

# Cook Hits Proposed Investment Tax Credit Denial

"If, in the name of controlling inflation, the benefit of the investment tax credit is denied to public utilities, the irony will be that, while unintended, the means selected will, nevertheless, have become a major contributor to it."

Donald C. Cook, president of American Electric Power Company and a leading exponent of the philosophy of decreasing electric rates at every opportunity, made this assertion at the 62nd annual meeting of AEP shareowners on April 23. He was referring to the proposed elimination of the 3% tax credit now available to the utility industry.

He pointed out that elimination of the tax credit would necessarily lead to utility rates higher than

otherwise would be the case. "Some companies will have to increase rates and others will have a much harder time and perhaps even be precluded from reducing them," he said.

The comment came after a discussion of the AEP System's unprecedented expansion program, now under way, and its relationship to the company's ability to maintain its existing low rates. This expansion, which includes a 1,250-mile, 765,000-volt transmission system and over 6-million kilowatts of new generating capacity, will require expenditures averaging \$400-million annually over the next few years.

Mr. Cook pointed out that AEP's expansion, necessary to satisfy growing load requirements, would take full advantage of the economies of scale and the most advanced technology. Then he added:

"So far as rate increases are concerned, it is our hope that we will be able to avoid them. We in the AEP System have always believed in low rates as the best approach to expanding sales to permit the constant building of facilities embodying the most advanced technology and thereby cutting costs, which, in turn, helps to make possible still lower rates.

"However, inflation, high interest rates, the surtax on net income and countless other items large and small have made this increasingly

more difficult. But so far we have been able to hold the line."

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In reviewing AEP's continuing effort to acquire Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company, a proposal currently before the Securities and Exchange Commission, Mr. Cook said that AEP only the previous week had asked the SEC to reopen the record to provide opportunity for presentation of additional evidence.

He told the shareowners, "You will be interested in knowing that the acquisition has been urged by the management of Columbus and Southern Ohio, the Governor of Ohio, the Ohio Public Utilities (Continued on Page 3)

*It is the growling man that lives a dog's life.*

Coleman Cox

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*You must plough with such oxen as you have.*

English proverb

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Giant Generator Awaits Equally Giant Job Of Installing

### Giant Generator For Big Sandy Delivered On Special Railway Car

The giant generator for Unit 2 at Kentucky Power's Big Sandy plant arrived last month on its special railroad car. Weighing 280 tons, the generator will be capable of producing 800,000 kilowatts of electric power when the unit is completed this summer.

The Chesapeake & Ohio Railway delivered the generator to the plant after about a two-hour run from the C&O's Russell yards.

Built by the General Electric Company at its large turbine department in Schenectady, New York, the generator traveled on a

### Kingsport Safety Awards Received

Kingsport Power recently received two safety awards for an outstanding record during 1968.

Clarence J. Bryan, executive vice president, accepted on behalf of the employees the Southeastern Electric Exchange's First Place Award in the Group III Safety Division.

The company also placed second in the National Safety Council's Group D, Electrical Division Public Utilities Section Safety Contest.

Kingsport employees reached the one-million safe manhours mark during 1968.

special G. E. railway car that is almost one-half as long as a football field. The 136-foot car has 16 axles, 8 at each end with a depressed center which allows the long car to take curves. The car weighs 150 tons.

In addition to the generator, the car carried other associated equipment which brought the total gross load to over 1,070,000 pounds—over 535 tons.

Height of the generator is 15 feet 10½ inches. It is 37 feet long.

Construction on the \$100-million addition to Big Sandy plant has been underway for over two years. When the 800,000-kilowatt generating Unit 2 is completed, Big Sandy plant's capacity will be 1,080,000 KW—the largest investor owned generating station in Kentucky.

With its installation in the plant, the new Unit 2 turbine-generator, at 178 feet in length, will be the largest such machine (single-shaft, tandem-compound) ever built. The generator was the largest ever shipped by G. E. on its special car.

### Camp Kilowatt Now Open

Camp Kilowatt, the employee camping facility on Smith Mountain Lake, has opened for a new season.

The camp, on the Blackwater River side of the lake and for the exclusive free use of employees, features tent and trailer camping, picnicking and boat launching facilities.

One improvement being considered for this summer is the installation of showers, with hot water, of course. This arose from employee suggestions in the registration book. Employees are encouraged to register and to offer comments on the camp.

In its first year, the camp received fairly heavy use last season. Ninety-four different camping parties signed the register as did 268 picnickers. They came from all three of our companies.

The camp is located in Franklin County off Route 831 near Pelican Point. To get to the camp turn north off Primary Route 40 at Union Hall onto Route 945 and then right onto Route 663 which leads to Route 831. Signs point the way.

### AEP Asks SEC To Reopen Hearings On C&SO Acquisition

American Electric Power Company on April 18 asked the Securities and Exchange Commission to reopen its hearings on AEP's proposal to acquire Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company.

In its application for a reopening, AEP said it wished to present additional testimony in support of its proposal to acquire common stock of C&SO through an exchange of AEP shares.

Hearings in the case had closed last November 8 before SEC Examiner Irving Schiller. On January 29, the SEC's Division of Corporate Regulation announced that it would recommend to the Commission that the proposal be denied and filed its brief supporting that position on March 17. On the same date, the Department of Justice moved for permission to file a statement in the proceedings.

In its new application, AEP said that a reopening of the hearing was required because developments since the close of the hearing had resulted in the need to present additional testimony. The company said that such developments included "a recent development in the law affecting the standards which the Commission is to apply, under the Holding Company Act, in determining whether an acquisition is in the public interest or whether it will tend toward the concentration of control of public utility companies, of a kind or to an extent detrimental to the public interest or the interest of investors or consumers."

AEP said that, if the hearings were reopened, it would supplement the record with respect to the nature and extent of competition in the electric utility industry and the effect of the proposed acquisition on such matters and other factors affecting the public interest. It added that, by so doing, the division of Corporate Regulation and the Department of Justice, as well as the Commission itself, would be in a better position to weigh the evidence which should be considered in deciding the issues involved.

AEP's application pointed out that, since the hearing's closing, "a number of governmental bodies, officials and other citizens" had taken action in support of the proposed acquisition, and that a reopening would provide "an appropriate forum" for presentation of their statements of support.

The application described the proposed acquisition of the Colum-

bus-based utility "of great significance to the consumers of electric energy who will be affected" and said that major benefits would result from SEC approval. In this regard, AEP pointed out that it had committed itself, with C&SO's concurrence, to reduce that company's rates by \$1.5-million annually,

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### Nicholas Roomy Named To Serve On Task Force

Nicholas Roomy Jr., Charleston division area development consultant, has been appointed to the West Virginia Governor's Management Task Force.

The 47-man force, appointed by Governor Arch A. Moore Jr., will conduct a 12-week study on current problems and procedures of state government. Mr. Roomy will be serving as co-leader of the education team.

The study is intended to determine how services can be provided to all citizens in the most efficient, expeditious and economical manner. Recommendations for improvement for all governmental operations which are handled through the Governor's office are being sought.

The governor is hopeful of finding ways to save \$12-to-20-million in general revenue funds alone. The three months of concentrated study will represent 12 man-years of effort by the representatives of state industry. The members of the Task Force will continue to be paid by their companies and will be working at no cost to the state.



Mr. Roomy

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## Cohn Testifies Twice Before Congressional Units

Herb Cohn has been a busy man lately in the halls of Congress.

Twice within a recent week, the AEP Service Corporation's executive vice president for administration and corporate services appeared before Congressional committees to testify on behalf of the investor-owned utility industry.

Appearing before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, as part of a panel representing the Edison Electric Institute, Mr. Cohn argued that the reliability of electric service in the United States is unsurpassed anywhere in the world, and that proposed legislation would materially impair, rather than assist, the industry's efforts to make the reliability record even better.

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On this topic, Mr. Cohn testified, "While these bills have been proposed primarily as bills to further reliability of electric service, in fact they also deal with a great many other matters which have nothing to do with reliability and which, in many cases, are in direct conflict with reliability." He cited "such matters as the economies of power supply, the proper place of the small distribution system, the preservation of the environment, the conservation of natural resources, and the authority of the FPC to order interconnections and to approve abandonments for purposes which may have nothing whatever to do with reliability."

Commenting on proposed legislation that would authorize the Federal Power Commission "to take over decision-making in the planning, construction and operation of utility systems," Mr. Cohn said that it would "divide the responsibility for reliability of electric service and the authority to make the decisions necessary to carry out such responsibility."

Mr. Cohn said, "The utility industry now has and accepts as its primary responsibility providing the facilities required for reliability of service." But, he added, the proposed legislation would take away from the utilities the ability to make the decisions as to when and where to build the necessary facilities and to carry out those decisions promptly. "Such decisions could be made only after the conclusion of elaborate and time-consuming administrative and quasi-judicial procedures involving extended consideration by regional councils, the Commission, a new and independent National Council on the Environment and, in cases of controversy, the courts," he stated.

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He cited instances of delays in authorization of hydro-electric projects involving as much as 12 years under regulatory procedures which now exist. He emphasized that, based on extensive experience with the procedures now followed in the FPC's licensing of hydro-electric projects, "if all decisions on the building of generation and transmission facilities had to follow the procedures prescribed in these bills, neither the utility system with which I am associated nor any other utility system in the country could possibly provide assurance that the electric power requirements of its service area would be provided when needed."

He concluded that the legislation "would abandon the existing approach to strengthening of reliability under which the industry has been fully cooperating with the Commission and has been working, on a regional basis, to plan and build the facilities necessary to strengthen reliability."

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In hearings before the House Ways & Means Committee, Mr. Cohn spoke as chairman of EEI's Committee on Cost of Money and Taxes, and urged that both government-owned and government-financed electric systems be required to pay taxes comparable with those paid by investor-owned utilities.

"We submit that it is obviously unfair for the 78% of the electric customers in the country, who are served by investor-owned systems, to pay more than six times as much in their rates to cover tax costs as is paid by the 22% served by the government-owned or financed systems," Mr. Cohn declared.

## Cook Hints SEC Ruling May Mean AEP Will Soon Enter Housing Field

The possibility that the American Electric Power System may turn its energies and its resources into the development of housing has been strengthened by a recent ruling of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

President Donald C. Cook hailed the decision as a "landmark ruling" and predicted that a number of electric utility holding company

systems, including AEP, would soon enter the housing field.

Specifically, the SEC ruled on March 31 that Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, a subsidiary of American Natural Gas Company, could acquire up to \$500,000 in stock and up to \$3-million in short-term promissory notes in a Detroit housing development corporation. The ruling also permitted

the utility to receive any tax benefits anticipated from the housing corporation.

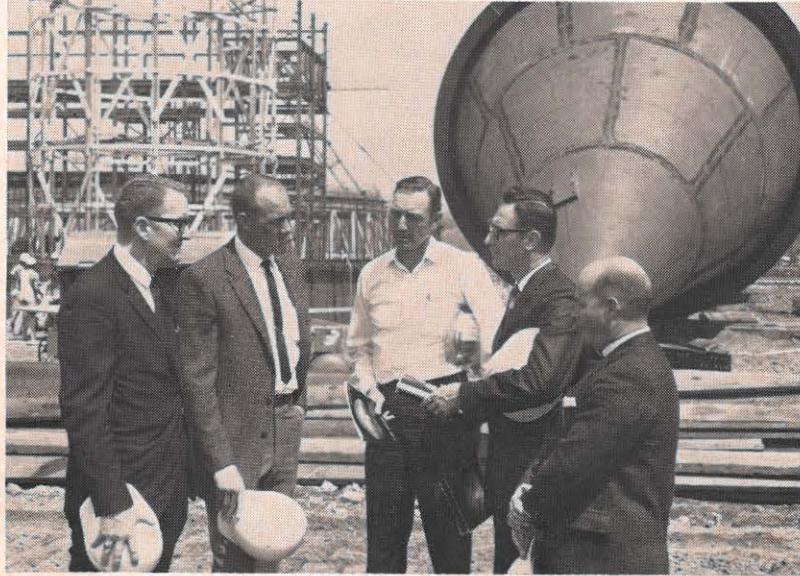
Mr. Cook had been watching the Michigan company's case with interest and had supported it. "I believe that the utilities are in the best position to help their communities take care of their own mass housing needs," he had said. "They have the knowledge of their communities, the resources necessary, and the willingness to undertake the job."

Mr. Cook pointed out that the Federal Government's philosophy has been to encourage private enterprise to participate in housing developments, particularly to meet urban needs, and added that the SEC ruling paved the way for one segment of private industry to enter the field in a significant way.

The AEP president, in an interview, said he was "very enthusiastic" about the possibility of developing housing in the AEP System territory, and estimated that the System was interested in supporting perhaps as much as \$500-million worth of housing development in its service area. He said that the need for such development and rehabilitation in the area served by the Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company was a large and pressing one, and indicated that, if the SEC approves AEP's proposal to acquire the Columbus utility, AEP would be in a position to make a major contribution to a solution of that problem.

