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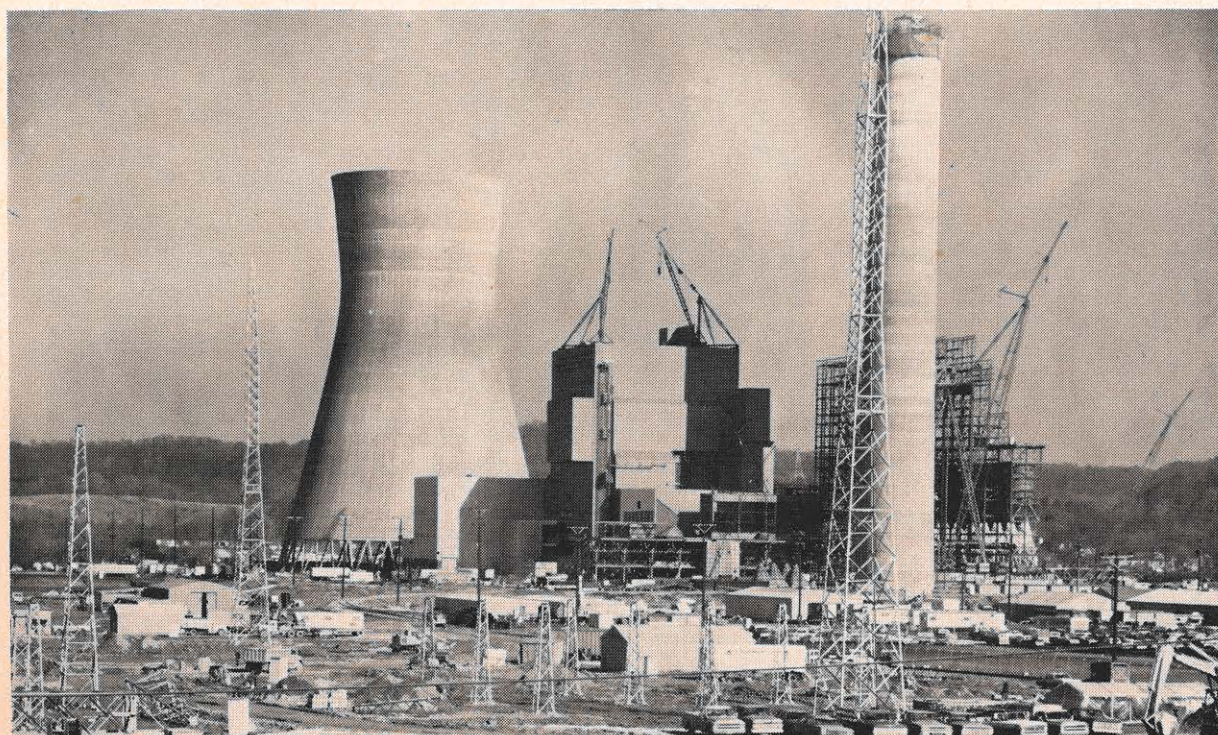
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son's head, he is facing  
failure.

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The John E. Amos Plant took definite shape over the winter, and construction progress is fairly well on schedule. At left is one cooling tower. Moving to the right, the next structure is the boiler housing for Unit One. Beside it is part of the 900-foot-high

stack. Behind the stack is steel for the boiler housing for Unit Two, and behind it another cooling tower beginning to take shape. The new Unit Three, announced early this year, will be to the left of the present plant as it is pictured here.

## 'Largest' Plant Rising On Kanawha

Construction of the John E. Amos Plant in Putnam County is "fairly well on schedule at this point," according to Lawrence H. Lieving, resident engineer.

The plant, which will have a generating capacity of 2.9-million kilowatts and will be the largest ever built by an investor-owned utility, was started in 1968. Unit One is scheduled for completion in 1971, Unit Two in 1972, and Unit Three in 1973. Units One and Two will have a capacity of 800,000 kilowatts each, and Unit Three a

capacity of 1.3-million kw.

There are about 1,600 people working at the construction job at the present time, and this number will rise as work progresses on Unit Three, which was announced early this year.

More than 140,000 cubic yards of concrete have been poured at the plant site on the Kanawha River, and more than 13,500 tons of steel have been erected.

Work resumed in March after a winter recess on the concrete pouring for the 900-foot-high stack

shell for the first two units. Foundations have been completed in the 765,000 volt yard at the plant, and work will begin soon on foundations in the 345,000 volt and 138,000 volt yards. One cooling tower shell has been completed, and the second shell is on its way up. Work has also started on coal handling facilities. The plant will consume 7.5-million tons of coal a year to generate electricity.

Lieving also said that work has started on Unit Three with the beginning of the foundations.



(From left) Fred Skaggs, Paul Alexander, Harold Ogelvie and Simon Lunce look at the rope they used to rescue a couple stranded atop a car near Smithsboro, Kentucky.

## Hazard T&D Employees Rescue Couple Stranded Atop Car In Rising Water

Four Hazard Transmission and Distribution employees were called out around midnight recently to restore service near Whitesburg, Kentucky, some 35 miles away. It had been raining for two days, and water was over the road in some low-lying areas.

Paul Alexander and Harold Ogelvie left the service building in a pickup truck, followed a few minutes later by Fred Skaggs and Simon Lunce in a line truck.

As Paul and Harold approached Smithsboro, they saw a compact car stranded in the road with water up to the top of the windows and steadily rising. A man and woman were standing on top of the car. The men waded out to the car, tied a rope around the couple and themselves and brought the man

and woman back to the truck. When Fred and Simon arrived with the line truck, they pulled the car out and took it to Hazard to get it running again.

The Kentucky Power men learned that the man was in service and he and his wife were on their way to Pound, Virginia, where his mother was ill with pneumonia and his father had suffered a heart attack. When the couple came to the water in the road, they decided to ford it and the car stalled. They were afraid to wade out because it was dark and they could have gone in the wrong direction and gotten into deeper water.

It was unlikely anyone would have been along that road the rest of the night had there not been a power outage.

## Camp Kilowatt Opens April 15 For All AEP System Employees

Making your summer plans? Why not include Camp Kilowatt, the employee camp at Smith Mountain Lake?

The camp opens for the season April 15. It's available (and free) for active or retired employees of the AEP System, their families and guests.

There are 25 campsites for trailer or tent camping—on a first come, first served basis (no reservations made). It's primitive camping, but the comfort station on the property has electricity, appliance outlets, drinking water, basins, and hot water showers.

There are picnic tables scattered throughout the area, but no fireplaces. You can test your skill at building a fire on the ground or bring a grill, and you must provide your own fuel.

There is a boat launching ramp,

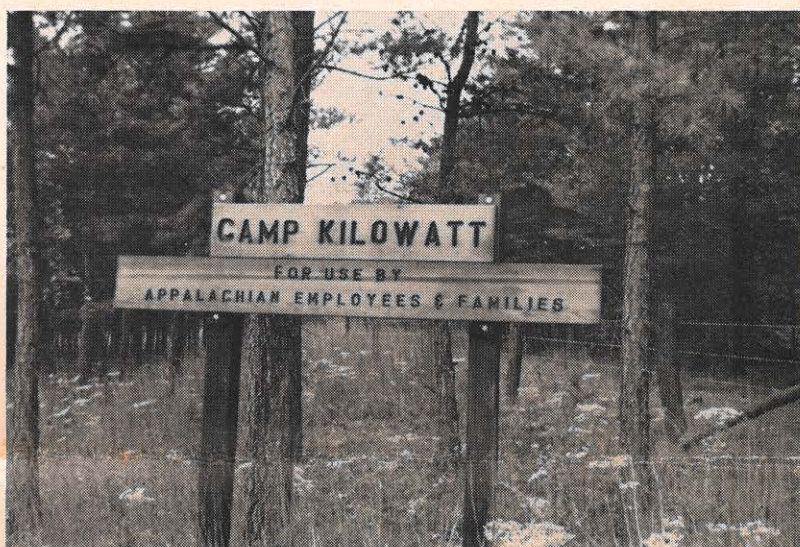
a swimming area, and the fishing is great! Virginia State Law requires a fishing license for anyone 16 to 69. A three-day permit can be bought for \$1.50 at several stores on the roads to the camp.

Last year 1,147 campers signed the guest register at Camp Kilowatt. The first registered camper for the 1969 season was Roanoke Division stationman W. G. Loope who was there on February 21 and promised "I will return." He did—three times during the summer.

Most campers stayed two days or more. Many spent a full week.

Why not plan a week or a weekend at the camp! Swim, water-ski, fish, just be outdoors. It's a great place to meet other American Electric people.

The camp is located just off Route 831 near Union Hall on Virginia 40.



Watch for this sign. When you see it you have arrived.

## AEP Leads Electric Industry's Battle For Pollution Abatement

A lovely afternoon in November. Under urging by his wife, Sam Householder gets up from his chair in front of the fireplace where pine logs are burning. He puts on his jacket, goes outside, empties the garbage, and moves both family cars around to the garage. Then he rakes leaves into a pile in the gutter, strikes a match, and with great expertness sets fire to the pile and to a cigarette.

And if the neighborhood rose up to shout "Polluter!" at him, he'd answer with injured dignity, "Who, me?"

For the fact is that, if you define pollution as "an introduction into the ambient environment of undesirable, noxious, or toxic emissions," then we all contribute to defiling our world and we are all to blame, to a greater or lesser degree, for the situation proclaimed every day by newspapers, radio, and television.

Everyone agrees that pollution is a grave problem and that it should be halted if future generations are to have any kind of world at all.

Where the disagreements begin is on the question of whose fault it is, and what is being done.

"Earth Day" is the name applied to April 22, a day when concerned citizens all over the country will meet on college campuses to explore the whole question of preserving the environment. And because the electric utility industry—with huge plants, towering stacks, and coal storage—is so visible, so clearly seen, it has been listed in the minds of many as one of the environment's arch enemies.

Is the charge true? Are utilities all that bad?

Figures from the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare say no. According to Public Health Service estimates, electric utilities are responsible for less than 11 percent (10.6) of the pollutants released into the atmosphere. Motor vehicles contribute 45.8 percent, and natural causes—pollen, wind erosion, volcanic dust—another 24 percent. Ranked third in this grim derby is all manufacturing, with 12.2 percent.

No one can deny that electric utilities contribute to the creation of environmental problems, but neither can any fair-minded observer deny, first, that we have a better record than the other contributors, and second, that we're doing things—costly things—to improve our position.

### Precipitators

For example, precipitators and dust collectors prevent combustion by-products from entering the atmosphere. Such equipment designed for the big new units being built at the John E. Amos Plant will operate at great efficiency.

Electrostatic precipitators for the first two units at Amos are designed to guarantee 98.5 percent efficiency in their dust collection. The equipment for Unit 3 will have an even greater efficiency of 99.5 percent.

Electrostatic collection equipment is being installed at Appalachian's Kanawha River Plant at a cost of \$4-million. Improvement work is also in progress at Kentucky Power's Big Sandy Plant, with collectors of great efficiency replacing those that went into service with Unit 1 in 1962. Moreover a new 825-foot stack will serve both units. At Appalachian's

Cabin Creek Plant, three new precipitators are installed, each with a 97.5 percent efficiency rating, and costing \$2.3-million.

All of this costs money, and more costs are in the future as the size of generating units increases, plant sites become more difficult to obtain, and public pressures for more and more stringent air quality legislation become felt.

### \$113-Million

Over the years, the American Electric Power System has already expanded more than \$113-million to help safeguard the environment. This included over \$58-million for new or improved air quality facilities alone—of which Appalachian's share has been over \$18-million, and Kentucky Power's, \$7-million.

AEP management, pondering the whole question of environmental protection, points out that the AEP System has traditionally been a pioneer in the industry, and that tradition has been observed in the campaign for environmental protection. AEP pioneered the tall stack, the importance of which has often been overlooked. It's not dramatic enough. But the fact is, that the tall stack—"tall" meaning up to 1,200 feet—coupled with the most efficient dust collection equipment available, can make an area around a power plant virtually pollution-free. AEP pioneered in the Western Hemisphere the cooling tower for generating plants. There are in operation, under construction, or planned, 13 of these on the System, which eliminate entirely any heat discharge from the generating unit into the body of water that serves it.

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## How's Your Attitude?

Attitude's a funny thing—and it goes a long way.

The manner in which you approach your co-workers or customers will pretty much determine whether you actually enjoy your job or just endure it.

A good example of this is a story about a tourist who pulled into a motel in a small town and asked the night clerk, "I'm looking to settle down in a town like this. How are the people here?"

"How are the people where you live now?" came the reply from the clerk.

"Oh, I guess most of them are an unfriendly bunch. That's why I want to move."

"Sorry to disappoint you," was the clerk's response, "but you will find people pretty much the same way here!"

People are pretty much the same all over.

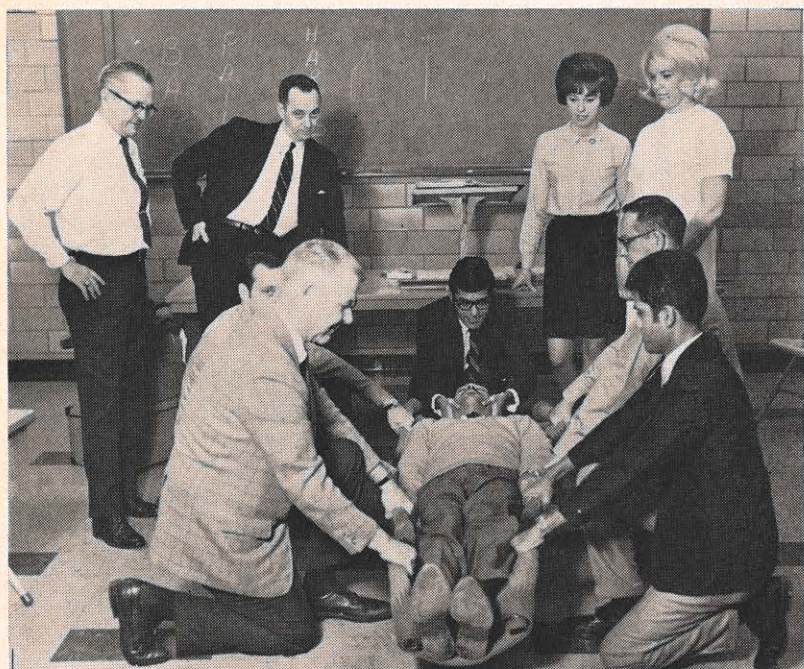
You are really the only one who makes the difference because people respond to your attitude toward them.

