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## Honorary Degree For President Cook

AEP President Donald C. Cook (center) was the recipient of the honorary degree, Doctor of Business Management, at the June 13 commencement exercises of Indiana Institute of Technology in Fort Wayne. Extending congratulations to Mr. Cook is Dr. Walter J. Williams (right), Acting President and Academic Dean of IIT. At the left is Dr. Ivan Planck, Honorary Dean of the Faculty, who made the presentation of candidates for honorary degrees at the school's 50th commencement.

## Mitchell Units Go Commercial; AEP Power Supply Reaches 12.8-Million KW

The American Electric Power System's available power supply has now reached 12.8-million kilowatts and will soon go higher.

On May 31, the two generating units at Ohio Power Company's Mitchell Plant, totaling 1,325,000 kw, were placed in commercial operation—the largest block of power ever put into commercial service at one time.

Then, on June 19, the first 800,000-kw Unit 1 at Appalachian Power Company's John E. Amos Plant was paralleled, thus beginning a period of operation on a test basis. Its commercial operation is expected in August.

The two Mitchell units are designed to generate 800,000 kw each. However, Unit 1 was placed in commercial operation at the reduced level of 525,000 kw, pending completion of repairs to its turbine. When such work is completed, expected next year, the unit then will be given its full rating of 800,000 kw.

Meanwhile, construction is going forward on another 6.9-million kw of generating capacity at three locations on the AEP System, as follows:

**AMOS**—The 800,000-kw Unit 2 (fifth and last in a series of such turbine-generators on the System), scheduled for commercial operation next Spring, and the 1.3-million-kw Unit 3 (first of a series), scheduled for 1973.

## Hearing On Rate Increase Delayed

Appalachian Power Company's request for a continuance of the hearing on its rate increase application has been granted by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. Hearings were to begin July 6.

W. S. White, Jr., executive vice president, said, "We made the request regretfully because we do need the rate increase. However, rapid changes are occurring in several major areas which affect our company operations. It is imperative that we have more time to evaluate the effects of these changes on our rate application and the company's operations in the future. We have not withdrawn our application."

The company filed applications for increases with the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the West Virginia Public Service Commission in February of this year. No date for a public hearing has been set in West Virginia.

**COOK**—Two 1.1-million-kw nuclear units (the System's first) at Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, scheduled for 1973 and 1974 operation, respectively.

**GAVIN**—Two 1.3-million-kw units at Ohio Power's General James M. Gavin Plant, scheduled for 1974 and 1975, respectively.

## AEP Proposes Four Financings To Raise Capital

The American Electric Power System proposes to carry out four financings in the near future, designed to raise approximately \$300-million in new capital.

Included in the proposed financings are the sale of common stock and debentures of the parent American Electric Power Company, and first mortgage bonds and preferred stock of Appalachian Power Company. Here are the details:

**COMMON STOCK**—AEP plans to sell 5.4-million shares of its authorized but unissued common stock (\$6.50 par value) in a rights offering to existing shareowners. The shares will first be offered for subscription to the present holders on a 1-for-10-share basis. Any unsubscribed shares would be purchased under stand-by arrangements at competitive bidding by underwriters and security dealers. Price of the stock and date of its offering will be determined by the Board of Directors.

**DEBENTURES**—Later this year, a hearing will be scheduled by the Securities and Exchange Commission on AEP's application to sell, at competitive bidding, \$100-million of debentures. The hearing is required under the Public Utility Holding Company Act to determine whether the proposed debentures comply with provisions of the Act which are applicable to the issuance of debt securities by a holding company such as AEP.

**BONDS**—Appalachian Power will sell \$35-million of first mortgage bonds, subject to necessary regulatory approvals. It is expected that competitive bids will be received on August 25.

**PREFERRED STOCK**—Appalachian will sell 300,000 shares (\$100 par value) of cumulative preferred, also subject to regulatory approvals. Here, too, it is expected that competitive bids will be received August 25.

## FPC Examiner Again Recommends License For Blue Ridge Project

A recommendation that a 50-year license be granted Appalachian for construction of the Blue Ridge Pumped Storage and Hydroelectric Project has again been made by the presiding examiner.

William C. Levy, presiding examiner, has concluded for the second time in 20 months that the proposed Blue Ridge Project provides for comprehensive development of the area's water resources. The maximum public benefits that can be supported within the limits of economic feasibility will be provided. These benefits include flood control, water quality storage, recreation, pollution control, esthetics, fishery, and power.

The examiner's initial decision on Blue Ridge was issued October 1, 1969, but hearings were reopened to discuss possible effects of the project on recreational aspects downstream in West Virginia and water quality on the Kanawha River. The examiner's most recent decision follows hearings in Beckley July 21-25, 1970, and December 7-11, 1970, in Washington.

Among the major points made in Examiner Levy's 71-page decision were the following:

- The supplemental hearings did not produce evidence to support claims that the project operation would materially adversely affect recreational use of the West Virginia section of the New River. There would be some adverse effect on fishing in the riffle area below Bluestone Dam due to higher water flows in the summer, but increased water releases during the low-flow periods would improve fishery in the river as a whole. In the long-term, the project will result in a substantial increase in fishing benefits and in superior water-oriented recreation.

- The water flow condition in the initial decision should be revised to reduce from 4,000 to 3,000 cubic feet per second the volume of water to be released from the project's lower reservoir during April through October. Until operating condition studies have been completed and evaluated, a prudent concern for possible environmental and ecological damage on the New River, however minimal, justifies beginning the project operation at a lower release rate than originally recommended.

- The original condition which allowed for a range of water storage at the project up to 650,000 acre feet in 1985-1990 should be revised to require instead that Appalachian maintain a year-round water quality storage level of 400,000 acre feet. He denied an FPC staff contention that with lowered water releases, water quality storage levels should be lowered to 250,000 acre feet. He said this would be wasteful because water flow records for the area show that during most years, about 400,000 acre feet of water can be impounded from the natural spring run-off between the beginning of February and the end of April.

The 400,000 acre feet appears to be the maximum water quality storage contribution the project can make initially without jeopardizing its relatively close margin of economic feasibility or without serious prejudice to such other essential public benefits as recreation, fishery, flood control, ecology, esthetics and environment.

- The Blue Ridge Project represents the most comprehensive development of the New River within the meaning of the Federal Power Act. Under the flexible operating conditions recommended, the project will best meet the needs of the region and the goals of the Environmental Protection Act and the Appalachian Regional Development Act.

- Further delay in licensing Appalachian to build the Blue Ridge Project must be evaluated against a future in which the need for clean water and energy will increase to crisis proportions, and the economic, environmental, and social costs of meeting these critical needs will continue to increase.

- Rejected were contentions that Federal development of the area's water resources could provide a desirable alternative to the proposed Blue Ridge Project. Federal development could make power available at costs lower than those of Appalachian; however, this lower cost would derive solely from lower Federal financing costs and freedom from the tax burdens of private development. Federal development would cost more, take longer, provide less operating flexibility, and delay indefinitely a badly needed project.

- Modified were conditions in the initial decision that required Appalachian to acquire control of a 200-foot horizontal strip of land along about 80 miles of shoreline on the project's upper reservoir. Since the initial decision, counties in which the project is located have moved rapidly to provide a framework for adequate shoreline control through local zoning ordinances, and it is recommended that the FPC consider the ordinances as an acceptable alternative to costly property acquisitions and scenic easements. The examiner also rejected FPC staff's proposal that Appalachian acquire 25 feet around the entire shoreline of the project.

- Drawdowns in the upper reservoir would be limited to 10 feet the year around after the year 1985.

- There is no requirement that Appalachian should place temperature controls on the project, although studies should be conducted to determine their need.

- No conditions were placed on the operation of the steam-electric plants which will supply electricity to the project for use as pumping power, as proposed by several parties in the proceedings.

It was in June of 1962 that Appalachian applied for a preliminary permit for Blue Ridge, and in 1965 when it applied for a license to build the project. The initial filings were for a project much smaller than that now contemplated.

In 1968, the company adopted the modified project for Blue Ridge after months of hearings, delays, and studies.

The project as proposed would consist of two dams on the New River in Grayson County, Virginia, with two lakes in Grayson County and in Ashe and Allegheny Counties, North Carolina. The project would have a generating capacity of 1,800,000 kilowatts, and the two lakes would total about 40,000 acres. The project would make use of pumped storage, where water is pumped back from the lower lake into the upper lake to be used again for generation of electric power.

During testimony, Appalachian described the comprehensiveness of the project it was proposing, a point Examiner Levy apparently agreed with in his decision.

The Blue Ridge Project has been marked by years of hearings and delays, as the company, the FPC, and a number of intervenors have wrestled with many issues which have become involved in the proceedings.

Among the many parties which have intervened in the proceedings have been: the U.S. Department of the Interior; the FPC staff; the States of Virginia, North Carolina, and West Virginia; Washington Mills; several electric cooperatives; Sprague Electric Company; City of Danville; a number of conservationists groups; Appalachian Research and Defense Fund; Congress for Appalachian Development; Counties of Ashe and Allegheny, North Carolina; Grayson County, Virginia; and others.

## What Is Next?

With the issuance of the presiding examiner's decision June 21, another milestone has been reached in the Blue Ridge proceedings.

Parties to the proceeding have 30 days from June 21 in which to file exceptions to the examiner's decision. The Commission has another 10 days after that to initiate a review on its own motion if no exceptions are filed.

In the event no exceptions are filed and no review is initiated by the FPC, the presiding examiner's decision will become final at the end of this 40-day period.

## Logan Is Sales Champion



When the final figures were tabulated, Logan-Williamson Division emerged the six month winner of Appalachian's sales achievement award program and gained permanent possession of the "We Made It Happen" trophy. By accumulating the least number of points for the same period, Huntington Division had the dubious honor of receiving the "Trailender" trophy. The trophies were presented at the June staff meeting in Roanoke by W. S. White, executive vice president. Displaying their awards are (l. to r.) George E. Hervey, Huntington Division manager, White, and Floyd Taylor, Logan-Williamson Division manager.

# Indiana & Michigan Will Challenge EPA's Environmental Standards In Federal Suit

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company will file "in the near future" a Federal civil suit against William D. Ruckelshaus, administrator of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, in the first major court challenge to EPA's environmental standards.

James B. Henry, vice president and general counsel of the AEP Service Corporation, told the Michigan Water Resources Commission at a hearing in Lansing, Michigan, last month that I&M had concluded that it "must" file a civil action over thermal standards that Ruckelshaus is seeking to establish for Lake Michigan.

Henry told the Commission that the I&M complaint will allege that Ruckelshaus' actions in recommending that the State of Michigan adopt certain thermal standards for Lake Michigan are "arbitrary and capricious and otherwise in violation of law." He said that the action will be filed in the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

He indicated that I&M was forced to take the unprecedented step because Ruckelshaus seeks to impose thermal water quality standards for electric power plants on Lake Michigan that were based

on political motivations rather than scientific findings. Chief among Henry's complaints was the requirement, under the proposed EPA standards, that two giant cooling towers would have to be backfitted into the design of I&M's new 2.2-million-kilowatt Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, now under construction at Bridgman, Mich.

Pointing out that the AEP System has had more experience in the construction and operation of cooling towers than any other organization in the United States, Henry said that I&M's decision thus was not made lightly. He added that it might even be misunderstood by the general public not familiar with the merits of the company's position.

"The fact is, however, that the regulations which EPA is trying to cram down the throats of this Commission were arrived at for purely political reasons and contrary to all available evidence as to the possible ecological effects of the use of a circulating water system, or so-called 'once-through' system, at the Cook Plant," Henry stated. "This political decision would penalize our customers by many millions of dollars. We cannot in good conscience permit that to happen to our customers without a struggle, and I can assure you that we will make the best struggle we can."

Henry made two principal points concerning the economic penalty of building cooling towers:

1. "The money which we may be required to spend on unneeded cooling towers represents millions of dollars worth of steel, concrete, redwood, labor and other such valuable commodities which should be expended elsewhere to better advantage. Those who, claiming to represent the public interest, irresponsibly try to force this kind of misallocation of assets are far from being 'conservationists,' as they like to style themselves; they are destructionists."

2. "The only pocket these wasteful expenditures can come out of is that belonging to the users of electricity."

Henry explained that I&M's legal position was that the Ruckelshaus standards were arbitrarily and capriciously proposed because they ran counter to the unanimous findings of the Technical Committee of the Lake Michigan Enforcement Conference, which included two Federal representatives and one each from the states of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. He quoted from the Committee's report which concluded:

"The committee recognizes the value of receiving water temperature standards but, since there has been no demonstrated significant damage at Lake Michigan thermal plume sites from artificial heat inputs, the assignment of numerical effluent values or other engineering design requirements at this time would be arbitrary and not defensible."

