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## Appalachian Power Files Petitions For Rate Increase

### Record Peak Load For AEP System

Customers of the American Electric Power System used more electricity on February 1 than on any other day in history.

The System established a new one-hour peak load of 10,309,000 kilowatts from 10 to 11 a.m. (EST) that day. The previous peak of 10,201,000 kw was set on January 8 last year.

Bitterly cold weather throughout much of the seven-state AEP System service area was largely responsible for the new peak, which in turn contributed to a new high in the System's weekly total load figures. That load (the amount of electric energy the System must make available to serve its customers' requirements) was 1.42-billion kilowatt-hours during the week ended February 3. It was 8.2% above the comparable period in 1970 and 44-million kwh above the previous record.



### Bluefield Wins Top Safety Award

W. S. White, executive vice president of Appalachian (left), looks on as Jack Lloyd, Bluefield division manager, reads the inscription on the safety award he accepted on behalf of the Bluefield employees. The Bluefield Division was presented the Executive Vice President's Safety Award early last month. As of February 10, employees had worked 1,465,000 manhours without a disabling injury.

### Request Would Affect All Customers And Produce \$17-1/2-Million In Revenue

Appalachian has filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia and the State Corporation Commission of Virginia petitions seeking an increase in its electric rates. The filing took place on Monday afternoon, February 22.

The proposed new rates would be the same in both states and would provide the company with approximately \$17½-million in additional revenues, and would apply to all customers.

Of the total amount, approximately \$9.4-million would be from West Virginia, where the company has about 298,000 customers, and approximately \$8.1-million from Virginia, where the company has about 271,000 customers.

Announcement of the filing was made by W. S. White, executive vice president. White said that the company had postponed as long as possible its request for an increase in rates. "We have a 50-year history of rate reduction, but the rising cost of doing business has finally forced us to apply for an increase in the charge for our service."

"We have cut expenses in every way we know short of jeopardizing the quality of our electric service and our obligations as citizens of the communities we serve and, as a result, we have been able to keep our request to a bare-bone amount."

White explained that the requested increase would apply to all of the company's filed tariffs for residential, commercial, and industrial service in the two states.

He used these examples based on December 1970 billings to show the effect of the increase on residential customers: "If a residential customer's bi-monthly electric service bill is presently \$17.04, it would be \$18.74 under the proposed new rates. If it is \$30.26, it would be \$33.32; if it is \$40.08, it would be \$43.92; if it is \$52.96, it would be \$57.78."

Since 1922, Appalachian and its predecessor companies have acted to reduce rates to its customers in 33 of the past 50 years,

including 6 of the last 10 years. The total of these annual reductions amounts to \$14½-million.

"The cumulative savings to customers during this period has been over \$212-million, not including the multiplying effect of growth of customers or their usage," White said.

"The costs of manpower, of fuel, of materials and supplies, and interest all have been caught in an inflationary spiral. They are rising so rapidly that we are no longer able to absorb the increases through improved efficiencies and cost-cutting programs.

"For example, our state and local taxes have increased almost 26% since 1965. The cost of manpower has gone up more than 44% for the same period. And the average interest rate on borrowed money, which is an expense that must be met the same as payrolls and all other expenses of doing business, has increased from a little over 3% in 1960 to about 6.4% in 1970. For example, interest expense last year increased from \$17.3-million to \$25.7-million, a 48.8% increase over 1969 alone.

"Our primary obligation is to provide an adequate and reliable supply of electricity to our customers. To meet this obligation has required an expenditure for utility facilities of over \$345-million in the last three years, and for this year will require an additional \$121-million, one of the largest in our history," White said.

"Another factor in our need for an increase in rates is the growing cost of environmental protection facilities. In addition to the millions of dollars already expended on such facilities, Appalachian plans to invest at least \$44-million in the next few years. These are facilities for the protection of air and water, and they are a part of our obligation which we take special pride in fulfilling," White said.

Appalachian has over 569,000 customers in 21 counties in southern West Virginia and 31 counties in western Virginia.

### Residential Use Tops 7,800 Kwh

The average householder on the American Electric Power System used 7,808 kilowatt-hours of electricity in 1970. This was an increase of 507 kwh—or 6.9 per cent—in one year.

In contrast, the average residential customer for the entire investor-owned electric utility industry used an estimated 6,750 kwh last year.

For this service, AEP residential customers paid an average of 1.81 cents per kwh, a shade under the 1969 average of 1.82 cents. The investor-owned industry's average, on the other hand, was 2.21 cents.

At year's end, the AEP System was serving 138,255 electrically heated dwelling units, a gain of 20,462 over the previous year. Said another way, 953 out of every 10,000 of AEP's residential customers are heating their homes electrically.

### Thigpen, Formerly Of Appalachian, Retires From AEP Coal Purchasing



C. Knight Thigpen, who had never seen a coal mine before he started to work for American Electric Power more than 46 years ago, retired last month as manager-Coal Purchasing and one of the System's most knowledgeable coal experts.

Gone from the scene with him are his North Carolina accent, which neither time nor New York could tarnish; his habit of working with his coat off, and his reputation as one of the System's formidable smokers.

By the time he left Appalachian Power Company for the Service Corporation in 1951, he had already carved out one career. He had started as a clerk on station records in 1924, and had worked as plant chemist, results engineer, and senior engineer. At the time of his transfer, he was assistant manager of Cabin Creek Plant.

With the Service Corporation he was assigned to the Coal Procurement Division, as it was called then, located in Charleston, West Virginia. In those days, he recalls, the System used only 8-million tons a year, and there was one man in "the field" to buy it. The only problem for the coal purchaser then was the selection of source of the high-quality coal AEP needed. This period is known to historians as "the good old days," Knight says.

Now, the Coal Supply Depart-

ment maintains a staff of 12 full-time personnel in the field to buy and mine upwards of 30-million tons of coal annually, and the problem of buying coal is finding it at an affordable price. "The whole concept of coal as an energy source has changed," Knight says, "it's a different business entirely."

Over the years his job carried certain confusions. His office was in Charleston, but he also had a desk in New York. For a period of slightly more than two years, he lived in New Jersey, and commuted to New York, accent and all. Otherwise, his commuting was on the bigger scale of Charleston-to-New York. In the course of this he has logged over 650,000 air miles, and at least that much more on the ground driving through the coal areas.

In retirement, his first item of business will be to continue to extract treasure from under the surface. Two years ago, he caught a 150-pound marlin off Florida, and he says, "I want to catch another one just like it . . . or maybe bigger." That's part of the nice long vacation he is planning in Fort Myers, Florida. After that, matters are up in the air. Knight, who has worked hard and kept busy all his life, hasn't had time to make many retirement plans.

After the vacation, he and his wife will live in Charleston. They have a married son and a grandchild. There is a set of golf clubs around, but "I've never had the time to really use them. Maybe this year."

### K-Wop, JA Sponsored By Kingsport Power, Named Company Of The Month



Boyce L. Lowery, president of JA "K-Wop" Company, sells a share of stock to C. J. Bryan, executive vice president, Kingsport Power Company.

### Robinette Honored As Top Salesman

L. W. "Red" Robinette, Bluefield power sales engineer, was presented the Top Salesman Award by the Bluefield Sales Executive Club. The award is given annually to the individual attaining the highest percentage sales quota.



Robinette

Robinette was the top salesman in commercial and industrial sales for Bluefield Division and also the entire Appalachian Power Company.

He began his career with the company in 1947 and worked in Huntington and Williamson before resigning in 1952. He returned in 1954 as a power sales engineer in Bluefield.

### Medical Claims Due March 31

March 31 is the deadline for employees to submit claims for medical expenses incurred during 1970. Copies of the necessary forms and information on procedures are available from your local personnel office.

Ralph Clemmons, executive director of Junior Achievement, Inc., recently announced that K-Wop, counseled by Kingsport Power Company, was named December Company of the Month. This honor was attained by earning points in various categories such as attendance, sales and administrative procedures.

Officers of K-Wop are: Boyce L. Lowery, president; Belinda G. Grady, president of sales; Bill L. Crawford, vice president of pro-

duction; Patricia L. Greear, secretary; Bobby G. Gray, treasurer; and Linnie D. Hannabass, personnel director. The company is made up of 18 area junior and senior high school students.

Products produced by K-Wop are personalized matches and engraved plastic name plates. Kingsport Power Company advisors are Jess Carter, Charles Lingar, Jack Pippin, Lawrence Miller and Mack Williams.



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## Appalachian's Rate History Shows Reductions In 33 Years Of Past 50

The action Appalachian took on February 22—that of seeking a rate increase—is almost unprecedented for the company.

For, in fact, only once before has the company obtained a general rate increase. That was in 1953 and affected Virginia customers only.

The historical record has been just the reverse. In 33 of the past 50 years, Appalachian and its predecessor companies have voluntarily reduced rates.

The formal petition was filed with the State Corporation Commission of Virginia and the Public Service Commission of West Virginia after months and months of efforts to economize, to trim expenses, to do everything that could be done to avoid asking for rate relief.

Appalachian can look back with satisfaction and pride on the money it has saved its customers with rate reductions. Those reductions in 33 of the past 50 years total \$14½-million, but their cumulative effect has been savings of \$212-million, not including the multiplying effect of growth in customers or their usage. The cumulative effect is arrived at by multiplying the amount of each decrease by the number of years it has been in effect.

The first rate reduction in recorded history was a small one of \$47,088 to industrial customers back in 1922. In 1925, for the first time, rates were reduced to all three major classes of customers—domestic or residential, commercial, and industrial. In every year from 1924 through 1936, Appalachian reduced rates to one or more classes of customers. Even during the war years of the 1940's, with the demands that conflict made on the company, Appalachian was able to effect reductions in rates.

But the biggest story came in the 1960's. During that decade, prices of almost every commodity and service began to rise, accelerating as the end of the 60's neared. But, because the company was able to affect major economies through technological advances and because customer demand for electricity rose sharply, Appalachian was able to reduce rates in six of the ten years of the 1960's.

The total amount of the reductions was \$7,088,000, with cumulative savings of \$40-million.

But inflation worsened, and the day came when the company could no longer operate with rates based on economic conditions of several years ago.

So it filed for only the second general rate increase in its history.

## New Officials Of Clinchers Club



Newly-elected officers of the Clinchers Club at Clinch River Plant are (l. to r.) Don Lasley, maintenance man, vice president; J. T. Bunton, office supervisor, treasurer; Norman E. Bass, unit foreman, president; and Jean Musick, timekeeper, secretary.

# Appalachian Reveals Position On Abolition Of Strip Mining

**Editor's Note:** During the current session of the West Virginia Legislature, bills abolishing the strip mining of coal were introduced. Appalachian representatives appeared at a public hearing on the proposals. The following is the company's position on the abolition of strip mining.

It has been proposed that all surface mining of coal in the State of West Virginia be shut down and that there be a complete statewide ban on such surface mining in the future. This proposal has been made on the premise that only such a shutdown and ban can eliminate the adverse environmental effects of such mining.

Appalachian Power Company wholly concurs in—and strongly supports—the objective of eliminating, to the fullest extent feasible, detriment to the environment caused by surface mining. But we are wholly convinced that this objective can be achieved by sound and progressive land conservation, reclamation, and mining requirements and practices which—on the basis of actual experience—can in many cases materially enhance, rather than injure, the environment. And, having in mind the importance of the coal mining industry to West Virginia and to the nation, we think a complete ban on surface mining would be equivalent to throwing the baby out with the bath water.