- If you're rude, they'll respond rudely.
- If you're suspicious, they'll act suspiciously.
- If you're a new employee just out of school, don't regard long-time veterans as being "out of touch" with the latest methods.
- If you're a veteran, weigh the suggestions of new employees for merit before labeling them as "fresh young kids".

If you find people enjoyable to be with, they'll in turn enjoy your company.

This attitude-response behavior is an important thought to keep in mind. In order to enjoy people, learn to enjoy yourself.

## Another Gilmour First Aid Class



Bill Gilmour, Point Pleasant administrative assistant, has been teaching first aid classes since 1958. He has recently completed initial and repeat courses for all Point Pleasant employees and about 150 in Huntington. Employee classes are ten hours of instruction given on Wednesdays and Fridays. Here a Huntington class learns to move the injured on a blanket stretcher. Standing from left: W. C. Gilmour, R. M. Hogsett, Brenda Legge, and Sharon Wagner. Kneeling from left: Dick Smith, Jim Nisbet, Shafique Jagtiani, J. M. Wysong, and Bhaskar Satpute. C. E. Botts is the victim volunteer.

## American Electric Power Calls Off Acquisition Of Valley Camp Coal Co.

American Electric Power Company will not be acquiring The Valley Camp Coal Company.

Exploratory discussions of this possibility, initiated in September 1969, were terminated last month. On March 11, Donald C. Cook, AEP president, and Herbert S. Richey, president of Valley Camp, announced their companies' mutual decision that the acquisition would not be feasible.

They indicated that the acquisition "would raise highly complex and difficult problems which could not be overcome".

The AEP System is the nation's largest investor-owned consumer of coal and last year burned 23-million tons of it. Valley Camp, with headquarters in Cleveland, has extensive coal properties in West Virginia, where its 1969 production was approximately 5-million tons.

## C. L. Tennant Promoted To Maintenance Foreman At Philip Sporn Plant

C. L. "Buck" Tennant, master maintenance man at Philip Sporn Plant, has been promoted to maintenance foreman.

Tennant joined Philip Sporn as a laborer in 1950 and worked as coal handler, helper and maintenance man before his promotion to master maintenance man in 1957.

A native of Brooke County, West Virginia, he is a graduate of Bethany High School. He is a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, New Haven Recreation Foundation, New Haven United Methodist Church and a past president of the Athletic Boosters Club of Wahama. Tennant is married and has a son and a daughter.

He and his wife Mary show horses in the Ohio Valley Association and plan to enter competition in West Virginia this year. They are members of the Riverview Saddle Club.



Tennant

## AEP Leads

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AEP is also cooperating with a number of other utilities and manufacturers to study ways and means of reducing the amount of sulfur dioxide produced by burning of coals. As the technology now stands, this gas cannot be collected as dust can: it is carried aloft through the plant's stack for dissipation over a wide area. One obvious way to reduce the volume of SO<sub>2</sub> is through the use of low sulfur coal. While this is being done in some places—notably Clinch River Plant—it is not feasible for others.

### Feasibility is Key

Feasibility is the key to what AEP can and cannot do in the area of air improvement. In a recent speech before the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers, President Donald C. Cook enunciated the problem in this way: "We need to emphasize at every opportunity that the answer lies in a fair and reasonable accommodation between the public's need for electric power on the one hand, and the desirability of maintaining, and where possible, enhancing the environment on the other."

John Tillinghast, executive vice president—engineering and construction, speaks of the System's role as a corporate citizen: "We recognize that some of our older plants need attention. These are being studied carefully to determine changes that will comply with all applicable requirements, and that will bring not only the best economic solution, but also will be in the best over-all interests of the areas we serve."

AEP's view is that, as a provider of a vital service to society we are determined, to the extent economically possible, to help make a better world in which that society can grow.

## Glen Lyn Achieves Half-Million Manhours Without Disabling Injury



Glen Lyn Plant employees completed 500,000 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury on November 17, 1969. R. V. Gibbs (right), plant safety coordinator, presented a citation in recognition of this achievement to W. M. Robinson, plant manager recently. The plant's safety hours have continued to grow since the November mark was reached.

## April Showers

### Driving Tips For Rainy Weather

With the rainy month of April just beginning, it is time to brush up on wet weather driving techniques. The following tips should be helpful:

1. In stopping, pump brakes and, if possible, avoid slamming on brakes. If car should start skidding, turn in the direction of the skid to counteract it.
2. Make certain that windshield wipers are in good order. It is illegal to drive in the rain without adequate windshield wipers.
3. Good ventilation in the car is important. An open window usually is the best solution in city driving, since most ventilator systems collect exhaust fumes from the cars ahead.
4. All carbon and other accumulated substances should be removed from spark plug wires, the porcelain covering of the plugs, the coil, and distributor. This accumulation, when damp, serves as an excellent conductor of electricity and hampers the efficiency of the engine.
5. Approach intersections and other deep water areas cautiously. Going through deep water at high speeds will throw water on the electrical parts and stall the engine.
6. When going through deep water, apply the brakes and the accelerator simultaneously to keep the brake shoe against the drum and keep out water. Otherwise, you may "lose" your brakes upon emerging from the water.
7. When possible, avoid areas of deep water. Detour if necessary . . . it may save a lot of time.

8. When leaving home, start the engine and back the car half way out of the garage to let it warm up thoroughly. A warm engine will keep out moisture and make driving more pleasant.

9. Do not drive with slick tires. Bald tires make stops, starts, and turns more dangerous.

10. Be sure that brakes are adjusted so they work in balance. A fast stop with poorly adjusted brakes can cause skidding.

11. At the first opportunity after heavy rains, have your car given a complete check. Silt can get into working parts easily and may cause great damage. Also get a complete lubrication job, giving special attention to the springs and shackles.

Courtesy to other drivers will also cut down on traffic jams and other inconveniences associated with weather. Avoid "drowning" other cars and pedestrians.

## American Broadcasting Elects Cook To Board

Donald C. Cook, president of the American Electric Power Company and our three companies, last month was elected a director of American Broadcasting Companies, Inc. He is also a director of Diebold Computer Leasing and Lincoln National Corporation.

## Two Company Publications Note Charleston's 175th Anniversary



Miller C. Porterfield (left), vice president of Appalachian and manager of the Charleston Division, shows Mayor Elmer Dodson of Charleston, West Virginia, a copy of *The Illuminator* which featured the City's 175th anniversary. The City was also featured in the March-April issue of "Time Out", Appalachian's bill insert, which was mailed to all customers in West Virginia.

Among Other Things

In 1929 Our Lines Were Longest

March 29, 1929. The Wayne County Press, Kenova, West Virginia, went to the newsstands with the leading headlines "Explosion-Bang, Judge Ferguson Jumps, Loaded Cigarette the Cause," "Sheriff Warns! 66 Days Left to Pay Taxes," "Easter Carnival Sponsored by Eastern Star."

Modestly included in all these goings on was an item from neighboring Mingo County. In half inch type the Press told its readers "Power Line Over Lick Creek is the Longest in the World."

"Mingo County, through the agency of Appalachian Electric Power Company can boast of a world record for long distance power line construction when it comes to distance between two sets of wooden poles. The distance from the top of the hills on either side of the Lick Creek valley east of town is approximately 4,100 feet or nearly three quarters of a mile. Over this distance, and fastened only at either end, stretches six strands of three quarter inch electricity conductor. This constitutes the longest known distance between

wooden poles on record in the entire world.

"The six strands of wire constitute a grand total of 24,600 feet of wire stretched between two poles. The weight of this wire is several tons.

"More than a mile of galvanized cable is used to guy the poles at either end of the long stretch and they are so affixed to the poles that there is no direct pull force brought to bear on the poles from the enormous weight of the wire other than to pull vertically."

Richard Baumgardner, lineman A in Huntington, found the old newspaper and noticed how closely the article parallels our current "765—The World's Largest Power Line."

Marine Awards Go To Charles Burke

Charles W. Burke, Kingsport lineman C on military leave, has completed Marine basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina. Upon graduation, he was promoted to private first class and was named honor man of his platoon, expert rifleman and recipient of the Leatherneck award.



Pfc Burke

Burke is a graduate of Sullivan High School and is married.

Article By Mann In Operating Ideas

Benny W. Mann, stationman A in Pulaski, has an article in the current issue of Operating Ideas.

Mann has devised an exhaust extension for gasoline-driven portable generators. The extension, made from scrap materials, works as a muffler while redirecting exhaust fumes and allows workers to hear each other speak as well as operate the generator indoors.



Mann

Mann has been with the company since 1957. He joined the company at Glen Lyn Plant and has since worked at Logan Plant and Radford. He moved to Pulaski in 1964 as a meter reader and has been stationman A since September 1969.



Williams

Jackson

Army Drafts Two Sporn Employees

Two Philip Sporn Plant men have entered military service and are stationed with the U. S. Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky. They are James F. Williams, utility operator, and David E. Jackson, utility man A.

Williams joined the company in 1968 as a utility man B at Sporn and worked as a utility man A before his promotion to utility operator last year.

Jackson joined the company in 1969 as a utility man B at Sporn and was promoted to utility man A in January.

Both men are single.

Featured Twice

Her Career Creates Interest



This demonstration picture appeared with Karen's interview in the Charleston Gazette.

For the second time in less than a year, Karen Jones, home service representative, has been featured in a series of articles on young Charleston women and their careers.

Early last summer Karen was featured on the cover of the State Magazine section of the Sunday Gazette.

In March, a story about Karen's career with Appalachian appeared in the Charleston Gazette. In an interview with Sandy Wells, staff writer for the paper, Karen talked about the advantages of working in industry. Comments such as these stress her enthusiasm for her work: "It's a fantastic profession for a girl to go into. The pay is good for a single girl; better than most states offer for beginning teachers, plus paid transportation and expenses. I prefer the business world, because I don't like doing the same thing every day. Everything is

on an individual basis. You plan your work, set up your own demonstrations."

Karen has been with Appalachian in Charleston as a home service representative for four and a half years. She is a 1965 graduate of Marshall University. She is presently fine arts chairman of the Junior Department, Woman's Club.

West Virginia Community Betterment Program Gets Under Way In Bluefield

An organizational meeting of the Community Betterment Program for 1970 was held in the auditorium of Appalachian's Bluefield office recently. Areas represented at the meeting were Princeton, Bluefield, Bramwell, Welch, Matoaka and Bluewell, West Virginia.

O. W. Adams, Welch area manager of Appalachian, welcomed the group to Bluefield. John Hurd, president of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, conducted the meeting, assisted by H. K. Shabdue, area development consultant for Appalachian.

Sponsored by the West Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, Appalachian and other industries, the meetings are held throughout various areas in West Virginia for the purpose of encouraging towns, cities and communities to undertake projects that will be beneficial to their area.

Records are kept of all activities and submitted with a scrapbook to the State Chamber of Commerce by December 31 of each year. The entries are judged and winners announced by April of the following year. The first three winners in each population category win cash prizes which must be used for community improvement.



Prentice

Prentice Retires From Ohio Power

A. N. Prentice, executive vice president of Ohio Power Company, concluded a 42-year career with the American Electric Power System when he retired April 1. He was succeeded by Joe P. Gills, former executive vice president of Appalachian.

With the exception of a three-year stint as assistant general manager of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company (1950-53), Prentice spent his entire career with Ohio Power. He joined the company in 1928 as an engineer in the Meter Department in Canton following graduation from Case Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He had been operating head of Ohio Power since 1954.

He is the author of a book on electric meters (1938) which still is in use today by a number of utilities. During retirement he plans to develop a model of Ohio Power's Muskingum Electric Railroad.

Coal Company Men Take Course Hard Way



Taking the basics of supervision course were, front row from left: Walter Page, Jr. Moore, Billy Martin, Herbert Nickoson, Francis Navicki, Leroy Barnett, Troy Thorn, and Bill Ditman and Rudy Wooten, instructors; back row from left: Frank Snyder III,

Vernon Smoot, Robert Stone, Waid Maynus, Orville Eads, Robert Hurt (instructor), Orville Persinger, C. W. Franklin, Ralph Estep Jr., and Emmett Blackwell, instructor. Absent are W. H. Keller, Claydeen Sherman, and James Rider.



Also taking the course were, front row from left: W. F. Dearien, Thomas Redman, James Petry, Clifford Nugen, Murvin Roop, Ralph Taylor, Joe Thomas, L. E. Brown, and W. R. Malone. Back row from left:

Herbert Coleman, William Tucker, W. H. Angel, R. C. Sult, S. M. Caldwell, Gary Barker, Bernard Smith, Charles Saplak, Cecil Proctor, L. W. McMillion, and Ray Spangler.

They deserve a lot of credit, the 38 supervisors of Central Appalachian Coal Company.

Recently offered the basics of supervision training course by Appalachian's personnel department, the 38 men had to do it the hard way. The company is a subsidiary of Appalachian and operates a mine supplying coal mainly to

Kanawha River plant. It was necessary to keep the mine operating, so the men either had to work all night and then take the course, or take the course and then go to work.

The coal company is headquartered at Montgomery in the Charleston Division. The course lasted 18 hours.

Instructors included J. E. Blackwell, Appalachian training supervisor; W. D. Ditman, administrative assistant in the executive office; C. R. Wooten, Appalachian training coordinator; and R. N. Hurt, director of training, employment, and safety for the AEP Service Corporation.

Oscar Thompson, Logan Stationman Helper, Gets Turtle Club Award



Oscar Thompson, left, receives his Turtle Club membership certificate from James B. White, Logan Division manager.

Oscar E. Thompson, stationman helper in Logan, was saved from serious injury on October 2, 1969, when a "C" hook fell 50 feet from a string of insulators, striking his safety hat. He received a new safety hat with the Turtle Club insignia, a lapel pin and membership card to the Turtle Club at a Logan-Williamson Division operating meeting in March.

Thompson joined Appalachian on October 31, 1946, as a laborer at Logan Plant. He served as utility operator and coal conveyor operator there until transferring to the old Logan district in 1954. Since that time most of his service has been in line crews until his promotion to stationman helper in February of this year.

A veteran of World War II, he is married and has two daughters.

Kitten's World Record Halted

Rocky, a six-month-old kitten in Russell, Kentucky, may have set the animal kingdom's world record for pole sitting.