Henry maintained that there was nothing in the record, including exhaustive studies by the scientific community, to sustain the requirement for a closed-cycle (cooling tower) system for power plants on Lake Michigan. He charged that Ruckelshaus nonetheless was using "all the muscle at his command to compel the state conferees to adhere slavishly to his proposals."

"Fortunately, there are avenues of relief from this kind of dictatorial action. A possible avenue is the suit we will file against Mr. Ruckelshaus. We will file this complaint because it is abundantly clear that our quarrel is with Mr. Ruckelshaus and not with this (Michigan) Commission, which has never indicated that, on the merits, it had any desire to require us to backfit cooling towers," Henry concluded.

## Ashland Employee Turns Firefighter

It was just a normal evening of housework for Kathy Saunders, General Office Commercial in Ashland, until she entered the kitchen. A skillet of grease on the stove had ignited and flames were nearing the ceiling.

Acting quickly, Kathy threw open the back door and took a swing with her broom to knock the skillet out into the yard. Instead, it landed in a bag of garbage ready to take out. Now she had a real problem because the fire was spreading.

Kathy rushed outside and yelled for her neighbor to call the fire department. Then, acting on impulse, Kathy grabbed a nearby garden hose, jumped a fence and rushed back into the kitchen. By the time firemen arrived, the fire was out.

Although there was considerable damage to the kitchen, the rest of the house was spared. Kathy recalls, "All I could think about was putting the fire out."

## Plant Pine Trees With State Help

Statewide surveys show that each year the volume of pine timber cut is 15% greater than the volume grown. The 1971 Virginia General Assembly enacted legislation that will help Virginia landowners meet the reforestation challenge. The money to finance this program comes from a self-imposed tax on the pine using forest industry matched by the public in a like amount from the State General Fund.

Generous incentives—money and equipment—are available to help landowners turn nonprofitable brush land into profitable pine forests. Experienced industrial and state foresters are available to help organize crews to prepare areas and plant tree seedlings. They will also assist in locating contractors and crews.

To prepare the land and plant trees, the landowner may rent state equipment, use his own equipment and labor, or hire the work done by contractors. The work must be done in accordance with the recommendations of the Division of Forestry. After completion of the work and approval by the State Forester, the landowner may receive financial help in either of two ways.

The landowner may receive 50 percent of the costs incurred but not to exceed \$20.00 per acre. Or, the landowner may receive an interest free loan up to 75 percent (but not more than \$30.00 per acre) of the reforestation cost for preparing the area and planting trees. The \$30.00 per acre loan, interest free, is repayable in 30 years or before, if the timber is cut. Also, the state will share certain losses should the planted trees be severely damaged by fire, insects, or disease.

For more information on the new Pine Reforestation of Timberlands Act, contact your forest industry representative, County Chief Forest Warden, or the Virginia Division of Forestry office, Box 128, Salem, Virginia, or Box D, Abingdon, Virginia.



There were plenty of sidewalk superintendents when members of the Bluefield Station Department, under the direction of Garlin E. Hill, Jr., loaded the coal desk for transportation to the West Virginia State Museum.

## Desk Of Coal Weighing 3200 Pounds Donated To W. Va. State Museum

A coal desk weighing approximately 3200 pounds has been donated by Appalachian to the West Virginia State Museum in

Charleston. The desk, made from a lump of coal about four feet square from the old Pocahontas No. 3 seam, was given to the Bluefield office when it opened in 1939 by the Southern Coal Association. The coal is enclosed by glass, which gives it the effect of a desk. Literally thousands of checks in payment of electric bills have been written on it since that time.

Extreme care was required in moving the desk to prevent breakage. It was rolled on steel rollers from the Accounting Office onto the sidewalk and, by means of slings and a hydraulic lift truck, was loaded on hay on a power wagon for transportation to Charleston. The loading operation was done by members of the Bluefield station crew with an operator for the boom truck.

## Spurlock Named Father Of Year

James B. Spurlock, Jr., General Office Personnel employee relations assistant, has been elected Father of the Year by the Inter-Faith Community Choir of Roanoke Valley.

A native of Roanoke, Spurlock joined Appalachian in Roanoke in 1968 as personnel assistant after eight years in the Army, including service in Vietnam. He rose to the rank of captain. An honor graduate of A&T State University, he attended the Advanced Management Program at the University of Michigan.



Spurlock

Spurlock is director of the E. T. Burton Young Adult Choir at Sweet Union Baptist Church, where he also serves on the board of trustees. He is an adviser to the Inter-Faith Community Choir of Roanoke Valley. He is a member of the board and vice chairman of the Opportunities Industrialization Center in Roanoke; a member of the board of the Roanoke Valley Council of Community Services; vice president-employer relations of the Virginia College Placement Association, Inc.; member of the Jaycees and the Roanoke City Fair Employment Practice Committee.

Spurlock is married and has one son.

## For 30 Fantastic Seconds

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## Sweeney Receives AF Commendation

Staff Sergeant Cecil E. Sweeney has been awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service while assigned to the Dual Rail Section of the 463rd Organizational Maintenance Squadron, 463rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines from June 1969 to September

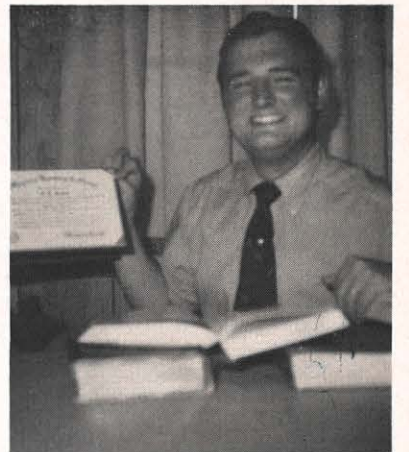


S/S Sweeney

1970. The son of Cecil A. Sweeney, lead draftsman in the General Office Real Estate and Right of Way Department, Roanoke, he is now stationed at Travis Air Force Base in California.

According to the citation presented with the award, Sgt. Sweeney's extensive knowledge of the cargo handling systems, outstanding professional ability and devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the accomplishments of the 463rd Tactical Airlift Wing.

## Danny R. Snuffer Earns BS Degree



Danny Snuffer holds the diploma he received after graduating from Morris Harvey College.

It took five long years, but Danny Snuffer graduated from Morris Harvey College last month with a bachelor of science degree in marketing and management. The Charleston customer accounts representative thinks it was worth the struggle involved.

Danny previously earned an associate bachelor of arts degree from Beckley College. When he enrolled in Morris Harvey in 1966, he was residing in Beckley and working part-time at the Charleston office. "I knew the hour-long drive each way would be tough, but I wanted a regular four year bachelor's degree. Morris Harvey was the nearest place." During his first semester, in addition to the job and long drive, he carried 19 hours of classwork.

Later he went to work full-time in Charleston and somehow found the time to get married. In speaking of his wife Priscilla, Danny says, "Without her assistance, I could never have made it through these last few years. Last semester alone she typed six term papers for me. Really, I wish I could get a second degree for her."

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### Retiree Devoted To Church Work

All of Lawrence Stewart's spare time has been devoted to working in the West Columbia United Methodist Church. He is now a member of the board of trustees and has been Sunday School superintendent for so many years he can't remember how long.

Stewart retired July 1 as auto repairman in the Point Pleasant area of Huntington Division. He began his career in 1949 with the Point Pleasant Water & Light Company, a predecessor of Appalachian. He transferred to Appalachian as a special guard in the Charleston Division T&D Department and worked as a laborer, groundman and truck driver before moving to Point Pleasant in 1949 as truck driver-groundman. He became auto repairman in 1969.

Stewart is proud that he did not have a disabling injury during his years of service. He was presented an engraved watch and Bible commentary by Point Pleasant employees.

Stewart and his wife Elsie live on a 23-acre farm in West Columbia. While their two sons and a daughter were growing up, he farmed the land and raised his own beef and vegetables. During retirement he plans to raise more flowers and possibly some cattle.



### Civic Service Recognized

The newest Kentucky Colonel, West Virginia chapter, is Earl M. Bowen, Huntington Division meter reader. Here, Bowen is flanked by Police Chief Tom Perry of Kenova and Mrs. Bowen. The presentation came at a surprise dinner and was for his outstanding service to Kenova. He was recently elected mayor of the city after being a councilman for eight years. He is also police commissioner, chairman of the Virginia Point Park Board, board member of the Ceredo-Kenova War Memorial Field House, and for six years Wayne County civil defense director. He has served as Wayne County Red Cross disaster chairman.

### Napier Retires As AEP Consultant

James B. Napier, special projects consultant in the Service Corporation's Commercial Department, retired July 1.

An engineering graduate of Purdue University and an AEP veteran of nearly 36 years, Napier started out with Indiana & Michigan Electric Company in 1935 in Elwood, Indiana. He worked in a line crew, and later as heating plant and substation operator. He was system dispatcher at I&M's Deer Creek Station in April 1941, when he was called to active duty in the Army as a lieutenant.

In the following five years, Napier handled training assignments in armor and artillery, and served in the Philippines. Discharged as a lieutenant colonel, he returned to I&M and sales work in 1946.

Of sales work, he has said, "If I have a calling, this is it." From

commercial and industrial sales supervisor, he moved in July 1951 to the Service Corporation's Commercial Department. There he played a big part in the astonishing growth of the all-electric concept in commercial buildings and in schools. He became special projects consultant last year.

In retirement, he and his wife will continue to make their home in Westfield, New Jersey. He plans some travel, and some work in the home workshop, but for Napier, the chief pleasure of retirement is to be found on the bookshelves. A relentless reader, especially in history and biography, he says that at last he'll have time to read the books he wants to read.

### Relaxation Ahead For R. June Dent

Robert June Dent feels that after 29 years on the job "it's time to relax". He retired July 1 as maintenance man at Cabin Creek Plant.

June has many hobbies and interests to occupy his leisure hours. He has a workshop in the basement of his home where he combines various kinds of wood into beautiful and useful furniture. A story in the May issue of THE ILLUMINATOR described this hobby.

He says, "I just plan on working around the house, painting and fixing things I haven't had time to do. Of course, I'll continue to work in my shop and pick up some odd jobs here and there. Mainly, I'll enjoy just being able to look out the window and, if it's raining or snowing, just turn over and go back to sleep."

He and his wife Nellie reside with their daughter, Ruth, at Marmet. Another daughter, Carolyn, is married.



June Dent will have plenty of leisure time now that he is retired. He is shown here with an antique clock that belonged to his mother and father when they set up house-keeping over 65 years ago.

### Circus Clown Ties First Electric Light To Huntington Centennial Celebration

A clown.  
A light bulb.  
A centennial.

The 100th anniversary of the founding of the City of Huntington, West Virginia, is being celebrated this year. A story about the celebration is featured in the September-October issue of *Time Out*, Appalachian's bill insert.

While doing research about the city, Bob King, Huntington administrative assistant, discovered that the first electric light was brought to Huntington by a circus. King related this information to Jim Wellman, advertising supervisor in the General Office Public Affairs Department in Roanoke, who is responsible for designing the bill insert. Wellman came up

with the idea to tie the centennial, the circus and the electric industry together in one picture.

First, a replica of Thomas Edison's electric light bulb was ordered. Then Charles Hoschar, head meter clerk in Huntington, was selected to portray a clown. Hoschar was featured several years ago in THE ILLUMINATOR along with his son, Carlos, as a father-son amateur clown team. After all the plans had been made, props gathered, and various poses rehearsed, veteran photographer Bill Joseph snapped the pictures.



Putting on his clown makeup and costume requires about 45 minutes. Charles had grown a beard especially for the centennial celebration but was willing to shave just to make the clown photograph.



A good clown falls in love with every pretty girl he sees. Surprised Vickie Sowards, Huntington Commercial, breaks into laughter over Charles' attention.



Bill Joseph, Huntington photographer and reproduction man, zeroes in on the clown face.

### EEL Chairman Says Electric Industry Is Ready To Meet Customer Demands

The new chairman of the Edison Electric Institute, Shearon Harris, said last month that the electric industry is ready for the demands to be made on it this summer.

Speaking to a National Press Club luncheon in Washington, Harris, who is also chairman and president of the Carolina Power & Light Company, said that "we expect reserves this summer to be either about the same as last summer or somewhat improved, and we are capable of greater mutual assistance." He added that "any interruptions due to extreme temperatures should be limited in area, duration, and scope."

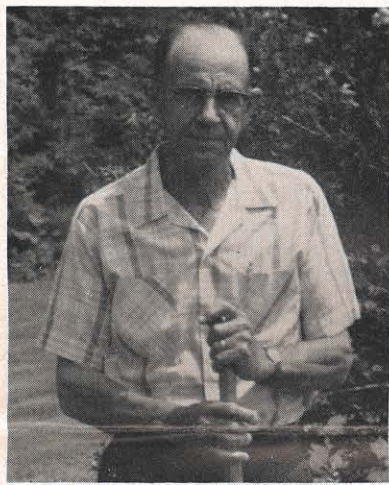
Harris said that "electric energy will be part of the solution to the problem of environmental improvement, rather than part of the problem." Electricity is being used in increasing quantities "for advancing the quality of life through recycling wastes, processing sewage, cleaning up rivers and lakes by processing other effluents, replacing industrial combustibles, and meeting mass transit needs.