In its 4-to-1 ruling, the SEC held that the Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 does not prevent the subsidiaries of utility holding companies from qualifying for housing programs sponsored by the government's Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The majority opinion said:

"There is no need to give this 1935 statute an inflexible, static, historical reading. Companies subject to it are now presented with the Congressionally recognized urban problems of the 1960's and 1970's that could not have been contemplated by the original enactors. The desirability of private capital becoming involved in the rebuilding of our cities is widely recognized and urged, and the posture today of the utility industry is substantially changed, at least in terms of the weakness at which the Holding Act was directed. Equally relevant, there has been evolving since the 1930's a broader notion of corporate responsibility to the community."



Scites (from left), Duffield, Lieving, Taylor and Peak chat after the three area officials who participated in the Amos plant ground breaking received their personalized AEP Annual Report.

## Annual Report Sparks Premature Anniversary Of Amos Ground Breaking

During a recent picture taking session at the new John E. Amos plant, under construction near Winfield, West Virginia, several officials who assisted in the original ground breaking ceremonies July 18, 1968, were presented copies of the 1968 American Electric Power Company, Annual Report. The Annual Report featured many pictures of the ground breaking and a number of comments about the event.

Making the presentation of the reports were Floyd H. Taylor Jr., Charleston division assistant manager, and Lawrence H. Lieving, resident engineer for the plant. County officials on hand were Herbert Scites county superintendent of schools for Putnam County, Raymond Peak, band director of

Winfield high school and also mayor of the town of Hurricane, and John W. Duffield, mayor of the town of Winfield.

On page seven of the Annual Report Mr. Duffield and Mr. Scites are shown along with other officials on the speaker's stand. Also on Page 7 there is a picture of the Winfield high school majorettes with Mr. Peak, the band director, in the background.

Copies of the Annual Report were given to Mr. Peak in order that a formal presentation could be made to the majorettes at the annual Winfield high school spring band concert. In addition each of the girls received an 8" x 10" black and white reproduction of the picture which featured them in the annual report.

## AEP Announces History's Largest Steam Boiler Purchase Plans

The American Electric Power System last month announced a commitment to The Babcock &

Wilcox Company which, if all options are exercised, would represent the largest order for steam boilers in the history of the electric utility industry.

The agreement, including options, involves four boilers with the highest capacity in the world. Each would serve a 1.3-million-kilowatt generating unit and would be capable of converting 9,775,000 pounds of water per hour to high-pressure steam.

Largest boilers now operating on the AEP System provide steam for 615,000-kw units at the Cardinal and Muskingum River Plants, both in Ohio. Five 800,000-kw units are under construction, with the first, at Big Sandy plant in Kentucky, scheduled for completion this year. The others are at the Mitchell and John E. Amos plants in West Virginia.

AEP President Donald C. Cook said that the locations of the boilers have not yet been finalized. He emphasized that several sites were available and that the final decision would be based on studies of the relative economics of the various sites.

The new 1,300,000-kw boilers, of the supercritical-pressure type, will operate at a steam pressure of 3,845 pounds per square inch. Each boiler will consume 500 tons of coal per hour, ground to talcum powder consistency by a series of 48 coal pulverizers.

## Hervey, Hively Cited By WVU



Mr. Hervey Mr. Hively

George E. Hervey, Huntington division manager, and R. H. Hively, director of tariffs, rates and contracts for the company, received word recently that they have been elected to professional membership in the Beta Rho Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu at West Virginia University.

Eta Kappa Nu is the national Electrical Engineering honor society which recognizes with membership those graduates who have attained an outstanding professional record.

They were to be initiated at an April meeting.

## I&M Executive, M. Louis Trager, Dies At Age 47

M. Louis Trager, executive assistant to the executive vice president of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, died on April 13 in Elkhart General Hospital following an apparent heart attack. He was 47.

"Lou" started with I. & M. in 1948 as an employee of its Twin Branch plant. He was named assistant plant manager in 1958, later becoming acting assistant manager of I. & M.'s Tanners Creek plant, then was transferred to the company's General Office in Fort Wayne as an administrative assistant in 1963. He was elected to the I. & M. board of directors last August.

During World War II, he was a first Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He was graduated from Purdue University with a BS degree in mechanical engineering in 1947, and attended the American Electric Power System management program at the University of Michigan in 1958 and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology program for senior executives in 1967.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Patricia; two college-age daughters, and a son at home, and two sisters. The family home is at 5025 Ivy Brook, Fort Wayne.

## Report To Shareholders . . . (Continued from Page 1)

Commission, the Mayor of Columbus, all of the Rural Electric Cooperatives in Ohio, the Columbus Municipal Power System, the two Ohio Senators, all of the Congressmen from the service area, Ohio State University, the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Columbus Development Association, the area's leading newspapers, radio and television stations, the municipalities in the area now buying power from Columbus and Southern, and all of the leading citizens of the area."

Then he asked, "Who is against it?" and answered his own question: "Officially, the staff of the Division of Corporate Regulation of the SEC, and two utilities in the State of Ohio which have higher rates than AEP and which could have longer

common boundaries with AEP if we acquire Columbus and Southern.

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"Anybody else? Perhaps. The proponents of government-owned power continue busily at work in Washington. They make themselves felt in many non-public, but no less real and effective, ways. They do not hesitate to invoke the noblest concepts to advance the meanest interests. Our stockholders should know that the government-owned power hierarchy would like to cut down utility systems such as AEP and that they stand in opposition to similar systems coming into existence. We do too good a job. We are a too clearly visible answer to the emptiness of their propaganda. We are too much

of a yardstick by which to measure their failures."

He concluded that AEP was continuing to press its case "with all the energy possible," and predicted that, if the case in the end is judged on its merits, "I for one have no doubt of its outcome."

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Mr. Cook characterized AEP's 1968 operations as excellent even though in the face of inflationary pressures and a sharp increase in the Federal income tax rate. Operating revenues of \$467-million represented an increase of 8.3% over 1967. Sales increased almost 12% to commercial customers and 9% to residential customers. Both were well above the growth rate average for the past 10 years. In-

dustrial energy sales climbed 8% to more than 29-billion kilowatthours.

"Once again, our record of lowering the cost of energy to our residential customers was impressive as the average revenue per kwh sold was reduced to 1.87¢. The corresponding average for investor-owned companies was 2.25¢ per kwh, almost exactly the level for the AEP System 10 years ago and more than 20% higher than our 1968 result," Mr. Cook declared.

The promotion of electric heating has been an important factor in the System's growth, Mr. Cook said. "In only the past eight years, we have increased electric heating saturation—i.e. the percentage of all customers that have electric heating—from 1.8% to 7.1%."

### First Quarter Report

## Eleven WS/BM Proposals Named Winners

Eleven proposals were selected first quarter winners in Appalachian's Work Simplification/Better Methods Program. Three of the winners came from Roanoke division while the others came from eight different areas.

Roanoke winners were Jack M. Burnett, sales manager; H. A. Hale, stationman, and R. L. Gowl, work order billing clerk.

The others were: John E. Davidson, Bluefield T&D clerk; W. R. Hayes, Sporn plant maintenance foreman; E. V. Harris, Glen Lyn plant chief chemist; G. R. Woolwine, Radford steam plant; Seigal

Hainor, Logan-Williamson stationman; Lester Marshall, Clinch River plant maintenance foreman; J. B. Bartholomew, Huntington general serviceman, and W. L. Smythers, Abingdon line supervisor.

Mr. Burnett's proposal pertained to the use of rate comparison curves to determine whether a customer is being billed on the most advantageous rate.

Mr. Hale's idea explained a revision of relay testing scheduled to avoid testing during peak periods.

Mr. Gowl's subject was the

worksheet for forecast of capital expenditures.

A suggestion to simplify the work order completion report-retirement was the winning proposal by Mr. Davidson.

Mr. Hayes suggested a way to increase productivity while cleaning turbine condensers by neutralizing stench from river debris with a household bleach.

A more efficient method of greasing coal handling equipment through the use of grease cartridges won for Mr. Harris.

Mr. Woolwine's proposal explained a new way to shut off boiler water in the event of a boiler tube rupture.

The use of fabricated metal forms for foundations installation of distribution station OCR was the winning idea of Mr. Hainor.

Mr. Marshall's proposal simplified the exhausting task of opening ash house flume gates.

Mr. Bartholomew proposed an easier and safer method of removing broken bulbs from light sockets through the use of an automobile heater hose as an unscrewing device.

Mr. Smythers won on an idea to simplify job planning and job briefing through the use of signs on the trucks which point out the six points needed to be understood before a job is begun.

## Edwin H. Clarke, Philip Sporn Plant, Looks Forward To Retirement Life

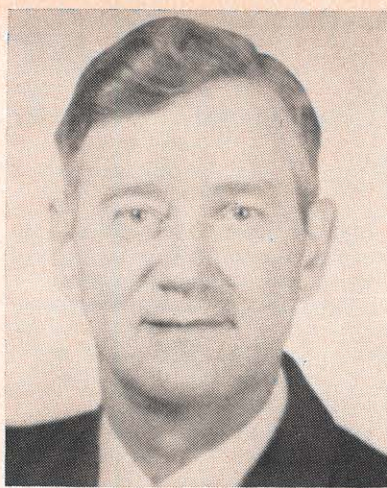
Edwin H. Clarke, maintenance foreman at Philip Sporn plant, took early retirement April 1 after nearly 20 years of service.

He was born March 4, 1907 at Graham Station in a house across the highway from Sporn plant. He was graduated from Racine, Ohio, high school.

Prior to joining the company, Mr. Clarke worked for a contractor and helped build Sporn plant. He started with the company in November, 1949, as a maintenance man. In 1951 he became master maintenance man and was named maintenance foreman in 1954.

Mr. Clarke was instrumental in training a large number of employees in welding. Some of his trainees are now welding inspectors.

He's looking forward to a full life during retirement. He plans to operate a repair shop in his garage at home, specializing in ignition work on automobiles and



Mr. Clarke

repairs to garden tractors and mowers. He reported that he already has more work lined up than he can handle.

Mr. Clarke also plans to do more hunting and will be able to spend more time with his five-year-old son.

A master Mason, he attends the United Brethren Church. He and his wife, Rosalee, and his son, Alaric, reside in New Haven.

## Francis E. Smith Taken By Death

Francis E. Smith, Charleston division customer accounts representative, died March 30 after an extended illness.

A native of Dallas, Texas, Mr. Smith taught at the Charleston School of Commerce before joining Appalachian in 1947. He worked as a clerk, bookkeeper and customer accounts representative. He is survived by his widow, Hattie.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the Army medical division.



Mr. Smith

## ILLUMINATOR Wins AEP System Contest

THE ILLUMINATOR, the employee publication of our three companies, won the first place award in a new competition between AEP System newspapers for the best Annual Review.

The Annual Review, which carried reports on our companies' activities during 1968, appeared in the February, 1969, issue of THE ILLUMINATOR.

## Yeager Promoted At Sporn Plant

Charles D. Yeager was promoted to maintenance foreman April 1 at Philip Sporn Plant. He succeeds Edwin Clarke who took early retirement.

Mr. Yeager started with the Company as a laborer May 24, 1950. He later became a helper in the maintenance department, a junior maintenance man, a maintenance man and was promoted to master maintenance man in December, 1954. He was granted military leave of absence November 11, 1950 and served two years in the U. S. Army as a bridge construction instructor.

A member of the United Methodist Church and American Legion, he also is vice president of the Wahama Athletic Boosters and a Boy Scout Committeeman. Mr. Yeager is a former member of the Town Council of Mason. He and his wife LaVera have two children and reside in Mason, West Virginia.



Mr. Yeager



Mr. Stump

## Ed Stump Ends 36-Year Career On Retirement

Edward Stump, Huntington division line inspector, retired April 1 to close a company career spanning 36 years.

A native of Ironton, Ohio, Mr. Stump first joined Appalachian in 1928. He left in 1932 to work for a trucking firm and returned in 1937. He served as lineman, troubleman, general serviceman, line foreman and line inspector during his long career.

The owners of a newly purchased car, he and his wife, Maude, plan to do some traveling during his retirement. A devout baseball fan, some of his time will be spent following his favorite sport.

A member of the Jackson Avenue Church of God, he and his wife reside at 1747 Monroe Avenue in Huntington. They plan to maintain their residence there.

## C&SO Hearings

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immediately upon SEC approval of the acquisition. In addition, it was explained that an ultimate objective of C&SO's joining the AEP System was the lowering of the Columbus utility's rates by another \$6.5-million—to the present level of Ohio Power Company, AEP's Ohio affiliate.

"The importance of this case clearly requires that it be decided upon a complete record," AEP contended, concluding that "the elemental rules of fairness and due process require that the hearing be reopened and applicant be afforded an opportunity to present additional evidence."

In its application, AEP noted that Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric was planning to file in support of the AEP motion to reopen. AEP added that it understood that the Department of Justice also did not oppose the application to reopen and that it would, if the application were granted, defer filing its statement until later.

## C. B. King Jr. Takes New Post

C. B. King Jr. has been named to the newly created position of payroll coordinator in Appalachian's general office accounting department in Roanoke.

