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The measure of a man is the size of the thing it takes to get his goat.

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Hall



Marshall



Matthews

Hall, Marshall And Matthews Assume New Kentucky Power Management Positions

Three Kentucky Power Company officials have moved to new management positions. O. C. Hall, Ashland division manager, has been promoted to executive assistant to Waldo S. LaFon, executive vice president of the company. Ronald Marshall, manager at the company's Big Sandy Plant, succeeded Hall as Ashland division manager. Succeeding Marshall as Big Sandy Plant manager was W. Greer Matthews, Jr., assistant manager of the plant.

Hall, a native of McDowell, Kentucky, graduated from the University of Kentucky with a BS degree in electrical engineering and joined Appalachian in 1950 as an engineer trainee in Roanoke. In 1951 he moved to Beckley as power sales engineer and served in various capacities in Rainelle, Oak Hill and

Charleston. In 1958 he was named superintendent at Point Pleasant and became manager of the Point Pleasant area in 1963. He was promoted in 1968 to manager of the Logan-Williamson Division and became manager of Kentucky Power's Ashland Division in January 1969.

A World War II veteran, he is a registered professional engineer. He is vice president of the Central Ohio Valley Industrial Council, a director of the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce and member of the Rotary Club. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are the parents of two daughters.

Marshall is a native of Wheeling and graduated from West Virginia University with a BS degree in electrical engineering. He started his utility career in 1935 at Ohio Power's Windsor Plant. He served

in various positions at Windsor and Tidd Plants prior to promotion in 1953 to assistant manager at the Muskingum River Plant. He was promoted in May 1961 to manager of Kentucky Power's Big Sandy Plant which was then under construction.

He has been active in the Masons and Shrine, is a member of Tau Beta Phi, honorary engineering fraternity, and has served with the Community Concert Association. He is married.

A native of Virginia, Matthews graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a BS degree in mechanical engineering. He joined Appalachian in 1951 and worked at Logan Plant in various positions until 1958, when he moved to Clinch River Plant as operations supervisor while the plant was under construction. He was named assistant manager at Kentucky Power's Big Sandy Plant in February 1962.

He is a registered professional engineer and is married.

Beckley Lineman Awarded Bronze Medal For Saving Young Woman



Sandra K. Hawley congratulates Walter J. "Jack" Groseclose, Jr., Beckley lineman A, after he received a bronze medal from the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. Why the enthusiasm? He saved her life.

Walter J. "Jack" Groseclose, Jr., lineman A in Beckley, received a bronze medal from the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission for saving a woman from her car after it crashed and burst into flames at MacArthur last year. He was among 21 recipients of the medal.

The mishap occurred August 7, 1969, at MacArthur. Groseclose sped to the burning compact car and rescued Miss Sandra K. Hawley, who was seriously injured and unconscious. Using his jacket to beat out flames, he put out the fire on

the woman's clothes. He also applied pressure to stop a throat cut from bleeding.

Groseclose suffered minor burns on his face and hands. Miss Hawley was hospitalized in "critical" condition for several days.

Three other employees were also involved in the incident. State police, at the time of the accident, credited Groseclose; Thomas Dickenson, line foreman; James Hensley, lineman C; and David Bair, lineman helper, with pulling Miss Hawley from the burning car.

AEP Supply Low

Cook Seeks Government Limit On Export Of Coal

Donald C. Cook, AEP president, recently called for an immediate and severe restriction on the export of coal "to avert the impending crisis in coal supply for electric power generation".

In telegrams to three key Administration officials, he declared that the national interest demanded that the fuel requirements of the domestic electric power supply be given priority over foreign needs. The wires were sent to Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans; Chairman Paul W. McCracken of the President's Council of Economic Advisers; and Chairman John Nassis of the Federal Power Commission. The same telegram has also been sent to the governors, congressmen, and senators in Virginia and West Virginia.

Serious Shortage

The AEP System, generating 98% of its power from coal, will use over 25-million tons this year. If present conditions continue to exist, Cook warned that there is a "very clear and present danger that serious shortages of electric power will result this winter."

"To avoid such an unnecessary and disastrous curtailment of electric power usage," Cook said, "we urge as strongly as we can that immediate action be taken by the Federal Government to restrict the export of coal to the fullest extent necessary to avert the impending crisis in coal supply for electric power generation."

"We fail to understand why the special interests of the domestic coal producers should be permitted to produce a situation in which the fuel requirements of foreign countries should take precedence over those of the United States. The national interest surely de-

mands that this critically needed commodity be first allocated to the supply of a vital public service at home."

Cook pointed out that demand for coal is at an all-time high and that prices on the open market have risen to unprecedented levels, more than double recent prices in some cases. He charged that numerous coal suppliers were failing to deliver contract quantities of coal to their customers, directing it instead to the spot and export markets, "where it is sold at greatly increased prices".

Increased Exports

He said that this situation, seriously prejudicing the public interest, was due "in very large measure to the substantial and increasing volume of coal being exported, now in the range of 60-million tons per year, or about 10% of total U. S. production."

By the end of 1969, more than 37-million tons of coal had moved abroad from the twin ports of Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia, and this year the total exported through Hampton Roads will be an estimated 49-million tons reports the Virginia State Ports Authority.

The extent to which AEP has suffered from the increasing level of exports is demonstrated by figures showing the supply of coal on hand at its steam plants. At the end of 1967, there was an average supply of 83 days, only slightly below what the System needs as a normal supply. By the end of 1968, it was down to 77 days, and at the end of 1969, 62 days. Toward the end of August 1970, when Cook first warned of the impending crisis, the supply was 51 days—"dangerously low."

AEP Stock To Be Sold

Opening of competitive bids for the sale of 4-million shares of American Electric Power Company common stock is scheduled for the afternoon of October 7. Proceeds from the sale will be used to pay off an equal amount of short term debt incurred in connection with the AEP System's construction program during the past year.

It is the largest stock sale ever in the electric or gas utility industry.

AEP in August 1969 sold an offering of 2,540,097 shares of common stock. The price then was set by negotiations between the Company and underwriters and authorized by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The SEC rejected AEP's informal request for similar negotiations for the October offering, and the price will instead be determined by competitive bidding.

Two syndicates are expected to bid on the offering, one headed by First Boston Corporation, and including Eastman Dillon, Union Securities & Co.; Lehman Brothers; Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., and Salomon Brothers. The other is headed by Blyth & Co., Inc. and includes Goldman, Sachs & Co.; Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis; Stone and Webster Securities Corporation; White, Weld & Co., and Dean Witter & Co., Incorporated.



Tons and tons of coal await exportation at Hampton Roads, Virginia.

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Are You A Company Man?

THE PHRASE "COMPANY MAN" has taken on a negative meaning. It's difficult to understand why.

A Company Man is one who believes in what his company is doing and that his particular job is an important part of its operations.

A Company Man hates to see wasteful activities on the job or in the government.

A Company Man does not brag about his company's accomplishments, but he is proud of those accomplishments and is not shy about mentioning them to his friends.

A Company Man learns enough about his employer's operation to enable him to carry on a fairly intelligent conversation about the subject.

It's strange, perhaps, but a Company Man is usually a leader in community affairs, in his church, in the Boy Scouts or the "Y." He's not a joiner, but he is a doer.

No one knows why, but a Company Man is generally patriotic. He believes that his country is the greatest in the world and he has little patience with those who would destroy its basic foundations.

A Company Man realizes that his government is not perfect, but no one has ever shown him a better system. Instead of griping about conditions, he does what he can, in his own small way, to change them.

Probably most important, a Company Man believes in himself. He knows his limitations, but he takes what steps he can to improve his own lot.

You say somebody called you a Company Man recently? Congratulations.

AEP Assists G. E. In Designing New Transformer For Large Customer Use



The Pulaski Division recently installed a new kind of transformer at the Lees Carpet plant at Hillsville, Virginia. This new unit, a low profile, completely enclosed, self-regulated transformer with underground connections, replaces the conventional substation service. The installation, consisting of a 5000 KVA pad mounted transformer with self-contained automatic controls, is one of the first of this type to be built by G. E. AEP assisted G. E. in the design, and the transformer was built to AEP's specifications.

White Named PUAV President

W. S. White, Jr., executive vice president of Appalachian Power Company, was named president-elect of the Public Utilities Association of The Virginias at the association's 52nd annual meeting in September at The Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.



White

Presently serving as first vice president, White will succeed John M. McCardell, executive vice president of Potomac Edison Company, Hagerstown, Maryland, on January 1, 1971.

Others elected to offices were Luther S. Singley, executive vice president of Monongahela Power Company, Fairmont, West Virginia, first vice president and Arthur L. Clark, senior vice president of Virginia Electric and Power Company, Richmond, Virginia, second vice president. Arthur T. Ellett, vice president and general manager of Roanoke Gas Company, was re-elected treasurer and James B. Berg, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of Appalachian, was re-elected assistant treasurer.

White began his utility career with the American Electric Power Service Corporation in 1948 after his graduation as an electrical engineer from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He was named Lynchburg district manager in 1962 and division manager in 1964. He became assistant general manager of the company in 1966, assistant vice president in 1967, and was named vice president in 1969. He became executive vice president December 1, 1969.

Three Full-Time Jobs For Elswick

"My wife, as well as my parents, encouraged me to give college a try. We knew it wouldn't be easy to support the family and have me in school, but we decided it would be worth the effort." And it has proven to be worth the effort for Jim Elswick who was recently named to the 1970 *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, an honor based on scholarship, leadership, and character.



Elswick

Elswick is not only a full-time student at West Virginia Institute of Technology where he is majoring in electrical engineering and maintains a B+ average. He is also the father of two children and a part-time T&D clerk in the Montgomery office, Charleston Division. When asked if he has enough to do to keep busy, he said, "Keeping up with class work, going to my regular job, and being a full-time father really keep me on my toes."

He says that "A number of people in the company have been very helpful, and I'm afraid without their help I could never have gotten where I am now." Presently a senior at Tech, he plans to continue two of his full-time jobs after graduation—fatherhood and work at Appalachian.

Residential Customer Milestone

During August 1970 Appalachian Power Company installed on its lines the 500,000th residential customer. Approximately 8.6% or 43,000 of these are electric heat customers. In August 1960 Appalachian had 432,414 residential customers, of which only about 1% had electric heat.

BLUE MUNDAY!



E. L. Munday, Appalachian commercial manager, is crying the blues because employee prospects for electric heating and dusk-to-dawn sales are way down. In fact, they're almost nil.

We hate to see a grown man cry. So with this issue of *The Illuminator* a special "Make Munday Smile" sales contest is being initiated.

Beginning October 1 through December 30, each employee is urged to make a special effort to turn in prospects for electric heating and dusk-to-dawn sales to his Division Commercial Department. Each employee turning in a name will be informed whether or not his prospect resulted in a sale.