"Such benefits will carry higher

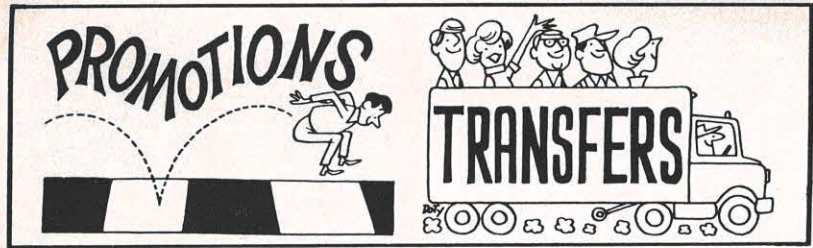
costs," he warned. "The combined effect of the ravages of inflation, higher capital costs, fuel demand outrunning costs, increasing state and local taxes, and the added investment in pollution control equipment means higher cost for electric service."

Harris enunciated four major goals in a "massive" research and development program contemplated by the industry: (1) desulphuring coal and oil to increase the environmentally acceptable reserves of these raw fuels; (2) perfecting a nuclear fast breeder reactor to improve efficiency and cut pollutants; (3) burial of high-voltage transmission lines for ecological and economic reasons, and (4) hastening the day of environmentally clean fusion reactors.

Taking the view that supplying the initial capital to finance such a massive program should be shared by "those who will enjoy the benefits—the electric customers," Harris advocated a voluntary surcharge, approved by regulation, on the customers of both investor-owned and government power.



Stewart



### Appalachian Power Company

**Amos Plant**  
D. L. JOHNSTON to Maintenance Man A. J. C. RUNYON to Maintenance Man A. D. L. THOMPSON to Maintenance Man B. F. D. WILLIAMS to Maintenance Man A. R. W. McDANIELS to Maintenance Man A. ANDREW GILMORE to Maintenance Man B. E. R. TAYLOR to Maintenance Man A. R. J. GILL to Maintenance Man A.

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**Cabin Creek Plant**  
R. A. SIDERS to Maintenance Man. W. B. NUGENT to Maintenance Man.

**Charleston Division**  
J. P. SMOLDER to Engineer B.

**Clinch River Plant**  
B. D. BREEDING to Equipment Operator. T. R. SADDLER to Results Helper. WANDA JEAN MUSICK to Stenographer. RUTH J. NOE to Plant Clerk Senior. R. L. MAYS to Utility Operator B. E. G. HUFFMAN to Junior Maintenance Man.

**General Office**  
BONNIE JEAN MANNING to Key Punch Operator B. CAROL ANN JONES to Key Punch Operator B. BELINDA MINTER to

### Kentucky Power Company

**Ashland Division**  
GARLAND R. THOMPSON to Lineman A.

Key Punch Operator B. KATHRYN ROCK WEDDLE to Payroll Clerk A. R. L. SMITH to Reproducing Machine Operator A. T. W. THROCKMORTON to Reproducing Machine Operator A. H. N. STULZ to Right of Way Agent. N. M. TYLER to Electrical Test Specialist.

**Kanawha River Plant**  
L. E. HANCOCK to Utility Operator.

**Logan-Williamson Division**  
CLARENCE EVANS to Lineman B.

**Pulaski Division**  
W. P. BREWER, JR., to Area Serviceman. K. R. OWENS to Lineman A. R. G. MUSSER to Lineman A. R. M. CLAYBURN to PBX Operator. G. C. VIA to Lineman A. S. K. ALBERT to Lineman A. J. E. RICE to Lineman C. S. W. TAYLOR to Stationman C.

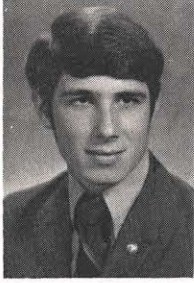
**Roanoke Division**  
W. H. ELLER, JR., to Meterman B. D. K. CRAFT to Customer Accounts Representative A. J. P. MORRIS to Head Meter Reader. R. N. KIDD to Lineman C. T. E. PURVES to Lineman C. F. D. DEARING to Auto Repairman A. W. T. ANDERSON to Auto Repairman A. B. A. DAVIS to Meter Serviceman C.

**Philip Sporn Plant**  
R. R. SISK, JR., to Utility Man A. C. E. CARSON to Utility Man A. R. E. BOWEN to Auxiliary Equipment Operator. G. R. MOODY to Equipment Operator.

# Kanawha River Plant

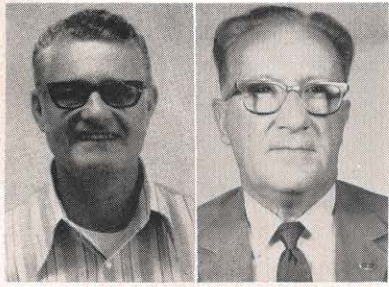
Nancy Bennett and Phyllis Pell, juniors at East Bank High School, were selected again this year for membership in the National Honor Society. Nancy is the daughter of J. A. Bennett, assistant plant manager, and Phyllis is the daughter of E. M. Pell, instrument maintenance man B.

Bruce Pell, son of E. M. Pell, has received a four year scholarship in music at West Virginia Institute of Technology. He won the Tom Reed award at East Bank High School for the outstanding band member of the year and was selected all-county and all-state.



Bruce

S. A. Brown, conveyor operator, and J. E. McClain, unit foreman, were elected members of the Glasgow Town Council.



Brown

McClain

Elected to offices in the Chelyan Lions Club are E. L. Thigpen, shift operating engineer, first vice president; J. A. Bennett, assistant plant manager, third vice president; and A. W. Searls, maintenance man, tail twister.

Delores S. Watkins, clerk-typist, and Eugene E. Webb, II, laborer, are new employees.

# Philip Sporn

Frank A. Titus was initiated into the Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Ohio State University. He received his BA cum laude with distinction in political science from Ohio State last year and is currently a teaching assistant and master's degree candidate in the School of Journalism there. Frank is the son of Frank E. Titus, production supervisor.



Frank

Sandra Sue Stewart, daughter of P. E. Stewart, maintenance man, received a BA degree in sociology from Marshall University. She was listed in *Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities*.

Graduating from Meigs High School were Robert Wayne Couch, son of W. R. Couch, unit foreman; John David Sebo, son of J. J. Sebo, plant performance engineer; Lu Ann French, step-daughter of R. W. Russell, maintenance man; and Steve Hoffman, son of D. E. Hoffman, Jr., unit foreman. Steve was listed in *Who's Who Among American High Schools*.

Barry W. and Gary D. Hart, sons of G. C. Hart, instrument maintenance man B, graduated from Southern High School.

Wahama High School graduates include Kent Alan Brown, son of W. D. Brown, assistant shift operating engineer; Connie Sue Gilland, daughter of L. R. Gilland, equipment operator; Leland C. Bumgarner, Jr., son of L. C. Bumgarner, maintenance foreman; Lester M. Ohlinger, stepson of D. F. Woolcock, chief chemist; Mrs. Marsha D. Carpenter, daughter of W. F. Davis, master maintenance man; and Libby Brown, daughter of D. C. Brown, operations supervisor.

# Lynchburg

Ami S. Watson, clerk trainee, is a new employee.

Elmer T. Johnson, retired commercial sales engineer, received recognition for 25 years of perfect attendance at a recent Lions Club meeting. R. L. Hatch, station and hydro supervisor, was also recognized for his 13 years of perfect attendance.

James B. White, division manager, has been elected to the board of directors for the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the community safety committee for the Rotary Club.

Mrs. Barbara Cash, wife of R. O. Cash, meter serviceman, was installed as president of the Madison Heights Junior Woman's Club.

I. Thomas Sublett, one of the oldest members of Marshall Lodge No. 39, participated in the opening of the cornerstone laid in 1921 at Memorial Hospital by the lodge. Mr. Sublett is the father of Warren T. Sublett, collector.

James R. Dorman, Jr., who graduated from Holy Cross High School, was cited in the school paper for his outstanding leadership abilities and service in school activities. He has served as Crossette sports editor, senior class treasurer, officer of the "Other Side", and school photographer. Jimmy is the recipient of the Father Finnegan Memorial Award, given to the student who has excelled in Christian ideals, character and leadership. He also was given an award for being fourth in his graduating class. He is the son of J. R. Dorman, Sr., engineer B.

# Roanoke

Mike Holdren, son of Wiley W. Holdren, line foreman (NE), has received several honors at Jackson Junior High School. He was awarded a trophy as the most outstanding athlete and was selected to the All Star city baseball team. He was honored as outstanding band member and received a letter in scholastics.



Mike

Betty J. Baker, secretarial-stenographer, was elected recording secretary of the Virginia Division of National Secretaries Association (International).

Frances Fair Merriman, daughter of D. G. Merriman, Fieldale line foreman (NE), graduated cum laude from Meredith College with a bachelor of arts degree in music. She was a member of the Kappa Nu Sigma and Silver Shield honor societies, Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity and was named to *Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities*.

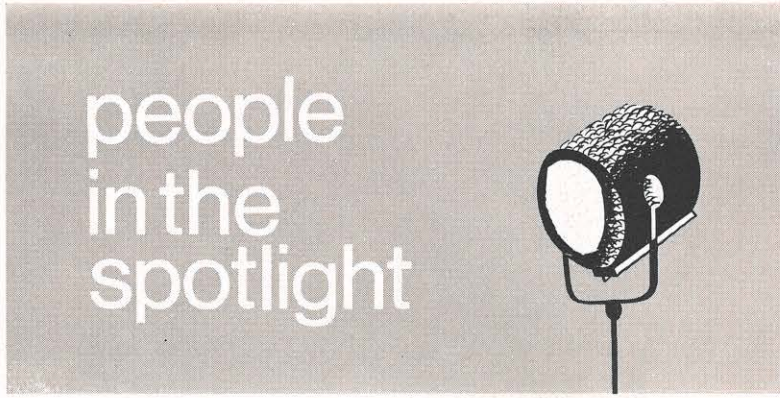
D. C. Kennedy, division manager, has been elected to the board of directors of the Metropolitan Dinner Club of Greater Roanoke.

Doris Young, general clerk, was elected corresponding secretary of the Roanoke Business and Professional Woman's Club.

Ronnie Horne, surveyor, and William G. Loope, stationman B, have been elected external vice president and secretary, respectively, of the Botetourt County Jaycees.

Recent graduates include Julia E. Wendell, daughter of Peggy Edwards, Rocky Mount Office, Radford College; Margaret S. Martin, daughter of A. R. Martin, Rocky Mount Office, William & Mary College; Peter R. Candler, son of H. L. Candler, VMI; and Paige Martindale, son of Miriam Martindale, Cave Spring High School.

New employees are Vernon Taylor, meter reader, and Esterlene B. Kesler, cook.



# Hazard

Eileen Cornett, daughter of R. T. Cornett, accounting supervisor, graduated from Morehead State University with distinction. She is a member of Alpha Beta Alpha, honorary library science club, and Phi Alpha Theta, national history society. She will enter the University of Kentucky this Fall to work toward a master's degree in library science.

Two employees' children were the first students from Hazard Community College to be chosen for *Who's Who In American Junior Colleges*. They are Lois Fugate, daughter of W. W. Fugate, engineering aide, and Billy Hays, son of Nolan Hays, instrument man. Billy had a 4.0 grade average for the 1970-71 school year.



Lois

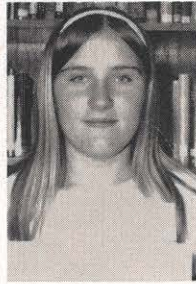
Billy

Alexa Ann Cornett, a graduate of Morehead State University, was chosen for *Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities*. The daughter of Wallace Cornett, records supervisor, she was named outstanding freshman home economics student and plans to teach in Florida.



Alexa

Denise Walters was the Lothair Grade School spelling bee champion for the second straight year and won second place in the Tenth District PTA spelling bee. The daughter of Byron Walters, material clerk, Denise holds the office of Inter-Observer in the Rainbow Girls.



Denise

Teresa Combs received three scholarship awards upon graduation from Berea College. The daughter of Adrian Combs, distribution engineer senior, Teresa is a previous winner of an AEP education award.

Two employees' children who graduated from Hazard High School received awards at Honors Night. Brent Combs, son of Adrian Combs, won band and mathematics awards. He is also the recipient of an AEP education award. Sharon Cornett, daughter of C. B. Cornett, residential sales advisor, received the essay writing award and a special award for creative writing.

