Not only is it more blessed to give than to receive—it is more probable.

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Language may be a vehicle of thought, but in some cases it is just an empty

August, 1970

## Winners Announced For Two Quarters The People Speak In Work Simplification/Better Methods

Quarterly award winners for the first two quarters of 1970 for work simplification better methods have been announced by F. E. Hornbeck, methods engineer.

Individual winners each received 50 electrobucks redeemable for cash or merchandise.

Among the factors considered in the selection of these proposals were potential savings, company-wide applicability, and creative effort.

A first quarter winner, D. E. Spraker in the Pulaski Division, suggested changes to eliminate shearing of Rheostat Drive gearing which would reduce downtime on Unit No. 1 at Buck Hydro.

Shirley F. Bowers, General Office Real Estate and Right of Way, developed a procedure to simplify clerical work and save an estimated \$156 annually.

A billing procedure for Dusk-to-Dawn lights that would save \$14,662 was suggested by W. T. Hubbard in General Office Accounting.

In Logan-Williamson, M. A. White discovered that the use of plastic containers for Silica-jell breathers on transformers improves the protection of transformers against moisture.

At Glen Lyn Plant, H. O. Brookman recommended the installation of a drainage system to facilitate the removal of accumulated flyash in breeching. The estimated annual savings is \$2,200.

E. G. Robertson in General Office Accounting estimated that the company could save \$1,815 annually if contract maintenance during the second shift for IBM Data processing equipment were eliminated.

J. B. Weaver suggested circuitry changes to controls on Allis-Chalmers regulators to facilitate transfer of equipment to emergency load reduction conditions.

The use of a slide hammer to remove oil seals from automotive equipment minimizes the damage to precision fits, saves time, and makes the job easier. The recommendation came from H. R. Burcham in the Huntington Division.

W. P. Brewer discovered that a rubber band will hold the fuse cartridge securely in position during refusing operations using a telescopic

In Fieldale, D. A. Martin and R. J. Street recommended that compatible units be revised so that planners can specify guy installations with or without guy protectors and thereby simplify the paperwork involved.

Emma M. Forthe has revised the form itemizing coal barged to Philip Sporn Plant to simplify the paper-

For the second quarter, W. S. Walker and R. J. Fairfield used a computer to develop a set of sag tables to be used in the design of transmission and distribution lines. Walker and Fairfield are in the

Reconditioning spring bolt assemblies is a repetitive job. H. H. Reed at Glen Lyn Plant proposed jigs and other handling devices to facilitate this work. The annual facilitate this work. savings should be \$288.

A change in procedure for processing quarterly accelerated de-preciation reports in General Office Accounting's Property Records Section, which was proposed by Wayne A. Jacobs, will produce an estimated annual savings of \$967.

Five conveyors are used to transfer coal from railroad cars to bunkers at Radford Arsenal Steam Plant. Changes proposed by J. D. Blankenship and A. L. McClaugh-erty eliminated several undesirable operating conditions.

Carolyn H. Horn in General Office Accounting set up a procedure to minimize collating errors and save an estimated \$250 annually.

W. H. Terry and R. J. Street in Fieldale submitted the idea that the use of preformed grips would eliminate the need for splicing a length of conductor when breaking open wire secondaries. The idea, approved by G. O. Distribution, will save \$144 per year in Fieldale.

A procedure to eliminate sending cash tickets or bill stubs to the General Records Section will reduce paperwork costs \$600 annually. This procedure was recommended by C. F. Harlowe and P. R. Richardson, General Office Accounting

At Cabin Creek Plant, O. A. Hesson redesigned the access doors to the ash pits on the plant's four boilers to facilitate access to the furnaces for major repair work.

A change in the size of envelopes used by General Office Purchasing for mailing Vendor Expediting Letters was suggested by John B.

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# Blue Ridge Project Is Opposed And Praised At Beckley Hearing

Appalachian Power's Blue Ridge Project, which the company hopes to build on New River in Grayson County, Virginia, was praised and

opposed at a public hearing in Beckley, West Virginia.

The hearing, before Presiding Examiner William Levy of the Federal Power Commission, opened on July 21 and was expected to continue throughout the week. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear testimony and public statements on the potential effects of water releases from the Blue Ridge project on recreation in the New River in West Virginia.

#### **Industry Support**

While most of those who spoke on the first day of the hearings voiced varying degrees of opposition to the project, chemical industry spokesmen, the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the West Virginia Manufacturers Association and the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce, supported the modified Blue Ridge project. the modified Blue Ridge project. Their support came because of the water quality storage which would

## Free Employee **Medical Plan**

Beginning in July, the entire cost of the comprehensive medical plan for active and retired employees was assumed by our companion retired employees was assumed by our companies. Employee contributions to the plan have been reduced 25% each six months since January 1969. This new employee benefit will cost a total of more than \$1,240,000.

These costs are being borne by Appalachian Power, in-including Kanawha Valley Power; Kentucky Power; Central Operating Company; Kingsport Power; Central Appalachian Coal and Central Coal Company.

It's important that employees report all changes in their hospital coverage promptly to their personnel

be provided by the project to help alleviate pollution in the Kanawha

Izaak Walton League spokesmen from West Virginia, spokesmen for the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy and other conservation-ists voiced fears that the water releases from Blue Ridge would destroy fishing and the ecology of the New River below the Bluestone Dam at Hinton, West Virginia.

A spokesman for the Congress for Appalachia Development took the position that the project should be built by the Federal government.

People from Grayson, Ashe and Allegheny Counties, the area which would be most affected by the project, voiced strong opposition to the modified project and pleaded that Appalachian be permitted to build the initial project. These folks said they could live with the initial project but the modified project would virtually destroy them.

Appalachian's initial plans called for the construction of two much smaller dams and two smaller lakes, which did not include any water quality storage, and which would have had less fluctuation. The modified project, which resulted from the Department of Interior's demands for 650,000 acre feet of water quality storage, is much larger both as to dams and as to size of lakes.

The residents of the area which would be affected by the project pointed out time and again that the delays in licensing are causing great hardship, holding up road construction and leaving them in a state of indecision as to what to do in regard to their land and their

#### **Company Move**

At the opening of the second day of the hearing, Thomas M. De-Bevoise, counsel for Appalachian, said that the company is considering making a motion asking the FPC to grant a license to build Blue Ridge without any water quality storage. The company would build the project as presently planned and then would provide what ever water quality storage the what ever water quality storage the FPC ordered. There would be no drawdown of water quality storage unless or until the FPC ordered it.

DeBevoise said the company is considering such a motion to help the people of the area who are most affected. He said that the motion might be made in the next few

During the second day of the hearings six witnesses from West Virginia were cross-examined as the record was being completed on the possible effects of Blue Ridge on recreation in West Virginia.

Eight other witnesses were to be heard during the remainder of the hearing. It is expected that a date for the continuation of the hearing in Washington this Fall will be set at the Beckley hearing.

Appalachian applied for a license to construct the original Blue Ridge project in 1965. About a year later, the Department of Interior intervened and demanded that the project supply 500,000 acre feet of water quality storage to help overcome pollution in the Kanawha River. The company objected. In the Fall of 1968, the FPC staff proposed the modified project, which includes 650,000 acre feet of water quality storage. The of water quality storage. The company accepted the proposal with qualifications.

The State of West Virginia was permitted to intervene and through its Department of Natural Resources has entered testimony objecting to the amount of water releases that would be needed to provide the water for the downpollution abate Department contends that the necessary water releases could harm recreation and fishing in the New River below the Bluestone Dam.

## Christiansburg **Project Decision Building Sold**

Harvey Hubbell, Inc., will locate its Shalda Lighting Products Division in Appalachian's project de-cision building in Christiansburg. The Bridgeport, Connecticut-based company purchased the shell building and 30 surrounding acres in early July.

Shalda Lighting Products Division is a major supplier of quality outdoor lighting for stadiums, rec-reational facilities, commercial, industrial and institutional buildings.

Shalda Division's main manufacturing facilities are located in Burbank, California.

The Christiansburg building is the second to be constructed in the Pulaski Division in Appalachian's program to aid communities in attracting new industry. They are among six which Appalachian has built and sold to communities after securing tenants. The company's securing tenants. The company's investment in the Christiansburg building can now be used in continuing the program.

## Grizzle Selected Ruritan Of Year

"There are just some things you are obligated to do. Ruritan and its promotion is very much a part of my life."

comments Worley H. Grizzle, line foreman (NE) at Gate City in the Abingdon Division. lected Ruritan for his outstanding contributions to his club and community.



Grizzle

A charter member of the Yuma Ruritan Club when it was formed in 1959, Worley has held several offices on the local and district levels. Among these are club vice president and president, zone governor and two terms as district governor. He is currently serving on the district cabinet and is one of four members who comprise the Ruritan national task force.

Grizzle explains that Ruritan is a close knit group of citizens in a rural area. "Ruritan binds the people together toward a common cause which results in area improvement. A new community provement. A new community center and elementary school in the Yuma area are proof of this type of understanding and cooperation."

## **Operations** Improvement

Beginning with this issue, THE ILLUMINATOR will be mailed to you without an envelope under a bulk mailing permit.

This is being done as a part of our companies' Operations Improvement Program and will result in a savings of more than \$3,000 a year.

# Michigan's Newest Tourist Attraction



The patio at the rear of the Cook Nuclear Center affords the visitor a panoramic view of Lake Michigan. the large picture window at the right, tour guests can observe construction activity at Indiana & Michigan's Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant. The Center is open to the public from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Tuesday through Saturday and from Noon to 6 p. m. on Sundays. It is closed on Mondays. Employees vacationing in southwestern Michigan this summer who want to visit the Center should take Interstate 94, using either the Stevensville or Bridgman exits. Signs along the Interstate promote the Center.

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## It Is Still A Beautiful World

Go placidly amid the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As much as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline be gentle with yourself; you are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

(Inscription found in Old St. Paul's Church, Baltimore. Dated 1662)

## Retired Lynchburg Commercial Sales **Engineer Recalls Early Sales Efforts**



Johnson

Elmer Thomas Johnson can re-call when the first electric refrigerator was put on display in the front window of the Lynchburg office building. People came from miles around to look at it and were dubious that it would work.

Johnson retired August 1 as commercial sales engineer in Lynch-burg. He joined the old Lynchburg Traction and Light Company in 1925 as a lighting salesman and was the only employee in electric sales when the company was bought by Appalachian.

He remembers when the primary sales emphasis was on electric

lighting. His sales pitch was to install electric lighting in the home to get rid of the oil lamps. In those days, a 30-amp switch was considered maximum capacity for a residence.

His entire 45-year career has been spent in sales except for one period. He worked in Accountduring the depression when sales activities were curtailed. He was promoted to junior power engineer in 1936 and named power sales engineer in 1953. In 1969 he moved up to commercial sales engineer.

In 1930 he won an Appalachian public speaking contest and represented the company in a contest sponsored by the National Electric Light Association. From 1935 to 1938 he gave "Science of Seeing" lectures before school, professional and civic groups in Roanoke and Lynchburg.

A graduate of Lynchburg High School, he took two years of law at the LaSalle Extension University. He has also taken courses in mechanical drawing, lighting sales and the Dale Carnegie public speaking and sales course.

Johnson is a past president of the Lynchburg Lions Club, member and past director of Lynchburg Industrial Management Club, and a charter member of Lynchburg Society of Engineering and Science. He and his wife Ethel celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 14.



#### Coffee Club Officers

Newly elected officers of the Bluefield Coffee Club are (left to right) Frances Keller, secretarial stenographer, vice president and secretary; James E. Bailey, engineering aide, treasurer; and W. C. Groseclose, administrative assistant B, president.

#### Pikeville Men Attempt Rescue

Three Pikeville employees knew the first aid to be given a drowning victim. Unfortunately they weren't the first to reach the 13-year-old girl, and those who were weren't

prepared to help her.

Homer Helvey, acting foreman;
Ronald Dean Whitt, lineman B; and Don Bevins, serviceman, were returning to the Pikeville office when they noticed a crowd and stopped to offer help. The accident had occurred forty minutes earlier and although there was little or no hope of reviving the girl they adhope of reviving the girl, they administered artificial respiration until a rescue squad arrived.