A tabulation will be published in *The Illuminator* each month giving a breakdown, by divisions, of the number of prospects resulting in sales.

Let's all make a special effort to put the smile back on Munday's face before Christmas.

Roanoke Division Employees Reach More Than 500,000 Safe Manhours



Roanoke, the only division in Appalachian to ever achieve the two million safe manhours mark, has carefully started in that direction again with more than 500,000 safe manhours to date. W. S. Kitchen (left) safety director, presented a certificate of merit for outstanding achievement in accident prevention to D. C. Kennedy, Roanoke division manager, on behalf of the employees.



Bucket truck (left) is used to secure hot lines to arm on temporary pole at the same time the telephone cables are being attached to pole. The new pole is placed in the exact same spot (right).

Service To Hillsville Area Customers Uninterrupted By Freak Accident

Electric and telephone service to Hillsville customers remained uninterrupted recently despite a freak accident to the most complicated power and telephone pole in the area.

A parked tractor-trailer loaded with 5 tons of plywood backed down the street, jumped a curb and struck the pole, splinting it about 12 feet from the ground. The pole carried the main 12,000 volt 3-phase lines through Hillsville, and all the Intermountain telephone lines in the area go into underground conduits to their central office from this pole.

The accident happened at approximately 10 PM. Since the

trailer supported the pole, it was decided to wait until morning to make repairs.

The following day, Appalachian and telephone crews set temporary poles and attached the various lines, cables and guys to them. Upstrain guys were put on the broken pole and the truck was moved out of the way so the new pole could be set back in the exact spot to hold the underground telephone cables. Then the hot lines were transferred to the new pole, the telephone cables attached and temporary poles removed—still with no interruption to either service.

Veterans Of Our Three Companies Receive Pins For Lengthy Service



Scaggs

Bryan



Bailey

Farley

Veterans of Appalachian, Kentucky and Kingsport were honored for lengthy service recently. One has 45 years' service, one 40 years' service and three have 35 years.

45 Years

Paul Scaggs, collector in Ashland, began his career with Consolidated Power and Light Company, an Appalachian predecessor in Huntington. He worked there for two years as a clerk before moving to Ashland as a meter clerk with the Kentucky Power Company. His first job was helping to set up the original meter test board. He was promoted to collector in 1946.

40 Years

Clarence J. Bryan, executive vice president of Kingsport Power, came to work as a cooperative engineering student at Kingsport Utilities, Inc., in 1929. He worked in various departments before being named assistant general manager of the company in 1946. He was promoted to vice president and general manager in 1964 and became executive vice president in 1967.

35 Years

Paul L. Bailey, Lynchburg Division superintendent, was employed by Appalachian as a groundman in Roanoke following his graduation from VPI. He worked as lineman, assistant general line

foreman and general line foreman before being transferred to Lynchburg in 1954 as district superintendent.

Kenneth E. Farley, master maintenance man at Cabin Creek Plant, joined Appalachian in 1935 as a laborer in Beckley. He worked as a field clerk before being transferred to Charleston as a groundman in 1942. He was transferred to Cabin Creek Plant as a laborer and has worked there as maintenance man, mechanical maintenance helper and mechanical maintenance man.

J. C. Shelton, Roanoke Division line inspector, started to work as an overhead man in Roanoke. He held the positions of groundman, lineman first class and lineman A before being promoted to line foreman at Rocky Mount in 1948. He returned to Roanoke as line inspector in 1964.



Shelton

Howard Brewer Takes New Post

Howard D. Brewer, transmission man A, has been promoted to transmission form in the General Office T&D Transmission Section, Roanoke.



Brewer

He was employed by Appalachian as a transmission man helper in 1955 and was named transmission man B in 1959. He became transmission man A in 1965. Brewer served in the United States Air Force from February 1950 to November 1953. He attended Tazewell High School. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer are the parents of four sons.

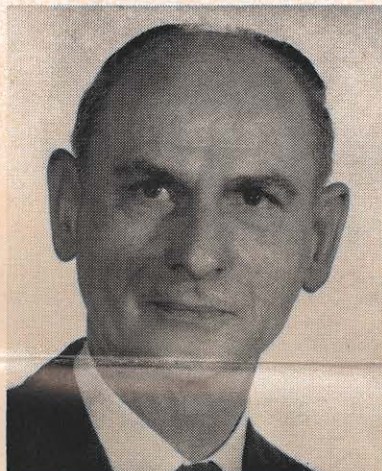
SEC Rejects AEP Plan For Housing Program

The Securities and Exchange Commission said "No" last month to American Electric Power's application to build housing in Cambridge, Ohio. Rejection of the request had been expected after the SEC turned down a similar proposal by Michigan Consolidated Gas on the grounds that housing was not necessary or appropriate to a utility holding company's primary operations.

However, a bill introduced by Senator Warren Magnuson (D-Washington) would permit utility holding companies to participate in low- and moderate-income housing programs. The bill has the support of both the SEC and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. As drafted, the bill would amend the Holding Company Act, the present provisions of which, says the SEC, prohibit utilities from entering the housing field.

SEC and HUD agree with AEP President Donald C. Cook who said, at the time Ohio Power Company first sought authority to build 100 housing units, that "utilities are in the best position to help their communities" in providing vitally needed housing.

Weidenheller Has Ended 47th Year



Weidenheller

John T. Weidenheller, meterman A in the General Office Meter Department of Kentucky Power Company, retired after more than 47 years of service. He began as a meter reader in the Ashland Division in March 1923 prior to graduation from high school. "I began my workday at 2:30 each afternoon and read meters until dark. I also had to be on the job on Saturdays and holidays," he said.

After graduating from high school in 1926, he continued his work on a regular schedule. He was promoted to meter tester in 1935, meterman B in 1944, and to his present position in July 1947.

Weidenheller says that he now plans to spend his time working on his farm near Ashland and helping in the family business. He also hopes to find more time for his favorite sports, hunting and fishing.

A member of the Pollard Baptist Church, he and his wife are the parents of two sons.



Dear Employee:

We are reporting an automotive accident involving one of our company vehicles and a privately owned automobile. This collision occurred September 1970.

Our driver states that he pulled to the right of the road as far as possible to avoid a head-on collision. He states there was no signal light in operation on the other vehicle to indicate that it was going to turn left. All he saw were headlights approaching him. The front of the oncoming car struck our station wagon on the driver's side, the point of impact being at the door. It then ripped the entire side of the vehicle loose.

Our driver received multiple injuries when thrown from the car, and it is our understanding that the driver and passenger in the other car were also injured. The police report indicates that our driver should have been able to stop as there was a great distance of straight, level road.

The letter is fictitious; the photo is not. This is the picture of a wrecked company car. This accident, like many others, could have been avoided had the proper precautions been made by the driver. It is your duty and responsibility to exercise care when driving. Our automobile accident report listed below will indicate the excessive number of company automobile

accidents that have occurred during the first 7 months of 1970.

| Company | No. of Accidents |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Kingsport Power Company | Trucks 2 Cars 0 |
| Kentucky Power Company | Trucks 13 Cars 4 |
| Appalachian Power Company | Trucks 69 Cars 53 |

Beckley And Charleston Retired Employees Tour Pipestem State Park



Recently the retired employees from Beckley and Charleston enjoyed a tour of Pipestem State Park. Upon arrival the group was met by Mr. Troy Gatrell, superintendent at Pipestem, who guided them through the numerous park facilities. This is the newest total electric park in West Virginia.

Breath Of Life



Thirty-one employees of Philip Sporn Plant have completed a standard First Aid Course instructed by R. V. Gibbs, Jr., safety coordinator. Members of the Class are engrossed as the technique of artificial resuscitation is demonstrated.

Industrial Park Ground Broken

Ground has been broken for the development of the Duffield Industrial Park. The project is sponsored by the LENOWISCO Planning District Commission and the Duffield Development Authority. LENOWISCO is a joint venture by the governmental units of Lee, Scott and Wise counties and the City of Norton, Virginia.

The project is divided into four separate increments for planned development. Increment one, located entirely in Appalachian's service area, is slated for the first development. Work is already under way relocating and improving the channel on the North Fork of Clinch River. The State of Virginia will provide an access road, Southern Railway a spur line, and Appalachian the electric service. Sewerage and water treatment facilities will be started soon.



Smith-Workman

Wedding vows were exchanged by Janie J. Smith and James David Workman at the Dublin Methodist parsonage on August 12. Mrs. Workman is the daughter of E. Wisor Smith, retired station foreman, Pulaski.



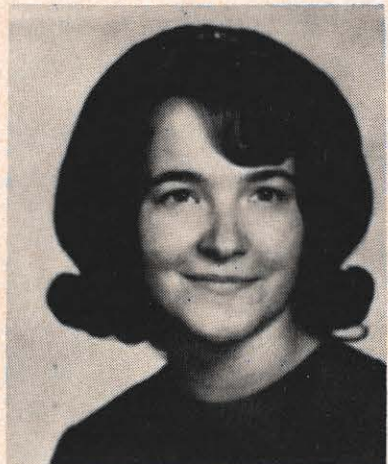
Mitchell-Dotson

Barbara Jean Mitchell and Archie D. Dotson were united in marriage on September 1 in Grundy, Virginia. Mrs. Dotson is the daughter of William L. Mitchell, lineman A in Grundy, Bluefield Division.



Ashworth-Sweeney

Sylvia Elizabeth Ashworth was married to Thomas Merriman Sweeney, Jr., on August 29 in the Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church. Mrs. Sweeney is the daughter of Jesse L. Ashworth, dealer sales representative, Lynchburg.



Combs-Bell

Rebecca Combs and Charles S. Bell were united in marriage August 8 in the Smithsboro Baptist Church. Mrs. Bell is the daughter of Marvin Combs, Hazard collector.



Simpson-Dageforde

An afternoon ceremony in the First Broad Street United Methodist Church on August 22 united Mary Emily Simpson and David Allen Dageforde. Mrs. Dageforde is the daughter of M. C. Simpson, Jr., commercial manager, Kingsport.



Ingram-Young

A double ring ceremony performed in the Rocky Mount Christian Church on September 26 united Betty Ingram and Earl Clifton Young. Mrs. Young is a clerk typist, Roanoke.



Chapman-Wolfe

Wedding vows were exchanged by Beverly Kay Chapman and Terrance Lee Wolfe in a double ring ceremony performed September 12 at Diamond, West Virginia. Mr. Wolfe is a utility operator at Kanawha River Plant.

Recent Weddings



Brawley-Robinette

The Village Chapel Presbyterian Church in Charleston was the setting for the August 15th wedding of Ann Carson Brawley and Thomas Lee Robinette. Mr. Robinette is the son of L. W. Robinette, power sales engineer, Bluefield.



Crawford-Grasty

Sharon Leigh Crawford and Warren Harris Grasty were united in marriage on August 22 in the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Roanoke. Mr. Grasty is an electrical engineer in Roanoke.