Libby Peters, a junior at Hazard High, won the typing award. She is the daughter of Clara B. Peters, secretarial-stenographer.

David Begley, heating sales representative, was appointed chairman of the V. F. W.'s annual Buddy Poppy sale.

# Bluefield

Nora Wright received both freshman awards during commencement exercises at Bluefield College. The John Chapman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented her with the American history award, and the other award was for having the highest academic record in the freshman class. She is the daughter of D. C. Wright, administrative assistant.

Steven Hylton graduated from Mountain Mission School Kindergarten at the top of his class and was crowned king at the graduation ceremonies. He is the son of Sam Hylton, engineer B.

Sam Hylton was installed as first vice president of the Grundy Lions Club.

Ann and Donald Jackson, children of Kenneth Jackson, customer accounting supervisor, made the honor roll at their respective schools. Ann completed the tenth grade at Bluefield High School, and Donald completed the seventh grade at Central Junior High.

George Mitchell, husband of Lois K. Mitchell, Grundy customer accounts representative, has been elected parliamentarian of the Vansant PTA.

Deborah Sue Myers, daughter of W. L. Myers, meter reader, received a bachelor of arts degree in religion from Mars Hill College.

Mrs. Wade Nash, wife of the meterman B, has been installed as parliamentarian of the Dudley School PTA.

Regina Crouse, daughter of Walter Crouse, general serviceman, has been elected secretary of Grundy Senior High SCA.

Mrs. C. R. Ryan, wife of the service coordinator, was elected vice president of Graham High School Band Club.

J. P. Montague, electrical engineer senior, has been installed as president of the Bluefield Civilian Club. Mrs. Montague was installed as corresponding secretary of the Bluefield branch, American Association of University Women.



Montague

Serving as officers in the John Chapman Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, are Mrs. Mary Archer Murphy, retired General Office employee, recording secretary; Mrs. B. E. Bates, wife of the retired meter supervisor, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. E. T. Gills, wife of the General Office transmission supervisor, Bluefield, librarian.

Mrs. Carol Shockey, wife of the division personnel supervisor, has been elected secretary of the Preceptor Delta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Mrs. Thelma Parks, wife of Paul Parks, general clerk-commercial, attended the spring meeting of the West Virginia Chapter of the National Association of Bank Women. Mrs. Parks is trust officer at Flat Top National Bank in Bluefield.

New employees are Albert H. Young, custodian; Cecil D. Bullard, stationman helper; Linda Hess, temporary customer accounts representative; Martha W. Buford, office messenger; Harold S. Thomas, custodian; Marilyn G. Barr, clerk trainee; and Weldon F. Holiday, lineman helper.

Lisa Kiser placed first in ex-

# Cabin Creek

Mary Margaret McDaniel was co-salutatorian of East Bank High School. The daughter of W. R. McDaniel, performance engineer, she was the winner of an AEP educational award.



Mary Margaret

R. E. Surbaugh, master maintenance man, was a member of the Beni-Kedem Motor Corps that took gifts and performed on motor bikes at the Lexington Kentucky Crippled Children's Hospital recently.

Diane Carrico was elected best dressed and most popular girl of the Marmet Junior High School graduating class. She is the daughter of H. H. Carrico, maintenance foreman.

James Lee Hodges was elected band captain of the year and won the first place science award at Marmet Junior High School. The son of Janet R. Hodges, clerk typist, James was also elected neatest boy in the graduating class.

New employees are Dennis Lee Kinder and Robert F. Montgomery, performance engineers.

# Huntington

William Rowley, son of W. C. Rowley, chemist in AEP's General Laboratory, was elected vice president of the Ceredo-Kenova High School student body. Bill is a member of the senior band, Future Association Association, Thespians and The Environmental Association. He was a semi-finalist in the Golden Horseshoe contest and plays clarinet in the C-K Dixieland Band. He will attend the state student council workshop at West Virginia Wesleyan College this month.

Lu Anne Sarsfield was presented the Commerce Award at Huntington East High School. The award is presented to the graduating student with the highest achievements in shorthand, bookkeeping and typing. The daughter of William E. Sarsfield, foreman of the Meter Shop, Lu Anne will attend Marshall University this Fall.



Lu Anne

George E. Hervey, division manager, has been elected secretary of the Central Ohio Valley Industrial Council.

temporaneous speaking at the West Virginia State Interscholastic Forensic Tournament and attended the national speech tournament held at Stanford University in California. She is the daughter of J. H. Kiser, stationman A.

William Lewis received a faithful attendance certificate for the Bible course taught in elementary schools, State of West Virginia Public Schools faithful attendance certificate, and a primary reading circle certificate for reading ten books during the school year. The son of Mildred Lewis, maid, William completed the second grade at Ramsey Elementary School.

Lois Ann Dudash, daughter of Steve Dudash, station supervisor, has been selected to the honors program in biology at West Virginia University for the summer. She is one of 24 students in the state accepting this honor. Lois Ann completed her junior year at Bramwell High School and received the biology, general science and French awards. She is on the staffs of the school paper and annual, an FHA officer, member of the band, chorus, GAA, Pep Club, National Honor Society, and a majorette. She was chosen as outstanding sophomore last year.



# Wedding Bells Ring For Ten Couples



**Quesenberry-Smith**

Nuptial vows were spoken by Rhonda Kay Quesenberry and Douglas Smith on June 12 at the Presbyterian Church in Sparta, North Carolina. Mr. Smith is the son of D. B. Smith, Pulski surveyor.



**Hale-Skidmore**

Joy Lynn Hale became the bride of David Allen Skidmore on June 5 in the War Memorial Chapel at Blacksburg, Virginia. Mrs. Skidmore is the daughter of J. Leonard Hale, Pearisburg meter reader.



**Brown-Brandabur**

Louise E. Brown and Dr. John J. Brandabur were united in marriage May 8 at the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Brandabur is private secretary to the Huntington division manager.



**Saunders-Miles**

June 7 was the wedding day of Vickie Lynn Saunders and Larry David Miles, who were married in the Beavertown Baptist Church at Chamblissburg. Mr. Miles is a rodman in Roanoke.



**Wade-Harville**

Frances Gay Wade became the bride of Jerry Wayne Harville in a ceremony performed May 12 at Fieldale. Mrs. Harville is a customer accounts representative C at Fieldale, Roanoke Division



**James-Proffitt**

The Methodist Church in Clifton, West Virginia, was the setting for the May 29th wedding of Sheila Ann James and Ray Roger Proffitt. Mr. Proffitt is a utility operator at Philip Sporn Plant.



**Hartley-Williams**

Linda Sue Hartley was married to Gary Lynn Williams on May 28 at the Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Kingsport. Mrs. Williams is a clerk stenographer in the Kingsport Commercial Department.



**Bowman-Santopolo**

The Antioch Church of the Brethren in Rocky Mount, Virginia, was the setting of the June 5th wedding of Ruth Caroline Bowman and John Santopolo. Mrs. Santopolo is a clerk stenographer in General Office Purchasing, Roanoke.

## Employee's Wife Is Top Kegler In Roanoke Valley Women's Bowling Tourney

Charlene Hatfield, wife of A. O. Hatfield, General Office purchasing and stores assistant, Roanoke, took top honors in the Roanoke Valley Women's Bowling Tournament. Mrs. Hatfield won all-events honors with 586-614-548 for a total of 1748. She teamed to win the doubles title with a score of 527-87, total 614. She also rolled on the champion Morning Glories team that posted a 2761 score. She was awarded three trophies and four patches in the tournament.



**Mrs. Hatfield**

Bowling in the Morning Glories League during the regular season, Mrs. Hatfield had high game of 256 and high series of 620. She rolled seven 200 plus games, eleven 500 plus series and one 600 plus series. She was awarded three trophies for high game, high series, and bowling 80 pins over her average of 176. She also won four patches for 200 game, 250 game, 500 series and 600 series, and the WIBC League high series award.

## Howard-McReynolds

Janet Howard and Jimmy Lynn McReynolds were united in marriage recently. Mr. McReynolds is the son of James T. McReynolds, truck driver-groundman in Pikeville.

## Yeager-Ross

The marriage of Sally Ann Yeager to Ralph Richard Ross was solemnized in the Mason United Methodist Church May 29. Mr. Ross is a junior maintenance man at Philip Sporn Plant. The bride's father, C. D. Yeager, is a maintenance foreman at Sporn.

## Rug Hooking Is One Of Old Arts Enjoying Renewal



Hooking a rug in Kingsport's auditorium during a recent show is Wanda Kesterson.

When Wanda Kesterson learned how to dye wool strings in 1965, she also found out that she could create original "paintings in wool."

That beginning has led her into an interesting hobby, and also into the 1971 presidency of the recently formed Rug Hookers Association, which had an exhibit in Kingsport Power's auditorium in late April.

Wanda is the wife of J. L. Kesterson, Kingsport commercial department. She says that the art of rug hooking was brought to this country by the Pilgrims, but it was not until colonial housewives began to hook floor covering similar to their bed covers that "rug" took on its modern meaning.

Wanda completed her first rose rug in 1965, and today, after constant use, it retains its original vivid colors. She has also hooked a pillow cover and two pictures—her favorite is of a covered bridge. She is now working on her second rug, a modern adaptation of an old design.

## Linda K. Cornwell: Champion Twirler



Champion baton twirler Linda Kay Cornwell displays a few of the trophies she has won.

Winning is the name of the game for 12-year-old Linda Kay Cornwell, champion baton twirler, who has 25 awards to prove it.

The daughter of Bob Cornwell, Ashland lineman C, Linda began taking baton lessons five years ago through a program in the Boyd County schools.

She has been competing in the United States Twirling Association area contests in the last year and a half. Her awards include first place in beginner strut, advanced strut, beginner and advanced military strut, two trophies and several second- and third-place awards for solo twirling. In Kentucky state competition in April, Linda received awards in beginner and intermediate solo and in a duet.

She is a member of "The Warriorettes", Kentucky state junior twirling champions. They will compete in Kansas City, Missouri, during August for the title of national twirling team.

# BABY PARADE



### Abingdon Division

MR. AND MRS. H. C. BREEDING, an adopted daughter, Laura Jean, April 7. Breeding is an electrical engineer.

MR. AND MRS. LARRY A. BROWN, a son, Travis Allen, May 17. Brown is a surveyor.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM A. SCOTT, a son, David Andrew, May 19. Scott is an electrical engineer.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT L. BOWMAN, a daughter, Rachel Anne, May 18. Mrs. Bowman is a stenographer in the Accounting Department.

### Amos Plant

MR. AND MRS. ALVA L. KUHLE, a son, Christopher Allen, May 18. Kuhl is a utility operator A.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES P. LEWIS, II, a son, Keith Bradley, May 28. Lewis is a maintenance man B.

### Bleckley Division

MR. AND MRS. J. W. HENSLEY, a son, Joseph Michael, June 11. Hensley is a lineman C.

### Cabin Creek Plant

MR. AND MRS. ROY ALLEN SIDERS, a daughter, Kristi Kay, May 13. Siders is a maintenance man.

### General Office

MR. AND MRS. J. T. EATON, a son, Christopher Charles, April 29. Eaton is a GO T&D Transmission Section employee, Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. CARL A. PRESLEY, II, a son, John Mark, May 17. Presley is an engineer B, GO T&D Station Section, Bluefield.

### Hazard Division

MR. AND MRS. SAM WHITAKER, a son, Samuel Robert, May 30. Whitaker is a custodian.

### Huntington Division

MR. AND MRS. J. R. HENSLEY, a daughter, Jennifer Ann, June 9. Mrs. Hensley was a clerk stenographer in the Commercial Department.

### Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. JENNINGS B. SNODGRASS, a son, Chad Allen, May 10. Snodgrass is a coal handler.

### Logan-Williamson Division

MR. AND MRS. GARY G. WATSON, a son, Gary Michael, June 8. Watson is an electrical engineer.

MR. AND MRS. ERNEST DRUMMER, a son, Christopher Lanier, June 7. Drummer is a meter reader.

MR. AND MRS. BILLY JOE BRUMFIELD, a daughter, Billie Jo, June 6. Brumfield is a line foreman (NE).

MR. AND MRS. GREGORY BRAMMER, a son, Gregory Christopher, June 8. Brammer was a clerk typist before going on military leave of absence.

### Lynchburg Division

MR. AND MRS. MELFORD BOMAR, a son, Scott Christian, May 31. Mrs. Bomar is a former customer accounts representative.

### Pulaski Division

MR. AND MRS. T. E. BOBBITT, a son, T. E., Jr., June 3. Bobbitt is a lineman C at Hillsville.

### Roanoke Division

MR. AND MRS. FRANK R. FRANGO, JR., a son, Randall Scott, May 25. Frango is a material clerk.