He comes to the position from that of plant clerk at the Glen Lyn Plant. A native of Pearisburg, Mr. King attended Emory and Henry College and Concord College. He joined Appalachian as a clerk-typist March 1, 1953, and was work order clerk and time clerk before becoming plant clerk in 1967.

A member of the Rich Creek United Methodist Church, Mr. King is married and has two sons and two daughters.



Mr. King



Mr. White

Mr. Harris

## Three Contribute To AEP 'Ideas'

AEP's *Operating Ideas* magazine carried items authored by three of our employees:

William C. White, driver-groundman in the Beckley area of the Charleston division, William R. Harris, results clerk at Philip Sporn plant and Earl Adkins, maintenance foreman at Kanawha River plant.

Mr. White's article explained a new way to remove guy anchor rods by bolting eye of rod to a conventional hydraulic earth auger on our line trucks. The auger removes the rod undamaged so it may be used again and cuts down considerably on the amount of time involved.

Mr. Harris wrote an article titled "Saves 95% of Forms Used" and pointed out the importance of reviewing paperwork procedures affected by technological change.

Mr. Adkins penned an item explaining how Kanawha personnel improved sleeve bearing.



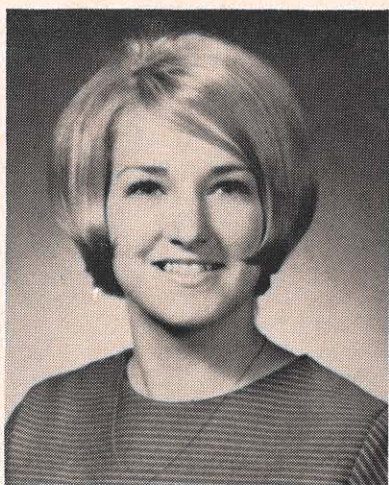
Mr. Adkins

# Company Couples Exchange Wedding Vows



**Brooks-Agnew**

March 15th was the wedding day of Linda Lynn Brooks and Randall Wayne Agnew, who were married in a double ring ceremony at the Belmont United Methodist Church. Mr. Agnew is a co-op student, general office T&D, Roanoke.



**Flesher-Roush**

Sharry Lynn Flesher and Robert J. Roush were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the United Methodist Church on March 22. Mr. Roush is a utility man, Philip Sporn Plant.



**Lewis-Harvey**

Valorie S. Lewis and Osby W. Harvey, Jr., were married on April 5. Mrs. Harvey is a credit representative, Roanoke.



**Pigman-Wooton**

Sandra Joan Pigman and Charles Bergen Wooton were united in marriage at the Lothair First Baptist Church on February 22. Mrs. Wooton is the daughter of Edgar Pigman, substation department, Hazard.



**Mitchell-Countiss**

A double ring ceremony performed April 5 in the Abingdon Baptist Church united Lovis R. Mitchell and Jimmy L. Countiss. Mrs. Countiss is home sales representative, Abingdon.



**Cooke-Mitchell**

Pamela Irene Cooke became the bride of Freddie Rea Mitchell on March 23. Mrs. Mitchell is the daughter of Randolph F. Cooke, Roanoke division accounting supervisor. Mr. Mitchell is the son of T. R. Mitchell, general office assistant electric plant and storage accounting supervisor.



**Switzer-Campbell**

Doris Marie Switzer was married to Charles R. Campbell on March 27 in the Cloverdale Baptist Church. Mrs. Campbell is a clerk-stenographer, Pulaski.



**McGlone-Keeton**

Mary Alice McGlone became the bride of Charles Randy Keeton on March 16 in the Unity Baptist Church. Mr. Keeton is the son of Charles W. Keeton, serviceman, Ashland.



**Stoneman-Richardson**

Linda Carol Stoneman and Floyd Lee Richardson were united in marriage at the Oakland United Methodist Church on April 4. Mrs. Richardson is the daughter of Bruce J. Stoneman, lineman, Galax, Pulaski Division.

## They're Engaged

LINDA BURKE to David B. Hurley. Miss Burke is a PBX operator, Williamson.

ELLEN JAMISON KENNEDY to David Phipps Turner. Miss Kennedy is the daughter of D. C. Kennedy, Roanoke division manager.

BRENDA JEAN CLARK to Paul D. Blount. Mr. Blount is a T&D clerk, Roanoke.

LINDA FRANCINE ADAMS to Steven Ray Kirby. Miss Adams is the daughter of Fred L. Adams, heating and builder sales representative, Welch.

ANN CAROLYN JENKS to Derrik Wallace. Miss Jenks is the daughter of Harold W. Jenks, unit foreman, Big Sandy.

DONNIS GALE FORD to Grayson Edward Ferguson. Miss Ford is the daughter of W. W. Ford, Jr., sales manager, Lynchburg.

MARY KATHRYN McCAULEY to Jacob Perry Cline III. Mr. Cline is the son of Jacob Perry Cline, Jr., stationman, Pikeville.

MARSHA JANE KEOWN to Grover Thomas Syck. Mr. Syck is the son of William B. Syck, appliance serviceman, commercial department, Pikeville.

## New Arrivals

### Abingdon Division

MR. AND MRS. DENVER OSBORNE, a daughter, Jama Yvette, March 6. Mr. Osborne is a lineman in Marion.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS L. RUSS, a daughter, Melissa Dawn, March 19. Mr. Russ is a lineman helper.

### Bluefield Division

MR. AND MRS. CHARLIE LEE TOSH, III, a son, Charlie Lee, IV, March 17. Mrs. Tosh is a former T&D employee.

### Charleston Division

MR. AND MRS. JAMES D. HALL, a son, James D., Jr., March 7. Mr. Hall is an auto repairman.

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

MR. AND MRS. RONNIE R. PERDUE, a son, Eric Brian, February 15. Mr. Perdue is a hydro maintenance helper.

MR. AND MRS. BASIL W. BOLEN, JR., a son, James William, March 14. Mr. Bolen is an employee in the T&D line section, Beckley.

### General Office

MR. AND MRS. J. D. BUTLER, JR., a daughter, Stacy Lee, March 31. Mr. Butler is a civil construction assistant, Blue Ridge Development.

MR. AND MRS. J. B. SUDDERTH, a son, Jack Earl, April 3. Mr. Suddorth is an engineer, T&D meter section, Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. I. R. GOINS, a son, Kevin Donald, March 20. Mr. Goins is a regional dispatcher, Roanoke regional dispatch office.

### Logan-Williamson Division

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE L. MATHIS, a daughter, April Lynn, March 14. Mr. Mathis is a draftsman.

### Lynchburg Division

MR. AND MRS. PAUL R. KEYS, a son, Brian Edward, April 2. Mr. Keys is an engineering aide.

MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL M. ELLIOTT, a son, Robert Burton, March 24. Mr. Elliott is a material clerk.

### Pulaski Division

MR. AND MRS. J. DAVID SHREWSBURY, a daughter, Lisa Annette, April 9. Mr. Shrewsbury is an engineer.

### Roanoke Division

MR. AND MRS. M. L. CROFT, a daughter, Jill Ann, April 11. Mr. Croft is customer accounts supervisor at Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Croft was key punch supervisor, general office accounting.

MR. AND MRS. MARTIN PHILPOTT, a son, Michael Martin, April 10. Mrs. Philpott was a stenographer in division managerial department.

### John E. Amos Plant

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES C. CASSELL, a son, Richard Timothy, February 9. Mr. Cassell is a civil construction assistant.

### Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT COUCH, a daughter, Jennifer Lynn, March 5. Mr. Couch is an equipment operator.

### Big Sandy Plant

MR. AND MRS. VERNON C. ALBRECHT, a daughter, Kelly Rena, March 9. Mr. Albrecht is a maintenance helper.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIS W. SHANNON, a daughter, Glenda Wray, March 14. Mr. Shannon is a unit operator.

MR. AND MRS. GARY W. MILLER, a daughter, Jennifer Lynn, March 16. Mr. Miller is a master maintenance man.

MR. AND MRS. BILLY J. BELLOMY, a daughter, Pamela Mechell, March 25. Mr. Bellomy is a junior maintenance man.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES E. CRAWLEY, a son, Jonathan Drew, December 7. Mr. Crawley is a civil construction assistant.

### Ashland Division

MR. AND MRS. WALLACE HALL, a son, Matthew Wallace, March 25. Mrs. Hall is a former employee in the public affairs department.

MR. AND MRS. RODNEY LYONS, a daughter, Ellen Dawson, March 31. Mr. Lyons is a commercial and power sales representative.

## Kingsport Girl Beats Odds, Joins In Hospital Work

The weeks of anxious waiting ended when Vickie Morrison, daughter of H. R. Morrison, Kingsport meter serviceman, received a note from the Holston Valley Community Junior Auxiliary stating that she had been accepted for membership as a Candy Stripper.

She overcame two obstacles—the limited membership and the fact that she wears a corrective back brace. The brace, which may have discouraged less courageous persons from applying, made 15-year-old Vickie more conscious of less fortunate who could use her help.

She joined other Kingsport employees and members of their families who give their time and talents as volunteers at the hospital.

They are: Candy Strippers: Debbie Arnold, daughter of J. L. Arnold, engineering aide; Emily Simpson, daughter of M. C. Simpson Jr., commercial manager, and Zalecia Tippin, daughter of Jack Tippin, customer accounts representative.

Adult Auxiliary members: Blanche Thompson, senior meter clerk; Linda Johnson, secretarial-stenographer, accounting department; Evelyn Greenwell, senior PBX operator; Virginia Warrick, wife of Gordon, auto repairman; and Virginia LaRue, wife of Fred, heating and builder sales representative.

Gray Lady: Marie Faust, wife of John, senior power sales engineer.

## Lina Light, Bluefield, Is Cited For Long Service To Quota Club

Lina P. Light, private secretary, was honored at the Bluefield Quota Club for her 25 years of service in the Club. She was crowned "Queen for the Day" and presented a certificate for her 25 years of service and was also presented a carnation corsage.

Born at Gladys, Virginia, her parents moved to Bluefield, Virginia, when she was a small child, and then to Bluefield, West Virginia. She attended East End, Ramsey and Fairview Elementary Schools and graduated from Beaver High School. She attended Bluefield College where she won a medal for being the best English student. She later attended Westhampton College in Richmond, Virginia, and Concord College, Athens, West Virginia, where she received her A.B. Degree. She taught three years at Wade Junior High School and West Virginia Business College.

Miss Light was employed by Appalachian Power Company on January 11, 1937, in the Accounting Department as a Stenographer. She has also worked as a Petty Cash Clerk, Clerk Senior and Private Secretary.

She has served on every committee in the Quota Club and served as President during 1949-50. She has served twice as President of the Appalachian Power Company Girls' Service Club, Treasurer and Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. Board of Directors for six years, member of the Salvation Army Board, member of the United Fund Board, President of Bluefield College Alumni Association, President of the Laurel Garden Club, member of the



Miss Light

Crippled Children's Society and Golden Age Club Boards, and is Secretary of the Mercer County Cancer Society Board at the present time.

Miss Light is a member of the Trinity Methodist Church where she has taught a Sunday School class and was Superintendent of the Youth Department.

Her hobbies and interests include travel, playing bridge, playing the organ, knitting, collecting silver, attending concerts and good shows. She has traveled to California, Colorado, Texas, the New England states, Florida and Expo '67 in Canada.

# Glen Lyn

Clyde W. Crewey, son of Thomas E. Crewey, plant performance engineer, was selected a member of the President's Physical Fitness Team from Giles County. Over seven pupils of the 7,298 tested in grades four through seven made the team which requires a score above the 85 percentile in the United States. Clyde is a seventh grader at Narrows.



Clyde

George H. Higginbotham and Harry L. Buckland Jr. are new employees in the maintenance department.

# Lynchburg

S. S. Gilbert, stationman, was appointed to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the newly created Campbell County Industrial Development Authority. The Authority was established by recent General Assembly legislation and its purpose is to help attract industries. The new directors met last month and were sworn into office.



Mr. Gilbert

New employees are: Steven C. Burnette, meter service helper-A, and Kitty Gayle Arrowood, commercial department clerk, who was one of four honor students graduated recently in a class of 25 from Phillips Business College. She also was voted "Best All Round Student."

James H. Haley III, son of J. H. Haley Jr., customer service representative, was elected president of the Cotillion Club at Frederick, Maryland.

Mrs. Robert D. Eldridge graduated from Radford College in March with a BS degree in education. She is the daughter of E. J. Rice, heating and builder sales representative.

John W. Vaughan Jr., son of the division manager, was one of 88 seniors inducted into the E. C. Glass high school chapter of the National Honor Society.

Jeanne Coleman, daughter of Harold M. Coleman, stores supervisor, was a cheerleader for Pikeville high school this past year. She also was a cheerleader in junior high. A sophomore, she is an honor student and a leader in other school activities.

# Big Sandy

Janna Spears is the spelling bee champion at Hatfield Elementary school in Catlettsburg. A seventh grader, Janna is an honor student, a cheerleader and was last year's school and city spelling bee champion. She is the daughter of William S. Spears, master maintenance man.



Janna

New employees are: James H. Rife, utility coal handler; Paul D. Lemaster, utility man; Truman Evans, junior clerk; Vicki G. Lyons, clerk-stenographer construction department, and Ronald E. Cordle, utility man.