Reed-Sandidge

St. Mary's Church in Franklin, Ohio, was the setting for the August 29th wedding of Mary Elizabeth Reed and Walter Phillip Sandidge. Mr. Sandidge is the son of Thomas M. Sandidge, stationman A, Lynchburg.



Williamson-Dillon

Leola Elene Williamson was married to Charles R. Dillon on September 5 in the First Church of God. Mr. Dillon is an instrumentman in Beckley.



Strange-Robertson

Bertha Strange became the bride of Sherwood Robertson in a ceremony performed September 5 in the parsonage of the Central Baptist Church. Mrs. Robertson is a clerk-stenographer in the General Office Real Estate and Right of Way Department, Roanoke. Mr. Robertson is a garage attendant in Roanoke.



Arthur-Harris

Mary Marie Arthur and Kenneth Ray Harris were united in marriage in the Jordan Baptist Church, Lynchburg, on September 19. Mr. Harris is a tracer, Lynchburg.



Maddox-Blankenship

Violet Rae Maddox and Walter Clinton Blankenship, Jr., were united in marriage on September 12 at the Court Street United Methodist Church, Lynchburg. Mr. Blankenship is the son of Walter C. Blankenship, Sr., Line Section, T&D Department, Lynchburg.



Fields-Cooley

Sherryl Lee Fields became the bride of Christopher Allen Cooley in a ceremony performed July 11 in the First Baptist Church of Jellico, Tennessee. Mrs. Cooley is a home service representative senior in Ashland.



Holley-Phipps

Wedding vows were exchanged by Loretta Holley and David Phipps on August 15 in Huntington. Mrs. Phipps is the daughter of R. W. Holley, Huntington auto repairman, and Mr. Phipps is employed in the Ashland Engineering Department.



Mendez-Watson

Saint Mary's Catholic Church of Holden, West Virginia, was the setting for the September 5th wedding of Mary Rose Mendez and Gary G. Watson. Mr. Watson is an electrical engineer in Logan.



Hannah-Watkins

The West End Methodist Church of Roanoke was the setting for the wedding of Brenda Joyce Hannah and Richard Lee Watkins on September 9. Mr. Watkins is the son of James R. Watkins, general serviceman, Roanoke.



Hall-Turman

Janelda Louise Hall was married to Raiford Garland Turman on June 27 at the Critz Baptist Church. Mr. Turman is a lineman at Stuart, Roanoke Division.



Ferguson-Kirby

A double ring ceremony performed in Ona, West Virginia, on August 15 united Patricia M. Ferguson and Jack S. Kirby. Mr. Kirby is an electrical engineer in General Office T&D Station Section, Huntington.



Reese-Mullineaux

The Oakland Baptist Church was the setting for the September 4th wedding of Sharon Reese and John Mullineaux. Mrs. Mullineaux is a key punch operator in General Office Accounting, Roanoke.

Campbell-Harker

Patricia Merle Campbell was married to Joseph Wingate Harker on September 4 in the Forest Road Methodist Church of Lynchburg. Mr. Harker is the son of Jack D. Harker, electrical engineer, Lynchburg.

Brashear-Cornett

The Lothair Community Presbyterian Church was the setting for the July 25th wedding of Ernestine Brashear and Keith Cornett. Mrs. Cornett is the daughter of A. R. Brashear, Hazard serviceman.

Considine-Muncy

Cynthia Ann Considine became the bride of Robert Bruce Muncy, Jr., at the Pisgah Presbyterian Church on August 17. Mr. Muncy is the son of R. B. Muncy, Sr., Hazard heating sales specialist.

Will The Real Mr. Johnson Stand?



Ever see a familiar face on TV and wrack your brain trying to remember his name? It just might have been Arthur Johnson, acting under the names of Johnny Johnson, John Arthers, Craig Hunter or Rocky Hunter. Johnson (right) recently visited his sister and brother-in-law, Clarence Copley, material clerk in the Huntington Division storeroom. His father was the late Floyd Johnson, who worked at the old Kenova Plant.

Work Simplification Solution Saves Time, Money And Space

Last month THE ILLUMINATOR ran an editorial entitled "Three Questions" which dealt with Appalachian's Work Simplification and Better Methods program. This

month General Office reports a change in operation which has made a specific smaller job easier to handle.

For many years it has been the task of the Office Services Section to ship, receive and store the audited vouchers of the Accounts Payable Section of the General Office Accounting Department. In the past, the vouchers and supporting documents were assembled in the Accounts Payable Section, filed numerically and held for 90 days. Then they were packed in fiber boxes and shipped to Canton, Ohio, where they were audited by the AEP Treasury Section. They were then shipped back to Roanoke, folded in half and placed in metal file drawers in which they were stored for three years in temporary storage. After three years they were taken back to Offices Services, transferred to cardboard boxes and placed elsewhere in permanent storage.

This process is a continual operation and has all the characteristics of a good work simplification problem. Fred Hornbeck, methods engineer, and several employees tackled the problem and the result is a better way of doing the job and a savings in manpower and money.

Now, instead of folding the vouchers in half and placing them in metal filing drawers, they are placed in cardboard boxes unfolded. These boxes are sent to the third floor for temporary storage for three years and then transferred in the same boxes to permanent storage. The savings include less manhours per week, better utilization of filing space, and less costly boxes.

Through team effort the facts were gathered, the existing job was challenged, alternatives were explored, and a better method was developed. The new method is now being used and the advantages are readily apparent. The employees in the Office Services Section find this particular job easier to handle. This is a good example of how you can take almost any job, regardless of how small it may be, and find a more efficient way of doing it.

Eagle Scout



Danny Taylor, son of D. D. Taylor, General Office customer accounting supervisor in Roanoke, received his Eagle Scout award recently. A member of Troop 48 sponsored by the First Christian Church in Pulaski, Danny also belongs to the Order of the Arrow. He was a member of the Key Club and band at Pulaski High School and will attend East Tennessee State University this Fall.

Cecil L. Hill Two-Gallon Donor

Cecil Hill, Roanoke Division T&D Department, became a two-gallon blood donor last month. He first donated blood in November 1964.



Hill

He was employed by Appalachian August 10, 1964, as a groundman. In 1965 he became a lineman helper, and in 1967 a T&D clerk. In his present position as T&D clerk senior he is responsible for handling calls concerning service interruptions.

Hill, a native of Roanoke, is married and the father of three children.

50th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Denny Morgan, father and mother of Loneda Rose, customer representative in the Pineville office, Bluefield Division, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 20, 1970, at their home near Pineville, West Virginia.

New Arrivals

Abingdon Division

MR. AND MRS. J. L. COOK, a daughter, Catherine Lynne, August 24. Cook is a meter reader.

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

MR. AND MRS. E. F. SUTHERLAND, a son, James Michael, July 10. Sutherland is a draftsman.

Ashland Division

MR. AND MRS. ALLEN D. THOMPSON, a son, Jason Ora, August 28. Thompson is a heating and air conditioning appliance service engineer in General Office Commercial.

Bluefield Division

MR. AND MRS. LANNY D. WHITE, a son, Douglas Alan, September 4. Mrs. White was formerly a clerk trainee in Accounting.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS T. GARRETT, a son, Jeffrey Alan, August 15. Garrett is a custodian.

MR. AND MRS. MAYNARD TURNER, a son, Ricky Carson, August 25. Mrs. Turner was formerly a cashier.

Charleston Division

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES BOGEL, a son, August 20. Mrs. Bogel was formerly a home sales representative.

General Office

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS E. TYREE, a daughter, Tammy Lynette, August 9. Tyree is a transmission man helper, General Office T&D Transmission Section, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. L. W. CATRON, a daughter, Mechelle Reane, August 11. Catron is a stationman helper, General Office T&D Station Section, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. KIRBY, a son, David Michael, August 9. Kirby is employed in the General Office T&D Transmission Section, Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. G. A. McCLUNG, II, a daughter, Sabrina May, July 28. McClung is employed in the General Office T&D Transmission Section, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. R. L. STEVENSON, a daughter, Tammie Marie, August 19. Stevenson is employed in the General Office T&D Transmission Section, Abingdon.

MR. AND MRS. JIMMY W. HONEYCUTT, a daughter, Tanya Margaret, August 24. Mrs. Honeycutt was formerly employed in the General Records Section, General Office Accounting, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. NELSON D. REED, a son, Kent Gwain, July 29. Mrs. Reed is a key punch operator in General Office Accounting, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. W. L. CARTER, a daughter, Rebecca Lee, August 2. Carter is employed in the Classifications and Accounts Payable Division, General Office Accounting, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. W. O. HICKMAN, III, a daughter, Tonia Yvette, September 4. Hickman is a utility helper at Roanoke Regional Dispatch Office, General Office Operating Department.

Hazard Division

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS STIDHAM, JR., a son, Jeffrey Scott, August 24. Stidham is an appliance serviceman A.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN SCHULER, a daughter, Tracy Lynn. Mrs. Schuler is a clerk typist in Accounting.

They're Engaged

ANNA MARIE CONSTANTINO to C. Allen Muzzleman. Mr. Muzzleman is a tracer in Bluefield.

JOYCE A. PIERSON to Larry P. Browning. Miss Pierson is a home sales representative and Mr. Browning is an electrical engineer in Logan.

DEBORAH GAYLE WELLS to Clayton A. Miller, Jr. Mr. Miller is employed in the General Office T&D Transmission Section, Bluefield.

Logan-Williamson Division

MR. AND MRS. JOE L. PRIDEMORE, a daughter, Jennifer Beth, August 14. Pridemore is an auto mechanic.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES W. ROBINSON, a daughter, Susan Elaine, July 31. Robinson is a collector in Williamson.

Pikeville Division

MR. AND MRS. BOBBY LEE WILLIAMSON, a daughter, Melissa Carol, August 25. Mrs. Williamson was formerly a clerk-stenographer in the Commercial Department.

MR. AND MRS. FRED BIRCHFIELD, a daughter, Valerie Mabelle, August 30. Birchfield is a meter reader.

Roanoke Division

MR. AND MRS. JAMES L. KENNEDY, a daughter, Janna Lynne, August 9. Kennedy is a lineman C.

MR. AND MRS. HARRY W. DODD, a son, Larry Wayne, August 16. Dodd is a lineman C.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES E. ROBINSON, a son, Stephen Edward, March 21. Robinson is a lineman C.

MR. AND MRS. IRA POFF, a son, John Sherman, June 27. Mrs. Poff was formerly a clerk-stenographer in the T&D Department.

MR. AND MRS. CECIL L. HILL, a son, Randall Keith, July 21. Hill is a T&D clerk senior.

MR. AND MRS. LARRY G. REDDEN, a daughter, Jerri Amanda, August 3. Redden is a lineman.

