



28 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS were injured, none seriously, in an explosion March 2 in the elevator pit of Unit No. 3 under construction at the John E. Amos Plant. A section of the outside wall, approximately 40 feet x 40 feet, was blown out and the shaft on the interior of the building was extensively damaged. Evidence indicates mapp gas leakage from a cutting torch collected in the elevator pit and ignited, causing the explosion.

118 Dead, Damage Exceeds \$100-Million

Flood Ravages Buffalo Creek

Up until 8 a.m. on February 26, life went on as usual along Buffalo Creek in Logan County, West Virginia. It was Saturday, and people were thinking about doing the things people everywhere do on Saturday. They might drive into Man, or perhaps Logan, for the week's shopping; there were odd jobs around the house to be done.

But in the upper reaches of the creek, behind a coal refuse dam, ominous things were happening. The dam's lake, swollen by two days of rain, piled up.

The pressure was too great. Suddenly, the dam was breached. In an instant a wall of water and debris 25 to 30 feet high smashed through the narrow valley, and transformed it into what one survivor called "a scene from hell."

From the dam to the point where Buffalo Creek enters the Guyandotte River, there were 15 communities where some 5,000

persons lived. At last count, 118 of them were dead and 60 were still unaccounted for, and most of the remainder were homeless, their possessions swept away forever. Officials estimate damage may exceed \$100,000,000.

For example, the small village of Saunders, located just downstream from the dam, was erased from the face of the earth, there being left not a trace of even the foundations on which its 30 homes rested.

Damage to Appalachian facilities was heavy. The Pardee switching station lay in ruin. Two substations were badly damaged. Some 1200 customers were separated from electric service. More than 300 distribution and transmission poles, and 63 distribution transformers were lost along 11 miles of line. But Floyd Taylor, Logan division manager, said, "Our losses were really insignificant compared to the tragic personal losses of so many of our neighbors." No Appalachian employees died or were injured in the flood.

Appalachian's role in the catastrophe was one of service. It was one of the utmost urgency, trying to get electric service restored to the stricken areas as quickly as possible while sensing it would somehow make it just a little bit easier for the flood victims.

By 11 p.m. Saturday night, Appalachian personnel had managed to restore service on the distribution circuit out of the Bengal 12/4kv station. About the same time, service was restored to the Amherst Coal Company's metering point located at Accoville. This resulted in the restoration of electric service to 261 customers, most of whom had suffered extensive damage from

the waters.

On Sunday, contractor crews from Logan and Williamson and company crews from Madison and Charleston moved into the area. A marshalling yard was established near Becco Station and work was directed to restoring service down Buffalo Creek from Becco to Kistler. By evening all customers in that area capable of taking service had been served.

An aerial survey by helicopters showed the true nature of the disaster upstream from Becco to the dam site. The only residents to escape the wrath of the waters were those living either up a side creek or along the hillsides of the valley.

Company officials then concluded the best approach to providing service to the remaining customers was to use a portion of the 46kv Becco/Bim line as a 12kv distribution line. This enabled the building of single phase stub feeders from this line to remaining residents capable of receiving service. A stopgap measure, but a workable solution to a difficult situation.

On Monday a General Office Transmission crew from Bluefield, General Office Station crew from Huntington and distribution crews from Huntington and Beckley arrived. M. A. White was in charge of field operations, and G. S. Nease assisted in handling engineering detail. J. L. Richmond coordinated the over-all effort. All engineers and planners from the Logan Office, and two from Williamson, were flown into the area when it appeared customers could accept service.

By Wednesday, March 1, less than five days after the waters had struck, service was restored to all customers capable of receiving it.

Replies Filed To Anti-Trust Suit

Last December 29, four companies of the American Electric Power System filed a joint anti-trust suit against General Electric Company and Westinghouse Electric Corporation, alleging conspiracy, under the Sherman Act, to eliminate price competition and to monopolize the manufacture of large turbine-generators in the United States.

The complaint was filed by Appalachian Power, Indiana & Michigan Power, Kentucky Power and Ohio Power companies in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

On March 7, General Electric filed an answer and counter-claim to the suit and named as defendants American Electric Power Company and the AEP Service Corporation, as well as the four plaintiff companies in the original suit.

Ten days later, Westinghouse filed its response, denied the anti-trust charges and contended that the statute of limitations had run out and that the 1965 civil anti-trust settlement between Westinghouse and AEP System companies had barred such complaint. Westinghouse did not file a counter-claim.

The GE answer included a \$30-million claim against the AEP System companies, representing triple damages for sales the manufacturer alleges it lost because of a boycott of GE turbine generators by AEP. In addition to denying AEP's charges of collusion with Westinghouse, the GE counterclaim charged that the AEP companies conspired in violation of the anti-trust laws to boycott GE turbines since 1967 in an attempt to force GE to give a more favorable price to AEP than to other utilities.

In a statement commenting upon the General Electric action, Donald C. Cook, president of the six defendant companies in the counter-suit, said that the charges on their face were "absurd," representing only an effort to divert attention from AEP's claim of a conspiracy to fix prices.

"It would appear," Cook said, "that the counter-claim is based on the theory that General Electric's rights were violated by our refusal to be a willing victim in a manufacturers' conspiracy to fix prices. This is ridiculous on its face. In effect, GE wants us to agree to pay whatever price it wishes to charge for its turbine-generators, even when the same equipment is available elsewhere at a 'much lower price.'"

Cook's statement pointed out

that AEP System companies had purchased over \$50-million of GE equipment other than turbine-generators over the past four years. He also noted that, of the 35 large steam generating units placed in commercial operation since World War II, 33 of them had been GE turbine-generators; and that two large units now under construction also will use GE turbines.

"Boycott? Nonsense," the statement concluded.

General Office Men Help Rescue Couple Trapped In Wrecked Auto



Byrne

Lambert

A Rockport, Indiana, couple were pulled from the wreckage of their car and on the way to the Beckley Appalachian Regional Hospital soon after their accident occurred, thanks to the able assistance of Mike Byrne and Eddie Lambert, employees in the General Office Communications Section, Charleston.

