letter of congratulations from Clinton Slusher, former Roanoke County supervisor, on the fine appearance of Mr. Hill's Scout troop in the Klondike Derby at Salem. Mr. Hill is scoutmaster at Salem, where he also serves on the Official Advisory Board of the city's recreation department.

Wayne T. Pugh, engineer-B in division T&D department, is taking a military leave of absence, effective February 15.

New employees are Ralph E. Enslay and Charles E. Stull, both linemen helpers T&D department, and Delores C. Jayne, clerk-stenographer, new Danville office.

Fieldale

J. B. Bell, groundman, received a pin for donating one gallon of blood.

D. G. Merriman, station foreman, has just celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary.

Claude Reynolds, power sales engineer, has returned to work after four weeks active duty with the Marine Corps Reserve.

Mrs. Linda Tyson, customer accounts representative C., has received the Employee Prospecting Merit Certificate Award for recognition of outstanding, successful prospecting results for home heating. Linda had 26 successful prospects.

Charlie Bill Kahle, son of W. H. Kahle area serviceman in Danville, was on the honor roll at Robert E. Lee junior high school in Danville.

Patricia Wilkerson, daughter of Elaine Williams, T&D clerk, was on the honor roll at Fieldale-Collinsville high school, in Collinsville.

Coy L. Campbell, part time PBX Operator, has retired.

Bluefield

Curtis I. Taylor, ninth grade student at Welch Junior high school and the son of Charles I. Taylor, Welch area serviceman, was recently inducted into the Junior High National Honor Society. Don White, senior at Welch high school, was inducted into the Senior High National Honor Society. Don is the son of H. S. White, line foreman.

Sympathy is extended to Paul Rose, lead draftsman, on the death of his sister, and to McKinley Cornett, engineering supervisor, on the death of his sister.

Dorothy Lawless, secretarial stenographer at Welch, was recently installed as Mother Advisor of Northfork Assembly No. 33 Order of Rainbow for Girls. This is her fourth consecutive term.

Diane Fanning, wife of E. E. Fanning, building supervisor, was elected Worthy Matron of Bluefield Chapter No. 102 Order of Eastern Star. Mr. Fanning was elected to the administrative board of the First United Methodist Church of Bluefield.

The Girls' Service Club entertained Martha Mays, clerk-stenographer, who has transferred to the general office station department in Roanoke, with a luncheon at the Brier Restaurant.

Virginia Ann Adams, daughter of O. W. Adams, Welch area manager, has been named house counselor of McLaurin at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

New employees are: Spencer L. Oxford, auto repairman helper in Welch; Carl Barger, part-time janitor in Princeton; Ronald K. McLaughlin, lineman helper in the Pineville crew, and Clyde R. Harris, engineering aide in division T&D.

Lois K. Rounion, secretarial stenographer, and Helen Sue Spangler Tyree, retired personnel employee, were re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Bluefield Community Concert Association.

Sympathy is extended to M. M. Yost, senior foreman, on the death of his mother.

W. B. Belchee, sales manager, has been re-elected to a second term as chairman of the Official Board of Trinity United Methodist Church in Bluefield. He has also been appointed to the City of Bluefield Citizen's Advisory Board for Urban Renewal and appointed treasurer of Bluefield Center of Shopping and Services.

Peggy Welch, wife of Clyde Welch, Jr., head T&D clerk, has been re-elected treasurer of the Newcomers Club in Bluefield.

Helen P. Vermillion, PBX Operator, was elected president of the Bluefield Civic League. Ruth Nunnery, wife of O. R. Nunnery, meterman A, was elected recording secretary. Mrs. Vermillion and Jane Meadows, wife of Howard S. Meadows, senior electrical engineer, were to attend, as delegates from the Bluefield Civic League, the 63rd Annual Convention of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs March 27-29 at the Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. Morriss M. Yost, wife of Morris M. Yost, senior foreman, has been named treasurer of the Cumberland Garden Club in Bluefield for the new club year.

Nursed Eisenhower

Second Lt. Melinda A. Tibbs of the U. S. Army Nurses Corps and the daughter of R. A. Tibbs, Lynchburg commercial sales representative, was one of the nurses attending Dwight D. Eisenhower during the late former president's recent illness at Walter Reed Hospital.

On the honor roll at Bramwell high school for the fourth six weeks were Patricia Cornett, eleventh grade, daughter of McKinley Cornett, engineering supervisor, and Lois Ann Dudash, ninth grade, daughter of Steve Dudash, station foreman at Switchback Station.

Huntington

Bonnie Hervey, daughter of George Hervey, division manager, was runner-up for West Virginia University's Best Dressed Coed in the Glamour Style Show. Sponsored by Delta Delta Delta sorority, of which she is social chairman and next year will be president, Bonnie was one of 150 coeds entering the competition. The contest is sponsored annually by a national magazine. She is a junior majoring in retailing and is advertising manager of the *Mountaineer Spirit* campus magazine, treasurer of the WVU women's drill team and is active in several other groups on campus.



Bonnie

Paul R. Baker, power sales engineer at Point Pleasant, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Hidden Valley Country Club. W. C. Gilmour, administrative assistant at Point Pleasant, was elected secretary and treasurer of the Pat Wilson Shrine Club.

Hugh Stillman, retired division manager, was elected secretary of the Board of Directors of the Marshall University Foundation. Sympathy is extended to C. W. Jewell, area serviceman at Point Pleasant, on the death of his father, Jesse Jewell.

Ashland

The 1969 Easter Seal Campaign will receive an able assist from Kentucky Power Company employees again this year. Along with Boyd County chairman Rodney Lyons, division commercial department, other leaders of the drive are Mrs. C. C. Darrah, wife of C. C. Darrah, executive assistant, and R. W. Schweitzer, division commercial department.

