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Julien (left) and Vaughan (right) congratulate Smith on winning the 1969 Illuminator Award.

6 Appalachian Men Win 'Idea' Awards; Kanawha River's Simmons Places First

Six Appalachian Power Company men including one from Philip Sporn Plant, were the winners in the 1969 American Electric Power System Annual Operating Ideas Awards.

Charles A. Simmons, now at Kanawha River Plant, won first prize of \$700 for his article on the use of helicopters in line construction. The idea appeared in the May issue of *Operating Ideas*.

The Sporn plant man, Denny Woolcock, chief chemist, took third

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prize of \$400 for his article "Re-Thinking Job Procedures Bears Fruit."

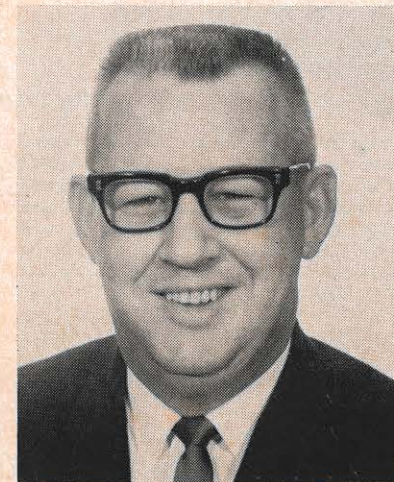
Fourth prize, worth \$300, went to Leonard Carnifax, Cabin Creek plant's master maintenance man, whose winning idea reported savings of \$12,000 annually on turbine roter machinings.

A. D. Stockton Jr., station design supervisor in Roanoke, was tied for fifth prize of \$250 for his detailed guide to station construction. Sixth prize, \$200, was jointly won by R. E. Senter, assistant manager, and T. D. Watson, performance engineer, both from Clinch River Plant. Their idea described a remote control method for coal car thawing.

Other winners were W. A. Black, Coshocton division manager for Ohio Power Company, second prize



Simmons



Woolcock



Carnifax



Stockton



Senter



Watson

of \$500; Martin L. Wasson, transmission inspector, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, tied for

fifth, \$250, and R. E. Kunzmann, assistant chief electrical engineer, Service Corporation.

Lynchburg Division, Loyd T. Smith, Repeat With Top Illuminator Awards

Lynchburg Division won the 1969 Illuminator Award and Loyd T. Smith, administrative assistant and associate editor, received the second annual top individual reporting award. It was Lynchburg's second consecutive first place finish.

Roanoke Division, for the third consecutive year, placed second. Huntington Division was third, Clinch River Plant fourth and Abingdon Division moved up from 14th last year into fifth place.

Rounding out the top ten were Charleston, 6th; Kingsport, 7th; Pulaski, 8th, Hazard, 9th and Big Sandy 10th. Ashland was 11th, Kanawha River 12th, Glen Lyn 13th, Logan-Williamson, 14th Cabin Creek 15th, Bluefield 16th, General Office 17th Philip Sporn 18th and Pikeville 19th.

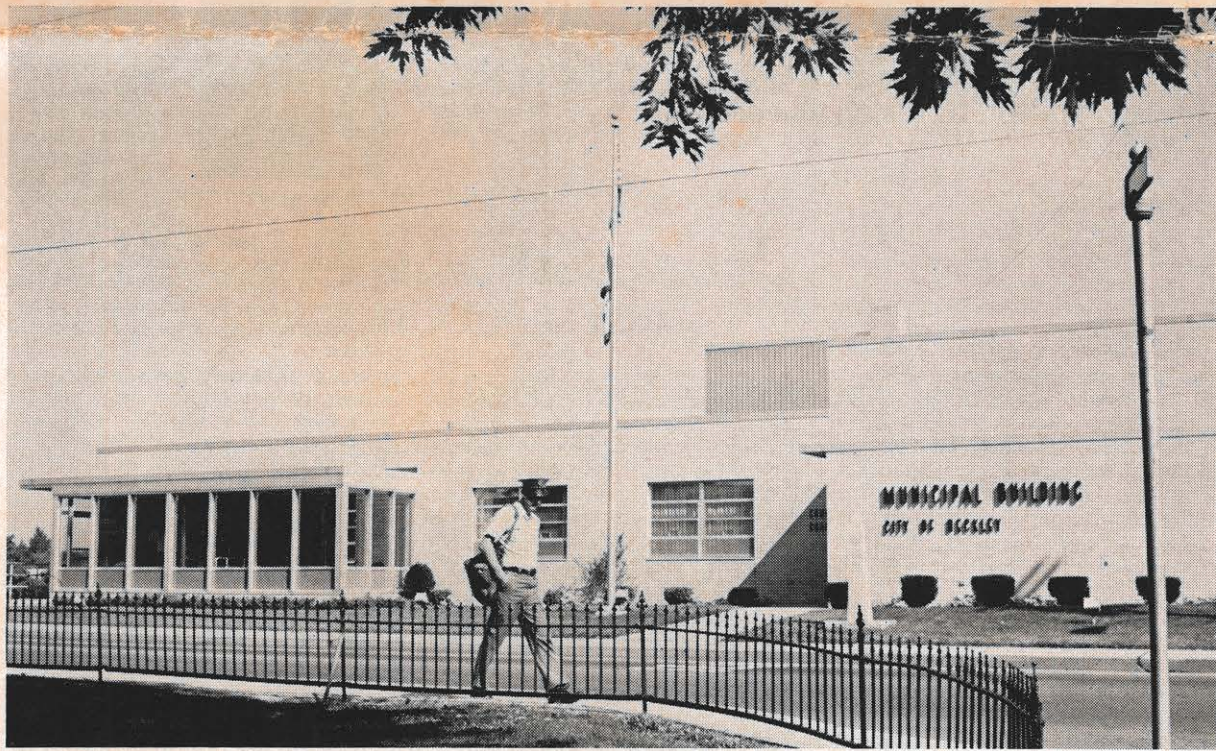
This was the third time Lynchburg captured the first place award under the leadership of Smith as associate editor. During the past nine years, the division has placed in the top five every year except one and that was a sixth place

finish.

The awards were presented to Smith and John W. Vaughan, division manager, on Dec. 20 at the division Christmas party. Making presentations were William A. McClung, public affairs director of Appalachian, and Marshall Julien, editor.

The award is based on statistics compiled through the year by the Public Affairs Dept. Involved are quota inches, promptness, balance between employee and company news, bonus points for variety and originality and advance outline.

The final standings were as follows: Lynchburg, 87.60; Roanoke, 82.67; Huntington, 79.85; Clinch River 78.57; Abingdon, 75.62; Charleston, 74.57; Kingsport, 74.05; Pulaski, 73.18; Hazard, 71.46; Big Sandy, 71.42; Ashland, 71.11; Kanawha River, 70.10; Glen Lyn, 69.46; Logan-Williamson, 69.20; Cabin Creek, 67.50; Bluefield, 66.21; General Office, 63.79; Philip Sporn, 61.56; and Pikeville, 61.19.



Beckley Municipal Building

Beckley Becomes Appalachian's Ninth Operating Division

It's official now. Beckley became Appalachian's ninth operating division on Jan. 1.

Some 175,000 people live in the 1,700-square-mile area covered by the new division. Appalachian has about 42,000 customers in that area. The new division includes Raleigh County, most of Fayette County and sections of Boone, Wyoming, Greenbrier, Summers and Mercer Counties with headquarters in Beckley.

Included in the area are the cities of Beckley and Oak Hill and the incorporated towns of Mt. Hope, Fayetteville, Amstead, Rupert, Quinwood, Meadow Bridge, Whitesville and Mabscott plus many small unincorporated towns.

W. C. McMahan, former manager of the Beckley area, is the new

division manager. There are some 150 employees. The change to division status prompted several personnel changes, some of which were announced in last month's ILLUMINATOR and others in this issue.

The change to division status came 35 years and 3 months after the Beckley District of Appalachian was created from many small electric utilities in the area. On Jan. 1, 1964, when Appalachian reorganized its operational functions, Beckley became a part of the Charleston Division.

The first electric company to serve Beckley was the Beckley Light and Power Company, incorporated in 1904. Its original plant served 100 customers and was located in what is now Mab-

scott. In 1930 this company was bought by the West Virginia Water Service Company, and the Beckley properties were absorbed by Appa-

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lachian Sept. 1, 1934.

Appalachian Power Company as it exists today was formed in 1926, and that year the new company acquired the Fayette Utilities Company, serving the county seat and Oak Hill, and the Mount Hope Electric Power and Water Company.

First Appalachian service in Raleigh County was in 1927, when it provided electricity for Coal City and Warden Road. Later,

the company acquired the Meadow Creek Power Company at Meadow Bridge, a company in Thurmond, and the Beaver Light and Power Company. Consolidation followed in 1934.

At that time, 30 employees served 8,300 customers.

McMahan has been in Beckley since 1948 except for six years in Charleston. A native of Townsend, Tenn., and an electrical engineering graduate of the University of Tennessee, he joined Appalachian at Beckley as an engineer in 1948. He was local superintendent and area supervisor before going to Charleston in 1954 as assistant to the district manager.

He returned to Beckley in 1960 as district manager.

He served in the Army Air

Force from 1942 through 1945. Married and the father of four sons, his family is presently residing at 110 Vine Street, Beckley.

McMahan is the past president of the Beckley Rotary club, a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the First Baptist Church of Beckley, and the Beckley Elks Club. He is chairman of the Beckley Planning and Zoning Commission. He is also past president and director of the United Fund of Raleigh County, past president and director of the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Appalachian Regional Hospital at Beckley. He is also president of the "Big 8" Development Association.

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A Letter From Mr. Gills

DEAR FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

It is with mixed emotions that I leave Appalachian and go to Ohio Power Company. I do want to say thank you. Appalachian Power Company is a fine company. You have made it a fine company and I am particularly proud of your achievements.

Ruth and I remember with a lot of affection the many associations with you fine people over the years. We want to thank you for your help and your friendship, and we hope that you will continue to make it the fine company that it is, and if you give Pete White the same support that you have given me, I am sure that the future of the company will be very bright.

This is not goodbye or farewell—it is just to say—so-long. We will be seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

'Idea' Award Incentives Increased

New cash incentives for the American Electric Power System's Operating Ideas program were announced last month.

A new optional award of \$100 has been added to the Operating Ideas program. Beginning with the January issue of *Operating Ideas*, judges will be able to make the

additional award for any exceptional idea published each month.

The old award system still provides for cash awards of \$50 and \$25. The latter figure represents the minimum award for any published idea, the \$50 rewards the better idea, and now the new award recognizes the exceptional.



Roanoke Christmas Choir

James B. Spurlock, employee relations assistant in the general office Personnel Dept., directs the Young Adult Choir of the Sweet Union Baptist Church of Roanoke. The choir sang for the annual Roanoke Division and General Office Christmas Program Dec. 15. H. W. Childress (second from left, third row) and Sybil D. Taylor (first on left, second row) are Roanoke Division employees.