#### Quarterly Winners

(Continued from Page 1) Horn. This change improves the

stuffing operation and will mean a savings in postage.

Improvement of the sampling

probes on the excess air analyzers at Clinch River Plant will mean an annual savings of \$930. The im-

provement suggestion was submitted by C. M. Powers.

R. J. Street in Fieldale recommended that Polaroid photographs be taken of trouble spots detected in overhead connections during the Thermovision Testing Program.
This simplifies the job of those responsible for corrections.

## Harry M. Strong Killed In Accident

Harry M. Strong, Jr., Williamon customer accounting superson customer

visor, died July 10 as a result of a two car accident near Pierceton, Indiana. Mrs. Strong, who was critically injured in the accident, is a patient in a Fort Wayne, Indiana, hospital. Strong had

been an Appalachian em-

ployee since 1938 when he was hired as a clerk in the Bluefield office. He was promoted to assistant local office manager in 1947 and to office manager in 1950. In 1958 he was transferred from Bluefield to Williamson as accounting super-

Strong

He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Williamson, the Williamson Rotary, Moose, and Elks Club, and the Tug Valley Country Club.

Strong is survived by his wife and son, John, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

#### Grateful Customer

Three Fieldale employees came to the aid of a motorist stranded on Groundhog
Mountain recently.

Dr. R. B. Patterson of the
Bowman-Gray School of

Dr. R. B. Patterson of the Bowman-Gray School of Medicine had trouble with his car and was unable to continue driving it. D. W. Cooper, R. G. Turman and G. A. Sheppard stopped and made an emergency repair to the clutch linkage. to the clutch linkage.

Dr. Patterson sent a letter of appreciation to management about the courtesy and service of these employees.

## Sporn's D.S. Machir On Military Leave

Dale S. Machir, utility man A at the Philip

Sporn Plant, began military leave June 8. He has been employed at the Sporn Plant since May 1969. Machir is

now stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky forbasic

for training.



He is a Machir graduate of Wahama High School and holds an associate degree in engineering technology from Potomac State

#### Vaught Promoted To Fieldale Post

Daniel E. Vaught, commercial sales engineer in Roanoke, has been named power sales engineer in the Fieldale

Area. He suc-ceeds Nelson Havens, who to supervising engineer in

Lynchburg.
A native of Roanoke, Vaught joined Appalachian in Roanoke in 1968. He holds a bachelor of science degree in agricultural

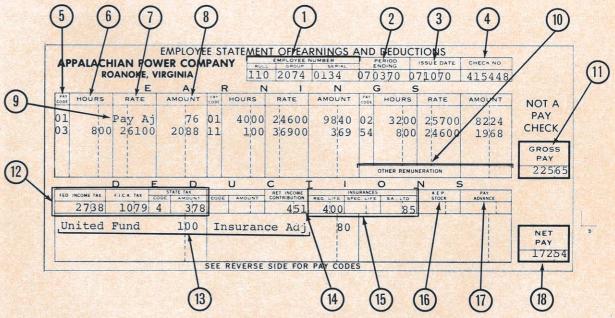


engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and has taken electrical engineering courses at Virginia Western Community College. Married and the tather of two daughters, he is a member of the Lions Club and Masons.

## Employee Paycheck Gets New Look

Beginning with the first pay period in August, Appalachian and Kingsport employees will receive a new style paycheck. The most notable change will be in the check stub, where employees can tell at a glance how many hours they worked under each pay

code. It will also give the employee a record of his vacation, sick leave pay and other important information. An explanation of the pay codes will be on the reverse of the stub.



An explanation of the items shown on this sample paycheck stub follows. 1. Employee's payroll identification number; 2. End of two week period covered by payment; 3. Pay day; 4. Payroll check identification number; 5. Coded pay conditions as shown on reverse side of check; 6. Hours worked or not worked under each pay code reported to 1/10 of hour; 7. Applicable pay rate for hours worked; 8. Gross earnings for applicable pay condition; 9. Adjustment of pay; 10. Other compensation for tax purposes only; 11. Total of all pay conditions listed (excluding other remuneration); 12. Taxes withheld; 13. Itemized deductions and deduction adjustments not included above; 14. Employee's contribution for retirement plan; 15. Employee's portion of group insurance plans; 16. Company stock; 17. Wages advanced to employee; 18. This is what is left.

## Weise Retires As Chief Dispatcher



He has already visited 48 of our 50 states and Canada and Mexico. Now Charles Weise is planning to travel through some of them again

"The first week in August my wife and I plan to go to Florida and hunt a winter home. In September we plan to go to Seattle, Washington, to visit our grandchildren. When I'm home, I will probably spend a lot of time in the swimming pool."

Weise retired August 1 as regional chief dispatcher in the Tri-State Dispatch Office in Huntington, ending a 34-year career. He was employed by Kanawha Valley Power Company in 1936 as an operator and was later transferred to Cabin Creek as control operator. to Cabin Creek as control operator. In 1952 he was promoted to system operator B at the Kanawha Disoperator B at the Kanawna Dispatch Office and in 1955 to regional dispatcher. From 1957 to 1963 he served as assistant regional chief dispatcher and became chief dispatcher in 1963. He was transferred to the Tri-State office in Huntington in 1965 Huntington in 1965.

He and his wife, Reba, live in Charleston where he is a member of the Speakers Forum. They attend the First Baptist Church in Marmet and Weise is a member of the Huntington Elks Lodge No. 313. They are the parents of two sons and have six grandchildren.

#### Heart Attack Fells Brashear

R. S. Brashear, retired Beckley district superintendent, died at his home in London, Kentucky, on July 4 following an apparent heart

An electrical engineering graduate of Chicago Tech, Brashear was first employed as a dis-

tribution tribution engineer with Kentucky and West Virginia Power Com-pany in 1933. In 1942 he joined Appa-lachian as a distribution engineer in engineer in Charleston and was promoted to power sales



Brashear

engineer in
1945. He transferred to Beckley
as district commercial manager in
1950 and was named district superintendent in 1954. He retired in 1961.

Brashear is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

#### C. A. Heller, Jr. Takes Ohio Post

Charles A. Heller, Jr., executive assistant at Wheeling Electric Company, has been named to the same position in Ohio Power Company.

A native of New Jersey, he joined the American Electric Power System in 1956. For the next 11 years his assignments took him to Appalachian Power Company, Roa-noke; the AEP Service Corporation, New York; and to Canton as an Ohio Power administrative assistant. In 1967 he was named manager of the Ohio Power office in East Liverpool and in 1968 moved to the Wheeling post.

#### Dispatcher Training Course For Thirty-Four At Purdue University

During the past 12 months, 34 General Office Operating Department employees have attended four-week Dispatcher Training Courses at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. Classes were given in fundamentals of electricity, slide when and mathematics slide rule, and mathematics. Labs dealt with electronics and machinery.

machinery.

Those attending were B. M. Angelo, C. W. Bacchus, G. R. Barbour, P. C. Bernard, Jr., Leno Bianchinotti, L. T. Bias, C. F. Bunting, N. J. Burnside, Jr., R. H. Caldwell, L. W. Cheesebrew, J. E. Cook, J. K. Daniels, W. E. Ferrell, I. R. Goins, W. A. Haddad, J. P. Hardwick, M. K. Haynes, E. B. Johnson, Jr., L. J. King, C. W. Knapp, Jr., D. H. Lambert, S. G. Landis, F. M. Lawson, B. Mullens, J. W. Munsey, W. B. Poff, Jr., P. F. Roush, H. F. Sayre, W. H. Shrader, B. N. Smith, C. L. Smith, W. P. Vickers, Jr., C. R. Whittington, and N. R. Young.

#### Two At Sporn **Move To Canton**





Stein

Two employees at Philip Sporn have been named to positions with the plant engineering section of the AEP Service Corporation in Canton.

E. L. Stein, Jr., maintenance supervisor at the plant, became senior engineer. James P. Gilbert, results engineer, became engineer.

Stein joined Appalachian at the Kenova Plant near Huntington as maintenance man in 1936. He was assistant chemist and engineer before going to Ohio Power's Tidd Plant in 1946 as master maintenance man. He was named maintenance foreman at Sporn in 1950 and was promoted to maintenance supervisor in 1959. tenance supervisor in 1958.

A native of Kenova, he has A native of Kenova, he has taken engineering and mathematics courses at Marshall University in Huntington. He is a member of the Mid-Ohio Valley Engineers and member and past president of the New Haven Rotary Club. He is a Navy veteran and is married and has two sons.

and has two sons.

Gilbert joined Sporn Plant as a junior test engineer in 1951. He was named test engineer in 1952, assistant results engineer in 1954 and results engineer in 1958.

A native of Monongah, W. Va., he is a mechanical engineering graduate of West Virginia University. He is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia and a member of the West Virginia and a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers and the National Society of Professional Engineers. He is also a fessional Engineers. He is also a member of the New Haven Lions Club and the New Haven United Methodist Church. He is married and has three children.

## Alfred Hendricks Dies In Roanoke

Alfred Hendricks, who retired

custodian in Roanoke, died at his home

July 6. Hendricks was employed by Appa-lachian for more than 31

years. He was a member of the High Street Baptist Church and



active in the
William Hutton YMCA. Unmarried, he is survived by two brothers.



Hubert King looks over part of his insulator collection. He is holding one of his favorites, a Johnny Ball deadend insulator.

## **Hubert King's Search For Insulators** Takes Him To Indiana Swap Meet

You name it—Hubert King, engineering aide at Williamson in the Logan Division, probably collects it. He has collections of coins, stamps, two hundred complete sets of coal company script and old bottles dating back to 1800.

About a year ago, he added another collecting hobby—insulators. He has traveled hundreds of miles through six states in search of a-bandoned insulators. In June he attended the First National Insulator Collectors Swap Meet at New Collectors from Castle, Indiana. Collectors from 36 states, as well as Canada and

Mexico, were on hand to "insulator swap".

King has 276 glass insulators and 62 ceramic ones. He is particularly proud of a Johnny Ball deadend insulator, commonly called "elephant ear". Specially lighted shelves in the basement of his home display the insulators in order by color and/or number. It takes only seconds for him to takes only seconds for him to check whether a new-found insul-ator is already part of his collection.

King enjoys sharing with others. He has given many insulators to fellow employees, starting them on a most interesting hobby.

## Helping The Handicapped Is Labor Of Love For Otho Williams, Retiree



Otho Williams helps guide the faltering steps of a handicapped child.

"I just needed to find something worthwhile to do helping someone who needed help." This is how Otho Williams, retired Building Service employee in the Roanoke Division, explains his latest act of charity. A great portion of his life has been spent helping others life has been spent helping others.
The City of Roanoke, through its Recreation Department, made

## Wins Eagle Award



Lynchburg Mayor Hamner Gay pins the Eagle Scout award on Thomas A. Vaughan, son of John W. Vaughan, Lynchburg division manager. Tommy joined the Cub Scouts in Roanoke in 1961 and became a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 50 in 1963. Upon moving to Lynchburg, he transferred to Troop No. 9, Centenary United Methodist Church. In addition, he has been elected to the Order of the Arrow. Photo courtesy Lyncha public appeal for help in conducting its Handicapped Children's Day Camp. Otho responded. Five days each week, using his

Five days each week, using his own car, time and gasoline, he drives some distance to pick up several handicapped children and take them to the day camp site on Wiley Drive. When the day is over, he returns his passengers to their homes. He does not help at the camp. It is staffed mostly by teenage volunteers teenage volunteers.

Otho is quite active in the Hill Street Baptist Church, where he serves as a deacon. He is a member of the board of the Valley Baptist Association and the Opportunity Industrialization Commission.

## Jerry McMurray On Military Leave

Jerry S. McMurray, lineman helper in the Gate City crew of Abingdon Division, left the com-

pany on May 22 for a five months' tour of active duty
with the
United States United States Army. Pvt. McMurray is stationed at Fort Pack, Louisiana, where he serves with Com-pany E, 2nd Battalion, 1st Training 1st Training



Pvt. McMurray

#### SAR Citizen



Amos Alan Workman (left), son of Amos Workman, Kanawha River Plant maintenance foreman, receives the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal of the Sons of the American Revolution from Governor Moore of West Virginia.