There is one Army badge that front-line soldiers wear proudly, the Combat Infantryman Badge. It was awarded to PFC Jonathan Pigg in Vietnam. Pvt. Pigg is the son of Joe Pigg, residential heating salesman in the division commercial department. He is assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry of the 1st Cavalry Division as a machine gunner. The CIB has been awarded since late in World War II for sustained ground contact against an enemy. In honor of its singular meaning, the badge is worn above all other awards and decorations, over the left breast. It is a blue rectangle with a silver rifle mounted on it superimposed over a curved wreath.

Susan Smith is a new employee in the division accounting department. She is married and resides in Ashland.

Dave Criswell was elected sergeant-of-arms of the Grayson Rotary Club. He has been active in the club for 20 years and has held several offices.

Hazard

Lois Fugate, daughter of Woodrow Fugate, engineering aide, received the DAR Good Citizen Award for 1969 at Hazard high school. The award is presented to the senior girl the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. She now is eligible for state and national honors based on a questionnaire sent to the state DAR. She is president of the school's Beta Club and a feature member of the newspaper staff. She also works on the school's yearbook.

New employees are Carlson Lewis, Ted Asher and Henry Smith, all T&D, and Phenon Montgomery.

Sympathy is extended to retired employee Grayson Vanover on the death of his wife, Myrtle; to Stanley Slone on the death of his father, and to Isom Sergeant on the death of his father-in-law.

George O. Watkins, Of Charleston, Looking Forward To Retirement

George O. Watkins, Charleston division janitor, retired March 1 after 27 years of accident-free service.

He plans to devote more time during retirement to his favorite activities. These include continuing his active role in his lodge and working toward higher offices. He also hopes to complete the assembly of a stereo outfit which he built in his spare time. An avid fisherman, Mr. Watkins plans to make good use of one of his retirement gifts, a spinning rod and reel.

He and his wife, Norvelle, reside at 452½ Sentz Street, Charleston, and are the parents of two sons and a daughter. They have 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The Watkins are planning to travel to California and Cleveland, Ohio, to visit their children.

A native of Huntington, Mr. Watkins joined Appalachian in 1942 as a janitor at 301 Virginia Street. He later was transferred to the North Charleston Service Center.

Before joining the company, he was employed in the Charleston area as an ice man by the old Diamond Ice and Coal Company. Looking back to those days, he recalled that they delivered ice door-to-door in a mule-driven wagon. "The kids would run behind the wagon for blocks asking



Mr. Watkins

for a chip of ice—which was quite a treat, but a far cry from modern children's wants."

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins plan to continue making their residence in Charleston.

Richard H. Ruff Wins Bluefield Salesman Award

Richard H. (Dick) Ruff was one of 13 salesmen receiving the Top Salesman Award of the Bluefield Sales Executives Club last month. The award is based on all-around performance by the salesman during the previous year, in all fields of sales.

W. J. Gillespie, Jr., division manager, presented the award for outstanding achievement in Industrial Sales for 1968.

Mr. Ruff was born in Scarbro, West Virginia, where he received his early education, and was graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1933 with a BS Degree in Civil Engineering.

He is a power sales engineer at Welch. In this capacity he contracts large commercial, industrial, and coal mine customers of Appalachian in McDowell and Wyoming counties of West Virginia and Buchanan County, Virginia. He joined Appalachian on March 1, 1938 and has held several positions, including rural solicitor, senior engineer, civil engineer, distribution engineer, and electrical engineer.



Mr. Ruff

New Officers

The Kilo-ettes of Kentucky Power in Ashland elected new officers to plan and organize the coming year's social and charitable activities for the girls' club. The officers, pictured above, are: (seated left to right) Barbara Sue Rice, president; Palma Harrison, secretary; (standing left to right) Jetta Wright, vice president; and Shirley Moore, treasurer.

Filbert Myers

Succumbs At 81

Filbert "Fred" Myers, retired

Logan plant employee, died February 18 at Wilkesboro, North Carolina. He was 81. He started to work at the plant in 1923 and worked in several capacities. He retired in July, 1952. A native of North Carolina, he returned there after retirement. He is survived by his widow and two daughters.



Mr. Myers

Felix E. Porter Named Foreman

Felix E. Porter, Charleston line-man, has been promoted to line foreman in the T&D department.

Mr. Porter joined the company in 1953 as a station man helper at Charleston. He later served in several lineman classifications. He served in the Army from 1953 to 1955 and was discharged as a corporal. He and his wife, Bonny, are the parents of two daughters and a son. They reside at 5237 Sunvalley Drive.



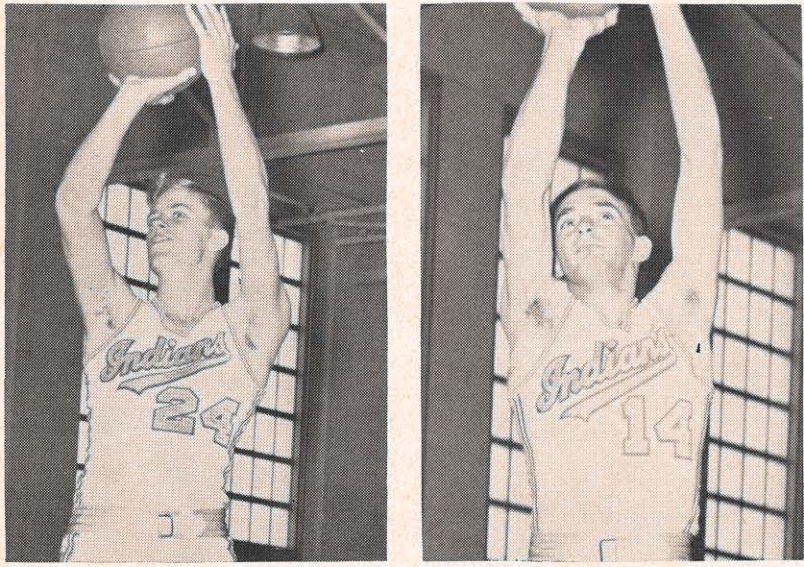
Mr. Porter

C. E. Shepherd, 86, Taken By Death

Charlie E. Shepherd, retired service foreman in the Austin area of the Pulaski division, died March 15 in a Pulaski hospital. He was 86.