Rocky was let out to play; and, when she did not return, worried owners began searching the neighborhood. Some 53 hours later Rocky was discovered on a pole, where she had climbed above the light and situated herself on a landing near a transformer.

The owner called Kentucky Power and was told not to try to get the kitten down because she might become frightened and contact energized equipment. Then came George Price, Ashland T&D employee, to the rescue. Using "cat gloves", he removed the crying kitten while a crowd watched below.

Rocky returned home hungry and sore from having stayed in the same position on the pole for two nights, and hero George returned to the office knowing he had helped maintain the company's record of reliable service to our customers.

## Bluefield

William B. Heldreth, son of Ray Heldreth, dealer sales representative, made the dean's list at The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, and received his citation at dress parade ceremonies recently. Bill was a summer employee in the Bluefield meter department.

Sympathy is extended Nathaniel Staples, Welch custodian, on the death of his brother; L. W. Bates, retired Bluefield Division manager and B. E. Bates, retired Bluefield Division meter supervisor, on the death of their mother.

Al Spraker, son of M. K. Spraker, line foreman in Welch, was named by the Welch High School annual staff as the most talented boy in the senior class.

Marty Crotty, son of Arnold Crotty, engineering aide, will serve as superintendent of the street department during School Government Day at Bluefield High School. Marty was among 64 Second Milers chosen by teachers at the high school, as students who had gone a second mile for their school.

Lois Ann Dudash, daughter of Steve Dudash, station foreman, has been appointed to next year's annual staff at Bramwell High School. She is treasurer of the sophomore class and a majorette in the band.

Ray Heldreth, dealer sales representative, has been re-elected secretary and board member of the Bluefield Clover Club.

Mrs. Helen Vermillion, PBX operator, and Mrs. Jane Meadows, wife of Howard Meadows, senior electrical engineer, attended the Woman's Club Convention at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia recently. They were delegates from the Bluefield Civic League, of which Mrs. Vermillion is president and Mrs. Meadows is parliamentarian.

B. E. Bates, retired Bluefield Division meter supervisor, has been reappointed to the Tazewell County Electoral Board.

Barbara Morrison, daughter of Garland Morrison, car washer, was recently crowned "Basketball Sweetheart" at Tazewell High School. Barbara is a senior and serves as a pom-pom girl in the band.



Barbara

New employees are Edward D. Wright, electrical engineer, Welch; Sherrie Mullins, cashier, Bluefield; Thomas W. Cahill, rodman, Bluefield; Alvin H. Lusk, stationman helper, Bluefield; Fred W. Bourne, rodman, Bluefield; Harold L. Bone, Jr., tracer, Bluefield; Carl S. Boothe, engineering aide, Bluefield; William S. Phipps, rodman, Bluefield; Donnie E. Parsons, tracer, Bluefield; David M. Chumbley, transferred from Radford Steam Plant to Bluefield Meter Department; and Walter P. Belcher, rodman, Bluefield.

## Huntington

W. R. Witzel, personnel supervisor, has been elected president of the Spring Valley Country Club in Huntington. He has also served as secretary.

W. C. Gilmour, administrative assistant in Point Pleasant, has been re-elected secretary and treasurer of the Pat Wilson Shrine Club. He has also been elected secretary of the Pleasant Valley Country Club.

Paul R. Baker, power sales engineer, has been elected president of the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Point Pleasant.

New employees are Raymond I. Ridgeway, meter reader; A. T. Ashworth, stationman helper; and William E. Snead, junior custodian.

# Happenings Around The Circuit

## Roanoke

Dreama Plybon, daughter of Silas Plybon, Rocky Mount meter serviceman, won the girls public speaking award in the Franklin County Senior 4-H Club public speaking contest. She will compete in the district contest in May. Dreama is a member of the 4-H Honor Club of Franklin County and the County Safety Council.



Dreama

William Rose, electrical engineer in the Division T&D Department, is serving a four and a half month term of military duty with the U. S. Army at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

O. S. May, line foreman, and Lawrence E. Hopson, head custodian, have returned to work following extended illnesses.

David Neal Phillips, son of Ray H. Phillips, stationman helper, was the only survivor of a helicopter shot down in Vietnam.

J. E. Hopkins, right of way agent; G. Dwight Walker, heating and builder sales representative; Valorie S. Harvey, Division Accounting stenographer; and Danny O. Napper, custodian, have resigned.

Susan L. Leftwich, daughter of R. E. Leftwich, engineering aide, was named to the dean's list at the University of Virginia.

J. M. Burnett, Division Commercial sales manager, was an official delegate to the National Council of the Illuminating Engineering Society meeting in Mobile, Alabama.

New employees are T. E. Purves, lineman helper; Buddy A. Davis, lineman helper; F. D. Dearing, auto repairman helper; and Alice M. Biggs, clerk-stenographer.

"Gus" Croft, customer accounts supervisor at the Rocky Mount Office, received the "Human Relations Award" during a recent Dale Carnegie course. Croft has been with Appalachian since 1956 and has been in the Rocky Mount Office the past two years.



Croft

D. C. Kennedy, Roanoke Division manager, has been elected to the board of directors of the First National Exchange Bank of Virginia.

## Fieldale

An investment club has been organized at the Fieldale Office, with 23 employees participating. The club's officers are R. D. Morris, president; V. P. Reynolds, vice president; and M. G. Handy, secretary-treasurer.

## Hazard

Sympathy is extended Burchell Riddle on the death of his father; James Angelini on the death of his father-in-law; and Watson Williams on the death of his infant son.

## Logan-Williamson

New employees are David A. Morris, tracer, and Ralph W. Wells, Jr., Division T&D.

Hubert King, Williamson engineering aide, has been installed as a junior warden in Stone Lodge No. 890.

Jimmy R. McCown, service representative, has been commissioned a Kentucky Colonel. The award was made on the stage of the Pike County Jamboree at Belfry, Kentucky, by the Jamboree producer-director, acting on behalf of Governor Louie B. Nunn. Jim is a regular member of the Jamboree, being a top "banjo picker" and vocalist.

E. E. King, Williamson area manager, has been re-elected president of the Mingo County Taxpayers' Association.

Abra Lynn, daughter of Chester Elkins, Logan service coordinator, has completed a three months' study course to qualify her to serve as a "candy striper" at local hospitals. Abra Lynn is a sophomore in the advanced learning class at Logan High School.

John Collins, son of Howard J. Collins, personnel supervisor, was one of two Logan High School representatives at the "Know Your State Government" day at Charleston recently.



John

He was one of a six-member panel selected from the 500 attendees to interrogate state government officials. John has also been selected to be one of two representatives from the high school to attend a science symposium at West Virginia University.

## Kingsport

S. E. Pierson, Kingsport retiree, and R. L. Herr, Appalachian retiree, visited the office recently.

A. R. Tipton has been elected to the board of directors of the Vermont Ruritan Club. He chairs the Public Utility Committee and the Youth Committee as well as serving on two other committees.

C. C. McClellan has returned to work after an extended illness.

New employees are Alfred C. Beaty, Line Section, and Brenda C. Johnston, Accounting.

Sympathy is extended C. J. Bryan on the death of his father; J. T. Duncan on the death of his mother; and W. Q. Smith and M. C. Simpson, Jr., on the deaths of their fathers-in-law.

Mrs. W. C. McClellan attended the Education Committee meeting for the Tennessee Association of Realtors in Nashville. She was appointed to the Committee last year.

Named to the dean's list were Emily Simpson, daughter of M. C. Simpson, Jr., Butler University; Kent Stair, son of A. W. Stair, University of Tennessee; and Emily Anne McAlpine, daughter of Mrs. Louise B. McAlpine, George Peabody College for Teachers.

## Abingdon

Mrs. Donald C. Landreth was elected secretary of the Washington County United Fund for 1970-71.

Mrs. James E. Fleenor has been elected vice president of the Random Arts Club.

Larry J. Hicks, Jr., lineman helper in Gate City, has returned from military service.

Sympathy is extended Nancy Caldwell on the death of her father; Tivis Wright on the death of his father; and Ralph Puckett on the death of his mother.

H. C. Breeding, electrical engineer, has been reappointed by the Washington County Board of Supervisors to the Mt. Rogers Planning District Commission.

Mrs. Brenda Coulthard, wife of David Coulthard, is teaching English at John Battle High School following graduation from Emory and Henry College.

S. R. Moser, Jr., line foreman in Marion, has been elected a deacon in the East End Baptist Church. He is also instructor and chaplain for the Marion Life Saving Crew.

Jack Leonard, line inspector in Abingdon, has been named to the official board of the Abingdon United Methodist Church.

Retired employees Dave Powell, Andy Skeen and Bill Johnson visited the Abingdon office recently.

Ellen Ferguson, daughter of W. H. Ferguson, Jr., appeared on WCYB-TV's Kiddie Kollege along with three of her classmates from the third grade at William King Elementary School.

Mike McFall, son of William McFall, Abingdon line foreman, made the honor roll for the fall semester at East Carolina University.

## Pulaski

Mrs. Claud K. Kirkland, wife of the division manager, modeled at the Pulaski Woman's Club luncheon-fashion show recently.

Barry W. Hicks, Hillsville T&D clerk, and S. J. Johnson, Galax lineman, were re-elected to the board of directors of the Galax-Carroll-Grayson Chamber of Commerce.

Named to committee assignments for the Virginia Section of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers were W. C. Hager, Christiansburg area supervisor, Scholarship Committee; R. J. Blair, Pulaski Division sales supervisor, Publicity committee; and David H. Crabtree, agricultural engineer, Career Guidance Committee.

Sympathy is extended D. M. Davis, Pearisburg, on the death of his mother-in-law; K. C. Phillips, Claytor Hydro Plant, on the death of his brother; Doris S. Campbell, Pulaski Commercial, on the death of her father-in-law; A. D. Thornton, retired; C. A. Kidd, Christiansburg; B. N. Kidd, Floyd; and O. B. Kidd, retired, on the deaths of their brothers-in-law; A. C. Jones, retired Christiansburg office manager, on the death of his son.

## General Office

Sharon Reese, key punch operator in Customer Accounting, will represent the Phi Alpha Mu sorority of Beta Sigma Phi as their candidate for snow queen. The queen will be chosen at a snow ball dance to be held at the Salem-Roanoke Valley Civic Center.

New employees are David M. O'Beirne, station clerk, Roanoke; Elridge W. Peters, transmission man C, Bluefield; Ray W. Mullen, data processing operator B, Roanoke; Warren O. Vaughan and Ted E. Bartlett, right of way agents B, Roanoke.

Sympathy is extended C. B. King, Jr., on the death of his father-in-law.

Fran Helms has returned to work following surgery.

## Lynchburg

Terry L. Knight, Division T&D clerk trainee, is a new employee.

Lawrence R. Hudson, T&D Section, is chairman of the B. P. O. Elks pool tournament.

John W. Vaughan, division manager, has been appointed chairman of the Program of Work Committee of the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Business Center Committee of Junior Achievement.

Ashby R. Hodges, heating and builder sales representative, has been appointed to the Lynchburg board of electrical examiners.

Jim Dorman, son of James R. Dorman, engineer in the T&D Section, was on the state basketball championship team of the Holy Cross Academy.

Mrs. Carolyn Johnson, wife of Ralph E. Johnson, customer service representative, is president of the Virginia Baptist Nurses Alumni Association.

James H. Haley, Jr., retiree, has served as co-chairman of first aid for the Metropolitan Lynchburg Red Cross Chapter for 26 years. An article on Mr. Haley appeared in the *Emergency Family Handbook*, national publication of the American Red Cross.

## Ashland

New officers of the Ashland Employees' Credit Union are Gene Moore, president; Charles Pope, first vice president; Carl Hopson, second vice president; William Watson, secretary; and Dora Adkins, treasurer.

Sympathy is extended Ray Adkins on the death of his mother.

Rodney Lyons and Lucien Ross, Division Commercial Department, are co-chairmen of the 1970 Boyd County Easter Seal Campaign. Mrs. C. C. Darrah, wife of the executive assistant, is in charge of special events for the campaign.

New employees are Ronald Jackson, T&D man D; Nileen Distel, home service representative; and Janet Dillon, Division Accounting junior clerk.

Mrs. Bo Humphrey, wife of Edward Humphrey, distribution engineer, has been named chairman of the 1970 Boyd County Heart Fund. John H. Via, Jr., General Office Accounting manager, was named treasurer.

## Charleston

Jackie L. Dodd, clerk, junior in Division T&D, is a new employee.

Ralph Allen, collector in the St. Albans office, has announced his candidacy for a third term on the Putnam County Court. He was elected to the County Court in 1960 and again in 1968 for an unexpired term.

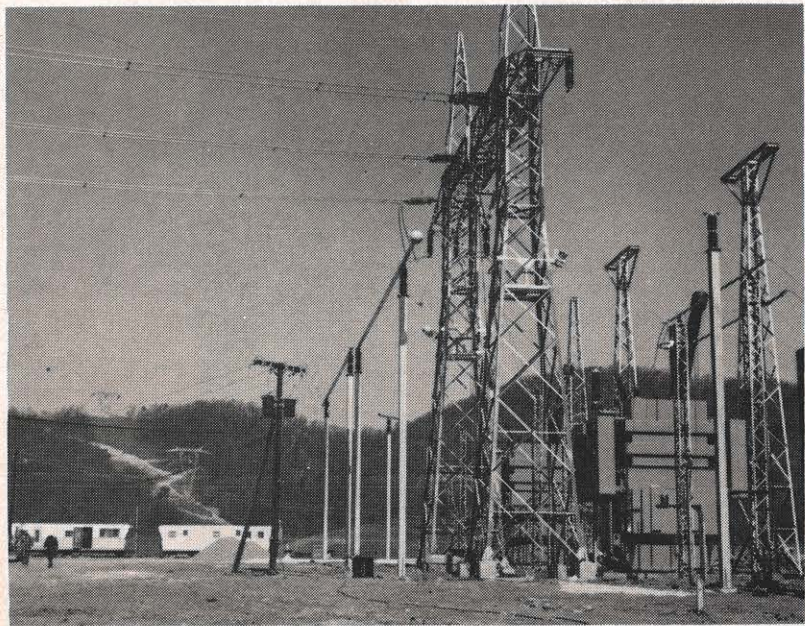
Sandra Jean Lowther, daughter of Bob Lowther, electrical engineer in Charleston, has been chosen for membership in the National Junior Honor Society at Nitro Junior High School.