MR. AND MRS. J. R. FRAZIER, JR., a son, Mark, March 18. Frazier is a lineman A.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM H. ELLER, a son, Randall Gilbert, May 25. Eller is a meterman B.

# ENGAGED



DEBORAH ELIZABETH CASEY to James Leon Prater. Prater is the son of James E. Prater, Abingdon heating and builder sales representative.

BARBARA G. FOGLEMAN to James McCall. Miss Fogleman is the daughter of H. S. Fogleman, Abingdon line inspector.

BETTY RUTH MILLER to John Paul Hefner. Hefner is the son of C. R. Hefner, Abingdon T&D clerk senior.

VICKIE PRICE to Clifton Neal. Miss Price is the daughter of R. H. Price, line foreman in Rupert, Beckley Division.

BRENDA POTTER to Blaine Jarrell. Miss Potter is a clerk junior in the Whitesville Office, Beckley Division.

SHIRLEY CHRISTIAN PRESLEY to William Garfield Lilly, Jr. Miss Presley is the daughter of Richard E. Presley, Beckley stores supervisor.

BRENDA GAY McCALL to Norman Douglas Winstead. Miss McCall is the daughter of Arminia McCall, Bluefield clerk typist.

DEBORAH JONELL JONES to Robert Lindsey Gilpin. Gilpin is the son of Robert J. Gilpin, Bluefield engineer B.

LINDA JEAN ROACH to William F. Sampson, Jr. Miss Roach is the daughter of G. C. Roach, Bluefield truck driver-groundman.

CAROL ANN JONES to Sgt. Karl N. Mowry, Jr. Miss Jones is a key punch operator, General Office Accounting, Roanoke.

BONNIE JEAN MANNING to Jonny R. Worley. Miss Manning is a key punch operator and Worley is a mail clerk, both in General Office Accounting, Roanoke.

DEBRA LEIGH SPRAKER to Kyle Alvin Stoots. Miss Spraker is the daughter of Dallas E. Spraker, maintenance man at Bylesby Hydro Plant, Pulaski.

ELLEN ELIZABETH JOHNSON to Peter R. Candler. Candler is the son of Harry L. Candler, Roanoke agricultural sales engineer.



Herbert Figg inspects the litter-filled dinosaur on the lawn of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

## Dinosaur On Lynchburg Church Lawn Calls Attention To Litter Problem

A dinosaur displayed on one of the leading arteries into Lynchburg served as a startling reminder to passersby that litter is a problem which requires action. And it all came about because of an Appalachian speakers bureau program.

Herbert M. Figg, Jr., Lynchburg heating sales engineer, gave a slide presentation, "The Third Industrial Revolution", at a service of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The presentation, which covers litter and waste that are discarded by individuals as well as the subject of pollution, caused concern among members of the congregation.

The church-sponsored Boy Scout Troop picked up enough cans and litter along a two-mile stretch of secondary highway to fill a dinosaur form made of fence wire on the church lawn. Broken umbrellas were used for ears. During a recent rain, the cans filled with water and the dinosaur came crashing to the ground. It just goes to show you that even a dinosaur can't stand up under the burden of litter.

Anyone interested in scheduling "The Third Industrial Revolution" should contact his division manager's office.

## Two Promoted At Sporn Plant



Wright

Kaylor

Two men have been promoted to foreman positions at Philip Sporn Plant. O. Lloyd "Pee Wee" Wright, equipment operator, becomes unit foreman, and Elroy E. Kaylor master maintenance man, moves up to maintenance foreman.

A native of Huntington, Wright was graduated from Pomeroy High School and served in the Navy from 1944 to 1946. He joined Sporn Plant as a laborer in 1952 and moved to the Maintenance Department as a helper the next year. In 1957 he returned to the Operations Department as an auxiliary equipment operator and advanced to equipment operator in 1966. He and his wife have three children.

Kaylor graduated from Central High School in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and served in the Army from 1943-1946 and 1950-1951. He was employed as a laborer at Sporn Plant in 1951 and moved to the Maintenance Department that year as a helper. He worked as junior maintenance man and maintenance man before being promoted to master maintenance man in 1967. He is married and has two children.

## 1970 AEP Report Wins Top Award

The 1970 annual report of American Electric Power Company has won the first prize award for all investor-owned electric utilities in the 32nd Reddy Kilowatt annual report competition.

It was the fourth time in 16 years that the AEP report has won the top award in this competition. Earlier, the 1955, 1967 and 1968 reports had been accorded the honor.

Herbert B. Cohn, executive vice president—administration and corporate services, of the AEP Service Corporation, accepted a plaque and certificate at the Edison Electric Institute annual convention in Cleveland last month. In his presentation, Ashton B. Collins, chairman of Reddy Kilowatt, Inc., said that the report was "a dramatic and graphic reflection of a dynamic, well-managed utility," and cited AEP people for "their outstanding service to their regions and their contributions to the entire investor-owned electric utility industry."

## Kingsport

Joan Ingram, daughter of B. J. Ingram, meterman A, received a BA degree in sociology from Carson Newman College.

Joyce Parsons, private secretary, has been elected recording secretary of the Altrusa Club of Kingsport.

John E. Faust, executive assistant, was awarded a life membership by the Kingsport PTA Council. He is president of the Kingsport Board of Education.

New employees are Jay D. Slagle, lineman, and Roger L. Hubbard, meter clerk.

Members of Girl Scout Troop 191 and their leader, Cleo Poole, toured Gatlinburg's Christus Gardens while on a bus trip through the Great Smokey Mountains. Mrs. Poole is the wife of W. G. Poole, Jr., air conditioning engineer.



Gordon Chain's wife and daughters surprised him on Father's Day by making him "King for a Day". From left to right are his wife Mable and daughters, Mrs. Betty Wheeler and Mrs. Wanda Tolley.

## Abingdon

Elizabeth Leonard, daughter of John Leonard, Marion serviceman, was named to the Marion Senior High School honor roll.

Carolyn Gibson, Gate City home sales representative, was the recipient of the Distinguished Athlete Service Award for the State of Tennessee. The award is presented annually at the Epsilon Sigma Alpha state convention.



Gibson

Moore

James L. Q. Moore, Gate City meter reader, has been elected to a second term on the Gate City Town Council.

Mrs. Kathleen DeBose, mother of Katie DeBose, Abingdon PBX operator, was selected "Employee of the Quarter" at Johnston Memorial Hospital.

Safety became a family affair for the S. R. Mosers recently. S. R. Moser, Jr., line foreman, was an instructor for standard and advanced first aid classes sponsored by the Smyth County Chapter of American Red Cross in cooperation with the Marion Life Saving Crew. Mrs. Moser and sons Mickey and Rick, junior rescue squad members, completed the courses.

Employees' children listed on the honor roll for the fifth six weeks were Jane Craig, Susan Roseberry, Clifford Hawley, Phil Rasnick, Mary Lambert and Stasia Jackson. Teresa Osborne, D. E. student and part-time clerk trainee, also made the honor roll.

Several employees were members of the Abingdon Baptist Church touring choir which toured five states the first week in June. They are Blair Frier, Phil Rasnick, Sandy Rasnick, Leon Booth and Rick Helton.

## Foreman Named At Byllesby-Buck

Paul P. Askew has been promoted to hydro plant foreman at Byllesby-Buck Hydro Plants in the Pulaski Division. He succeeds T. S. Weatherman, who retired June 1.



Askew

Askew was employed in the Pulaski T & D Engineering Section in 1967 and worked there until 1969, when he transferred to Byllesby-Buck as an engineer. He holds an A.S. electrical engineer technology degree from Bluefield State College.

A native of Princeton, West Virginia, Askew is married and has two daughters.

## Gordon Chain Is King Of Every Day By Enjoying Life To Fullest Extent

Gordon P. Chain, Huntington chief draftsman, will take early retirement August 1 so that "I will have time to do a few things". One can only imagine what those few things might be, for Gordon's life has been full of interesting and unusual accomplishments. Stories about his feats have been published in various newspapers and THE ILLUMINATOR for many years.

For instance, one story told of his reckless, "dare-devil" living. Back in the days when aviation offered only the old "flying jennys", he was the first man to fly under the Huntington-Chesapeake Bridge. The Federal Aeronautics Administration has since put a stop to this practice. As a member of a trick motorcycle riding club, he used to thrill spectators by standing on the seat of a motorcycle while going down the highway at full speed.

Gordon is also an artist. Once, while recuperating from a broken leg, he transformed the entire Old Testament into one painting called "Eternity". The painting is copyrighted, and today he displays and conducts lectures on it in churches.

When he decided to take up the art of sculpture, he "chiseled" his backyard shrubbery instead of rock. Once again Gordon was the subject of newspaper articles for his shrubbery bust of Abraham Lincoln.

At the age of 50, Gordon decided

it was time to learn to ride a unicycle. He mastered this but claims it was one of the most difficult things he has undertaken.

Evidence of his creative ability can be seen all over his native city of Huntington. He collects maps and, as a historian, is one of the city's best authorities on landmarks. He was the designer of the official seal for this year's centennial celebration.

In addition to all these, he is an amateur magician, hypnotist, handwriting analyst, coin collector, model builder and an authority on the circus.

Gordon is the type of fellow who likes to help others develop a good idea. If you have an idea and can't seem to put it down on paper, Gordon will accept the challenge. He always starts the same way—by placing a dot in the center of the page. His theory is that nothing ever goes anywhere unless it starts someplace. The dot is always his starting place, and the idea somehow seems to develop. Many of the better methods we use in our industry today were ideas from someone else, designed by Gordon Chain.

Gordon joined Appalachian as a draftsman in 1937 and spent his entire career in the Drafting Department, rising to the rank of chief draftsman.

Now that Gordon will have time "to do a few things", he'll be anything but retired.

## Seasoned Traveler Virginia Mottice Retires After 38 Years In Operations

Traveling is one of the things Virginia Mottice likes to do best, and she plans to do a lot of it in the months ahead. She retired July 1 as private secretary in the General Office Operations Department, Roanoke, after 38 years' service.

Virginia will leave later this month for the Altrusa International convention in San Francisco, California, where she will serve as alternate delegate. From there she will take the Pacific Northwest Tour to Calgary, Canada, and will do some sight-seeing in the middle part of the United States on her way back to Roanoke. Returning to Europe and hopefully Australia and New Zealand are also in her plans.

Virginia has observed many improvements in office equipment since starting to work as a stenographer in the General Office Operations Department in Charleston in 1933. Daily operating logs were mailed in from approximately five dispatching points on dictaphone cylinders. The cylinders had to be transcribed, shaven and returned the same day. Now the logs are sent in typed or written to be duplicated on a copying machine.

She remembers staying at the office until after midnight several times in cases of storms or heavy snowfall to take trouble over the telephone from various sections of the system so it would be ready for management the next morning. During the Cuban crisis alert, Virginia stayed in the office late that evening to work with the civil defense officer.



Miss Mottice

She has received a certificate from the U. S. Army for completing the Home Civil Defense Course offered to GO Operations Department employees.

Virginia graduated from Capitol City Commercial College in Charleston and has taken many refresher courses to keep abreast of the times. She was promoted to secretarial stenographer in 1949 and became private secretary in 1953.

Virginia is active in civic clubs and has served as president of the local Altrusa Club-International, a classified service club for business and professional women. She was a delegate to the international convention in Philadelphia and alternate delegate to the international convention in Dallas, Texas.

## Charlie Johnson, Bluefield, Retires



Charlie Johnson at work on a meter shortly before his retirement June 1.

Charlie W. Johnson probably knows as much about meters as anyone in Appalachian. He retired June 1 as meter supervisor in Bluefield and had spent his entire 46-year career in the Meter Department.

A native of Durham, North Carolina, Johnson attended McLain's Business College and took extension courses in industrial engineering, meters, electrical engineering, math-engineering and business English.

He was employed as a meter helper in 1925 and rose through the ranks of meter tester, meterman A, working foreman, acting district meter superintendent, district meter supervisor and division meter engineer before becoming meter supervisor in 1966.

In his spare time Johnson enjoys repairing small appliances and clocks, painting, sandcasting and decoupage. He is a past master of the Masonic Lodge and attends Trinity Methodist Church.

He and his wife have one child and two grandchildren. They plan to travel to Florida and other parts of the country to decide where they will want to live in retirement. Johnson says, "We are playing it by ear for the present."