Lambert gives this account of their rescue efforts: "On February 15, Mike and myself were returning to Charleston from Beckley, where we had completed work at the Beckley Service Building. Proceeding north on the West Virginia Turnpike in a drizzling rain, we came upon an accident at Milepost 47 about 2:30 p.m. A late-model four-door sedan was turned upside down in a ditch, with only the bottom and part of the doors visible. Noticing the wheels still turning, we realized the accident had just occurred, and we pulled off to render any assistance we could."

"Several people were on the scene, but we were told no one had been notified of the accident. A man told us that at least two people were trapped in the car and they could not be removed because the car was so damaged and the doors were blocked by mud. While Mike went to the vehicle to see what was needed to free them, I used the radio on our company vehicle to notify Keith Evans in the Beckley Service Building. He contacted the state police and an ambulance."

"By this time another peril had developed because of vehicles approaching in both directions. Mike set out flares and proceeded to direct traffic. Another man on the scene and I went to the wreckage but could not remove the victims. The only tool in our company vehicle was an axe, with which we tried in vain to open one of the doors. We realized the only way we could remove them was to move the car enough to get one of the doors open. A trailer-truck driver on the scene volunteered to pull the car enough to get the door open. This was done; and, by using the axe as a pry bar, we opened the driver's door and removed the man and woman."

"Using the kit from our company vehicle, someone at the scene administered first aid until the ambulance arrived."



Appalachian employees restore service to the one remaining house in the second camp of Robinette, West Virginia.



Appalachian's General Office Accounting and Radford Army Ammunition Steam Plant took top honors in the 1971 AEP System Annual Safety Competition. Shown at the presentation ceremony in New York are (l. to r.) M. E. McCrary, Appalachian's assistant accounting manager; W. S. White, Appalachian executive vice president; D. C. Cook, president of AEP and our companies; and E. L. Goforth, Radford plant manager.

I&M Granted Rate Increase

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company has received approval of the Indiana Public Service Commission to increase electric service rates to its almost 300,000 retail customers in the state.

The rate increase, first in the company's history, will average 15.5% for I&M's residential, commercial and industrial customers, and is designed to raise its Indiana revenues by about \$16,280,000.

The increase is expected to become effective 10 days after necessary certification and filing are made with the Federal Price Commission, unless within such period the Price Commission were to delay or suspend it.

The Public Service Commission, in granting the increase, estimated that it would provide I&M a rate of return of 6.57% on the utility's assets used to provide electric service to Indiana customers. The Commission pointed out that such return was "well below" the 6.95% figure allowed in several other utility rate cases in recent years.

I&M also has a rate increase application pending with the Michigan Public Service Commission covering its more than 65,000 customers in that state. Hearings on that application have not yet been held.



Helping to unload Cirker's van of relief supplies from AEP employees were (l. to r.) H. J. Collins, personnel supervisor; Floyd Hayner, material clerk; and John Collins, son of H. J. Collins. N. G. Ball, head material clerk, operates the fork lift.

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Compromise To Water Quality Of BR Project Gets Mixed Reaction

Three parties in the Federal Power Commission proceedings in late February offered a compromise to the vexing water quality aspect of the proposed Blue Ridge Project, drawing mixed reactions from other parties.

The proposal is nearly the same as one offered by Appalachian itself at the conclusion of hearings in Beckley in July 1970, later rejected by the Commission. Appalachian has endorsed the new proposal.

Essentially, the proposal asks that construction go forward on the two-dam project, with the need for water quality to be determined by the Environmental Protection Agency and others as the project nears completion. Also joining EPA in making the proposal was the attorney general of West Virginia and the attorney for the Conservation Council of Virginia, the West Virginia Natural Resources Council, and the Izaak Walton League.

The memorandum requested that "the project, if authorized at all, be constructed with a storage capability but that its utilization for water quality storage or releases be expressly prohibited until proponents satisfy by substantial evidence its necessity" at public adversary hearings.

The water quality aspect has been under contention for some time, with Interior leading the struggle for water quality storage as part of the project to help clean up the polluted Kanawha River at Charleston, and other groups opposing water quality storage for a number of reasons.

Positions taken by other parties in the proceedings were:

Grayson, Ashe, and Allegheny counties — the three affected counties found EPA's proposal "totally unacceptable." They said that destruction of 20,000 acres of land for Blue Ridge and relocation of 4,500 people to accommodate water storage which may or may not ever be used is an irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources which cannot be justified. They questioned FPC's right to condemn land for water storage before it is made clear when and how the water would be utilized.

Interior — Calling the proposal an "attempt to sweep major issues under the rug," counsel for the Department of the Interior criticized the proposal. He said that technology is not yet perfected to clean up the Kanawha River, and that water should be stored in Blue Ridge for river augmentation. Interior is the proponent of the water quality storage aspect, and maintains that the record on Blue Ridge shows the need for it.

Appalred — The Congress for Appalachian Development and the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund continues to oppose licensing Blue Ridge under any conditions until certain studies are made that it claims have not (although many parties and the examiner himself have said that the record is adequate on these points), including federal development, need for water quality, environmental aspects, and others.



Baker

Baker Awarded Master's Degree

Getting his master's degree in business administration just seemed like the thing to do for Norvil A. "Tex" Baker, Charleston electrical engineer, who graduated in January from the Kanawha Valley Graduate Center of West Virginia University. The fact that 30 years separated the time Tex received his undergraduate BSEE degree and his MBA degree adds much to the satisfaction that Tex shows in talking about his achievement.

"I live within 5 miles of the Graduate Center," Tex says, "and it really wasn't so hard to get to class. Of course, with a full-time job, a wife, three kids and a home to take care of, it was hard to find time to study. My long absence from the academic world had left my writing abilities somewhat rusty; but, after a few classes, I got along real well. The fact that the dean of the graduate business school lives across the street from me helped a little. We play golf together, and he regularly beats me, then accuses me of throwing the teacher an apple."

After a lengthy career with Allis-Chalmers Company in Charleston, Tex joined Appalachian as an electrical engineer in 1969.