Alvita L. Hawkins, daughter of Corintha Hawkins, office messenger, modeled recently for Haddad's Clothing Store in South Charleston. Alvita was also a member of the cast of "Up The Down Staircase", a play given at South Charleston High School.

Andrea Strader, a former part-time engineering aide in Charleston Division T&D, has been selected a member of the first All American Cheer Leading Squad in connection with the Miss Cheer Leader USA Contest held annually in Cypress Gardens, Florida. The niece of Mono Sue Charleston, Building Services Department, Andrea is a former Miss West Virginia Tech and now holds the title of Miss Black West Virginia Tech.

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### Broadford Station Almost Complete



Rapid construction progress is being made on the Broadford 765 kv station in the Abingdon Division. The three giant 765 kv transformers are in place and 138 kv station, which is part of the complex, is virtually completed. That section of the station which reduces the 765,000 volt current to 500,000 for interconnection with TVA, is scheduled for completion by June 1.

### Pulaski's Answer To 'What's For Supper?'



Any viewer of the popular TV show Hee Haw can tell you one of its regular features is a monologue on 'what's for supper, grandpa?' If anyone had asked Pulaski transportation supervisor Posey C. Payne that question recently, he could have replied, "800 ham biscuits, ham hock for four messes of boiled cabbage, and trimmings for three pots of blackeyed peas." The 50-lb. ham which produced all this was so large it had to be cut with a chain saw. The ham came from a hog raised by Fred Burnett, who recently retired from Bylesby to devote full time to farming.



### APELCO Officers

Newly elected officers for Lynchburg's APELCO Club are (seated left) Wesley Ganner, vice president; K. T. Triplett, president; (standing left) Janice Johnson, treasurer; Sue Dowdy, assistant treasurer; and Linda Wright, treasurer.



### Clintwood Man Is Sports Enthusiast

Charlie Johnson, Clintwood meter reader in the Abingdon division, shows off the 25 quail he bagged on a recent hunting trip in Georgia. An avid sportsman, he also is a breeder of English Setters.



### Married 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Brown recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Brown, a 35-year veteran of Appalachian, retired in 1963 as unit foreman at Glen Lyn Plant. A son, B. M. Brown, is a maintenance foreman at Glen Lyn.

### Benefits Of Mercury Lighting Told At Illuminating Engineers Meeting



J. M. Burnett (left) talks with Thomas S. Leivesley Jr., chairman of the Blue Ridge Section of the Illuminating Engineering Society. Looking on are Roanoke Mayor Roy L. Webber and City Manager Julian F. Hirst.

The Blue Ridge Section of the Illuminating Engineering Society held its annual meeting in Roanoke recently. Roanoke City Manager Julian F. Hirst spoke before the group, which included Mayor Roy

L. Webber, several councilmen and other City officials. J. M. Burnett, Roanoke Division sales manager, arranged the meeting to acquaint Roanoke officials with the benefits of mercury vapor street lighting.

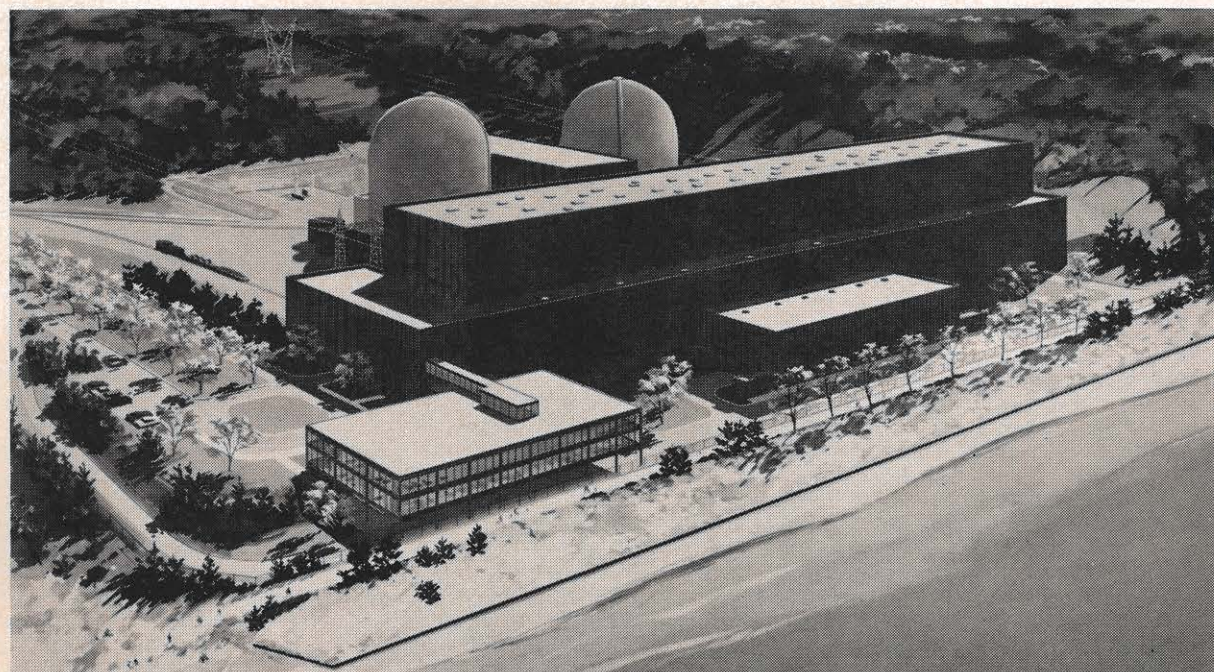
### New Employees Given Safety Review



Beginning a test drive are Bill Weeks and Skip Kidd from the General Office R/W & R/E Department and Jim Thomas, safety coordinator.

Six new employees of the Right of Way and Real Estate Department were put to the test in March—the Driver Improvement Test that is. Their work demands travel and must begin with a review of good driving habits. Jim Thomas, safety coordinator for General Office in Roanoke, conducted the driver safety program which began with a film "The Head on Crash-Defensive Driving." After this safety review, the men

were given a driving knowledge quiz, eye test, reflex test and actual driving test. This is standard procedure for all personnel who operate company vehicles. Those participating in this session were Bill Weeks, Skip Kidd, Warren Vaughan and Neil Stultz from General Office, Roanoke and R. P. Hendrix and Ted Bartlett from Blue Ridge.



### Cook Plant Blends In With Dune Terrain

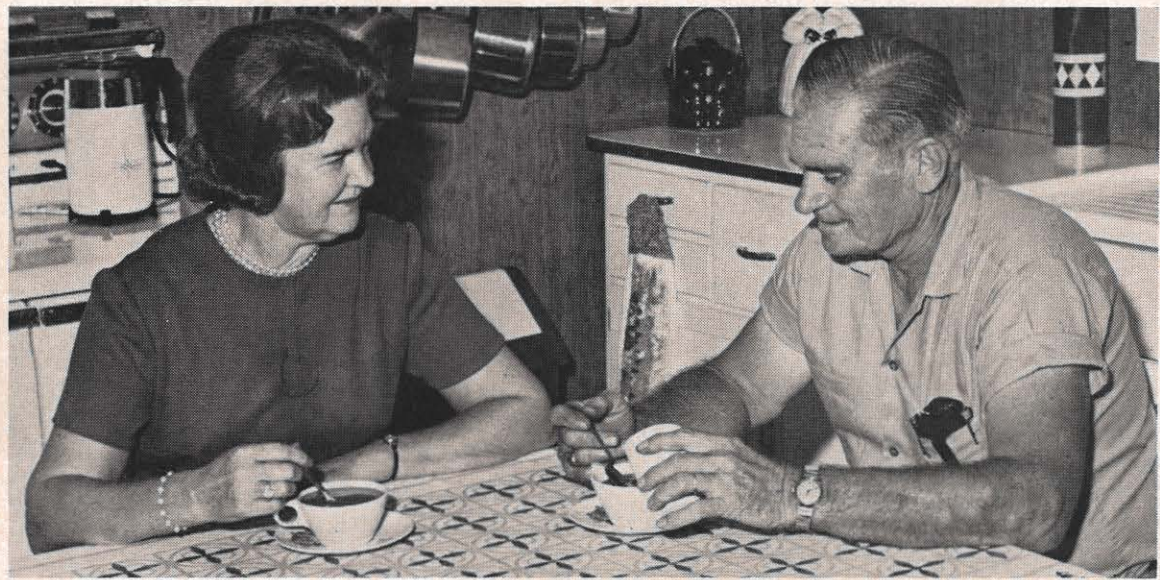
This newly completed architectural rendering represents the final design of the American Electric Power System's first nuclear power plant. The low-profile silhouette of the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, coupled with its redesigned office building (lower left in rendering) and extensive landscaping, are all part of an effort to blend in the 2.2-million kilo-

watt plant with the surrounding dune terrain along Lake Michigan's eastern shore. The first 1.1-million kilowatt unit of the plant is scheduled for operation late in 1972 and the second in 1973. The plant is to be owned and operated by Indiana & Michigan Electric Company.

## She's Mrs. Kentucky Power To Ashland Folks



Elizabeth watches as George prepares to leave on a service call.



Elizabeth and George Price discuss the day's activities over a cup of coffee.

Her name is Elizabeth, better known as Mrs. George Price. She's Mrs. Kentucky Power to her neighbors and many other Ashland division customers.

Her husband has one of those jobs that must be taken home. When it is, the wife becomes her husband's partner, his voice, his eyes, his support.

Elizabeth wouldn't want it any other way. Neither would George. Both are usually doing things for someone else. George is a second father to all the children in the neighborhood although he has none of his own.

Wanting to serve others makes George a perfect candidate for his job. He is a senior serviceman at

Ashland. Some call him a trouble shooter. It's his job to make things right whenever there's an interruption. He's been at it for 32 years.

Interruptions mean something different to the Prices. As Elizabeth says, "About everything we've ever done has been interrupted at one time or another by a trouble call. I don't worry, though," she said. "He knows what he is doing so I just wait for him. Often I stay on the phone, giving his instructions to trouble spots which had been reported to me."

If the company lines are busy, Elizabeth usually gets called next. Many people call the Price home first. "About everybody knows George works for the power company so they

don't think anything of calling him at home. George feels that someone has to do it," she said, "and I know he likes people. He never frets when he gets a call. He just gets out of bed and goes."

His working schedule affects the home schedule, too. When he's on call, they can't go too far away from a phone. If he has to leave, she stays home in case of a call. She must keep up with his rotating schedule to properly plan meals and other activities at home.

Elizabeth likes his job because she knows people appreciate it. "People are generally very appreciative of what he does. Many have called at home to tell us."



The Dorseys look at their plane that might have been.

### Kenova Couple Elope in Airplane

#### Man Lost In Mine Four Days

After wandering four days through an abandoned coal mine near Williamson, Jerome Dial staggered out at 3 o'clock on the morning of the fourth day, exhausted from lack of food and water. He was found near

...Love will have its was moved Tuesday when a Kenova young couple eloped to Greenup, Ky., and were married. They travelled by motor, but not one of those kind which travels on the ground. And not being thus satisfied with eluding their parents, the happy pair continued on their honeymoon trip to Chicago among the clouds. But to get down to the identity of

## The Elopement Story

It was more than 40 years ago on an early September 17 morning. The 17-year-old girl and the 20-year-old boy were in love.

A small airplane landed on an open field near the river at Kenova, picked up the young couple who had been hiding in a nearby wooded area and flew to Greenup, Ky. Later that same day in 1929, the pilot flew low over a Kenova gasoline station and the girl dropped a stone with a note attached telling her father that she had eloped, was married and on her way to Chicago on her honeymoon.

Sound like the corny plot of a grade B movie? It isn't. It's the newspaper account of the elopement of J. R. (Jim) and Wilhelmina Dorsey which appeared in the now defunct *Kenova Reporter* on Sept. 20, 1929. The airplane portion of the story was a hoax. The elopement part was true.

Today, Jim is building supervisor of the Huntington Division. He and his wife reside at 111 Wilson Ct., in South Kenova. They are still in love and are the parents of three children and have nine grandchildren. September 17 will be their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Jim and Wilhelmina did elope but,

in a 1929 Model A Ford, not a plane. They did go to Greenup, Ky., to be married and her father didn't know about it until it was done.

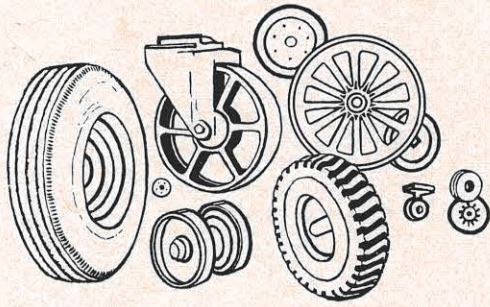
How the newspaper came up with the flying story is still a mystery, although Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey have two theories. Jim had made a comment to a friend that he was going to marry Wilhelmina even if he had to "fly her away in an airplane." The other possibility was a comment Mrs. Dorsey's aunt made to the newspaper reporter that she didn't know anything about it and that as far as she knew "they may have flown away."

Today on the front of the Dorsey car is the same 1929 license plate which was on the Model A Ford. The Dorseys have transferred it to every car they have owned since. It's in remarkably good condition and has been painted only once, in the original color, of course.

They also still have the issue of the newspaper which carried the false story of their elopement. The paper is yellowing with age, but the Dorseys are still the young things they were in 1929.

Rated G

The original story appeared this way in the Kenova paper.



# WHEELS

A line is down near Kingsport. Send a crew. In Charleston they need a replacement transformer for a substation. Put it on the trailer and get it there. On the back row, top shelf, of the Ashland Storeroom, there's a bundle of clevises. Go back there with the fork lift and get it. Go. Send. Take. Deliver.

To do the job on the AEP System, you need mobility.

And that mobility requires wheels . . . little ones, big ones . . . giant ones. Lots of them . . . enough for 3,422 motor-operated vehicles on the highway, and 1,500 more for cross-country operations, line-stringing, and hauling chores. To those, add two railroads, and half-a-roundhouse full of in-plant rail locomotives.