Sympathy is extended to Ronald Marshall, plant manager, on the death of his mother; to James F. Noe, unit operator, on the death of his grandmother; to Dale Q. Meek, unit operator, on the death of his father; to Vicki G. Lyons, clerk-stenographer, on the death of her father; and to Miss Pauletta Matovich, clerk-stenographer, on the death of her grandfather.

# Happenings Around The Circuit

## Clinch River Abingdon

Linda Sue Herbert, daughter of Fred Herbert, equipment operator, won top honors with her entry in breads and cereals at the 4-H Club District Demonstration Day recently at Abingdon. The win advances her project to the statewide competition where she will represent the Southwest Extension District.



Linda

Doug

Doug Jones, son of Ruth Jones, senior time clerk, won first place honors in the Southwest Virginia District 4-H competition. Doug's entry was an electrical demonstration depicting how the use of good lighting aids eyesight. He is an eighth grader at Lebanon.

Three plant men were elected officers of the Lebanon Lions Club. F. M. Lawson, regional chief dispatcher, was re-elected secretary-treasurer; Page Ott, maintenance supervisor, was named tail twister, and T. W. Abolin, manager, was elected to the board of directors.

## Pikeville

Twenty-four employees enrolled in the Civil Defense course.

Sympathy is extended to Everett Justice, lineman, on the death of his father; to Sherlie Hale, serviceman, on the death of his father-in-law; and to G. D. Ison on the death of his father-in-law.

Jeanne Coleman, daughter of Harold M. Coleman, stores supervisor, was a cheerleader for Pikeville high school this past year. She also was a cheerleader in junior high. A sophomore, she is an honor student and a leader in other school activities.

## Charleston

Pamela Wood, daughter of Earl J. Wood, line foreman in the Beckley area, has been notified by the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge that she was a winner of the George Washington High School Award. She won the award for an essay she submitted to the Americanism Contest sponsored by the Raleigh County American Legion Unit 32 while she was a senior at Woodrow Wilson high school. She now is a freshman at West Virginia University majoring in pharmacy.

Sympathy is extended to Rose Lafferty on the death of her brother and to Arnold Yost on the death of his father. Both are Beckley area employees.

Miller C. Porterfield, division manager, was named to the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He is replacing W. W. Ferrell, president of United Fuel Gas Company, who assumes the vacancy of second vice president on the board left by the death of Julian C. Hansbarger.

Fred Helm, Charleston division sales manager, was elected to the board of the West Virginia Home and Farm Electrification council as a vice chairman.

Chris Ellison, clerk-trainee (part-time) won first place in the DE Student event in the District Virginia Distributive Education contest. The contest was held at Graham high school, Bluefield, and covered points in sales demonstration, public speaking, advertising, window display, job interview, DE student of the year—boy and girl division, and junior board member. The next step for Chris will be the State Leadership Conference at Arlington where she will be competing with other district winners for state honors. An honor student, she is president of the Distributive Educational Club, a member of the volley ball team and a worker in her church where she is MYF president and a member of the choir. She was a recent recipient of the DAR Good Citizenship award.



Chris

Paul V. Kelsey, sales manager, was re-elected secretary to the Mt. Rogers Citizens Development Corporation.

Becky Bondurant, daughter of Rufus Bondurant, T&D superintendent, has been selected to appear in the 1969 edition of Outstanding College Athletes of America on the basis of her accomplishments in sports competition, campus activities and curriculum. Becky is a senior at Longwood College and was named an outstanding athlete by her college.

Ellen Ferguson, daughter of W. H. Ferguson, Jr., commercial sales representative, has won an award in the 17th Annual Keep Virginia Green poster contest. Sponsored by Virginia Forests, Inc., the contest's theme was "Clean Water—A Forest Product." Ellen is a second grade student at William King Elementary, Abingdon.



Ellen

Sylvia Darnell, Gate City accounting, has returned to work. Sylvia suffered a broken arm.

Sympathy is extended to J. L. Osborne, heating and builder sales representative, on the death of his mother, and to Sam Moser, Jr., line foreman, on the death of his mother.

## Hazard

Four children of employees made the Dean's List at Morehead State University recently. They are: Alexa Ann Cornett, daughter of Wallace Cornett, records supervisor; Mildred Eileen Cornett, daughter of R. T. Cornett, accounting supervisor; Philip Hays, son of Nolan A. Hays, instrument man, and Sandra Pigman Wooton, daughter of Edgar J. Pigman, stationman.

Simon Lunce is a new employee in the T&D department.



Valecia Pippin, a sophomore at Lynn View high school, was chosen the 1969 Key Club Sweetheart. The daughter of Jack Pippin, customer accounts representative, she is quite active in school activities. She is a cheerleader, program chairman for the Y-Teens, parliamentarian for the Future Homemakers and a member of the Pep and Anchor Clubs. (Photo courtesy of Kingsport Times-Star)

## Kingsport

Connie Rayfield, daughter of J. G. Rayfield, record supervisor, was recently initiated into Delta Gamma fraternity at Memphis State University. A freshman majoring in elementary education, she is also a member of the Stars and Crescent, the Sweetheart Club of Kappa Sigma fraternity.



Connie

The recent election of Mrs. James E. Ford as the 1969 vice president of the Patton Heights Garden Club was highlighted by her receipt of a silver tray as one of the two remaining charter members in the club organized in 1958. She has served as treasurer and secretary. Mr. Ford is a general serviceman.

C. J. Bryan, executive vice president, has been chosen a member of the Kingsport Citizens Committee in connection with the 1969 annual observance of Law Day USA.

Two candidates seeking magisterial seats in the Sullivan County Court are affiliated with Kingsport Power Company. J. E. Ford, Jr., son of J. E. Ford, Sr., general serviceman, is a candidate in the Twelfth District. C. Lake Barnes, appliance repairman, is one of the incumbent candidates from the Fourth District.

Welcome to Roy T. Kern who joined the company on April 15 as a lineman helper. Prior to his employment with us, he served in the U. S. Air Force for 13 years. He is married and has two sons.

R. C. Scarlett, station supervisor, Monroe Lynch, janitor, and George Morrison, groundman, are on LTD leave.

Condolences are extended to W. C. Kerley, meter foreman, on the death of his brother-in-law and to Wayne Matthews, credit representative, sr., on the death of his mother-in-law.

## John E. Amos Plant

Harold L. Murray, son of Robert R. Murray, chief civil construction, has entered the U. S. Navy and is training at the Great Lakes Naval Station.

New employees are Jerry L. Billups and George L. Richardson, timekeeping; James L. Hicks, accounting; John E. Kaneday and Irene T. Goff, stores; Chester V. Guthrie, Donald M. Freeman and Ona L. Magaw, mechanical engineering; Mary Lynn Hunter and Charles Eugene Gray, electrical engineering; C. A. Davidson, civil engineering, and Robert F. Austin, mechanical engineering who is presently working at Kentucky Power's Big Sandy plant.

## Ashland

W. S. La Fon, executive vice president of Kentucky Power Company, was recently elected vice president of the Boyd County Community Chest-Red Cross.

Mrs. C. C. Darrah, wife of C. C. Darrah, executive assistant, has been named Camp Kysoc chairman in Boyd County. Located at Carrollton, Camp Kysoc is one of seven facilities operated by the Kentucky Easter Seal Society of Crippled Children and Adults. Mrs. Darrah will work with local health agencies, physicians, therapists, and teachers in helping to enlist more handicapped children for attendance at the camp this year.



Mrs. Darrah

Lynda Rose Hall, daughter of O. C. Hall, Ashland division manager, was recently accepted at the West Virginia University School of Nursing. Of the applications submitted to the school, only one third were accepted for admittance. Lynda is currently completing her freshman year at West Virginia University.

Mrs. J. H. Via, Jr., wife of J. H. Via, Jr., accounting manager of Kentucky Power, was recently re-elected president of the 3-Arts Club in Ashland.

Sharon Stayton, daughter of C. L. Stayton, Ashland personnel supervisor, was chosen as field commander for the Ashland Tomcat Marching Band. She was one of two field leaders chosen by vote of the band members and try out before judges. Sharon has been active in bands for the past five years. Her duties will be to lead the band in marching drills during all field shows, football games and contests. The Ashland Paul Blazer band is rated as one of the top bands in the state of Kentucky.



Sharon

James Mason Gallaher gave his senior recital at Morehead State University last month. He played Concerto for Horn and Strings. He is the son of Mason Gallaher, Louisa area serviceman senior.

Charles Pope, general office accounting in Ashland, is currently serving as president of the Paul Blazer High School Tomcat Band Boosters organization.

Sympathy is extended to Frank Huffman on the death of his father, F. P. Huffman; to Darlene Cordle on the death of her grandfather, Jeff Kazee; to J. G. Saltz on the death of his father-in-law, Ernest Wright; and to Don Wade on the death of his father-in-law, Millard Watson.

Mrs. Ronald S. Wright, the former Jetta Goble, was selected to represent District 7 of the Kentucky Business and Professional Women's Clubs in competition for the title of Kentucky Career Girl. She represented the Ashland Club and was selected in competition with clubs from Lexington, Morehead, Cynthiana and Flemingsburg. The state winner will be named at the BPW convention in Lexington this month. Entries were judged on public speaking ability, poise, scholastic achievement, community service, religious work and inner beauty.



Mrs. Wright

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## Yes, Dear . . . I Hear You, Dear



Mr. Golladay—Receiving

"George Golladay, where are you?" Is a most familiar sound for G. C. Golladay, area serviceman in the Scottsville section of the Lynchburg division.

Mr. Golladay is responsible for customer service in the town of Scottsville and in a large rural area. He can be contacted by radio from the Lynchburg office, which is located approximately 70 miles away.

The majority of service calls are received locally by Mr. Golladay. If he is away from home, Mrs. Golladay takes her "walkie talkie" out in the yard and contacts her husband through the radio on his truck. In this way, service calls are worked promptly and truck mileage is kept to a minimum.

"One of the nicest features of the 'walkie talkie'," stated Mrs. Golladay, "is that it helps us to locate the cause of the interruption quickly. A group of customers may be out of service and Mr. Golladay will be on the way to restore that service. Someone will call me and tell about a wire down or pole struck by a car. I get the exact location and then call my husband. He can go directly to the source of trouble and repair the damage. This saves him time of patrolling the lines. With a large rural area with dairy farms to serve, this 'walkie talkie' certainly adds to our company image."

Mr. Golladay, on the other hand, appreciates the value of the "walkie talkie" but says, "After all, every man should get out of the sound of his wife's voice once in a while. The only time I can do that is when I am on vacation out in the ocean, deep sea fishing."



Mrs. Golladay—Sending

## Kilowatt Finds a Home

It's the dog-gonest tale you ever heard.

Her name's Kilowatt and she's completely won the hearts of the men in the transportation department at Pulaski.

She started to hang around the Pulaski garage more than a year ago. She liked it so well she decided to move in.

P. C. Payne, transportation supervisor, and L. A. Willard, auto repairman, are responsible for the name. The name came easily. They're having more trouble with a job classification. They can't decide whether she's an inspector or an investigator. She does both to anyone who enters the garage.

At night she doubles as a watchdog, al-

though that might come as a shock to her. According to the men at the garage she doesn't realize she is a dog. She thinks she's people.

She has her own little box which she sleeps in and she reports faithfully each day before 5 o'clock to be tucked in for the night.

The only problem she caused, and it really wasn't a problem, was when she had to take maternity leave to care for her six pups. All six were adopted by employees and taken home. Shortly after, a collection was taken among employees and Kilowatt visited the doggy doctor.

Now she can devote full time to her duties at the garage.



Kilowatt inspects tires and probably wonders why they were placed right next to her bed.

# Pony Express Rides Again



Gagging it up a little, Ashland's George Price and his horse Harvey prepare to pace Jarritt's modern Pony Express vehicle.



Empty office greets Bonds.

It was April 3, 1860 when the Pony Express started its first run from St. Joseph, Missouri. Ten days later the mail was delivered to Sacramento, California—less than half the time required by stagecoach. It was the first breakthrough in "fast" communication between the east and the western frontier.

Today, more than a century later, Appalachian and Kentucky Power have started their own versions of the Pony Express—an overnight delivery service, minus the Indians and utilizing vans and station wagons.

Kentucky started January 9 with a trial run from Ashland to Hazard, Pikeville, Williamson, Big Sandy plant and back to Ashland. Since then, Jarritt Mullins, division messenger, has made the run five nights a week, Sunday through Thursday.

Kentucky's system was initiated primarily to give faster and more efficient transportation of records between divisions and the computer center at Canton, Ohio. It also, of course, is used for other type communications. Ashland is a contact point with Ohio Power's pony express.

Appalachian's pony has been operating since late summer in 1968. The first route to operate was No. 4 originating at Roanoke. It goes to Lynchburg, Rocky Mount, Fieldale, Stuart, Hillsville, Galax, Pulaski, Christiansburg and then back to Roanoke. About 350 miles are driven each night from Sunday through Thursday. Arthur Bonds is the driver.