## **Five Write For Operating Ideas**

Five employees have articles in the June issue of Operating Ideas: E. H. Gloss and F. E. Titus at Philip Sporn; J. R. Wolford in General Office T&D at Bluefield; General Office T&D at Bluefield;
W. J. Buchanan at Kanawha River,
and J. W. Vermillion in Bluefield.
Using Citizen Band radios to
improve plant communication is
described by
Gloss, plant
manager at

Sporn, and Titus, produc-tion manager. Radios have been installed in the plant's harbor boat, on tractors, cranes, trucks and in the yard and mainte-nance office. Use of the CB



Gloss

system has resulted in savings of at least \$10,000 annually.

Wolford, general line foreman in Bluefield, describes a gage used to check the size of exploded anchor holes. The gage has been used in setting more than 1,480 anchors by General Office Transmission.

Buchanan, maintenance supervisor at Kanawha River, describes the improved method for lubrithe improved method for lubricating and reducing the wear on operating nuts. The lubrication procedure he suggests could involve savings of several thousands. When an operating nut breaks down, the repair and replacement cost is over \$1600

Vermillion, senior electrical engineer in Bluefield, has devised a non-magnetic filler block to improve the CT clamp for the GE recording ammeter.



Wolford



Vermillion

## Death Takes Two At Glen Lyn Plant



McKenzie

Funeral services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Rich Creek, Virginia, for Leonard E. McKenzie and his father-in-law,

Estil I. Skeens. Both died June 28. McKenzie was maintenance foreman at Glen Lyn Plant. was retired from Glen Lyn.

McKenzie joined Appalachian in 1942 as a laborer and became maintenance foreman in 1956. He was born in Mercer County, West Virginia, in 1915 and was a graduate of Oakvale High School. He is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters.

Skeens began his career with Appalachian in 1923 as a laborer and retired as unit foreman in 1967. He is survived by his wife, daughter, two brothers and two

## Kingsport

John E. Faust, executive assistant, was elected to a three-year term as director of Junior Achievement of Kingsport, Inc.

James L. Kesterson, residential heating salesman, has been elected vice president of the Cosmopolitan Kiwanis Club of Kingsport.

Emily Simpson, daughter of M. C. Simpson, Jr., commercial manager, was named to the dean's list at Butler University.

Kent Stair has been invited to become a member of Phi Eta Sigma at the University of Tennessee, highest scholastic honor society for freshman men. He is the son of A. W. Stair, heating and building sales coordinator.

Mrs. William G. Poole, Jr., wife of the air conditioning engineer, was given a surprise luncheon by Neighborhood 4 of District III, Appalachian Girl Scout Council. Mrs. Poole, who retired as Neighborhood Chairman, was presented a bronze Girl Scout statuette in appreciation for her Scouting

## Huntington

R. A. King, administrative assistant, was elected president of the Central Ohio Valley Industrial

A. T. Wilks, retired assistant to division man-



ager, is begin-ning his 23rd year as president of the Huntington Automobile Club. He was recently re-elected for another twoear term. He is also serving his 12th year as director of the

AAA and his eighth year as president of the West Virginia State Automobile Association.

Darrell Boggess, area serviceman in Ravenswood, was elected lion tamer of the Ravenswood Lions

B. C. Connelly, service foreman,



commander of American Legion Post 16

in Huntington. H. P. Hagaman, engineering supervisor, h a s b e e n elected president of the Tri-State Management Club. John B.

Gibson, elec-Hagaman

trical engineer, is a new employee.

## Logan-Williamson

Chester E. Elkins, service coordinator, has been elected second vice president of the Chapmanville Kiwanis Club.

Larry Bragg represented Boone County as a princess in the an-nual Braxton County Regatta. She plans to study nursing at West Virginia Wesleyan College, where she received a Noyes Foundation nursing scholarship.



Laura

Bobby Hatfield, Williamson T&D, has been installed as first vice president of the Williamson Hatfield, Lions Club.

Fred Varney, line and station supervisor, is serving on the board of directors of the Williamson Lions

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# Happenings Around The Circuit

## Roanoke

Miles Smythers, power sales engineer, was elected chairman of Democratic Committee in Roanoke.

Fred E. Bowman, retired Commercial Department employee, has been elected secretary of the Williamson Road Lions Club.

Prince E. Thornton, division administrative assistant, has been recertified as instructor No. 198 in the Defensive Driving Training Course by the National Safety Council.

William A. Rose, electrical engineer, has returned to work after 41/2 months of active duty in the U.S. Army at Ft. Polk, Louisiana.

Jackie R. Scruggs, Managerial, has been selected as editor of Ridgepoll, a newletter of the Blue Ridge District Junior Women's Clubs.

D. C. Kennedy, division manwas elected vice president of the Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America, for a one-year term.

New employees are Gary S. Sink, meter reader; Samuel E. Martin, lineman helper; and Alie M. Altice, clerk junior.

Dana Gail Hutcherson, honor graduate at William Fleming High School, received four scholarships. They were Roanoke District Parent Teacher Association \$300, Long-wood College Alumni Scholarship \$100, Virginia State Teachers Scholarship \$350, and the Theta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, international honorary teacher's sorority, \$100. She is the daughter of J. K. Hutcherson, T&D clerk.

In addition to the AEP Education Award he received this year, Stephen A. Watkins is the recipient a Center College Grant-In-Aid, Eaton Yale and Towne Scholarship and a National Defense Scholarship Loan. He was voted Most Intellectual in the senior class at Andrew Lewis High School, won "I Dare You" award and English Department award; Senior Plaque Award for senior athletics and weallisted for senior athletics and was listed Who's Who in American High gools. He is the son of J. R. Watkins, general serviceman.



Dana Gail



finished

Stephen

# Fieldale

Wanda Wright was chosen "Miss Cavalier" by the student body at Fieldale-Collinsville High School.

fourth in her graduating class and was active in the Monogram
Club, French
Club, Beta
Club, senior chorus and girls ensemble. She was cheerleader cocaptain for the year 1969-70. She also serves

as fulltime



Wanda

Smith organist for Smith Memorial Methodist Church in Collinsville. She is the daughter of J. W. Wright,

Jr., Commercial Department.
L. W. Jenkins, heating and builder sales engineer, was elected to the board of directors of the Martinsville-Henry County Home Builders Association.

## Bluefield

W. B. Belchee, commercial sales

manager, was elected presi-dent of the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce.

Carolyn Gibson, daughter of Millard Gibson, meter serviceman A, has been selected a majorette at Northfork-Elkhorn High School.



Belchee

Mrs. L. H. Myers, wife of the Welch area supervisor, served as installing chaplain at recent installation services of the Welch Chapter No. 87 Order of Eastern Star.

Dorothy W. Lawless, Welch secretarial-stenographer, was elected conductress of the Northfork Chapter No. 99 Order of Eastern Star.

W. J. Gillespie, Jr., division manager, has been elected vice president of the Bluefield Area Development Corporation.

Several employees assisted in the Mercer County Rescue Squad building fund drive. W. J. Gillespie, Jr., served as co-chairman and W. C. Groseclose, administrative assistant B, served as team captain. Pete Montague, electrical engineer senior, and W. B. Belchee, commercial sales manager, served on building fund drive committees. Kenneth A. Jackson, customer accounting supervisor, was a member of the auditing committee.

J. J. Harmon, Jr., electrical staff engineer, has been elected to the governing body of Richwood Golf

## Lynchburg

George C. Golladay, Jr., area serviceman, was named to the board of directors of the Scottsville Chamber of Commerce.

James A. Martin, truck drivergroundman, was among the qualifiers for the 5th Annual WLVA Greater Lynchburg Golf Tourna-

New employees are J. W. Dalton, lineman helper; F. A. Sechrest, III, meter reader; W. S. Pearce, tracer-III; and C. Diane Epperson, clerk

## Kanawha Kiver

Joe Caruthers, grandson of J. B.

Caruthers master maintenance was named the most improved basketball player at the Jerry West Camp Wahoo. This is the highest award given by the summer bas-ketball school. Fifteen-yearold Joe led DuPont Junior



High School in scoring this past season and was named co-captain of the All-Eastern Kanawha Conference basketball team.

## Pulaski

B. E. Spraker, son of D. E. Spraker, Byllesby Hydro, graduated magna cum laude from New River Community College.

Patricia A. Buckner, daughter of Cecil Buckner, Accounting, made the dean's list at Bridgewater College for the second semester.

Lynn Lawson, daughter of A. J. Lawson, T&D clerk senior at Ga-lax, was named to the dean's list at Winston-Salem Business College.

Robert V. Dalton, Wytheville Accounting, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Wytheville Lions

Carl G. Powers, T&D clerk senior at Wytheville, was elected permanent historian of the Wythe County Kiwanis Club and was named to the board of directors.

L. L. Bucklen, agricultural sales engineer, was elected a member of the administrative board of the West End United Methodist Church in Wytheville. He has also been appointed director of club services for the Wytheville Rotary

C. A. Terry, Jr., auto repairman helper, is a new employee in Pulaski.

Richard K. Chumbley, son of G. B. Chumbley, Engineering, received a diploma in electrical technology from New River Community College.

Elected to the administrative board of the First United Methodist Church of Pulaski were J. B. Brillheart, Jr.,; D. H. Crabtree; Claud K. Kirkland; H. L. Morehead; H. B. Newland and C. R. Settle. James R. Boult was elected chairman of the Commission on chairman of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance; R. H. Love, chairman, Council on Ministries and superintendent of study program; and Dorothy N. Whitaker, secretary, nominations and personnel.

## Glen Lyn

Floyd Leon Ferguson, auxiliary equipment operator—upper pump, has completed an ICS course, which included selected units from the nuclear personnel course

Daniel R. Martin is a new employee in the Maintenance Department.

J. A. Johnston, plant clerk senior, won the Spring Handicap Tourna-ment at Giles Country Club.

R. Y. Woodburn, retired employee, visited the plant recently. Gary T. Ratliff was selected as a

member of the President's Physical Fitness Team from Giles County. He is the son of Robert B. Ratliff, assistant plant manager.



Donetta

Michael

Recipients of the citizenship awards at Peterstown High School were Donetta Buckland, daughter of D. A. Buckland, maintenance mechanic A, and Michael H. mechanic A, and Michael H. Spangler, son of C. L. Spangler, The students were picked by a teacher's com-mittee for having the highest scholastic achievement during their school years.

## Beckley

Theresa Kirby, daughter of James A. Kirby, T&D clerk senior, has been selected as a cheerleader by the faculty of Woodrow Wilson High School.

Mrs. Harry F. Arnott, wife of the credit supervisor, was elected president of the Fidelis Sunday School Class of the First Baptist

Kathy E. Farley, daughter of Hubert H. Farley, engineering aide, recently appeared on a Bluefield program promoting conser-

## General Office

Betty Collins, daughter of J. E. Collins, agricultural sales engineer in General Office Commercial, Roanoke, was listed in Who's Who Among Junior Colleges and Universities in 1970 while a student at Virginia Western Community College.

Michael Robin Collins, son of J. E. Collins, has made the dean's list for the last five quarters at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. has been accepted in the Chi Epsilon Fraternity, national honorary civil engineering fraternity, and Tau Beta Pi in recognition of ex-hibiting distinguished scholarship and exemplary character.

Steven Earl Ferrell made the dean's list for both semesters this past school year at West Virginia State College. He is the son of W. E. Ferrell, regional chief dispatcher for General Office Operations at the Turner Regional Dispatch Office.

John Sabo, Jr., has been re-elected to a second term as councilman of the Town of Pocahontas, Virginia. He has also been installed as president of the Pocahontas Lions Club. Sabo is the husband of Mrs. Helen Sabo, clerk stenographer in the General Office T&D Transmission Section, Bluefield.