Tiny Tim Kept Customers Up

Lots of people stayed up late on the night of Dec. 17 using electricity to run their television sets, lights and heating systems.

During the Johnny Carson show, on which Tiny Tim was married, the seven-state American Electric Power System experienced over 200,000 kilowatts of additional load.

At the conclusion of the wedding, customer usage of electricity dipped sharply.

Load charts during the most recent moon landing showed 270,000 kilowatts of additional load during the time of the landing.

Kentucky Power Promotes Three



S. J. Cornett Harold Cornett

Three Hazard Division employees were promoted Dec. 1.

David Begley became heating sales representative, S. J. Cornett moved to appliance service foreman, and Harold Cornett became appliance serviceman C.



Begley

Begley joined Kentucky Power in 1950 as an appliance serviceman helper and moved up through the appliance service classifications to heat pump installation co-ordinator, the position he held until his December promotion. He is married and he and his wife, Kay, have three sons, David, Brian, and Chris.

S. J. Cornett came with the company in 1948 as a meter reader and held that job until 1959 when he became an appliance serviceman B. He was promoted to appliance serviceman A in 1961. He and his wife, Imogene, have four children, William, Linda Carol, Gregory, and David.

Harold Cornett came with the company in 1967 as a clerk trainee. He was promoted to general records clerk-commercial in 1967 and held that position until his present promotion. He is married and he and his wife, Jeanene, live on Deaton Street in Hazard.

Bluefield Retiree Taken By Death

Miss Julia Edna Lee, Bluefield Division retired employee, died Dec. 5 after a brief illness.

Miss Lee had spent most of her life in the Bluefield area but was a native of Pennsylvania. She was employed by Appalachin in 1924 and retired May 1, 1951.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bluefield and the Bluefield Girls' Service Club.

Funeral services were held at the Hawkins Funeral Home Dec. 7 with burial in the Walnut Grove Cemetery.



Miss Lee

"General" Jesse Bussey Retires After 35 Years Of Roanoke Service



Bussey

When Jesse Bussey, senior personnel assistant in the Roanoke general office, retired Jan. 1, one of his co-workers admirably remarked, "He had taken two days vacation in three and a half years and I can verify that. He worked nights and Sundays and holidays. That's dedication . . . and I will miss him, especially his after lunch "at ease, troops."

Bussey had been with the company 35 years. He had been affectionately commanding the general office Personnel Dept. as "General Bussey" for the past several years. At his retirement dinner he was presented a "five star" citation for this job well done and a gold cuspidor engraved to "Jesse Red Man Bussey" in remembrance of the miles of tobacco he had chewed in the office.

He worked early in the mornings, too. One day at 6 a.m. he met a man he didn't know wandering through the fourth floor halls. After a thorough check of the man's identity—"What are you doing here this time of the morning? You don't work here do you?" and finding out that he did, Bussey called Matthew Funk, then executive vice president, to report "There's a man here I think is president of this organization and you had better come right over here." Philip Sporn, then AEP president, had come to Roanoke on an early train and walked up to the office.

Bussey is a native of Franklin County and attended Roanoke College.

In 1926 during the land boom in the Tampa area he moved to Florida and worked on the D. P. Davis project—the building of Davis Island at the mouth of the Hillsboro River. "That was during prohibition and restaurants in Ybor City served wine in coffee cups along with their bean soup and figs. I'd like to go back and see how the island looks now. When I was there you could step onto what looked like solid ground and sink to your knees in mud."

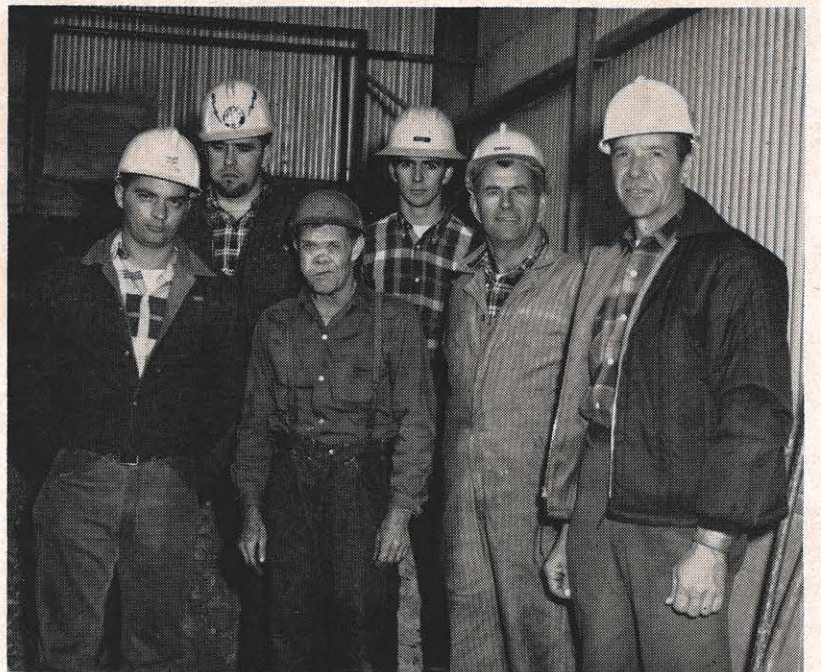
From 1927 to 1933 he worked for Norfolk and Western Railroad in the Valuation Accounting and Appraisal Dept. "This department was set up because of the Recapture clause in the Transportation Act. One of the first bills FDR signed repealed the Recapture Clause and left six of us without jobs in the middle of the depression."

After that he worked for the West Virginia Public Service Commission doing an audit of the AEP system, and apparently liked what he saw.

He joined Appalachian in 1936 in Roanoke as assistant tax agent working with office manager Harry L. Gardner and tax agent W. F. Keehne on state corporation taxes. The accounting office was on Walnut Avenue in 1936 but later moved to the Coulter building and then to the present offices on Franklin. He became administrative assistant in 1945 and senior personnel assistant A in 1949.

Asked about his retirement plans he said "I haven't had time to make any but we will be living in Roanoke. I'd like to do some hunting." Bussy has been a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association since 1935. "In 1935 a lifetime membership cost only \$25. That's quite a bargain. I've been getting the magazine for over 33 years and that itself costs more than \$150. For the past five years I've been doing a lot of reading about hunting, but now I'll catch up on some."

Married to the former Lois McFarland, he and his wife plan to maintain their residence at 2216 Richelieu Ave., S. W.



Front row from left, J. D. Honaker, station man C; Clarence Puckett; J. H. Kiser, station man A; R. R. Jones, station foreman. Back row from left, C. E. Long, station man B and A. E. Martin, station man helper A. Not pictured, B. L. Auton, station man helper A.

Bluefield Crewmen Save Life Of Man Caught In Rock Crusher

The Bluefield station crew was working on a station rebuilding job at Richlands, Va. when the men heard someone yelling for help. After a quick search of the area they found Clarence Puckett in a near-by brick plant. He had fallen into a rock and dirt pit and was being pulled toward a crusher. Shoulder deep, minutes before he would have been completely covered, they stopped the crusher and dug him out with shovels.

According to Puckett, dirt had

lodged against the side of the pit. He stepped on it to move it, and the ledge gave way.

Just previous to the accident, the men had been using an air hammer to dig out a foundation and had just turned off the hammer when they heard his call for help. If the air hammer had still been in operation they could not have heard his call.

Puckett's grateful remark after being rescued was, "If it hadn't been for them, I'd a been a goner."

Kingsport Power's Herr Retires; To Visit California In February



Herr

Robert Louis Herr, regional chief operator at the Holston Station of Kingsport Power retired Jan. 1, 1970.

Herr was born in Beaver, Pa. and graduated from high school in

Oakmont, Pa. in June 1923.

He joined Kingsport Power in Nov. 1933. In 1941 he was promoted to station superintendent and transferred to the Holston Station. In Aug. 1955 he was promoted to Regional Chief Operator.

Before coming with the company he worked for the Dwight P. Robinson Co., Byllesby Engineering and Management Corp. and Aluminum Company of America.

The Herrs will continue to live at Cedarwood Drive in Kingsport but are planning a trip to California in February to meet their son, Fred, who will be discharged from the Navy.

The Herrs have two other children, a daughter, Mrs. Rita Stallard, and a son Alan, both of Kingsport. They are also the grandparents of two.

Herr is a mason and a member of Bethel Presbyterian Church. He is a radio amateur—Call No. K4QNC, and plans to devote more time to this hobby and to fishing and working around the house.



Gloria models coat she made.

Gloria Parks Wins Top Sewing Awards At Russell County Fair

Gloria Parks, daughter of Harold Parks, T&D Clerk in Lebanon, Va. won 23 blue ribbon awards at the Russell County Fair this year. These awards were presented for various aspects of clothing construction, and modeling.

Gloria started sewing about five years ago. Since then she has been a winner in just about every sewing event she has entered.

The Lebanon High School senior says about her sewing, "It's fun and its profitable. I've learned to

coordinate color and design and I have a larger and better coordinated wardrobe than I'd otherwise have. In other words, I have more clothes, better clothes, too, for less money."

Gloria recently placed third in the State of Virginia with a tailored coat, and has competed in the national "Make It Yourself with Wool" contest.

After graduation, Gloria plans to study dress design.

John R. Greear, Bluefield Collector, Retires After 35 Years Of Service



Greear

John Richard Greear, collector in the Bluefield Accounting Dept., retired Jan. 1, 1969 after 35 years with the company.

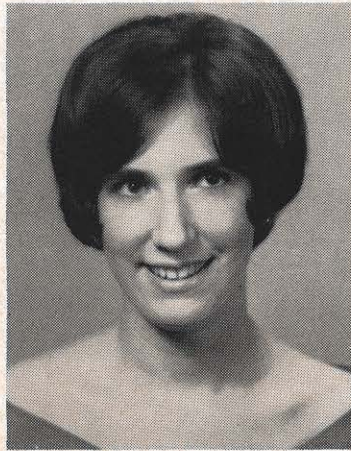
Greear is a native of North Tazewell, Va. He attended grade and elementary school at Witten's Mill in Tazewell County and Tazewell High School.

Before joining Appalachian in 1945, he was employed first by Gillespie Grocery and then Russell's Grocery as a butcher. He began his employment with the company as a collector and later worked as a meter reader.

Greear is a member of Trinity Methodist Church, United Commercial Travelers' Association, and Mercer Anglers' Club.

He and his wife, Edith, live at 306 Preston St., Bluefield.

Employee's Daughter Gives Tips To Teenage Job Hunters



Amy Graham

EDITOR'S NOTE: Amy Graham, a Pulaski High School senior, is the daughter of A. L. Graham, of the Pulaski Commercial Dept. She wrote this article for the school newspaper and it is being reprinted here for the possible interest of teenage children of other employees.

So you are looking for a job! As teenagers face this task, their primary goal is to find a job to fit both their desires and qualifications. Some persons work at a job that they really don't enjoy. This is unfortunate for the employee as well as for the employer! When seeking a job, make sure that it will be profitable for all involved.