It's A Long Way From Broadway To Buffalo Creek

It was Appalachian Power people who worked doggedly in the ruins to bring back electric service vitally needed by the survivors and rescuers of the Buffalo Creek tragedy. They did it with little thought of the clock.

But miles away, at 2 Broadway, there were other people who felt a kinship with the people of Buffalo Creek and wanted to help.

Service Corporation employees quickly organized a relief effort of their own. Temporarily vacant office space was taken over as a collection and storage point. Calls went out for clothing, personal supplies and kitchen utensils. Volunteers came forward to help accept and sort the gifts.

The drive started on Thursday morning, and all day the contributions—some bought especially for the occasion—came in. At night, many employees drove into the city to leave things too bulky to handle on mass transport. By 2 o'clock Friday, when the drive officially ended, the results were staggering:

There were 212 boxes of clothing, labeled and sorted by size, age and sex; 12 boxes of shoes; 12 boxes of dry foodstuffs such as cereals and rice; and 15 boxes of kitchen utensils and appliances, including several hot plates and coffee percolators and a small oven.

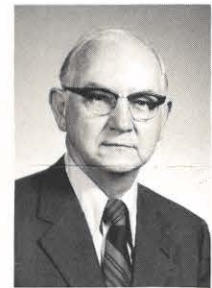
Service Corporation employees weren't the only ones giving. Niles & Niles, our auditors, and the security people also gave. Company funds were made available to buy such items as 500 boxes of disposable diapers, 1,000 toothbrushes, 500 tubes of toothpaste, 500 bars of soap, 6,000 paper plates, and 10,000 plastic cups—all bought at cost. Page One, the lunchroom caterer, contributed 10,000 each of knives, forks, and spoons. Cirker's Moving & Storage Company not only gave the cartons used to pack donations but provided at no cost a truck, a loading crew, and a driver to deliver the goods to Appalachian's service building in Logan.

And finally, employees also gave \$1,267 in cash, which was turned over to the Buffalo Creek Disaster Fund of the Logan County United Fund.

Good works are not always their own reward as Charles Zuzchik, Cirker's driver, found out. Driving through West Virginia with

his truckload, he was stopped by the State Police, and in the absence of an interstate permit, was fined \$100. Later, when the nature of his errand was learned the fine was returned.

McPherson Gets College Honor



McPherson

Fillmore McPherson, Jr., Abingdon division manager, was one of five Washington County, Virginia, citizens to be awarded citations by Emory & Henry College during Charter Day celebration.

McPherson was honored for his distinguished service in the civic and industrial development of the area. He is an officer and director of the Industrial Development Corporation of Abingdon, the Washington County Industrial Foundation, the Abingdon-Glade Industrial Foundation and the Glade Spring Industrial Development Foundation.

He is a past president of Abingdon Kiwanis Club; a past president, member of the executive committee and chairman of the industrial committee of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce; president of the board of trustees of Johnston Memorial Hospital and a former chairman of its executive committee; a member and past president of the board of visitors of Emory & Henry, and president of the board of directors of the Barter Theatre Foundation.

In addition, McPherson is a member of the chambers of commerce of Smyth, Russell and Dickenson counties and the Norton area; a member of the board of directors of the Virginia Travel Council and the citizens advisory committee of the Town of Abingdon. Active in the development of the Mount Rogers area, he is a member of the initiating ad hoc committee of the Health Planning Advisory Council of the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission.

E. W. Meador Ends Long Career, Recalls Early Communications Work



Meador

When Eldon Walton Meador left work March 31, he left behind nearly 31 years of memories and friends.

"I started to work in the Bluefield Division Station Department under A. F. Horne, with John Lindamood as my supervisor," says E. W., who retired as a communications engineer in the General Office T&D Communications Section, Bluefield. "At that time we had many hundreds of miles of telephone lines strung on power poles. I never could climb, even very well on a ladder, so I'd work on the lines making splices when the wire was let down to the ground. I had plenty to do on the telephones, though. It was the exception rather than the rule to find one wired up correctly."

"The carrier telephone system was also in a frightful shape when I went to work on it. My predecessor had been gone about three months. After I got the hang of the work, I began to make improvements both in the design of the equipment and in the arrangements of the facilities."

"In the early days, and for that matter until comparatively recent years, though the work day was eight hours, we worked until we completed the job or at least until we had something working

for communication between important points. One of the toughest jobs I ever had was putting all new wiring and telephones in the Glen Lyn Plant."

"There was no such thing as mobile radio service for utilities until after the war, but when we adopted them in 1946 I was given the responsibility of installation and maintenance for the entire Bluefield Division. In spite of my long experience with amateur radio, I never did like to work with the mobile units."

"What am I going to do after retirement? Well, the Social Security Administration seems determined that I should not do anything useful, so I propose to go along with them. Guess I will just tinker around home with my guns and amateur radio, and anything I do for anyone else will be on a gratis basis. I hope to travel a bit and may get a miniature trailer to hook to my VW and go to the west coast or some other parts of the USA I have wanted to see. I have no desire to move to Florida."

"My principal hobbies are connected with guns and radio. I started shooting when I was about eight, experimenting with electricity when I was about ten, and with radio when I was 14 or 15. I got my amateur license in 1932. In my high school and college days I was an avid photographer and did all my own developing and other work. At West Virginia University I was a member of the rifle team. After World War II, I became a charter member of the Triangle Gun Club and started shooting clay targets. I won major titles in the state trap championship tournaments in 1954 and 1956. I have also won a few minor trophies in skeet. I attend all readily accessible pistol tournaments and have picked up a little activity again on my radio station in the last few months."

E. W. holds memberships in no less than 16 clubs connected with guns and wildlife, the Community Concert Association and the Republican party.



Miss Fawcett

Mary Fawcett Joins Retirees

Mary Elizabeth Fawcett, secretarial stenographer in the Customer Accounting Section of General Office Accounting, Roanoke, retired April 1 after a 41-year career.

A native of Bedford, Virginia, Mary is a graduate of National Business College. She was employed as a complaint clerk in 1928 and, after a period of broken service, was promoted to stenographer in 1933. She became stenographer senior in 1944 and secretarial stenographer in 1949.