W. E. Himes received a bachelor of science degree in forestry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He has been accepted for graduate work and will work toward a master's degree in plant pathology. Himes is the son of Lauren Himes, office services supervisor in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, and has worked for Appalachian under the cooperative education plan.

New employees in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, are Terry O. Wexler, data processing operator B; Faye B. Hubbard, key punch operator C; Michael D. Luttrell, clerk junior; Yolanda S. Longworth, clerk trainee; Belinda Minter, key punch operator C; Bonnie J. Manning, key punch operator C; Karen A. Adams, clerk typist; Carol A. Jones, key punch operator C; Danny W. Sink, clerk junior; Nancy L. Pugh, calculating machine operator-clerk; Ronald H. Payne, mail clerk; and Patricia H. Milliron, clerk stenographer.

New employees in General Office Hydro are Richard A. Douthat, mechanical engineer-hydro, Roanoke; John W. Thomas, laborer, Smith Mountain; and Bennie M. Graves, laborer, Smith Mountain.

Connie E. Corbin is a new stenographer in General Office Personnel, Roanoke.

Joseph W. Blackburn, Jr., is a new operations engineer in General Office Operations, Roanoke.

New employees in General Office T&D Transmission Section in Bluefield are Bobby L. Harvey, engineer B, and Charles S. Armentrout, transmission engineer.

Employed recently in the General Office T&D Transmission Section in Roanoke were Donnie E. Wheatley, electrical engineer; Karen S. Painter, clerk stenographer; and Samuel G. Canode, electrical engi-

Donald R. Haddox is a new electrical engineer in General Office T&D Meter Section in Roanoke.

Bernhard J. Kuehn, engineer B; David E. Barger, engineer B; and Edwin O. Caldwell, engineer B, are new employees in the General Office T&D Distribution Section in Roanoke.

Charles B. Towles is a new communications engineer in General Office T&D Communications Section. Roanoke.

Earl M. Dolley, engineer B, and Stephen Jacovitch, engineer B, are new employees in General Office T&D Station Section, Charleston.

William D. Humphrey, engineer B, is a new employee in General Office T&D Station Section, Huntington.

## Philip Sporn

Edgar R. Wright, Jr., and Frank S. VanPelt, Jr., are new performance engineers.



Kephart-Lloyd

Winifred Sterling Kephart became the bride of Jeffrey Kimble Lloyd in a ceremony performed July 18 in the Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church. Mr. Lloyd is the son of Jack Lloyd, executive assistant, Roanoke.



McAlpine-Evans



Mary Elizabeth Dalton became Mary Enzabeth Daton became the bride of Gary Hamilton on May 13 in the Houston Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas. Mrs. Hamilton is the daughter of Carson W. Dalton, retired Pulaski power sales engineer.



Billings-Sabo

Helen Rita Billings and John Sabo, Jr., were united in marriage on May 9 in the First United Methodist Church, Pocahontas, Virginia. Mrs. Sabo is a clerk stenographer in the General Office T&D Transmission Section, Bluefield.



Arrowood-Mason

Kitty Gayle Arrowood and Jerry Randall Mason were united in marriage June 26 at Brookneal United Methodist Church. Mrs. Mason is a clerk typist in the Lynchburg Commercial Department.



Chastin-Droke

The First Presbyterian Church in Kingsport was the setting for the wedding of Linda Louise Chastain and Steve Lynn Droke on June 11. Mrs. Droke is employed in Kingsport Accounting.



Mary Louise McAlpine was married to Thomas Franklin Evans in a double ring ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsport on June 21. Mrs. Evans is the daughter of Bennett McAlpine, home sales representative, Kingsport.



Moore-Houston

The Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Bluefield was the setting for the June 27th wedding of Floris Frances Moore and Larry D. Houston. Mr. Houston is a General Office communications engineer B in Bluefield.



**Nunnery-Flaherty** 

Linda Carol Nunnery and Thomas Andrew Flaherty were united in marriage at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Prince-ton on June 27. Mrs. Flaherty is the daughter of O. R. Nunnery, meterman A in Bluefield.



Hervey-Rumora

Bonnie Hervey and Ronald J. Rumora were united in marriage June 20 in Our Lady of Fatima Church in Huntington. Mrs. Rumora is the daughter of George E. Hervey, Huntington division manager.



Kilby-Simpson

Susan Margaret Kilby and A. Nelson Simpson were united in marriage May 23 in the War Memorial Chapel at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Mrs. Simpson has been home sales representative senior in Pulaski. Mr. Simpson is heating sales engineer in Roanoke.



Craft-Goens

Carol Denise Craft became the bride of James C. Goens June 12 in a double ring ceremony at Roa-noke's First Baptist Church. Mrs. Goens is the daughter of D. K Craft, head meter reader in the Roanoke Division Accounting Department.



Jamison-Bowman

The Williamson Road Church of the Williamson Road Church of the Brethren in Roanoke was the setting of the July 10 wedding of Loretta Jeanette Jamison and Robert Frederick Bowman. Mr. Bowman is the son of retired em-ployee, Fred E. Bowman, Roanoke Division.



Hamrick-Ruff

A double ring ceremony performed June 7 in the Trinity Episcopal Church at Morgantown united Rosemary Hamrick and Richard Gregory Ruff. Mr. Ruff is the son of R. H. Ruff, power sales engineer at Welch, Bluefield Division.



**Hunt-Jones** 

Nonia Gay Hunt and Lt. Kyle Jones, Jr., were united in marriage June 20 in the Northfork Baptist Church, Northfork, West Virginia. Mrs. Jones is a clerk trainee in the Welch Office of the Bluefield Division



Wedding vows were exchanged by Laura Dee Forte and Thomas Ralph Ward at the Central Meth-odist Church in Huntington on June 10. Mr. Ward is a utility man A at Philip Sporn Plant.

#### Perkins-Gray

Sarah Perkins became the bride of David Lawrence Gray July 3 in the First Baptist Church of Chelyan, West Virginia. Mrs. Gray is a clerk stenographer in the Personnel Department at Cabin



Wilson-Lyons

Brenda Kay Wilson and Raymond Early Lyons, Jr., were married June 26 in Jordan's Chapel United Methodist Church, Pulaski. Mr. Lyons is a meter reader in Pulaski.



Walker-Crouse

Vivian Walker and Roy M. Crouse, Jr., were united in marriage May 29. Mr. Crouse is the son of Roy M. Crouse, meterman B in Beckley.



Pack-Thurston

Lana K. Pack became the bride of Paul E. Thurston May 30. Mrs. Thurston is the daughter of A. V. Pack, meter serviceman in Hunting-



Shields-Shillingburg

Sharon Lorraine Shields became the bride of Donald Lee Shilling-burg in a double ring ceremony performed June 6 in Greenview Methodist Church. Mr. Shillingburg is an electrical engineer in Bluefield.



TESSA POSTEN to Daniel R. Roe. Miss Posten is a clerk typist in the Coal Purchasing Department in Charleston.

MARY ELIZABETH REED to Walter Phillip Sandidge. Mr. Sandidge is the son of Thomas M. Sandidge, stationman A in Lynchburgh. Thomas M. Lynchburg.

MARY EMILY SIMPSON to David Allen Dageforde. Miss Simpson is the daugh-ter of M. C. Simpson, Jr., commercial manager in Kingsport.

## U. S. Savings Bonds -

Each of us is vitally concerned about his personal financial security. Education for our children . . . a longed-for vacation . . . a nest egg for retirement . . . that dream house—these are the things many of us are striving for.

Many employees of our companies find some of these things are made possible by buying U. S. Savings Bonds. Saving is painless by having the money automatically deducted from their paychecks. And they feel that by buying Bonds they can help their country while they help themselves.

Jack Leonard, Abingdon line inspector, is a great believer in saving by the Bond method. "For me it has been a lot better than a regular savings plan at the bank. You don't get your hands on it and you don't miss it. It has meant the difference in an education for my two daughters, Gay and Bonnie."

Carl Dunn, General Office area development consultant in Huntington, started his Bond program during World War II when savings stamps and war bonds were popular. He now participates in two savings plans, one through payroll deduction and one at a local bank. He cites that one advantage in buying Bonds for retirement is that the interest earned is not taxable until the bonds are cashed. If he waits to cash them until after he retires, he will be taxed at a much lower rate.

Pretty Vickie Sowards, clerk stenographer in Huntington's Commercial Department, is a recent bride. Her reason for joining the payroll savings plan was "need". "The needs of a young married couple are great. You name it, we need



Vickie Sowards

# The Family Savings Plan That Works

it. The best assurance for fulfilling these needs is to start saving towards them."

Earl S. "Bud" Kees, Clinch River Plant master maintenance man, thinks "We all should buy a share in America. I love our country and what it stands for."

Rufus Anthony, meter reader in Roanoke, has been saving Bonds for three years. Referring to his four children, he asks, "Do I need any more reason for saving? Everyone today needs an education, even for the simplest job. I'm going to try to give each of my children a fair chance at life." He also plans to use some of his Bonds to enlarge his home.

Savings Bonds helped Byron Walters, Hazard material
clerk, when he needed money
for medical expenses several
years ago. He is buying
Bonds now through payroll
deduction and also an outside
savings plan. He likes the payroll plan because the money
is deducted from his check
and he is not tempted to
spend it for other things.

Future security is of prime importance to John Bryant, guard at Philip Sporn Plant. He signed up for Savings Bonds during the recent company campaign and plans to build a nest egg for retirement.

Sylvia McClure, general clerk in Charleston Commercial, has been saving Bonds since the program first started. "They make me feel like I'm really helping the country and still provide me with a safe way to save money."

Savings Bonds provided Paul L. Sowers, Pulaski senior foreman, money for educating his daughter Linda. Linda is now married to R. E. Semones, Pulaski Engineering, and they have a daughter Stacey. Looking to the future, Paul has



Rufus Anthony is surrounded by his four children, (l. to r.) Benia, Rickie, Phillip and Harvey.



Nine-month-old Stacey and her mother, Mrs. Linda Semones, watch granddaddy Paul L. Sowers sign for Savings Bonds naming Stacey co-owner.

named granddaughter Stacey as co-owner of his Bonds.

The easy method of buying Bonds through payroll deduction appealed to **B. J. Ingram**, Kingsport meterman A, when he began his savings plan years ago. "I realized that in a few short years I would have my daughter, Joan, in college. These bonds assured her education, and in just one more quarter she will have her degree. Several years ago I doubled my bond purchase. My youngest daughter, Rebecca, will soon complete high school. I want to be financially able to see that she receives the education she wants."

Bonds meant extra cash at a time when it was needed for Leonard Adams, engineering aide in the Welch area of Bluefield Division. "There have been several times when we thought about cancelling the purchase of bonds. We're thankful now that we didn't. They have helped me out of an emergency at least twice due to illness in my family."

W. C. Smith, maintenance man at Glen Lyn Plant, was able to buy a house with the money he had saved in Bonds. "Eight years ago I was offered a house at a real good price. If I had not started saving by buying Bonds at the time I did, this purchase would not have been possible."

Boyd B. Briggs, junior maintenance man at Kanawha River Plant, started buying Bonds while in the Navy. "I think they are a good investment, both for my family and my country. I have used them to pay for major dental work for one of my children. Quite often we use Bonds to supplement our Christmas shopping funds."

Wyatt K. Underwood, stationman B in Beckley, began purchasing Bonds three years

ago, and they have already helped him out with an expensive hospital bill. "It is a tremendous feeling to know you have a nest egg of this type when the need arises."

Clarence E. Petry, Jr., was one of the first employees at Cabin Creek Plant to sign up for Savings Bonds during the recent campaign. "My son Gary just spent four years in the Air Force. He invested a portion of his monthly paycheck in Savings Bonds. When his duty was completed, he was quite surprised to discover he had accumulated a nice savings. I began to think about this and decided it would be a very wise and most profitable way of saving money and at the same time help my country."

The two older children of **Barbara Webster**, Logan cashier, were responsible for the



W. C. Smith



Barbara Webster relaxes with two of her children, Gary and Veliscia.

family starting to save Bonds. "They purchased stamps each stamp day at school. When they bought enough to obtain a Bond, the teacher sent the book home. It didn't take long for them to obtain several bonds. Our savings through Bonds will contribute toward the education of all four children. If there is any left over, my husband and I will take a cruise to the Caribbean."