Mr. Shepherd retired January 1, 1948, with 31 years of service. He joined the company at the Byllesby hydro in 1916. He is survived by his widow, seven sons, four daughters and five sisters. Two of his sons, Charles, line foreman at Hillsville, and Bolen, area serviceman at Galax, are company employees.

Burial was in Sunset Memorial Park, Rural Retreat.



Pair Paced Championship

Stan Ferrell (left) and Charlie Artrip were two big reasons why Cleveland high school's Indians won the Russell County high school cage championship, the District VII crown and advanced to the state Group II finals in Blacksburg. The Indians finished with a 22-2 record. Stan is the son of B. C. Ferrell Jr., master maintenance man at Clinch River plant and Charlie is the son of Mrs. Russell Artrip, who operates the plant cafeteria and a brother of Robert Parks, maintenance man.

Familiar Faces In New Places

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon Division

TIVIS M. WRIGHT, JR., from lineman c to lineman b.

Huntington Division

LEONARD SMITH from office messenger, miscellaneous, to meter reader, accounting. T. J. GORDON from janitor, building services, to lineman helper, T&D.

Logan-Williamson Division

OKEY A. TAYLOR from groundman to truck driver-groundman. ROBERT L. BELL from lineman b to lineman a. RUFUS MEADE, JR., from lineman a to line foreman. JIMMY R. MCCOWN from stationman c to stationman b. HAROLD AKERS from meter serviceman b to meter serviceman a.

Lynchburg Division

G. T. BROOKS from lineman c to lineman b.

Roanoke Division

H. MILES SMYTHERS from commercial sales engineer to power sales engineer. J. R. DAVENPORT from area development consultant, GO area development, to division administrative managerial department. JACK M. CUMMINGS from cashier to customer accounts representative. FRANKLIN R. PILSON from lineman helper to lineman.

Clinch River Plant

THOMAS W. YATES from utility man, labor-janitor, to results helper, results department. ROGER C. MEADE from utility man, labor-janitor, to helper, maintenance department.

Philip Sporn Plant

FRANK N. REYNOLDS from utility man b to utility man a. LEWIS R. GILLAND from auxiliary equipment operator to equipment operator. GLENN L. JOHNSON from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator. OLIN D. BOOTH from utility man, utility, to results helper, results department.

General Office

JOSEPH F. WHITEHEAD from utility helper, operations, to station operator. PHILIP R. RICHARDSON from accounting clerk to general bookkeeper. HELEN L. THOMPSON from stores accounting clerk to stores accounting clerk senior. CLARA J. ARMSTRONG from payroll clerk to payroll accounting assistant. MARTHA R. MAYS from clerk-stenographer, Bluefield T&D, to clerk-stenographer, Roanoke T&D. W. H. SHRADER from regional chief operator, operations, to regional dispatcher. CHARLES D. ROSS from right of way maintenance engineer, T&D, to senior right of way maintenance engineer. LEWIS D. PRICE from draftsman, R/E & R/W, to right of way agent. HARRY L. CHAMBERS from material expeditor, purchasing, to purchasing assistant. CALVIN C. SISSON from station operator, operations, to operations analyst.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland Division

JAMES HUTCHINSON, JR., from T&D man to lineman. CAROLINE MILLER from PBX operator to clerk-stenographer.

Pikeville Division

VICTOR COLEMAN from heat pump installation coordinator to heating sales representative. RONALD DEAN WHITT from T&D man to lineman.

Early Bird Catches Fish In Private Spot

Chuck Hudnall, Kanawha River plant equipment operator, believes the early fisherman catches the fish. This string of white bass shows why. Chuck's "secret fishing hole" isn't really secret. It's just below the Kanawha plant where the circulating water is discharged into the Kanawha River. He caught the fish in about two hours time with the thermometer reading 40 degrees.



Finals Rolled At Huntington

14 Teams Vie For Company Bowling Titles

Fourteen teams, eleven men and three women, converged on Colonial Lanes at Huntington on March 29 for the final round of Appalachian's Fourth Annual Bowling Tournament.

The top teams qualified for the finals in area roll-offs at Charleston, Huntington, Bluefield and Roanoke. A pictorial report of the finals will appear in next month's ILLUMINATOR.

Tip's Gang No. 2 from Bluefield won the men's division and the Reddi-Cats from Charleston took the women's title in the company-wide bowling tournament at Huntington.

Competing in the Huntington finals were the following employees:

Area One winners: Huntington teams No. 6 and No. 3. Members of the No. 6 team were: Ed Yeager, John Russell, Herb Davis, Mark Lynch and Jim Nisbet. No. 3 team members were: Ted McComas, Mack Terry, Lawson Bailey, Bill Locke and Russell Wise.

Area Three winners: Kingsport and Tip's Gang No. 2. Kingsport members were: Wilson Trumbo, Jim Arnold, Emory Fugate, J. G. Rayfield and Richard Long. Tip's Gang: Tip Fletcher, Tom Henly, Lacy Wallace, Lloyd Lee and Howard Meadows.

Area Four winners: Blue Ridge Development No. 1 and general office engineers with 3067. Blue Ridge members: Price Dotson, J. C. Barton, Curtis Roberson, M. M. Mullins and J. K. Wright. Engineers: George Skaggs, Jay Johnson, Mel Creedle, Ted Carrol and Don Buckingham.