### Sound Reclamation

It is Appalachian Power's belief and position that the best interests of the people of West Virginia will be best served—not by an arbitrary and absolute ban on surface mining—but by rigorously enforced requirements for sound land conservation, mining, and reclamation requirements designed to protect and, where possible, to enhance the environment. This would make it possible for the economy of the state and for its many citizens, whose livelihood is directly or indirectly related to the mining of coal, to continue to benefit from the state's most plentiful and important mineral resource, while fully protecting the environment.

West Virginia now ranks first among the 50 states in the production of bituminous coal and second in recoverable reserves. And it ranks first, by a large margin, in the closely related production of electric power from coal-fired facilities.

The economy of West Virginia has been based, to a major extent, on the coal industry. The past, present, and future of both the state and its greatest mineral resource are inevitably and inextricably intertwined.

### Ban Detrimental

A complete ban on surface mining would have far-reaching and highly detrimental consequences for West Virginia and its people. Employment and tax revenues, both so badly needed, would surely suffer. The state's great power plants—among them some of the nation's leaders in capability and efficiency—would be hard-pressed to obtain the coal needed to maintain production sufficient to satisfy the region's mounting energy requirements. And the future location of such power plants in the State would be materially discouraged.

West Virginia's existing steam-electric power plants have a combined generating capability of approximately 5.7 million kilowatts. The electricity they generate powers the state's industry—its steel mills, aluminum operations, chemical plants and thousands of other industries providing hundreds of thousands of jobs for West Virginia citizens.

Approximately 2.6 million kilowatts of the state's power supply are owned and operated by Appalachian Power Company and its affiliates in the American Electric Power System. Annual coal requirements for these AEP System plants are about 7½-million tons. Another 4.3-million kilowatts of new plant are under construction and scheduled for completion during the period 1971-73. This new capacity will increase coal requirements to more than 21 million tons per year.

Present coal requirements of AEP System plants in West Virginia are being met by both deep mine production (about 70%) and surface mining (about 30%). The same ratio will hold generally true with respect to the new plants now under way.

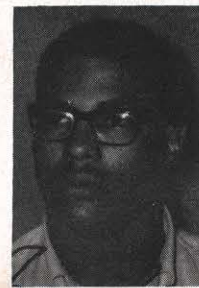
To eliminate, by a complete prohibition on surface mining, 30% of the required fuel supply, either today's or tomorrow's, would make even more critical a problem that is difficult at best today.

In West Virginia's twin drives for continued economic development on the one hand and the preservation of its environment on the other, the consideration which should be uppermost in the decisions of its government and its citizens is an intelligent balance between these two interests. And, in this particular case, there need be no conflict. The answer, in our view, is not to ban surface mining and materially to impair the economy of the State but rather to concentrate on the development of sound and progressive mining and reclamation practices which will preserve both the economy and the environment.

## H. P. Harrison Joins Air Force

H. P. Harrison, clerk trainee in the Abingdon Stores Department, enlisted in the U. S. Air Force for a four-year tour of duty. He began basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, in December 1970.

A graduate of Abingdon High School, Harrison began working for the company in August 1969.



Harrison



Jack Lloyd displays the Distinguished West Virginian Award presented to him by Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr., for work in the field of industrial development.

## Lloyd Honored By West Virginia

Jack Lloyd has been presented the Distinguished West Virginian Award for work in the field of industrial development.

The Bluefield Division manager was active for several years in Appalachian's Area Development Department, including six years as its director.

Presentation of the award was made by West Virginia Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr., at a West Virginia Industrial Development Association meeting in Charleston in early February. Lloyd was one of three men honored at the affair.

A West Virginia native, Lloyd joined Appalachian in 1940 as a distribution clerk at Montgomery. He became area development representative in 1956, moving to Charleston, and in 1963 was named area development director. In 1969 he became executive assistant of the company and in October, 1970, was named Bluefield division manager.

During his 13 years in Appalachian's Area Development Department, Lloyd worked closely with southern West Virginia communities, local and state groups, local and state government and others to expand the economy of the area.

## Aesthetics—Before And After



The before and after pictures here show how attention to aesthetics and reliable service can come together for everyone's good. The plant is Dibrell Brothers in the Danville Industrial Park. When Appalachian installed service, the primary arrangement at left was put in place. Adequate size metering equipment was not available to the plant at that time. Recently the company was in the area doing some work and was able to create an entirely new appearance for the entrance of the plant. A more efficient system for serving the plant was installed. The service went underground, the pole came down, and a clean, uncluttered view was created.



## 500,000 Safe Manhours For Abingdon



W. S. White, executive vice president of Appalachian (left), presents to Fillmore McPherson, Jr., Abingdon division manager, a certificate of merit for employees having achieved 500,000 manhours without a lost time accident. Abingdon reached this mark on December 31, 1970. The safety award is the first received since the old Abingdon District was formed in July 1948.

## Operating Ideas Recognizes Two



Buchanan

Rinehart

The February issue of *AEP Operating Ideas* has given credit to B. N. Rinehart, assistant supervisor of building construction, AEP Service Corporation, and L. R. Buchanan, building supervisor for the Building Service Section of GO General Services in Roanoke, for developing a safeguard for the emergency generator.

Emergency generators are put in use in case of a power failure to ensure continued operations of vital areas until the failure can be rectified.

A "fail-safe" solenoid operated valve to prevent fuel leaks from the tanks in case of a failure in the operation of the reservoir float valve in the fuel line was installed on the emergency generator fuel line. The valve prevents loss of fuel and ensures having the generator available with ample fuel supply in case of an emergency. Any spillage could be a potential fire hazard. The fuel tank contains up to 3,500 gallons of oil, so any loss would be expensive and hazardous.

## Civil Engineering Promotes Roberts

T. M. Roberts, senior civil engineer in Appalachian's General Office T&D Civil Engineering Section, has been promoted to civil supervising engineer.



Roberts

A native of Christiansburg, Virginia, Roberts was employed in Roanoke as a tracer in 1938. He has worked as a senior draftsman and chief draftsman.

He has taken architectural and engineering courses at the University of Virginia extension, Roanoke College and Virginia Military Institute.

Roberts is married and the father of two sons.

## Harry F. Arnott Named Customer Accounting Supervisor In Beckley

Harry F. Arnott, Beckley credit supervisor, has been promoted to customer accounting supervisor.

Arnott began his career with Appalachian in 1936 as an appliance serviceman in the Bluefield Division. In 1937 he was made a clerk in the Accounting Department and transferred to Beckley in 1945 as clerk senior. He was promoted to clerk special in 1946 and to credit supervisor in 1949.

A native of Greenville, West Virginia, Arnott graduated from Concord College. He is married and the father of one daughter.



Arnott

## Power Plant Control Room Simulator Soon To Be Installed At Amos Plant

A computer-controlled power plant control room simulator will be installed at the John E. Amos

Plant for training operators who will man the American Electric Power System's forthcoming series of 1.3-million-kilowatt generating units.

## Managers Elected To Service Board



Lloyd

McPherson



Vaughan

Skaggs

Ten new directors have been elected to the AEP Service Corporation board—four from Appalachian Power Company and three each from the Service Corporation and Ohio Power Company.

The new Appalachian Power representatives on the board are: Jack Lloyd, manager of the Bluefield Division; Fillmore McPherson, Jr., manager of the Abingdon Division; Henry C. Skaggs, manager of the Kanawha River Plant; and John W. Vaughan, assistant vice president of the company.

## Vera Haynes, Beckley's First Woman Supervisor, Closes 41-Year Career

"Now that I have plenty of time, I plan to do extensive traveling and the things I have always wanted to do," remarked Vera Haynes, Beckley customer accounts supervisor, when she retired March 1.

A native of Beckley, Vera attended Raleigh County public schools and Mountain State Business College. She began her career with Appalachian in the old Mt. Hope collection office in 1929 under the guidance of Mrs. Carrie Ferrell, head cashier. Mrs. Ferrell said, "If I hear you say 'can't' at any time, out the door you go." So, according to Vera, "I just buckled down and learned everything I had to."

Her 41 years of service took her to several locations. In 1936 she was transferred to the Welch Accounting Department and in February 1937 to the Huntington office. In November of that year she transferred back to Beckley and was promoted to assistant payroll supervisor in the old Beckley District in 1949. The Payroll Department was moved to Charleston in 1955. She became customer accounting assistant in 1968 and was named customer accounting supervisor when Beckley became a division on January 1, 1970.

Vera is a member of the Beckley United Methodist Church and the Beckley Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.



Miss Haynes



W. C. Kidd admires the clavichord he recently made.

## W. C. Kidd Prepared For Retirement, Now He Has Enjoyable, Profitable Life

W. C. (Bill) Kidd, retired Bluefield T&D superintendent, says that "without my hobbies I would have been very dissatisfied in retirement; I think everyone should prepare for retirement."

Bill has been very busy since he retired from the company on April 1, 1968, doing his "own thing." This includes building grandfather clocks, building a clavichord, repairing furniture and making all kinds of things in his shop. He has also made several mantel clocks.

Several years prior to his retirement, he began obtaining tools for his workshop and working with them. He bought sanders, saws of various types, drills, a router and many other electric tools as well as a variety of hand tools. He even made some of the tools he now uses. He also gathered good lumber for several years before he actually had time to work much in his shop.

He spent six months building the grandfather clock and three months building the clavichord. He plans to make more clocks as several friends have asked him to build one for them. He orders the mechanical parts of the clocks, most of which are made in Germany or Japan, but he has to assemble them when he has finished the woodwork on the cabinet.

The clavichord was built simply because he saw one and thought it would be interesting to build one similar. He doesn't know how to play it, but when his daughter

Nancy comes to visit, she plays it. He also says "it makes a nice piece of furniture for our living room, and building it gave me many hours of pleasure."

Having refinished many pieces of family furniture, Bill looks forward to many more years of refinishing and building interesting pieces.

## Turner Promoted In Tax Section

N. C. Turner, tax accountant, has been promoted to tax accounting supervisor in Appalachian's General Office Accounting Department in Roanoke.



Turner

A native of Franklin County, Virginia, Turner was employed as a clerk in 1948. He was tax accounting clerk and tax accounting assistant before being named tax accountant in 1968. He attended National Business College and Virginia Southern College.

Turner is married and the father of three children.

## Winter Comes To Buck Hydro Plant



Ice built up on the taintor gates when water overflowed the spillway at Buck Hydro Plant on New River, Pulaski Division, during the recent cold weather. The overflow was caused when mush ice blocked the flow of water to the turbines and thus shut down the generators.



## Bluefield

**Sgt. Carl E. Spraker** is a member of the squadron that won the Hughes Trophy as the top fighter-interceptor unit in the U. S. Air Force for 1970. Sgt. Spraker, the son of M. K. Spraker, line foreman, is with the Aerospace Defense Command's 57th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron at Keflavik International Airport, Iceland.

**Dorothy Lawless**, secretarial stenographer, has been installed as a member of the advisory board of the Northfork Assembly 33 Order of Rainbow for Girls.