Ed Kemper, T&D man C in the Ashland Division, buys Bonds because "it's patriotic". He also believes it is an easy way to finance future plans, which include a new home and a college education some day for his nine-month-old daughter. Not only does Ed purchase Bonds but he en-courages others to do the same. The troop of which he is Scoutmaster makes money by cutting lawns and collecting soft drink bottles. Part of this money is used to purchase Savings Bonds in the name of the troop. He figures this teaches the young men the importance of thrift as well as helping their country.



Ed Kemper (center) talks with some of his Scouts in Troop 162.



It's off to the bank and the Post Office for Sylvia Blake at the Milton Office.



Customers come in with their problems, to pay bills, to ask questions, Maggie Spurlock in the Wayne Office meets them all.



Dorothy Smith in the Hamlin Office answers a question about an account and inquires about the children. She knows most of the customers by name.

# Our Job - Person to Person

"We aim to give one kind of serv-

"We aim to give one kind of service to everyone... the best that's possible."

This is part of our companies' philosophy of doing business. It implies many things. Inherent in its implications is developing and maintaining good customer relations. One of the tools the companies use is the "local office" and particularly the people who man

particularly the people who man these offices.

In Appalachian and Kentucky Power there are some 25 or 30 local offices, manned in most cases by one person, sometimes two or three.

Out of these offices work meter

readers, commercial representatives and home economists. Some are home base for a line crew.

What our local office people do during a typical day would strain a job description. They meet everyone who comes into the office and talk with everyone who calls. They receive payments, do the secretarial and accounting work, act as dispatchers, salesmen, part time home economists, telephone operators and postal clerks. And they do some of our best public relations work.

Many of our offices are built with auditoriums and they offer to their communities the only meeting space available. Those located in county seats serve as meeting centers for areas even larger than the immediate community.

Wherever we serve, the people who man our local offices are Appalachian. Most of them are women. In their communities they are often "the ladies at the power company." How they handle routine payments or emergency calls goes a long way in molding our community image.

The women pictured here are in local offices in the Huntington Division.



As a dispatcher, Alberta Lunsford, in Milton relays a message to the line crew to get service to a customer.



Dealer sales representative, Q. H. Wickline, can't meet his public with a button missing, so doubling as a housemother, Marie Simmons takes a moment from her busy day at the Ripley Office to do



If a customer has a question you try to answer it. Jeanette Stowers at the Ravenswood Office explains the timer on a new electric range on display in the office lobby.

Years



L. C. Angle, Jr. Power Sales Engineer Abingdon



E. T. Rowe Area Serviceman Abingdon



Hardia Ellis F. E. King Master Master
Maintenance Man Maintenance Man Cabin Creek GO-Roanoke



A. B. Sneed Senior Operations Engineer GO-Roanoke



C. L. Robison, Jr. Supervising Circuit Breaker Engineer GO-Roanoke



G. T. Lineberry Meter Serviceman A Bluefield



H. H. Reed Maintenance Foreman



R. H. Phillips Stationman C Roanoke



W. G. Simpson Lineman C Roanoke



T. H. Hardman Charleston



W. L. Crouse Meter Serviceman A Bluefield



J. R. Hoffman Line Foreman (NE) Huntington



H. M. Underwood Auto Repairman A Roanoke



T. A. Dickenson Beckley



L. G. Dougan Personnel Supervisor Roanoke



G. R. Gillette Meter Reader Lynchburg



W. M. King Lineman A Pulaski



H. E. Guilliams Meter Serviceman A Roanoke



J. B. Nickols Maintenance Man Area Serviceman Claytor



C. W. Alley Pulaski



W. B. Poff, Jr. Operations Coordinator **GO-Roanoke** 



W. C. Mitchell T&D Clerk Senior Abingdon



Bea Eakin Stenographer Roanoke



H. S. Taylor Area Serviceman Abingdon



J. A. Palmer **Public Affairs** Director Ashland



J. M. Cole **Power Sales** Engineer Abingdon



W. G. Bell Executive Assistant GO-Roanoke



J. E. Fleenor **Dealer Sales** Representative Abingdon



J. D. Higgins Sales Manager Beckley



Jesse Abel Master Maintenance Man Philip Sporn Plant



W. G. Kirby, Jr. T&D Clerk Charleston



F. E. Porter Line Foreman Charleston



David Begley Heating Sales Representative Hazard



Frances Keller Secretarial Stenographer



J. R. Whitehurst Administrative Assistant Roanoke

SERVICE

These pins are awarded in recognition of vears 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.

#### Every Litter Bit Hurts

Members of the Oh-Kan Wan-derers and National Campers and Hikers Association camping club of Point Pleasant conducted a litter pickup recently. Approximately 1,000 pounds of litter was collected in a three-mile section in less than in a three-mile section in less than two hours. Huntington Division employees and their families who participated were Ken Morris, engineering aide, his wife Lou and son Chris; Kenneth Roush, husband of Bernice Roush, Managerial; Jerry Jordan, T&D, and her husband Monk. Mrs. Roush served refreshments to the group.



#### Appalachian Power Company

ABINGDON DIVISION-20 YEARS: J. C. LAMBERT, JR., Meterman A.

BECKLEY DIVISION—15 YEARS: BOB C. THOMAS, Area Serviceman. WALTER J. GROSE-CLOSE, Lineman A. 5 YEARS: JOE C. THOMAS, Lineman A.

CHARLESTON DIVISION-20 YEARS: J. B. WEAVER, Engineer B.

GENERAL OFFICE—30 Years: Ruth H. Wright, Payroll Clerk A. 25 Years: Roy P. Spraker, Station Operator A. 10 Years: Kenneth W. Hylton, Transmission Inspector. Robert W. Staton, Right of Way Agent B. 5 Years: Richard A. Reed, Engineer B. Betty H. Ellis, Stenographer.

PULASKI DIVISION—5 YEARS: CATHERINE H. BYRD, Customer Representative C. ROBERT A. WOOLWINE, Stationman A. RALPH S. JONES, Lineman A.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—20 YEARS: AUBREY NEWELL, Master Maintenance Man. ROBERT HICKEL, Instrument Maintenance Man B. 15 YEARS: VIRGINIA HOYT, Stenographer.

#### Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DIVISION-5 YEARS: BONNIE SAYLOR, Stenographer. HAZARD DIVISION-20 YEARS: EARL SMITH, Truck Driver-Groundman.

## Familiar Faces In New Places

#### Appalachian Power Company

#### Abingdon Division

M. H. MOORE from Lineman Helper to Lineman C. L. J. HICKS, JR., from Lineman Helper to Lineman C. R. D. GILL from Stationman C to Stationman B.

#### **Beckley Division**

RICHARD R. SMITH from T&D Clerk Senior to Engineering Aide. ROBERT L. BARLEY from Lineman B to Lineman A. BASIL W. BOLEN, JR., from Lineman C to Lineman B. DONALD G. TYLER from Lineman C to Lineman B. JAMES W. HENSLEY from Lineman Helper to Lineman C. JERRY L. PAGE from Lineman Helper to Lineman C. PARTHENIA H. GLOVER from Personnel Clerk to Personnel Clerk Senior. THOMAS R. SHIELDS from Lineman Helper to Lineman C.

#### **Bluefield Division**

CLAUDE RAYMOND PATTON, JR., from Lineman C to Lineman B. JAMES ELWOOD REYNOLDS from Stationman B to Stationman A. JOHN DAVID HARVEY from Lineman Helper to Lineman C.

#### **Charleston Division**

WILLIAM F. HARMON, JR., from Stationman C to Stationman B. MILLARD C. JEFFERS from Stationman C to Stationman B. ELVIN A. PAULEY from Stationman C to Stationman B. CLIFFORD BANNISTER, JR., from Lineman A to Area Serviceman. JAMES E. HALL, II, from Lineman Helper to Lineman C. DAVID E. MORRIS from Lineman C to Lineman B. ROBERT J. SULLIVAN from Lineman C to Lineman B. LENDERS G. OXYER from Lineman C to Lineman B. ISHMAEL C. BANKS from Lineman B to Lineman A EARNEST F. WALDON from Lineman B to Lineman A. JAMES F. WILSON from Lineman C to Lineman B. ROBERT S. LEADMAN from Lineman C to Lineman B. KENNETH J. CLARK from Lineman C to Lineman B.

#### General Office

KENNETH H. ROBERTS from Utility Helper to Station Operator C. ROGER A. CORDER from Engineer B to Electrical Engineer. ROBERT J. PINNELL from Communications Engineer to Communications Engineer-Supervisory. EVELYN H. SMITH from Key Punch Operator C to Key Punch Operator B. MARY W. HELMS from Payroll Clerk C to Payroll Clerk B. DONNA S. MARTIN from Key Punch Operator C to Key Punch Operator B. DONALD B. DUDLEY from Civil Construction Assistant, General Office Hydro-Blue Ridge, to Amos Plant Construction Department.

GEORGE EDDIE KINGREA from Laborer to Utility Man. JAMES ALLEN SKEENS from Laborer to Utility Man.

#### **Huntington Division**

W. S. STEWARD from Lineman Helper to Lineman C. L. C. CLONCH from Lineman Helper to Lineman C. H. E. HARRISON from Draftsman Senior to Lead Draftsman.

#### Logan-Williamson Division

ALBERT D. BROWNING from Meterman B to Meterman A. ANDREW M. ABSHIRE from Lineman C to Lineman B. JAMES G. WHITE from Stores Clerk to Head Material Clerk.

#### Lynchburg Division

JOE ANN McCOY from Clerk Trainee-I to Clerk Typist-III.

RALPH S. JONES from Lineman B to Lineman A. THOMAS D. ALDERMAN from Lineman C to Lineman B. M. L. SAUNDERS, JR., from Stationman Helper A to Stationman C. JOSEPH F. BURNETT from Truck Driver-Groundman to Lineman C. POSEY C. PAYNE, JR., from Stationman C to Meterman C.

#### Roanoke Division

J. W. NESTER from Clerk Trainee to Clerk Junior. B. T. HARTWELL from Lineman A to Line Foreman (Non-Exempt). D. W. LAWHORN from Lineman Helper to Lineman C. G. T. BROWN from Meter Serviceman A to Meter Service Helper B. JOYCE R. CARTER from Customer Accounts Representative C to Customer Accounts Representative B. ANN S. PIERCE from Customer Accounts Representative B to Customer Accounts Representative A. J. M. CUMMINGS from Customer Accounts Representative C to Customer Accounts Representative B. K. M. SPICER from Lineman A to General Serviceman. D. F. GRAVELY from Line Inspector to Engineer B. Line Inspector to Engineer B.

#### Philip Sporn Plant

ARTHUR E. CASEY from Junior Maintenance Man to Maintenance Man. MELVIN R. FRY from Utility Man B to Utility Man A. HAROLD L. ADAMS from Utility Man B to Utility Operator. TOMMY R. BELCHER from Maintenance Helper to Junior Maintenance Man. JIMMY J. HEMSLEY from Maintenance Helper to Junior Maintenance Man. K. O. ROLLINS from Maintenance Foreman to Yard Foreman. GLENN L. JOHNSON from Junior Maintenance Man to Maintenance Man. TERRY M. HENRY from Junior Maintenance Man to Maintenance Man to Maintenance Man to Maintenance Man to Maintenance Man. Rey NO CRIMM, JR., from Junior Maintenance Man to Maintenance Man. REYNOLDS from Junior Maintenance Man to Maintenance Man. JCENHOWER from Maintenance Helper to Junior Maintenance Man. MELVIN R. SWISHER from Maintenance Helper to Junior Maintenance Man.

#### Kentucky Power Company

#### **Ashland Division**

RALEIGH A. BLAIR from Lineman B to Meter Serviceman A. CLYDE W. WATKINS from Material Clerk to Head Material Clerk. CALVIN C. BURNETT from Serviceman to Serviceman Senior.