Area Two winners: Pin Busters, Logan; Head Pinners, Megawatt; Woody Woodpeckers, Megawatt. Pin Buster members: Harold Jimison, Charlie Simmons, Paul Adams, Howard Collins and Dick Shepherd. Head Pinners: Ronald Surbaugh, Bob White, Randy Workman, Bill Massey and Kenneth Winter. Woody Woodpeckers: Jesse McClain, Basil Hundnall, Harold Jackson, Ray Rader and Hurston Webb.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

North Area winners: Reddi-Cats, Charleston, and Reddi-Watts, Megawatt. Reddi-Cats members: Pat Cummings, Eldivia Gullian, Corintha Hawkins, Barbara Markham and Elaine Rogers. Reddi-Watts: Margaret Fields, Perk Payne, Reba Mooney, Madge Walker and Nellie Williams.

South Area winners: Bluefield No. 2. Members: Arminta McCall, Hazel Glover, Belle Testerman, Pauline Hawley and Gail Davidson.

Kingsport Man In Rifle Finals

Bobby J. Stewart, Kingsport meterman and a staff sergeant in the Marine Reserves, is the team captain of the 4th General Supply Maintenance Company Rifle Team.

Competing in indoor galley rifle matches, his team won its league division match in January at Greensboro, North Carolina. This win advanced the team to the district match in February at Atlanta, Georgia. Bob and his team took top honors there and won a berth in the national match at Quantico, Virginia, on April 19.

Two Logan Bowlers On Winning Team

Two Logan employees, Frank Queen, head T&D clerk, and Paul Adams, station foreman, were members of the winning team in the Logan City Bowling Tournament.

Frank finished third in the all-events actual competition.



D Shift team members are (from left) Jim Bennett, Bob Couch, Willis Dudding, Delbert Murray and Dorwin Clark.

D Shift Team Takes Top Honors In Sporn Plant's Bowling League

The D shift team won the Philip Sporn plant Bowling League by 24 games. The team is made up of Jim Bennett, Bob Couch, Willis Dudding, Delbert Murray and Dorwin Clark.

Standings at the end of the season were:

	Won	Lost
D Shift	116	44
Trippers	92	68
Rejects	90	70
C Shift	90	70
King Pins	64	88
A Shift	20	132

Ashland Boxer Takes GG Title

Rod Viars captured the middleweight championship of the eighth annual FOP Regional Golden Gloves held recently at the Memorial Field House, Huntington.

This win earned Rod a trip to the nationals at Kansas City. Last year, he placed second in the middleweight division of Ohio's regional competition. Rod is the brother of Ned Viars, engineer in Kentucky Power's Ashland division engineering department.

Russell County Cager Honored

Steven "Hank" Mamoran, son of Clinch River plant's Edward Mamoran, maintenance man, was named to the All-Star Russell County eighth grade team. Hank, a sparkplug guard for Lebanon elementary, played stellar ball in the post season tournament. He scored 19 points in two tourney games. He also has won all-star honors for two years as a Little Leaguer.



Hank



Future Stars

Rod Butler (left) 12, and John "Bart" Bartholomew, 13, were picked from a field of 300 boys to represent the Huntington YMCA in the Buddy Basketball League. Rod and Bart are the sons of Jack Butler and John Bartholomew, general servicemen at Huntington. Bart was the team's leading scorer with 214 points.



Ricky

Diana

Loganites Coaching Cage, Bowling Winners

Bob Mixon, Logan lineman, coached the winning entry in the Logan Buddy Basketball League. His team lost only one game during the season. For his efforts, he was named coach of the league's all-star team.

Another employee, Harold "Trigger" Jimison, meter serviceman, is coaching the league leading Episcopal bowling team in the Logan Church League.

Ricky and Diana Fisher, children of Kermit Fisher, Charleston division station engineer, came home from the South Charleston Biddy Basketball League tournament with trophies.

Ricky was a member of the Staunton elementary team which won second place in a six-team league. Ricky, 11 is in the fifth grade and played guard.

Diana, a cheerleader for Staunton, received her trophy after her cheerleading squad won first place in that competition. Diana is 12.

Service Anniversaries Observed

25 Years



Myrtle Lawhorn
Charleston

20 Years



H. W. Cox
Abingdon



E. L. Rasnake
Abingdon



D. C. Landreth
Abingdon



Freda Miller
Charleston



R. H. Hively
Executive



W. B. Fulcher
GO Accounting



A. W. Bonds
GO Accounting



D. J. Hill
Roanoke



A. D. Janosko
GO Civil Engr.



W. B. Langford
Huntington



Lee Compton
Williamson



C. R. L. Brown
Roanoke



Catherine B. Swain
Roanoke



Clyde Watkins
Ashland



R. L. Mills
Roanoke

Five Kentucky, Appalachian Veterans Receive Pins Representing 180 Years



Mr. Campbell



Mr. Brown



Mr. Davis



Mr. Marshall

A Kentucky Power employee, one from Appalachian's general office and three plant men received long-term service pins last month. The five represent 180 years of service.

Heading the list was Frank Huffman, Ashland division, with 40 years. Receiving 35-year pins were C. H. Campbell, general office; Leonard Brown, Cabin Creek plant; Harry A. Davis, Philip Sporn plant; and L. R. Marshall, Clinch River plant.



Mr. Huffman

Mr. Huffman spent all of his 40-year service with Kentucky at Ashland in meter and service work. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and is active in the Masons. One of his three sons, Daniel, was an AEP Edu-

cational Award recipient in 1963.

A native of Chesapeake, Ohio, Mr. Campbell joined Appalachian in the Huntington billing office in 1934. After several promotions he left as assistant billing supervisor in 1951 when customer billing was converted to data processing. He was transferred to the customer accounting division of the general office accounting department at Roanoke. He served as head-file maintenance section before being named office services assistant, general office accounting, in 1968.