It is important to note that a good attitude and a real desire to work are among the most important attributes of a prospective employee. For instance, don't say to a prospective employer, "You don't need anyone to work for you, do you?" Having a positive attitude can often be a deciding factor in securing a job.

When applying for a job, go to the employment office or to the prospective employer. Be

direct, and state exactly why you have come. This approach could be a very important determining factor!

The importance of a good personal appearance cannot be over-emphasized. Wear conservative dress appropriate for the situation, not too casual, bright, or extreme. Certain school "styles" may not be appropriate in the business world. Clothes should be neat, attractive, and clean, reflecting a pleasing image to others.

Personal hygiene is of vital importance. Cleanliness is equal in importance to dress. For boys, long hair and sideburns are not acceptable in many business establishments. Girls should avoid extreme hair styles. Good eating and sleeping habits are also important. In general, good appearance, cleanliness, and health all go together—helping you to put your best foot forward.

Bring all necessary information to the interview. Your Social Security number is extremely important. References, where you have worked before and the length of time, as well as your qualifications are important factors. Be certain you have your interviewer's full name and know how to pronounce it. Do some research on the company interviewing you, and prepare any questions you may have before you go in. Have some kind of note paper and a pen with you, and plan to arrive at the designated place at least fifteen minutes early.

At all times, be courteous, friendly, and enthusiastic. During the interview, let the employer take the initiative. Answer all questions fully, truthfully, and concisely. Avoid using slang, and look directly at the interviewer when talking with him. Never criticize others or discuss your troubles. Leave promptly when the interviewer indicates the interview has ended, and express appreciation for the interview.

Wellman Promoted In Public Affairs

James F. Wellman became advertising supervisor in the Public Affairs Dept. of Appalachian on Dec. 1.



Wellman

Wellman joined Appalachian in 1953 after several years in display and advertising work for furniture and department stores in Huntington, W. Va. His first job with the company was that of dealer sales representative in Huntington.

He moved to Roanoke in 1960 as public relations assistant, and was promoted to assistant advertising supervisor in 1963.

A native of Louisa, Ky., he attended Marshall College and was in the Navy from 1943 to 1945. He is a member of the Christian Church and the board of the Roanoke Area Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association.

Wellman is married and has a son, a married daughter and a granddaughter.

He succeeds R. T. Yobaggy who resigned from the Company for other employment.

Illuminator Editor Takes New Post

Marshall O. Julien, editor of THE ILLUMINATOR, became assistant personnel supervisor of Appalachian's Roanoke Division Jan. 1.



Julien

Julien joined the Ohio Power Company in 1966 as assistant editor in the public affairs department. He came to Roanoke as editor in

February 1967.

A native of Newcomertown, Ohio, he holds a BS degree in journalism from Bowling Green, O., State University. He also attended Miami (O) University and Dresden Linotype School. He worked for newspapers in Piqua, Dayton, and Canton before joining Ohio Power.

Married and the father of three children, Julien is president of the Appalachian Editors Association and a member of the American Association of Industrial Editors and International Council of Industrial Editors. He is also a member of Colonial Presbyterian Church, and lives at 3811 Green Valley Drive SW.

Lang Is Named Station Foreman

David A. Lang, distribution engineer in the Pikeville Engineering Dept., was transferred to T&D and promoted to station foreman Nov. 1, 1969.



Lang

Lang began his service with the Pikeville Division of Kentucky Power following graduation from West Virginia Institute of Technology at Montgomery, W. Va. with a degree in electrical engineering. He began as an associate engineer and was transferred and promoted to distribution engineer in the T&D Dept. after his six-month training period. On June 1, 1968 he was transferred back to the engineering Dept. as a distribution engineer in charge of the electrical section.

Lang and his wife, Joan, have a daughter, Melanie, and make their home on Park Street in Pikeville.

Ott, Ferguson, Watson, Harrison, Get Promotions At Clinch River

Promotions for four employees at Clinch River Plant were effective Jan. 1.

Eugene P. Ott became operations supervisor; Howard Ferguson, maintenance supervisor; Thomas D. Watson, plant engineer; and Joel E. Harrison, plant performance engineer.

Ott is a native of Lewisburg, W. Va., and is a 1951 graduate of West Virginia University with a BS degree in mechanical engineering. He is a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers and the Lebanon Lions Club.

He joined Appalachian in Logan in 1951. From 1956 to 1958 he worked in the New York office helping to design the Clinch River Plant. He later became plant engineer and then in 1962 maintenance supervisor. He replaces Virgil Adams whose promotion to assistant manager of the John E. Amos Plant was announced earlier.

Ferguson is a native of Pitchin, Ohio. He has completed several engineering courses and is currently working toward the requirements for a BS degree in electrical engineering. He is a member of the Stationary Steam Engineers of Ohio and is an advisor for explorer scouts in Lebanon.

Ferguson joined Appalachian at Kyger Creek Plant as a test engineer in 1954 and moved to Clinch River as assistant results engineer in 1957. Since then he has been results engineer and plant engineer.

Watson holds a BS degree in mechanical engineering from North Carolina State University and has completed courses in nuclear energy and automation electronics.



Ott

Ferguson



Watson

Harrison

He became test engineer at Clinch River in 1959 and has since been assistant results engineer and plant performance engineer.

Harrison joined the company at Clinch River in 1965 as an engineer. A native of Bluefield, W. Va., he holds a BS degree in mechanical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He was employed by Indiana and Michigan Electric prior to 1965.

Harrison is a member of the Lebanon Jaycees and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Company Couples Exchange Wedding Vows



Bowling-Miller

Patricia Ann Bowling and William Charles Miller were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the Fallon Park Wesleyan Church on November 27. Mr. Miller is an employee in the general office accounting department, Roanoke.



Lambert-Yokum

Linda Lea Lambert became the bride of Dennis Yokum on November 28 in the Mill Creek Baptist Church. Mrs. Yokum is the daughter of Alfred D. Lambert, maintenance man, Clinch River Plant.



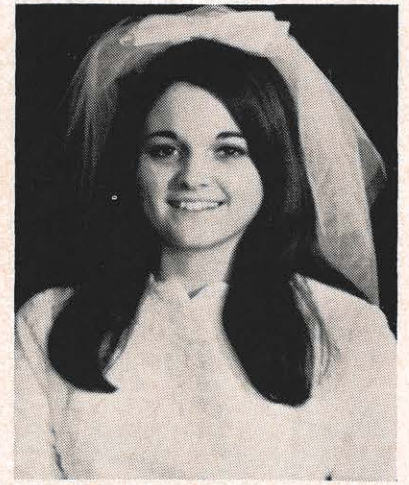
Cotton-Veals

A double ring ceremony performed August 31 in the Chapel Baptist Church, Woodville, Mississippi, united Zereda Cotton and Walter Leo Veals. Mr. Veals is a custodian in the building service department, Charleston.



Coleman-Childers

Vivian Carol Coleman was married to Robert Lee Childers on August 28. Mrs. Childers is the daughter of Victor Coleman, heating sales representative, Pikeville.



Stephens-Thompson

Julie Ann Stephens became the bride of Donald Bruce Thompson on October 18. Mr. Thompson is a clerk, T&D department, Charleston.

Lester-Frazier

Virginia Neal Lester and Fred Howard Frazier were married on September 18 in the Pleasant View Baptist Church, Blountville, Tennessee. Mrs. Frazier is customer accounts representative, Abingdon.

They're Engaged

VICKIE KING to Alton Ritter. Miss King is a key punch operator in customer accounting, Roanoke.

IDA L. SIMMONS to John F. Maddy. Mr. Maddy is general accounting clerk, Ashland.

LINDA CHASTAIN to Steve Droke. Miss Chastain is a clerk trainee in the accounting department, Kingsport.

CATHERINE LUCILLE COOK to John J. Sepko. Miss Cook is the daughter of Lucille G. Cook, customer accounts representative in Welch, Bluefield Division.

CAROLYN MALONE to Rodney L. Riggs. Mr. Riggs is a utility operator, Philip Sporn Plant.

Charleston Man Taken By Death

William Henry Thompson, a retired janitor in the Charleston division, died recently after a long illness. He was born in Charleston in 1894. Before starting with the company in 1930 he worked for the Dodge Motor Sales Inc. of Charleston. Upon his retirement in November of 1959 he was a janitor in the division.

He is survived by his wife, Lucy, and a daughter Geraldine.

Clyde Pennington Taken By Death

Clyde E. Pennington, 64, retired Glen Lyn Plant employee, died Nov. 4 in a Bluefield, W. Va. hospital. Pennington was employed in 1944 in the Coal Handling Dept. He worked in that department until the time of his retirement in 1959. He is survived by his wife, Clatie; two sons, Robert and David; five brothers and two sisters. Burial was in Oakvale, W. Va.



Pennington

New Arrivals

Bluefield Division

MR. AND MRS. SAMMY FRAGILE, a daughter, Christy Lynn, November 27. Mrs. Fragile was a clerk trainee in the Welch office.

Charleston Division

MR. AND MRS. PAT TAYLOR, a daughter, Melissa Dawn, December 4. Taylor is division credit and contract supervisor.

General Office

MR. AND MRS. CONWELL R. LESTER, a son, Ray Lee, November 11. Lester is a T&D-transmission section employee, Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL H. MOXLEY, a daughter, Lori Leigh, December 1. Moxley is an engineer civil construction assistant 1, Blue Ridge Construction Department.

Huntington Division

MR. AND MRS. J. T. MAYFIELD, JR., a daughter, Emma Lee. Mayfield is an engineer.

MR. AND MRS. G. T. RUSSELL, a son, George T. Jr. Mrs. Russell was a clerk stenographer.

Logan-Williamson Division

MR. AND MRS. RONNIE FERRELL, a son, Bryan Anthony, November 24. Ferrell is a clerk-typist, Williamson.

Roanoke Division

MR. AND MRS. S. D. GIBSON, a daughter, Stephanie Dawn, December 8. Gibson is a lineman.

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. R. B. WORKMAN, a daughter, Angela Blake, December 6. Workman is a material clerk.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH C. VANCO, JR., a son Marc Alan, October 24. Vanco is an auxiliary equipment operator.

Hazard Division

MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY W. HELTON, a son, Jason Warren, December 1. Helton is an engineering record clerk.

Kingsport Power Company

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS E. CAVIN, a daughter, Sharon Roselee, November 26. Cavin is a lineman helper.

Trawick Moves To Amos Plant

Andrew J. Trawick became operations supervisor at the John E. Amos Plant Jan. 1.

Trawick is a native of Sandersville, Ga. He holds a BS degree in mechanical engineering from Georgia Tech and is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is past president of the Rich Creek Lions Club.

Trawick joined Appalachian at the Glen Lyn Plant in 1957 as a maintenance foreman and moved to test engineer and plant engineer before becoming plant maintenance supervisor in August 1969.



Trawick



Francis

Francis Retires From Glen Lyn After 29 Years

Orice E. (Bud) Francis, unit foreman-operations at Glen Lyn, retired Jan. 1 after 29 years at the plant.