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil A. Syck observed their 50th wedding anniversary on September 5, 1970. Family and friends gathered at their home on Chloe Creek near Pikeville, Kentucky, to help them celebrate. Syck is a retired line foreman in the Pikeville Division. Charles Campbell, general serviceman at West Liberty, Kentucky, is a son-in-law.

Wed 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bevins celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home in Sidney, Kentucky. The parents of Ernest L. Bevins, Logan Division accounting supervisor, they were united in marriage on September 8, 1920.



4-H Electric Workshop

Lynn Copley, Fieldale home sales representative in the Roanoke Division, recently assisted in conducting a four-day electric workshop for 4-H members. Martha Lee (left) explains an electric motor and Ken

Brammer demonstrates a crystal radio to some of those attending the workshop. The program highlight was a tour of the Smith Mountain Project.

Turning On The Power— Not A Simple Task

Many customers have the impression that once the request for electric service is made that's all there is to it. However, power company personnel know the task of connecting electric service, as simple as it may appear, places a large amount of equipment in operation and requires the coordinated efforts of a large number of skilled employees.

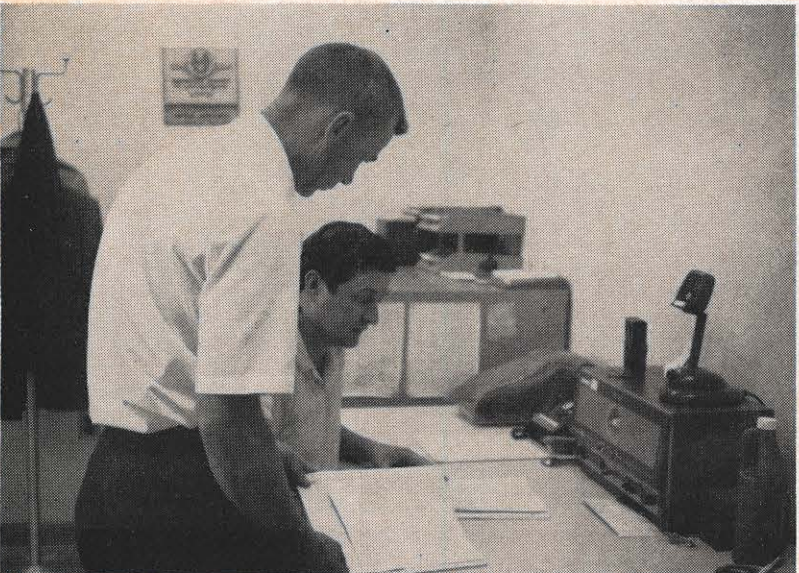
Let's follow the process used in connecting the service at Lowman Smith's new house in Riner, Virginia, Pulaski Division. The house, including living room, three bedrooms, kitchen-dining room and bath, is total-electric. Smith made his application for service in August, the month Appalachian installed on its lines the 500,000th residential customer.



Lowman Smith, Route 1, Riner, Virginia, places a service application with Julia Webb, customer representative, in the Christiansburg office.



The meterman first goes to the location to determine the work necessary for installing electric service. Later Wayne Ruble, engineering aide, checks the sketch and compatible unit material list before sending it to the Engineering Section. Next the sketch is checked by a right of way agent. When it is determined a one pole extension is needed for the service, an engineer places an extension on the pole map and assigns the new pole a number.



After the work order is assigned and the printout for required material is prepared, these are sent to the Christiansburg Line Section. W. C. Hager, area supervisor, gives the papers to R. L. White, T&D clerk, who will issue the material to the line crew for installation of service.



D. R. Woolwine, lineman A, loads the transformer that is to be used for the service.



Setting the pole in place is (left to right) Clayborne Wirt, Kenith Dawson, lineman C, and Raymond Profitt, truck driver-groundman. Then the lines are installed and the meter placed on the house.



(Left) Esker Lee Akers, contractor; Ray E. Lester, heating and builder sales representative, Christiansburg; and Mr. Smith discuss the electric heating layout for the house, which will have baseboard heat.



The pleasant expressions on the faces of Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their children (from left) Rhonda, Angela and Garry, indicate their happiness with their new total-electric home. The Smiths agree they never before realized how much is involved in connecting service to a single house. They say also that they "consider a total-electric home the one for today and the future; it is efficient, clean and economical."

Line Foreman, Important Man

On Our Company Team

What is a typical day on the job as a line foreman? Well, let's consider what Dean T. Robinson, located in Clintwood in the Abingdon Division, did one Tuesday.

At 8:00 a. m. that morning he gave the men in his crew a briefing on the day's work. "Today's job," he said, "is located on Hurricane Ridge in Wise County. We are to change out the last two poles of a 7200-volt tap to provide clearance requested by the telephone company. All of the hardware, conductors, transformers, services and guys are to be transferred to new poles. The tap is to be killed and properly grounded before the work is started."

Dean and S. S. Stevenson, also line foreman, non exempt, joined together to perform the work, creating a seven-man crew. Dean was in charge of that day's job. A line truck, power wagon and bucket truck were loaded with material and poles and proceeded to the job location.

Dean was the first to arrive at the job site. It was soon apparent a decision had to be

made. Since the planner had worked the job, a roadside market with a metal roof had been constructed directly under the 7200-volt tap, creating a hazardous condition. There was only a 5-foot clearance between the roof and neutral wire. After contacting the property owner, Dean decided to move the line. Stevenson was contacted by radio to pick up additional material.

When the men arrived, Dean immediately called a tailboard conference. The change in the job and the reason for changes were repeated several times with the crew to leave no doubt in regard to safety.

When the work started, out came the book of standards, compatible unit book and sketch of the day's job. Dean "red lettered" the changes on the sketch for review by the job planner. "Proper application and records are also important in our job," Dean stated.

That afternoon when the work had proceeded to a point where there were a few "loose ends to tie together", Dean left Stevenson in charge and headed back to the storeroom. The day was not finished. Records were checked and rechecked and changes in the day's job were discussed with Calvin Jackson, area supervisor. Out came more sketches for tomorrow's job. When the

crew came in, Dean checked with Stevenson once again about the day's job.

At the end of the day, Dean headed home to his wife Lorraine, 13-year-old Vanessa Lynn and 16-year-old Gary Dean. Dean gives Lorraine a lot of credit for the success he has achieved with Appalachian.

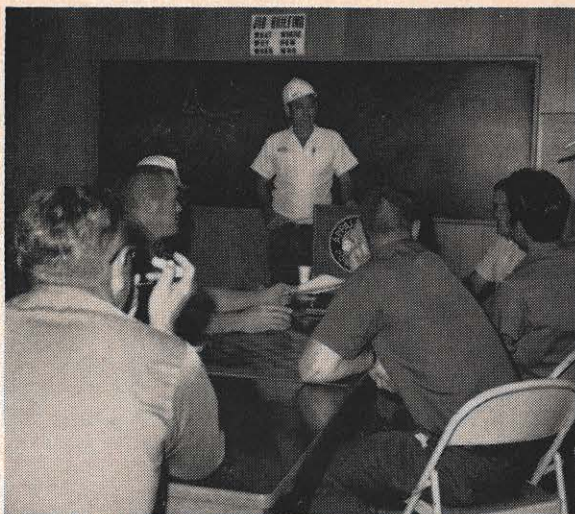
Encouragement by Lorraine led to the successful completion of a Practical Lineman's Course and also Power Line Design and Construction. Presently, he is studying electrical engineering through International Correspondence Schools.

Dean likes sports, likes to fish and camp and take part in community activities. He is a member of the Clintwood Lions Club, a seven-year member of the Clintwood Life Saving Crew and a first aid instructor. Soon he will qualify for a permanent first aid certificate from the Bureau of Mines. He has also been an instructor in company-operated lineman training schools.

Dean is a worthy example of the group of dedicated, responsible men classified as line foreman. He sees his responsibility the same as that required of a similar job in any location. "The terrain may be different, but we all have a set of standards to go by, decisions to make and a concern for safety every work day."



Dean T. Robinson discusses a problem in his ICS electrical engineering course with Mrs. Robinson.



Dean (standing) gives the men in his crew a briefing on the day's work.



Dean (right) checks with customer, Mr. Hopkins, on relocation of the line.



Dean holds a tailboard conference to explain the change in the job and the reason for the change. From left to right are E. L. Mullins, M. M. Hughes, Dean, S. S. Stevenson and J. E. Kelly.



Dean (left) watches as R. K. Robinson operates the truck.

30➔
Years



Jack Lloyd
Executive
Assistant
GO-Roanoke



J. L. Bryant
Unit Foreman
Kanawha River
Plant



R. J. Stinett
Chief
Transmission
Draftsman
GO-Roanoke



R. E. Wells
Station Man A
Kingsport



F. E. Rouse, Jr.
Master
Maintenance Man
GO-Roanoke



H. A. Hale
Station Man A
Roanoke



R. C. Sharp
Meter
Serviceman A
Pulaski



K. C. Phillips
Maintenance Man
Pulaski



P. C. Payne
Transportation
Supervisor
Pulaski

25➔
Years



H. M. Figg, Jr.
Commercial Sales
Engineer
Lynchburg



A. O. Hatfield
Purchasing &
Stores Assistant
GO-Roanoke



H. C. Barnett
Engineering
Record Clerk
Hazard



Hurston Webb
Hydro
Maintenance
Mechanic
Charleston



Orville Napier
Meter
Serviceman B
Roanoke



R. P. Miller
Transportation
Supervisor
Abingdon



N. R. Crumbaker
Assistant Shift
Operating
Engineer
Clinch River
Plant



Wayne Shelton
General
Maintenance Man
Ashland



V. R. Parris
Auto
Repairman A
Abingdon



Thalia Myles
Stenographer
Bluefield



E. A. Clay
Engineering Aide
Kingsport



R. C. Coffman
Engineering Aide
Charleston



Helen Troutman
Stenographer
Beckley



W. F. Farris
Station Man B
Bluefield



Jessie Hill
T&D Clerk
Bluefield



W. W. Munsey
Station Man A
Bluefield



Astor Ledford
Chief Of Party
Hazard



W. C. Cox
Instrument Man
Bluefield



W. D. Bennett
Meter Reader
Charleston



C. W. Arthur
Truck Driver-
Groundman
Charleston



D. W. Hope
Retired
Cabin Creek
Plant



Robia Mullins
Maintenance
Mechanic A
Glen Lyn Plant



E. R. Biggs
General Stores
Supervisor
GO-Roanoke



D. E. Brown
Instrument
Maintenance
Mechanic B
Glen Lyn Plant



R. A. Campbell
T&D Clerk
Senior
Lynchburg



D. L. Garrison
Maintenance
Mechanic A
Glen Lyn Plant



Jeanne Sheets
Administrative
Assistant B
Kanawha River
Plant



R. S. Johnson
Master
Maintenance Man
Kanawha River
Plant

20➔
Years



Stella Cooper
Stenographer
Huntington



W. H. Lively
Line Inspector
Beckley



E. J. Morgan
Assistant Shift
Operating
Engineer
Philip Sporn
Plant



Richard
Baumgardner
Lineman A
Huntington



C. W. O'Daniels
Yard Foreman
Kanawha River
Plant



L. J. Mills, Jr.
Area Serviceman
Bluefield



Janet Wynot
Draftsman Senior
Roanoke

SERVICE

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



Service
Anniversaries

Appalachian Power Company

BLUEFIELD DIVISION—15 YEARS: CLYDE O. WELCH, JR., Head T&D Clerk. J. DONALD HAYNES, Administrative Clerk Commercial. 10 YEARS: CLANCY C. MULLINS, Heating and Builder Sales Representative. 5 YEARS: JOHN E. DAVIDSON, T&D Clerk Senior. HAROLD W. LANIER, Engineer B.