Mary recalls when the first home economist in Roanoke was hired and the opening of the "Colonial Home", a model electric kitchen and auditorium for cooking schools in the old Campbell Avenue office building. At that time all employees actively participated in turning in prospects for sales of the company's stock and also for ranges, refrigerators and other merchandise.

Her first planned trip upon retirement is another try at Florida. Last year she suffered an arm fracture the first day and had to return home. Mary's looking forward to seeing a late-late show on television now that she doesn't have to get up early to go to work and maybe learn something about gardening. She is a charter member of the Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church and a member of the Women's Democratic Club.

Three Named Area Supervisors



Davis

Shepherd

Doss

David M. Davis, C. A. Shepherd and Robert G. Doss have been named area supervisors in the Pulaski Division. Davis succeeds D. R. Whittaker, who retired as area supervisor in the Pearisburg, Giles and Bland counties area. Shepherd will supervise the Hillsville area and Doss, the Wytheville area.

Davis joined Appalachian at Narrows as a lineman. In 1953, when operations began from the new office at Pearisburg, he was promoted to working foreman and became line foreman in 1965. Shepherd began his continuous

service in 1937 as a serviceman at Austinville. After returning from military leave, he moved to Hillsville in 1947 when an area office was established there. He was promoted from working foreman to line foreman in 1953.

Doss was employed in 1935 at the Glen Lyn Plant. He was a turbine room man before transferring to the Pulaski Division in 1937 as a member of the floating line crew. At Wytheville he worked as a lineman, assistant line foreman, working foreman and line foreman.

Special Award For KWH Sales

"Increased sale of kilowatt-hours to our customers is the truest measure of our success." This remark by W. S. White, executive vice president of Appalachian, keyed his announcement of the special Executive Vice President's Award.

The award will be given to the division that shows the greatest increase in average annual kilowatt-hour use by residential customers (percentage-wise) for calendar year 1972.

"Our Commercial Department has already set goals in water heating and electric heating for the residential sales group in 1972," continued White. "This is fine as both are good load builders. It is my hope that by comparing the divisions on a kilowatt-hour gain basis that it will continuously remind our employees of the urgent need to sell electricity for every productive purpose."

The award will be suitable for public display and will be the permanent possession of the winning division.



Brogan

Brogan Retires In Roanoke

C. R. Brogan, Roanoke Division meter serviceman A, took early retirement April 1 for health reasons.

A native of McDowell County, West Virginia, C. R. moved to Roanoke as a youngster. His first job with Appalachian was in 1941 as a hydro maintenance man at the old Walnut Avenue Steam Plant. He then went to Niagra Hydro Plant as a hydro utility operator and remained there for about 12 years, until being severely injured in a fall. He was off work for six months and returned as a meter service helper in Roanoke. After advancing through several positions in the Meter Department, he was promoted to meter serviceman A in 1968. C. R. likes to work with his hands and recently built a backyard workshop where he'll spend some time as a "fix'er upper". He also owns a small place on Craig Creek where he plans to "escape and rest" a little while doing some fishing. C. R. has received an invitation from his daughter and son-in-law to come to Covington, Virginia, to help them run their office supply business, and sometime in the future he and his wife plan to travel. "I'd like to see some of the west. Who knows, we might go all the way to the Pacific!"

C. R. is an active member of the Enon Baptist Church, where he serves as a youth leader and formerly was a deacon.

Gowl Promoted To Records Head



Gowl

Roger W. Gowl, General Office work order accountant senior in Roanoke, has been promoted to Roanoke Division records supervisor. He will succeed C. B. Comer, who retires June 1.

A native of Harrisonburg, Virginia, Gowl is a graduate of National Business College. He was employed in the General Office Accounting Department in 1964 as a work order register clerk and held the positions of work order cost billing clerk and work order cost billing clerk senior before being promoted to work order accountant senior in 1971.

Gowl is married and has two sons.



JOINS TURTLE CLUB—Jerry E. Blake, Huntington lineman C, knows from experience the value of a hard hat. On the night of November 1, 1971, Blake was one of a four-man crew sent to replace a transformer which had failed. The area serviceman had positioned the aerial bucket to install a rope sling around the pole for the perch block to be attached and was using an eight-cell battery-operated hand lantern for lighting. As the serviceman reached to attach the sling to the pole, the hand lantern was knocked from the bucket and fell 27 feet, striking Blake's hard hat in the center. Although Blake was knocked to the ground, he sustained no injury. George Hervey, Huntington division manager (left) presents Blake with a new hard hat, lapel pin and membership certificate to the Turtle Club.



MAN OF YEAR—Alfred Ray Tipton, a Kingsport Accounting employee (left) was selected as Man of the Year by the Vermont Ruritan Club. A Ruritan for four years, Tipton is currently on the board of directors. He has served as youth chairman, chairman of Rural Utilities for two years, member of various committees, and worked with the Scouts for three years. Tipton was presented a plaque at the annual Ladies Night by Dan Coakley, youth chairman (right), and Gary Clark, club president.

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

BIG SANDY

New employees are **Harold R. Osborne, Ernest J. Bevins, John L. Skaggs** and **Willis R. Roberts**, all utility men B.

William Gene George, son of B. J. George, unit foreman, had a 3.75 average to make the dean's list at Morehead State University. A freshman, William has a scholarship in art and is also majoring in history.

ROANOKE



Mrs. Dooley

Victoria Dooley, Accounting retiree, has been elected president of the Mountain View Garden Club. She has also been elected to the executive board of the Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs and is chaplain of the Blue Ridge District, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs.

J. G. Hunt, Jr., heating and builder sales representative, was recognized as the "outstanding associate member of the year" by the Roanoke Valley Home Builders Association. **J. C. Musgrave**, heating and builder sales coordinator, has been installed as a director of the association.

Prince E. Thornton, administrative assistant, has been elected vice chairman of the Smith Mountain Lake Group Ministry. The group sponsors the ministerial services of two seminary students who conduct six worship services weekly on the lakeshore during the summer months.