**Kathy Green** was voted best dancer in the "Who's Who" poll of the senior class at Welch High School. She is the daughter of Jack C. Green, heating and builder sales representative.

**Oscar W. Adams**, sales manager, has been appointed to the board of directors for the Center of Economic Action. He is also a new member of the Business Advisory Council of Concord College.

**Ray Heldreth**, dealer sales representative, has been re-elected secretary of Bluefield's Clover Club. J. P. Montague, electrical engineer senior, is a new member of the club's board.

**Grady L. Parker**, power sales engineer, was elected president of the Mercer County Opportunity Workshop for the Handicapped.



Parker

**Carl E. Mullins** has been named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*. He is president of the student government association at Bluefield State College. He is on educational leave of absence from Appalachian and is the husband of Sherrie Mullins, Bluefield cashier.

**Donald Jackson**, son of Kenneth A. Jackson, Bluefield customer accounting supervisor, made the A honor roll at Central Junior High School.

**Dwight David** and **Morris Dean**, twin sons of Dwight Meadows, lineman A, made the Brain Trust at Pineville Grade School. **Bradley Kevin**, another son, made the honor roll at Pineville Junior High School.

**G. T. Lineberry**, son of Gene Lineberry, meter serviceman A, and **Karen McCall**, daughter of Armintha McCall, clerk typist, made the sophomore honor roll at Bluefield High School.

**Penny Welch**, daughter of Clyde Welch, Jr., head T&D clerk, has been named to the eighth grade honor roll at Fairview Junior High School in Bluefield.

**Mark Crabtree**, son of Estel Crabtree, Welch area serviceman, made the sixth grade honor roll at Coalwood Elementary School.

**Brenda McCall**, daughter of Armintha McCall, clerk typist, was named to the dean's list at Virginia Polytechnic Institute where she is a senior.

**Cathy Smith**, daughter of Chester C. Smith, line inspector, was named to the Southwest Virginia Community College dean's list for the fall quarter.

**Nora Wright**, daughter of D. C. Wright, administrative assistant, was named to the dean's list for the first semester at Bluefield College.

**New employees** are Patrick L. Sopher, Welch lineman helper; Robert H. Shanklin, Bluefield car washer; and Burleigh Parsons, temporary painter-carpenter at Bluefield.

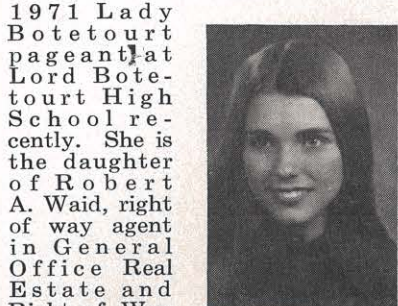
## Cabin Creek Plant

**Roland W. Willis** has returned to work following a military leave of absence since 1967. He was stationed in Phaubi, Vietnam, for nine months and in Baumholder, Germany for one and a half years.

# Happenings Around The Circuit

## General Office

**Bobbie Lou Waid** won the 1971 Lady Botetourt pageant at Lord Botetourt High School recently. She is the daughter of Robert A. Waid, right of way agent in General Office Real Estate and Right of Way Department, Roanoke.



Bobbie Lou

**George Brammer** was presented the Distinguished Service Award by the Litchfield, Illinois, Jaycees. He won the award for serving as chairman of the Halloween parade and veiled non-profit celebration, his activity in St. Timothy Methodist Church, serving as vice president of the Rotary Club, vice president and manager of a girls' baseball league team, assistant grade school basketball coach and director of the chamber of commerce. George is the son of Glenn G. Brammer, retired system operations coordinator, Roanoke. A brother, David, is a T&D clerk in General Office T&D Station Section, and a sister, Margaret, is a clerk stenographer in General Office Accounting.

**James R. Thomas**, son of J. W. Thomas, General Office safety coordinator, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Hampden-Sydney College.

**Lorena Terry**, personnel record clerk in General Office Personnel, was presented the bronze hope chest, a special award for volunteer service, by the Roanoke Area Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. She has been a volunteer worker with the local chapter for ten years and served as secretary from 1964 to 1967.



Miss Terry

## Philip Sporn Plant

**New employees** are George F. Coleman, Jr., Raymond L. Wilcox, Harold D. White and James E. Mitchell, all utility men B.

## Lynchburg

**Edwin L. Medley** qualified as a certified public accountant by passing the exam given by the Virginia State Board of Accountancy. He is the husband of Linda S. Medley, clerk typist.

**John White** served as co-chairman for Crime Prevention Week sponsored by the Lynchburg Exchange Club. He is the husband of Jane W. White, stenographer.

**Herbert M. Figg, Jr.**, commercial sales engineer, was awarded a certificate for completion of a two-year management development course through Lynchburg College.

**New employees** are M. S. Riddle, Jr., stationman helper A, and R. L. Fisher, lineman helper.

**Charles Scott** served as chairman of a cookie sale in which more than 200 youngsters participated to earn money to attend the YMCA Camp Rochichi at Buggs Island. The husband of Linda M. Scott, cashier, he is assistant youth director at the Central YMCA.

## Abinadon

**Barry Snodgrass**, commercial sales engineer, has been elected treasurer of the Mt. Rogers Citizens Development Corporation.

**Mark Landreth**, son of Don Landreth, appeared on WCYB-TV's Klassroom Kwiz. He is a third grade student at Abingdon Elementary.

**Mary M. Rowland**, daughter of Kelly Rowland, Marion customer accounting supervisor, was named to the dean's list at Radford College for the fall quarter.

**Worley H. Grizzle**, line foreman, attended the National Ruritan Convention held in Memphis, Tennessee. He served as chairman of the registration committee.

**Gloria Parks**, daughter of Harold Parks, participated in the Virginia 4-H Club "Make It With Wool" contest. She represented the Southwest District as winner in the Senior Coat Division and won fourth place in the state contest. Gloria designed and made the coat she entered in the contest.

The *Washington County News* recently printed an essay written by Sandra Morefield, daughter of John Morefield. A seventh grader at Glade Spring, Sandra wrote the essay in response to a TV show based on the extinction of wildlife.

## Logan-Williamson

**Linda Burke**, Williamson PBX operator, is a new employee.

**Floyd H. Taylor, Jr.**, division manager, has been elected to the board of directors of the Logan County Chamber of Commerce.

**Mrs. Justine Foglesong**, wife of Howard Foglesong, records supervisor, has been elected to the board of directors of the Logan Medical Foundation.

**Lorraine Core**, secretarial-stenographer, Williamson Managerial, was recently selected the City of Williamson's "Citizen of the Month". She is active in the Williamson Garden Club, First United Methodist Church, Interplay Club, Community Council and other civic organizations. She recently served as chairman of a steering committee for a "Welcome to Newcomers" day.



Mrs. Core

**Harold S. Jimison**, meter serviceman A, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Logan Archery Club. His wife Billie was elected publicity chairman.

**G. S. Nease, Jr.**, supervising engineer, and **Jesse B. Donnevant, III**, credit representative, have been appointed to the 13-member City of Logan Planning Commission.

## Beckley

**William Welch** is a new employee in the Accounting Department.

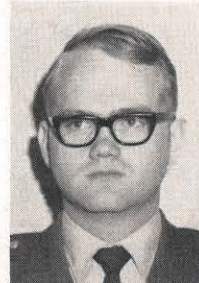
**Margaret Ellen McGraw** was named to the dean's list for the first semester at Marshall University. The daughter of W. G. McGraw, heating and builder sales representative, she is a junior majoring in art education.

**Bill R. Canaday**, customer representative A in the Oak Hill Office, won the "Most Improvement Award" in section nine of the Dale Carnegie Course.

## Roanoke

**New officers** have been elected for the Roanoke Office Program Planning Committee. They are H. Miles Smythers, power sales engineer, chairman; Teresa B. Thomas, stenographer, General Office Accounting, secretary; and W. H. Hart, distribution engineer senior in General Office T&D, vice president. The nine members of this committee are responsible for planning and presenting four programs yearly to employees working in the Roanoke main office building.

**Stephen L. Jamison** has been promoted to first lieutenant at the U. S. Army Air Defense School, Fort Bliss, Texas. He was a business trainee in the Commercial Department before taking military leave in December 1969.



Lt. Jamison

**Jasper P. Doss**, line foreman, was honored by his Naval Reserve Unit as "Seabee of the month". He served in World War II and re-enlisted in the USNR CB in 1956. He has maintained a perfect attendance record for the past 12 years.

**Peter R. Candler** made the first semester dean's list at Virginia Military Institute. The son of Harry L. Candler, agriculture sales engineer, Peter is advertising manager of the school annual, a color sergeant, school tour guide and varsity cheerleader.

**Suzanne Jenkins**, daughter of L. W. Jenkins, Fieldale Commercial Department, was named to the fall semester dean's list at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

**James E. Fulcher, II**, clerk trainee in the Fieldale Stores Department, is a new employee.

**Melvin W. Brown**, Fieldale customer accounting supervisor, was elected chairman of the administrative board of Fieldale United Methodist Church.

## Ashland

**New officers** have been elected for the Ashland Employees' Credit Union. They are Gene Moore, president; Charles Pope, first vice president; Carl Hopson, second vice president; William Watson, secretary; and Dora Adkins, treasurer. Serving on the supervisory committee of the Credit Union are Wayne Edwards, Melinda Ackerman and John McClure. Members of the credit committee are Fern Gesling, Louise Woodie, John Kinney, Walter Lemaster and Fred Long.

**New employees** are Frank Salisbury, departmental assistant in Commercial; Beverly Stanley, junior clerk in Accounting; Jacque Lefler and Sharon Cripple, junior clerks in General Office Accounting.

## Huntington

**Ron G. Hill**, lineman, has completed a course in electrical service and appliance repair through the Advance Trades School, Chicago, Illinois.

**Laura Collins**, secretarial-stenographer, has been re-elected secretary of the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 16.

**John Bartholomew, Jr.**, was a starting guard on the championship basketball team at St. Joseph's Junior High School. He is the son of J. B. Bartholomew, general serviceman.

## Amos Plant

**Beryl Wilson**, utility operator B, is a new employee in Operations.

**New employees** in the Construction Department are Jerry R. Joseph, civil construction assistant; Hans J. Comprix, assistant chief, mechanical construction; and Connie Sue Clendenin, clerk typist, Accounting.

## Charleston

**Fred Helm**, sales manager, received the Individual Chairman Award for his outstanding participation in the 1970 United Fund drive for Kanawha Valley. For the 11th consecutive year, Charleston Division received an award for its outstanding participation in the United Fund drive.

**Sp4 Steven D. Morris** was home recently on a two-week leave from Vietnam. The son of S. C. Morris, meterman, he is stationed at Hue City, Vietnam, with the 377th First Infantry.

**O. C. Little**, retired stationman, recently visited the office. He has moved his home from Miami to Virginia Beach, Virginia.

**Veda Young**, personnel clerk senior, sang in the choir for the Billy Graham Crusade in Charleston.

**John Hull, Jr.**, son of the St. Albans line foreman, was named to the dean's list at West Virginia University.

**Harriet Frazier** was named to the dean's list at Marshall University. The daughter of John Frazier, she is a junior majoring in business.