Mr. Brown is a 35-year veteran at Clinch River, starting there in 1934 as a maintenance man. He became turbine operator-A in 1944. He and his wife Raymah have one daughter and reside at Victor, West Virginia.

Mr. Davis started at the Windsor plant in 1934 and moved to Sporn plant in 1949 as a unit foreman. He later served as assistant shift engineer and in 1966 was promoted to shift operating engineer.

Mr. Marshall joined the company at Cabin Creek where he served in various maintenance classifications. He transferred to Clinch River in 1958 as master maintenance man and was named maintenance foreman in 1968. He is considered an expert in high pressure welding and boiler maintenance.

Baxter McIntosh, Lynchburg, Dies

Baxter McIntosh, retired Lynchburg meter department supervisor, died February 24 after an extended illness.

Mr. McIntosh retired in April, 1962, after 40 years of service. He joined the company in West Virginia in the old Sprigg district in 1922 and moved to Lynchburg in 1926. He was a graduate of Virginia Tech. He is survived by his widow, and a son.



Mr. McIntosh



Appalachian Power Company

ABINGDON DIVISION—20 YEARS: H. W. COX, T&D clerk. E. L. RASNAKE, groundman. D. C. LANDRETH, line inspector.

BLUEFIELD DIVISION—10 YEARS: TRUBIE PAUL DALTON, auto repairman.

CHARLESTON DIVISION—25 YEARS: MYRTLE LAWHORN, PBX operator. 20 YEARS: FRED A. MILLER, clerk-typist.

GENERAL OFFICE—35 YEARS: CHESTER H. CAMPBELL, office services assistant. 20 YEARS: R. H. HIVELY, director of tariffs, rates and contracts. WILLIAM B. FULCHER, retirement cost clerk. ARTHUR W. BONDS, messenger. ANDREW D. JANOSKO, civil engineer. 15 YEARS: J. B. BERG, accounting manager. WALTER F. COCHRAN, transmission man. 5 YEARS: JUDY M. ABSHER, data processing operator.

HUNTINGTON DIVISION—20 YEARS: W. D. LANGFORD, area serviceman.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON DIVISION—20 YEARS: LEE COMPTON, groundman.

LYNCHBURG—5 YEARS: NOWLIN O. MADDOX, meter serviceman.

ROANOKE DIVISION—20 YEARS: C. R. L. BROWN, truck driver-groundman. D. J. HILL, janitor. CATHERINE B. SWAIN, clerk-trainee. R. L. MILLS, power sales engineer. 10 YEARS: R. B. KILGORE, station supervisor.

CABIN CREEK PLANT—35 YEARS: LEONARD BROWN, turbine operator. 15 YEARS: WALTER A. REESE, plant janitor.

CLINCH RIVER PLANT—35 YEARS: LESTER R. MARSHALL, maintenance foreman.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—35 YEARS: HARRY A. DAVIS, shift operating engineer.

Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DIVISION—40 YEARS: FRANK HUFFMAN, serviceman. 20 YEARS: CLYDE WATKINS, material clerk.

HAZARD DIVISION—25 YEARS: FARRIS ERWIN, working foreman.

PIKEVILLE DIVISION—20 YEARS: MARVIN B. SWORD, engineering aide.

Crabtree Wins Blue Ridge "Speak Up"

Pulaski Man Gets Things Done

David H. Crabtree, Pulaski division agriculture sales engineer, has been a busy man since he joined the company last June after graduation from Virginia Tech.

Active in Jaycee work, he recently won three of the organization's top awards.

He received the local group's SPOKE award after three months as a member. It is usually given for achievements during the first year of membership.

Next he entered in the Regional 9 Speak Up contest and he prepared a talk titled "Why I Wanted to Become a Jaycee." Region 9 is composed of Jaycees from Wytheville, Pulaski, Radford, Pearisburg, Narrows, Christiansburg and Blacksburg.

The speaker immediately preceding Crabtree was from Narrows and he spoke against Appalachian's proposed Blue Ridge Hydro-Electric and Pumped Storage project on the New River. Crabtree junked his prepared speech and took off on the merits of the project. He won the Speak Up contest.

He has been named Jaycee of the Month and during the statewide project of selling jelly to assist mental retardation programs, he was one of five team captains—top captain, of course.

A member of the First United Methodist Church, he coached the church's senior division (ages 15-19) team in the YMCA Church



Mr. Crabtree

League. His team won the tournament.

In a recent drive for funds to build a new YMCA, his team secured more than 250 per cent of its quota.

While he is occupied with all these things, his wife is busy working with the Junior Women's Club, Jaycettes and taking care of their one-year-old son, Michael.

Clincher Repeats With 'Ideas' Item

Clinch River plant's L. H. McDonald authored an article in the March issue of AEP'S "Operating Ideas". It was the maintenance foreman's second contribution of the year to be published in the magazine.



Mr. McDonald

Mr. McDonald's latest item was titled "Molds New Ignitor Cones For Coal Thawing," and explained how a substantial amount of money was saved by fabricating superior parts for less than the manufacturers' prices. The burner ignitor cones are used in the oil-fired thawing pits for coal received by rail.

M. X. Yonts, 59, Dies At Hazard

M. X. Yonts, engineering aide in Kentucky Power's Hazard division, died February 13 in a local hospital. He was 59.

A native of Deane, Kentucky, he joined the company at Hazard in 1938 after graduation from Kansas State University. He also attended Morehead State. He held several positions in the T&D and meter departments. Well-known in the Hazard area, he was moderator of two churches. He is survived by his widow, two daughters and one son.



Mr. Yonts

Harry Chambers Takes New Post

Harry L. Chambers has been promoted to purchasing assistant in Appalachian's general office purchasing and stores department. The move was effective March 1.