M. W. Brown, Fieldale customer accounting supervisor, has been elected civil defense director for Henry County. He is also serving as chairman of the Henry County Board of Supervisors.

D. C. Kennedy, division manager, was elected to the board of directors of the Roanoke Rotary Club.

Leon P. Woods, meter reader, is a new employee.

Betty Baker, secretarial-stenographer, was guest speaker at a training program on "Improving General Office Skills" for secretaries and clerical personnel at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salem, Virginia.

LYNCHBURG

Richard O. Cash, meter serviceman A, has reported to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland to attend a ten weeks' Army armament maintenance and repair officers course. Cash is a chief warrant officer in Company D, 728th Maintenance Battalion, 28th Infantry Division of the Virginia Army National Guard.

James B. White, division manager, has been appointed to the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of

Commerce tax study task force. He also was named to a three-year term on the Greater Lynchburg Retail Merchants Association board of directors.

James E. Rice, son of Edward J. Rice, heating and builder sales representative, has been promoted to assistant commercial manager, Lynchburg operations of the C&P Telephone Company of Virginia.

R. Conner Foster, administrative assistant, has been named to the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce's newly created James River task force.

Robert B. Waggoner, accounting supervisor, has been reappointed chairman of the house committee for his local Elks Lodge.

L. M. Miller, sales supervisor, was appointed chairman of the Legislative Committee for the local Homebuilders Association.

David T. Tibbs, son of Roy A. Tibbs, Lynchburg commercial sales engineer, recently made his first solo flight in a T-34 Beechcraft "Mentor" training plane. Tibbs enlisted in the United States Naval Aviation Corps in August 1971 and is attending Aviation Pilots School in Pensacola, Florida. He worked as a tracer in the Lynchburg Division for several years while attending VPI.

KINGSPORT

H. R. Morrison, Line and Service Department, was elected a member of the 1972 steering committee of the Kingsport Shrine Club of Kerbella Temple.

Cleo Crawford is a new employee in the Line and Service Department.

Donna Lingar was selected a "symphony belle" and presented at the annual ball sponsored by the Women's Symphony Committee. A senior at Dobyns-Bennett High School, Donna is the daughter of C. S. Lingar, Commercial Department.

Mike Bryan, son of C. J. Bryan, executive vice president, was a featured vocalist at the recent Sing-Out Kingsport performance for the benefit of the Sullivan County Rescue Squad.

ABINGDON

Gary Stoots, Accounting clerk trainee, has entered the U. S. Army for a six months' tour of duty. He is in basic training at Ft. Dix, New Jersey.

Cub Pack 20 was awarded a ribbon for having the best decorated table at the recent district recognition banquet. **Shirley Landreth**, den mother, and **Jeff Hawley**, den chief, assisted with the decorations. **Clyde Landreth** was a blue ribbon winner for best workmanship in the Cub Scout division.

C. D. Preston, who was on military leave for four years, has returned to work as a lineman helper in the Marion area.

Prince A. Coleman, Station, is a candidate for the Town Council of Glade Spring, Virginia.

Mrs. Fillmore McPherson, wife of the division manager, was a

winner in two separate categories in the Arts and Crafts Exhibit conducted by the Abingdon Book-lovers Club.

Jack B. Frier has been appointed to the advisory committee for the business-related curricula of Virginia Highlands Community College.

Re-elected as officers in the Abingdon Rotary Club were **James Hughes**, secretary, and **Clark Peck**, assistant secretary.

Employees' children participating in basketball tournaments held at Abingdon Elementary School were **Clyde** and **Mark Landreth**, **Hugh Ferguson**, **Chip Thayer**, **Jimmy Hughes**, **Kevin Trent**, and **Mark** and **Scott Gregory**. **Vickie Carr** and **Mary Ruth Hughes** were cheerleaders.

ASHLAND

Charles Howard, Jr., made the dean's list for the fall semester at Morehead State University. The son of Charles D. Howard, general serviceman, Charles had a grade average of 4.0.

Kim Bryan, daughter of Don Bryan, heating sales specialist, was a page in the Kentucky State Senate during the recent session.

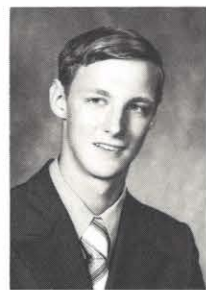
On Scout Sunday, **Edward Kemper**, lineman B, was presented a certificate noting his leadership in creating the first Eagle Scouts in Troop 162. He also was awarded the Scouter's Key. Kemper is the only Scouter from Grayson, Kentucky, to complete the Wood Badge training course.

JOHN E. AMOS

New employees in the Construction Department are **Howard W. Fortney**, electrical construction assistant; **Arthur L. Postlethwait**, stores construction assistant; and **Carol Elaine Jones**, clerk typist.

New employees in the Operations Department are **Paul R. Whitt**, maintenance man C; **George W. Hudnall**, performance engineer; **Benjamin W. Hedrick**, technician junior; **Raymond E. Clark**, **Daniel D. Harrison**, **Edward Helm**, **Thomas L. West**, **Dennis R. Edwards**, **Glen E. Byus**, **Garry L. Handley**, **William H. Griffith**, **David S. Barnett**, **Cleveland J. Stokes**, **Lester H. Lusher** and **Monte D. Dillon**, all utility men B.

PHILIP SPORN



David

David W. Smith, a senior at Wahama High School, is one of 14,750 finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition. The son of Cecil A. Smith, maintenance foreman, David ranks in the top one-half of one percent. His extracurricular activities include membership in the National Honor Society and the Mason County Junior Fair Board; president, Happy Go Lucky 4-H Club, and secretary, FFA Club. He won the 4-H Danforth award last year and plans to enter West Virginia University as a pre-veterinarian student.

Isaac Andrew Lewis, janitor, is a new employee.

BLUEFIELD



Lois Ann

Lois Ann Dudash, daughter of Steve Dudash, station supervisor, was elected to the Society of Outstanding American High School Students, the nation's leading high school honorary.

Mrs. M. R. Callaway, wife of the retired employee, has been named parliamentarian of the Bluefield, Virginia, Woman's Club.