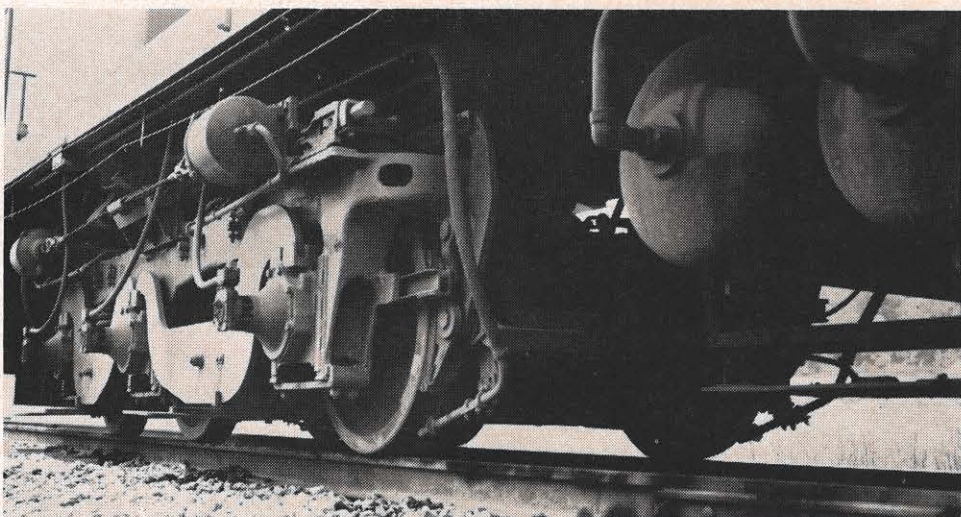
"In fact," said Paul Roof, AEP's director of automotive transportation, "hardly a thing would move or get done in any of our operations if it weren't for wheels of some kind. We depend so much on rolling stock that we could call ourselves a 'System on Wheels.'"

The System's mines are extensive users of wheels to move coal to power plants, and AEP's largest wheels are doing a big job at Ohio Power's Muskingum Mine in southeastern Ohio.

Huge 110-ton coal haulers—13 of them—roll along on ten wheels. Their tires, nine feet in diameter, are so big that a crane has to be called in to help change a flat. Each of the 21 x 49 tires and wheels weighs in at about a ton. "Fortunately," Roof said, "we get as much as 40,000 to 50,000 miles on a tire, so we get a lot of use before replacements are needed."

These giant haulers carry coal to a terminal for loading onto another set of wheels, part of the Muskingum Electric Railroad, for delivery to a wheel-driven conveyor belt. From there, the coal goes to the Muskingum River Plant or Philo Plant.

The Muskingum Railroad, the nation's first automated electric rail line, rolls silently and swiftly on steel wheels. Steel wheels also carry Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's 3.4-



Steel Wheels keep our two railroads—the Muskingum Electric Railroad and the Twin Branch Railroad—rolling on steel rails. Such wheels also are used on switching locomotives in a number of our system plants.



Wheels move the mail through our company. Arthur Bonds loads a pony express wagon for his nightly drive to Lynchburg.



A common site throughout the AEP System is a line crew using a bucket truck. Our system is among the first in the nation to use extra wide flotation tires for improved operation. Here L. S. Caldwell and John McManway (both in the bucket) and C. W. Hodges make repairs in Roanoke.

mile-long Twin Branch Railroad at Mishawaka, Indiana. It is one of the shortest railroads in the country—although Harry Soule, a retired AEP officer, once defended the line as being "just as wide as the Pennsylvania"—and has two diesel engines. Its job is to haul coal from a transfer point on the Penn Central to the Twin Branch plant. Other plants on the System have switching locomotives for in-plant use.

Our operating divisions use wheels to the fullest extent. The passenger car carries the meter reader and the sales representative, and others on their rounds, in good weather and bad. "We have 1,622 passenger cars in operation on the System, and they are driven more than 23-million miles annually," according to Roof.

Trucks of all sizes, more than 1,800 of them, blazoned with the company emblem, are on the job all hours of the day and night. They range in size from pickups to line trucks to the big semis, rolling on wheels that range from standards to duplex. The duplex, used extensively in transporting mobile substations, is about double the width of a normal tire and is designed to reduce the overall weight and to add smoothness in transit. The System, pioneer in so many things, was also among the first to use these tires on line trucks, principally because of the additional smoothness, or "flotation factor," to use its technical description.

Roof said AEP's truck fleet operates across some 22.5-million miles of highway during the year—a close second to the car fleet. A large share of this mileage is accounted for by the "Pony Express"—the swift couriers

who deliver in-company mail overnight—and by our traveling warehouses, the huge semi-tractor trailers. Add to these cars and trucks another 1,500 vehicles of various types not designed for over-the-road travel or not motor-driven, and the scope of a System on wheels begins to become apparent.

For instance, there are:

- Bombardiers, a cross-country vehicle built with both wheels and tracks for tasks in areas where a more conventional vehicle couldn't go: rough country, snow, rock slopes. Ohio Power has four of these in use, Appalachian Power has two.

- Bulldozers, with rubber wheels, used primarily in coal yards of power plants.

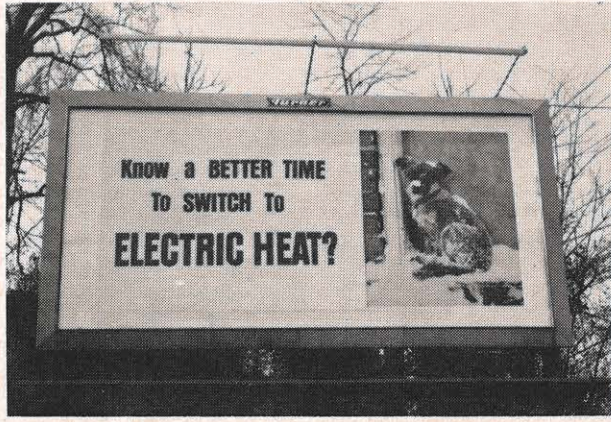
- Tension equipment for stringing transmission lines. A tensioner and puller combination create tension up to 40,000 pounds to install conductor with the proper sag between two points.

- Stretch trailers, used to pull extra-long or extra-heavy loads. Poles as long as 100 feet, and 345,000-kilowatt transformers are carried on trailers such as these.

- Electric—of course—fork lift trucks, a common sight in many of our warehouses and storerooms.

And these are only a few. "You name it, and we've got a set of wheels for it," Roof concluded. "The cost? Well, there's about \$7-million in operation and maintenance and gas and oil every year, including about \$194,000 in license tags, which is a little out of reach of most two-car families."

Men make the System go, but wheels make it go 'round.



Appalachian's latest billboard on electric heat.

During the winter months, Appalachian's billboard and newspaper advertising about electric heat featured a little dog, covered with snow and ice, huddled in the doorway of an electrically heated home. The idea for this was originated in the Advertising Section of the Public Affairs Department in Roanoke.

The advertising caught the attention of a language arts teacher at Brookville Middle School in Lynchburg, Virginia. Her classes were studying animals.

The students were assigned the task of writing their reaction to the picture and what the picture depicted of the little dog's emotions. The themes could be in the form of a commercial, short story or poem.

The three themes chosen as best by the teacher were written by Julie Brown, Mike Dillon and Mike Smoot.

Julie's theme gave the dog a name: "I am Velvet. I live with the Browns. They are getting electric heat from Appalachian Power Company. The men are here installing it now. They put me out here because I kept getting in the way. I have been sitting here thinking about the nice warm house that I can go back in when they finish."

Mike Dillon wrote a poem:

"Boy, those people love clean heat.  
Electric heat can't be beat.  
But how should I know,  
Standing in this stupid snow."



Julie Brown



Mike Dillon

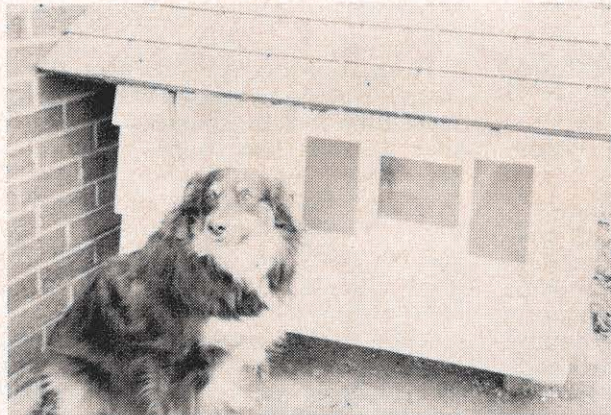
## it's a dog-gone good story!

Michael Smoot was the author of this theme.

Well, here I am again. I guess I'm the saddest looking dog in advertising. I appear on billboards, signs, and in the newspapers. Every time someone sees my picture they say, "Isn't that a cruel thing to do to that poor helpless puppy?" I could answer that question in one word, yes. I've posed for over one hundred pictures. The worst part about my work is that the pictures have to be taken in the snow. I sure would like to know who thought up this wild idea because I want to see how he likes to freeze to death. I wouldn't really mind working for Appalachian Power Company if they would pay me or give me dog food instead of a bunch of scraps. I don't understand why, when I'm making the Company so rich they can't give me just a little bonus on my salary. So I'm asking you, the next time you call Appalachian Power Company and that lady says, "Appalachian Power Company may we help you", will you please tell them to treat me a little better?



Mike Smoot



This dog lives better electrically. In Huntington a customer, L. H. Gibson, enclosed with his electric bill a photo of his dog "Poochie" and the dog's electrically heated, thermostatically controlled house. The photo was captioned "I switched to electric heat."

## George E. Tiller Dies In Accident

George E. Tiller, 24, was killed in an automobile accident February 24 near Bluefield, West Virginia. He was en route to Charleston on company business when the accident occurred.



Tiller

An engineer-B, he was employed by Appalachian in July 1968 in the General Office Transmission Section.

Tiller was a graduate of both Hiwassee College and Bluefield State College. He is survived by his wife, Martha, and his mother, Mrs. Helen Tiller of Bluefield, Virginia.

## Retiree Butler Taken By Death

James D. Butler, retired Pearisburg lineman, died at his home in Narrows, Virginia, February 18. Butler elected early retirement in 1960 after completing 33 years of service.



Butler

A native of Pearisburg, he attended schools there and joined Appalachian in 1927. He served the area as utility man, district serviceman, local representative, and lineman.

Butler was a member of the Narrows Methodist Church, Masonic Order, the Volunteer Fire Department of Narrows and the GICOVA (Giles County, Va.) Wildlife Club.

Butler is survived by his wife and three sons, one of whom, J. D. Butler, Jr., works with the Blue Ridge Project at Galax.

## Familiar Faces In New Places

### Many Employees In New Assignments

#### Appalachian Power Company

##### Beckley Division

GEORGE A. THORNLEY from Meter Reader to Customer Accounts Representative. PARTHENIA H. GLOVER from Stenographer, Managerial Dept., to Personnel Clerk, Personnel Dept. JAMES M. HARVEY, JR., from Rodman to T&D Clerk. BARBARA R. ALLEN, Stenographer, from G. O. Commercial in Roanoke to Sales Dept. in Beckley.

##### Bluefield Division

LILLIAN ARMINTA McCALL from Clerk-Trainee to Clerk-Typist. JAMES MCKINLEY GRAHAM from Lineman C to Lineman B. OKEY CLINTON GLOVER from Lineman A, Princeton, to Line Inspector, Bluefield. HENRY ROBERT SWEENEY from Lineman Helper to Lineman C. JAMES KENNETH SIGMON from Lineman Helper to Lineman C. RICHARD LEE DAVIS from Lineman Helper to Lineman C. JAMES HAROLD ROBINETTE, JR., from Lineman C to Lineman B. LUTHER JAMES MILLS from Lineman A to Area Serviceman.

##### Charleston Division

LESLIE D. WOLFE from Lineman B to Lineman A. ARTHUR K. WALKER from Lineman B to Lineman A. BOBBY L. ADKINS from Lineman B to Lineman A. WILLIAM W. HOLMES, JR., from Lineman C to Lineman B. OSWALD W. LEWIS, JR., from Lineman C to Lineman B. JOHN C. COLEMAN from T&D Clerk to T&D Clerk, Sr. RONALD L. WHITE from T&D Clerk to T&D Clerk, Sr. ORVILLE W. SCRAGG from Transportation Clerk to Automotive Parts Clerk. CHARLES F. JOHNSON from Meter Reader to Collector. RONALD E. GIVENS from Collector to Customer Service Representative. JOHN F. CLENDENIN from Customer Service Representative to Meter Reader. ANGELO W. BRADLEY from Laborer to Utility Man, Marmet Hydro Plant. TEDDY R. PENDLEBERRY from Utility Man to Assistant Hydro Utility Operator, Winfield Hydro Plant.

##### General Office

RICHARD L. ISNER from Retirement Cost Clerk to Property Records Clerk. ALLEN C. THOMAS from Payroll Clerk C to Payroll Clerk B. RUTH H. MANNING from Key Punch Operator B to Key Punch Operator A. SHARON E. REESE from Key Punch Operator C to Key Punch Operator B. MARY A. SUBLETT from Stenographer to Administrative Clerk. DAVID B. BAUMGARDNER, JR., from Customer Accounts Representative, Division Accounting to Property Records Clerk, G. O. Accounting. WAYNE A. JACOBS from Retirement Cost Clerk to Property Records Clerk. LINDA I. THURMAN from Accounting Machine Operator Clerk to Accounting Machine Operator Clerk, Sr. WENDELL C. REED from Data Processing Operator to Computer Programmer. WILLIAM B. PULCHER from Retirement Cost Clerk to Property Records Clerk. DANIEL C. NAFF, JR., from Data Processing Operator B to Data Processing Operator A. STANLEY M. HILL from Data Processing Operator B to Data Processing Operator A. VELMA N. CALL from Invoice Audit Clerk to Classification Clerk. RONNIE S. WALLS from Transmission Man Helper to Transmission Man C. DOLPH R. ATKINSON from Station Maintenance Man B to Station Maintenance Man A. JESSIE J. CHITWOOD from Jr. Maintenance Man to Maintenance Man. EARL D. SAYERS, JR., from Transmission Clerk to Transmission Clerk, Sr. Shirley B. CLEMMER from Clerk-Stenographer to Stenographer. RAYMOND P. HENDRIX from Property Maintenance Man Helper to Property Maintenance Man.

##### Huntington Division

C. E. FOWLER, JR., from Lineman A to Area Serviceman. T. E. WELLS from Stationman Helper A to Stationman C. T. S. KITCHEN from Stationman Helper A to Stationman C. J. A. BUSH from Lineman Helper to Lineman C.