30 YEARS SERVICE



D. H. Caldwell Area T&D Clerk Charleston



C. H. Murray, Jr. R/W Inspector Huntington



H. V. Mayo Groundman Huntington



W. A. Johnson Area T&D Clerk Bluefield



A. R. Main, Jr. Station Designer GO - Roanoke



Bearl Ewen Line Foreman Hazard



G. C. Roach Truck Driver-Groundman Bluefield



R. G. Thompson Area Development Director GO - Ashland



H. S. Meadows Electrical Engineer Senior Bluefield



J. D. Walters Customer Accounting Administrator GO - Roanoke

25 YEARS SERVICE



H. S. Mason Stores & Garage Supervisor Roanoke



F. G. Lloyd Line Foreman (NE) Roanoke



E. L. Spencer Line Inspector Charleston



W. B. Syck Appliance Serviceman Pikeville



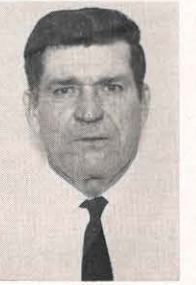
D. B. Smith Surveyor Pulaski



G. G. Roseberry Head Material Clerk Pulaski



P. L. Sowers Line Supervisor Pulaski



E. E. Hash Lineman B Bluefield



J. A. Thompson Meterman A Beckley



P. F. Curry Station Supv. Charleston



L. C. Shaffer Line Foreman Charleston



J. B. Richmond Stationman A Beckley



J. G. Powell Stationman A Charleston

20 YEARS SERVICE



C. J. Riddle Line Foreman Kingsport



J. C. Buckner Collector Pulaski



D. R. Wallace Unit Foreman Sporn Plant



Mabel Fulp W/O Actg. Clerk GO - Roanoke

Veterans Observe Long Service Anniversaries



Hudson



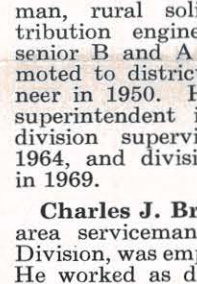
Miss Miller



Drain



Comer



Lee



Brown



Powell



Amos

Nine Appalachian employees have been recognized for long service, seven of them for 35 years.

Earning a 45-year service emblem was Lawrence R. Hudson, Lynchburg. A 40-year pin was awarded to Shirley R. Miller, Abingdon.

Frank W. Harman Takes New Post

Frank W. Harman has been promoted in the General Office T&D Department to transmission general foreman of the Charleston-Huntington area.

He joined Appalachian in Bluefield as a groundman in 1937 and was promoted to transmission foreman in 1947. He has directed activities of the Charleston area crew for 18 years.

Harman is married and the father of two sons.

Recognized for 35 years' service were Lloyd B. Lee and Charles J. Brown, Jr., both of Bluefield; J. C. Drain, Eugene E. Comer and G. T. Powell, all of Glen Lyn Plant; and O'Neal Amos and Bradie N. Kidd, Pulaski.

45 Years

Lawrence R. Hudson, Lynchburg transmission and distribution clerk senior, joined the company as an office boy in Lynchburg. He was promoted to stenographer in 1929 and became private secretary to the manager in 1944. After working in the Personnel Department, he moved to the T&D Department in 1960.

40 Years

Shirley R. Miller, customer accounts representative in the Marion Office of Abingdon Division, was employed as an assistant cashier in Pulaski. She has worked as clerk and utility clerk and served the Marion office as local office supervisor from 1949 to 1965.

35 Years

Lloyd B. Lee, Bluefield division superintendent, began his career as a district serviceman. He held the positions of rural service sales-

man, rural solicitor, clerk, distribution engineer, and engineer senior B and A before being promoted to district supervising engineer in 1950. He became district superintendent in 1951, assistant division supervisor of T&D in 1964, and division superintendent in 1969.

Charles J. Brown, Jr., Grundy area serviceman in the Bluefield Division, was employed as a laborer. He worked as district serviceman, serviceman A, and meter serviceman A before being promoted to his present position in 1965.

J. C. Drain, Glen Lyn shift operating engineer, joined the company as a laborer. He worked as turbine operator, shift operator, unit foreman, and assistant shift operating engineer before being elevated to his present position in 1965.

Eugene E. Comer, shift operating engineer at Glen Lyn Plant, was employed as a laborer. During his career he has worked as a clerk, turbine operator, watch engineer, shift superintendent, and shift supervisor. He was promoted to shift operating engineer in 1960.

G. T. Powell, switchboard operator, joined the company as a laborer. He held the positions of turbine room man, auxiliary equipment operator, boiler operator A, and equipment operator before being promoted to switchboard operator in 1969.

O'Neal Amos, Pulaski administrative assistant, began his career as assistant storekeeper in Pulaski. He was promoted to senior clerk in 1944 and to district personnel supervisor in 1949. He was named administrative assistant in 1952.

Bradie N. Kidd was employed as a laborer in the T&D Department. In 1937 he was promoted to meter reader and became lineman C in 1943. Following military service, he was made lineman B and moved up to lineman A in 1947. He has served Floyd County as area serviceman since 1951.

Kidd

lineman A in 1947. He has served Floyd County as area serviceman since 1951.



D. F. Brumfield Stationman A Pulaski



E. C. Weatherly Maintenance Man Glen Lyn Plant



R. L. Cole Unit Foreman Sporn Plant



O. L. Leonard Unit Foreman Sporn Plant



C. Starcher, Jr. Meterman B Charleston



Andrew Poulos Stationman A Pikeville



H. H. Wehrung Unit Foreman Sporn Plant



D. A. Cadle Unit Foreman Sporn Plant



B. J. Barbour Appliance Service Foreman Ashland



B. N. Smith Regional Dispatcher GO - Roanoke



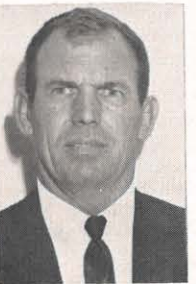
J. W. Taylor, Sr. Maintenance Foreman Sporn Plant



I. R. Mulford Equipment Operator Sporn Plant



R. H. Eason Production Supervisor Operations Sporn Plant



G. N. Patterson Garage Foreman (NE) Lynchburg



W. H. King Instrument Maintenance Foreman Sporn Plant

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



## In Memoriam

### Beverly Ann Stanley

Beverly Ann Stanley, 19, died suddenly at her home on May 14. She was employed in February of this year as a junior clerk in the Ashland Division Accounting Department.



Mrs. Stanley

A native of Kavanah, West Virginia, Mrs. Stanley is survived by her husband, parents, and a sister.

### R. K. Gaw

Ralph Kennerly Gaw, 70, retired General Office operations coordinator, died June 2.



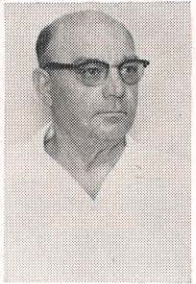
Gaw

He was employed as an oiler and operator at Logan Plant in 1919 and transferred to Charleston in 1926 as a watch engineer. He was promoted to system operator in 1939 and transferred to Roanoke with the Operations Department in 1949. He held the position of operations coordinator when he retired in 1965.

A native of Stuarts Draft, Virginia, Gaw graduated from La Salle University with a degree in electrical engineering. He is survived by his widow, one son, one grandson, and two great-grandchildren.

### G. K. Hoge

Karnes Hoge, Bluefield Division air conditioning engineer, died May 24 after a nine months' illness.



Hoge

A native of Princeton, West Virginia, Hoge attended high school there and completed a course from Delco Lt. Refrigeration School. He began his career with Appalachian in 1929 as a serviceman and advanced through the positions of merchandise serviceman and appliance serviceman before being promoted to air conditioning engineer.

Hoge is survived by a sister.

### A. H. Gravely, Jr.

Archer H. Gravely, Jr., retired General Office operations engineer senior, died June 6. He was 66.



Gravely

Gravely joined Appalachian as a draftsman at Charleston in 1929 and was made maintenance engineer in 1939. He served in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1942 to 1946 and returned to work as an engineer senior. He transferred to Roanoke with the Operations Department in 1949 and retired in 1970 after 41 years' service.

A native of Martinsville, Virginia, Gravely graduated from Greenbrier Military School. He is survived by his widow, one son, two daughters and one granddaughter.

### L. C. Drain

Lonie C. Drain, retired equipment operator at Glen Lyn Plant, died at his home May 10 after a long illness.



Drain

A native of Alabama, Drain was employed at Huntington in 1924. Two years later he was transferred to Kenova Plant and later to Glen Lyn. He worked as repairman, pumpman, turbine and pump oiler, turbine room man, turbine operator and shift operator before being promoted to equipment operator in 1957.

Drain is survived by his widow, two sons, one daughter, and one sister. His son John is a shift operating engineer at Glen Lyn.

### H. E. Holstein

Harry E. Holstein, retired Cabin Creek Plant employee, died June 5.

He was employed at Cabin Creek as a laborer in 1943 and worked as a utility operator and boiler auxiliary equipment operator during his 16-year career. He retired due to disability in 1959.

Holstein is survived by his widow.

## Lina Light Recalls Long Hours Spent Opening Clintwood Office Back In '47

Helping to open the Clintwood office is an experience vividly recalled by Lina P. Light, who retired June 30 as private secretary in the Bluefield Division Managerial Department.

"I was sent to Clintwood, Virginia, with C. M. Wagner and W. C. Lindamood to open the office December 1, 1947. There was no water in town except what was hauled from wells. I went prepared to stay for several weeks, but we got homesick and came home the first weekend. When I went back, I took only enough clothes for a week, but the snows came and we were marooned in Clintwood for the next weekend. I went back each month for several months to help Charlie and Bill get out their monthly reports. We worked from early morning until late at night and did not have the nerve to tell our accounting supervisor how many hours we worked for fear he would find out how little we knew about what we were doing." Wagner is now sales supervisor in Abingdon, and Lindamood is customer accounts supervisor in Gate City.

A native of Campbell County, Virginia, Lina attended West Virginia Business College, Bluefield College, Westhampton College and graduated from Concord College with a degree in math and English. She took post-graduate work at George Washington University and formerly taught in junior high school in Bluefield.

Lina began her career as a stenographer in the Accounting Department in 1937 and worked as petty cash clerk and clerk senior before becoming a private secretary in the Managerial Department in 1948.

Lina is quite active in community service. She has served as past president of the Quota Club, Bluefield College Alumni Association, Bluefield Civic League and Laurel Garden Club. She is past secretary and treasurer of the YWCA board of directors and has served on the board of the United Fund, Salvation Army and Golden Age Club. Presently she is secretary of the Mercer County Unit of American Cancer Society and is active in the Trinity United Methodist Church. She has also served three times as president of the Girls' Service Club, composed of active and retired women employees in the Bluefield office.

During retirement, Lina wants "to do things at home which I've never had time to do. I plan to learn to cook and play the organ."

## 7,176 Made

# ID Cards: Important To Company, Employees

One of the important tools provided employees in our companies is the employee identification card.

The card system was established as a positive means of identification for employees to use with customers and in other situations, including civil defense and other emergencies. In a short time, the employee identification card has become so familiar and standard a part of our business as to be almost taken for granted. What is its story?

The official beginning for the program in our companies was on May 5, 1968, when the first group of employees was issued cards. But many months of study and decisions had preceded that first day.

Today, a total of 7,176 employee identification cards have been made for employees of Appalachian, Kentucky Power, Kingsport Power, the AEP Service Corporation, Central Appalachian Coal Company, and Central Operating Company. And they have all been made by the same man.

He is Prince E. Thornton, administrative assistant in the Roanoke Division, on loan to GO personnel when he is making the cards.

On that initial foray, a total of 808 Appalachian employees in Roanoke were photographed and furnished a full color ID card. A few days later, a trip covering 51 locations and three months of time provided another 4,246 cards.

Since that 1968 venture, Prince has made five other trips to either make cards for employees new to



ID card No. 739 in the system, but actually card No. 7,176, came in Logan, W. Va. on April 21 and was of Mrs. Joyce Browning, home sales representative. It was the final card made on his sixth trip by Prince E. Thornton of Roanoke.

the company, for employees with name changes, for employees changing locations, to replace lost cards, or for the establishment of a new operating division, as in the case of the Beckley Division. Incidentally, it was on that trip that W. S. White Jr.'s name appeared for the first time on the cards, replacing that of Joe P. Gills, his predecessor as executive vice president of Appalachian.

Prince hauls the necessary equipment for the job in a station wagon, and he figures he has loaded and unloaded it at least 125 times.

The equipment, purchased from Polaroid by Appalachian, consists of five pieces, including the camera itself. The camera is actually four cameras in one, two photographing the employee and two the data card itself (all four can be used when two identical cards are needed for a special reason). Other pieces place plastic on the picture, cut pictures apart, and seal the picture, the card, and a Civil Defense card into a transparent pouch. The whole process, from the "watch the birdie" signal to delivery of the card, takes two minutes.

Before Prince arrives in a location, IBM machine data cards are prepared for each employee. On these cards are typed the division, city, employee name, social security number, and date of issue. The employee signs the card when his picture is taken.