Recently two more routes, No. 1



Bonds drops off mail at Lynchburg office.

and No. 1A, were started. These two originate at Roanoke and Point Pleasant and meet at Oak Hill where packages are exchanged. Offices covered by these routes are Pearisburg, Glen Lyn plant, Princeton, Beckley, Oak Hill, Montgomery, Kanawha River plant, Cabin Creek plant, Charleston, St. Albans, Milton, Huntington and Point Pleasant. Lewis Drew of Roanoke and L. I. Roush of Point Pleasant are the Pony drivers.

Future routes will cover Roanoke to Welch, No. 2, and Welch to Williamson, No. 2A. The No. 3 route will go from Roanoke to Gate City and No. 3A from Grundy to Abingdon. All the routes terminate at their points of origin.

Any questions on Appalachian routes should be directed to Lauren Himes, supervisor of offices services section of the general office accounting department at Roanoke. Mr. Himes is in charge of the Pony program.



Pony trucks No. 4 and No. 1 prepare to roll out of Roanoke.



Roush prepares to leave Point Pleasant.

# People, Places and Things

## Huntington General Office

Steve Cohn, engineer, and J. A. Kovich, senior engineer, were guest speakers recently at the Huntington East high school Career Day conference. They spoke to a group of 34 students interested in an engineering career.

Charles Black, son of H. L. Black, foreman, received a bonus leave from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, recently for maintaining a high scholastic average. An airman first class in communications school, he had a 93 average out of a possible 95. He also is a student leader among the 500 enrolled in the school.



Airman Black

Col. Chuck Yeager, brother of Pansy Cummings, cashier in the Hamlin office, received another honor recently. He flew lead plane in an Air Force jet formation in a salute to the late Dwight D. Eisenhower during the former president's funeral procession. Col. Yeager was the first man to fly faster than the speed of sound and the first to fly twice the speed of sound.

W. M. Walls, Jr., commercial sales engineer, has been elected governor for the Huntington chapter of the Moose Lodge No. 347.

Sympathy is extended to Keith Rowe, line inspector, on the death of his father-in-law, W. J. Belville. James R. Nisbet, engineer, has recently completed a course in Roadway Lighting at the General Electric Company, Hendersonville, N. C. (Outdoor Lighting Institute).

Barbara and Bob Calhoun recently completed a course in safe boating which is sponsored by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Barbara is a customer accounts representative in Huntington.

Cecil Russell, husband of Dorcas Russell, recently completed an advance course in Executive Training Development at Battle Creek, Michigan, in connection with his being Civil Defense Director of Cabell County. Dorcas is a customer accounts representative.

B. C. Connelly, service foreman, has been elected to the position of Post Surgeon, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Howard P. Hall Post 1064 in Huntington.

New employees in the Division are: Beatrice A. Siple, clerk typist in accounting department; George E. Kiser, lineman helper, Pt. Pleasant area; and Ronald B. Ellis, janitor.

## Bluefield

Mrs. M. R. Callaway, wife of M. R. Callaway, R/W agent, was installed as president of the Bluefield Woman's Club.

Mary Helen Kirby, home sales representative, has been appointed a director of the Quota Club of Bluefield for the 1969-70 Club year.

One of the awards which the Bluefield Civic League won at the 1969 State Convention of West Virginia Federated Woman's Clubs was for International Affairs, of which Ruth Nunnery, wife of O. R. Nunnery, meterman, was chairman.

Sympathy is extended to Thomas A. French, material clerk, on the death of his father.

Newly-installed officers of the Florence Ann Chapter No. 133, Order of Eastern Star, are: William L. Mitchell, Grundy lineman, worthy patron; Marilyn Mitchell, his wife, associate matron; Forrest C. Brown, T&D clerk, sr., associate patron, and Mary Brown, his wife, Adah.

Willard A. Johnson, T&D clerk, sr., in the station department, was presented a Bible by the Session of

Charles D. Ross, senior right of way maintenance engineer, T&D department, was a guest lecturer last month at Virginia Tech. Mr. Ross lectured a forest products class on Techniques Used in Wood Preservation Plants.

C. Larry Fulp, supervisor of statistics and special reports, accounting department, was elected president of the Roanoke Industrial Management Club. In his four years of membership, Mr. Fulp also has served as secretary and first vice president. A 20-year veteran with Appalachian, he also is active in other civic and church affairs. He is an elder at Belmont Christian Church and works with youth programs and is president of the Conehurst Elementary school PTA. He and his wife, Shirley, have two sons—one at home and one attending Virginia Tech.



Mr. Fulp

Salem Jaycees hosted a meeting of Region XII Jaycees in April and the local group walked off with seven of the nine awards. Bob Staton, property records accountant senior and president of the Salem Jaycees, received the Outstanding President Award. His chapter won the following awards: Outstanding Chapter, Outstanding Local Publication; Outstanding Regional Chairman, Outstanding SPOKE; Outstanding SPARK PLUG, and Outstanding SPEAK UP.

H. A. Howell, sales analyst, commercial department, received a certificate from Roanoke Valley Industries Inc., for completing a course on Human Relations.

Nelson Lam was elected president of the Cloverdale PTA. He is in the classification and accounts payable division of the accounting department.

New employees are: Arlie A. Siers Jr. and Robert R. Hughes, both T&D transmission; Larry D. Puckett, Jimmie L. Fariss and Richard W. Sexton, all hydro; Walter R. Black, Sharon E. Reese and Meredith C. Wood, all accounting; Joyce B. Young, executive; and Aubrey C. Powell, Jack S. Kirby and Jack B. Sudderth, all T&D station.

J. Emmett Blackwell, company training supervisor, will be included in the 1968-69 volume of "Personalities Of The South" which will contain biographical data on some 4,000 leading citizens selected from 15 southern states.

the First Presbyterian Church of Princeton in recognition of 14 years of service as Sunday School superintendent.

New officers of the Old Timer Club are: Forrest C. Brown, T&D clerk, sr., president; Charles I. Taylor, area serviceman, vice president; and Jack C. Green, engineering aide, secretary-treasurer.

Patricia Cornett, daughter of McKinley Cornett, supervising engineer, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Bramwell High School.

Mrs. McKinley Cornett, whose husband is supervising engineer, has been elected assistant treasurer of the newly-organized Bluewell Lions Club Auxiliary.

Patsy M. Selbee and Sandra M. White are new temporary employees in the T&D meter section.

## Pulaski

Sympathy is extended H. B. Shepherd, Galax, in the death of his granddaughter.

L. A. Sharpe, area supervisor at Galax, has been elected to the board of directors of the Galax Rotary Club.

Mrs. Evelyn Crabtree, wife of David Crabtree, agricultural sales engineer at Pulaski, has been elected secretary of the Pulaski Jaycettes.

The following have been elected to the Administrative Board of the First United Methodist Church, Pulaski: Garland S. Bruce, R. C. Nickols, G. K. Smythers, Dorothy N. Whitaker, Claud K. Kirkland, H. L. Morehead, J. B. Brillheart, Jr., and F. H. Whitaker, husband of Dorothy N. Whitaker. Robert H. Love was elected superintendent of study program, and Mrs. Love was elected to the board of trustees.

J. Larry Dunn, Pearisburg T&D clerk, was the winner of the "Most Improvement" award in Session No. 7 of the Dale Carnegie Course now in progress. Award was made on the basis of outstanding performance as determined by the class members and instructors.

Richard "Mutt" Byrd, was recently elected president of the Ridgewood Swim Club at Christiansburg. At the same meeting, Wayne Ruble was elected treasurer. Both men and their families are charter members of the private swim club, organized four years ago. Membership is 200 with a waiting list for any vacancies that may occur. Mr. Byrd is a meter reader and Mr. Ruble is an engineering aide at Christiansburg.

Jack S. Dunn, area serviceman at Bland, presided at a joint meeting of the Bland Kiwanis Club and the Bland County Cancer Unit Kickoff Dinner, held in Bland high school cafeteria. The affair was a supper meeting attended by more than 100 persons. Mr. Dunn, who is president of the Kiwanis Club, recognized the fact that Bland County was setting the pace for the 1969 Cancer Crusade for the entire Old Dominion by lacking only \$170.00 in reaching their goal of \$1400.00 in three days.

New employees include Donald S. Pratt, commercial department, Pulaski; Linda S. Jervis, accounting department, Pearisburg; and transfers from Logan-Williamson, Richard D. Blevins, T&D Pulaski, and from Roanoke general office T&D, Doris Switzer Campbell, commercial department, Pulaski.

## Roanoke

J. M. Burnett, sales manager, was elected vice president of the Greenvale Nursery.

J. A. Dunham, sales supervisor, was elected vice chairman of the Blue Ridge section of Illuminating Engineers Society. J. M. Burnett, who is past chairman of the section, was named to its board of directors.

L. M. Absher, senior foreman, has taken Long Term Disability leave due to ill health. He joined Appalachian 42 years ago as a groundman. He was a line foreman for 11 years prior to his promotion to senior foreman in 1968.

Prince E. Thornton, administrative assistant, was elected a director of the Roanoke Lions Club for a two-year term.

Marion P. Paitsel, heating and builder sales representative, was elected president of the Bush Swim club at Vinton.

Ruthanne K. Holley is a new employee training as a PBX operator.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Jones Jr. have been elected second co-vice presidents of Burlington PTA for the coming year. He is customer accounting supervisor.

W. G. Loope, stationman, had good and poor fishing luck at the same time. His good luck was catching a 5-pound 7-ounce largemouth bass that was 20 inches long. His bad luck was catching it in a private pond. To be eligible for a prize in the Roanoke employees' fishing club, which he is a member, fish must be caught in waters open to the public.

Sympathy is extended to R. L. Mills, power sales engineer, on the death of his mother.

## Familiar Faces In New Places

### Appalachian Power Company

#### Abingdon Division

H. H. STOVALL from engineering aide to engineer.

#### Bluefield Division

VIRGINIA VIERS BELCHER from cashier to customer representative. LUCILLE GUNTER COOK from cashier to customer accounts representative. MERVYN EDWIN ANDERSON from stationman b to stationman a.

#### Charleston Division

WILLIAM WENDELL HOLMES, JR., from lineman helper to lineman. JOHN FRED CLENDENIN from head meter reader to customer service representative. JOHN WILLIAM SHOLES from collector to heat meter reader. SUSAN LAZENBY LEWIS from home sales representative to home sales representative sr. BONITA PERRY BOGLE from home sales representative to home sales representative sr.

#### General Office

WILLIAM E. MCCALLISTER, engineering aide, from T&D station section to T&D communications section. C. R. WOOTEN from safety coordinator to training coordinator in personnel. G. H. REYNOLDS from commercial sales engineer, commercial department, Bluefield, to area development consultant, area development department, Roanoke. D. T. CRICKENBERGER from electrical engineer to meter engineer in T&D meter section. GUY PENDLETON from meter engineer to meter supervising engineer, T&D meter section. WILLIAM MCKINLEY MBEADE from station operator c to station operator b, Clinch River dispatch office. JOHN HOWARD OVERSTREET from station operator b to station operator a, Roanoke regional dispatch office.

#### Huntington Division

LANDON STEPP from lineman to general serviceman. E. C. DAVIS from engineering aide to line inspector. C. E. DUNHAM from lineman b to lineman a. W. P. ROESER from office messenger, miscellaneous, to clerk, T&D.

#### Logan-Williamson Division

ANDREW M. ABSHIRE from lineman helper to lineman. GEORGE L. MATHIS from draftsman to draftsman sr.

#### Lynchburg Division

G. T. BROOKS from lineman c to lineman b. R. O. WITT from meter serviceman to engineering aide. R. O. CASH from meter serviceman b to meter serviceman a. N. O. MADDOX from meter serviceman c to meter serviceman b. H. A. HUGHES, JR., from lineman c to lineman b. MARY L. CAMPBELL from clerk-stenographer to stenographer.

#### Pulaski Division

GLENDIA W. WOHLFORD from clerk-stenographer, commercial, to secretarial-stenographer, managerial. ROLLIN W. SPRAKER from meterman helper to meterman. ARLIN J. PARSONS from lineman helper to lineman. RICHARD G. MUSSER from lineman c to lineman b. KENNETH R. OWENS from lineman c to lineman b. MARION G. STOWERS from lineman b to lineman a. GEORGE C. VIA from lineman c to lineman b. ROYALL P. LAWSON from customer accounts supervisor to customer accounting supervisor. CHARLES R. SETTLE from division superintendent T&D to division superintendent. HOWARD B. NEWLAND from division personnel supervisor to personnel supervisor. DAVID D. TAYLOR from accounting supervisor b to accounting supervisor. SUSAN M. KILBY from home sales representative to home sales representative sr.

#### Roanoke Division

HELEN K. WEST from secretarial-stenographer to personnel clerk.

#### Philip Sporn Plant

ROGER T. MANUEL from utility man b to utility man a. RALPH R. ROSS from utility man b to utility man a. HARRY D. GARNES from utility man b to utility man a. STANLEY R. LEMLEY from utility man b to utility man a. ROBERT J. ROUSH from utility man b to utility man a. MICHAEL W. BURRIS from helper to maintenance man.