He began as a laborer in 1941 and worked as a boiler operator, electrical maintenance helper, electrical maintenance man, auxiliary equipment operator, shift operator, equipment operator, switchboard operator before becoming unit foreman in 1966.

Francis is a deacon of the Cashmere Baptist Church and a member of the Mercer Angler's Club.

He and his wife, Eunice, have three children and three grandchildren. His daughter Betty Freeman and her husband Sid are also Glen Lyn employees.

He is a native of Peterstown, W. Va. and he will spend his retirement there fishing and enjoying his grandchildren.

Hargis Caudill, Hazard, Dies

Hargis Caudill, 63, right-of-way agent in the Hazard Division died Nov. 26.

Hargis joined Kentucky Power in 1941 as a groundman and held various positions until he became right-of-way agent in 1945, the position he held until his death.

Hargis was an active member of the Regular Baptist Church where he served as Clerk. He is survived by his wife and three children.



Caudill

Familiar Faces In New Places

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon Division

DOROTHY B. HAWLEY from clerk-stenographer to stenographer. C. D. COULTHARD from lineman helper to lineman c. H. W. COUNTS from T&D clerk to T&D clerk, sr.

Bluefield Division

TERRY DALE SIMPSON from lineman b to T&D clerk, sr. NORMA HALL BUCHANAN from meter service helper to meter representative. DWIGHT EUGENE MEADOWS from lineman b to lineman a. GRADY LEON PARKER from electrical engineer to power sales engineer.

Charleston Division

YVONNE M. GILMORE from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer. JAMES R. BRADLEY from meter service helper to meter serviceman. DONALD L. TACKETT from stationman helper to tractor trailer driver-helper.

General Office

WANDA P. CLEMONS from clerk-typist to general accounting clerk. VICKIE L. KING from key punch operator b to key punch operator a. JAMES W. SMITH from invoice audit clerk to classification clerk. LORETHA S. JORDAN from key punch operator c to key punch operator b. RAYMOND K. TOTTEN from T&D clerk, Abingdon, to business trainee, Roanoke. DENVER R. McFANN from transmission man helper to transmission man c. CHARLES S. BOYD, JR., from transmission man helper to transmission man c. DOYLE V. HAMILTON from transmission man helper to transmission man c. ROBERT E. FERRELL from utility helper to station operator c.

Huntington Division

K. W. ROWE from line inspector to R/W maintenance inspector. C. H. MURRAY, JR., from line inspector to R/W maintenance inspector. H. R. BURCHAM from auto repairman helper to auto repairman.

Lynchburg Division

LINDA M. SCOTT from clerk trainee to cashier. CAROLYN W. DAWSON from clerk typist to T&D clerk. JANICE F. JOHNSON from clerk trainee to PBX operator. R. M. ELLIOTT from material clerk, stores dept., to meterman helper, T&D.

Roanoke Division

A. L. ATKINS from clerk, jr., to draftsman. J. R. FRAZIER, JR., from lineman c to lineman b.

Cabin Creek Plant

ED JARRETT from utility foreman to yard foreman. SAMUEL L. MELVIN from turbine auxiliary equipment operator, Cabin Creek, to equipment operator, Mitchell Plant.

Philip Sporn Plant

GLENN E. EVANS from utility man b to utility man a. PAUL M. HARMON from utility man b to utility man a. CHARLES J. YOUNG from utility man b to utility man a. STANLEY R. LEMLEY from utility man, utility, to coal handler, yard. ROBERT J. ROUSH from coal handler, yard, to utility man, utility. WILLIAM R. JOHNSON from utility man to utility operator. RANDALL L. DAVIS from utility man to utility operator. GARY L. LYONS from utility man to utility operator. CHARLES R. STONE from helper to jr. maintenance man. DENVER L. GIBBS from jr. maintenance man to maintenance man. RUSSELL LEE WOOD from jr. maintenance man to maintenance man. DONALD C. BROWN from plant engineer, engineering, to operations supervisor, operations.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland Division

DENNIS W. WILLIAMS from T&D man to lineman. JACK S. KEETON from general accounting clerk to classification & verification clerk.

Pikeville Division

DAVID A. LANG from distribution engineer, engineering, to station foreman, station section. EMIL MAYOR, distribution engineer, from T&D department to engineering department.

Charleston Clubs Cite Fred Helm

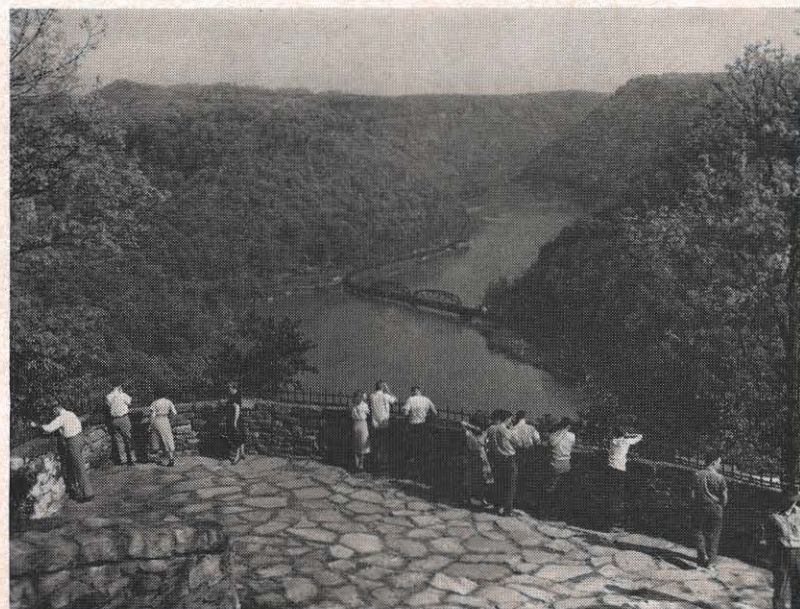
Fred Helm, division sales manager, looks over a few of the many recognition awards he has received for speaking at various civic clubs in Charleston. As a representative of our company, his talks on the electric industry in general do much to keep the civic minded individuals in the area informed about progress and events in the industry.



Beckley: New Division Headquarters



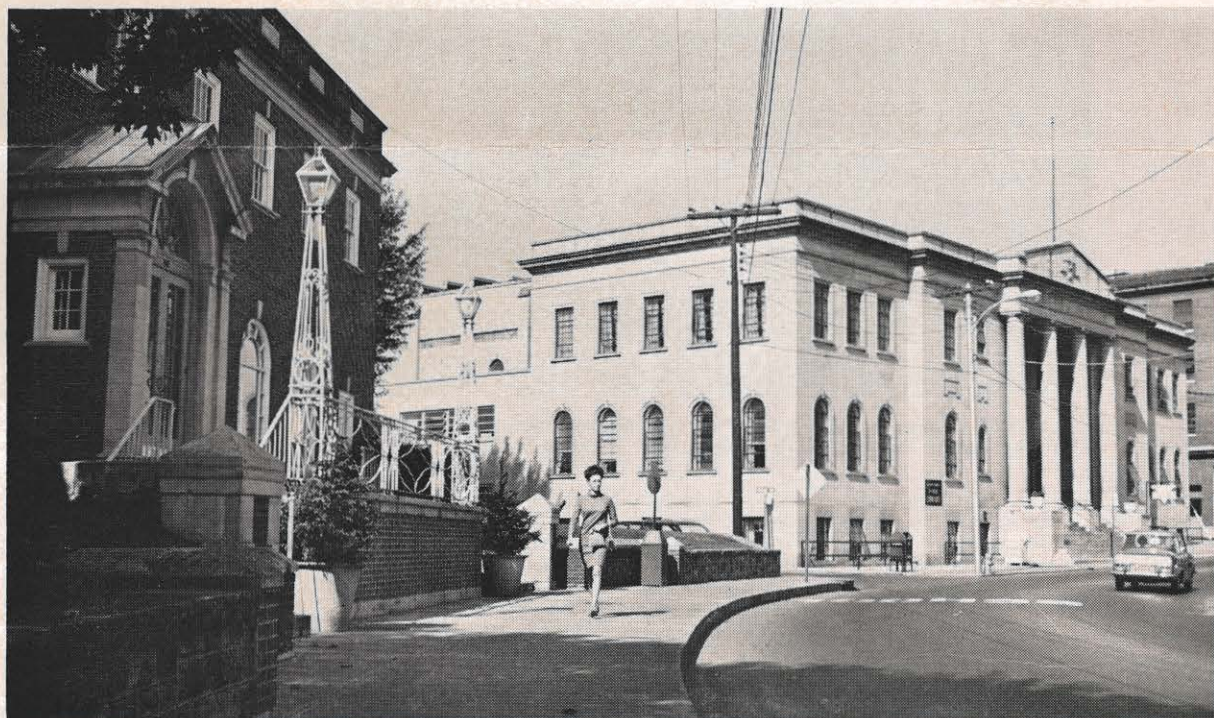
Pleasant residential areas complement natural surroundings.



Several state parks nearby offer playgrounds for tourists and residents alike. This view is from the overlook beside U. S. Route 60 into the New River Gorge at Hawks Nest State Park.



Exhibition Mine popular with tourists, groups.



Raleigh County Public Library (right) and Appalachian office (left).

The trading and cultural hub of a six-county area, Beckley, West Virginia, sits on a rolling plateau in the southern part of the Mountain state. Its ties with the past are many; and they are gracious ties, but it's a city on the move. A State Department of Commerce study listed it as one of the state's greatest growth potential areas.

Those mountains account for much of the potential with the hilly terrain funneling all of the roads into Beckley. The county seat of Raleigh County, Beckley's population is approximately 23,000 with about

75,000 in the six-county drawing area.

There's almost a fever connected with the Beckley area's future. It is the recognized capital of the Smokeless Coal Region, and the coal industry employs about one-third of the area's work force. With the resurgence of the coal industry, it has been projected that mining will provide an additional 4,500 jobs in the next five to ten years. For example, in the six-county area, only 12 per cent of the total recoverable coal resources has been mined after 84 years of operation.

Coal is big business in Beckley, but tourism, education and health care services offer the city a diversification that will soon be enhanced by the intersection of two interstate highways—77 and 64. It presently is the midway point on the West Virginia Turnpike. It also has a municipal airport served by commercial airliners.

A major tourist attraction with its Coal Mine Museum, Exhibit Coal Mine and several state parks, Beckley is noted nationally for the annual showing of "Honey in the Rocks." The outdoor drama, featuring professional actors and depicting the Civil War era, annually

attracted thousands to Beckley.

In 1970, the story of the famous feud between the Hatfields and McCoy's will be presented. The season opens June 20. In 1971, "Honey" will return in repertory on alternate nights.

Two state parks, Pipestem and Twin Falls, feature lodges, championship 18-hole golf courses, air fields and riding stables.