## Pikeville

**Daniel E. Wallen** graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in electrical engineering. The son of Curtis Wallen, stationman B, he has accepted a position with RCA in Arlington, Virginia.



Smith

**Chester W. Smith**, administrative assistant, was elected president of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce.

**James R. Wood**, division manager, was elected to the board of the Kentucky Independent College Foundation for 1971.

## Pulaski

**Mrs. Barry Hicks**, wife of the Hillsville area T&D clerk, has been elected vice president of the Hillsville Volunteer Fire Department ladies auxiliary.

**Carl A. Schmidt**, customer accounts representative, has been named to the board of directors of the Pulaski Chapter, Cancer Society.

**R. D. Blevins**, electrical engineer, was elected president of the newly-formed Amateur Radio Club at New River Community College, Dublin. Stanley C. Smith, retired line supervisor, is on the constitution and bylaws committee.



Blevins

## Hazard

**Children** of three employees made the dean's list at Hazard Community College. They are Billy Hays, son of Nolan Hays, instrument man; Lois Fugate, daughter of Woodrow Fugate, engineering aide; and Juanita Byrd, daughter of Carlen Byrd, stationman A. Billy Hays led the group with a 4.0 average.

**Sharon Campbell** and **Doris Fugate** are new employees in the Accounting Department.

**H. C. Barnett**, engineering record clerk; **A. R. Barber**, division manager; and **J. R. Blankenship**, personnel supervisor, are serving on the executive board of the Lonesome Pine Council, Boy Scouts of America.



## Eight Couples Married In Winter Ceremonies



**Moles-Howery**

Joyce Ann Moles and Sterling B. Howery, Jr., were married in a double ring ceremony performed January 8 at the Floyd United Methodist Church, Floyd, Virginia. Mr. Howery is a maintenance man at Claytor Hydro Plant.



**Sumner-Roush**

Jo Anne Sumner was married to Herbert W. Roush on January 21 in the Hurricane Freewill Baptist Church. Mr. Roush is a utility operator A at John E. Amos Plant.



**Blevins-Burgess**

Nancy Ellen Blevins became the bride of Lawrence Edward Burgess on December 12 at the Monaville Community Church, Monaville, West Virginia. Mr. Burgess is the son of W. E. Burgess, Building Service, Logan.



**Sayre-Adkins**

Janice Sayre and Dorsel Adkins were united in marriage January 29. Mrs. Adkins is a clerk typist in Point Pleasant, Huntington Division.



**Orr-Masker**

Janeen Kay Orr and Spec 4 Carl Joseph Masker were wed recently. Mrs. Masker is the daughter of C. K. Orr, boiler operator A at Cabin Creek Plant.



**Thomas-Hoffman**

The Baptist Church of Rich Creek, Virginia, was the setting for the January 30th wedding of Deborah Thomas and Emil E. Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman is a performance technician at John E. Amos Plant.



**Brantley-Thomas**

A double ring ceremony performed January 30 in the Airlee Court Baptist Church, Roanoke, united Teresa Dale Brantley and Danny Stultz Thomas. Mrs. Thomas is employed in the General Office Accounting Department and Mr. Thomas in the General Office General Services Department.

## "Coffee Break" Radio Promotion Tried At Appliance Store In Charleston Area



Mary Ann Wade is shown with the audience at one of the "Coffee Break" radio shows broadcasted live from a Hoylman-Huffman store.

"Let's try something different for a store promotion," suggested Mary Ann Wade, Charleston home sales representative, to Dick Hoylman, owner of Hoylman-Huffman Appliance Stores.

The "something different" happened to be a thirty minute radio show which was to be broadcast live from one of the Company's five stores. The Kanawha City store was chosen, and radio station WCHS in Charleston was to broadcast the informal but informative program.

After two brief sessions with WCHS personnel and interested officials of Hoylman-Huffman and Appalachian Power Company, the radio show was designed for women interested in sharing recipes and household hints. The show was planned to include the radio

listeners as well as an audience of prospective store customers.

Because the activity was unique and there were some doubts as to its success, a limit of four thirty-minute shows were set. The program continues after 18 weeks because of the good response. An estimated 300,000 people have listened to the program and store attendance exceeded 200 during the first 17 weeks. The manager of the store reported that 39 major electric appliances were sold from the Kanawha City store as a direct result of the Hoylman-Huffman Coffee Break Show.

Dick Hoylman is pleased with the radio program because it has benefited not only the Kanawha City store, but all his stores. He deserves a pat on the back for his willingness to "try something different."

## New Arrivals

### Abingdon Division

MR. AND MRS. R. D. POE, a daughter, Kimberly Carol, January 25. Poe is an engineering aide.

### Beckley Division

LT. AND MRS. BILL WENSYEL, a daughter, Carol Elaine, January 11. Wensyel is on military leave serving with the Air National Guard.

### Bluefield Division

MR. AND MRS. BERNARD R. LEWIS, a daughter, Sonya Bernadette, Decembr 11. Lewis is a custodian.

MR. AND MRS. D. HARLAN HUDSON, JR., a daughter, Sheila Renee, January 16. Hudson is a stationman helper.

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT M. BROWN, a son, Douglas Kevin, January 26. Brown is a stationman helper.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN R. RATCLIFFE, a daughter, Robyn Suzanne, February 2. Ratcliffe is a meterman B.

### Charleston Division

MR. AND MRS. DAVID HARRIS, a daughter, Angela Dawn, February 6. Harris is a lineman helper.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN SMITH, a son, Bryan William, January 8. Smith is an area serviceman.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES THOMAS

YOUNG, an adopted daughter, Dena Shannon. Mrs. Young is a personnel clerk senior.

### General Office

MR. AND MRS. HARDEN L. DAVIS, a daughter, Amy Lynette, February 2. Davis is a stationman helper, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN THOMAS HOLLEY, a son, John Thomas, Jr., February 5. Mrs. Holley is a former PBX operator, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT CLINE, a daughter, Lori Ann, December 8. Mrs. Cline is a former employee in the General Office Commercial Department, Roanoke.

### Huntington Division

MR. AND MRS. J. T. MAYFIELD, JR., a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, February 4. Mayfield is an engineer.

MR. AND MRS. E. E. MURRAY, II, a son, Brian Edward, January 26. Murray is a stationman.

### Pulaski Division

MR. AND MRS. CARL MONROE GOAD, a son, Michael Carl, January 21. Goad is a lineman C, Hillsville.

### Roanoke Division

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT E. MICKEY, a daughter, Amy Lynn, January 20. Mickey is a T&D clerk, senior.

**Roberts-Short**  
Jacquelyn Lee Roberts became the bride of R. R. Short in a ceremony performed November 5 at Ona, West Virginia. Mr. Short is a stationman A in the General Office T&D Station Section, Huntington.

## 60th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sutphin celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 28 at their home near Bluefield, West Virginia. They are the parents of ten children, nine of whom are living. A son, James Sutphin, is a stationman A in the General Office T&D Station Section, Bluefield.

## They're Engaged

GINA CHERYL BRUGNOLI to Richard L. Bocock. Bocock is office supervisor at Amos Plant.

SHERYLENE STANLEY to John D. Killin. Miss Stanley is a clerk typist in the General Office Personnel Department, Ashland.

JEAN KAY BRASH to F. R. Lavender. Miss Brash is a customer accounts representative B, Beckley.

BARBARA ALLINDER to Rodger Woodrum. Woodrum is a commercial sales representative, Charleston.

KAREN JONES to A. B. Payne, Jr. Miss Jones is a home sales representative, Charleston.

ELAINE ROGERS to William Braxton. Mrs. Rogers is a cashier, Charleston.

JANE ELLEN TIBBS to William Douglas Selden, V. Miss Tibbs is the daughter of Roy A. Tibbs, commercial sales engineer, Lynchburg.

EMILY WYNN SUBLETT to James Jeffrey Weigand. Miss Sublett is the daughter of Warren T. Sublett, collector, Lynchburg.

FRANCES DARE PATTERSON to Robert Alexander Crowder. Miss Patterson is the daughter of G. N. Patterson, garage foreman, Lynchburg.

BRENDA HELEN SEMONES to Richard T. Wingate. Wingate is a lineman C in Hillsville, Pulaski Division.

CATHERINE HARRELL BURNETT to John Gantt Kendig. Miss Burnett is the daughter of Jack M. Burnett, Roanoke Division sales manager.

VICKIE LYNN SAUNDERS to Larry David Miles. Miles is a rodman, Roanoke.

EMILY LOU THOMPSON to Richard Lewis Mills. Mills is the son of R. L. Mills, power sales engineer, Roanoke.

SANDRA KAY JENKS to Michael Stephen Spicer. Spicer is the son of Kenneth M. Spicer, general serviceman, Roanoke.

ELIZABETH M. FRIDLEY to Alrick M. Gillespie. Miss Fridley is a VOT student and part-time clerk trainee, Roanoke.

## Doris Young Teaches Fellow Workers To Knit, Crochet During Lunch Hours



Sandra McClelland (left), Sandra Bower, Sandra Martin and Sybil Taylor try their hands at crocheting as Doris Young (standing) helps them over the hard parts.

Doris Young, general clerk-commercial in Roanoke, is a girl who likes to keep busy. She's also adept at making things with her hands. So, when Roanoke was hit by a 16-inch snowfall in 1956, Doris stayed indoors and taught herself to crochet and knit.

Later that year she began working for Appalachian and brought her handiwork along to do on lunch hours. She made knitting and crocheting look so simple that soon fellow employees asked her to teach them. So far she has given instructions to eight girls.

Sandra Bower, customer accounting clerk in General Office Accounting, was her first student. Sandra learned to knit about five years ago and has since made a number of clothing articles for herself and her husband Bobby,

engineer B in General Office T&D.

Doris' most recent students are Sandra McClelland, customer representative B; Sandra Martin, customer representative B; and Sybil Taylor, credit representative, all in Roanoke Division Accounting. Her most challenging task has been teaching left-handed Sandra McClelland. Doris says, "I make the same article Sandra does in most cases so she can see what it should look like. The stitches for a left-handed person are the same, but she does everything backward. It's fun to watch her."

All the students agree it is a real source of satisfaction to be able to take a piece of yarn or thread and turn it into a sweater or some other article. And "it takes a lot of time, patience and direction" from Doris.



# 30→ Years



**W. N. Moss**  
Boiler  
Operator A  
Cabin Creek



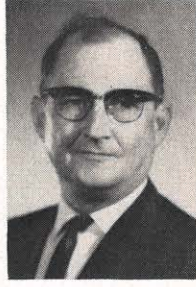
**D. O. B. Matthews**  
Unit Foreman  
Kanawha River



**Jerry Sanders**  
Line  
Foreman (E)  
Roanoke



**J. G. Morrison**  
Line  
Foreman (E)  
Roanoke



**Chester Smith**  
Administrative  
Assistant  
Pikeville



**R. F. Cooke**  
Accounting  
Supervisor  
Roanoke



**J. L. Dorsey**  
Building  
Supervisor  
Huntington



**L. O. McKinney**  
Master  
Maintenance Man  
Cabin Creek



**F. P. Wilburn**  
Transmission  
Foreman  
GO-Bluefield



**C. L. Farley**  
Area Supervisor  
Bluefield

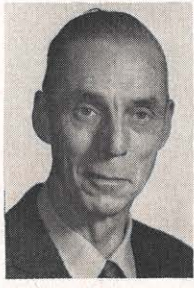


**J. W. Eanes**  
Material Clerk  
Roanoke



**R. O. Stricklen**  
Area Serviceman  
Beckley

# 25→ Years



**R. A. Scaggs**  
PBX Operator  
Senior  
Ashland



**Inis Nebel**  
Secretarial  
Stenographer  
Huntington



**Luther Thompson**  
Stationman B  
Ashland



**Alice Naff**  
Cashier Senior  
Roanoke



**C. R. Settle**  
Division  
Superintendent  
Pulaski



**J. J. White**  
Line  
Foreman (NE)  
Abingdon

## Reynolds Becomes Marine Colonel

Claude L. Reynolds, Roanoke Division sales supervisor, has been promoted to colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve.