#### John Amos Plant

WILLIAM G. BARONICK from construction time records assistant to chief construction timekeeper. ROBERT R. MURRAY from civil construction assistant to assistant chief—civil construction. JOSEPH R. HIGGINS from construction stores assistant-II to construction stores assistant-I. VERNON G. HUNTER from time clerk, timekeeping department, to electrical assistant, electrical engineering. JOHN L. MCCracken from material clerk to construction stores assistant. DON BACHELOR from construction stores assistant. Amos Plant, to construction stores assistant, Ohio Power Company, Mitchell Plant. CHARLES H. DOUTHIT from clerk, Muskingum No. 5, to mechanical construction assistant, Amos Plant. WILLIAM C. SAFFORD, electrical construction assistant, from Muskingum No. 5 to Amos Plant Construction. HARRISON R. LEEDS, civil construction assistant, from Big Sandy Unit No. 2 to Amos Plant Construction. JOHN J. SANTORO, chief—mechanical construction, from Muskingum No. 5 to Amos Plant Construction. LEROY E. PIERSALL, chief—civil construction, from Muskingum No. 5 to Amos Plant Construction.

### Kentucky Power Company

#### Ashland Division

BONNIE LEE from general accounting clerk to stenographer.

#### Hazard Division

LAURA EARLS from clerk trainee to contract clerk. LINDA BOGGS from clerk trainee to clerk-typist. HAROLD OGELVIE from T&D man to lineman b. PAUL ALEXANDER from T&D man to lineman. VERNON HURT from truck driver-groundman to engineering record clerk.

#### Big Sandy Plant

E. MILTON KIGER from material clerk to head material clerk. THOMAS W. OLEXA, construction stores supervisor, from Big Sandy Plant to Cook Nuclear Plant. I.M. WILLIAM H. CLARK, construction stores supervisor, from Mitchell Plant to Big Sandy Plant Unit 2. WILLIAM R. KNELLINGER from special clerk, Muskingum Plant, to construction accountant, Big Sandy Plant Unit 2. PAUL E. FINLEY from maintenance helper to maintenance man. HUBERT D. GREENE from maintenance helper to maintenance man. C. DOUGLAS MOORE from maintenance helper to maintenance man. RICHARD D. THOMPSON from maintenance helper to maintenance man. VERNON C. ALBRECHT from utility man, utility, to maintenance helper, maintenance. PAUL R. WILLIAMSON from utility man, utility, to maintenance helper, maintenance. GENE JOHNSON from utility man, utility, to maintenance helper, maintenance. P. JAMES SCAGGS, JR., from utility man, utility, to maintenance helper, maintenance. MATTHEW OLIVER, utility man, utility, to maintenance helper, maintenance. JAMES H. RIFE, utility man, utility, to utility coal handler, coal yard.

Sue Martindale, daughter of Mariam Martindale, home sales representative senior, is a member of Bridgewater College's lacrosse team.

Wayne E. Hancock has completed nine weeks of advanced infantry training at Fort Polk, Louisiana. He is the son of Warren Hancock, garage attendant.

Roscoe Thomas has returned to work following an extended illness.

Martha Rodes Kennedy was installed as a house president last month at Mary Baldwin College. The daughter of D. C. Kennedy, division manager, she is editor of the student handbook and has been a leader in the Recreation Association. She also is a member of the Orientation Committee and her dormitory council.

New employees are: Susan L. Smith, clerk-typist (temporary), Danville; Kenneth G. Cockerham, PBX operator, Fieldale; Kenneth M. Payne, janitor; Ruth K. Holley, clerk trainee, miscellaneous.

#### Fieldale

James E. Jones, manager, was elected to a two-year term to the board of directors of the West Central 4-H Educational Center.

Melvin Brown, customer accounting supervisor, was elected chairman of the Congressional Action Committee by the Martinsville Henry County Chamber of Commerce and attended the closed circuit TV Nixon administration official conference in Richmond.





Members of Tip's Gang No. 2, championship team in the men's division, hold awards presented at the banquet by George E. Hervey, Huntington division manager. From left they are: Mr. Hervey, C. M. Fletcher, T. B. Henley Jr., Lacy Wallace, H. S. Meadows, and R. D. Simmons who substituted for L. B.

Lee. Members of the Reddi-Cats the Charleston team which won the women's division are shown here with F. H. Taylor Jr., assistant Charleston division manager. From left: Mr. Taylor, Elaine Rogers, Barbara Markham, Eldivia Gullian, Corintha Hawkins and Pat Cummings.



## Bluefield, Charleston Teams Champs of 4th Company Bowling Tournament

Tip's Gang No. 2 from Bluefield captured the men's division and the Reddi-Cats from Charleston won the women's division of the Fourth Annual Appalachian Bowling Tournament at Colonial Lanes in Huntington on March 29. Tip's opened with a first game handicap total of 1043 pins and followed with a 1064. The team was never headed as it finished with a five-game total of 5025 pins. Kingsport placed second with 4973 and Blue Ridge Development No. 1 posted a 4907 for third place. Lacy Wallace lead the winners with a 233 game and 893 net. His

233 game also was high for the tournament and Paul Adams of Logan's Pin Busters bowled a 978 series for individual honors. In the women's division, the Reddi-Cats also jumped to a fast start and maintained the lead to finish with a three-game total of 2672. The Reddi-Watts from the Charleston area finished second with 2582. Elaine Rogers, bowling for the Reddi-Cats, took individual game honors with a 206 and individual set with 571. A total of 425 bowlers rolled in the area play-offs for the right to compete in the Huntington finals.

George E. Hervey, Huntington division manager, made the award presentations at the banquet following the tournament. The tournament board of directors at its annual meeting during the tournament accepted Roanoke's invitation to host the 1970 tournament.

## Company Extends Release At Dam To Aid Striped Bass Spawning Run

It's a sure sign of spring when the striped bass start their annual spawning run out of Kerr Reservoir and up the Roanoke and Dan Rivers. Appalachian on April 18 began its annual release of water from Leesville Lake, the second of two impoundments in our Smith Mountain Pumped Storage and Hydroelectric Project on the Roanoke River, to encourage this spawning run up the Roanoke. In an experimental step this year in cooperation with the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, Appalachian is lengthening the water release period from the required 19 days to 45 days. Appalachian is required by its federal license for the Smith Mountain Project to maintain a downstream flow of not more than 2,000 cubic feet per second for a period not to exceed 19 days during the annual striped bass run. The measuring point is at Brookneal, some 30 miles below Leesville Dam. J. W. Kepner, Appalachian superintendent of operations, said that the fish division of the commission has found that the 2,000-cfs is more than needed and through agreement with the commission the company has been releasing about 1400-to-1600-cfs. On occasions, Mr. Kepner said the company has extended the release period past the 19-day requirement. During

this new 45-day period, the flow will be maintained at about 1,000-cfs, a rate termed sufficient by the state. Appalachian is prepared for the extended release period, Mr. Kepner said. "We have an extra 6 to 7 feet of water stored in Leesville which should allow us to release water over the extended period with a minimum affect on Smith Mountain Lake, the upper reservoir. If the fisheries people decide that the entire 45 days is not needed, of course, we will go back to our regular schedule." Mr. Kepner said the decision to lengthen the release period came after meetings with William E. Neal, state fish biologist, who felt the fish needed more encouragement to run the Roanoke rather than the Dan River. He explained that the Dan really isn't long enough for a successful spawn. What happens is that the eggs float back into Kerr Reservoir and sink to the bottom, unhatched. The problem in theory, Mr. Neal reported at the meetings, is that the Dan River warms earlier than the Roanoke and has a steadier flow through the weekends. The combination of these two factors seem to make the earlier runners choose the Dan. "What we want to do is to encourage them to come up the Roanoke where there is a better chance for a successful spawn," Mr. Neal said.

## Engineers Take Roanoke League With Late Surge

A second-half surge and a sweep in the roll-off gave the Engineers the championship of the Roanoke bowling league. Distribution won the first half but lost all three games in the roll-off to the Engineers. The Engineers, in ninth place at the end of the first half, came back the second half with a 30-18 record. Distribution finished fifth the second half. In the roll-off between the two winners, Engineers took all three games by a 339-pin margin, 3086 to 2747. C. L. Robison, Engineers' team captain, set the pace with a 616 score, followed by Don Buckingham with 506, Ted Carroll, 503, and Mel Creedle, 447. In regular season play the Engineers held the league mark with high team game with 1106 and came close during the roll-off with 1058. The Engineers also held the best team set with 3 119 during the regular season and came close during the roll-off with 3086.



Pikeville champs (from left) R. L. Huffman, Betty Robinette, Raleigh Blair, Doris Robinson and James Hopson.

## Pikeville Title Goes To Regulators; Roll-Offs Go Wrong For Lumens

The Regulators, first half winner of the Pikeville bowling league, captured the second half, too, to win the league championship without the need of a roll-off. The Regulators, who won the first half in a roll-off with the Lumens, finished the first half with a 37-19 record and was 35-21 the second half. The Lumens, who finished second the first half after losing the roll-off, tied for second with the Electrons the second half which necessitated another roll-off. The Lumens had trouble this year with roll-offs. The team lost the second half second-place roll-off to the Electrons. This meant that the Lumens team was the first half second place team and the Electrons was second place the second half. This meant another roll-off between the second place teams, and you guessed it, Lumens lost to give Electrons second place for the year. Members of the league champion

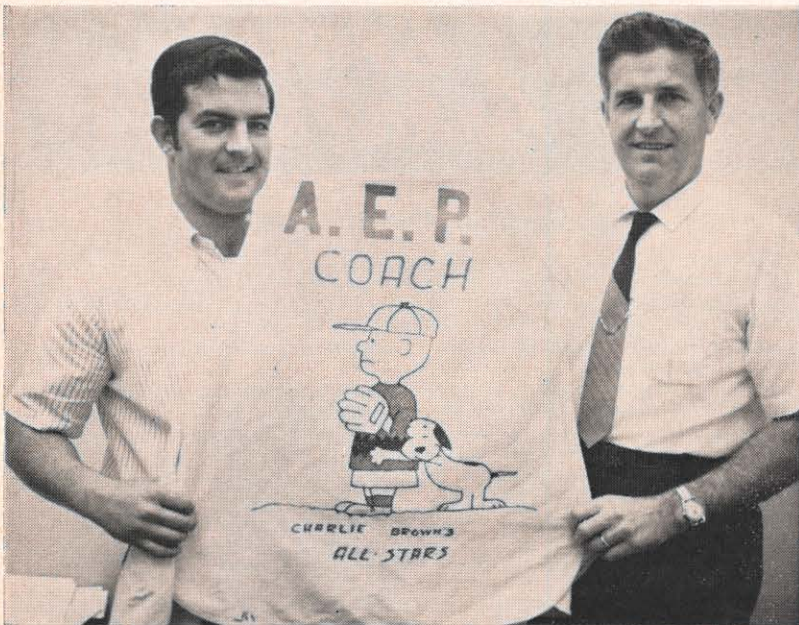
Regulators were: Doris Robinson, stenographer, co-captain; Betty Robinette, secretarial-stenographer, co-captain; Raleigh Blair, T&D man; R. L. Huffman, R/W agent, and James Hopson, instrument man. Individual honors went to Neucedia Miller for high average among women at 144 and to Bill Barnett for the men and all league at 168. Neucedia also had high series for the women at 542 and high game with 204. Chester Smith had high series for the men with 590 and R. L. Huffman took high game with 247. A total of seven new bowlers were added to the group this year and nine bowlers had perfect attendance. The annual banquet was held late last month and awards were to be presented. Election of officers for the coming year also was to be held at the banquet.

## Rejects Capture Sporn's Tourney

The Rejects won the Philip Sporn plant bowling tournament. Team members were Gerald Michael, Harold Russell, John Taylor Sr., Richard Russell and Lester Damewood. D Shift came in second. Karl Wiles won the single event with Cricket Searls in second place. Dorwin Clark and John Ferguson teamed up to win the doubles event with the James Haggerty and Glen Hensler combination coming in second. The all-event title was taken by James Haggerty. Lloyd Wright placed second.

## Abingdon Man's Son Paces College Team

Leon Prater, son of James Prater, Abingdon heating and builder sales representative, is a mainstay on the Carson-Newman College baseball team. As the first of last month, Prater had a 2-0 record on the mound, including a 4-0 shut-out against Wooster College of Ohio. In that game he struck out nine batters and drove in one run. The team record was 7-0.



## Another Great Season Ahead

The Pulaski softball team, readying for the local Industrial League to begin play, has a lot of confidence in its manager, Robert H. Love. So much, in fact, that the men presented Love with a proper coaching jacket. Love, or Charlie Brown as the players call him, said the only thing wrong with his team is that he can't find anyone to play second base as well as Snoopy. Love is at right and E. A. Alley is at left.