##### Logan-Williamson Division

GROVER WOOTEN from Stationman C to Stationman B. CLARENCE EVANS from Lineman Helper to Lineman C. JAMES W. MUNCY from Lineman B to Lineman A. OSCAR E. THOMPSON from Groundman, Line Dept., to Stationman Helper, Station Dept.

##### Lynchburg Division

AUBREY M. WHORLEY, Agricultural Sales Engineer, from Roanoke to Lynchburg. F. H. CLARKSON, JR., from Lineman C to Lineman B.

##### Roanoke Division

R. E. JONES from Clerk-Trainee to Material Clerk. J. E. GLOVER, JR., from Lineman Helper to Lineman C. E. J. SMITH from Lineman Helper to Lineman C. J. K. HUTCHERSON from T&D Clerk to T&D Clerk, Sr. L. H. PRICE from General Serviceman to Meterman B. L. D. MILES from Reproducing Machine Operator to Rodman. W. T. ANDERSON from Rodman to Auto Repairman Helper.

##### Glen Lyn Plant

ROGER L. BLANKENSHIP from Laborer to Utility Man. WILLIAM H. DILLOW from Maintenance Helper to Maintenance Man. JACKIE F. JESSEE from Maintenance Helper to Maintenance Man.

##### Kanawha River Plant

JOHN L. JOHNSON from Maintenance Man to Master Maintenance Man. RUSSELL D. CASTO, JR., from Laborer, Labor-Janitor Dept., to Utility Operator, Operations Dept. JAMES A. HALL from Laborer, Labor-Janitor Dept., to Utility Operator, Operations Dept.

##### Philip Sporn Plant

LINDA A. SAUVAGE from Secretary to Secretary, Sr. WILLIAM A. OHLINGER from Maintenance Man to Master Maintenance Man. ERNEST L. DAMEWOOD from Maintenance Man to Master Maintenance Man. PHILIP F. BURGESS from Utility Man to Utility Operator. JAMES A. GILMORE from Utility Man, Utility Dept., to Coal Handler, Yard Dept. THOMAS G. COOPER from Utility Man to Utility Operator. GARY D. ROARK from Utility Man B to Utility Operator. ROBERT C. ROUSH from Utility Man A, Utility Dept., to Helper, Maintenance Dept. DONALD G. GOODNITE from Coal Handler, Yard Dept., to Helper, Maintenance Dept. CECIL R. DUNCAN from Utility Man, Utility Dept., to Helper, Maintenance Dept. JOHN P. SAVER from Barge Attendant to Tripper Operator. MARION W. ROUSH from Tripper Operator to Tractor Operator. KENNETH E. CARTER from Tractor Operator to Conveyor Operator. HAROLD R. RUSSELL from Conveyor Operator to Harbor Boat Operator. DAVID L. KEANAS from Utility Man to Utility Operator. RALPH R. ROSS, Utility Operator, Utility Dept., to Auxiliary Equipment Operator, Operations Dept. ROGER T. MANUEL from Utility Operator, Utility Dept., to Auxiliary Equipment Operator, Operations Dept. JOHN W. OHLINGER from Utility Operator, Utility Dept., to Auxiliary Equipment Operator, Operations Dept. ROBERT L. BRAGG from Utility Man, Utility Dept., to Coal Handler, Yard Dept. TOMMY R. BELCHER from Coal Handler, Yard Dept., to Barge Attendant, Yard Dept. GLENN L. JOHNSON from Helper to Jr. Maintenance Man. TERRY M. HENRY from Helper to Jr. Maintenance Man. ROY D. GRIMM, JR. from Helper to Jr. Maintenance Man. CARL A. GARDNER from Utility Man, Utility Dept., to Helper, Maintenance Dept. DALE S. MACHIR from Utility Man B to Utility Man A. CARL L. TENNANT from Master Maintenance Man to Maintenance Foreman.

#### Kentucky Power Company

##### Ashland Division

LINDA S. CRAWFORD from Jr. Clerk to Contract Clerk. WILLIAM R. WALLACE, T&D Man, from Division T&D to G. O. Meter Dept. Hazard Division. PHENON MONTGOMERY from Jr. Clerk to Cashier.

#### Kingsport Power Company

H. R. MORRISON from Meter Serviceman to General Serviceman. F. G. HUFF from Lineman Helper to Meter Reader. J. R. LONG from Lineman Helper to Lineman C.

## England, Wright Take Top Honors In Kentucky Power Bowling Tourney



England

Wright

Bill England won the singles championship in the recent Kentucky Power Company bowling tournament with a 604 series, and Ron Wright captured all-events with a 1192 pin total. Doubles were won by the team of Ron Wright and Skip Saunders.

Other winners were: Singles—second place, Dale Meek; third place tie, Wayne Edwards and Charles Tackett. Doubles—second place, Homer Matheny and Harold McKenzie; third place, Greta Hall and Ed Berginnis; fourth place, Charles Tackett and Jeff Harrison. All-events—second place, Dale Meek; third place, Bill England; fourth place, Charles Tackett.

## Charles Clendenin Meter Reader, Dies

Charles C. Clendenin, meter reader in the Charleston Division, died at his home January 17.

Clendenin had long been associated with the Charleston Fire Department and was a Battalion Chief in the Charleston area for several years. He retired from the Fire Department recently and was a part-time Appalachian employee.

Clendenin was active in the company bowling leagues and had been involved in Boy Scouting.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, and two children.



30 Years



V. F. Mautz  
Huntington



L. G. Gregory  
Roanoke



E. R. Barrett  
Kingsport

25 Years



Delores McDowell  
Charleston



H. H. Bunn  
Huntington



R. L. Tipton  
Kingsport

20 Years



R. L. Hardy  
Beckley



Joyce Parsons  
Kingsport



E. L. Morehead  
G. O. Bluefield



C. H. Ferguson  
Huntington



J. L. McDaniel  
Philip Sporn



C. D. Bannister,  
Jr.  
Charleston



J. O. Rasnick  
Abingdon



C. G. Sheets  
Philip Sporn



W. R. Hayes  
Philip Sporn

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



Appalachian Power Company

ABINGDON DIVISION—20 YEARS: S. W. JACKSON, Head Material Clerk. JOHN O. RASNICK, Stationman A.

BECKLEY DIVISION—20 YEARS: REGINALD L. HARDY, Area Serviceman.

BLUEFIELD DIVISION—35 YEARS: MORRIS M. YOST, Senior Foreman. JOHN S. DEBUSK, Area Serviceman. 25 YEARS: JUANITA L. CROUCH, Personnel Clerk.

GENERAL OFFICE—20 YEARS: E. L. MOREHEAD, T&D in Bluefield.

HUNTINGTON DIVISION—35 YEARS: B. C. HOOVER, Line Inspector. 30 YEARS: V. F. MAUTZ, Meterman C. 25 YEARS: H. H. BUNN, R/W Agent. 20 YEARS: C. H. FERGUSON, R/W Agent.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON DIVISION—15 YEARS: NAOMI CANTEES, Customer Accounts Representative.

LYNCHBURG DIVISION—35 YEARS: ROY A. TIBBS, Commercial Sales Engineer.

PULASKI DIVISION—5 YEARS: EMMA B. TAYLOR, Clerk-Stenographer.

ROANOKE DIVISION—35 YEARS: G. H. BROYLES, Station Supervisor. B. T. STONE, Engineering Supervisor. H. A. HOWBERT, Heating and Building Sales Representative. A. M. BEATTY, Stores Supervisor. 30 YEARS: L. G. GREGORY, Lineman A. 10 YEARS: J. G. HARVEY II, Meter Serviceman B.

CABIN CREEK PLANT—35 YEARS: KENNETH L. WILLIAMS, Assistant Shift Operating Engineer.

Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DIVISION—10 YEARS: RUTH PERRY, Clerk-Stenographer. SANDRA HYLTON, Accounts Payable Clerk, Junior. 5 YEARS: HAROLD MCKENZIE, General Accounting Clerk, Junior.

HAZARD DIVISION—5 YEARS: GERALDINE C. PERRY, Cashier-Clerk.

Kingsport Power Company

30 YEARS: E. R. BARRETT, JR., General Serviceman. 25 YEARS: R. L. TIPTON, Auto Repairman B. 20 YEARS: JOYCE PARSONS, Private Secretary.

CHARLESTON DIVISION—25 YEARS: DELORES MCDOWELL, Customer Accounts Representative. 20 YEARS: C. D. BANNISTER, JR., Lineman A. 15 YEARS: R. L. SELBE, Lineman A. 10 YEARS: SANDRA MYERS, Home Sales Representative. 5 YEARS: VEDA YOUNG, Stenographer.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—20 YEARS: WILLIAM R. HAYES, Maintenance Foreman. CHARLES G. SHEETS, Unit Foreman. JOHN L. MCDANIEL, Master Maintenance Man. 10 YEARS: HAROLD A. EBERSBACH, Coal Sampler.

Keeping Cool In January



Charleston families like this one bought 104 room air conditioners in January. With January being one of the coldest snow-filled months on record, the ability of this Sears representative to make a sale must be admired. In truth, this is C. I. Walker, dealer sales representative in Charleston, who posed with Mrs. David Staunton and her daughter Suzanne in conjunction with the outstanding sales record.

William A. Jefcoat Retires In Bluefield After 33-Year Career



Jefcoat

William A. Jefcoat retired March 31 after 33 years with Appalachian.

Jefcoat was employed as a draftsman in 1937 and after several promotions rose to senior transmission engineer in 1954. In 1964 he was promoted to transmission supervising engineer, the position he held on retirement from the General Office Transmission and Distribution Department.

Jefcoat is a native of Bamberg, South Carolina and attended Clemson University, majoring in civil engineering.

Prior to his employment with Appalachian he was an inspector for the Norfolk and Western Railway.

He and his wife, Mabel, live in Bluefield, West Virginia and are the parents of two sons. The Jefcoats have three grandchildren. He is a member of Trinity Methodist Church.

Jefcoat plans to hunt, fish, do some traveling, and in his spare time, do some special work for a construction contractor.

F. H. Blankenship, Retiree, Dies

Fetter H. Blankenship, 71, retired Glen Lyn Plant employee, died February 18 in Giles Memorial Hospital, Pearisburg, Virginia, following a long illness.

Blankenship was employed in 1945 in the Maintenance Department and worked there until his retirement in 1958.

He is survived by his wife Lillian, two sons, one daughter, a sister, and eleven grandchildren.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Narrows, Virginia.



Blankenship

Employees Honored For Long Service

Nine Appalachian employees reached their 35-year service anniversaries in March and April. Four are in the Roanoke Division.

They are Kenneth L. Williams, Cabin Creek; Roy A. Tibbs, Lynchburg; Berchard C. Hoover, Huntington; John S. DeBusk, Bluefield; Morris M. Yost, Bluefield; Gordon H. Broyles, Roanoke; Hugh A. Howbert, Roanoke; B. T. Stone, Roanoke; and A. M. Beatty, Roanoke.

Williams first worked for the company in 1928 and became a permanent employee in 1936. He worked as a boiler room man, turbine room man, and boiler operator, before his promotion to assistant shift operating engineer in 1967.

Tibbs was employed in Lynchburg in 1935 as a clerk in the Accounting Department. He was promoted to chief payroll clerk in 1938 and to his present position as commercial sales engineer in 1952. Tibbs attended the Lynchburg public schools and received his BS degree in mechanical engineering from VPI in 1932. He is a member of the Lynchburg Society of Engineering and Science, the Industrial Management Club and the Memorial Methodist Church. The Tibbs are the parents of three daughters and two sons.

Hoover, line inspector in Huntington, began as a telephone operator. He has worked as rodman, meter reader, transitman, and engineering aide. He was made line inspector in 1957. Hoover is a graduate of Huntington High School and Marshall University where he received his BS degree. He is a member of the Baptist Temple in Huntington, married and the father of four children.

DeBusk is an area serviceman in the Keystone and Northfork areas of the Bluefield Division. A native of Glade Spring, Virginia, he attended school there. He was employed by Appalachian in 1935 in the Welch area and has since worked as an operator, electrician's helper, maintenance man and trouble man. The DeBusks are the parents of two daughters and live in Keystone.

Yost, senior foreman in Bluefield, joined the company as a rural survey statistician in Williamson where he also worked as meterman, clerk and lineman. In 1945 he was transferred to Bluefield as a serviceman and worked as a lineman, line foreman, station and area supervisor before his promotion to senior foreman. Yost attended Bluefield High School and VPI. The Yosts live in Bluefield.

Broyles, station supervisor in Roanoke, began as a groundman. He worked as truckdriver, lineman, and station foreman before becoming station supervisor. Broyles is a member of the Board of Deacons of the Vinton Baptist Church, married and the father of two daughters.

Howbert is heating and builder

sales representative in Roanoke. He holds a BS degree in business administration from VPI. His first job with the company was in the Line Department. He was later meter reader, and was promoted to commercial and heating sales representative. The Howberts are the parents of two children.

Stone, engineering supervisor in Roanoke, began as a groundman. He was transferred to meter tester and later worked in the Distribution Department. He was made division engineer in 1964. Stone attended Lynchburg College and received his BS degree in electrical engineering from VPI. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and the Grandin Court Baptist Church. The Stones are the parents of one son.

Beatty, Roanoke stores supervisor, joined the company as an office messenger. From there he moved to clerk, assistant stores supervisor and to supervisor in 1954. He is a member of the Roanoke Civitan Club and treasurer of the First Church of the Brethren. He is married and the father of one son.



Williams



Tibbs



Hoover



DeBusk



Yost



Howbert



Broyles

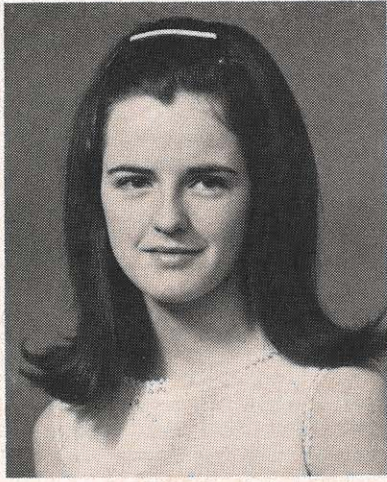


Stone



Beatty

# Wedding Bells Ring For Company Couples



**McManaway-Cahill**

Sierre Sue McManaway became the bride of Thomas W. Cahill in a double ring ceremony at the Methodist Church in Pearisburg, Virginia, on February 14. Mr. Cahill is a roddman in Bluefield.