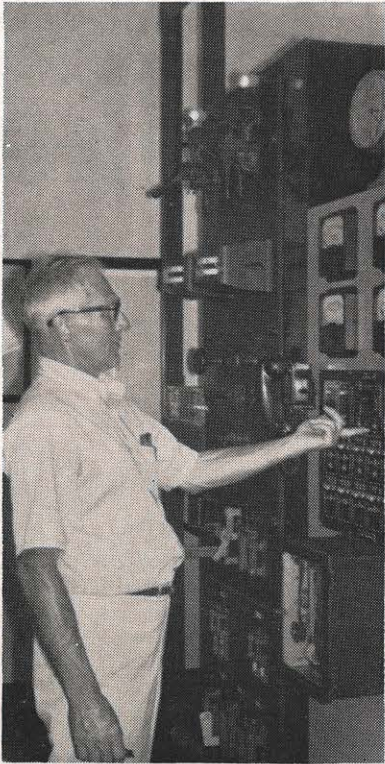
The city is the home of Beckley Junior College, which is the largest junior college in the state with an enrollment of over 1,400. The state's largest high school, Woodrow Wilson, is also at Beckley. It

has an enrollment of about 2,200.

Health Care is a major industry in the area. Beckley has five hospitals, including the Veterans Administration Hospital, the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium and Mental Hospital, and the largest of six Appalachian Regional Hospitals, plus two community hospitals.

Other industries are Beckley Manufacturing Company, which is a subsidiary of General Instrument Corporation which employs 750 people; Melpar, division of Westinghouse Air Brake; Mineral Mills, and Industrial Electric Company.

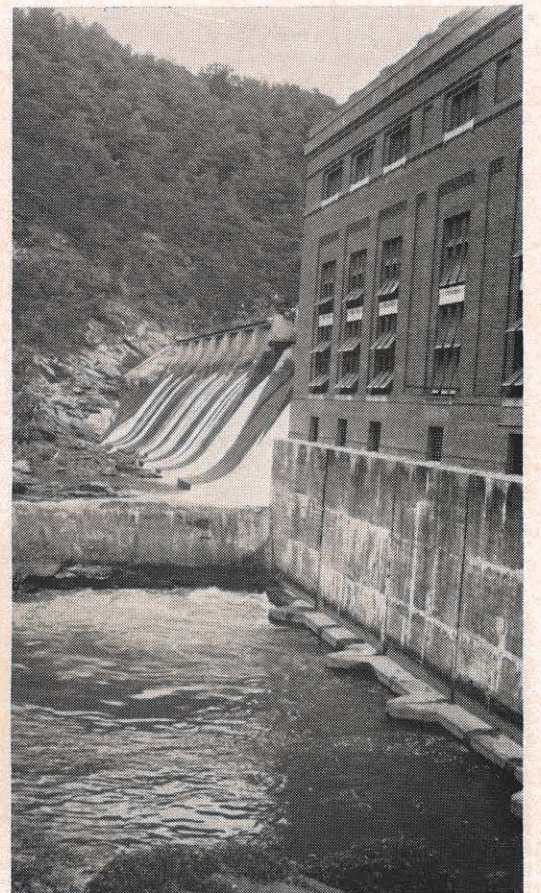
Byllesby-Buck Hydros Still Going 57 Years Later



Foreman Tom Weatherman checks controls. Weatherman, the son of a former supervisor for Appalachian in this same building was hired while in his teens.



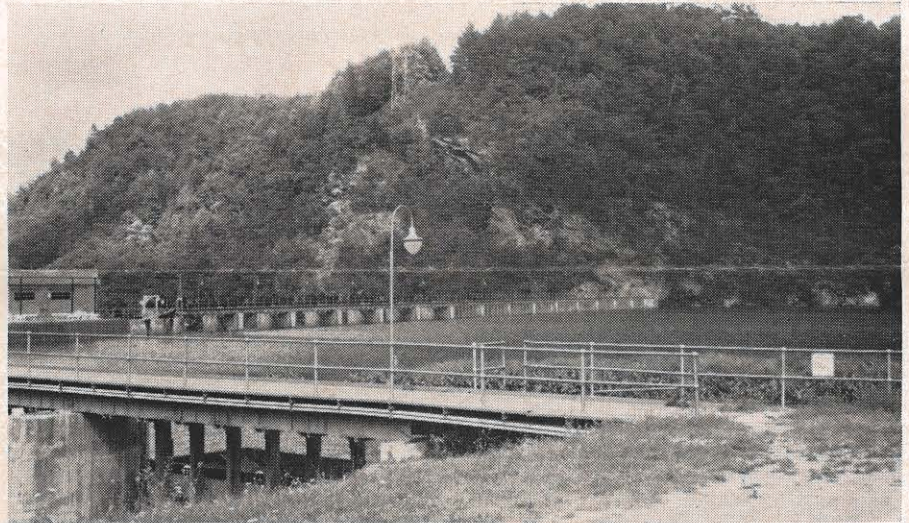
Water is fed to the cooling pool from a mountain spring. This is the last of the "water cooling systems" to be employed by Appalachian.



A steep, forested land forms the backdrop for the tail race. The churning water in the foreground is lowered or raised, depending on the need. The building on the right is the Byllesby Power House.



A tattered remnant of days that were—this was once the flag stop for the Byllesby Train Station of the N&W line between Pulaski and Galax.



This is the upper part of Byllesby Dam.

EDITORS NOTE: This article, written by Shirley Hurst with pictures by Barry Fayne, appeared in *The Carroll News* recently. It is being reprinted here in its original form.

Necessity has been called, "The mother of invention," it also gave birth to the Appalachian Power Company. The birth occurred some 57 years ago with the construction of the Byllesby and Buck Hydro Plants in the rugged terrain of Carroll County.

The hydro plants were created mainly to furnish electricity to the coal fields for mining operations but quickly found an abundance of local customers tapping on to the power source, reported to be one of the largest in the eastern part of the country at the time. The project, since updated, still supplies the bigger portion of electricity to Carroll and Grayson counties.

In the July 27, 1911 issue of the *Grayson Journal*, the future building of the electric facility received first page treatment with a release from the *Bluefield Telegraph*:

"It is now being recognized by many people in this section that the Appalachian Power Company will be one of the largest power companies in the eastern part of the country. The company which expects to generate fully eighty thousand horsepower at its dams, which will be under construction in a short time, will not use more than 25,000 horsepower in the coal fields—leaving in the neighborhood of 50,000 horsepower which it can use for the running of small manufacturing plants, municipal electric plants and other plants which will no doubt spring up in this section when it becomes generally known that cheap power can be had.

"At present the company is pushing preliminary work on its dams at Grayson and Ivanhoe and it is expected that a contract will be let this week for a railroad grade over which material can be hauled to the proposed locations for the dams in Grayson and Carroll Counties.

"An order for 100 barrels of cement has been placed, showing that the company intends to push work.

"In the coalfields the company has a corps of engineers at work getting in shape so that the setting of chestnut poles for the transmission of current from the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Company, may be commenced next week. This plant will be used as a generating plant until such time as the dams are in shape to furnish power themselves.

"The men, after the poles have been set, will commence at once to hang on the arms and string wires."

Construction of Byllesby and Buck brought around 1,000 Italian laborers on the job, along with the hiring of all local people who desired to work on the project.

Barracks were built between Byllesby and Buck for the imported laborers. A hospital was also built at Buck. Before long a residential community existed with around twenty houses, a railroad station, school, post office and company store (commissary).

Marler Sharpe, an Appalachian employee at the Hillsville Office who came from the area, retold a humorous incident concerning an Italian worker. Being a newcomer, the fellow's eye caught a buzzard one day as it soared above the trees. Probably learning of the

land's abundant wildlife, he took careful aim and shot. The bird fell dead; he carried it home. The next day he was heard to remark, "Black chicken that fly—not good to eat!"

The Norfolk and Western Railway started building a railroad out of Pulaski in 1878 along New River to Galax. It acquired the name "North Carolina branch" because it was planned to run the railroad through Galax across the Blue Ridge Mountains through Lamsburg and over the state line into Mount Airy, N. C.

Grading was done out of Galax toward the top of the mountain but was never completed.

Twenty six years later, 1904, the railroad line was completed to Galax. With the railroad built and the coalfields flourishing, the future for the generation and sale of electricity looked very bright.

Without the railroad it would have been almost impossible to construct these hydro plants where they are located today.

In 1910 the Appalachian Power Company acquired four dam sites in Carroll County along New River. Number one site is located at Fries Junction, No. 2 at Byllesby, No. 3 at Fowler Ferry, and No. 4 site is located at Buck. These four sites contained 3,656 acres.

The plants were mostly completed by 1913 and ready to start operation with a total generating capacity of 30,000 kw. The management headquarters was located in Bluefield, W. Va.

The Byllesby Dam is 49 feet high with a drainage area of 1,310 square miles and the Buck Dam is 38 feet high with a drainage area of 1,320 square miles.

Although the first line was built to send power to Bluefield to furnish coalfields with electricity, in time there were other lines—one to Hillsville—one to Saltville, Roanoke, Wytheville, Galax, and one line out of Buck powerhouse to Austinville.

In spite of all these lines the demand at night was so light that only one generator was operated at each plant.

The two hydro plants were tied into a 13.2 kv bus and then off the 13.2 kv bus through an 88 kv bank of transformers. The same transformers installed in 1913 are still in use today.

The dispatchers had charge of the load control and lines. All reports were compiled and sent to the Bluefield, W. Va. headquarters.

The project has recently gone on automatic control out of Roanoke although keeping a work force at the plant, according to Sebert Sisson, a company spokesman.

Disaster struck the power source twice when the New River poured out of its banks and flooded the plants.

In the summer of 1916 both plants were flooded and all stanchions and flash boards were lost. The railroad between Byllesby and Ivanhoe were washed out. The plants were cleaned up, repairs made and put back in full operation in approximately 3 months.

Again, in the summer of 1940, the plants were flooded and all the stanchions and flash boards lost. The railroad and the road were also washed out and the carbide

plant shut down. This was not due to the lack of power but from damage to the cooling system from flood waters. Everything was soon back to normal after a period of clean up and repair work.

In 1917 the National Carbide had moved into the lower end of Carroll County with the construction of a carbide plant that was completed in 1918.

Appalachian Power Company constructed two 13.2 kv lines out of the Buck power house to the carbide plant and picked up a load of 7200 kw. The demand of the carbide plant continually increased and in 1929 an 88/13.2 kv station was constructed at Ivanhoe. There were now four 13.2 kv lines into the carbide plant. The two Buck lines were tied into the 13.2 kv station.

The carbide plant finally reached a peak demand of 28,000 kw and the revenue to the Appalachian Power Company was approximately 1 1/4 million dollars annually.

Calendars have changed from 1911 to 1969. The carbide plant is closed.

But Appalachian Power Company, one of seven companies in the American Electric Power Company, has grown to a giant electric energy producer.

With the growing demand for electricity, the American Electric Power has invested in building the system's 1,200-mile, 765,000 volt transmission grid across five states.

This is a world's first at this extra-high voltage. The first section of the line was expected to be in operation this spring, with the entire initial network scheduled for completion by 1972.