Reynolds

Reynolds joined the U. S. Navy after graduation from Bedford High School in 1943 and was discharged two years later. He graduated from Emory and Henry with a BS degree in engineering in 1949 and was recalled to active duty with the U. S. Marines in 1950. He was released from active duty in 1954 with the rank of captain.

Since he has been in the Marine reserves he has been promoted to major, lieutenant colonel and colonel.



**J. W. Faucette, Jr.**  
Electrical  
Engineer  
Roanoke



**Martha Horne**  
Home Sales  
Representative  
Senior  
Pulaski



**Alma Obenchain**  
Customer  
Accounts  
Representative B  
Roanoke



**C. L. Miller**  
Planner Senior  
Logan

# 20 → Years



**C. E. Smith, Jr.**  
Turbine &  
Switchboard  
Operator  
Radford



**R. S. Lutton**  
Master  
Maintenance Man  
Sporn Plant



**R. J. Pinnell**  
Communications  
Engineer  
Supervisor  
GO-Charleston

## Kentucky And Appalachian Veterans Honored For Long Years Of Service



Ellis



Holdren

Ashland's Engineering Department upon his return from service. He was promoted to his present position in 1948.

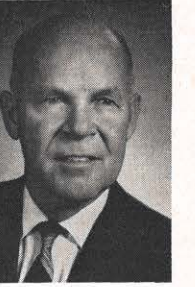
### 40 Years

**Clyde R. Holdren**, hydro plant foreman (NE) at Claytor Hydro, began his career in the Bluefield Division in 1931. He had broken service while working on construction of substations and equipment until 1937. He worked on the Winfield and Marmet Hydros and transferred to Claytor on construction in 1939. Upon completion of the plant, he became a permanent employee and worked as operator, maintenance mechanic and working foreman before being promoted to his present position in 1965.

**Carlos W. Browning**, Huntington Division material clerk, began continuous employment with the company in 1933 as a relief man in the Production Department in Huntington. He served as plant clerk and cashier, chief clerk and plant record clerk before moving to the Stores Department in 1955 when the Kenova Plant was closed.



Browning



Huffman

### 35 Years

**Evermonte Huffman, Jr.**, Huntington dealer sales representative, began his career as an addressograph operator in 1935. He worked as a clerk intermediate, residential representative junior and dealer sales representative before leaving the company in 1953. He returned to work in 1954 as an area sales representative and became dealer sales representative in 1958.

**Paul C. Gosney**, Madison area supervisor in the Logan-Williamson Division, was hired as a groundman in 1936. He was made clerk in 1937 and moved up to district serviceman in 1939. In 1940 he was promoted to local representative and became area supervisor in 1953. He is a graduate of the Logan School of Business.

**Robert D. Smith**, Beckley utility clerk, was employed as a cashier in 1936. He held the positions of bookkeeper, clerk junior, clerk special and general clerk before moving to Oak Hill as local office supervisor in 1958. He moved back to Beckley as a utility clerk in 1963. He attended National Business College in Roanoke.



Gosney



Smith

One Kentucky employee and five Appalachian employees received pins recently for lengthy service with those companies.

### 45 Years

**J. Wes Ellis**, Ashland records supervisor, was employed in 1926 as a clerk at the Kenova Plant in Appalachian's Huntington Division. He transferred to Kentucky Power Local Accounting in 1928 and advanced through several positions before becoming assistant chief clerk in 1939. He served in the Navy during World War II and was made a special clerk in



**F. H. Fitch**  
Maintenance Man  
Sporn Plant



**W. W. Zoellers**  
Sales Manager  
Pikeville



**C. E. Porter**  
Area Serviceman  
Huntington



**G. E. Briers**  
Plant Manager  
Cabin Creek



**C. E. Bishop, Jr.**  
Shift Operating  
Engineer  
Radford



**T. W. Goad**  
Coal Conveyor  
Operator  
Radford



**H. H. McCoy**  
Coal Conveyor  
Operator  
Radford



**J. R. McGinnis**  
Division  
Superintendent  
Beckley



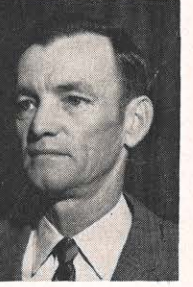
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Sporn Plant



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Stationman A  
Beckley



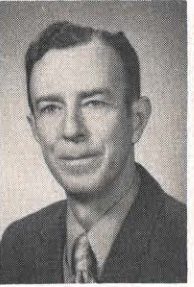
**C. H. Ward**  
Heating and  
Builder Sales  
Representative  
Logan



**O. R. Street**  
Heating and  
Builder Sales  
Representative  
Huntington



**D. E. Hoffman**  
Unit Foreman  
Sporn Plant



**H. V. Johnson**  
Unit Foreman  
Clinch River



**E. M. Bowen**  
Meter Reader  
Huntington



**N. J. Baxter**  
Unit Foreman  
Sporn Plant



Keatley

## Keatley Retires At Glen Lyn Plant

James Carl Keatley retired from Glen Lyn Plant March 1 and now plans to take life easy and complete some odd jobs around the house.

He began his career at the Glen Lyn Plant where he was employed in 1945 as a mechanical repairman helper. He was promoted to mechanical maintenance man B in 1946, to mechanical maintenance man A in 1949, to mechanical maintenance man in 1956, and to his present position of maintenance mechanic B in 1957.

Keatley, born and reared in Bozoo, West Virginia, enjoys repairing old clocks and building things from wood. He is a member of the Bozoo Ruritan Club and has served as a member of its board of directors for three years.

He and his wife are the parents of six children. A son, James D., received an AEP education award in 1959.



## Retired Employee Keeps Busy Helping County Center For Retarded Children



Fred Poe stops by Smyth County Center for Retarded Children to chat with his granddaughter, Carol Jean, and the other children.

The Smyth County Center for Retarded Children came into being and is operating successfully through the dedicated efforts of people like Fred R. Poe, retired Abingdon Division dealer sales representative. He is quick to point out, however, that "it took the co-operation of a lot of people to make this dream come true".

Poe's interest began several years ago when he learned his granddaughter, Carol Jean, was mentally retarded. He was eager that his granddaughter have every possible opportunity for improvement, understanding and acceptance by the people of Marion. Poe was a charter member of the Smyth County Association of Retarded Children and has served as treasurer three of the four years it has been in existence.

The first class for mentally retarded children in Smyth County started as a recreation program in the Marion Community Center. Later the Jaycees held a special drive, resulting in the purchase of an old house and property that was converted into the present center. The center is supported by the United Fund and additional property has been purchased for future development. The Smyth County school board provides a full-time specially trained teacher and aide.

Poe's face has become well known to the nine children enrolled at the center. He knows each by his first name and they respond with love and affection. He drops

by often "to check on their progress and just to see if the workers need anything".

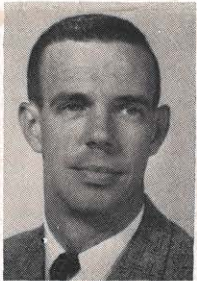
He has built cabinets, playground equipment, tables and blocks of all sizes and shapes for use in training. He recently cleared the newly-purchased property of brush, cut trees and enclosed the entire area with a fence. Even with all these projects to his credit, Poe says he would "like to do more and see more people interested".

## Foglesong Named To New Position

Howard L. Foglesong, electrical engineer, has been promoted to the position of records supervisor for the Logan-Williamson Division.

Foglesong began working for Appalachian as an electrical engineer at Logan in 1955. A graduate of West Virginia University, he holds a BS degree in electrical engineering.

A native of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, Foglesong is married and the father of a daughter.



Foglesong

## History Repeated

"Seems like we've been here before" could well be the sentiments of Bill Broughton, Logan head T&D clerk, and Richard Trammell, stationman A. They won the men's doubles title for the second straight year in the Logan Bowling Association's annual handicap tournament.

Broughton and Trammell captured the honors by rolling a total of 1,272 pins.

## Taylor Promoted At Philip Sporn

John W. Taylor, Sr., was recently promoted to maintenance foreman at the Philip Sporn Plant.

He was employed at Philip Sporn as a laborer in 1951 and during that year was promoted to helper. In 1953 he became junior maintenance man; in 1955, maintenance man; and 1966, master maintenance man.

A native of Weston, West Virginia, he served in the Army during World War II and also in the Korean Crisis. He and his family now reside in Mason, West Virginia.



Taylor

## Wed 56 Years



Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Farley celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary at their home in Princeton, West Virginia, January 6. They have three sons, two of whom work in the Bluefield Division. Claude A. Farley is Pineville area supervisor and Clyde L. Farley is Tazewell area supervisor. A grandson, Fred Farley, is Welch local office supervisor.

## Griffith Becomes Line Supervisor

Robert R. Griffith, electrical engineer senior, has been promoted to line supervisor in Charleston.

Griffith was employed as an engineer trainee at Roanoke in 1949 and transferred to Beckley as engineer junior in 1950. He worked as a distribution engineer before going to Rainelle as area superintendent in 1954. In 1963 he was moved to Charleston as electrical engineer and become electrical engineer senior in 1966.

A graduate of West Virginia University, Griffith is married and has three sons.



Griffith

## Investigation Of High Current Use Report Reveals Hot Water In Well



A. B. Beheler, left, discusses the hot water in their well with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Slate.

In his 42 years with Appalachian, A. B. Beheler, Fieldale customer service representative, Roanoke Division, thought he had heard of everything. Shortly before his retirement he came across something new in customer complaints.

He and L. A. Stone, Jr., visited William B. Slate of Claudville, Virginia, to investigate a high current use report. Upon their arrival, Slate said, "I think I can help you a little on that. We are getting warm water from our well." Beheler asked if he was getting a backfeed from the water heater. Slate answered, "We don't even have a water heater." Further investigation revealed the 50-gallon pressure storage tank for cold water was hot to the touch. The water from the well was much hotter than the water being drawn from the tank. The well contained a submersible type pump 86 feet down in 42 feet of water.

A pump serviceman was then contacted. When the serviceman placed a thermometer on the water tank, it registered 90 degrees and when placed down inside the well, 180 degrees. Next a water measuring device of cast iron, containing a tar compound, was lowered into the well to measure the water level. The heated water melted the tar compound out of the pipe, leaving the pipe clean

when it was withdrawn from the well.