**Hubbard-Glover**

The Belmont Baptist Church was the setting of the February 28th wedding of Deborah Kaye Hubbard and Jack Edward Glover, Jr. Mr. Glover is a lineman in the Roanoke Division T&D department and is the son of J. E. Glover, transmission station foreman in the General Office T&D Department.



**Smith-Clark**

Gloria Smith was married to Arthur C. Clark on January 17 at the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston, West Virginia. Mr. Clark is the son of M. C. Clark, Sr., line engineer, Point Pleasant, Huntington Division.



**Jackson-Liberatore**

Judaline Carol Jackson and Mario P. Liberatore were married on March 21 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mrs. Liberatore is the daughter of E. A. Jackson, Jr., customer accounting supervisor in Point Pleasant, Huntington division.



**Carter-Huff**

Bronwen Jo Carter and Curtis Clinton Huff were united in marriage at the First Baptist Church in Gate City, Virginia, on February 7. Mrs. Huff is the daughter of Ralph L. Carter, area serviceman in Gate City, Abingdon Division.

**Hudson-Coakley**

Sandra Ann Hudson and Donald Edward Coakley were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church on February 21. Mrs. Coakley is an employee in the General Office Accounting Department, Roanoke.

**Marilyn Lackey Chosen For Outstanding Young Woman Of Year Honor**



**Mrs. Lackey**

Mrs. Marilyn Lackey, daughter of Earle Wood, Bluefield Division sales supervisor, has been selected for the 1969 edition of "Outstanding Young Women of America." She is now in competition for West Virginia's outstanding young woman of the year award.

Mrs. Lackey graduated from Concord College with a BS degree in education with teaching fields in home economics and speech and from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a MS degree in family development from the school of home economics.

Since 1963 she has been on the faculty of Concord College. She is director of the Concord College nursery school for 3- and 4-year-old children and is assistant professor of home economics. She was an instructor in the head start teachers training programs at West Virginia University during the summers of 1966 and 1967.

Mrs. Lackey is the mother of two sons.

**New Arrivals**

**Beckley Division**

MR. AND MRS. DWIGHT R. SHELTON, a son, Dwight R. Jr., February 26. Shelton is a meter reader.

**General Office**

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT STEPHEN CALDWELL, a son, Andrew Stephen, March 6. Caldwell is an engineer b in the station department, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. C. E. BOUSH, a son, Charles Randall, February 22. Boush is a computer operations supervisor in g. o. accounting, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. F. D. LANCASTER, a daughter, Amy Frances, February 25. Mrs. Lancaster was employed in the payroll department in Roanoke.

**Logan-Williamson Division**

MR. AND MRS. MASON GRIMMETT, a son, Anthony Brian, February 24. Grimmatt is a lineman helper, Logan.

**Pulaski Division**

MR. AND MRS. T. D. ALDERMAN, a son, Thomas Scott, January 29. Alderman is a lineman at Hillsville.

**Philip Sporn Plant**

MR. AND MRS. JAMES L. FRY, a daughter, Sue Ellen, March 1. Fry is a maintenance man.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIS F. DAVIS, JR., a son, Bart Andrew, January 31. Davis is a master maintenance man.

**Ashland Division**

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT GREEN, a daughter, Robin Lynn, February 17. Green is a T&D man.

**Hazard Division**

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD OGELVIE, a son, Patrick Dean, February 25.

**Pikeville Division**

MR. AND MRS. E. GAYLE COLVIN, a daughter, Carla Gail, February 27. Colvin is heating sales specialist.

**Roanoke Division**

MR. AND MRS. JAMES E. BOARD, a son, Bryan Keith Ezekiel, February 15. Board is a custodian.

**Charleston Division**

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAMS WALKER, a son, Christopher Brent, March 9. Walker is an electrical engineer.

MR. AND MRS. WALTER L. VEALS, a son, Kenon, March 11. Veals is a custodian.

**Abingdon Employee Sews Own Sport Coat, Beats Rising Cost Of Living**



Jim Hill looks over the sport coat he recently completed.

Jim Hill, draftsman in the Abingdon Division, is as much at home at his sewing machine as he is at the drafting table. His father, who was a tailor before World War II, taught Jim to sew before he entered junior high school.

Jim had visited several stores looking for a sport coat, but after seeing what the cost of living had done to the price tags, he turned to his old hobby of sewing. He selected a black-watch plaid imported from England for the fabric. The finished coat features a double cut tail with continental lapel and pockets.

He now plans to make a wool suit with vest and two pairs of trousers for himself and a wool matching suit for his wife Pat.

Both Jim and Pat enjoy sewing as well as automobile racing and photography. Abingdon employees aren't asking questions about the latter two hobbies, but they are asking, "Jim, are you taking any orders?"

**Cabin Creek Plant**

Ronald E. Smith, performance engineer, and Janet Hodges, clerk-typist, are new employees.

**Philip Sporn Plant**

Ann Doolittle, daughter of W. R. Doolittle, unit foreman, was crowned Valentine Queen of Point Pleasant Junior High School at the annual Valentine's program.

Nancy G. Roush, time clerk senior, has resigned.

New employees are Michael J. Atkinson, Ricki E. Mosley, Thomas R. Ward, Harold L. Adams, Ronald H. Riffle, Carl M. Cline, George J. Korn, Jr., Bracy D. Kinnaird and Larry B. Haynes, all utility men B.

**80 Years Young Jim Tilson Tells Marion Line Crew Of Early Appalachian Construction**

Retired employee James T. Tilson, 80 years young, recently related to the Marion line crew some experiences of his long and colorful career with Appalachian.

At an early age he gained construction experience while working for the Marion Telephone Company and Wytheville Telephone Company. He started to work with what is now Appalachian Power in Bluefield, West Virginia, in 1915.

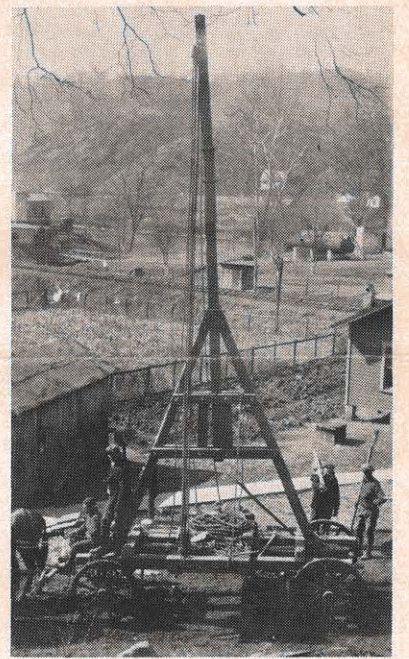
His earliest recollection of work with Appalachian was the conversion of DC current to AC in Pocahontas, Virginia. He was eager to climb, having had that experience with the telephone companies, but his duties consisted of carrying hand lines, tools and equipment to the job site.

After the Pocahontas job, the construction crew was transferred to Charleston under the supervision of E. A. Turner. The crew also worked in Pikeville and Ashland, Kentucky, and Williamson, West Virginia.

"Invention, you know, is born out of necessity," says Tilson. He claims credit for designing and building the first mobile pole setting device used by Appalachian. The idea was formed in his mind after working in narrow streets and on steep mountainsides in West Virginia where there was no room or way to pike poles.



E. W. Henson, Jr., explains present-day digging operation to J. T. Tilson (right), as J. H. Brooks operates truck controls.



First mobile pole setting device designed by J. T. Tilson.

The device was first used in the electrification of the Town of Clendenin and urban areas of the Charleston Division in 1925. A duplication of the rig was used successfully on the Reusens-Skyler 13,000-volt line in the Lynchburg Division in 1935. A 55-foot western red cedar pole was the tallest pole set by the rig.

E. W. Henson, line foreman, and J. H. Brooks, lineman A, explained to Tilson the modern line truck's ability to dig holes and set poles. "You know," Tilson recalled, "we would pull our mule-drawn rig up to the job site, attach blocks and use mules as the power to pull the blocks—the same job performed by a winch line off a truck today."

"Modern day line building methods with all this ultra high voltage never cease to amaze me. But somehow I feel my invention was just as important to the power company then as all this new equipment is today."

Tilson retired from the Right of Way and Real Estate Department in Roanoke in 1954.

**Beckley**

New employees are Everett E. Mosley, Robert M. Bower and Leva E. Smith, Division Accounting; Glenna M. Priddy, Division T&D Engineering Section, and Garrett W. O'Dell, Division T&D Line Section.

June Winner has been elected clerk of the Johnstown Regular Baptist Church for the year 1970.

**Pikeville**

Gertrude E. Smith is a new employee in Accounting.

Sympathy is extended Virgil Carter and Sammie Carter on the death of their grandmother, and Johnie Stanley on the death of his sister.

**They're Engaged**

KITTY GAYLE ARROWOOD to Jerry Randall Mason. Miss Arrowood is a clerk in the commercial department, Lynchburg.

ELIZABETH IRENE COLVIN to Billy Ray Cline. Cline is a car washer, Ashland.

HELEN R. BILLINGS to John Sabo, Jr. Miss Billings is a clerk-stenographer in g. o. T&D, Bluefield.

CAROLYN L. WAINSCOTT to Wallace D. Jamison. Miss Waincott is an employee in the office services division of g. o. accounting and Mr. Jamison is an engineer in g. o. operating, Roanoke.

BLANCHE MARIE SAUL to Ronnie Lewis Wray. Wray is a clerk in the accounting department in Fieldale.

JANELDA HALL to R. G. Turman. Turman is a lineman at Stuart in the Fieldale Area.

HAZEL L. HAWKINS to E. W. Jackson. Miss Hawkins is a customer representative at Hillsville, Pulaski Division.

DONNA JEAN McCLUNG to Leland W. Price, Jr. Mr. Price is the son of Leland W. Price, Sr., general service foreman, Charleston.



Top team in the men's division of the Tenpin Bowling Tournament are (from left) Bill Sheaff, George Fechter, Lonnie Moran, Dan Bird, and C. R. Paxton.

### Fifth Annual Bowling Tournament Held At Roanoke's Viking Lanes

The Roanoke General Office T&D team won the men's division and the Happy Five from Charleston captured the women's division of the fifth annual Appalachian bowling tournament at Viking Lanes in Roanoke March 21. Lonnie Moran's five game total of 877 led the winners. Other members of the team are George Fechter, Bill Sheaff, Dan Bird and C. R. Paxton. Beckley's No. 1 team made up of R. L. Graham, J. A. Thompson P. P. Hancock, D. E. Murray, and B. C. Thomas placed second. The Happy Five team, sparked by Mary Bostic's tournament high game of 200 and tournament high three game series of 523, came from

behind in the last game to beat the Kool Kats, also from Charleston, by 21 pins. Other members of the Happy Five are Irene Smithers, Eldivia Gullian, Freda Landers, and Frances Johnson. The second place Kool Kats are Nellie Williams, Jean Allinder, Airy Blair, Phyllis Lively, and Madge Walker. B. C. Thomas, Beckley, scored a 234 single and a five game series of 994 to win the individual honors in the men's division. Trophies were presented to the team and individual winners by J. A. Mundy. Directors of the tournament were Marshall Covey and Charles Comer.

### The Happy 5 And The Mops Winners Of Charleston Bowling Tournament



Members of The Happy 5 team display their trophies after winning the women's division of the Kilo-Watt Bowling Tournament. They are, from left, Frances Johnson, Mary Bostic, Freda Landers, Irene Smithers and Eldivia Gullian. The happy 5 went on to win the company championship.

The Happy 5 team won first place in the women's division of the Kilo-Watt Bowling Tournament in Charleston recently. They were Eldivia Gullian, team captain; Frances Johnson, wife of Charles Johnson; Mary Bostic, wife of Bill Bostic; Freda Landers, wife of Bill Landers; and Irene Smithers, wife of Jack Smithers. They participated in the tournament roll-off in Roanoke. When the Charleston meter readers were asked what they

thought of the clean sweep made by the wives, their answer was, "just shows you which half is the better half". The Mops team, made up of representatives from Cabin Creek Plant, Kanawha River Plant, Central Appalachian Coal Company and Kanawha Valley Power, won the men's division. Team members are Jim Creasey, captain; Carl Mooney, Jim Bostic, Nolan Perry and George Youell.

### Fishing Club Presents Annual Awards, Elects Officers For Current Season

Appalachian's Rod and Reel Club ended another season with 14 winning entries. Awards to the top fishermen were presented at the club's annual meeting February 27 with the largest catch in every category bringing \$20. Second place winners received \$14 and number three title holders won \$8. Winners for the 1969 season: Largemouth Bass: (1) Bill Loope, 6 lbs. 12 oz. (2) Ronald Horne, 4 lbs. 4 oz. (3) K. E. French, 3 lbs. 15 oz. Smallmouth Bass: (1) John H. Witt, 2 lbs. (2) W. R. Zimmerman, 1 lb. 14 oz. (3) J. W. Jett, 1 lb. 10 oz. Trout: (1) J. W. Jett, 3 lbs. 8 oz. (2) Paul Hartman, 2 lbs. (3) F. F. Webb, 1 lb. 14 oz.

Catfish: (1) A. H. Gravely, 12 lbs. 11 oz. (2) Richard Reed, 9 lbs. 5 oz. (3) Ronald Horne, 6 lbs. 12 oz. Pike: (1) Frank Blevins, 1 lb. (2) Richard Reed, 15 oz. There were no entries in 1969 for crappie, muskie, or striped bass. Officers for 1970, elected at the February meeting, are R. A. Reed, General Office Meter Department, president; K. D. Cox, Roanoke Division Transmission and Distribution, vice president; and Wayne Webb, General Office Meter, secretary-treasurer. Entry cards for the 1970 season and copies of the by-laws are available to members from the officers or from Bill Henley, General Office Operations.

### Logwood Receives Two VSAC Honors

For the second consecutive year Kenneth Logwood, part-time employee of Kingsport Power Company, has been named to both the All Conference and All Tournament teams of the Volunteer State Athletic Conference.



Logwood

Logwood, a junior at King College in Bristol, Tennessee, has worked in the Kingsport engineering department since September 1969 and worked in the Appalachian General Office Personnel Department during the previous summer.