In addition, the card also carries the signature of the company's top official, a point which has caused conversation. Several employees have questioned the fact that the name is partly on the photo and partly on the card, and suggested it be moved elsewhere. But Prince explains that it is there for a good purpose: it is a validating move so done as to make it almost impossible to substitute either the picture or the card. The location was suggested by

Polaroid, which had conducted studies with other companies.

To make the program really effective, cards will have to be updated constantly. So Prince figures he is in for a lot more "watch the birdies." And he will continue his rather unique position of probably having met, face to face, more employees of our companies than any other person.

## Scarlett Closes 44-Year Career



Scarlett

Reese C. Scarlett, Jr., Kingsport station supervisor, retired July 1 after 44 years of service. He had been on LTD leave since March 1969 after a partial stroke.

When Scarlett joined the company as a meter reader in 1927, he worked from seven o'clock in the morning until six at night. There was little use of company vehicles, and he had to walk so many miles daily that he could wear out a pair of shoes in a month's time.

One experience he recalls involved Clarence Bryan, now executive vice president. A group of customers whose meters were located on second story porches complained that Scarlett was reading meters "at a distance" and doubted accuracy of the reading. To prove to customers as well as the company that readings could be satisfactorily taken from the ground level, Bryan, then in the Meter Department, read the meters at porch level while Scarlett made the readings from the ground. Both readings were identical.

Scarlett is known as a perfectionist in his work and had a sincere sense of devotion to duty. "When they called me, I went out no matter what time of day or night." He was promoted to assistant meter superintendent in 1938 and became station supervisor in 1942.

He enjoys fishing and taught himself to play a chord organ so well that he performed at the company Christmas party one year. During retirement he will continue rehabilitation of his hand by relearning to play the organ.



Miss Light

She has also made plans for a Caribbean cruise and trips to North Carolina, Georgia and Virginia.

## Pfost, Ball Take Foreman Positions



Pfost

Ball

Two men have been promoted to fleet maintenance foremen in Appalachian's General Office General Services Department. They are L. J. Pfost of Charleston and Thurman Ball of Roanoke.

Pfost joined Appalachian in 1948 as a car washer and has been located in Charleston his entire career. He was an auto helper and auto mechanic before moving to the General Services Department in 1964 as an automotive inspector. He is married and the father of two children.

A native of Williamson, West Virginia, Ball was employed there as a mechanic in 1946. He held the positions of auto mechanic and working foreman before moving to Roanoke in 1966 as an automotive inspector. Ball is married and has three children.

## Customer Protection

Two men told a housewife they had come from Appalachian to rewire her house for \$400. Another man told a housewife her range needed new special parts and, as an Appalachian employee, he was there to do the work. None of them were Appalachian employees. They were simply bilking our customers.

But there is a way the customers can protect themselves against this type of fraud. All employees of our companies now carry an identification card which contains the employee's picture in color, his social security number, the signature of the company's executive vice president, and other information.

Employees should present this ID card when they call on our customers. It is for their protection—and ours.



At top left, A. S. Buchanan tastes mud in recent Damascus Enduro. In center, Al Scott looks on as Larry Musick serves as check point official. At top right, Johnny Goodwin leaps into air during Damascus Enduro. Center photos show some of the Abingdon employees who enjoy riding motorcycles. From left to right are Harold Counts, Richard Helton, Nancy Goodwin, A. S. Buchanan, Jim Hill, Tom Ross, David Coulthard, Jim Cook, Buddy Snodgrass, Jim Wyatt, and Larry Musick. Other cycling enthusiasts are (bottom row from left) Paul Baker, Raymond Robinson, Jim Kelly and Jim Nichols.

### Abingdon Folks Are Motorcycle Enthusiasts

Until a few years ago, society frowned upon the class of individuals who rode motorcycles. Now this sport is rapidly becoming a national pastime, and Abingdon employees are no exception. Motorcycles are turning up in the garages of draftsmen, clerks, engineers, secretaries, meter readers, linemen, servicemen—and more are joining the ranks every day.

Part of this interest stems from the annual Lonesome Pine Enduro held in Abingdon. Over 400 cyclists from all parts of the country competed in this two-day event, one of three held in the United States. The course is laid out to wind through the states of Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina. An Enduro is a race in which riders have to negotiate all types of rough terrain while trying to average a speed of 24 mph. The only rewards

are trophies and personal satisfaction.

John Goodwin, husband of Nancy Goodwin, customer accounts representative C, has been the most active in the motorcycle circuit. He has ridden in five 100-mile nationals and assisted in mapping the course for the Abingdon 350-mile Enduro and the 125-mile Tri-State Enduro. John has competed in 20 races and won 13 trophies. In 1969 he placed third in the Lonesome Pine Enduro out of a field of 200. The last 82 miles were driven on a flat tire. In 1970 he was the first place winner in the 500-mile Stone Mountain Enduro (Georgia); first in class in the Black Mountain Enduro (Pennsylvania); and seventh in the Lonesome Pine National.

In other races sponsored by the American Motorcycle Association, John has won three first place awards, two second, two third, one fourth and one sixth. He has earned a total of 72 AMA points out of the required 100 to be classified as an "A" or professional rider. John became interested in the sport while trail riding on weekends with his wife Nancy.

Smaller enduros held in surrounding communities have attracted Jim Hill, draftsman; Ray Robinson, Clintwood lineman B; Jim Kelly, Clintwood lineman C; Harold Counts, T&D clerk senior; A. S. Buchanan, customer service representative, Jim Wyatt, Larry Musick, Buddy Snodgrass, electrical engineers; Jim Cook, meter reader; Tom Ross, lineman C; and David Coulthard, lineman C. Jim Wyatt won third place in the Damascus Enduro and fourth place in the "Hare and Hound" and Blacksburg Enduro.

Paul Baker, Gate City lineman C; Richard Helton, clerk trainee; Jim Nickols, Marion lineman A; and Al Scott, electrical engineer, just ride for fun but all help with the enduros held in their areas.

These folks have found motorcycle riding to be a thrilling experience, and the sport has united fellow workers with a common interest.

For those who still have their doubts, Harold Counts says, "Don't criticize a man until you've ridden a mile on his Honda".

### Six Trophies Captured During Season By Inexperienced Charleston Bowlers



Pat Taylor and his wife Joyce admire the bowling trophies they won this season.

Pat and Joyce Taylor brought home six trophies this season despite the fact that Joyce had never before bowled in a league. Their success, according to Pat, Charleston Division credit contract supervisor, was due "primarily to our inexperience".

Joyce started out with a beginner's high handicap; but, as the season grew old, she really developed her bowling talents. At the awards banquet for the Wednesday Mixed Doubles League,

she won trophies for the most improved bowler and high game with handicap. The team won first place in the league. That same week she entered Appalachian's Friendship Tournament, where she won a trophy for high individual game with handicap.

Pat, who is a very active softball player and bowler, said, "I guess after all these years of standing on the sidelines cheering me on, it's time I stood back and cheered for her."

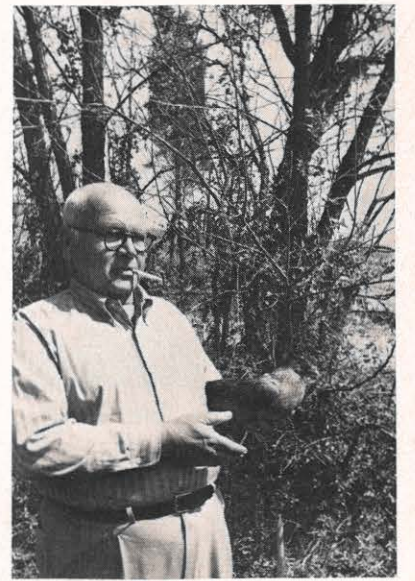
### Bantam Hen Uses Squirrel's Nest In Which To Hatch Her Chicks

Ever hear of a bantam hen that likes to make as if it were an eagle—or at least a big bird? W. I. Hartman, retired Roanoke division T&D employee, has one that lays its eggs in a nest in a tree some thirty feet above the ground. Furthermore, the hen hatches the eggs there, too.

Seems this bantam hen, which Hartman was raising for a grandchild, would disappear everyday at the same time and then show up again sometime later. He searched for her on many occasions, but she was no where to be found in a hen's normal habitat.

Finally, the thought occurred to Hartman that the hen must have a nest someplace. So he started looking up in the trees, with the help of a 30-foot ladder. He crawled up a tree and looked down on a squirrel's nest and there sitting placidly on her eggs was the bantam hen. Not only was she hatching her eggs, but she was poaching on some poor squirrel by using his nest.

Mr. Hartman was concerned about when the eggs would hatch so he carefully placed a cardboard box around and under the nest—



W. I. Hartman with high-flying bantam hen. The nest is in the tree at the right rear.

any day now he expects some new baby chicks—raised some thirty feet above ground.

Mr. Hartman retired in 1967 after working almost 27 years in the Roanoke division. He and his wife have two children and several grandchildren.

### Faulty Currents Kentucky Champs

The Faulty Currents defeated the Short Circuits and Easy Riders in a three-way roll-off to take the Kentucky Power Bowling League championship last month.

Greer Matthews, Big Sandy Plant manager, presented trophies to winning team members Kathy Saunders, Skip Saunders, Don Thornsbury, Greta Hall, Julian Hall, Herb Charles and Eleanor McDowell. Second-place awards went to Short Circuits team members Ron Wright, Charlie Stayton, Bob Hornbuckle, Wayne Edwards, Paul Brown, Fred Long and Charles Tackett.

Individual trophy winners were: high average, Donnie Bryan, 179, and Cedar Miller, 136; high series, Donnie Bryan, 649, and Kathy Saunders, 480; high game, Bronson Callihan, 256, and Kathy Saunders, 194.

High game (handicap) awards went to Harold McKenzie, 265, and Greta Hall, 233; high series (handicap), Don Thornsbury, 653, and Greta Hall, 585. Most improved bowlers were John Sammons and Pat Skaggs.



### Hole-In-One

Clifford Boyd, heating sales representative at Paintsville, Pikeville Division, scored a hole-in-one on No. 6 at the Paintsville Country Club. He used a No. 4 wood on the 208-yard, par 3 hole.

### Saints Team Beats Line Tamers To Win Kilowatt Bowling League Championship



Members of the Saints team which won the Kilowatt Bowling League championship are (front row, l. to r.) Melton Archibald, Captain Roger Woodrum and Ben Martin. Standing are (l. to r.) Bill Bostic, Jim McCormick, Carl Charlton and Ken Judy, Jr.

The Saints wound up the '71 season by beating the Line Tamers for the Charleston Kilowatt Bowling League championship. Ken Judy led the Saints to victory with a 243 game and a 613 series.

Jerry Corder had high men's average of 176. Elaine Braxton walked off with most of the women's honors—high average, 162; high series, 589; high game, 226, and high series with handicap. Top bowler for the men was Jack Jarrett, who rolled high series of

662; high game, 254, high series with handicap, and high game with handicap. Anna McGonagle had the high women's game with handicap. Jerry Corder and Lilda Slater were voted the league's most improved bowlers.

Elected as officers for next season were Vernon Costello, chairman; Robert Selbe, vice chairman; and Anna McGonagle, secretary. Members of the board are Eldivia Gullian and Jack Jarrett.



At left are members of the Reddy Sparks team from Huntington which captured the women's division championship in the Friendship Tournament. From left to right are Sylvia Blake, Mary Sarsfield, Doris Locke, Joyce George and Margaret McComas. Sylvia

and Joyce are employees; the others, wives of employees. Members of the Line Tamers, which won the men's division in the tournament, are (l. to r.) Carl Beaver, Stan Oxley, Herb Hill, Jerry Corder and Dick Bradley.

### Friendship Tournament Attracts 31 Teams

Nine women's and 22 men's teams rolled in the Friendship Bowling Tournament hosted by the Megawatt League recently. Locations represented were Charleston and Huntington Divisions, Amos Plant Construction, Sporn Plant, Cabin Creek Plant, Kanawha River Plant, Central Appalachian Coal

and Kanawha Valley Power. All bowlers assumed their own expenses.

The Line Tamers from Charleston won the men's division with 3056 pins. The Reddy Sparks, a women's team from Huntington, won that division with 2554 pins.

John Blair, Kanawha River,

captured all the individual trophies for the men, which included a 654 for high series and 702 with handicap, also high single game of 257 and a 273 with handicap.

Doris Locke, Huntington, had high series for the women of 529 and the handicap trophy with 562. Irene Smithers, wife of a Charleston employee, won high single with 192. Joyce Taylor, wife of another Charleston employee, captured the handicap trophy with a 209.

### Shultz Family Finds Two Wheel Bikes Provide Great Way To See The Area



From left, Sue Shultz, husband John and son Bill on their two-wheeled bikes.

two wheeled motorcycles.

It all started when Bill, Sue's son became the owner of a Honda buzz bike. He used it to ride around close to home over the hills and valleys. Sue wouldn't let him get far.