He rises from the position of material expediter-stock controller. Mr. Chambers joined the company in 1948 at Point Pleasant as a clerk-typist in the storeroom. In 1960 he was promoted to head material clerk and in 1965 came to Roanoke as a purchasing clerk senior. His next move came in 1966.

He is married and the father of two children. An active member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, he also belongs to the Masonic Blue Lodge and York Rite Bodies.



Mr. Chambers

Turtle Club

Another Huntington division employee joined the Turtle Club recently. Ed Yeager, electrical engineer, holds the 16-ounce, 12-inch screw driver which fell 25 feet and hit his hard hat. Without the hat, chances are Yeager wouldn't be smiling in this picture.





Safety Award Presented

P. T. Schneider, Cabin Creek plant manager (left), accepts the 1968 American Electric Power System Outstanding Safety Performance Award from Donald C. Cook, president of AEP and of our companies. This was the third consecutive year Cabin Creek plant employees received the President's Award which goes to the top plant in the AEP System.

Clendenin Man Makes A Point

Green Thumb Plus Electric Heat Equals Beautiful Plants

The Clendenin branch of the Charleston division, has a man with a very green thumb. Major Elmore, area serviceman in Clendenin has long been known for his ability to grow flowers and plants. This year he is sharing his ability with Appalachian and its customers.

Early in the year before cold weather set in, Major decided that several of his more prized plants needed to spend the winter in an atmosphere with accurately controlled heat. The lobby of the electrically heated Clendenin office offered just such a place. As the winter grew old the first few plants mushroomed into a full compliment of various begonias, philadendron, Poinsettia, and rubber plants. The beautiful flowers and vines provide the office lobby with an attractive, living display.

As for the reaction of the customers, Major commented that, "I only wish I could give a starter twig to each of the people who ask, but I would have to grow several thousand more plants in order to replenish the supply. Also the outstanding growth of each plant is a very good selling point for the total electric living idea."

"People come in and see the vigorous health of the plants and always ask what kind of food I give them or what my secret is. Naturally I tell them about the



Elmore and Electric Living Plants

advantage of total electric living, with the constant comfortable temperatures that are so important for proper growth. Of course proper care and feeding are essential but the electric heat is a very important factor."

Major Elmore does not limit his gardening to the potted variety, at home he grows Roses, Magnolias, Gladiolas, and White Ash to name but a few. He has pursued this hobby of his for the last ten years. Asked what started him along the road to becoming a horticulture

Employee's Son Selected For Tour

A Little Kingsport Jazz Going To Europe

A little bit of Kingsport jazz will be included in with some from other states this summer when a group of high school and college students make a 32-day musical swing of Europe.

Jimmy Warrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Warrick, the sophomore first drummer in the Doby-Bennett high school band, will be a member of the group. His father is an auto repairman.

The young musicians are the All-Student Groups, U.S.A. Band, which has some 110 instrumentalists and a chorus of 30, all sponsored by the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music, Winchester, Virginia.

It is under the direction of Paul B. Noble, Jr., conservatory band director, who first got the idea for a student musical tour of Europe after he had taken his high school band there in 1962.

Being selected to go with the group, either as a member of the concert band or as a member of the jazz band, is considered quite an honor by students.



Jimmy

Jimmy, one of five drummers selected, will play with both bands. He almost didn't get to go though, because of age limits. Band members must be between 16 and 22. Luckily, Jimmy will be 16 a month before the trip starts June 12.

The tour itinerary calls for 16 or 17 concerts in Scotland, England, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Monaco, and France. Last year the group gave a performance before Princess Grace of Monaco.

Jimmy's name was submitted to Noble by Kevin Cox (Kingsport boy who went with the group to Europe last year), and an invitation for Jimmy to audition was sent by the conservatory. Jim sent a tape just before Christmas. Soon, a message came back—he had been accepted for the concert band.

And then, another request came from Winchester—they wanted a tape of jazz drumming. One was sent and in February another message was sent to Jimmy. He had been accepted for the jazz group, too.

Activities prior to the trip will be full. For four days, each ensemble will rehearse six hours daily at Winchester, and there'll be an additional two hours of meetings daily.

"It'll be worth it," said Jimmy.

Ernest Comer, Glen Lyn, Dies

Ernest W. Comer, retired Glen Lyn plant employee, died February 7 in a Bluefield hospital. He joined the company in 1936 and served in several capacities at the plant before retiring as an equipment operator in 1962. He is survived by his widow, six sisters and seven brothers. Two brothers, Roy and Barton, are Glen Lyn employees. Roy is a maintenance foreman and Barton is a maintenance man.



Mr. Comer

Scherer, Horowitz, Kunzmann Named To New Engineer Posts In New York

Harold N. Scherer, Jr. has been appointed chief electrical engineer of the American Electric Power Service Corporation. He had been assistant chief electrical engineer.

In addition, Stanley H. Horowitz, head of the relay section, and Raymond E. Kunzmann, head of the distribution section, have been named assistant chief electrical engineers.

In his new post, Mr. Scherer replaces Arthur Hauspurg, who resigned. He will be responsible for all technical and administrative affairs of the electrical engineering division, with assistance from Mr. Horowitz in relay, instrumentation, control, and similar areas, and from Mr. Kunzmann in the areas of transmission and distribution.

Mr. Scherer joined AEP in 1963 as a senior engineer in the electrical station projects section, and became head of the section two years later, and assistant chief electrical

engineer in 1968. He holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Yale University and a master's in business administration from Rutgers.

Mr. Horowitz came to AEP as a relay engineer in 1950, and was named staff engineer in 1957. In 1959 he became assistant section head, and in 1961, head. He graduated from City College of New York with a degree in electrical engineering, and has done graduate work at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. He was a navigator in the Air Force in World War II.