Ray C. Heldreth, dealer sales representative, retired as secretary of the Clover Club of Bluefield after 15 years' continuous service and received a standing ovation at the annual meeting. He has been elected treasurer of the Bluefield Country Club.

J. P. Montague, electrical engineer senior, was elected secretary of the Clover Club of Bluefield.

Steve Dalton, son of Paul Dalton, auto repairman A, made the ninth grade honor roll at Central Junior High School.

Cindy Mash, daughter of Mary Lou Mash, customer accounts representative C, represented the eighth grade for the Valentine dance sponsored by the Jr. Deb Social Club.

John W. Vermillion, meter supervisor, was elected a director of the Bluefield Community Concert Association. **Sydne Montague**, wife of J. P. Montague, electrical engineer senior, was re-elected secretary.

CHARLESTON

B. D. Miller, lineman B, has returned to work after 18 months' active duty with the U. S. Army.

Betsy Caldwell, daughter of Gene Caldwell, dealer sales representative, ranked in the upper ten percent of students at Stonewall Jackson High School who took the Educational Development Series Test.

Connie Caldwell, daughter of Gene Caldwell, dealer sales representative, made the dean's list at Marshall University, where she is a junior majoring in art.

Nick Roomy, executive assistant, was named to the board of directors of the Business and Industrial Development Corporation of Kanawha Valley.

Beverly Duckweiler, daughter of Elaine Braxton, cashier, was selected as the most valuable player in the Women's Basketball Tournament at Marshall University. She also copped the honor of highest scorer and was named to the All-Tournament Squad. Beverly recently made the dean's list at Marshall University.

HUNTINGTON

Ronald Edwards, stationman helper, and **Robert Lee Robinson**, custodian, are new employees in the division. **Roberta Joy Thomas**, technician, is a new employee in the AEP General Laboratory, Huntington.

Russell M. Wise, Jr., electrical engineer, recently completed a course in modern business with the Alexander Hamilton Institute.

Margaret Ann "Peggy" Hagan, daughter of H. P. Hagan,

man, engineering supervisor, made the dean's list for the first semester at West Virginia Wesleyan. She is a junior, majoring in mathematics.

Rita Hogsett Yackley, daughter of Randy Hogsett, heating and builder sales representative, made the dean's list for the first semester at West Virginia Wesleyan. She is a senior, majoring in Christian education.

George Hervey, division manager, was elected a director of the Greater Huntington Chamber of Commerce.

HAZARD

Jack Bates, commercial and power sales representative, has passed the examination to become a professional engineer.

Ralph Stephen Peters, son of Clara B. Peters, secretarial-stenographer, was honored recently as a member of the Hazard Little League championship basketball team. Not only did the team win the league and tournament championships but also completed the season undefeated.

PIKEVILLE

Chester Smith, administrative assistant, was presented a plaque at the close of his year as president of Pike County Chamber of Commerce.

Robert L. Huffman, right of way agent, will serve as chairman of Pike County Red Cross for the coming year.

PULASKI

Saxophonist **Diana Bonham Love**, senior at East Carolina University School of Music, performed in recital during February at the A. J. Fletcher Music Center Recital Hall. Diana is the daughter of R. H. Love, engineering supervisor.

CLINCH RIVER

Linda Abolin, daughter of T. W. Abolin, plant manager, made the dean's list for the first two quarters at Lincoln Memorial University.

Ginny Kiser, daughter of Paul C. Kiser, made the dean's list this past quarter at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

New employees are **Larry D. Barton**, **Carl W. Amburgey** and **Jerry E. Taylor**, all utility men B.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON

Geraldine Layne, Williamson Accounting, was selected to be an attendant to the queen during the annual Valentine banquet of the Williamson Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

C. R. Wilson, Logan power sales engineer, was elected president of the Southwestern Chapter, West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. **Stephen S. Summers**, electrical engineer, was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors, and **G. S. Nease, Jr.**, supervising engineer, was named a member of the society's state board of directors.

KANAWHA RIVER

Dallas O'Daniels, son of C. W. O'Daniels, yard foreman, made the dean's list at Marshall University.

GENERAL OFFICE



Bobbie Lou

Bobbie Lou Waid, 17-year-old senior at Lord Botetourt High School, was selected as an "Outstanding Teenager of America for 1972". The daughter of Robert W. Waid, right of way agent, Bobbie Lou was sponsored by the Jaycees to represent Botetourt County in the Virginia Junior Miss Pageant. She was third runner-up in the pageant and tied for first runner-up in the Breck hair-styling event of the contest.

Becky Bailey, daughter of E. L. Bailey, GO Commercial residential sales supervisor, has been initiated into Pi Mu Epsilon, national math and statistics honorary, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where she is a senior.

Mike Manning, son of Mary Manning, GO Commercial, made the dean's list for the spring term at Randolph-Macon College, where he is a junior.

Lawrence L. Koontz, Jr., judge of Roanoke juvenile and domestic relations court, received the Roanoke Jaycees' Outstanding Young Man Award given annually to a city resident under 35 for leadership and service to the community, state and country. The son of L. L. Koontz, retired GO Commercial residential sales supervisor, Judge Koontz was cited for his concern for young people, his desire to upgrade and improve the court system, his efforts to establish Youth Haven, psychological services for juvenile court and his dignity and professionalism.

Fred M. Lawson, regional chief dispatcher at the Clinch River Dispatch Office, has been named Lion of the Year by the Lebanon, Virginia, club.

Jack W. Hagerman, transmission supervising engineer in the GO T&D Transmission Section, Bluefield, has been appointed a member of the advisory committee to study civil engineering technology curricula at Bluefield State College.

Charles R. Saul, area development consultant, is area chairman for the Roanoke Sustaining Membership Drive of the Boy Scouts of America.

James E. Jones, area development director, has been elected assistant treasurer of the Roanoke Valley United Fund.

Elaine Hawkins, daughter of Roy R. Hawkins, GO T&D communications section supervisor, was first runner-up in the Miss Bluefield Pageant.