Finally, father John Shultz became interested and he took Sue for a ride on the little buzz bike. She says, "It wasn't too exciting because the little bike wouldn't go very fast." The result of the men's interest in bikes resulted in a family conference and it was decided to trade in the original buzz bike for a newer more powerful model and the purchase of a second bigger bike for Sue and John to ride.

So they traded the little one for a larger bike and bought an even bigger one for Sue and John.

With the coming of spring, the Shultz family has begun taking trips on the bikes. Sue says, "We've seen a lot of the area that I never knew existed."

She adds, "This isn't my year to win. Not only am I riding on a motorcycle every weekend, but I'm taking Bill to the local motorcross track so he can run his Hodaka in the races—he's pretty good, too."

### Mixers Victorious In Megawatt League



Members of the Mixers team which won the Megawatt League championship are (l. to r.) Carol Payne; Buck Stone, captain; Bill Payne; Nolan Perry; Ethel Simmons; Jack Harris and Charlie Simmons.

The Mixers squeezed by the Tigers by a mere ten pins in a roll-off to determine the Megawatt League winner. Bill Payne rolled his first 600 series for the season to lead his team to the victory.

John Blair and Jeanne Sheets of Kanawha River Plant had high averages for the season with a 179 and 164, respectively. Larry Moore, Cabin Creek Plant, had high single of 256 for the men and Madge Walker, wife of a Central Appalachian Coal employee, had high single of 251 for the women. Bob White of Cabin Creek and

John Blair of Kanawha shared the honor of high series with a 624. Jeanne Sheets, Kanawha River, had high series for the women with 593.

Other winners were Herston Miles, Central Appalachian Coal, men's high single with handicap, 285; Madge Walker, women's high single with handicap, 285; Larry Hancock, Kanawha River, men's high series with handicap, 708; and Mary Nugent, wife of a Cabin Creek employee, women's high series with handicap, 720.

### Work With Hazard Line Crew Inspired Wesley Yonts' Poem About Dogwoods

Wesley Yonts, lineman A in the Hazard Division, was struck by the beauty of the dogwoods one spring day while at work with the crew. His thoughts are revealed in a poem which begins:

To see the dogwoods blooming in the mountains  
Is a sight so beautiful it's beyond compare.  
And if you've never been up in the mountains  
In the springtime, you should try to visit there.  
The hills roll back so gently from the valleys  
With here and there a dogwood of pure white.  
And the green buds on the other trees around them  
A' slowly but so surely a' creeping into sight.



Yonts

Wes recalls that his first poem was written in the eighth grade after reading a book about King Arthur and the Knights of the Roundtable. Since then inspiration for poems has come from various events in his life. This past year he has written more and now averages at least one poem a week. Wes writes because "it gives me an outward expression of inward feelings. This helps me relax, and I enjoy it very much."

His wife Maula and oldest son Jerry serve as critics. "Maula is a great help as she often has suggestions which improve my poems." Some of his poetry has appeared locally, and he is now compiling a manuscript for possible publication.

### Burchette Writes Article For Ideas

S. N. Burchette, transmission foreman senior in the General Office T&D Transmission Section, Bluefield, was the author of "Modifies Line Grips For Remote Release" in the June issue of AEP Operating Ideas.



Burchette

He describes how modification of the Klein "Chicago" grip enables it to be removed from the conductor by a person pulling on a rope from the ground. Previously, removal of the grip from an overhead conductor was difficult because the device is beyond the reach of the lineman.

Where transmission and distribution line work involves the handling of conductors, use of this modified grip helps reduce costs through savings in manpower and equipment. As an example, on the recent conversion of Pinnacle Creek from 46 to 138 kv, use of this modified grip saved about 27 man hours.

### Course Completed In Record Time



Draper

Douglas L. Draper, utility helper in the Roanoke Operations Control Office, completed four divisions of the ICS electrical engineering (power option) course in 19 months. According to William H. Hamblen, ICS area representative, this is the fastest anyone has completed the entire course to his knowledge. Twelve years of study time is normally allowed. Draper maintained a B+ average throughout the 200 units.

A graduate of William Byrd High School in Vinton, Draper joined Appalachian in 1969. He said, "The course was a real challenge, and I appreciate the opportunity of being able to take it." He is married and has one daughter.

### Eagle Scout



Larry Bevins has earned the Eagle Scout rank in Logan Troop 99. The son of Ernest L. Bevins, accounting manager, Larry has been active in Scouting for six years and is a rising junior at Logan Senior High School.



No wonder John Blair's smiling. He won all individual trophies for the men.

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### Appalachian Power Company

- BLUEFIELD DIVISION—15 YEARS: O. K. MANN, Heating and Builder Sales Representative.
CABIN CREEK PLANT—5 YEARS: R. A. SIDERS, Maintenance Man.
CHARLESTON DIVISION—5 YEARS: L. C. JENNINGS, Lineman A.
CLINCH RIVER PLANT—30 YEARS: J. A. MASSIE, Unit Foreman. 15 YEARS: A. A. NESTER, Maintenance Foreman. 5 YEARS: R. M. OSBORNE, Plant Performance Engineer.
GENERAL OFFICE—40 YEARS: MARY E. FAWCETT, Secretarial Stenographer. 30 YEARS: C. F. WHATELY, JR., Control Wireman A. 20 YEARS: HELEN L. THOMPSON, Stores Accounting Clerk Senior. E. K. CHAMBERS, Communications Engineer. 15 YEARS: NORMA L. DAVIS, Customer Accounting Clerk. C. W. BACCHUS, Regional Dispatcher. C. W. HAAS, Regional Dispatcher. PATRICIA A. STOWERS, General Records Accountant. W. A. HADDAD, Regional Dispatcher. J. P. HARDWICK, Regional Dispatcher. H. H. LEWIS, Station Operator A. C. E. GRAHAM, Transmission Man A. J. W. MUNSEY, Regional Chief Dispatcher. HAZEL H. CAMDEN, Stenographer. 5 YEARS: BRENDA G. BROWN, Stenographer. CHARLOTTE G. WALKER, Stenographer. D. G. BRID, Draftsman Senior. R. L. BACCHUS, Engineer B. R. E. BOWER, Engineer B. C. M. AYERS, Rodman.
HUNTINGTON DIVISION—15 YEARS: L. K. GROSE, Stationman. 5 YEARS: M. M. TERRY Lineman B.
LYNCHBURG DIVISION—5 YEARS: H. A. HUGHES, JR., Lineman A.
PULASKI DIVISION—5 YEARS: R. G. MUSSER, Lineman A. J. L. RAKES, Draftsman Senior.
ROANOKE DIVISION—15 YEARS: DORIS S. YOUNG, General Clerk-Commercial. SHIRLEY K. GARMAN, Stenographer. 5 YEARS: M. G. HANDY, T&D Clerk.
PHILIP SPORN PLANT—5 YEARS: N. E. HYSSELL, Maintenance Man.

### Kentucky Power Company

- ASHLAND DIVISION—10 YEARS: A. D. CLINE, Sales Manager. 5 YEARS: L. M. ROSS, Commercial and Power Sales Representative. EVA JEAN COLLINS, Clerk Stenographer. BARBARA SUE RICE, General Records Accountant.
HAZARD DIVISION—25 YEARS: ARNETT STRONG, Right of Way Agent. 15 YEARS: RAYMOND FELTNER, Head Meter Clerk. 5 YEARS: THOMAS STIDHAM, Appliance Serviceman A.
PIKEVILLE DIVISION—15 YEARS: J. E. HOPSON, Heating Sales Specialist. 5 YEARS: B. E. TIBBS, Lineman B.

### Kingsport Power Company

- 15 YEARS: E. J. FUGATE, Engineering Supervisor. 10 YEARS: L. E. MILLER, JR., Service Coordinator. H. G. HUDSON, Engineering Aide.



*A Clown . . . A Light Bulb . . . A Centennial*

(see story on page 3)

# Clyde Sharp's Cry Will Start Wagons Rolling

At dawn on July 3 the cry, "wagons, ho", will ring out across the Coleman Campground near Galax, and the fifth annual Carroll-Grayson wagon train will be on its way for a six-day journey through the two counties. Robert Clyde Sharp, Galax meter serviceman A, is wagonmaster for the fifth time, and it will be his signal that starts the more than 50 wagons and buggies rolling. The train will assemble the evening before and campers will spend their first night on the campgrounds.

Sharp's son, Jimmie, will ride point and keep the lead wagon moving. Ralph W. Dalton of the Galax T&D crew will ride as line scout and assist with keeping the train moving. At times there are as many as 400 riders on the road as well as the rolling stock. Even at best sometimes the train is as much as a mile long. The scouts use four walkie-talkie radio sets for communication between the lead and end of the train.

Camp sites for each day's travel are spaced about 15 miles apart. Each night they are met by friends

and picnickers with refreshments and entertainment, including string music and square dancing. Four string bands ride along with the train. Kyle Creed, secretary of the wagon train, is chairman of the Tri-State County Music Association and sees that they never have a shortage of music. Community interest along the route runs high, and evening crowds run as high as 400 at some of the campsites.

The wagon train will be featured in a Hillsville parade on July 5 and at the horseshow at Holders Farm, south of Hillsville, on July 9. Horses must have traveled no less than two days with the train in order to be eligible to enter the horseshow.

Sharp says that each year when the train disbands the members start making plans to return. Those traveling with the train must be registered as members prior to the start of the trip, which is limited to 50 wagons and buggies. This year one member from Indiana was registered as well as those from Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Ten-

nessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky. Four yoke of oxen are signed up this year and create much interest among the spectators with their slow gait and easy manner.

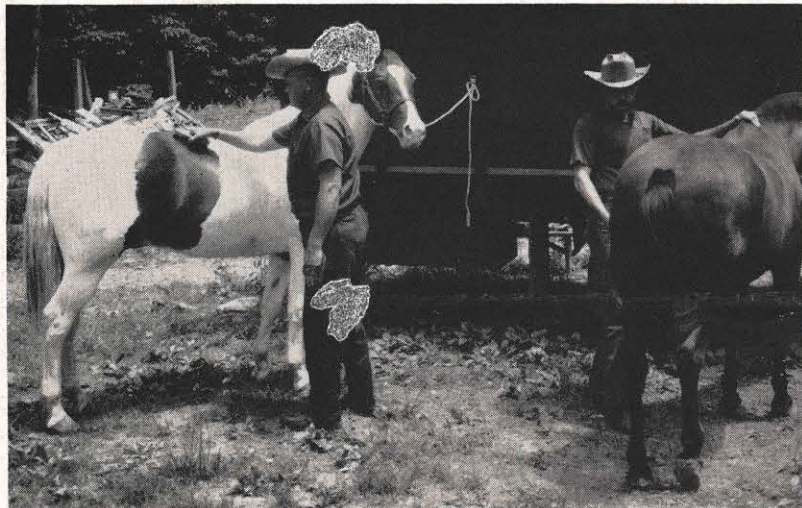
Other company employees who will be on the train include Willie M. Gardner of the Hillsville Office and his son, Randy; Tom Weatherman, retired Byllesby Hydro Plant foreman, his wife and twin daughters; and Fred Burnett, retired Byllesby employee, who will be driving his wagon and team of mules.

Food and supplies as well as feed for the livestock are carried on the wagons. Much of the cooking is done over open fires and members sleep in and under wagons, on the ground, in tents, blankets, sleeping bags and straw. There is a gay feeling of fun and comradeship much like in the days of the old west.

Last December Sharp purchased a registered Kansas paint horse named "Kansas Star" from the W-D Ranch. It carries the W-D brand so it was only natural to nickname the horse "Winn Dixie". He is looking forward to riding this new paint in the train this year. Sharp's son, Jimmie, an animal science student at VPI, will ride their 12-year-old quarter horse "Red Skin" on point as he has done the past five years.

Most of the male train members will wear western clothes and broad brim hats while the women will travel in old-fashioned costumes and sunbonnets.

Sharp says, "Kyle Creed and I planned a camping trip with our families six years ago on New River. We were to go by wagon and horseback. By the time our plans were complete, there were 14 wagons involved." It was from this camping trip that the wagon train idea evolved. "The past four years have produced a heap of family fun and good outdoor recreation. I'm proud to have helped start it."



Clyde Sharp grooms "Kansas Star" while son Jimmie brushes down "Red Skin" in preparation for wagon train day.



## Rainelle Office Serves Two Utilities

A customer calls the Rainelle Office, and a pleasant voice answers, "This is your power company". This office serves not only Appalachian customers but those of Sewell Valley Utilities, a company which served the Town of East Rainelle for 40 years. Appalachian purchased Sewell Valley in 1969 but the name has been retained temporarily for the 959 active accounts until all matters have been resolved. Ready to greet customers of either utility are Bonnie Evans (left) and Janet Hood, cashiers.

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