Mr. Kunzmann, who has been head of the distribution section since 1966, started with the AEP System as an engineer with Ohio Power Company in 1950. He transferred to the section in New York in 1958. He holds a degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and has attended the Westinghouse Advanced School of Electric Utility Engineering.



Essay Winner

Bryan Saltz was a first place winner of the essay contest conducted in the Ashland school system recently by the Poage Chapter of the DAR. Students from the fifth and sixth grades participated in the city-wide competition on the topic "Heroines of the American Revolution." Bryan won first place for the fifth grade and is pictured here receiving his award from Mrs. Hunter Clark, regent of the Poage Chapter of the DAR. Bryan is the son of J. G. Saltz, personnel director of Kentucky Power Company.

AEP Earnings Pass \$100-Million For First Time, Cook Announces

American Electric Power Company reported last month that, for the first time in its history, its earnings for a 12-month period had passed \$100-million.

Earnings for the 12 months were \$100,321,695, or \$2.11 a share, compared with \$94,739,921, or \$2.01 a share, on 200,000 fewer shares a year ago.

Donald C. Cook, president, said that, "by reaching this milestone, AEP gives further proof of the soundness of its 62-year-old philosophy of selling electricity to anyone, for any use, in any amount, with the utmost reliability—and at the lowest possible price."

Mr. Cook said that the company's earnings had doubled since early 1960, when they reached \$50-million, and that its net earnings now equal its total revenues in mid-1944.

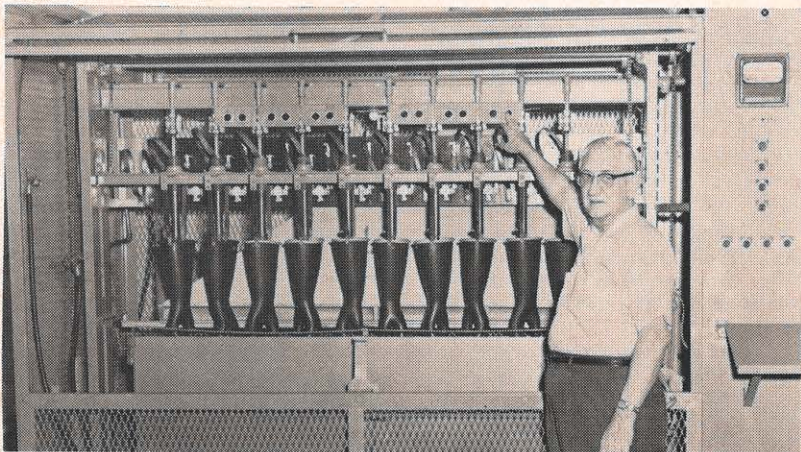
He stated that AEP's above-average growth over the years could be particularly attributed "to the company's own efforts and resourcefulness in seeking new ways to employ electricity and reduce its cost."

He cited, as an example, the expanding use of electricity for residential heating, which AEP began heavily promoting in 1954. At the end of 1968, he noted, nearly 100,000 homes were being heated electrically in the seven-state area served by the American Electric Power System.

"Residential electric heating alone has added more than \$93-million to our revenues since we began promoting it 15 years ago," the utility executive pointed out. He also noted that the cost of electricity for homeowners had been reduced from 2.51¢ per kilowatt-hour in 1954 to an average of 1.87¢ per kwh in 1968.

Earnings for January reached a new high of \$9,234,313 for that month, a gain of 5.7% over the net of \$8,733,224 for the same month last year.

Provision for the income tax surcharge had cost the company \$6,168,423, or 13¢ a share, over the 12-month period, Mr. Cook stated.



New Glove Tester For Kentucky

An automatic glove tester was recently installed in the general meter department of Kentucky Power in Ashland. The new equipment replaces a manual type tester which had been in use for over 40 years and has cut the testing time by 50 percent.

Ten gloves can be given a high-

voltage and leakage test in a period of 4 minutes. Also, a safety interlock system prohibits opening the gate until the power-off system button has been pushed.

Pictured above is Sebe Burchett who has tested rubber gloves in Kentucky Power since 1929.

R. A. 'Dick' Macomb, Kentucky Power, Retiring After Career Of 41 Years



Mr. Macomb

R. A. "Dick" Macomb, general residential and rural sales supervisor for Kentucky Power in Ashland, retired on April 1 after more than 41 years of service.

A native of Berryville, Virginia, he started with the company in July, 1927 as a residential salesman. Advancing through various positions in the commercial department, he was named Ashland dis-

trict commercial manager in 1944 and was promoted to his present position in 1959.

An active civic worker, Mr. Macomb has participated in Community Chest and Red Cross drives for over 30 years. He was a Red Cross First Aid instructor and Industrial Job Instruction trainer during World War II and received the "Gold Bomber" award in 1943 for increasing war production efficiency in the Tri-State area.

Also active in scouting, he received the Boy Scout Silver Beaver Award for "Distinguished Service to Boyhood" in 1944 and served as president of the Tri-State Area Council in 1953-54. He was co-chairman of the first committee of Rural Development in Eastern Kentucky and in 1965 received the award for "Distinguished Service to the Poultry Industry in Eastern Kentucky." In 1968 he was appointed president of the Kentucky Youth Electrical Advisory Council.

He is a member of the Presbyterian church. He and his wife have a son and two grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Macomb plan to remain at their residence at 2306 Hilton Avenue in Ashland.

Sadie Lee Bundy, Bluefield Woman, Looks Back On 26-Year Career



Mrs. Bundy

Sadie Lee Bundy, Bluefield, retired March 1 after nearly 26 years of service.

Chances are she'll especially be missed by the Bluefield Coffee Club. The personable commercial

department maid, reflecting on her long service with the company, estimated through the years she has made nearly one-half million cups of coffee for the group.

Mrs. Bundy's retirement plans are indefinite right now but they will include traveling to visit her four children in California, Colorado, Connecticut and Washington, D. C. She also expects to devote more time to her hobbies of sewing, raising flowers and gardening. Much of her time will be spent with her Scott Street Baptist Church.