CHARLESTON DIVISION—15 YEARS: M. T. WOOD, Sales Supervisor.

CLINCH RIVER PLANT—15 YEARS: DON JONAS, Chemist.

GENERAL OFFICE—15 YEARS: HOWARD D. BREWER, Transmission Foreman. R. D. COFFMAN, Lead Draftsman. 10 YEARS: JERRY L. FERNATT, T&D Instrumentman. JAMES F. MAILE, Payroll Control Supervisor. 5 YEARS: VELMA N. CALL, Classification Clerk. VIRGIL W. BOEH, Head Reproduction Section.

GLEN LYN PLANT—15 YEARS: THOMAS L. BROTHERTON, Maintenance Helper.

HUNTINGTON DIVISION—5 YEARS: LONDON STEPP, Heating and Builder Sales Representative.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON DIVISION—5 YEARS: HERBERT A. DOLIN, Meterman B.

LYNCHBURG DIVISION—25 YEARS: WALTER CLINTON BLANKENSHIP, Groundman.

PULASKI DIVISION—15 YEARS: WILLIE M. GARDNER, Lineman A. 10 YEARS: RALPH K. HEDGE, Maintenance Man.

ROANOKE DIVISION—10 YEARS: R. A. ANTHONY, Meter Reader.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—10 YEARS: JOHN P. SAVER, Tripper Operator. 5 YEARS: JOHN H. MANLEY, Maintenance Man. GLENN L. JOHNSON, Maintenance Man. CHARRIS F. MCDANIEL, Auxiliary Equipment Operator. RUSSELL L. WOOD, Maintenance Man.

Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DIVISION—10 YEARS: EARL F. HAWKINS, Commercial-Industrial Sales Supervisor.

HAZARD DIVISION—25 YEARS: MARVIN HOLBROOK, Serviceman Senior. JOHN K. CODY, Station Man B.

Kingsport Power Company

5 YEARS: PAULINE HARKLEROAD, Customer Accounts Representative B.

Sporn Promotes
Couch And Smith



Couch Smith

Two equipment operators at Philip Sporn Plant have been promoted to unit foremen. They are Walter R. Couch and Luther O. Smith.

Couch began his career at Philip Sporn Plant as a coal handler in 1950. He moved to the Maintenance Department in February 1951 and was promoted to maintenance man in 1952. In 1957 he became an auxiliary equipment operator and was named equipment operator in 1964. A native of Pennsylvania, Couch now makes his home in Pomeroy, Ohio, with his wife, four sons and two daughters.

Smith was employed as a laborer at Philip Sporn Plant in March 1952. He worked as a coal handler before moving to the Maintenance Department as a helper in August 1952. He was promoted to junior maintenance man in 1955 and to maintenance man in August 1957. He was named auxiliary equipment operator in November 1957 and moved up to equipment operator in 1964. Smith was born in Mason, West Virginia, and attended Wahoma High School. He and his wife have two sons.

GO Personnel Training
Section Coordinates Class
On Turbine Maintenance

Maintenance personnel from several Appalachian plants recently received instruction on how to plan an outage, inspect, repair and trouble shoot turbine generators. Harold Rulen, former field engineer for a major turbine manufacturer and now maintenance supervisor at the John Amos Plant, was the primary instructor for the 32-hour training session.

This is the first time a class on this subject has been conducted using only company personnel as instructors. In the past turbine manufacturers served in this capacity. A tape made of the recent planned outage at Clinch River Plant served as a visual aid. The tape was produced by T. K. Shepherd and T. A. Kirby, with narration by T. W. Abolin.

The Training Section of General Office Personnel was coordinator of the class.

Roanoke

Annis Craig, private secretary, is serving her second year as vice president of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Huntington Court United Methodist Church. She is also serving a second two-year term as publicity chairman for the Roanoke District Guilds.

Dreama Plybon served as a contestant on the TV show "Klassroom Kwiz", representing the Girls Auxiliary of the Franklin Heights Baptist Church at Rocky Mount. She is the daughter of Silas Plybon, Rocky Mount meter serviceman.

Michael Henry, son of Dewey Henry, assistant stores supervisor, won the company golf tournament with a gross score of 75 and a handicap of 17. A recent graduate of Concord College, he is a commercial artist. Michael received a 6-week all-expense-paid course in commercial art at Skidmore College.

Norman Shelton was recently re-elected chairman of the Virginia Furniture Manufacturers Credit Association. He is the son of J. C. Shelton, line inspector and an ILLUMINATOR correspondent.

Elizabeth M. Fridley, clerk trainee, is a part-time employee under the V.O.T. program.

Mrs. Lois Gordon, widow of deceased employee William L. Gordon, was elected chairman of the Roanoke District, Wesleyan Service Guild. She is also chairman of the Service Guild of the Greene Memorial United Methodist Church and general chairman for the statewide annual meeting scheduled to convene in Roanoke. In preparation for this responsibility, she attended the national annual meeting in Texas.



Mrs. Gordon

Fieldale

W. H. Kahle, area serviceman at Danville, has been elected chairman of the Training Committee, Dan River District, Boy Scouts of America.

Michael Kahle, son of W. H. Kahle, has been selected a member of the Little League All-Star Team for the City of Danville.

Melvin W. Brown, Fieldale customer accounts supervisor, won the first flight in the Seniors Tournament of the Virginia State Golf Association. He has also been re-elected chairman of the Congressional Action Committee of the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce.

Wynn Gravely was one of three girls representing Virginia to attend the two-week Candles to Capsules Girls Scout event at Williamsburg. Ninety-seven senior Girl Scouts from 30 states and 4 countries were in attendance. The daughter of Dillard Gravely, engineer B, she is the leader of Troop 772, Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church of Martinsville.

Gary Martin, son of Roy Martin, Stuart meter serviceman, was named Scouter of the Month for August in Troop 69, Patrick Springs, Virginia.

Oliver A. McBride received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Richmond. He is the son of Aubrey McBride, auto repairman.

It Pays To Advertise

Doris Young, general clerk, Commercial, reports several new pupils have enrolled in a Roanoke ceramics class—one as far away as Pulaski. They first read about the class in an article in the July issue of THE ILLUMINATOR.

Happenings Around The Circuit

Hazard

Jack Caudill, heating sales representative, has been elected lieutenant governor of division 8 of the Kiwanis Club. He has held various offices in the Hazard club, including president, board member, division chairman of the Support of Churches Committee and other committee assignments.



Caudill

Recent graduates of the Dale Carnegie course held in Hazard were David Begley, heating sales representative; K. C. Breashear, Jr., commercial and power sales representative; Mrs. Gaine Stidham, wife of the division superintendent; and Mrs. Tom E. Watts, wife of the draftsman.

H. C. Barnett, engineering record clerk, and his wife were awarded a scholarship trip to the Boy Scouts of America Philmont training center in Cimarron, New Mexico. An active adult Scouter for the past ten years, he has served as Scoutmaster, district chairman and is now district operating chairman. He is a holder of the Silver Beaver Award.

Carolyn Nix, Engineering Department, is a new employee.

Abingdon

Mike McFall posted an all-A average at East Carolina University last quarter, and Ed McFall made the dean's list at the school. They are the sons of William McFall, line foreman.

J. E. Prater, heating and builder sales representative, is in charge of filming the varsity football games for Abingdon High School.

Loviss Countiss, home sales representative, and her husband Jimmy were elected to the church board of the Abingdon Methodist Church.

J. C. Hughes is serving as co-chairman of Abingdon's small business concerns for the United Fund drive.

Pulaski

Mrs. Elrica Sowers Graham was awarded a master of science degree at the August commencement of Radford College. She is the wife of Andrew L. Graham, Jr., power sales engineer.

Donald S. Pratt, commercial sales engineer, has been elected secretary of the board of deacons of Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church.

Judith Garland Covey, daughter of D. G. Covey, master maintenance man at Claytor Hydro, graduated from Radford College in August with a bachelor of science degree in health and physical education.

Huntington

S/Sgt. Ronald L. Roush received the Army Commendation Medal in Vietnam. He is the son of L. I. Roush, Point Pleasant area pony express messenger.

General Office

New employees in Roanoke are Terry L. Nabers, draftsman; Robert S. Simpson, right of way agent; and Jo Ann Spencer, clerk trainee.

Donald R. Torman and Richard D. Gardner, transmission man helpers, are new employees in the General Office T&D Transmission Section, Bluefield.

L. D. Evans, heating and air conditioning sales engineer, received a diploma from Edison Electric Institute for completing a course for Instructors in Financial Analysis. This is part of a nationwide program known as ACCESS, Alternate Choice Comparison for Energy System Selection.

L. L. Koontz, residential sales supervisor, was recognized by Markel Electric Products, Inc., for his outstanding contributions to the electric heating industry.

Pikeville

Perry Cline, Jr., stationman B, was named to the President's Advisory Council of Pikeville College.

Charles Zoellers was the All-Star third baseman for Pikeville Little League All Stars and advanced to the divisional runner-up before being defeated.

David Chafin, meter reader, was the All-Star manager for the All Star team in the Pikeville Babe Ruth League. The team was defeated in the divisional play-off.

Cabin Creek

Donald E. Ballard, master maintenance man, was elected first vice president of the Chelyan Lions Club.

New employees are Patrick A. Dalporto, performance engineer; James W. Martin, Jerry Lee Smith, David M. Hall, Kenneth C. Moore, Jr., and Everette F. Kirk, laborer crew.

Cantaloupe Champs



Clyde and Mark Landreth, sons of D. C. Landreth, engineer B in Abingdon, hold a "whopping" 12 lb. 3 oz. cantaloupe they grew. The boys have been selling cantaloupes this summer; in fact, their parents complained that the boys did such a thorough job selling that there were none left for their own use.

Charleston

Miller C. Porterfield, vice president of Appalachian and Charleston division manager, was elected vice president of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

David and Lonnie DeHart, sons of Robert DeHart, St. Albans transmission man, were recently cited by the National Boy Scouts of America for saving their brother's life. They were awarded the National Court of Honor Medal of Merit for Heroism at an executive board meeting of the Buckskin Council. The life-saving act was reported in the June issue of THE ILLUMINATOR.