The cause of the hot water was never determined but it is assumed the pump malfunctioned and ran for several days, causing the motor, pump, casing and water to become heated. A newly-installed pump provided a solution to the problem.

## Harold L. Adams On Military Leave

Harold L. Adams, maintenance helper at Philip Sporn Plant, left the company on a military leave of absence in February. He is serving in the U. S. Army.

Adams began working at the plant as a utility man B in January 1970 and held the positions of utility operator and auxiliary equipment operator before being promoted to maintenance helper in December.



Adams

## In Memoriam

### R. M. Trent

Roy M. Trent, retired working foreman at Glen Lyn Plant, died January 13 at his home in Bland, Virginia.

He was employed at the plant as a utility operator in 1944 and worked as coal equipment operator and coal and ash equipment operator before being promoted to working foreman. He retired September 1, 1965.

Trent is survived by his widow and a daughter.



Trent

### M. E. Rich

M. E. "Mark" Rich, retired Bluefield record supervisor, died January 21.

A native of Emporia, Virginia, Rich received a bachelor's degree in economics from Emory and Henry College and attended the Virginia-Carolina School of Commerce. He began his career with the company in 1942 as a clerk at Glen Lyn Plant.

He was assistant storekeeper and storekeeper there before being transferred to the Bluefield T&D Department in 1944 as a clerk. He held the positions of distribution record clerk, supply and building maintenance clerk, and record supervisor before retiring in 1968.

After retirement, he was president of the Richwood Golf Club, which was built on land where he lived. Rich is survived by his widow and two sons.



Rich

### R. O. Woods

Ralph O. Woods, 49, died of a heart attack on February 13. He was an area T&D clerk in the Charleston Division.

A native of Blue Creek, West Virginia, Woods began his career with Appalachian as a rodman in 1947. He worked as meter helper, meter serviceman C, meter serviceman B and meter serviceman A before becoming area T&D clerk in October 1970.

Woods is survived by his widow, two sons, two daughters, his parents, one brother and three sisters.



Woods

### F. D. Spangler

Fred D. Spangler, retired material clerk at Glen Lyn Plant, died at his home in Peterstown, West Virginia, on January 17.

He began his career as a clerk at the plant in 1943 and worked as storeroom helper before being promoted to material clerk. He retired on April 1, 1955.

Spangler is survived by two sons.



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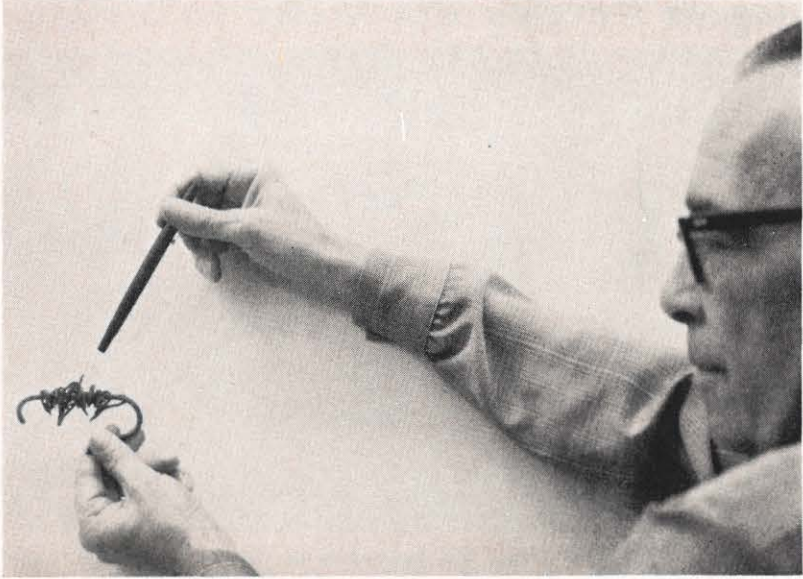
- ABINGDON DIVISION—20 YEARS: C. E. BAILEY, Truck Driver Groundman.
- AMOS PLANT—5 YEARS: J. L. PERRY, Performance Engineer. A. L. KUHL, Utility Operator A. K. E. O'NEAL, Equipment Operator.
- CABIN CREEK PLANT—5 YEARS: W. W. WOODS, Junior Maintenance Man B. J. F. PATCHELL, Junior Maintenance Man B. C. D. KING, Turbine Auxiliary Equipment Operator A. W. B. NUGENT, Junior Maintenance Man B.
- GENERAL OFFICE—25 YEARS: WILLIE HUNT, Customer Accounting Clerk A. 15 YEARS: T. L. ROWE, Transmission Man B. 10 YEARS: C. R. WOOTEN, Training Coordinator. CAROLYN HOGAN, Flexewriter Operator-Clerk Senior. 5 YEARS: DORIS WOOD, Clerk Steongrapher. D. E. DOUTHAT, JR., Communications Engineer B.
- HUNTINGTON—25 YEARS: SALLY MARROW, Secretarial Stenographer. 15 YEARS: R. T. BEATTY, Meter Serviceman A. 5 YEARS: D. O. MEADOWS, Lineman A.
- KANAWHA RIVER PLANT—20 YEARS: G. C. FANNIN, Maintenance Man. 15 YEARS: J. O. BLAIR, Junior Maintenance Man. 5 YEARS: R. H. MEADOWS, Auxiliary Equipment Operator.
- LOGAN-WILLIAMSON DIVISION—5 YEARS: J. B. DONEVANT, III, Credit Representative Senior.
- LYNCHBURG DIVISION—5 YEARS: CAROLYN HAWKINS, Customer Accounts Representative C.
- PULASKI DIVISION—W. P. BREWER, JR., Meter Serviceman A.
- RADFORD PLANT—5 YEARS: L. B. DICKERSON, Maintenance Helper.
- ROANOKE DIVISION—15 YEARS: HELEN YOUNG, Engineer B. 5 YEARS: D. J. WILLIAMS, Area T&D Clerk.
- PHILIP SPORN PLANT—15 YEARS: D. D. CLARK, Equipment Operator. 5 YEARS: T. M. HENRY, Maintenance Man. W. R. FRIEND, Barge Attendant.

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- PIKEVILLE DIVISION—15 YEARS: H. D. CLARK, Lineman A.



### All That's Left Of Birds Is Feet



R. H. Cornett, Pulaski area T&D clerk, points to a section of copper wire covered with bird feet. The wire was found by linemen while changing a closed type cutout on a rural line. Apparently birds sat on the wire and pecked at the connector through the wire hole inside the cutout, creating an arc that electrocuted them. Since this took place on the hot side of the cutout and for only a short duration each time, there was no blown fuse or service interruption.

# People, Places and Things

### Mixers Ahead In Megawatt League



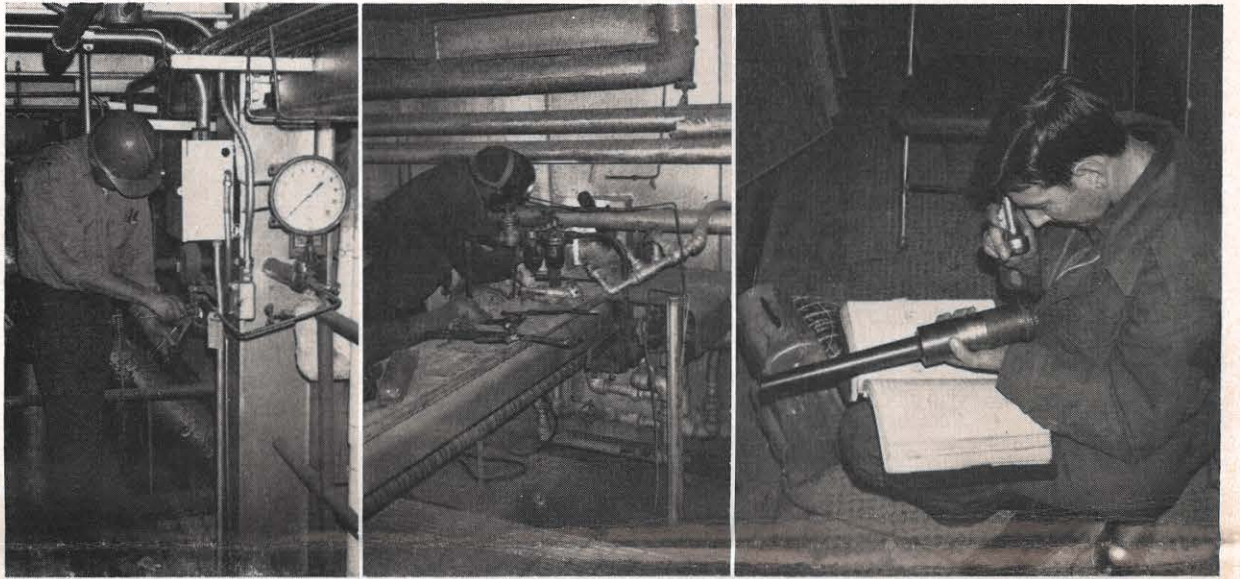
Members of the Mixers' bowling team in the Megawatt League are, l. to r. Charlie Simmons, Bill Payne, Russell Stone (captain), Ethel Simmons, Nolan Perry, Carol Payne and Jack Harris. The Mixers beat the Jokers by winning total pins in a three-game roll-off after the teams had tied for first place.

### James Kennedy Joins Turtle Club



Members of the Roanoke Chapter of the Turtle Club welcome the newest member, James L. Kennedy, lineman C. From left to right are H. E. Guilliams, L. F. Hogan, Kennedy, A. G. Adams and L. A. Philpott. Kennedy was saved from serious head injury on September 28, 1970, because he was wearing a hard hat. A lineman, working near the top of a 40-foot pole, dropped a 12-inch adjustable wrench. The wrench glanced off an attachment on the pole and struck Kennedy on the head.

### Down To The Nitty-Gritty In Maintenance

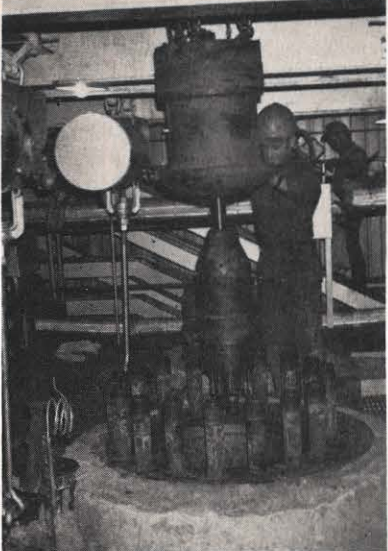


When a power plant generating unit is taken out of service for overhaul, there is much more equipment to be tested than the turbine, boiler or other large components. Actually, there are a myriad of tasks to be performed and all parts of the unit are checked. These photos show some of the maintenance work performed on unit 3 at Clinch River Plant recently. Top left: Charles Lowe, instrument maintenance man A, adjusts a pressure switch. Center: Ed Carr, master maintenance man, welds one of the slag blowers on the outside of the boiler. Right: Gene Lester, instrument maintenance man C, checks a flow meter bell in one of the dark corners of the plant. He had only the beam of a flashlight to use in this procedure. Bottom left: Bob Parks, maintenance man, directs reassembly of a stopvalve on the number 3 turbine.