General Office

Nelson D. Reed was honored as Roanoke's "Fireman of the Year." The award was in recognition of Reed's courageous action while fighting a fire March 4, 1969. His wife, Veronica, is in Customer Accounting.

James B. Spurlock Jr. has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Opportunities Industrialization Center. Spurlock is a graduate of A&T University. He is a Roanoke native and has been with Appalachian since Feb. 1968.



Spurlock

New employees are Phil Weaver, Charles Wright, William Bowers, Sara Woolwine, Ronald Hogan, Dean Wolfe, Dale Fisher, and Joyce Huffman.

Roanoke

John Randy Ratliff, who worked in the Roanoke division T&D station section June through October, is now in the drafting section for November and December. He will return to VPI in January where he is a senior in Industrial Engineering.

Jean Livesay and J. R. Bryant have returned to work after illness.

J. L. White, retired employee, visited the Walnut Avenue, division T&D office.

L. A. Fulcher, James Crouch, W. I. Whitefield and J. G. Harvey, retired employees, visited the Roanoke Division offices during December.

Dewey N. (Dan) Sink has a new granddaughter, Tracy Michelle, born Nov. 16 to his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey N. Sink Jr.

Fieldale

Gary Sheppard is a new employee in division T&D Stuart office.

J. B. Bell was elected to the Board of Deacons at the Stuart Baptist Church in Stuart, Va.

D. W. Cooper killed a 130 pound doe during bow and arrow season.

Clinch River

Lora Lee Carr, daughter of Edward C. Carr, was crowned Halloween Carnival Queen as a representative from the fourth grade at Lebanon Elementary School. The Lebanon Women's Club, sponsors of this event, presented Lora Lee with a watch in recognition of the honor.



Lora Lee

Pikeville

Sandra Huffman, daughter of R. L. Huffman, was selected an Outstanding Teenager of America for 1970. She was selected by the Outstanding Americans Foundation from Johns Creek High School.

Carolyn Lue Bevins is a new employee.

Clyde Harmon and Danny Hamilton have returned to work after long illnesses.

Bill Barnett, son of Bill E. Barnett is a Dec. graduate of the University of Kentucky.

Sympathy is extended to Ked Lowe in the death of his mother and to Jamesetta Mullins in the death of her grandfather.

Happenings Around The Circuit

Abingdon

Fillmore McPherson has been elected 1970 president of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. He has previously served as vice president, member of the Executive Committee, the Industrial Committee, and a director.

David Lawler was elected second lieutenant of the Clintwood unit of the Dickenson County Rescue Squad. Elected sergeants were Marshall Hughes, Dean Robinson and A. C. Steffey.

Leah Fleenor, daughter of J. E. Fleenor, was soloist for the Junior Choir Christmas Cantata presented at the Abingdon Baptist Church.



McPherson



Gwen

Debbie

Gwen Self, daughter of Arthur Self, won an award in 4-H leadership and electricity. Debbie McClellan, daughter of G. L. McClellan, won an award in food nutrition. These awards were presented at the 4-H Achievement Award Day in Clintwood.

Thomas W. Crabtree, son of T. F. Crabtree, was elected president of his senior class at R. B. Worthy High School. He was also named to the All-District Six Football Squad. Tommy's sister, Jo Ann, a senior at Longwood College, was recently honored at an annual scholarship banquet for outstanding scholarship.

Sympathy is extended to C. E. Fields on the death of his mother.

George G. Woods has been named to serve on the Board of Directors of the Trade Council of Washington County.

L. C. Angle, Jr., has been re-elected deacon to serve for a period of six years at the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church where he also serves as church treasurer.

Ashland

Paul Skaggs was elected to the Executive Board of the West Virginia Southern Baptist Convention. He will serve two years and help with planning for the State Convention of the Southern Baptist Church. He also has been named a Kentucky Colonel.

Sympathy is extended to Liew Osborne on the death of his mother, Cordelia Osborne, Nov. 15.



Skaggs

Bluefield

J. J. Harmon Jr. and Jack Hagerman have been elected and installed as Elders in the Graham Presbyterian Church of Bluefield, Va. Both have served as Chairman of the Board of Deacons.

A. L. Tryee, husband of retired Personnel Dept. employee Helen Sue Spangler Tyree, is retiring as city treasurer for the City of Bluefield, W. Va.

Sympathy is extended to Robert Sweeney on the death of his father.

Thelma Parks, wife of Paul W. Parks, attended the annual meeting of the West Virginia group of National Association of Bank Women.

New employees in Bluefield are Betty Jane Boyd, Charles M. Wisdom, Rickey R. Mitchell, Chester E. Lark, Jerry W. Childress, and Charles E. Vanhoozier.

The Bluefield Civic League of which Helen P. Vermillion is president, won first place for its float in the City of Bluefield Christmas parade.

Kingsport

C. S. Lingar has been elected President of the Downtown Kingsport Optimist Club.

Linda L. Chastain is a new employee in the Accounting Dept.

C. E. Green has returned to work following an extended illness.

Retirees who visited the office recently were Mrs. Ochael Wood, J. W. Proffitt, W. B. Jones, and W. G. Hartgrove.

During the holiday season, Vicki Gott, daughter of G. W. Gott, reigned as Snow Queen, participating in parades throughout the Tri-City Area.

Logan-Williamson

Several division employees were elected to serve on posts of the Chief Cornstalk Council, Boy Scouts of America, during the council's annual business meeting. Members of the executive board are Cecil L. Miller and James B. White. White was also chosen to serve as a council member-at-large along with Everette Carrico, Paul C. Gosney, and E. E. King. W. L. Williams was elected to serve on the executive board and as a council member-at-large. Williams is the husband of Edith Williams.

Sympathy is extended to Fred E. Varney and Corbett Brumfield on the death of their father-in-law and father.

Cecil L. Miller has just completed two classes of Standard Red Cross First Aid Training—the Civil Air Patrol Cadets and their leaders and a class of Senior Girl Scouts.

New employees are Gary S. Dunlap, John C. Shriver, Jimmy Perry, Joyce Pierson, Wendy Dillard, Geraldine Layne, William Thaxton, Brady Morris.

Cabin Creek

The Cabin Creek Christmas Dinner-Dance was held at the Civic Center, North Gallery, Dec. 6, 1969. The Children's Christmas Party was held at the Chelyan Jr. High School Dec. 19.

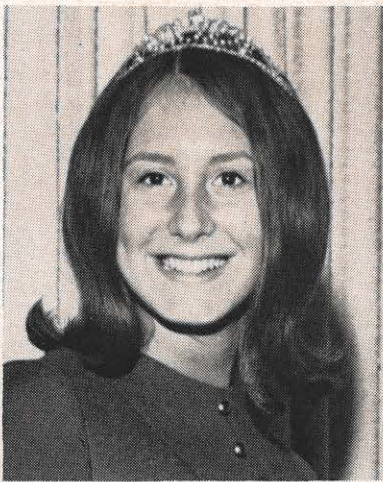
Charleston

Harrett A. Frazier, daughter of John Frazier, has been named as one of seven members of the judicial board of Marshall University's 400 resident Twin Towers dormitory. She is a sophomore majoring in Business and Physical Education in Teachers College at the University.



Harrett

Miss Linda Sue Holmes, daughter of Ralph Holmes, has been elected Miss Winfield General. She is a member of the National Honor Society, a cheerleader and was elected Homecoming Queen earlier in the year.



Linda

Sympathy is extended to Jerry Fain in the death of his brother Thomas M. Fain.

New employees are David L. Harris and Eleanor J. Scott.

Hazard



Sherry Lyn

Sherry Lyn Bailey, daughter of Brenda Bailey, was chosen first runner-up in the annual Little Miss Perry County pageant. She was presented with a trophy and a necklace.

C. C. Hobeck Dies In Huntington

C. C. Hobeck, 78, died Dec. 1 in a Huntington hospital after an extended illness.

Hobeck was employed by Appalachian in 1923 in the T&D Dept. He worked as a lineman, troubleman, meter helper, substation foreman and upon retirement in 1954 he was station foreman.

Prior to employment with Appalachian, he worked at the C&O Railway Company and C&P Telephone Company.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine, two daughters and one son.



Hobeck

Huntington

Carl M. Dunn was recently elected president of the Huntington Planning Commission. He was formerly vice president.

George E. Hervey was initiated into the Beta Rho Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu at W. Va. University on Dec. 5, 1969. Membership in the honor society is awarded to those who have obtained a record of outstanding achievement in the field of engineering.

Pvt. Arthur Clark, son of M. C. Clark, was one of three cited as a "Distinguished Graduate" at the U. S. Army Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, Va. in a class of 44. He was also recognized and presented with an Expert Badge w/Rifle Bar for accomplishments on the shooting range, while stationed at the U. S. Army Training Center, Infantry, Fort Bragg, N. C.

Sympathy is extended to W. H. Stricklen and O. W. Hesson in the death of their father-in-law and father.

L. J. Hedrick has been elected president of the Pt. Pleasant-Mason County Chamber of Commerce for 1970. Hedrick has previously served as vice president and served on the board of directors.

W. C. Gilmour has been elected treasurer of the Mid Ohio Valley Industrial Emergency Planning Council for 1970.



Clark

Glen Lyn

Samuel D. Hollinger and James A. Skeens are new employees.

Lynchburg

New employees are Arakere C. Channaiah, and Otis Eugene West.

Pauley Promoted To Beckley Post

Paul E. Pauley became Beckley Division personnel supervisor Jan. 1.

Pauley, a native of Hinton, W. Va., holds a ABA degree in higher accounting from Beckley College, a BS degree in business administration from Morris Harvey College, and has completed courses in electrical engineering through the International Correspondence School.

He is a member of Masonic Lodge No. 95 at Beckley; B.P.O. Elks Lodge, Montgomery Lions Club, Hawks Nest Country Club, the Board of Directors of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, and the Montgomery Planning Commission.

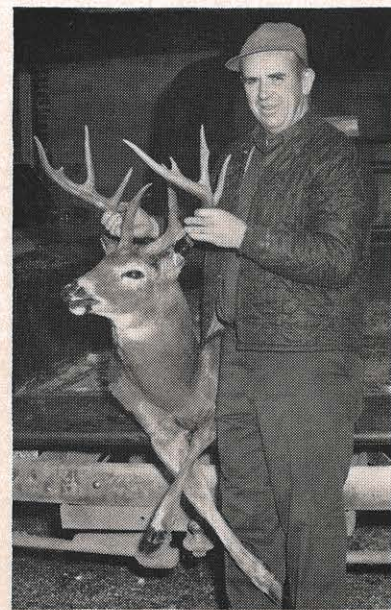
Pauley joined Appalachian at Beckley in 1949. He served in various capacities in the T&D Dept. and the Commercial Dept., serving as records supervisor and commercial sales representative at Beckley.

In 1959 he was promoted to division heating sales engineer at Charleston. In 1963 he was promoted to area supervisor at Rainelle and later became area superintendent at Montgomery in 1967.