ANDREW ROGER BLACKBURN from T&D Man C to Lineman B. DARWIN CAUDILL from T&D Man C to Lineman B. GLEN POTTER from Meter Serviceman A to Serviceman. DANNY HAMILTON from T&D Man D to T&D Man C. JAMES HOPSON from Instrument Man to Heating Sales Specialist.

## Appalachian and Kentucky Veterans Receive 35- and 40-year Service Pins



Fields

Hall



Proehl

Sharp

Six Appalachian and one Kentucky veterans were honored for 40- and 35-year service anniversaries recently.

40 Years

Eugene V. Proehl, Lynchburg stationman A, joined Appalachian in 1930 as a groundman at Lynchburg. He became transformer maintenance man and storeroom helper in 1934 and moved up to laborer in 1937. He was made an electrician helper in 1943 and worked as a maintenance man worked as a maintenance man helper, maintenance man C, and maintenance man B before being promoted to stationman B in 1953. He was named to his present position in 1966.

R. T. Fields, equipment operator at Glen Lyn Plant, began his career with Appalachian as a laborer in 1935. He was promoted to laboratory attendant in 1943 and was named auxiliary equipment operator in 1947. He moved up to his present position in 1964.

Eugene H. Hall, assistant shift operating engineer at Cabin Creek Plant, joined Appalachian in 1934.

Plant, joined Appalachian in 1934. He had broken service until 1938, when he was employed as a laborer and pumpman. He became turbine operator B in 1944 and turbine operator A in 1952. He was promoted to assistant shift operating engineer in 1969.

James M. Loyd, district office supervisor C in Bluefield, was employed by Appalachian in 1935



as a clerk. He worked as a meter reader, head bookkeeper and utility clerk before being named credit supervisor in 1957. He was made local office manager C in 1958 and promoted office super-visor in 1962.

Loyd received an associate degree from Bluefield College and has taken courses in mining engineering and an extension course in accounting from West Virginia University.

Buford Q. Sharp, master maintenance man at Buck and Byllesby Hydros, joined Appalachian as a laborer at the plants in 1935. He was made hydro operator in 1938 and became maintenance man in 1940. He worked as a special guard, hydro maintenance man B and hydro maintenance mechanic B before being promoted to master maintenance man in 1963.

Melvin G. Simmons, truck driver-groundman in the Ripley area of Hun-

tington Division, joined Appalachian in 1935 as a laborer in the T&D Depart-ment of Charleston He has worked as a ground-man, lineman, field clerk and truck driver. In 1953 he was promoted to a truck driver-



groundman in the Point Pleasant area office.

Gaine Stidham, Hazard Division T&D superintendent, joined Kentucky Power in 1935 as a laborer. He was promoted to station foreman in 1945 and to general foreman in 1951. He moved up to division superintendent in 1952. A native of Hazard, Stidham attended Berea College.

## **Bluefield Electrical EngineerPromoted**

John P. Montague, electrical engineer in Bluefield, has been promoted to

neer senior.
A native of Ashland, Kentucky Montague received his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1962. He Montague joined Appa-lachian that same year as an electri-

electrical engi-



cal engineer.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1953 to 1957, rising to the rank of petty officer 1C. Montague is a member of the Methodist Church, Jaycees and AIEE Eta Kappa Nu. He and his wife are the parents of

## Kentucky Employees Learn About **Electricity In Total-Electric School**



These students are learning the basics of electricity in one of the courses offered at Ashland Area Vocational School.

The total electric Ashland Area Vocational School was formally opened in August 1968. Last year some 2,782 students attended preparatory courses offered in trade and industrial education, technical education, business and office edu-cation, health occupations and home

Two classes in basic electricity were set up for Kentucky Power

Sixty employees at-Company. tended the courses, instructed by Edward Humphrey, Ashland Division Engineering Department.

Fifteen women employees of the

company took advantage of the shorthand refresher course taught in the school's evening program, and six Engineering and T&D employees have completed a basic land survey course.

## **Harmon Becomes** Staff Engineer

James J. Harmon, Jr., has been promoted to electrical staff engineer in Bluefield.

Harmon has



been with Appalachian since 1953 when joined the company as an electrical engineer in Welch. He was made senior station engineer in Bluefield in 1961 and pro-

electrical engineer in 1966. He is a native of Jenkinjones, West Virginia, and a graduate of Elkhorn High School. He received his B. S. degree in electrical engineering from VPI.

Harmon is a former Jaycee and a member of the Bluefield, Virginia, Presbyterian Church, where he serves as a deacon. He is married and the father of two sons and two

## **Burroughs Ends** 31-Year Career



Burroughs

"A tall, easy going guy who will help anyone he can." That's Nelson Burroughs as one of his co-workers at Cabin Creek Plant

Nelson retired August 1 ending a 31-year career at the plant. He gave up farming in 1939 to become a laborer for Appalachian. Since 1944 he had worked as a maintenance man in the plant's Production Department.

Now that he has retired, "Slim"
Burroughs plans to hunt and fish
and "make a few improvements"
on his home in Marmet. And he
and his wife Susie plan trips to
Florida and Arizona to visit their
two daughters and twelve grandtwo daughters and twelve grand-

## **Bartley Becomes** Service Foreman

Jerry Bartley, appliance service-man A in the Pikeville Commercial Department, has been promoted to appliance serv-

ice foreman. Bartley oined the Pikeville Division as an appliance serviceman helper in 1948. He was promoted to serviceman B in 1950 and to serviceman A in 1954. He is a grad-uate of Virgie

High School



and Pikeville Junior College and has completed correspondence courses in air conditioning, refrigeration and radio maintenance. Since completing AEP heat pump schools, he has done heat pump service in the division as well as appliance work.

Bartley is married and the father of five children. He is active in Scouting, PTA and other community groups.



Terry Knight looks over some of the trophies he has won for racing with his "fuel drag bike".

## 135 MPH Not Fast Enough For Terry Knight, Lynchburg Racing Enthusiast

Terry L. Knight, Lynchburg clerk typist, is looking forward to the day when he can race his customized motorcycle professionally.

He bought his first motorcycle upon graduation from high school

upon graduation from high school because it was more economical than a car. When repairs became necessary, he made them himself.

Soon his enthusiasm for motorcycling and drag racing developed into a fascinating hobby. Along with two friends, Terry bought a 1960 Harley-Davidson motorcycle with a LXCH motor. They completely rebuilt it into a "fuel drag bike". It originally had a 55 cubic

inch displacement, but the trio has bored and stroked it to increase its size to 85 cubic inches. The "drag bike" is equipped with a SS cycle carburetor which burns gasoline, alcohol and nitro-methane. It has 18" avon drag slick tires, and the frame was modified to prevent the bike from standing up and turning over.

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Terry has won six trophies for drag racing. Five were for class winner and one was for the top eliminator winner. His top speed has been 135 mph with elapsed time of 10.50/seconds for one-quarter mile. For Terry, that's not quite fast enough.

## Retirement Won't Mean Slower Pace For Merrill Clark, Huntington Division

Merrill C. Clark is looking for a part time job in Point Pleasant that will leave him plenty of time for recreation and visiting his six grandchildren. He isn't ready to slow the pace set by 32 years with Appalachian in the Huntington

Appalachian in the Huntington Division.

Clark, who retired August 1, lives in Point Pleasant where he is a member of the Baptist Church and the local Kiwanis Club. In past years he has held several Kiwanis Club offices including president.

He has served on a variety of

He has served on a variety of citizens committees for school projects and worked with state groups for vocational training. For five years he was president of the Band Boosters Club, raising money for new uniforms, new instruments and seeing that the band didn't miss a

Clark was employed by the company in 1938 as an inspector and tester. He was promoted to relay engineer in 1945 and to engineer senior in 1947. From that position he moved to district superintendent to line and station superintendent, to line and station supervisor and in 1966 to senior electrical engineer in the Trans-

# Clark

mission and Distribution Department.

He is a native of Hiawatha, West Virginia. He received his BSEE from West Virginia University in June 1929.

#### Reginald Jackson Taken By Death

Reginald P. Jackson, stationman A in the Bluefield Division, died at his home

in Switchback, West Virginia, June 25. A native of

Max Meadows, Virginia, Jack-son was 60. He joined Appalachian in 1934 as a

laborer at the Switchback Station. He worked as janitor, opera-tor, maintenance man and substation man A



before becoming stationman. Jackson was an active member of

the Maybeury Methodist Church where he served as treasurer, mem-ber of the official board and taught Sunday School.

He is survived by his wife Jessie and one married daughter.

Golf Officers



Officers of the Kentucky Power Company Golf League in Ashland for 1970-71 are (l. to r.) Harold McKenzie, secretary; Edward Berginnis, president; and Garred See,

## 50th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hutton, Sr., celebrated their 50th wedding an-niversary July 3. Hutton is an Abingdon Division retiree. His son, Abingdon Division retiree. His son, A. C. (Bud) Hutton, Jr., is a dealer sales representative. Reminiscing about his 42 years with Appalachian, he said that the highlight of his career was presenting Bud with his 20-year service pin at an "Old Timers" meeting in 1967. The Huttons have three other children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## Abingdon

Danny Carr, son of Valentine Carr, has been elected vice president of the youth fellowship at Abingdon United Methodist Church. Retired employee Fred Poe visited the office recently.

John A. Sheffey, son of R. A. Sheffey, Jr., was presented the David Ellis memorial trophy for sportsmanship during the recent Little League tournament.

Barry Snodgrass, commercial sales engineer, has been elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the Mt. Rogers Citizens Development Commission.

New employees are Gary R. Stoots, Accounting; Robert H. Snodgrass, III, and James M. Wyatt, electrical engineers.

Jo Ann Crabtree, daughter of Thomas Crabtree, received a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish from Longwood College. She has been awarded an assistantship in the graduate department of foreign language at Louisiana State University. This summer, under LSU sponsorship, she will tour Spain for two weeks and attend eight weeks versity. This summer, under LSU sponsorship, she will tour Spain for two weeks and attend eight weeks of classes at the University of

of classes at the University of Madrid.

Mrs. Jack Leonard was elected president of the Abingdon Home and Garden Club.

James L. Cook, meter reader, was named internal vice president of the Abingdon Jaycees for 1970-71. He also received the "Key Man" award for being the key man in assisting the club president in carrying out club functions.

#### 60th Anniversary



John and Media Rogers celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their 6 children, 23 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and one great, great-grandchild. John is a retired employee of Appalachian. He was employed in the General Office Substation Department when he retired in 1949. Now 85, he enjoys reading and watching television and keeping up with his large family. He and Mrs. Rogers live in Kingsport.

#### **Aew Arrivals**



#### Abingdon

MR. AND MRS. K. W. JOHNSON, a son, Kevin Lynn, June 30. Johnson is a lineman helper in the Lebanon crew.

MR. AND MRS. R. H. SNODGRASS, III, a son, Christopher Brown, July 5. Snod-grass is an electrical engineer.

MR. AND MRS. GARY R. STOOTS, a son, Kevin Michael, June 25. Stoots is a clerk trainee in Accounting.

MR. AND MRS. JEFF HARRISON, a daughter, Amy Denise, June 28. Mrs. Harrison is a former General Office Accounting employee.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES R. SMITH, a daughter, Julie Michael, June 22. Mrs. Smith is a former Division Accounting employee.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE WHITE, a son, Carl Thomas, June 25. White is a line-man B.

MR. AND MRS. GARRED SEE, a son, James Arthur, July 8. See is tax and statistical accountant, General Office Accounting.

MR. AND MRS. W. M. FISHER, a son, William Michael, II, July 4. Fisher is a

MR. AND MRS. T. E. ROBINETTE, a son, Thomas Edward, II, June 5. Robinette is a meter reader.

#### Charleston

MR. AND MRS. DAVID L. STINNETT, daughter, Julie Ann, July 4. Stinnett is a ineman helper.

#### Golden Years



Mr. and Mrs. W. Karl Evans have reached their golden wedding anniversary. They were married in Charleston June 16, 1920. Evans is a retired chief dispatcher of the Cabin Creek Plant. He retired in 1964 after 41 years with the commany. company.