Mrs. W. S. Kitchen, wife of the GO safety director, was re-elected president of the Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs. **Mrs. Emmett C. Rankin**, wife of the GO T&D manager, was elected recording secretary. Mrs. Rankin was honored with a life membership by the Alleghany Garden Club.

Nancy White, wife of James G. White, GO Purchasing, was selected by the Theta Chapter to compete in the international competition for valentine sweetheart of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She represented her chapter on a local level at the annual snowball queen dance.

In Memoriam

A. J. Reed, 78, retired system survey party chief in the General Office T&D Department, Civil Engineering Section, died February 16.

Reed joined Appalachian in 1922 as a transitman and chief of party in the Real Estate & Right Of Way Department. He was made engineer senior B in 1945 and system survey party chief in 1947. He transferred to Civil Engineering the following year.

Survivors include his widow and five sons.



Casto

Casto Retires At Cabin Creek

Delmer C. Casto, turbine operator B at Cabin Creek Plant, took early retirement April 1 due to permanent and total disability.

Delmer joined the company in 1942 as a laborer and boiler room man. During his 29 years' service, he worked as a utility operator, turbine auxiliary equipment operator and turbine operator.

A resident of Cabin Creek, West Virginia, Delmer's plans for retirement are "just to take it easy". A widower, he has a son and a daughter.



Ferrell

Burbus C. Ferrell, Jr., 46, engineer B at Clinch River Plant, died March 1 after an extended illness.

Ferrell was employed as a laborer at Logan Plant in 1950 and worked there as an electrical maintenance helper and utility operator C and B. He transferred to Logan District as a utility man in 1954 and went to Clinch River as a maintenance man in 1958. He was promoted to master maintenance man in 1968 and to engineer B in 1970.

Ferrell had served as councilman and mayor of the Town of Cleveland. He is survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter.



Shaw

Earl L. Shaw, 70, retired hydro operator of the Byllesby-Buck Hydro Plants, Pulaski Division, died February 23.

A native of Columbus County, North Carolina, Shaw began his career in 1922 as a Bluefield Division lineman. In 1923 he was located at Wytheville and from 1925 to 1941 did line maintenance and service work throughout the Bluefield Division, both in Virginia and West Virginia. He moved to the Byllesby-Buck Hydro Plants in 1941 where he worked as a hydro operator until he retired early due to disability in 1963.

Shaw is survived by four sons and one daughter.

Phillips Elects Early Retirement



Phillips

Lenwood Phillips, transmission man A in the General Office T&D Transmission Section, St. Albans, elected early retirement April 1.

A native of Princeton, West Virginia, Lenwood joined the company in 1946 and advanced to transmission man A in 1953. He had previously been employed by Pocahontas Fuel Company and the N&W Railway.

Married, Lenwood is a member of the Grace Baptist Temple, Dunbar Masonic Lodge No. 159, AF & AM, and the Beni Kedem Shrine Temple, Charleston. His retirement activities will include plenty of fishing and hunting.



KENTUCKY POWER'S NEW OFFICE and service building at Prestonsburg is expected to be completed within 90 days. Present employees will occupy the new facility, located at the junction of Mountain Parkway and U. S. Highways 23 & 460 on North Lake Drive.

Employees Have Ideas Published



Childers



Compton



Ferguson

Three plant employees had work simplification articles published in recent issues of "AEP Operating Ideas".

L. V. Compton and E. A. Childers, control technicians senior at Big Sandy Plant, described how to rebuild the series 3560 valve positioners by machining a brass removable seat in the shop and press fitting into the back case assembly in an opening drilled to the proper size. The installation of the brass seat allows continued use of the valve rather than replacement with a new one. This procedure results in considerable savings over the cost of a new valve.

The use of a shuttle truck for transporting men, tools and

equipment between remote locations of Clinch River's coal handling system was described by Howard Ferguson, maintenance supervisor at the plant.

During coal miners' vacation, the Maintenance Department performs outage inspection and repairs on all the plant's coal handling equipment, and a significant amount of productivity was lost due to insufficient transportation. Now a shuttle truck makes continuous 10-minute round trips from the plant over the entire work area, and men desiring a ride signal as the truck passes by. During a recent application, this service saved 128 manhours after subtracting the cost of truck and driver.

PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon Division

M. H. MONROE to Lineman B.

John E. Amos Plant

NANCY J. ARTHUR to Plant Clerk. THOMAS J. HANCOCK to Coal Handler. DAVID H. OLDAKER to Coal Handler. HERMAN M. STONE to Utility Operator A.

Beckley Division

ROY M. CROUSE to Meterman A.

Bluefield Division

MARTHA W. BUFORD to PBX Operator. ALBERT M. BROWN to Stationman C. JAMES W. RORRER to Stationman C. CLIFFORD L. SLEDD to Lineman A. FRANCES L. MARCUM to Secretarial Stenographer. WILLIAM P. MCKINNEY, JR., to Lineman B.

Cabin Creek Plant

JANET R. HODGES to Work Order Clerk.

Clinch River Plant

NORMAN GENE LESTER to Instrument Maintenance Man B. TERRY R. SADDLER to Instrument Maintenance Man C.

General Office

PATRICIA MILLIRON to Clerk Stenographer.

W. C. MILLER to Station Operator C.

Glen Lyn Plant

JACKIE RAY THORNTON to Maintenance Helper. JAMES HENRY SMITH to Utility Coal Handler.

Huntington Division

T. S. BLOSS to Stationman A. D. F. MACHIR to Lineman A. T. E. NORRIS to Lineman A. B. L. HAGLEY to Material Clerk. G. A. BAILEY to Clerk Junior.

Pulaski Division

ANDREW S. JACKSON to Customer Representative B. ROBERT W. FRAZIER to Lineman B. RONALD P. McDANIEL to Maintenance Man. JAMES A. LANE, JR., from Auxiliary Equipment Operator, Radford Plant, to Meter Reader, Pulaski. FIELDEN H. ANDERSON to Lineman B. CHARLES A. TERRY, JR., to Auto Repairman B. MACK L. SAUNDERS, JR., to Stationman B.