Jack Shaver, accounting supervisor, has been named chairman of the United Fund Drive for the Charleston Division of Appalachian.

John Frazier, personnel supervisor, was named to the board of directors of the West Virginia Safety Council.

T. K. Rhodes, retired line inspector, recently visited the Charleston office.

Hubert K. Shabdue, area development coordinator, was elected to the board of directors of the West Virginia Industrial Development Association.

Nick Roomy, executive assistant, was named to the Steering Committee of the Governor's Food and Agriculture Exhibition.

Bobby Jones, Charleston Division employee, has returned from military service.

Bill Currey, administrative assistant, was named newspaper editor of the Information Committee of the Governor's Food and Agriculture Exhibition.

Fred Helm, sales manager, has been named chairman of the Commerce and Industry Division of the Kanawha Valley United Fund.

Logan-Williamson

Cecil Ball, Williamson station foreman, has been elected president of the Mingo County Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America. James Muncy, lineman A, was elected first vice president, and Albert Brown, meterman A, will serve as secretary and treasurer.



Ball

Claude David Hitchcock, lineman helper, is a new employee.

Elba Samson, meter reader, served as an umpire for the Little League regional playoffs and the West Virginia State Little League Championship playoffs.

David Vankovich, meter reader, has returned from a tour of duty with the U. S. Army.

Retired line foreman Jack Fife, a resident of Florida, visited the Logan office and service building.

Mary Randan, Logan cashier, won a portable television set as first prize in a recent raffle conducted by the Chapmanville Kiwanis Club. Chester Elkins, service coordinator, sold her the winning ticket.

Lynchburg

John W. Vaughan, division manager, has been appointed to the Steering Committee of Citizens United, an organization formed to encourage community unity and assert positive leadership to support the public schools.

Joseph W. McCarthy, retired customer accounts supervisor, has accepted a position as bookkeeper at the Presbyterian Home in Lynchburg.

Louise S. Jennings, T&D clerk, has returned to work following the birth of a daughter.

Bluefield

W. M. Fisher, tracer, has been elected president of the West Virginia Chapter of Red Men. The Improved Order of Red Men was chartered by Congress in 1906 and is one of the oldest patriotic groups in the United States.



Fisher

Kenneth A. Jackson, customer accounting supervisor, has been appointed to represent Brushfork on a newly-formed advisory committee to work with the Mercer County Board of Education for an improved school system.

Mrs. Paul W. Parks, wife of the commercial clerk, attended the summer meeting of the West Virginia Group, National Association of Bank Women. She is a trust officer at Flat Top National Bank.

Mrs. C. E. Dangerfield, wife of the Pocahontas area serviceman, was elected first vice president of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 14.

Two employees' wives were installed as officers of the College Avenue Baptist Church Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. W. C. Kidd, wife of the retired T&D superintendent, is president and Mrs. Ray Heldreth, wife of the dealer sales representative, is secretary of the organization.

Mrs. Sydne B. Montague has been nominated by the Bland Street Methodist Church to appear in the 1970 edition of *Outstanding Young Women of America*. She is the wife of J. P. Montague, electrical engineer senior.

Sank Smith, retired Welch district personnel supervisor who now lives in Texas, spent the month of July with his brothers and sisters at Claytor Lake. D. C. Wright, Bluefield administrative assistant, and Alice R. Spencer, retired personnel assistant, accompanied him on a trip to visit other retired employees.

New employees are James W. Rorer, rodman; Arvin E. Martin, stationman helper A; Ronald W. Bruffey and Vernon R. Mullins, lineman helpers.

Ashland

Three Ashland employees will assist in the 1970 Boyd County Community Chest-Red Cross campaign. Co-chairmen of the drive are R. E. Matthews, commercial manager, and Earl Hawkins, commercial-industrial sales coordinator. Hawkins also serves as chairman of the public service division of the campaign. Ralph Evick, administrative assistant, is captain of the utilities section.

Willa Sue Bowen, junior clerk, is a new employee in Division Accounting.

Kanawha River

New employees are George Williamson, III, G. C. Dahlin, R. A. Hall and W. R. Konicek, laborers. V. C. Hughes is a new employee in the Performance Department.

Philip Sporn

Keith E. Arnold, shift operating engineer, finished second place in the South Eastern Ohio Seniors Golf Tournament. Some 100 golfers participated in the tournament.

New employees are Gary L. Westmoreland, Raymond R. Sisk, Jr., and Roger E. Weaver, utility men B.

Four Transfer To Amos Plant



Perry Reese



Winter Stanley

Four men have been transferred to positions at the John E. Amos Plant. Jerry L. Perry, chemist at the Cabin Creek Plant, was transferred October 1, 1970. William J. Reese, unit foreman at Kanawha, becomes unit foreman at Amos. Kenneth G. Winter and Max W. Stanley, equipment operators at Kanawha, have been promoted to unit foremen at Amos.

Perry began working at the Cabin Creek Plant in March 1966 as a chemist assistant and was promoted to chemist in November 1968. In May 1970, after attending evening classes for eight years, he was graduated from Morris Harvey College with a BS in chemistry.

Reese had worked at Kanawha since 1953. Beginning as a laborer, he became auxiliary equipment operator in September 1954. He was promoted to equipment operator in March 1958 and became unit foreman in September 1969.

Winter was employed as a laborer at Kanawha in May 1956 and became auxiliary equipment operator in March 1958. He was promoted to equipment operator in September 1969.

Stanley began working at the Kanawha River Plant in January 1958 as a laborer and became utility operator in September 1958. He was promoted to auxiliary equipment operator in October 1962 and became equipment operator in January 1970.

J. E. Long, Jr. Taken By Death

James Edward Long, Jr., custodian in the General Office General Services Department, Roanoke, died September 7 following brain surgery. He had been off from work since early June.

A native of Lynchburg, Virginia, he was a graduate of Lucy Addison High School. He served in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1943 to 1946. He began his career with Appalachian in February 1948 in Roanoke.

Long was a member of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Roanoke. He is survived by his wife and one daughter.



Long

Ashland Mis-fits Softball Champs



Melinda Ackerman is pictured holding the trophy the Mis-fits won as the 19th district Kentucky state champs.

The Mis-fits of Ashland, 19th district champs, won the state trophy in the Kentucky Women's Amateur Softball Association tournament in Lexington, Kentucky, recently. Ending with a 6-1 record, the team played outstanding defensive ball throughout the tournament.

Melinda Ackerman, secretarial stenographer in the Ashland Division managerial department, plays center field for the team.

Familiar Faces In New Places

Appalachian Power Company

Beckley Division

WILLIAM C. HAM from Auto Repairman B to Auto Repairman A.

Bluefield Division

JESSIE JAMES LANE from Truck Driver-Groundman to Lineman C. BOBBY STANFORD HYLTON from Lineman A to Line Foreman (non-exempt). JOHN EDWARD ROWAN, JR., from Lineman Helper to Lineman C. ONSBIE ALLEN YATES from Customer Accounts Representative B to Customer Accounts Representative A. FREDERICK LEE FARLEY from Customer Accounts Representative A, Bluefield, to Customer Accounts Supervisor G, Welch. CLIFFORD LEE SLEDD from Lineman C to Lineman B.

Cabin Creek Plant

LELAND L. BALL from Laborer to Turbine Auxiliary Equipment Operator A. D. L. WAUGH from Laborer to Utility Operator A. G. L. HESS from Laborer to Utility Operator A. A. L. KUHL from Laborer to Utility Operator A. K. E. O'NEAL from Turbine Auxiliary Equipment Operator A to Equipment Operator. P. W. HALL from Laborer to Utility Operator B.

Charleston Division

RAY O. WALKER from Right of Way Agent to Records Supervisor.

Clinch River Plant

WALTER J. DOTSON from Laborer to Utility Man. BILLY D. BREEDING from Laborer to Utility Operator B. EDMOND A. ROSE from Laborer to Utility Operator B. CALVIN A. THOMAS from Utility Man to Utility Operator B. J. RICHARD BARNETTE from Utility Operator B to Equipment Operator. JERRY W. JOHNSON from Utility Operator B to Equipment Operator. KENNETH D. LAMBERT from Utility Operator B to Equipment Operator. ALVIN E. HARRISON from Utility Operator B to Equipment Operator.

General Office

BETTY JO RADFORD from Clerk Trainee to PBX Operator. LINDA C. ADDAIR from General Accounting Clerk to General Accounting Clerk Senior. J. T. CHILDRESS from Station Maintenance Man B to Station Maintenance Man A. JERRY D. REEDY from Rodman to Transmission Man Helper. IMOGENE TURNER from Clerk Typist to Clerk Stenographer. M. K. HAYNES from Regional Dispatcher, Roanoke Regional Dispatch Office, to Operations Coordinator, Operations Control Office.

Glen Lyn Plant

PAUL R. BOULDIN from Utility Coal Handler to Brakeman. ROY STANLEY MEADOWS from Utility Operator to Coal Sampler. ROY E. PENDLETON, JR., from Auxiliary Equipment Operator (Upper Pump) to Auxiliary Equipment Operator. JAMES W. GOINS from Utility Operator to Auxiliary Equipment Operator (Upper Pump). HARRY LEWIS BUCKLAND, JR., from Utility Man to Utility Coal Handler. GEORGE H. HIGGINBOTHAM from Utility Man to Utility Operator. JAMES H. SMITH from Utility Man to Utility Operator.

Kanawha River Plant

ROBERT T. HARDY from Test Engineering Aide to Engineer B. LEWIS A. JOHNSON from Test Engineering Aide to Engineer B.

Logan-Williamson Division

JAMES E. JEFFERS from Stationman Helper A to Lineman Helper. DAWNA C. PERRY, Customer Representative B, from Man to Logan. PAUL JEFFREY, Dealer Sales Representative, from Man to Logan.

Lynchburg Division

TERRY LEE KNIGHT from Clerk Trainee to Clerk Typist. WILLIAM THOMAS MARTIN, II, from Lineman C to Lineman B.

Roanoke Division

J. R. FRAZIER, JR., from Lineman B to Lineman A. T. M. BERKHEAD from Lineman B to Lineman A.

Philip Sporn Plant

STANLEY R. LEMLEY from Coal Handler to Maintenance Helper. ROBERT E. BOWEN from Utility Man B to Utility Man A. VIRGIL W. WATSON from Utility Man B to Utility Man A. RUSSELL E. LANIER from Clerk Typist to Plant Stores Record Clerk. CARL M. CLINE from Utility Man B to Utility Man A. GEORGE J. KORN, JR., from Utility Man B to Utility Man A. BRACY D. KINNAIRD from Utility Man B to Utility Man A. LARRY B. HAYNES from Utility Man B to Utility Man A.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland Division

GEORGE H. WHITE from Lineman B to Lineman A. EARL F. HAWKINS from Commercial-Industrial Sales Coordinator to Commercial-Industrial Sales Supervisor.