The Pauleys live at Gauley Bridge and have one son, Michael. Mrs. Pauley is a teacher at Oakland School at Smithers. They are members of the Episcopal Church at Montgomery.



Pauley



Bath County Is Good Spot For Bluefield Hunters

For hunters, Bath County, Va., must be where it's happening. Bluefield employees have been bringing home deer and turkey from there

all season. Here R. R. Jones (left, first photo) station foreman; A. H. White, photographer and reproduction man; and C. M. Fletcher,

line supervisor, leave the woods with their five prize turkeys. Back in Bluefield A. H. White proudly displays his birds while Garlin E. Hill Jr., maintenance man A, shows

his 11-point buck. R. R. Jones has a six pointer to his credit along with his turkey. Paul Dalton, auto repairman A, and Danny Farley, son of C. L. Farley, Tazewell area

supervisor, each have killed a spike buck. Robert Shaffer, husband of Gail D. Shaffer, customer accounts representative, has a five-point buck on his hunting record.



Janet Divita (left) and Barbara Markham look on as a beaming Elaine Rogers displays her bowling trophy. This is only part of her sweet taste of winning.

Elaine Rogers Bowls 299 Game; May Be Highest Score In State

A stubborn ten-pin that wouldn't go down kept Mrs. Elaine Rogers, Charleston Division cashier, from bowling a perfect 300 game in the Towne 'n Country Ladies Classic League.

Elaine wound up with a 299 game and this is believed to be the highest game ever bowled by a woman in West Virginia.

After 11 straight strikes, Elaine admitted, "I was really nervous on that 12th ball. I got a good pocket hit and the ten-pin sort of wiggled a little bit but it wouldn't go down.

"I don't remember what happened after that because everybody in the league was screaming and pounding me and congratulating me. At about the 10th frame the other lanes began closing down and the people started drifting over to where I was bowling. When I got the 11th frame it seemed like everybody in the place was either shouting advice or breathing over my shoulder."

She had games of 181, 299 and 182 for a 662 series—her highest in five years of bowling. Elaine competes in three leagues and carries a top average of 169. Her top game prior to the 299 was a 236 a couple of weeks ago.

"All I have been living for in bowling is to roll a 600 series but I didn't know you had to bowl a 299 game to do it," Mrs. Rogers laughed.

If she had gotten that final strike she would have won \$300 that the bowling house offers for anybody bowling a perfect game. "I could have used that \$300," Mrs. Rogers commented. "I told my daughter Beverly that it would have helped pay her tuition at Marshall University."

Mrs. Rogers didn't go away empty-handed, however, after her big game. "The manager of Towne 'n Country gave me the ten-pin to keep as a souvenir." She related.

The next day at the office co-worker Barbara Markham, credit representative in the Charleston accounting office, presented her a cake decorated with a 299 figure. Needless to say, Elaine, who was always cheerful and happy around the office has been on Cloud Nine since her 299 game. In addition to a lot of newspaper and TV publicity, she will soon receive a diamond ring from the Woman's International Bowling Congress.

Like many women keglers, Elaine rolls a straight ball. "I usually roll straight down the middle of the alley," she said. "Every last one of the balls were right in the pocket."

The highest previous game bowled by a West Virginia woman is believed to be a 289 by Marcia Halstead of Charleston.

First With Bow

Hubert Greene Surprises Wife, Self

In the past five years Hubert Greene had bagged only one deer and he was almost to the point of not hunting this season. His son-in-law finally convinced him to try Diana's game with her weapons. "Use a bow and arrow. What have you got to lose!"

So he practiced a few times. He had used a cedar bow to shoot rabbits and lizards when he was a child but not since then.

He drove his jeep into the mountains near Edison, Tenn. and then tramped around in the woods for several hours. Finally, tired and disgusted he started home. As he was driving down a narrow road beside a creek he heard a splashing noise.

He stopped the jeep, grabbed his bow and arrows, and headed for the noise. He startled a doe who ran but stopped when he whistled. When she stopped, he shot, and Hubert had his deer—dead center with one arrow.

It was almost as if the hunt goddess were trying to make amends for five years. The doe fell on a slope and all Hubert had to do was back up the jeep and roll the deer onto the tailgate.

When he got home almost bursting with elation, no one was there. Mrs. Greene had decided that Hubert couldn't possibly get a deer with a bow so she went shopping.



Kingsport's Hubert C. Greene with his surprise deer.

Hubert figured and waited for over an hour. When she finally pulled into the driveway and saw the deer she got more excited than Hubert and could only manage to gasp "You killed a deer."

Yes, Hubert got a deer and without a gun.

Russell A. Fields Dies At Chelyan

Russell A. Fields, shift operating engineer at Kanawha River Plant, died at his home in Chelyan, W. Va. Dec. 7, 1969.



Fields

Born in Sprigg, W. Va. in 1920, Fields attended public schools in Matewan, studied at Concord College and completed correspondence courses in law and mechanical engineering.

He joined Kentucky and West Virginia Power Co. at Hazard in 1941, transferred to the Sporn Plant and advanced to the position of control operator, before being transferred to the Kanawha River Plant in 1952, as assistant operating engineer. He was promoted to shift operating engineer in 1954.

Fields is survived by his wife, Margaret, an employee at the Cabin Creek Plant, and a son, Jim. Burial was at the Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Charleston.

Fred Bennington Cited For Service By Ferrum Board

The Board of Trustees of Ferrum Junior College presented Fred M. Bennington with a special award at convocation ceremonies Oct. 29.

Dr. C. Ralph Arthur who made the presentation said that the award is of the same type as that presented to a retiring member of the board . . . "in grateful recognition of devoted service for the development and progress of Christian Higher Education."

Bennington has long been an active booster and recruiter of students for Ferrum. Dr. Arthur remarked that he has brought more students to Ferrum than anyone else he knows.

Bennington's sons Philip and Miller attended the college. He has served as a member of the Parents Council and is still an honorary member. He was the founder of the Panther Booster Club at the college and is currently serving his second term as president of the club.

He is employed in the Pulaski Division of Appalachian.



Fred Bennington

Service Anniversaries Observed

30 Years



M. D. Shepherd
G.O. Personnel



J. R. Bryant
Roanoke

25 Years



F. C. Huffman
Pikeville



W. M. Wilson
Radford Plant



F. O. Smith
Lynchburg

20 Years



Wilson Tibbs
Pikeville



R. M. Long
Radford Plant



R. L. Hall
G.O. T&D



E. M. Sterrett
Huntington



H. L. Higgs
Radford Plant



A. L. McClaugherty
Radford Plant



H. B. Belcher
Radford Plant



E. E. Webb
Radford Plant



J. R. Willard
Radford Plant



W. T. Simpson
Radford Plant



L. A. Linkous
Radford Plant



W. E. Whisman
Radford Plant



Appalachian Power Company

ABINGDON DIVISION—15 YEARS: JAMES C. HUGHES, administrative assistant.
 CHARLESTON DIVISION—5 YEARS: LARRY D. LINDBERG, meter clerk.
 GENERAL OFFICE—40 YEARS: S. L. HOPPER, stores accounting supervisor. 30 YEARS: MARCUS D. SHEPHERD, personnel assistant. 20 YEARS: ROBERT L. HALL, JR., communications engineer. 5 YEARS: ROBERT R. SHORT, station maintenance man. ROGER L. GOWL, W/O cost billing clerk. JOYCE A. COOK, general bookkeeper.
 HUNTINGTON DIVISION—20 YEARS: E. M. STERRETT, customer service representative.
 LYNCHBURG DIVISION—45 YEARS: E. T. JOHNSON, commercial sales engineer. 25 YEARS: F. O. SMITH, stationman. 5 YEARS: B. T. MCBRIDE, meter reader.
 CLINCH RIVER PLANT—35 YEARS: J. THOMAS BUNTON, office supervisor.
 KANAWHA RIVER PLANT—35 YEARS: DONALD EDWARD EVERSON, shift operator engineer.
 RADFORD ARMY AMMUNITION STEAM PLANT—20 YEARS: WILLIAM T. SIMPSON, HENRY L. HIGGS, LLOYD A. LINKOUS, ESTEL E. WEBB, WILLIAM E. WHISMAN, HOWARD B. BELCHER, ROY M. LONG, ANDREW L. MCCLAUGHERTY, JAMES R. WILLARD. 25 YEARS: WILLARD M. WILSON.

Kentucky Power Company

PIKEVILLE DIVISION—25 YEARS: FRANCES C. HUFFMAN, cashier. 20 YEARS: WILSON TIBBS, rodman.

Four Appalachian Employees Observe Service Anniversaries Totaling 150 Years



Johnson



Hopper



Bunton



Everson

on wiring their homes for electricity. In 1927 he was transferred to the Accounting Dept., and to the Commercial Dept. in 1934 and promoted to his present position in 1936. He is a member of the Industrial Management Club, Lynchburg Society of Engineering and Science and a past president of the Lynchburg Lions Club.

Hopper was employed as a messenger boy in the accounting office in 1930. Since then he has been clerk senior, and assistant stores accounting supervisor. He is a member of the Belmont Christian Church, Knights of Pythias and D.O.K.K. The Hoppers are the parents of two daughters and a son, and reside at 5453 Warwood Drive, Salem, Va.

Everson joined Appalachian at the Cabin Creek Plant in 1935 as a laborer. Since then he has moved to filter plant operator, turbine-room man and boiler operator at Cabin Creek and as control operator and assistant shift operating engineer at Kanawha River. He is now shift operating engineer at the Kanawha River Plant. He is a graduate of Point Port High School, Clinton, Ohio.

Bunton joined the AEP system at the Hazard Plant of Kentucky Power. His first job was plant clerk and later senior clerk. He was promoted to clerk chemist in 1949. In 1955 he transferred to the Kyger Creek Plant as a results clerk and remained there until he was named office supervisor of Clinch River Plant in 1957. The Buntons have two children and one grandson.

Four Appalachian employees have service records collectively reaching over 150 years.

Elmer T. Johnson, Lynchburg, has received his recognition pin for 45 years; S. L. Hopper, general office, his 40 year pin; and J. Thomas Bunton, Clinch River, and Donald E. Everson, Kanawha River, their 35 year pins.

Johnson, commercial sales engineer, joined the company in 1925 as a salesman, selling customers

Late Night Calls Are Still Coming To Retired Serviceman Bob Metz



Metz

C. R. (Bob) Metz has retired after serving 24 years with Appalachian—but word has not reached all of his neighbors that he is no longer on 24 hour call as an area serviceman.

People with questions about outages or other problems have continued to call him. He says "At first it was hard to keep from jumping up and grabbing my shoes and coat when I heard a call come in but I'm gradually getting into the habit."

Metz was born in Roanoke, Va. in 1904 but soon moved with his family to the Charleston Area.