The 6'1" forward averaged 23 points per game to lead his team to third place in the VSAC this season—the King College Tornado had an overall record of 17 wins and 5 losses. During his freshman year he averaged 17 points per game and 20 during his sophomore year when King led the conference. In 1968 he was voted "Most Valuable Player" on the school team.

Logwood has been at home on a basketball court since fifth grade. His high school record shows two years "All State" in basketball and one year in football.

A business administration major, Ken attends King College on an academic-athletic scholarship and has maintained a "B" average during his three years. He serves as secretary of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has been a member of the Freshman Orientation Committee his sophomore and junior years.

When asked about his ambition in regard to professional ball Ken responds with a reserved "Maybe." The first question to answer is which sport. He has already been approached by a professional football team.

### Roanoke's Dunbar Hill Is Cubmaster Of Pack With Unusual Sponsor

Cub Scout Pack 104 of Salem, Virginia, has an unusual sponsor



Hill

—The Ladies Sewing Circle, one of the oldest federated woman's clubs in the State of Virginia. The 20-year-old Pack was sponsored by a church in Salem until two years ago, when the church merged with one in Roanoke. The Pack was left without a sponsoring institution until the ladies came to its aid.

Dunbar Hill, custodian at the Walnut Avenue service building in Roanoke, has served as Cubmaster of Pack 104 since 1961. Prior to that, he was assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 104 for 31 years. His mother, Mrs. Britannia Hill, was a charter member of The Ladies Sewing Circle and is the oldest living member.

In 1965 Hill received a Scouter's Key, and in 1968 the Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America, awarded him a certificate of commendation for his outstanding work. Of his Scouting activities, Hill says, "We feel that if we can get boys 8-11 into Cub Scouts that it will help them get involved in their community. It takes a lot of work, sacrifice and criticism, but I believe it is worth it to me and the boys".

He also serves as member of Salem's Recreation Commission, the Williams Memorial Advisory Committee, trustee of the Bethel AME Church, and secretary of the Carver Touchdown Club. The Touchdown Club sponsors youth athletic teams that compete in the community sandlot football and youth basketball programs. Hill is a coach of these boys' teams.

He joined Appalachian in 1949 and is married and has one daughter.



Lonnie (left) and David DeHart (right) are thankful for their first aid training in Scouting that helped save the life of younger brother Michael (center).

### First Aid Training Learned In Boy Scout Troop Saves Brother's Life

David and Lonnie DeHart, teenage sons of Robert DeHart, St. Albans transmission man in the Charleston division, had received first aid training in their Scouting program to prepare them to handle emergencies. Little did they realize this training would enable them to save the life of their 5½-year-old brother Michael.

The boys were home on their own after school when Michael stumbled and fell, striking his

jugular vein. David cut Mike's undershirt and applied compresses of cold water while Lonnie called an ambulance. In a matter of minutes Lonnie was in the ambulance with Mike on the way to the hospital while David telephoned his parents.

The doctors said if the wound had been a fraction of an inch closer, Mike's life might not have been saved. They commended the boys for doing an excellent job.

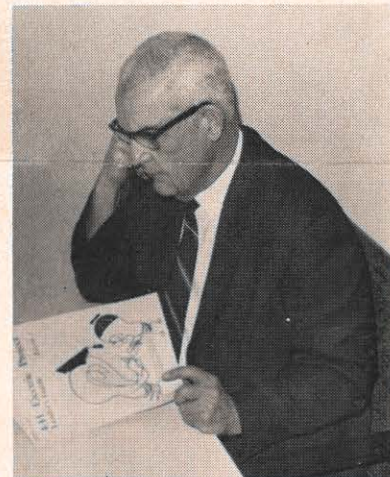
### Candler Completes 4-H Project

The Virginia 4-H Clubs have a new guide for electric projects that will hold your interest (make you smile) even if you never plan to replace the cord on a lamp or explain the operation of a hydro in two syllable words. It's called *Electro I*, and Harry Candler, agricultural sales engineer in Roanoke, is primarily responsible for its being published.

Harry was appointed to the State 4-H Electric Program Literature Committee by the State Extension Service of VPI. Members of the committee were from all over the state. After several months of committee meetings and still no standardization and guidance for the electric program, Harry took the lead.

The goal of 4-H electric projects is to create an awareness about electricity and teach simple skills. Harry's project booklet does this through an animated light bulb who serves as the commander for the "voyage of Electro I." With simple projects the book shows how electricity is made and transmitted, offers safety reminders and outlines simple instructions for repairs and demonstrations.

The booklet has been printed by the thousands and will be used by many of the 15,000 members of 4-H in the 750 Virginia Clubs. Included in the foreword by the State Extension Service: "Acknowledgement is given to com-



Harry Candler looks over his 4-H electric guide.

mittee member H. L. Candler, agricultural engineer, Appalachian Power Company. Other members of the committee served as consultants."

Harry Candler has worked with Appalachian since 1941. He transferred from Lynchburg to Roanoke in 1965.

In 1966 he was named to the State 4-H All Stars, the highest honorary group of adults associated with 4-H work.

### New Appaleisure Officers



These Beckley employees have been elected by the board of directors of the Appaleisure Club to serve as officers for 1970. (Left to right) Kyle Ellison, president; Susan Lewis, vice president; Robert Duren, secretary-treasurer.

## Bill Garten, Music Lover, Ends 45-Year Electric Utility Career



Garten

"I dig music. It keeps me young at heart," says William H. Garten, who retired March 1 as meter clerk senior in the Charleston Division. Bill's interest in music began when he played a saxophone in his school band.

Over the years his love for the big band sound developed into a desire to form his own "big band". Early in 1934 he formed the Bill Garten Orchestra, which soon became one of the most popular bands in the area. The group stayed together until 1951 and played in most every big city in a three-state region.

Now as he looks back over those years of one-night stands, he notes, "We usually played only on weekends because most of us had full-time jobs. Often we would load up the cars early Friday evening and drive all night to Kentucky or Ohio, play on Saturday night and drive all the way back home on Sunday. It sounds like a real grind, but really we always had a blast."

His career with the electric utility industry began in 1923 when he went to work for the West Virginia Water and Electric Company as a general clerk. The company was later purchased by Appalachian. Bill says, "When Appalachian bought the old company, it really started to move. They brought new procedures, methods and new blood."

"When I started with the company 45 years ago, those of us in accounting and records sat at the old high type desks. Some of the people wore visors on their fore-

heads and sleeve bands to keep their cuffs up. Boy, have things changed."

"It is hard for younger people to imagine what a boon the ball-point pen was for working in the types of jobs that require much handwriting. It now seems like such a small and unimportant thing. But, compared to the old scratch type ink pen, the ball-point is a real labor saving device."

Bill is looking forward to an active retirement, including some travel and spending as much time as possible with his grandchildren. He enjoys his record collection of more than 600 LP's. Naturally, most of them are of the big band sound. He and his wife of 40 years reside in Charleston.

## Fanning Retires From U. S. Army

E. E. Fanning, Bluefield Division building supervisor, retired from the U. S. Army Reserves after 26 years' service. He was a 1st Sgt. and had been serving with the military police unit in Bluefield.



Sgt. Fanning

Fanning served in World War II from 1943 to 1946 and stayed in the active reserves following his release from the regular Army. A graduate of Bland High School, he joined Appalachian in 1947 as a meter helper B in Pulaski. He worked there as meter helper A and meterman C before transferring to Bluefield in 1960. He held the positions of customer service representative and engineering aide before being promoted to his present position.

He is married and the father of two sons and one daughter.

## Wright, O'Neal Take New Posts



Wright



O'Neal

John M. Wright, electrical engineer senior in the Charleston Division, was promoted to power sales engineer and transferred to the Beckley Division March 1. At that time Eugene M. O'Neal, Beckley Division line inspector, was promoted to right of way maintenance inspector.

Wright was first employed by the company in 1958 as an electrical engineer in Charleston. He was made commercial sales engineer in 1962 and in 1965 was promoted to area supervisor of the Oak Hill area.

Wright is a native of Newton, West Virginia, and attended schools in Gauley Bridge. He is a 1958 graduate of West Virginia Institute of Technology with an electrical engineering degree. He is married, the father of two children, and plans to move his family to Beckley in the near future.

O'Neal joined the company in 1948 as a laborer in the Transmission and Distribution Department. Later that year he was promoted to inspector junior and in 1955 was made line inspector.

O'Neal attended school in the Beckley area and is a graduate of Stoco High School. Married to the former Alice Moore of Eccles, they have one son, Randy, a student at West Virginia Tech.



## Lynchburg Retirees Elect Officers

Newly-elected officers of the Lynchburg Retired Employees Association are (from left) Ben C. Cook, treasurer; James H. Haley, incoming chairman; Joseph W. McCarthy, secretary; W. J. Vinson and Robert D. Curtis, outgoing chairman. Mr. Vinson, a social security administrator, was guest speaker at the retired employees' annual luncheon.



Simpson

## Retirement Ends Career And James B. Simpson's Daily Hikes To The Office

James B. Simpson, meterman B, retired March 1 after more than 41 years of service with Kentucky Power Company.

Simpson was first employed as a meter reader and has spent his entire career in the Meter and Transmission and Distribution Departments of the Ashland Division.

He was born in Rush, Kentucky, but has lived most of his life in Ashland. A member of the First Church of the Nazarene, he has served on the Board of Trustees of the church for over 25 years and as Sunday school superintendent for the past six.

Simpson is an accomplished artist and has displayed his paintings at various shows in the Tri-State Area. During recent years he has taken up hiking which contributes to his good health. When weather permitted he walked the two and one-half miles from the Service Building to his home. More recently he acquired a bicycle and alternated riding with hiking.

## Disbrow Elected Deputy Controller

Richard E. Disbrow has been elected to fill the newly created Service Corporation office of deputy controller. He will continue to serve also in the position of operating manager-transmission and distribution. He assumed the additional duties April 1.

In his new post, Disbrow will have general supervision of operating and construction forecasts, and of analysis of the AEP System's operations.

Disbrow, who holds degrees from Lehigh University, Newark College of Engineering, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, joined the Service Corporation in 1954. He spent a year at MIT as an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow, and is a veteran of Air Force service.

## Gabrielle Moves To New AEP Post

Anthony F. Gabrielle last month was elected assistant vice president of the American Electric Power Service Corporation and named head of the Computer Applications Division. He succeeds Glenn W. Stagg, who resigned to form a consulting organization. The election is effective April 1.

Gabrielle had been assistant head of the System Operating Division. He joined the Service Corporation in 1950 as a system planning engineer, and moved to System Operating as a staff engineer in 1962. Two years later he was named assistant division head.

He holds two electrical engineering degrees from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1961, he attended the Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship Program at MIT, and received a master's degree in industrial management.

A. H. Palmer, head of Engineering Applications in the Computer Division, has joined Stagg in the consulting firm.

## Hale Clemons Retires, Leaves Glen Lyn Plant After 35-Year Career



Clemons

Hale Clemons, utility coal handler at the Glen Lyn Plant, retired March 1. He had been with the company since 1935.

Clemons began his career as a laborer. He later worked as utility operator, mechanical maintenance helper and tripper operator before his promotion to coal handler.

He is married to the former Alese Thomas and they are the parents of two children, William Clemons and Jane C. Hazelwood, both of Glen Lyn.

The Clemons plan to remain in Glen Lyn where they are members of the Baptist Church. His immediate plans include a long rest and maybe a little gardening.

## Robert Coffman 5-Gallon Donor

Robert D. Coffman, draftsman senior in the General Office Right of Way and Real Estate Department in Roanoke, reached the five-gallon mark with his donation of blood on February 26.

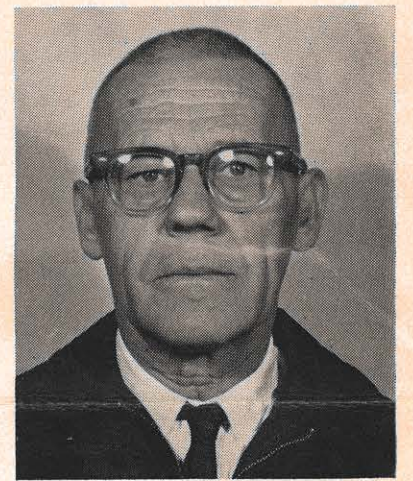
Coffman made his first donation to the American Red Cross blood program in 1953 while stationed at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska. He started donating on a regular basis in 1958 in response to the company's encouragement to employees to participate in this activity. He gives three or four times a year.

He is married and attends the Williamson Road Church of the Brethren, where he serves as a deacon and church treasurer.



Coffman

## Hypes Retires At Cabin Creek



Hypes

Oren D. Hypes, laboratory assistant at Cabin Creek Plant, retired April 1 with a total of 26 years service with Appalachian.

Hypes joined the company as a janitor, worked as a laborer and was later promoted to laboratory attendant.

The Hypes live in Marmet, West Virginia and plan to remain there for at least a year. Commenting on his retirement plans, Hypes says he wants a vegetable garden this summer and wants to do a little fishing. Along with this he hopes to increase his two bee stands to four.

The Hypes have three children and eight grandchildren.

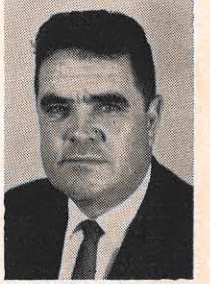
## Curry Promoted In Charleston

Paul F. Curry has been promoted to station supervisor in the Charleston Division. He succeeds John M. Kaufman, who retired February 1.

Curry is a native of Boone County, West Virginia and received his degree in electrical engineering through ICS.

He began his career with the company as a laborer in 1946 in the Charleston Transmission and Distribution Section. He was promoted to meter helper in 1947 and rose to meter serviceman B before transferring to the Line and Station Section. In 1962 he was promoted to engineering aide and in 1967 to engineer B.

The Currys have one son and live in Marmet, West Virginia.



Curry



Rupert

## Harter M. Rupert Moves To Florida

Harter M. Rupert, performance engineer at the Cabin Creek Plant, retired April 1 with a total of 19 years service with the company.

He was employed by the company as a mechanical engineer and later became a test engineer. From this position he moved to performance engineer.

The Ruperts have four children and eight grandchildren. They plan to visit all of them before retiring to their home in New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

They are both members of the Chelyan United Methodist Church. Harter enjoys golf and fishing and plans to do a lot of both after moving to Florida.