### Employee Clubs Elect New Officers



Newly-elected officers of the Reddi-Lite Club are (l. to r.) Carole Blount, secretary; Meredith S. Clarke, president; Rita Parr, treasurer; and Nelson Simpson, vice president. The club is composed of employees in the General Office General Services and Real Estate and Right of Way Departments and Roanoke Division Accounting, Commercial, Managerial and Personnel Departments.



### Crabtree Honored By High School



Jamie Crabtree was chosen outstanding lineman of the year at R. B. Worthy High School, Saltville, Virginia. He also received the academic award for maintaining the highest scholastic record among players on the football team. He is the son of T. F. Crabtree, Abingdon Division.

### Apelcoes Club Elects 1971 Officers



New officers of the Lynchburg Apelcoes Club are (seated, l. to r.) Sue Dowdy, treasurer, and Wesley Garner, president. Standing are Louise Jennings, assistant treasurer, and R. O. Cash, vice president. Not pictured is Linda Medley, secretary.



The 1971 Welch Employees' Benevolent Association officers recently elected are (l. to r.) Estel Crabtree, area serviceman, director; E. D. Wright, electrical engineer, chairman; Ivellee Pinter, clerk trainee, secretary-treasurer; H. R. Sweeney, lineman C, director; Earl Doss, meter reader, director.





Brenda Aust taps a brick into place.

### Brenda Aust Finds Vocational Masonry Class Both Creative And Fascinating

Brenda B. Aust, home sales representative senior for the Galax-Hillsville area, Pulaski Division, says her enrolling in a masonry class was in no way an attempt to promote the "Women's Lib" movement. She has enrolled in the class, which is one of the evening adult vocational classes offered at Carroll County High School, Hillsville, Virginia.

Brenda thinks that masonry is a fascinating craft and one that when performed properly produces something that becomes both useful and

enduring. It also reflects the specialized skill of a craftsman.

"Too, it is something I can learn to do without too much physical strain and a course I can take with my husband," she said. "We might build ourselves a home some time, if we learn enough. If not, perhaps we will build a fireplace or a patio." The instructor of the class said, "Brenda didn't have any problems catching on, she's learning fast. In fact, I believe she can lay brick better than her husband!"

### Kanawha River Couple Brings Cheer And Bible Lessons To Rehab Patients



Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Kees use a flannel board to depict Bible stories for crippled children at the Charleston General Hospital.

It would be hard to say who looks forward to Sunday morning the most—rehabilitation patients at the Charleston General Hospital or Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Kees. Kees, Kanawha River Plant maintenance man, and his wife Mabel teach a Sunday School class each week at the hospital.

Ages of the rehabilitation patients range from 18 months to 93 years and most are permanently disabled. There are about 50 people in the class. The Kees' spend Friday and Saturday evenings preparing the lesson. Most Sundays they arrive at the hospital as much as an hour early so they can visit with bed patients.

Mrs. Kees was helping with a recreation program at a local high school four years ago when she was asked to help with the crippled children's hospital at Marmet. She participated in a recreation program at Marmet until the hospital was moved to Charleston. At that time Mr. Kees began to accompany her on the weekly trips to Charleston since driving was sometimes hazardous.

The Kees' were soon asked to be substitute teachers for the Sunday morning class, which they did for two years before becoming the regular teachers.

One of their most rewarding experiences at the hospital involves a seven-year-old boy. The boy was a bed patient and very difficult to treat because he rejected the nurses and doctors. The Kees' visited the boy one day to tell him about their Sunday School and a doctor noticed how he responded to them. They were asked to encourage the youngster to take his

medicine and other treatment. Five months later the boy was able to walk out of the hospital.

### Black Cat Bank Reminds Williamson Employees Unsafe Acts Are Costly



Claude Ward and C. L. Miller hold the "Safety Kitten."

Due to the high rate of disabling injuries in 1970, Miller, planner senior in Williamson, proposed at the January safety meeting that employees begin the new year by being their "brothers' keeper". As a black cat signifies bad luck, he suggested the group display a black

## Sunnyside Research Lab Provides Solutions, Develops Ideas For AEP System Growth

Dave Phelps, assistant chief electrical engineer in Canton, says that he has the biggest electrical research laboratory in the world. He calls it the American Electric Power System.

That's overstating the case physically, but not metaphysically. The laboratory he does have is known variously as the "Electrical Engineering Development Laboratory" or simply, "Sunnyside," because it is just on the other side of the chain link fence surrounding the Ohio Power Company substation of the same name.

The lab's function, Phelps says, choosing his words with characteristic deliberation, "is to substitute facts for speculation, and reduce the existing level of ignorance."

Ignorance, as defined by engineers, is what lies just beyond the edge of knowledge. The limitless unknown where questions will find answers, which will in turn be translated into hardware, pieces of machinery, or strands of wire—the things that make the AEP System go better.

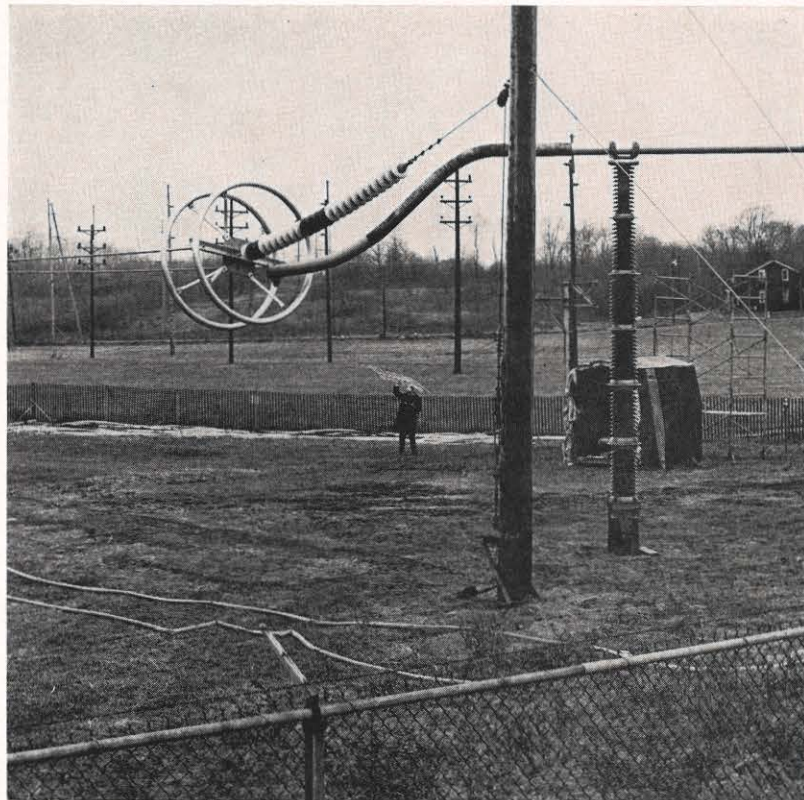
Sunnyside is, of course, not the only place on the AEP System where the questions are being asked. Dozens of men in a dozen spots are concerned. There are Apple Grove in West Virginia, for example, and Ohio Brass Company's Wadsworth (Ohio) installation, and the Huntington Laboratory to name three outstanding examples. But Ohio Brass' work is concerned with ultra-high-voltage behavior, Apple Grove's facilities are full size and Huntington deals principally with chemical matters. Sunnyside deals with what Bob Whitmer, chief lab technician, calls "the essence of the problem."

Well, what problems, specifically? For starters, radio and television influence problems associated with the operation of the 765,000-volt transmission network. Routine testing of insulators and other items of hardware to determine their acceptability. And such others as:

- behavior of switching surges
- audible noise and its suppression
- transformer oil and its changing characteristics at high voltage
- study of ozone creation in ultra-high-voltage transmission.

These are only a few of the projects in progress at a given time. Some are continuing—hardware testing, for example—and some are one-shot affairs, brought to the lab by System operating companies—a specific problem requiring a specific answer.

Sunnyside is equipped to provide answers. There are chambers with a temperature range of -110 to 200 degrees Fahrenheit, an



TVI testing

extremely sensitive gas chromatograph for gas analysis, an indoor transformer to induce insulation flashover.

Outside, a high-voltage line in miniature has been built, powered by a mobile transformer. Overlooking it is a shack, warmly insulated from Ohio's wintry blasts and jammed with electronic test equipment. Here is where RI, TVI, and audible noise tests are monitored and recording by sensi-

tive and advanced equipment. A small television receiver is among all this, and countless dismal reruns of "I Love Lucy" are marred—or improved—by waving TVI lines.

The Sunnyside Lab is designed and staffed to learn more about the problems inevitably encountered by a pioneering system such as AEP, and more important, to develop solutions.

Solutions are inevitable too.

## Familiar Faces In New Places

### Appalachian Power Company

#### Abingdon Division

T. L. RUSS to Lineman B.

#### Amos Plant

BECKY JO ROUSH from Clerk-Stenographer, Construction Accounting, to Time Clerk Senior, Operating Accounting. A. L. NAPIER, Maintenance Foreman, from Amos Construction to Amos Production.

#### Beckley Division

C. R. DILLON to Surveyor.

#### Bluefield Division

E. M. MCKINNEY to General Serviceman. J. D. MARTIN to General Serviceman. H. E. FARMER, JR. to General Serviceman. W. L. CROUSE to General Serviceman. ALONZA HARDY to General Serviceman. W. M. GORDON to General Serviceman. C. B. LAMPERT to General Serviceman. C. H. McVEY to General Serviceman. J. D. HONAKER to Stationman B. L. W. SIGMONY to Stationman B. M. H. SMITH to Lineman B. O. A. YATES to Customer Accounts Supervisor. R. R. RUFF to Senior Power Sales Engineer.

#### Clinch River Plant

H. O. GARRETT to Master Maintenance Man. R. C. MEADE to Instrument Maintenance Man C.

#### General Office

J. E. WOOLRIDGE to Tax Accountant. MARGARET HALEY to Tax Accounting Assistant. J. H. RICHMOND to General Bookkeeper Junior. BLONDELL HOUSTON to W/O Cost Clerk. J. M. PAULEY to Transmission Man C. BONNIE FERRELL to Stenographer. D. R. BRAMMER to Station Clerk. T. F. PUCKETT to Material Expediter-Stock Controller. R. G. HARPER from Draftsman Senior, Charleston, to Right Of Way Agent B, GO-Charleston. B. L. BALLARD, JR. to Station Operator A. YVONNE GILMORE from Clerk-Stenographer, Charleston, to Stenographer, GO-Charleston. GLORIA WILSON to Stenographer. B. M. GRAVES to Helper. LORETHA JORDAN from Key Punch Operator B, GO Accounting-Roanoke, to Clerk-Stenographer, Executive Department Personnel Section, GO-Roanoke. J. H. OVERSTREET to Regional Dispatcher. R. M. STIFF to Civil Engineer Senior. T. W. RUBLE to Station Designer.

#### Glen Lyn Plant

D. R. MARTIN to Utility Man.

#### Huntington Division

J. E. BLAKE to Lineman C. J. D. QUEEN to Lineman C.

#### Kanawha River Plant

W. E. DAVIS to Crane Operator. R. C. FLETCHER to Barge Attendant. W. R. KONICEK, Utility Operator. T. R. CHAPMAN to Barge Attendant. J. B. SNODGRASS to Coal Handler. CLAYTON BARKER from Crane Operator, Kanawha River, to Barge Unloader Operator, Amos. R. H. BROWN from Barge Attendant, Kanawha River, to Barge Handler, Amos. G. L. BURKHART from Laborer, Kanawha River, to Barge Handler, Amos. R. J. SCHILLING to Utility Operator.