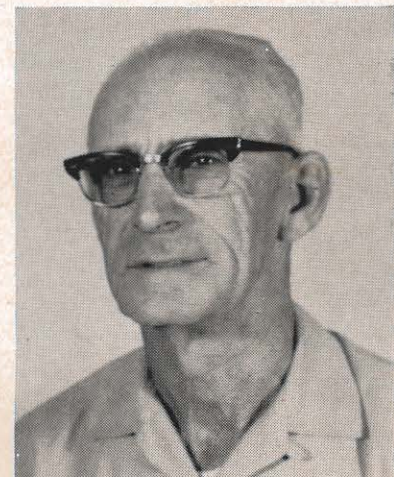
He served in the army from 1923 to 1931 as a cook. After his discharge he started with an electrical contracting firm as a lineman and soon worked up to line foreman. Although the contracting job was a good one he was quick to join Appalachian when the opportunity arose and has never regretted it.

He started as a lineman in 1945 and in 1948 was promoted to a district troubleman and in 1953 he was promoted to the job of area serviceman.

He credits his wife, Juanita, as being one of his most important assets during his years with the power company. The job of area serviceman requires that the man is on call 24 hours a day and Bob notes that "My wife has always been great about getting up at night and answering the calls. After I would leave for a job she would stay by the phone and relay messages to me. Many times during major storms and outages this job would keep her up all night."

He plans to spend much of his time with his nine-year-old son, Joe Bob. "This is one of my greatest pleasures and a pursuit that keeps me thinking young." He has purchased a self-contained tow camper with which he plans to do a lot of "no particular destination" camping next summer.

Bob is an active member of the First Christian Church of Montgomery.



Pierson

Sam Pierson's Retirement Ends 28-Year Record

S. E. "Sam" Pierson left Kingsport Power Company Jan. 1 with an enviable safety record. During his 28½ years of driving a company vehicle he never had an accident.

Pierson, a native of Scott County, Va. worked for Broadwater Feed Company in Appalachia from 1926 to 1941 as a salesman. He joined Kingsport Power Company May, 13, 1941 as a serviceman in the Meter Dept. In 1951 he was promoted to meter serviceman A.

A gardening and woodworking enthusiast, Sam plans to devote more time to his garden, especially his "strawberry patch," and work in his shop.

He is married to the former Una Coley, and they live in Gate City, Va.

Brown Promoted At Philip Sporn

Donald C. Brown, plant engineer at Philip Sporn, was named operation supervisor Jan. 1, 1970.

Brown is a native of Glen Lyn, Va. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II as a radar research technician and joined Appalachian in 1947 as an assistant chemist B at the Glen Lyn Plant.

He was transferred to the Logan Plant in 1950 as a chemist and was named chief chemist in 1953. He was transferred to Philip Sporn in 1954 as chief chemist and promoted to plant engineer in 1964.

Brown and his wife, Rolande, have three children and reside in Haven Heights, New Haven, W. Va.



Brown

Walters Promoted To Administrator

J. D. Walters became customer accounting administrator in the Roanoke general office Dec. 1. He succeeds R. G. Calhoun, now retired.

Walters is a native of Davis, W. Va. He holds an AB degree in economics from Berea College and is a member of the Administrative Management Society.

He joined Kentucky Power in 1941 as a clerk at Ashland and became local office manager there in 1948. He later moved to Charleston and became division accounting supervisor. He became assistant customer accounting administrator in the Roanoke general office in 1966.



Walters

Matthews Dies At Charleston

James Edward Matthews, a retired station foreman in the Charleston division, died recently after a long illness.

Matthews, who was born in St. Albans, W. Va. in 1889, began with the company in 1917 as an electrician. He worked in a number of different jobs before becoming station foreman. He retired after 35 years of service in 1954.

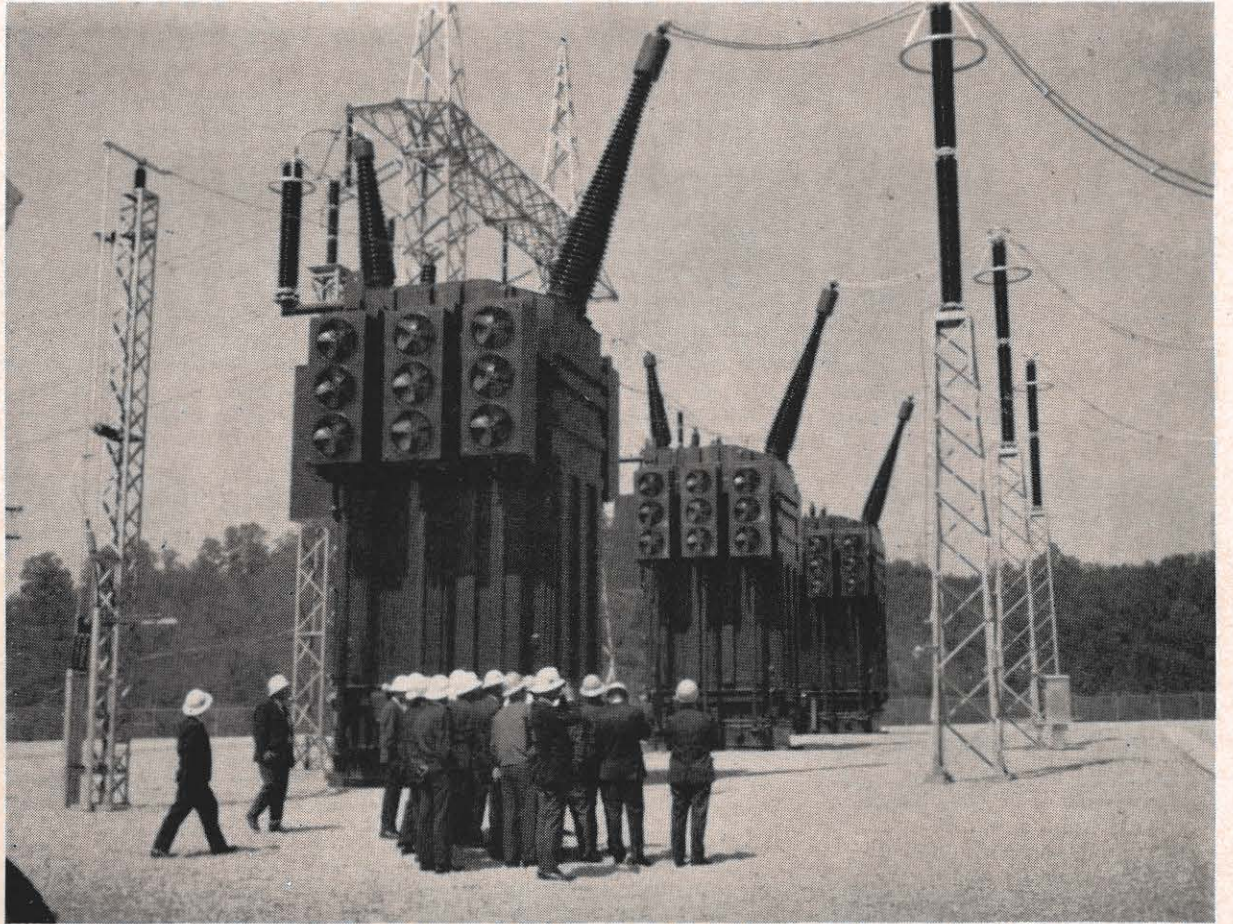
Matthews was an active member of the Marmet Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Virginia.



Matthews



Retired Lynchburg employees pause during their tour of the Surrender Grounds at Appomattox. After seeing Patrick Henry's home at Red Hill they were served a picnic lunch at the McLean House at Appomattox. From left, Waddie Crouch, Mrs. Crouch, Mrs. Curtis, R. D. Curtis, E. B. Pinkard.

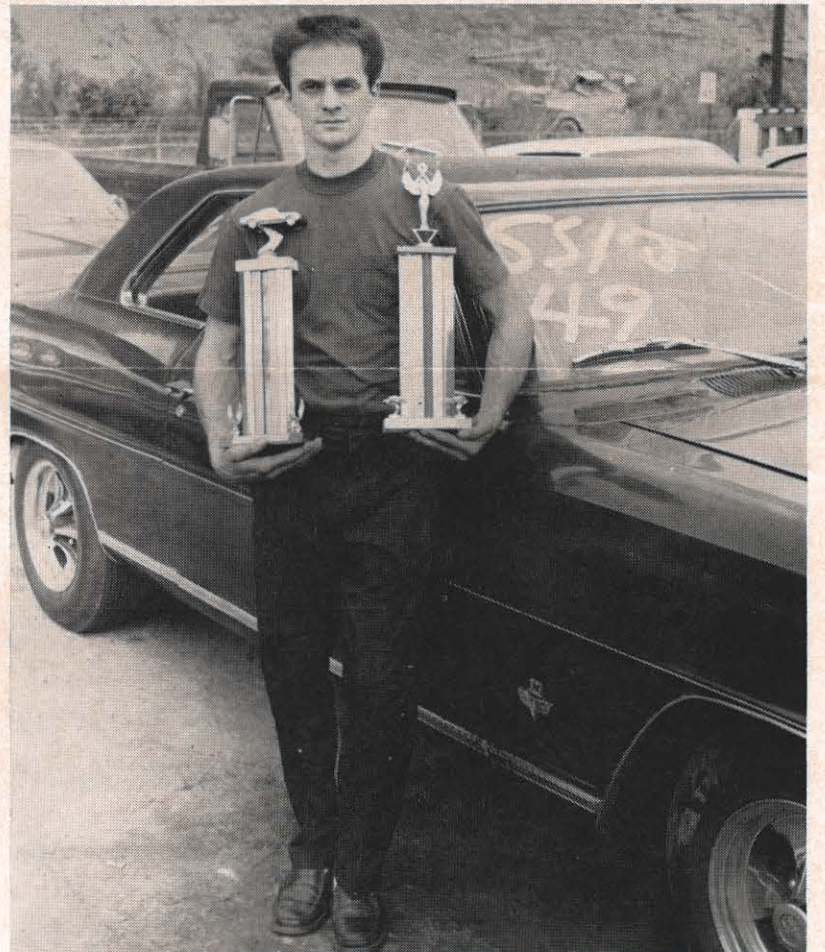


You have to see it to believe it! Huntington Division supervisors view the Baker Station near Big Sandy Plant. These transformers of the 765 kv line are among the largest in the world.



It's a long way to the top shelf in the Appalachian storeroom on Walnut Avenue in Roanoke, but George Adkins reaches it easily with this electric lift truck. The new truck is head and shoulders above the older model driven by Bob Jones.

People
Places
&
Things



Roger Adkins won the drag races at Coeburn, Va. two successive weekends with his Chevelle Nova 327. In the Super Stock Class J he had times of 15.3 and 15.1 for the quarter mile.



This brick home, one of the oldest and largest in Pike County, had to be moved from the path of the new highway replacing U. S. 23 and 460. Pikeville crews raised the lines and the house was slipped under so that service to several area customers would not be interrupted.



Miss Independence, Homer Bunn's Tennessee Walking Mare is wearing a wig. In keeping with current fashion her 72 inch tail is false. Homer has entered his mare in shows in Ky., Ohio, and W. Va. where she has three times taken first place.