## Ashland

Charles Stayton, personnel supervisor, has been elected president of KIMAC. KIMAC represents the Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia Mutual Aid Committee, whose function is to coordinate assistance between area industries during times of emergency.

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Everett Vanover, engineering record clerk senior, has been elected first vice president of the South Ashland Lions Club.

O. C. Hall, division manager, has been elected vice president of COVIC, Central Ohio Valley Industrial Council. He has also been elected advancement chairman for elected advancement chairman for the Kentucky District of the Tri-State Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Major Hugh F. Eads graduated from the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leaven-worth, Kansas. He is the son of Hugh Eads, assistant stores ac-

counting supervisor.

Allen Cline, Division Commercial sales manager, was a mem-ber of the Breezeland Swim Club tennis team which won the men's doubles match against the Bel lefonte Country Club team.

## Jane Y. West Taken By Death

Jane Young West, site ledger posting clerk in General Office Accounting, died May 13 in a Roanoke hospital after a long

Mrs. West was a graduate of Jefferson High School in Roanoke and had been an Appalachian employee since 1943.

She is survived by her husband and one brother.

MR. AND MRS. MILLARD C JEFFERS, a son, Millard C., Jr., July 3 Jeffers is a stationman B.

MR. AND MRS. ISHMAEL C. BANKS, a daughter, Kristine Kaye, July 6. Banks is a lineman A.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES C. KING, a son, Bruce Kevin, June 23. King is a meter serviceman.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID WICKLINE, a daughter, Heather Nicole, June 19. Wickline is an auto repairman.

#### Glen Lyn Plant

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH D. COOPER, a son, Brian Dale, June 9. Cooper is a laborer.

#### Huntington

MR. AND MRS. WILLIS JOHNSON, daughter, Kimberly Jenise, June 20. ohnson is a T&D clerk.

MR. AND MRS. TRACY S. KITCHEN, III, a daughter, Christina Cathleen, June 3. Kitchen is a stationman C.

#### Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD L. SHEETS, son, David Lee, June 30. Sheets is a

#### Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. DAVID R. SIMON-TON, a son, John David, June 10. Simonton is a maintenance foreman.

#### General Office

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES F. O'QUINN a daughter, Suzanne Michelle, July 3. O'Quinn is a civil construction assistant III, Graphics Section.

MR. AND MRS. JIMMY R. ROSS, a daughter, Crystal Ann, May 19. Ross is in the General Office T&D Transmission Section, Kenova.

MR. AND MRS. RANDOLPH P. RIVINUS, a son, Sean Markoe, July 9. Rivinus is a civil engineer in General Office Hydro.

MR. AND MRS. H. H. LEWIS, a daughter, Mary Katherine, June 13. Lewis is a station operator A in General Office Operations, Holston Station.

MR. AND MRS. J. H. OVERSTREET, a daughter, Tracie Lynne, July 11. Overstreet is a station operator A in General Office Operations, Roanoke Regional Dispatch Office.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES E. DEHAVEN, a daughter, Lora Elizabeth, June 20. Mrs. DeHaven is a former employee in the Accounts Payable Section, General Office Accounting, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. HALE TERRY, a son, Marcus Hale, June 13. Terry is senior T&D clerk in the Roanoke Division T&D De-partment at Fieldale.

## Pikeville

Daughters of the American

Revolution Good Citizen-ship Medal.

The selection



was made by her graduating class and school faculty at Johns Creek High School on the basis of Sandra loyalty, honesty, service, courage, leadership and patriotism.

G. D. Ison, III, son of G. D. Ison, Jr., engineering aide, graduated from Morehead State University.

David Collier, son of Jesse R. Collier, graduated from Pikeville

Glen Stanley Whitt, son of Glen Whitt, collector, has joined the U. S. Army.

## Charleston

Edward A. Hensley, hydro maintenance man, has returned to work after four years on military leave.

Mary Dahmer, daughter of Eugene Dahmer, meterman A, was named to the dean's list at Marshall University.

Nancy Lynn Frazier was selected to attend an all-expense-paid week at the journalism workshop at Ohio University. She is the daugh-ter of John C. Frazier, personnel supervisor.

## **Providing Leadership For Young** Boys Is Hobby For Roanoke Men



Stuart Boblett (left) watches as Glen Perfater shows the proper baseball grip to his son David (right) and David McGhee.

Two Roanoke employees have teamed up to coach the Southwest Braves, a new baseball team in Roanoke's Midget League. Stuart G. Boblett, III, Roanoke Division draftsman, serves as head coach, assisted by Glen A. Perfater, General Office Purchasing.

The new team has a record of four wins and five losses. "Unpredictability is what makes these boys fun," remarks Perfater. His son David is one of the players. The team won a recent game 17-0 even though the opposing pitcher

had pitched a no-hitter. The Braves made all their runs on walks. In another game the Braves came up from 5-0 at the beginning of the fifth inning to win by a score of

In addition to his coaching activities, Boblett is Scoutmaster of Troop No. 17 at St. John's Episcopal Church. A member of the Ninth Church. A member of the Ninth Street Church of the Brethren, be was approached by the troop com-mittee at St. John's about five years ago. Since that time he has guided eight Scouts to the Eagle award.

#### Lynchburg Golf Association Formed



Golfers in the Lynchburg Division recently formed an Employee Golf Association. Elected as officers were (l. to r.) R. Conner Foster, administrative assistant, vice president; James Collins, heating and builder sales representative, president; Lawrence R. Hudson, T&D clerk senior, secretary; and R. B. Waggoner, accounting supervisor, treasurer.

## Cooking Can Be Fun



Boy Scouts in Troop 20 were eager to begin making cookies, under the watchful eye of Lovis Countiss, Abingdon home sales representative, as part of the requirement for earning a cooking badge. Later the boys treated their mothers to cookies and punch in the Abingdon auditorium. O. C. Hawley, service coordinator, is Scoutmaster.

## Debbie Abshire Now Ranks Fourth In Virginia State Tennis Standings

At the end of her second lesson the local tennis pro told Debbie Abshire not to bother coming for number three unless she developed

number three unless she developed some unusual problem.

The lessons were a gift from her brother, Chip, who had decided that if he couldn't teach his little sister some new tennis tricks he would find someone who could. Chip has been facing Deb across the net for ten years while she has moved up to 4th position in women's division in Virginia.

This summer she is teaching tennis for the Roanoke City Recreation Department and making plans to attend the University of North Carolina in the Fall, where she will major in physical education and specialize in physical therapy.

To keep her state rating she must compete in five tournaments and two of these must be out of town.

two of these must be out of town. two of these must be out of town. In May she won the sportsmanship trophy at the Shenandoah Valley Hard Court Tournament. In the coming Roanoke Valley Invitational Tournament she will compete in five divisions. Her most recent tournament play took her to the state semi-finals in Lynchburg. But with all of her skill at tennis and all of trophies she has won.

and all of trophies she has won, the game isn't her only interest. When she enters UNC at Greens-boro in the Fall, she will use the \$1,000 scholarship that her aca-

#### Robertson, Johnson **Tournament Winners**

The Lynchburg Employee Golf Association held its first tourna-ment at the Boonsboro Country Club. William A. Robertson, stationman A, won first place for his low gross 80. Norman Johnson, Jr., auto repairman helper, won first place for his low net 71.

#### Employee's Son On All Star Team

James Michael Skiles, son of James Skiles, meter serviceman A in the Pikeville



Division, was chosen a member of the Burdine Little League All Star Team. Mike played third base, short stop and pitched for the Cards in the Burdine

in the Burdine
League. His
team finished
second.

The All
Star Team will represent the league
in the district tournament in
Prestonsburg. Kentucky, and will
play an invitation game in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Mike was also runner-up in a
pitch and throw contest sponsored
by Phillips 66 Oil Company.



Debbie completes a power serve.

demic achievements brought her. Debbie was inducted into the National Honor Society at Patrick

Henry High School in her junior year and has served on the staff of Girls' State for two years.

She is the daughter of T. W. "Tommy" Abshire, Roanoke Division serviceman A. Mr. and Mrs. Abshire are both avid tennis players

#### Hole-In-One



Dewey Sizemore (kneeling) used a seven iron for a hole-in-one on the par three ninth hole at Twin Valley Club. Sizemore, electric plant and stores accounting supervisor in the Ashland General Office Accounting Department, was play-ing Herb Charles (right), General Office purchasing and sales director, in the Kentucky Power League and Dana Riley, (not pictured) Ash-land customer accounting super-

## Clinchers Win Bristol Bowling League



Lester Marshall presents the sponsor's trophy to T. W. Abolin, Clinch River Plant manager, after the plant team won the championship in the public utilities group of the Bristol Bowling League. Team members were Jim Britt, captain; Lester Marshall; Charlie "Doc" Lowe; Glenn Marshall; Bob Brewer; Albert Rookstool; and Don Jonas.

#### Safety Conscious

Ben L. Thompson, shift operating engineer at Clinch River Plant, has a reputation for being safety conscious. When his teenage son Ricky started working with a construction gang this summer, Thompson bought him a pair of hard-toe shoes before reporting for work.

Just recently a 55-gallon drum dropped from a truck onto Ricky's foot. The doctor who examined his bruised leg said Ricky would have suffered extremely serious injury had it not been for the hard-toe shoes.

In relating the story to L. C. Houchins, personnel supervisor, Thompson remarked, "It's a good thing Rick had those hard-toe shoes." Houchins replied, "It's a good thing Rick had a good daddy."

#### Grindstone Camp **Area Dedicated**

Grindstone campground in the Mt. Rogers National Recreational Area was dedicated June 22. new all-electric campground is lo-cated in Abingdon and Pulaski Divisions' service area, and its dedi-

cation was a satisfying event for a number of Appalachian employees. P. V. Kelsey, Abingdon sales manager, has served for three years as secretary of the Mt. Rogers Citas secretary of the Mt. Rogers Citizens Development Corporation. Sue Campbell, administrative clerk, has served for three years as associate secretary. Kelsey, Fillmore McPherson, Abingdon division manager, and Barry Snodgrass, commercial sales engineer, have served on the board of directors. H. C. Breeding, electrical engineer senior, represents the Town of senior, represents the Town of Abingdon on the Mt. Rogers Plan-ning District Commission. Other ning District Commission. Other Abingdon employee members are W. L. Smythers, line supervisor B; E. W. Henson, Jr., line foreman; and J. C. Hughes, administrative assistant. Members of the commission from Pulaski are Claud K. Kirkland, division manager, and Sebert Sisson, heating and builder sales representative.

The new campground is the first in a series of improvements to the area. It stretches northeast from

area. It stretches northeast from the vicinity of Damascus, Virginia, in Washington County toward New River in the corner of Carroll County.

## Wildcats Lead Megawatt League

The Wildcats have taken the top spot in the Megawatt Bowling League by winning both halves of regular season play. Members of the team are Cleon Ferrell, captain; Tom Redman, Basil and Phyllis Lively, Larry and Janice Mack, and Lee Thigpen.

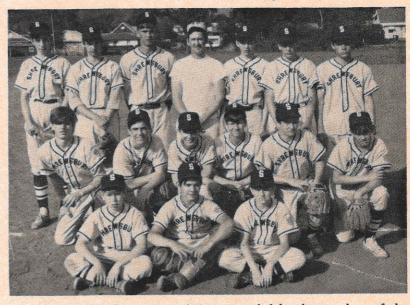
Individual trophy winners in the league, made up of employees from Cabin Creek Plant, Kanawha River Plant, and Central Appalachian Coal Company, were Tom Redman and Madge Walker, high average; John Blair and Madge Walker, high single game; L. O. McKinney and Madge Walker, high series; Bernard Ray and Mary Nugent, high single with handicap; L. O. McKinney and Karen Creasey, high series with bandicap; and Terry series with handicap; and Terry Chapman and Lucy Youell, most improved bowlers.

## **AshlandGolfers** End First Half

In the first half play just completed by the Kentucky Power Company Golf League in Ashland, Garred See led with a 35.1 for low net 9-hole average. Bronson Callihan captured low gross with a 26.2 every gross.

36.3 average. Flight winners were Harold McKenzie, Orville Henderson, Dewey Sizemore, Fred Long and Jeff Maddy.