## Service Anniversaries Observed

30  
Years



G. T. Brown  
Roanoke



G. E. Roberts  
Huntington



E. W. Linkous  
Bluefield

25  
Years



Wesley Garner  
Lynchburg



E. J. Candler  
Glen Lyn



Farris Erwin  
Hazard

20  
Years



D. F. Thompson  
Philip Sporn



G. L. Hensler  
Philip Sporn



H. H. Hoffman  
Philip Sporn



J. L. Hart  
Philip Sporn



Otis Gaddis  
Huntington



Oscar Fowler, Jr.  
Huntington



T. F. Crabtree  
Abingdon



Virginia N. Lester  
Abingdon



S. W. Gillenwater  
Abingdon



J. E. Collins  
GO Commercial



J. J. Fain  
Charleston

### H. L. (Dank) Bostic, of Charleston, Recalls 41 Years With Appalachian



Mr. Bostic

A career spanning 41 years came to an end April 1 with the retirement of H. L. (Dank) Bostic, Charleston division general serviceman.

He was born and attended

schools in Sissonville, West Virginia. He and his wife, Beulah Irene, have a son, W. H. Bostic, who is an engineering aide in the Charleston T&D department, and two grandchildren.

The Bostics attend the Mountain Mission Church. Retirement plans include spending more time hunting and fishing.

In looking back over his long career with Appalachian, Mr. Bostic commented on the advancement of safety procedures as compared to when he first joined the company. He also recalled the many times in the old days he would be away from home four or five days repairing storm damage while commenting on the many labor saving devices available today.

Wildlife, he recalled, caused many outages. Believe it or not, once a rabbit was the culprit, he said, "No one believed this until I explained that it had been carried to the top of a transformer by an owl."

Mr. Bostic first joined the company in the old West Virginia Water and Electric Company, a predecessor of Appalachian, in 1926. From then until 1933 he had broken service. He returned in 1933 and had continuous service since. All of his service has been in the T&D department, starting as a laborer and working up to groundman, truck driver and lineman until 1954 when he was promoted to general serviceman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bostic plan to maintain their residence at 940 Madison Street in Charleston.

### James I. Alley, Big Sandy, Dies

James I. Alley, chief construction timekeeper at Kentucky Power's Big Sandy plant Unit 2, died March 3 in a hospital at Charleston. He was 45.

A native of Fairmont, West Virginia, Mr. Alley first joined Appalachian at the Kanawha River plant in 1951. He later worked at Glen Lyn plant, Philip Sporn plant and the Smith Mountain hydro plant before going to Big Sandy in 1966. He was a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his widow and one son and resided at Glasgow, West Virginia.

### Henry Gilreath Taken By Death

Henry Gilreath, retired Kingsport PBX operator, died April 15 after an extended illness.

Mr. Gilreath retired early due to poor health in December, 1967, after 25 years of service. He joined the company in the old Kingsport steam plant. He worked in several capacities there and when the plant was closed he served as guard and then PBX operator. He is survived by his widow, three daughters and two sons.



Mr. Gilreath

### Glen Lyn Man, T. B. Skelton, Dies

Thomas B. Skelton, Glen Lyn plant maintenance man, died March 8.

Born in 1926 at Zenith, West Virginia, he attended school in Monroe County. He joined Appalachian in 1952 as a laborer and advanced through several job classifications until his promotion to maintenance man in 1956.

He was active in church and civic affairs at Bozoo. He also was past district governor of Southern West Virginia Ruritan Clubs.

He is survived by his widow, Irma; a son, Benny; a daughter, Aleta; his mother, a brother, a sister and a half-brother. Burial was in Peterstown.



Mr. Skelton

### Seven Mark Lengthy Service

Six Appalachian employees and one from Kentucky marked lengthy service anniversaries last month. The seven represent 255 years with our companies.

Heading the list with 40 years of service were Appalachian's W. S. Mattox, property records accounting supervisor in the general office accounting department at Roanoke, and James A. Saunders, chemist assistant at the Glen Lyn plant.

Thirty-five-year pin recipients were: Kentucky's John Layne, head janitor at Pikeville; and Appalachian's W. W. Webb, Charleston division stationman; Annise P. Craig, Roanoke division managerial secretary; Stanley C. Smith, Pulaski division line supervisor, and Howard R. Curry, Cabin Creek plant shift operating engineer.

Mr. Mattox joined the company on April Fool's day in 1929. All of his service has been at Roanoke where he has worked as clerk, retirement cost clerk and head-retirement section before being named to his present position in 1965.

Mr. Saunders had broken service with the company dating back to 1926. His continuous service began in 1936. He started as a clerk and also served as assistant results engineer before being named chemist assistant.

Mr. Layne has been employed at Pikeville three years longer than the present office building has existed. He started as a janitor in 1934 and was named head janitor in 1963. He's active in church and civic affairs.

Mr. Webb has spent all of his service in the station section of the T&D department at Charleston. He served as electrician helper and maintenance man before being named station man.

Mrs. Craig, secretary to the Roanoke division manager, has spent all of her service as secretary to district and division managers. She worked with the following managers during her 35 years with the company: W. I. Whitefield, J. L. White, W. C. Booker, J. D. Lawrence and D. C. Kennedy.

Mr. Smith has spent all of his 35 years at Pulaski in the T&D department. He started as a lineman and served as serviceman, line foreman, distribution engineer and line inspector before being named line supervisor.

Mr. Curry started his continuous service at Glen Lyn in 1934 and has held various positions in the operations department. In 1957 he became shift supervisor, a title which was recently changed to operating engineer.



Mr. Saunders



Mr. Curry



Mr. Smith



Mrs. Craig



Mr. Layne



Mr. Webb

### I&M's Hale Gets New York Post

Gene B. Hale, personnel director in Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's general office, has been named assistant director of labor relations—operations for the Service Corporation, and will transfer to New York June 1. He will be succeeded in Fort Wayne by Robert W. David, personnel supervisor for the South Bend Division.

In New York his responsibilities will include labor relations activities for all AEP System companies.

Mr. Hale started with Kentucky Power in 1947, and was the first personnel supervisor of Pikeville Division. Transferred to the Service Corporation in 1955 as personnel supervisor, he was later named manager of personnel administration and office services. He was moved to I&M in July 1962, and became personnel director in January 1963.

He attended Queens College in New York and the program for senior executives at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. David joined Appalachian Power in 1936 at Logan Plant and transferred to I&M's Tanners Creek Plant in December 1950. He became personnel supervisor there in 1955, and moved to the Muncie Division in the same capacity in 1963. In September 1967 he was transferred to South Bend.



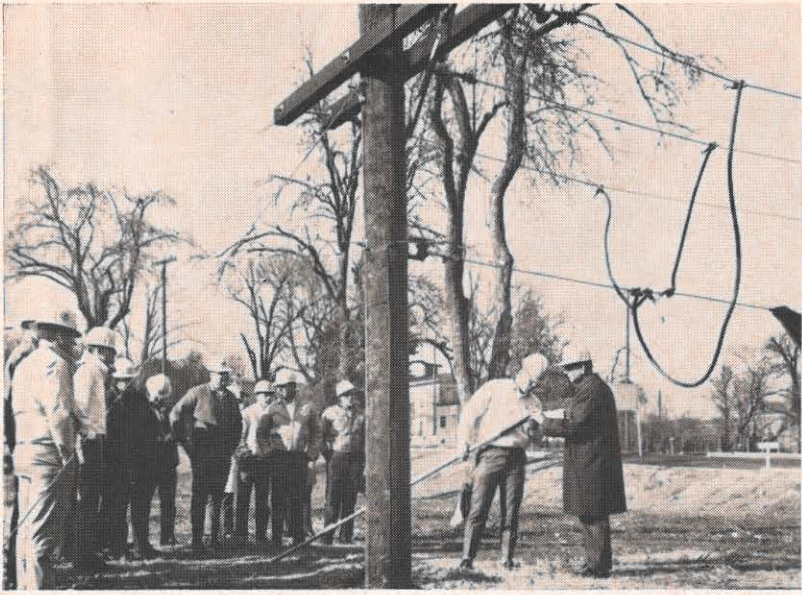
## Service Anniversaries

#### Appalachian Power Company

- ABINGDON DIVISION—20 YEARS: S. WARD GILLENWATER, janitor. THOMAS F. CRABTREE, heat meter reader. VIRGINIA N. LESTER, customer accounts representative.
- BLUEFIELD DIVISION—30 YEARS: ERNEST W. LINKOUS, transportation record and office supply clerk. 15 YEARS: HELEN P. VERMILLION, PBX operator.
- CHARLESTON DIVISION—35 YEARS: WOODROW W. WEBB, stationman. 20 YEARS: JERRY J. FAIN, meterman.
- GENERAL OFFICE—20 YEARS: JOSEPH E. COLLINS, agricultural sales engineer. 5 YEARS: AMELIA P. MILLS, head key punch operator.
- HUNTINGTON DIVISION—30 YEARS: G. E. ROBERTS, customer accounts assistant. 20 YEARS: OSCAR FOWLER, JR., engineering aide. OTIS GADDIS, janitor.
- LYNCHBURG DIVISION—25 YEARS: WESLEY GARNER, meter service helper. 15 YEARS: WILLIAM A. ROBERTSON, stationman.
- PULASKI DIVISION—35 YEARS: STANLEY C. SMITH, line supervisor.
- ROANOKE DIVISION—35 YEARS: ANNISE P. CRAIG, private secretary. 30 YEARS: G. T. BROWN, meter serviceman. 20 YEARS: WILLIE E. SMITH, maid. 10 YEARS: G. N. HAVENS, senior electrical engineer.
- CABIN CREEK PLANT—35 YEARS: HOWARD R. CURRY, shift operating engineer.
- GLEN LYN PLANT—40 YEARS: JAMES A. SAUNDERS, chemist assistant. 25 YEARS: EDWARD J. CANDLER, boiler operator.
- PHILIP SPORN PLANT—20 YEARS: HARRY H. HOFFMAN, utility foreman. JAMES L. HART, yard foreman. GLENTH L. HENSLER, assistant shift operating engineer. DON F. THOMPSON, crane operator. 15 YEARS: JOHN T. FERGUSON, maintenance man.

#### Kentucky Power Company

- HAZARD DIVISION—5 YEARS: CLARA B. PETERS, clerk-stenographer.
- PIKEVILLE DIVISION—35 YEARS: JOHN LAYNE, head janitor.



### Abingdon Hosts Lineman School

Abingdon was the scene of Appalachian's second advanced lineman training course. This was the first school of its type to be conducted in the Abingdon division. Twenty-one selected linemen from Abingdon, Pulaski, Bluefield and Kingsport took part. In this picture an instructor is shown demonstrating proper grounding technique—one of many subjects covered. Instruction was provided by division and general office personnel. The five-day course was climaxed with a banquet and graduation ceremonies. The class attained a grade average of 88 per cent.



### Council Cites Macomb

A citation for outstanding service to 4-H was recently presented to R. A. Macomb (center), Kentucky Power, Ashland, upon his retirement as president of the Kentucky Youth Electrical Council. Presenting the plaque here are Huston Delaney (left), electrification advisor for Fleming-Mason RECC, Flemingsburg, new president of the Council, and Lynwood Schrader (right), Kentucky Utilities Company, Lexington, council member. The Kentucky Youth Electrical Council gives direction to the 4-H electric program in Kentucky.

### E. I. Rude, AEP Auditor, Roanoke, Ends 33-Year 'Traveling Career'



Mr. Rude

Changes in roads, working conditions and living accommodations away from home were itemized by E. Irving Rude, who retired May 1 following a 33-year career as an AEP auditor.

Irv, commenting on "an era of changes," said that road conditions and living accommodations probably are the most notable changes where a traveling auditor is concerned. Where it used to take a day to drive to some offices, that time now is cut in half. And hotels

and motels have really improved during the past three decades, he said.

Although Irv's headquarters was Canton, he worked primarily in Virginia, in offices of Appalachian. His duties also have taken him into West Virginia and Tennessee. "I remember having to row a boat into the Huntington office to conduct an audit during the 1936 flood," he reminisced.

One of the greatest advantages of a job such as his, he said, was the chance to meet so many fine people.

"I am not going to make a practice of traveling during retirement," Irv smiled as he recalled the thousands of miles he has traveled on the job. "Then again, I'm not going to sit and just look out a window. I probably will now find time to develop some hobbies to keep busy."

Born April 20, 1909 in Iliion, New York, Irv was graduated from Syracuse University's College of Business Administration in 1930.

A resident of 3426 Wedgewood Road, S. W., in Roanoke, Irv is a trustee of the Woodlawn United Methodist Church, and is a member of the Masons, Elks and American Legion.

He and his wife, Vera, have a son, Robert Emerson, who attends Hampden-Sydney College.

### Homemaker Tip From Williamson

## "Custom Look" For That Special Nook

Versatility and ingenuity can pay dividends to the homemaker operating on a budget, but still desiring to add the custom look to that special nook around the home.

Lorryne Corea, Williamson home sales representative, recently decided that a dummy window and wall in the Williamson display kitchen presented a rather drab appearance to the public, especially by contrast with the modern appliances and cabinets surrounding them.

Lorryne arrived at a solution which incorporated versatility and ingenuity while transforming a mediocre appearing window area into one pleasantly and harmoniously blending with the surroundings.