#### Logan-Williamson Division

N. P. CANTLEY to Heating Sales Engineer.

#### Lynchburg Division

D. J. SCOTT to Lineman C. R. M. ELLIOTT to Meterman C.

#### Pulaski Division

R. D. BLEVINS to Electrical Engineer. BRENDA AUST to Home Sales Representative Senior. W. B. BUCHANAN, JR., to Area Serviceman. S. B. HOWERY, JR., to Maintenance Man. HAZEL WALKER to Clerk-Trainee. DORIS CAMPBELL to T&D Clerk.

#### Radford Plant

G. J. LAWSON to Yard Foreman. L. E. SADLER to Plant Clerk.

#### Roanoke Division

C. W. BROWN to Stationman A. L. F. HOGAN to Line Foreman (NE). R. L. WRAY to Customer Accounts Representative. C. DAROTHY VIA to Customer Accounts Representative A. H. C. WHITLOCK, JR., to Customer Accounts Representative C.

#### Philip Sporn Plant

J. W. TAYLOR, SR., to Maintenance Foreman. R. R. PROFFITT to Utility Operator. J. H. MANLEY to Master Maintenance Man. E. G. CLEVENGER to Master Maintenance Man. G. A. ICENHOWER to Maintenance Man. J. J. HENSLEY to Maintenance Man. M. R. SWISHER to Maintenance Man. T. R. BELCHER to Maintenance Man. R. C. ROUSH to Maintenance Man. D. G. GOODNITE to Maintenance Man. C. R. DUNCAN to Maintenance Man. S. R. LEMLEY to Junior Maintenance Man.

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#### Ashland General Office

SHERYLENE STANLEY to Clerk Typist. KATHRYN SAUNDERS to Clerk Stenographer.

#### Hazard Division

CHARLES DAVIS to Lineman C.



### Larry Miles Enjoys Helping Others As Volunteer Fireman For City Of Vinton



Larry Miles explains the uses of some of the technical equipment found on the Vinton fire truck.

Larry D. Miles, roddman in the Roanoke Division T&D Department, says "the idea of becoming a firefighter was born several years ago when my parents' home caught fire. I guess, like most boys, I had always dreamed about putting out fires, and that was my first encounter with a real big fire."

Larry is now a member of the Vinton Town Volunteer Fire Department where he and 27 other men are on call. When a call goes out, these men are notified through a direct radio system between the firehouse and their homes. They usually answer 12 to 15 calls per month, and Larry recalls that his biggest fire so far was the one at the Feed Box Restaurant where they fought for six hours trying to bring the fire under control.

Each firefighter is furnished a hat, coat, pants, boots and other necessary equipment. Most of the men are qualified to drive any of the equipment.

Becoming a fireman required Larry to meet certain qualifications. His training included two first

aid courses, 26 hours of basic and advanced Red Cross work, 12 hours of basic "firemanship," and 15 hours of work in the area of arson fundamentals. In addition, he often attends refresher training sessions.

"I know I have profited from the knowledge gained from being a part of this fire unit," he said. "I guess the best part is helping others."

### John Faust Elected Assistant Secretary Of Kingsport Power

John E. Faust, executive assistant, Kingsport Power Company, has been elected to the position of assistant secretary of the company.

Faust joined the company in 1948 as a power sales engineer following graduation from the University of Tennessee. He attended the AEP Management Training Program at the University of Michigan in 1967.

### Ohio Power Company's Lima, Findlay Divisions To Merge On April 1

Ohio Power Company's two westernmost operating divisions, Lima and Findlay, will be merged into a single division, effective April 1.

The expanded division will be known as the Lima Division with headquarters in Lima. Ronald L. Springer, now manager of the Findlay Division, will head the new Lima Division. Joseph W. Jones, manager of the present Lima Division, will retire March 31.

The new division, which will be largest in area of all American Electric Power System divisions, includes such cities as Delphos, Hicksville, Paulding and Van Wert in the present Lima Division and Ada, Kenton and Ottawa in the present Findlay Division. The merger will reduce Ohio Power's operating divisions from nine to eight.

### Kenneth C. Phillips Retires In Pulaski



Kenneth C. Phillips began making gardening plans soon after retirement so he will be ready when spring weather breaks.

Kenneth C. Phillips, maintenance man at the Claytor Hydro Plant in Pulaski Division, retired February 1. He had worked for the company for 30 years.

Phillips was employed in 1940 as a special guard and in 1942 became an assistant station operator. In 1945 he moved up to assistant hydro operator, and in 1965 was promoted to his present position. All of his service was spent at Claytor Hydro.

This spring he plans to paint the outside and inside of his house. Then when he catches up on the jobs at home, he and his wife will begin making travel plans. He says, "I will work first, play later." Phillips also hopes to have more time to work in his garden and care for his lawn and flowers than he did while working.

Phillips is married and the father of one son. He is a member of Fairlawn Presbyterian Church, where he is on the board of deacons.

### Gordon Presented Service Medal

Major John B. Gordon was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for service with the United States Army Support Thailand during the period September 1968 to October 1970. The award was presented to him during retirement ceremonies by Major General J. H. Caughey, deputy commanding general of the Fifth U. S. Army.

Major Gordon is the son of the late R. L. Gordon, administrative assistant in Kentucky Power's General Office, Ashland. He entered the Army following graduation from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1957, receiving his commission through the ROTC program.



Mjr. Gordon

### Jane Abbott Once Dreaded Retirement, Now Finds Time For Various Hobbies



Bill and Jane Abbott, both retired company employees, look through a cook book Bill is using while teaching Jane to bake tasty dishes.

A variety of interests keeps Jane Abbott, retired Charleston Division secretarial stenographer, busy. As she says, "I was afraid that compared with the hectic pace at the office I would be bored to tears in retirement, but it seems that although far from hectic, my year in retirement has been anything but boring."

Jane's hobbies include book collecting, photography, geology, sewing, Appalachian Power Company memorabilia, sketching and paintings. Her collection of books must be one of the finest in the area, although many were stolen several years ago. She admits to a lifelong love of reading and usually has a planned reading program under way. The walls of her home are adorned with a very impressive array of prints and original oils. The paintings include many works by outstanding West Virginia artists. Jane, who likes to sketch and draw, says her favorite model is her pet cat, Charles.

"I do have problems," admits Jane. "My present home has eight rooms, but I could use at least six more!" Although only Jane, her husband Bill, who is also a retired power company employee, and her invalid mother reside in the present home, the family had lived for many years in a 14-room home in Charleston's west side. "Our old home was in the path of a new interstate, and like many others in the area, we were forced to sell and move," says Jane. "For most people this would create many problems, but for us it was a disaster. The old home's 14 rooms were enormous and over the years we had filled them with furniture, books and our hobbies. Finding a comparable house was impossible, so we had to settle for an eight-room house with much smaller rooms."

Jane's number one hobby is photography. She says, "I can't remember ever not taking pictures or at least collecting them. There's just something that has drawn me to photography." Her many scrapbooks are filled with pictures she has taken or ones that have been given to her. Her favorite subjects are people, "my cat," and landscape scenes. "I have many pictures of people I have worked with as well as those taken at various company functions. Now

that I'm retired, I find that browsing back over scrapbooks filled with friendly familiar faces gives me a good feeling."

In addition to taking pictures, Jane enjoys working with her darkroom photography equipment. She has a professional style enlarging device with which, as she says, "I can reproduce and enlarge my favorite pictures." Although at this time she doesn't have a specific darkroom set up, she plans one in the near future.

Jane's husband, Bill, does most of the cooking and is presently engaged in teaching her the fine art of baking. Jane adds, "Bill really is a fine cook and a good teacher."

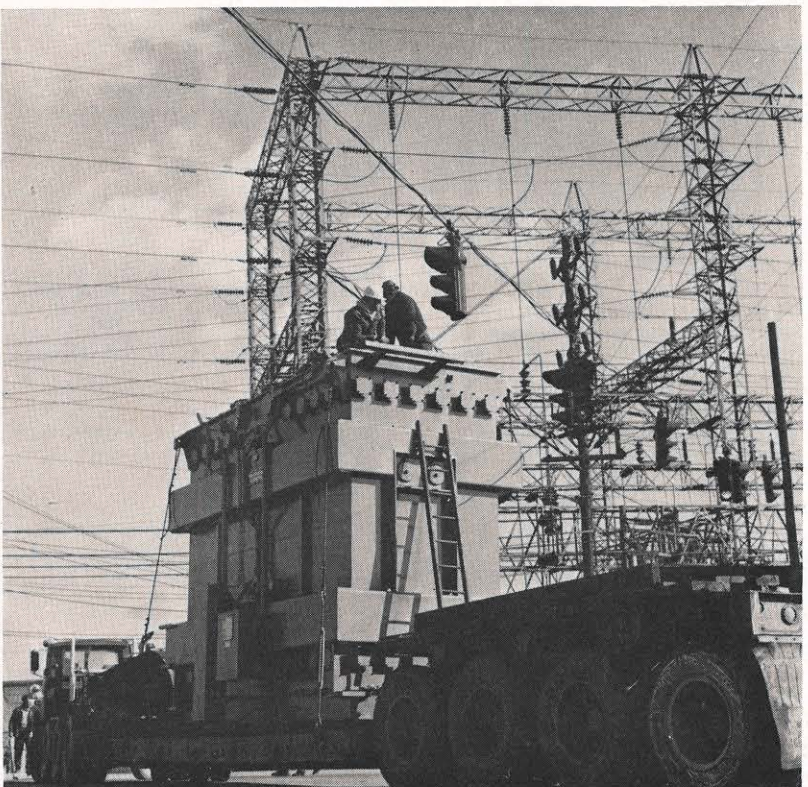
Retirement for the Abbotts, although not completely free from problems, has been enjoyable and busy. Jane hopes to sew more in the near future as well as continue with her Spanish lessons. "I just like to do a lot of different things all the time," she adds.

### Eagle Scout



Earl Douglas Jones was awarded the Eagle Scout rank at Lebanon Troop 239 annual banquet recently. The son of Ruth Jones Noe, senior timekeeper at Clinch River Plant, Doug has earned 21 merit badges. He serves as junior assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 239, a member of the Lebanon varsity football team and is active in youth organizations at Lebanon Baptist Church.

### Moving Day For 80-Ton Transformer



Moving a new 175,000 kva transformer from Armeo Steel Company's railway siding to its permanent location in Kentucky Power's Bellefonte Station was no easy task. Ed Humphrey, Ashland distribution engineer, made all the arrangements to move the 80-ton transformer across the C&O's main rail lines and a busy four-lane highway. A tractor with a 200-ton pulling capacity and a low-boy with a 100-ton load capacity was secured from a Roanoke, Virginia, contractor. On moving day, one train was stopped a few feet short of the rig as it carefully maneuvered the West Ashland Crossing and state police stopped traffic on U.S. 23 for ten minutes. The entire job, including loading, moving and unloading, was completed without a hitch in five hours.

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