Born at Martinsville, Virginia, she was educated in Henry County, Virginia, schools. Before joining the company she worked at the Lerner Shops at Bluefield.

She joined Appalachian on August 25, 1943 as a janitress and became elevator operator in 1944. She was promoted to maid in 1963.

She and her husband, Logan Bundy, reside at 208 Fairfax Street, Bluefield. Besides their four children, they have nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Gate City Retiree Cited

Grady Coley Named Senior Citizen

Grady Coley, retired Gate City employee, was recently named Scott County Senior Citizen.

Grady, according to the local newspaper, is recognized as one of the most colorful, beloved and interesting senior citizens of Scott County. He has been described by his friends as having an over-supply of good common horse sense, a genuine love of people, understanding and compassion for his fellowman, and a marvelous dry wit. One could sit for hours and never tire of his expanding on times past and present.

Grady was born and reared on a farm at Red Hill, Virginia. After attending school at Shoemaker high, he taught school for four years at various locations in Scott County.

During his earlier years, Grady traveled widely and was employed in various jobs throughout the country. He came back to Scott County, Virginia, and was employed by Appalachian on January 11, 1937. He played one of the leading roles in the rural electrification of Scott County by securing rights of way for power lines. At the time of his retirement, January 31, 1957, he was serving the Gate City area as area sales representative.



Mr. Coley

In 1966 he was director of the Medicare Alert Project. This project sought out, informed and signed up the elderly for their medical health assistance.

Mr. and Mrs. Coley are interested in the new programs for the older Americans which are being carried out by the Rural Areas Development Association, Inc.

Things Are Hopping In Ashland



The American public has always been considered to be "fad mad". Kentucky Power's Ashland employees proved this statement to be true recently when they went frog happy.

Mrs. Marvin Ball, mother of Carmin Shannon who is employed in the general office accounting department, began this amphibian invasion of Ashland when she made some stuffed toy frogs for Carmin's

children. Carmin brought one of them to work one day to show the girls and everyone wanted a frog of their own.

Mrs. Ball has sold over 100 to Ashland employees in the past few weeks. She uses odds and ends of material, felt and buttons for the eyes and they can be stuffed with various fillings. Mrs. Ball uses bird seed, and if you look in the offices here in Ashland, you'll

see frogs on their head, their sides and on their feet.

Pictured above are some of the Ashland girls (left to right) Sue Rice, Lucy Taylor, Carmin Shannon, Shirley Moore, Bonnie Saylor, Mimi Shope and Gretta Hall having a derby to settle the argument as to whose frog could jump the highest and the farthest with Ready Kilowatt as the official starter.

Faraday Medal Goes To Sporn

Philip Sporn, retired president of American Electric Power Company and of our companies, has been named the 1969 recipient of the prestigious Faraday Medal by The Institution of Electrical Engineers of England.

Mr. Sporn will accept the medal at ceremonies in London April 24.

The Faraday Medal is awarded for notable scientific or industrial achievement in electrical engineering or for conspicuous services rendered to the advancement of electrical science. Mr. Sporn's "notable work in the development of electricity supply" was cited by the Council of the Institution.

Holston Station Retiree Claimed

J. O. Addison, retired Appalachian operations department employee, died March 6. A station operator at the Holston station at Kingsport, Mr. Addison retired on January 1, 1968 due to a disability. He was a native of Paint Lick, Virginia, and joined the company in 1948 at the Holston station. He is survived by his widow and six children.



Mr. Addison

Trippy Named To Cook Plant

Samuel J. Trippy has been transferred from Indiana & Michigan Electric Company to the AEP Service Corporation and named quality assurance coordinator at the Donald C. Cook Nuclear plant, soon to be built at Bridgman, Michigan.

Mr. Trippy, who received his BS degree in mechanical engineering from Columbia University in 1950, joined the Service Corporation upon graduation. Assigned to I. & M.'s Tanners Creek plant in 1951, he has been production supervising engineer there since 1957.



All eyes front

20 Employees Complete Schooling In Advanced Lineman Techniques

In February, 20 selected linemen in C, B, and A classifications from Huntington, Charleston, Logan-Williamson, Lynchburg, and Roanoke divisions took part in Appalachian's first advance training course for linemen at Roanoke. At a later date another similar school will be held at Abingdon for the other three divisions.

The week-long school ran daily from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Each man was furnished textbooks and other materials necessary to cover the course.

This training school was under the supervision of J. Emmett Blackwell, training supervisor. A wide range of subjects were covered in the week's study, and included: the complete circuit, paths for the electric current, control of the electric current, indoctrination on hydraulic equipment, OHM's law,

controlling current by resistance, series and parallel circuits, emergency connections and coordination, understanding sources of feed, defensive driving, and several other topics.

Qualified instructors came from several divisions and general office departments. Those teaching in this first advanced linemen's school were: M. D. Prowse, senior foreman, Huntington; Kermit D. Bridges, engineer, Charleston; Howard S. Meadows, senior electrical engineer, Bluefield; W. H. Hart, Jr., senior electrical engineer, Roanoke; Clifford Picklesimer, safety coordinator, Charleston; C. R. Wooten, safety coordinator, Roanoke; Edsel Johnson, power dispatching supervisor, Roanoke; Thurman Ball, automotive inspector, Roanoke; and R. A. Youngman, transportation supervisor, Roanoke.



Linemen Receive Diplomas

Fillmore McPherson, Jr., Abingdon division manager (right), presents ICS diplomas to five members of the Marion line crew for completing the Practical Lineman's Course. The presentation was made during a safety breakfast at the Marion office. From left are: J. D. Nichols, S. R. Moser, Jr., Denver Osborne, J. J. White and J. G. Leonard.