For the many wives around our territory who may be faced with a similar problem, and do not wish to upset their budgets, Lorryne offers the following helpful hints:

"In this instance I have used a regular size pair of drapes with a design suitable for kitchen use. Cut the drapes to size for your particular window, and keep the remaining material. This remaining fabric may be used to make a window shade and to cover the exposed wall surface, which is usually of small area.

"To make the window shade, use a roller from an inexpensive shade. Measure length of fabric needed and scallop the bottom. Add buckram or crinoline to give "body" to scallops, sew moss, fringe, or decorative braid to scallops, and then attach to the wooden rollers. There are products available at many stores which allow you to laminate the fabric and thus ac-



Lorryne Shows Results of Ingenuity

complish a more finished look, however, in this instance, I did not utilize such.

"Now, use the remaining fabric and attach to wall with wall paste (either purchased or prepared from ingredients found in any home). Brush paste evenly on wall and smooth on fabric. Trim any excess with a single-edge razor blade. Finally, spray the fabric with Scotchguard to protect from water, dirt, etc.

"I think you'll be pleased with the results and probably realize as I have, that this technique isn't limited to the kitchen, but can be

applied in other areas of a home such as the lavatory area of the bathroom, and cornices, etc."

For those who may not be as versatile with fabrics, there are products on the market which enable one to accomplish professional results with very little effort. Of course more expense is involved but whether you're a "do-it-yourselfer" as Lorryne is, or prefer to go the "easy route", she says you'll be pleasantly surprised with the new custom look you can give your own special little nook in the home.

### Kingsport Man Logs 20,000 Miles

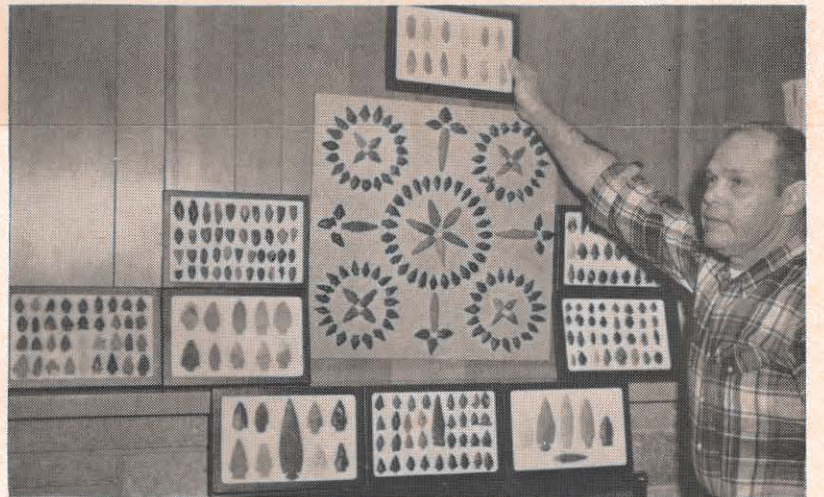
## Arrowhead Collection Keeps Family On The Road

Jesse Williamson, Kingsport line foreman, says he has driven at least 20 miles for each arrowhead in his collection, a hobby he began by accident while on a hunting trip two years ago with Andy Skelton, recent retiree of Kingsport.

While walking beside a river in Church Hill, Tennessee, he found an arrowhead which sparked his interest, starting his 20,000-mile journey from the caves and rivers of Tennessee to Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and North Carolina.

Not all of these trips proved too fruitful. For instance, not too long ago, Jesse was told by a man in Jonesville, North Carolina, that there were some arrowheads in a specific area near his home. Jesse drove to North Carolina, and, much to his dismay, he found none. As he stated, "This was a dry run, and I have more of these than any other kind." He interjected at this point that his whole family became interested in his hobby, and Bernice, his wife, and their three sons began to accompany him on these trips.

Besides hunting for the arrowheads in the aforementioned areas, he trades as well as purchases from fellow collectors. His deals usually involve trading one good one for three or four that are "not so good". He then washes and cleans the arrowheads before adding them to his collection which now includes "over one thousand". In purchasing or selling arrowheads, Jesse remarked that they sell for as little as a dime and for as much as \$75 or more. The price depends



Williamson With Collection

upon the quality and the rarity as well as who is buying the arrowhead. The rare arrowheads with Folsom points (grooves cut down both sides of the arrowhead instead of being notched) are few and far between—Jesse only has one in his collection. He found it in Kingsport near the West Kingsport Substation.

Jesse realizes there is a lot to learn in regard to arrowheads other than from what he learns from other collectors. He has a large number of books he has purchased in order to gain more knowledge about his hobby. One of the most interesting aspects in regard to arrowheads

is their being representative of a specific tribe. Jesse's collection represents approximately 30 tribes, but most of the arrowheads are Cherokee.

In addition to finding arrowheads along riverbanks and in caves, Jesse has found pieces of pottery as well as some Indian beads and other jewelry. As he cleans the new items, he said that he often wondered what kind of story they could tell if speech were possible.

Jesse certainly has a collection to be proud of—it is worth all the work that has been put into it, even driving the 20,000 miles.



### Employee Benevolent Officers

McDowell County Employee Benevolent Association elected officers for the coming year recently. Pictured above, they are (from left): Clifford Sledd, director;

J. A. Barns, treasurer; Erle M. McKinney, chairman; Lvonne Ferguson, secretary, and H. S. White, treasurer.

# Employees In Spotlight As Huntington Observes Safety Mark



Huntington division recently reached the one-million manhour mark without a disabling injury for the first time in history. Joe P. Gills, executive vice president, and W. S. White Jr., assistant vice president, went to Huntington last month to

personally thank the employees for a job well done and to join in on the achievement observance. In the above pictures are eight division employees who have a combined safe work record of 260 years. At left, Mr. Gills is with Huntington

employees who received the safety awards for the division. From left: J. B. Jarrell, 44 years, 6 months; J. T. Bing, 44 years, 6 months; and V. L. Thacker, 45 years, 1 day. At right above, Mr. White and Mr. Gills are shown with Point Pleas-



ant employees. From left: George Roberts, 29 years, 10 months; W. O. Sallaz, 36 years, 3 months; W. C. Gilmour, 31 years, 6 months; and J. R. Crump, 28 years, 4 months. Mr. Sallaz has supervised a line crew for 13 years and 7

months without a disabling injury to one of his men. The eight men represent 596,861 safe manhours during their careers. In the bottom two pictures employees are shown being congratulated while receiving pens and chatting.



## Guy Pendleton Takes New Post

Guy Pendleton, has been promoted to meter supervising engineer in the meter section of Appalachian's general office T&D department at Roanoke. He rises from the position of senior meter engineer.



Mr. Pendleton

A native of Kentucky, Mr. Pendleton was graduated from the University of Kentucky with a BS degree in electrical engineering in 1937.

He joined Appalachian at Charleston, in 1941 as a meter engineer and came to Roanoke in 1956 as a senior meter engineer. Prior to joining Appalachian, he worked for several Kentucky and West Virginia coal companies.

He and his wife have a son and a daughter.

## 12 Take New R/W Course

At the April staff meeting at Roanoke, 12 certificates were presented by Joe P. Gills, Appalachian executive vice president, to division managers for presentation to employees in their areas who recently completed a new home-study course in Basics of Right of Way Maintenance.

The course was initiated in August of last year by W. D. Ditman, R/W maintenance supervisor, and extended over a seven-month period. Each student had to spend a minimum of 50 hours studying during off-duty time. The subject matter included basic plant, physiology, insect and disease pests of trees, principles of tree care and maintenance, principles of brush control, dealing with the public and safety. A final examination was taken on March 26.

The following men successfully completed the course: W. A. Denny, Abingdon; P. C. Kelley, Bluefield; E. M. O'Neal, Beckley; G. J. Cook, Charleston; Keith Rowe, Huntington; D. G. Drake, Logan; Bernard Curry, Williamson; H. L. Morehead, Pulaski; C. L. Musselman, Roanoke, and A. L. St. Clair, Fieldale.

The course work was graded and the highest competitive grades were made by Mr. Curry and Mr. Rowe. They will have an opportunity to attend a major weed control conference later in the year. S. E. Robie and C. D. Ross of general office T&D also participated but as staff members were not eligible for competition for the awards.

## 'Pat' Clapper On I&M Board

E. E. (Pat) Clapper, of the Muncie division executive staff, was elected a director of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company on April 22. In this capacity, he succeeds the late M. Louis Trager, who died April 13 at the age of 47.

Mr. Clapper, who had been manager of I. & M.'s Tanners Creek plant, last January was transferred to the Muncie division in anticipation of the retirement, later in 1969, of E. P. Pifer as division manager. He started with Appalachian in 1937, and went to Indiana in 1950.



Mr. Clemons

## E. G. Clemons, Glen Lyn, Retires After 20 Years

Emmitt Griffin Clemons, maintenance man at Glen Lyn plant, retired April 1 after more than 20 years of service.

A native of Floyd County, Virginia, he attended schools in Oakvale, West Virginia. Prior to joining the company, he cut mining timber and worked for the contractor on unit 5 at Glen Lyn.

He joined the company in July, 1948, as a laborer. He later worked as utility man, utility operator, auxiliary equipment operator-upper pump, maintenance helper. He was promoted to maintenance man in 1956.

He plans to devote more time to his hobby of gardening and hopes to do some traveling if his health improves.

He and his wife, Doris, reside at Princeton, West Virginia, and have five children and nine grandchildren. Four of the children, Clarence E., Betty Clemons Walker, Emmitt G. Jr., and Roger D., reside at Princeton. Another daughter, Mary Clemons Walker, lives at Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Much of his retirement time will be spent enjoying his family.

## AEP System Construction Accounting Meeting Held At Amos Plant Site

The first Annual AEP System Construction Accounting Department meeting was held at the John Amos plant site on Kanawha River, near Winfield, West Virginia, on March 26 and 27.

Construction office managers, construction accountants, stores supervisors and chief timekeepers from the five major plant construction departments were in attendance. Representatives from the internal auditing division and the project engineering division also participated in the meeting, which was developed by J. L. Mahran, assistant treasurer, treasury staff, AEP Service Corp., and L. M. Nicoll, AEP System construction accounting department coordinator.

W. R. Pethel, office manager at the Amos plant, served as host and coordinator of all logistical matters.

The embarkation of the AEP System on an accelerated construction program of generating units is expected to continue. These

units, more sophisticated, and of larger size, represent considerably larger outlays of funds. This places an increasing responsibility on the construction accounting, storekeeping and timekeeping departments to control, properly record, and accurately account for all related expenditures.

As new construction personnel is required, a greater burden will be placed on the presently experienced personnel to assist in the training and planning required for expansion.

This meeting was initiated to define the functions and challenges of construction offices, to resolve problem areas and probe for any possible weakness in order to strengthen them.

Some of the topics on the agenda were: System 360 Accounts Payable Procedures, the Exempt Salary Plan, New Simplified Timekeeping Procedures, Effective Storage and Control of Material and Equipment, Storing and Accounting for Plant Materials and Supplies Prior to Commercial Operation, Investigating and Reporting Accidents and Property Damage Claims, Project Engineering, Analysis of Monthly Cost Control Reports, Service Contracts, Functions of Internal Auditing and Projected Construction Department Requirements.

Attending the meeting were: J. L. Mahran, R. C. Young, L. M. Nicoll and D. D. Holdren, representing the AEP Service Corporation; E. R. Turner, W. Knellinger, W. H. Clark, from Kentucky Power Company, Big Sandy plant construction department; H. D. Huck, H. P. Flesher, M. A. Dooley, C. M. Knight and R. A. Motter from Ohio Power Company, Mitchell plant construction department; W. J. Delaney and T. W. Olexa, from I&M Elec. Co., Cook plant construction department; A. J. Wojnowski from Muskingum River plant construction department of Ohio Power Company; W. R. Pethel, W. L. Grubb, J. L. Hicks, E. T. Hendrickson and W. G. Baronick from John Amos plant construction department; and L. E. Jefferson, Roanoke, R. F. Cromer, Canton, and J. T. Dowd and J. J. Cademartori, New York Office.

## MAIN Ties In '68 Are Strengthened

Members of the Mid-America Interpool Network strengthened their interconnected power supply systems during 1968 with the addition of over 4.5-million kilowatts of new generating capacity. MAIN also completed 830 miles of new 345,000-volt transmission lines.

During the period 1969-73, MAIN companies will increase their generating capability by almost 60% with the addition of nearly 28-million kw of new capacity. Simultaneously, they will add an estimated 3,500 miles of additional 345,000-volt lines.

The American Electric Power System, which is affiliated with ECAR (East Central Area Reliability Coordination Agreement)—a group of 26 utilities operating east of MAIN, is a liaison member of the latter.

## Robert G. Skinner Dies In Florida

Robert Gates Skinner, retired Charleston division commercial manager, died of a heart attack April 3 while vacationing at Gulfport, Florida.

He joined the company in 1923 and retired in 1957. All of his service was in the Charleston commercial department. He resided at 857 Chester Road in Charleston and also maintained a home at Lake Chautauqua, New York.

He is survived by his widow, Maxine Reader Skinner, and two sons, Robert G. Jr., of Charleston, and William, of Buckhannon, West Virginia.



Mr. Skinner