Saunders Dies At Bluefield

L. H. (Jack) Saunders, former personnel supervisor in Bluefield, died September 11, 1970. He had worked more than 39 years for the company prior to his retirement February 1, 1955.

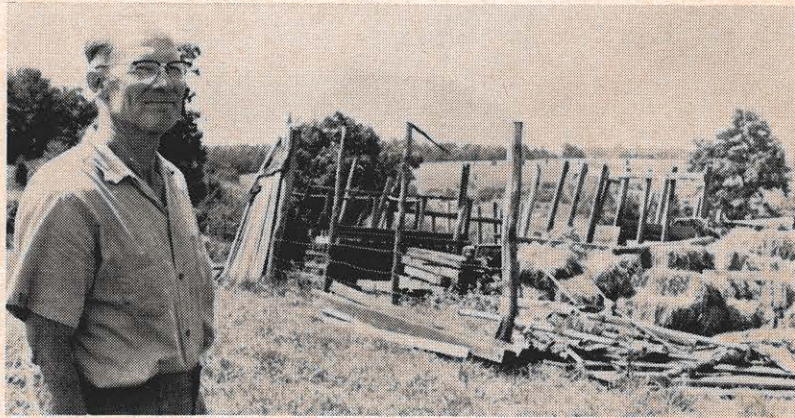
Saunders was born February 8, 1890, at Bedford, Virginia. He graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy in 1907 and National Business College in Roanoke in 1911. He was employed by the old Appalachian Power Company in Bluefield December 22, 1915, as secretary to the general manager. In 1941 he became an assistant to the division manager, and in 1945 he was promoted to administrative assistant. In 1949 he was made division personnel supervisor and retained that position until his retirement.

Married and the father of five children, he was a member of the College Avenue Baptist Church and the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce.



Saunders

"How to make your car last a lifetime— Just don't use the seat belt."



Tornado-Force Winds Do Extensive Damage To Farm Of Employee

Pictured above is E. V. (Genie) Proehl overlooking the remains of a barn destroyed by a recent tornado which struck a narrow path across his farm located South of Bedford. Some 100 bales of hay, which were stored in the barn for winter feeding, were scattered about the countryside. A ten-room house on the property lost a portion of its roof and large trees on the front lawn were twisted off near ground level. Proehl, station man A at Lynchburg, lives at Evington and purchased the 65-acre property for raising cattle and a future retirement home.

Heart Attack Fells T. C. Dorton, Jr.

Thomas C. Dorton, Jr., 53, died of an apparent heart attack August 29 while squirrel hunting on Bays Mountain near Kingsport. He was a line foreman for Kingsport Power.

A native of Scott County, Virginia, he joined the company in August 1951 as a lineman. He was promoted to line foreman in 1962. A veteran of World War II, Dorton received the Purple Heart while serving in the European Theater. He attended the Methodist church.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and three grandchildren.



Dorton

Radford Stores Supervisor Dies

Thomas A. Roberts, Jr., stores supervisor at Radford Steam Plant, died July 30, 1970, at age 59. He joined Appalachian at Pulaski in 1931 as a storeroom helper.

In 1936 he was promoted to assistant storekeeper and worked in that capacity in the Pulaski and Roanoke Divisions until his transfer to the Radford Plant in 1951. He was made stores supervisor in 1952.

Roberts is survived by a sister Virginia N. Roberts who, prior to early retirement, was a secretarial-stenographer in the Pulaski Division.



Roberts

John C. Nutter Dies In Accident

John Carl Nutter, Jr., line foreman, Charleston Division, was fatally injured September 11, 1970, while working at Kirbyton, near Seth, West Virginia.

Nutter, a native of Smithville, West Virginia, began working for Appalachian June 3, 1946, as a meter helper. In 1947 he was promoted to meter serviceman C, and in 1955 he was made meter serviceman A. He became a line foreman in 1969 and moved from St. Albans to North Charleston. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.



Nutter

Employees' Children Take Honors In Summer Swimming Competition



Showing off the awards they won in swimming competition this Summer are (from left) Susan Biggs, Melanie Sue Bridges, William Lee Bridges and Ricky Hubbard.

Children of three Roanoke General Office employees took honors in state and local swimming competition this Summer.

Susan, 11-year-old daughter of E. R. Biggs, general stores supervisor, swam in the Junior Olympics at Quantico, Virginia, as a member of the Roanoke Valley Athletic Association Relay Team. The team placed ninth in the 200 meter freestyle and seventh in the 200 meter individual medley. She also made good showings in Roanoke City-County competition and was awarded a trophy for "most improved" swimmer on the Forest Hill Swim Team.

Two children of Kermit Bridges, distribution engineer senior, participated in their first year of competition in the Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association, swimming for

the Castle Rock Swim Club. Melanie Sue, 6, and William Lee, 9, won nine ribbons in weekly swim meets and three medals in the Roanoke City-County Championship. Each also received a trophy.

Ricky Hubbard, 8-year-old son of W. T. Hubbard, electric plant and stores accounting supervisor, received a trophy as the outstanding swimmer on the Olympic Park Swim Team. He also received a gold and a bronze medal in the Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association league championship for first place in the 100 meter individual medley and third place in the 25 meter backstroke. Other awards he won in ten meets include seven first-places, nine second-places, two third-places, one fourth-place and two fifth-places.



Creedle looks at the picture of his team and the league and city championship trophies they won this season.

The Name Of The Game Is Win

"There were simply so many boys who wanted to play ball and couldn't get on a team that I asked the Moose Lodge to sponsor another team, which they did. That was 8 years ago." These were the words of Mel Creedle when asked about the two trophies the team he manages recently won. This year his team was presented a trophy for being winner in their league. They also received the Archie

Cooper American League trophy for winning the city championship. Creedle, communications engineer in the General Office Operations Department in Roanoke, is sports director and treasurer for Moose Lodge No. 284. He has coached his teams to four championships in the past 8 years. This year's record was sixteen wins and two losses.

The Employees' Fall Golf Tournament At Bluefield Attracts Twenty-four



Winners in the recently held golf tournament at Bluefield were (left to right) kneeling: Jack Newland, Dan Sayers, and Tom Henley; standing: Bob Crowder, Bob Simmons, Ernie Linkous, O. L. Robinson.

The 18-hole golf course at Fin-castle Country Club in Bluefield was the setting for the annual employees' Fall golf tournament. This year 24 employees participated in the event.

The winners included R. D. Simmons with a gross low score of 82, Bob Crowder with a net low of 72,

and O. L. Robinson with the second net low of 73. E. W. Linkous and Dan Sayers held the third and fourth net low scores. W. C. Groseclose won six balls for being closest to the pin at the fourth hole, and E. W. Linkous won six for having the longest drive on the first hole.

Huntington Bowling League Formed



Getting things in order for the new bowling season of the APCO Kilowatt League in Huntington are the recently installed officers (left to right) Monte Huffman, president; Charles Hoschar, secretary; Joyce George, vice president; Mark Lynch, treasurer.

36-Inch Beans

Chester's 26-Foot-High Beanstalk Draws Attention Of Curious Neighbors

We've all heard about Jack and his beanstalk that grew to the high kingdom of the giants. Charleston Division's Chester Spradling, commercial food representative, not only heard the story but has come close to duplicating the feat.

Chester, whose interest in food is well known among his friends, received a packet of seeds from a friend in Texas. True to the image of Texans, Chester's friend pinned a note to the packet explaining that these were truly Texas green beans. How true this proved to be was not fully appreciated until the seeds had been planted and the plants had grown.

Chester, a bachelor, lives in a second floor apartment. He told his downstairs neighbor about the seeds and they decided jointly to plant them in a small plot of earth next to the apartment building below their back windows. As the summer growing season progressed, so did the bean vines. By mid-summer, the vines had reached nearly twelve feet and had begun to flower. Since then the vines have continued to grow until they are now 26 feet long. The beans which cover the vines average about 36 inches in length; in fact, one bean measured 42 inches.

Chester, although hesitant to climb the vine as Jack did, decided to pick and eat some of the beans. A few beans made a pot full, and Chester reports that they were



Chester Spradling is shown holding a 32-inch-long green bean and standing beside his 26-foot-high beanstalk.

delicious. He reports that "many of our neighbors have asked what kind of fertilizer we are using, and, of course, a number have asked if we traded a cow for the seeds as Jack did in the fairy tale."

Carl Schmidt Comes To The Aid Of Honeymooners After Auto Accident

Carl A. Schmidt, customer accounts representative in Pulaski, knows the value of first aid training when confronted with the task of caring for injured people.

He recalls that about 8:45 P.M., while driving up Christiansburg Mountain during a heavy rain, he came upon a compact convertible which had been wrecked. Due to a blowout of a front tire, the vehicle had left the right side of the road, hit the bank, and landed on its side. Schmidt said he "stopped, put on my emergency blinking lights and began to help the people out of the wrecked car. There were three adults and a 14-months-old child in the car, all of whom had cuts on their heads, arms, and legs."

There were no broken bones or other injuries, so he stopped the bleeding with compress bandages from the first aid kit in his car. Soon other cars had stopped and a life saving crew arrived. Schmidt followed them to a Christiansburg hospital, stayed until they were released, and then took them to

a motel. Included in the group were Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, Silver Spring, Maryland, who had been married that morning, and Mrs. Tomlinson and her child of Asheville, North Carolina. The couple was en route to take Mrs. Tomlinson, the bride's sister, home before continuing their honeymoon.

Schmidt stayed with them until the Marshalls' parents and Mrs. Tomlinson's husband had been called and arrangements had been made to come for them the following day. Schmidt, who later received letters of thanks for his attention, said, "I'm just glad I'd completed a first aid refresher course 3 days before the accident."

Employee's Son A-1 Crew Chief

"My son has worked directly under three Presidents". That's what John W. Darlington, master maintenance man at Cabin Creek Plant, has to boast about his son, M/Sgt. Thomas F. Gilbraith.

M/Sgt. Gilbraith is crew chief on the big A-1 jet reserved for President Richard M. Nixon at Andrews Air Force Base. His main duties are to keep the plane in top condition and ready for takeoff when needed. He also served under the late President Kennedy and former President Johnson.

When the Darlingtons visited their son in August, he was able to obtain security passes for them to tour the plane. It's really something to see," stated Darlington. "We were right up where the President has his desk. There really is a hot line telephone and it is red, just like in the movies. My son said each President has the plane decorated to his own taste. It was really nice and quite comfortable."



M/Sgt. Gilbraith

D. A. Buckland Takes New Post

D. A. "Corky" Buckland, maintenance mechanic A, has been promoted to utility foreman at Glen Lyn Plant. A twenty-one-year veteran of Appalachian, he began his career as a laborer in 1949, moved up to mechanical maintenance helper in 1951, and maintenance man in 1954. He became maintenance mechanic B in 1956 and was promoted to maintenance mechanic A in February 1957.