## What Happens When You Know Most Of The Kids In The Neighborhood?



David Brooks (back row, center) is surrounded by the members of the softball team he manages.

You get drafted into managing the Little League softball team. At least that's what happened to David W. Brooks, laborer at Cabin Creek Plant. And you just can't say no to 15 boys.

Brooks has lived in the Shrewsbury area all his life and knows most of the young boys. When the manager of the Shrewsbury Little League softball team moved last year, the boys asked him to take

"I enjoy sports of all kinds and like working with the fellows on the team." The team is made up of boys between the ages of 13 and 15 years. Since Brooks is a young man, he finds it quite easy to fit in. He spends about ten hours a work training and coaching them.

in. He spends about ten hours a week training and coaching them. So far this year the team has won six games and has hopes of being the winner of the year. Greg Huffman, son of Ed Huffman, Cabin Creek maintenance man, is one of the players.

## Athletic 19-Year-Old Is Top Cager



All these trophies are Beverley's. The one she is holding is from Western Michigan.

Beverley Duckwyler came home to Charleston this summer from Western Michigan University with the trophy for "outstanding player" at the All-American Basketball

The attractive, 5'10", nineteen-year-old daughter of Elaine Rogers,

Charleston Division cashier, she's a junior year physical education major at Marshall University. She laughs when she talks about her family sports background and her courses at Marshall.

courses at Marshall.

She got her start in athletics by competing with her cousins but, by the time she finished junior high, most of her family competition had given up. She explains, "They gave up sports because they quit growing—but I kept growing! Most of them quit playing after junior high school except Bill Duckwyler, who played football for South Charleston—but he was pretty good."

Beverley hopes one day to play for the United States Basketball team in the Pan-American Games. "I'd like to get an invitation to an AAU camp so I could play on an AAU team," she says. "That way I could, maybe, get an invitation to try for the Pan-American team."

Among her other athletic achieve-Among her other athletic achievements have been playing for Park Pontiac's softball team, which has been to the national tournament twice with Beverley on first base; running track, tumbling and competing in gymnastics at Charleston High School; maintaining a 154 bowling average and playing field hockey, tennis, volleyball and swimming at Marshall.

## Beckley Team In Slo-Pitch League



For the first time in fifteen years, the Beckley Division will be represented in the city Slo-Pitch Soft Ball League. Fielding of the team made possible by contributions from division employees. "Fresh" was made possible by contributions from division employees. "Fresh" from a game at Cascino Stadium are (front row left to right) Ray Vest, Bob Dyke, Glen O'Neal, David Bair, Jim Harvey and Charles Dillion. (Second row) Jack Keaton, Keith Pate, Chester Pate, Don Taylor, James Lowery, Jr., James Lowery, Larry Lilly and Ross Hutchens.

## Veteran Employee Howard J. Rader Tells It Like It Was In The Old Days



Rader

Howard James Rader graduated from Cabin Creek District High School on June 3, 1927, and went to work as a boiler repairman at the Cabin Creek Plant on June 5 at 7:15 A. M. When he took early retirement on August 1, he was plant engineer at Philip Sporn. His 43-year career included service at three plants on the AEP System. He worked as a fireman, head

He worked as a fireman, head fireman, boiler room man and assistant watch engineer at Cabin Creek. "We fired boilers for steam pressure only. We did not have superheat or reheat temperatures to worry with. Everything was steam driven or hand operated. Nothing was automatic."

In 1945 he was promoted to shift.

In 1945 he was promoted to shift operating engineer at Ohio Power's Tidd Plant. "The No. 1 unit was the showplace of the world at that time. snowplace of the world at that time. Tidd was the first unit to have a centralized control room with all meters. Chrome was used on equipment instead of paint, and the whole unit was air-conditioned. The first test line for 500,000 volts was built downriver."

When transferred to Philip Sporn Plant in 1949. Rader gave the

Plant in 1949, Rader gave the excuse of getting closer to home. Tidd was just too far from the Charleston, West Virginia, area.

#### McClelland Shares Her Life Blood



McClelland catches "40 while donating her 16th

When Sandra McClelland was a senior in high school, she responded to a school plea and donated her first pint of blood. Her next donation came in 1964 when one of her follow employees at I was of her fellow employees at Lynch-burg requested blood for a critically

Since that time Mrs. McClelland, customer accounts representative B in Roanoke, has become a regular he Annalaci Cross mobile unit set up its equipment recently in the Roanoke

ment recently in the Roanoke office auditorium, she contributed her 16th pint of blood.

"It's such an easy thing to do and so vital to be able to give part of my life to other people. So often we get caught up in our own life and overlook others." Her enthusiasm apparently has rubbed off on her husband Eddie, who just contributed his first pint.

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Mrs. McClelland joined Appalachian in 1962 as a clerk trainee in the General Office Accounting Department in Roanoke. She transferred to Lynchburg as a clerk typist in 1963 and was promoted to cashier-clerk that same year. In May 1964 she became cashier and moved back to Roanoke in that capacity in December. She in that capacity in December. She was named petty cash clerk in 1965 and was promoted to customer accounts representative B in 1968.

He was promoted to plant engineer in 1952. When he was in school, he took

when he was in school, he took teacher training but was turned against it when he had to substitute teach. However, he did enjoy holding training classes for new employees in the last several years. "This is quite different from

years. "This is quite different from when I started to work. We learned the hard way—on the job."

He plans now to visit relatives and "to do what I want to when I want to do it." He is a member and past president of the Veterans Association and attends the Methodist Church. He was responsible for obtaining bowling shirts for members of the Sporn Bowling League when he was president. He and his wife Geneva have one child and two grandchildren. They child and two grandchildren. They plan to sell their home and move to the Charleston area.

#### J. R. Fleshman Leads WVU Class

Jimmie R. Fleshman received his bachelor of science degree in

industrial engineering from West Virginia University and was graduated at the top of his class. His grade average for four years was the second highest ever attained in industrial engineering at the University.



University.
While at Fleshman
WVU, Fleshman was vice president of Tau
Beta Pi. a national engineering
honor society, and treasurer of
Alpha Pi Mu, an industrial engineering honorary. He was treasurer
of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers, a President
Scholar, and a member of intra-Scholar, and a member of intramural football and golf teams.

He plans to do graduate work in engineering and law at the University of Tennessee.

He is the son of W. R. Fleshman, head material clerk at Glen Lyn Plant.

## Bias Takes New Accounting Post

Leo C. Bias, customer accounts supervisor in Huntington, has been promoted to accounting supervisor. Bias began

his career with Appalachian in 1937 as a helper in the Huntington Meter Department. He became meter reader in 1942 and moved up to clerk in 1945. In 1947 he transferred to Beckley and



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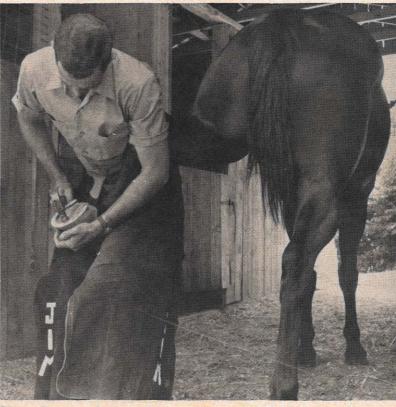
was promoted to utility clerk in 1949. In 1950 he was named assistant local office manager and moved to Point Pleasant as local office manager in 1954. He was transferred to Huntington as cus-

tomer accounts supervisor in 1967. Bias attended Marshall University and is married and has two

#### Safety Slogan



R. V. Gibbs, Jr., assistant safety supervisor, and Paul G. Campbell, plant guard, read the June safety slogan for Clinch River.



Jimmy Newman checks a shoe on "Possum Sam," his registered quarter

## Jimmy Newman Skilled In A Craft Vanishing From American Way Of Life

Jimmy Newman's first love is blacksmithing. So much so that, during the summer of 1966, he left his job as lineman A in the Fieldale Office of the Roanoke Division to become a traveling blacksmith. He found horse shows and riding competition provided lots of work during the summer but very little in the winter. "You have to eat, too," is the reason Newman gives for returning to Appalachian in September of that year.

"I watched several blacksmiths when I was a kid and decided if they could do it, I could, too." He first tried to self-teach himself to be a blacksmith, but then en-rolled in a three months' night school. He has a modern electric forge and all the tools and equipment in his pickup truck to do any shoeing, trimming, grooming and leather repair work needed.

The entire Newman family are horse lovers. Sometimes Newman, his wife, and daughters Renae and Pam load up the camping trailer and spend the night at a horse

Not only do they enter—they in. Over 20 of the 100 ribbons and trophies Newman has won in horse show competition are for first place. He is proudest of the blue ribbon for 1970 Pittsylvania County Saddle Champ.

He owns a small mare named "Misty", an 8-year-old registered quarter horse named "Possum Sam" and a 5-week-old colt. Newman and a horse-loving buddy produce their own feed on a patch of ground Newman owns. He also built the stable, three stalls and tack room.

The Newmans practice togetherness in another aspect of family life. They are active members of the Fieldale Baptist Church. He

## Ward Promoted In Roanoke G. O.

Gary L. Ward was promoted to electrical engineer in the General Office T&D

Distribution Section in Roanoke, July 1.

A native of Roanoke, Ward joined Appalachian in June 1968 as an engineer B. He holds an associate degree in applied science
from Virginia
Western Community College and an electrical



engineering degree from ICS. Before joining the company he

worked for one year with Blue Ridge Educational Television. He is married and attends the Calvary Baptist Church in Roa-

is a former member of the Volunteer Fire Department at Fieldale, but now lives beyond hearing distance of the siren.

Newman joined Appalachian as a groundman in 1953 and had advanced to lineman A before his resignation in July 1966. Since his return he has found that working as a fulltime lineman and a parttime blacksmith is about the right combination for pleasure and

#### Alonzo Henderson, Bluefield. Retires



Henderson

The 28-year career of Alonzo Henderson, custodian in Bluefield, came to an end June 30. He took early retirement due to ill health.

A native of New Hope, West Virginia, Henderson attended schools there. He joined Appalachian at Bluefield in August 1942.

He enjoys gardening and hunting and also raises chickens. A member of the Church of God, he is married and has three children.

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## **Burchette Named** Foreman, Senior

S. N. Burchette, transmission foreman in the General Office T&D

Section in Roanoke, has been promoted to General Office transmission foreman senior in Bluefield. Burchette joined Appa-lachian in 1947 in Bluefield as a groundman and was pro-

transmission foreman in 1966, assuming charge of the newly organized Roanoke transmission crew.

and was pro-m o t e d t o

He is a graduate of Beaver High School in Bluefield. He is a member of Bluefield Masonic Lodge No. 85, AF&AM; BPO Elks, Char-leston Lodge No. 202; and the Baptist Church.

Married, he is the father of one

#### **Taylor And Collins** Take New Posts



Taylor

Collins

David D. Taylor, Pulaski Division accounting supervisor, will move to the Roanoke General Office as customer accounting supervisor September 1. Replacing Taylor in Pulaski will be William T. Collins, customer accounting supervisor in Grundy. Collins transferred from the Bluefield Division to Pulaski August 1.

Taylor was employed as a clerk in the Princeton Local Accounting Office in 1947 and was transferred to the Wytheville office of the Pulaski Division, where he became local office supervisor in 1951. He moved to Pulaski in 1961 and since January 1964 has served as accounting supervisor for the division.

A native of Bluefield, he attended Bluefield schools and West Virginia Business College and has completed ICS courses in office management and business administration. He is past president of both the Wytheville Rotary Club and Wythe County Chamber of Commerce. Married, he is the father of two

Collins joined the AEP system in Pikeville, Kentucky, in 1943. He was transferred to Appalachian at Welch, West Virginia, in 1949 and in 1953 moved to Grundy as local office supervisor.

A native of Lackey, Kentucky, he completed a course in accounting from the LaSalle School and office management and business administration through ICS. Married, he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, VFW and American Legion. He has been awarded the Silver Beaver for his work in Scouting and named outstanding Kiwanian in 1964.

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