Buckland

A native of Monroe County, West Virginia, Buckland lives at Cashmere, West Virginia, with his wife, two sons and daughter. He is active in community affairs and is a member of the Peterstown Baptist Church.

Hole-In-One



Using a #5 wood, Gordon Craig, Abingdon agricultural engineer, made a hole-in-one on the 190-yard, par 3 #7 hole at Glenrochie Country Club. He was playing in a foursome when the event occurred. T. D. Fields (right), a representative of the Ram Golf Company, presented him with a dozen golf balls.

Sons Cause Father To Broaden His Sports Interests To Include Football



Bobby Ragland watches while his own sons practice football plays he has taught them and other boys on the team.

"Parents will do almost anything for their children," is a statement frequently made in families. And this can be said about Bobby Ragland, lead draftsman in the Roanoke Division T&D Department, who is now a coach in the North Roanoke Midget football program.

Ragland has always been an enthusiastic sportsman. He began participating in sports at age 15 while a student at Andrew Lewis High School. At that time, the school had no softball team, so he played on a team outside the school

comprised mostly of 25-and 30-year-old men. More recently he played on the Scrappers, one of Roanoke's best softball teams, for 10 years.

Having always been interested in softball, baseball, and basketball, his interests have broadened to include football coaching. The primary reason for this new interest is his own two sons, David 7 and Dale 5, who are eager football players. David plays on the team his father coaches and Dale, who is too young, loves to practice with the members of the team.

Career Girls As Efficient On The Farm As They Are In The Office



Helen (left) and Janet work on a new water system for their horses.

Close friends and fellow workers. They share a love for horses. They spend hours working together on a farm.

Unusual? No, not unless you consider the fact these two friends are Janet Wynot and Helen Young, and farming is not usually considered "woman's work".

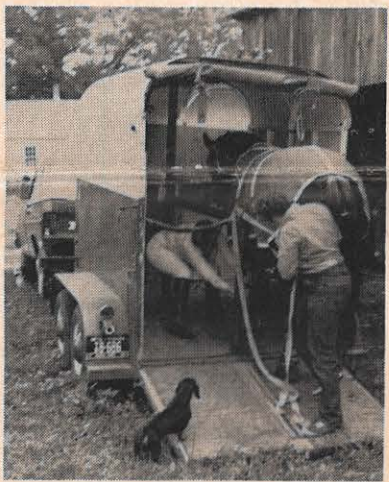
Janet is senior draftsman and Helen an engineer B in the Roanoke Division T&D Department. Janet has a 106-acre farm on Bent Mountain in Roanoke County. Helen owns 50 acres a half mile away and is trying to buy another farm more conveniently located to Janet's.

Helen's farm is leased at the present so they both reside at Janet's. A "tenant" does the bulk of the farming such as mowing hay, raking and baling. But the girls share together in doing whatever else needs to be done. They can and do cut weeds and thistles

in the pasture, fix fences, pitch hay, dig ditches and pick apples from Janet's 50 trees. They recently installed a new water system for their four horses, doing the labor themselves.

For relaxation and fun, they belong to the Rockbridge Hunt Club and Roanoke Valley Horsemen's Association. Here again, work is involved. They groom and care for the horses themselves and blanket and load the mounts for hauling in a special horse trailer.

They almost had to give up on one job recently—loading "George", a half-breed hunting horse in the trailer. In typical feminine fashion, Janet pulled, Helen pushed but "George" didn't want to go. As in most situations, however, the women prevailed and "George" was persuaded.



Janet (left) and Helen use a little "friendly persuasion" on "George."

Sowers Named Line Supervisor

Paul L. Sowers, senior line foreman in Pulaski, has been promoted to line supervisor. He succeeds Stanley C. Smith, who retired September 1.



Sowers

A 24-year Appalachian veteran, Sowers joined the company in July 1946. He worked with the line crew at Wytheville until 1950 when he moved to Hillsville. He served in these locations as clerk, groundman, lineman and line foreman (non-exempt). He was promoted to senior line foreman in Pulaski in 1968.

A native of Floyd County, Virginia, Sowers is married and has one daughter.

Virginia W. Renn Takes New Post

Virginia W. Renn, customer accounts representative B, has been promoted to customer accounting supervisor of the Williamson area of the Logan-Williamson Division. She succeeds the late Harry M. Strong.



Mrs. Renn

Mrs. Renn began her career with Appalachian as a junior clerk at Williamson in 1951. All of her service has been in the Williamson Accounting Department, where she has held the positions of contract entry and final bill clerk, junior bookkeeper, merchandise bookkeeper, general clerk senior, and customer accounts representative B.

A graduate of Williamson High School, she is married and has a son and a daughter.

Stone Views Son-In-Law On CBS Evening News, Reporting From Saigon

Earl Stone, Charleston Division transportation coordinator, gets to see his son-in-law practically every night. If he wants to see his daughter Mary Lou, however, he would have to travel to Saigon.

Stone's son-in-law is Ed Rabel, one of CBS TV network's top news reporters. Mary Lou met and married Ed in their hometown of St. Albans. After college, he became news director for WCHS-TV, a CBS affiliate in Charleston. Later he worked with the CBS news team in New York and from there transferred to their Southern Bureau in Atlanta. Always the adventurer, Ed asked for the assignment to Saigon as a war correspondent. Now Ed and Mary Lou are on their way to Saigon for a two-year stay.

Stone commented, "Mary Lou always said she would stay by his side wherever he was assigned, and this really proves it." She is well prepared for traveling outside the United States. While in Atlanta, she worked as a teacher in the world-famous Bullitz School of Languages. She taught conversational English to people from many European and Asian countries.

Stone has another daughter, Laura Alice, who resides in Texas with her husband and one child. He notes, "I like to travel, but in order to see my daughters, I either have to go to Saigon or Texas. Sometimes I wish the girls weren't quite so adventurous."

Don Linkous Staffs New Branch Of G. O. T&D Communications Section

A new branch of the General Office T&D Communications

Section was established in Abingdon on August 1. The new section is being initially staffed by Donald E. Linkous, communications engineer B, who transferred from Huntington. Linkous began his career with Appalachian in 1964 as an engineering aide in the General Office T&D Station Section in Charleston. He was promoted to communications engineer B in Huntington in 1966.

He attended Danville Technical Institute and is married to Shelba Linkous, stores clerk at Clinch River Plant.



Linkous

"Share In America" Campaign Brings Appalachian Recognition And Awards



Pleased about the Savings Bond accomplishment of employees are these managers, from left: W. S. White, executive vice president of Appalachian; D. C. Kennedy, Roanoke Division manager; Donald C. Hutty, deputy director of the U. S. Savings Bond Division; J. B. Berg, General Office accounting manager; W. J. Gillespie, Jr., Bluefield Division manager; J. B. White, Logan-Williamson Division manager; and W. D. Ditman, administrative assistant to the executive vice president. Ditman was coordinator of the Savings Bond campaign in the Virginia area of Appalachian. Coordinating activities in West Virginia was Nicholas Roomy, Jr., executive assistant, who is not pictured.

Company employees have been actively engaged in the "Share In America" Campaign which has increased the number of employees buying U. S. Savings Bonds as well as the amount of money that is regularly withheld. Prior to the campaign, only 649 of the total more than 4,000 Appalachian em-

ployees were buying bonds. Now more than 1,800 participate.

Two Minuteman Flags were presented by the U. S. Treasury Department in recognition of the areas with more than 500 employees whose participation was 50% or more.

Russell Fuller Entitled To Relax After More Than 45 Years' Service

Russell A. Fuller's first noteworthy achievement in his utility career was to put the entire Indiana & Michigan Electric Company system in darkness. As he recalls, "I tripped the only 138 kv source to northern Indiana and lower Michigan. Power was being generated at several small hydro plants, and the overload caused by my accident caused the whole system to go out. They sent factory men in to check the breakers, but they never did find out who did it. If they had, I probably wouldn't be a 45-year veteran today."

Russ retired September 30 as T&D cost accounting coordinator in the General Office T&D Department in Roanoke.

His first job was the installation of switchboards for the initial units at Twin Branch Plant. After the work was completed he did similar work with Union Gas and Electric Company and Columbus Railway Power and Light. He returned to the AEP System as a switchboard engineer for Indiana & Michigan at South Bend in 1927.

Later he transferred to Appalachian, where he worked in a construction camp at Saltville. "I furnished hard work and brawn back in the pioneer days. We worked 10 hours a day, six and seven days a week, and thought nothing about it. I think I made about 75c an hour."

It was while working in a construction camp at Beaver Creek that he acquired the nickname "Duck". While driving on a stretch of road that went through a creek, the car stalled and Russ waded through the water to a farmhouse for help. While crossing the yard, a flock of geese chased him up the hillside.

For 15 years he traveled in excess of 2000 miles per month. "We would leave home on Monday morning (this was when there was still a system operating department out of Charleston) and not come back until Friday evening. Back in those days very few roads were paved. The road from Roanoke to Crows, on the way to Charleston, was a one lane dirt road. If you met someone crossing the mountain, somebody had to back up to a wide spot and let the other one pass."

When Russ began his career, the electric utility field was wide open for improvements. He initiated the development of the first removable cable trench which was installed at Turner Substation.

Queen Becomes Logan R/W Agent

Frank E. Queen, head T&D clerk in Logan, has been promoted to right of way agent.

Queen began his career with Appalachian in 1956 as a junior clerk. He was promoted to junior T&D clerk in 1957 and to T&D clerk in 1958. He became head T&D clerk in 1967.

Queen is a graduate of Logan High School and served with the U. S. Air Force from 1952 to 1956. He is married and the father of a son and a daughter. He is a member of the Elks Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Queen

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Fuller

"The first drawout relay I made from an IAC relay and a used test switch." In 1934 he initiated what is now the metal-clad cabinet type switchboard panel with color coded wiring. "If I had all the money that saved the company, I could have retired a long time ago." Russ's plan to use the system planning proposal as the basic document for capital improvement expenditure authorizations has now been substantially adopted as an AEP standard.

He and his wife Grace plan a trip to Hawaii during October and later will visit San Juan, Puerto Rico. After all his years of dedication and devotion to the company, he's looking forward to some relaxation.

Two Men, Two Snake Tales



Crabtree and 42-inch rattler he killed.

The snakes that T. F. Crabtree, serviceman A, and W. B. McGlothlin, serviceman B, encountered recently in the Abingdon Division didn't get away, but almost bit the men.

Crabtree killed a 42-inch rattler which was directly in his path while servicing a customer's meter. McGlothlin felt something tugging at his trousers while walking along a company right of way on Clinch Mountain en route to read a CATV meter. Upon looking down, he found that a rattler had caught its fangs in his trouser leg. Later, when he examined the boot, he found two small marks with venom running down the side of it. Luckily the fangs had failed to puncture his boot.

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