Roanoke Division

J. H. CRIDER to Caretaker Helper. T. E. PURVES to Meter Serviceman C. ORVILLE NAPIER to Meter Serviceman A. J. E. GLOVER, JR., to Meter Serviceman C. DOROTHY MARTIN to Clerk Stenographer.

Philip Sporn Plant

DAVID E. JACKSON to Helper, Maintenance.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland Division

RONALD D. BLAIR to Appliance Serviceman B. ALEXANDER E. KIRK to Appliance Serviceman A. GEORGIA JENKINS to Clerk Typist, GO Accounting.

Big Sandy Plant

MITCHELL D. HERRON to Junior Maintenance Man. VAN BUREN RIFFE, JR., to Maintenance Helper. DOUGLAS R. ISON to Maintenance Helper. MARK E. HUMPHREY to Maintenance Helper. CHARLES RODNEY VIARS to Maintenance Helper. JOHN JUSTICE to Maintenance Helper. HERBERT B. WHITE to Maintenance Helper. GREGORY K. PAYNE to Maintenance Helper.

DANNY R. ESTEP to Technician Junior. RICHARD W. LONG, JR., to Technician Junior. CARL R. WHEELER to Maintenance Helper. DONALD E. ROSS to Junior Maintenance Man. RALPH TACKETT to Junior Maintenance Man. DAVID T. HONAKER to Junior Maintenance Man. DANNY RAY PRESTON to Junior Maintenance Man.

Hazard Division

CAROLYN NIX to Clerk Typist. BRENDA BAILEY to Clerk Stenographer.

Pikeville Division

VIRGIL S. CARTER to Commercial and Power Sales Representative.

765 KV Line -- Center Of Controversy



The Peaks of Otter as seen from the Blue Ridge Parkway. Bedford County citizens claim the proposed 765-kv line would damage this scenic section for all time.

A proposed transmission line through Bedford County, Virginia, is fast becoming a classic example of a new dimension in planning and siting of electrical facilities and in public attitudes toward them.

The new line, to be constructed at 765,000 volts and in operation by 1976, is the first major line in the AEP System which has faced organized opposition from some of the people it is designed to benefit.

The opposition is based not so much on the need for the line and the electricity it will carry, although there are some who question this. Rather, it is over the location of the line, its size, and the fact that it must be built overhead rather than underground. Prevalent too is much misunderstanding about the effect the line will have on man, animals, and vegetation.

In fact, controversy over the line touches many of the popular causes among conservationists today.

The line is part of the backbone system being constructed throughout AEP. Originally announced as a 1,200-mile system, with over 1,000 miles already in operation, the 765,000-volt system is being expanded as studies show a greater need for transmission of large bulks of power to regional centers where use of electricity is expanding rapidly. The line would begin at the Cloverdale substation north and east of Roanoke, traverse a portion of Botetourt County, and cross the Blue Ridge Parkway into Bedford County. It would then traverse some 24 miles across Bedford County to a new, proposed substation at Ivy Creek, near Lynchburg.

Chronologically, the dispute over the line began when a few citizens of the

county questioned its need and its route. Duncan C. Kennedy, Roanoke Division manager, appeared before the county board of supervisors to explain the project and its need in the summer of 1971.

In September, the board, after hearing from several citizens of the county, expressed its concern over the line with a resolution which, among other things, asked that Appalachian further explain the line and answer the questions being asked about it.

Kennedy again appeared before the board in December to make a statement. However, a newly-formed group, the Bedford County League for Environmental Protection—now known as the Central Virginia Environmental League—also appeared with a long list of questions.

Appalachian agreed to attend a public meeting, at which officials of the company would attempt to answer the questions and resolve problems. This meeting was held in January and was attended by over 200 persons. Although there was much discussion between the company panel and the audience, the meeting ended with an apparent feeling on both sides that the major issues had not been resolved.

What are these major issues? One group of Bedford County citizens put it this way in a resolution: "Despite the comfort and convenience which electricity has brought . . . the slashes cut through our beautiful countryside to accommodate transmission line towers are a high price to pay—and to many of us, an unacceptable price . . ."

"We believe it to be in the best interests of the scenic and environmental protection . . . for Appalachian to reconsider this project with a view toward constructing the line underground, or along its already existing right of way, and to locate or relocate the proposed tower line so as to avoid in every way possible irreparable damages to the environmental, scenic and aesthetic values and landmark attractions of Bedford County."

Others at the public meeting or in letters to newspapers have questioned whether Appalachian considered national environmental guidelines in planning the line, and whether a line this big is really needed. Still others expressed fear that the high voltage would be harmful to animals, man, and vegetation, and would cause noise and radio and TV interference.

The land which the line will traverse is of a generally rural and suburban nature. The largest city in the County, Bedford, has a population of 6,000. The line will cross the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway and will be in the same county which contains the Peaks of Otter, two natural peaks which punctuate the Blue Ridge Mountains. That the line will have some effect on aesthetic values has not been denied. That it was designed with no regard to historical, aesthetic, and scenic values has been publicly denied by the company.

Appalachian's answers to critics of the line have generally fallen into five cate-

gories; need, undergrounding and relocation, historical values, scenic and aesthetic values, and health.

Need For The Line

The line is needed to provide electricity to meet the growing demands of customers in Bedford, Nelson, Amherst, and Campbell counties, and the cities of Bedford and Lynchburg—an area in which the demand for electricity has tripled in the past ten years. These demands will double again by 1980, triple by 1985, according to company studies.

Construction of a 765,000-volt line would not only meet these demands, but would represent a wiser use of land for right of way (as opposed to several smaller lines) and a more economical method of providing electricity. For example, the cost per kilowatt of carrying capacity of a 765,000-volt line is only 1/12th that of a 138,000-volt line.

Undergrounding And Relocation

An underground 765,000-volt system is not yet possible, because the technology has not been developed. There are all kinds of problems, including insulation. While work is underway on solving these problems, apparently their solutions are years away. This problem has been recognized nationally by such organizations as the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality and the Council on Environmental Quality.

It has been suggested that the entire line be relocated in the county, and Appalachian has recorded its objections to suggested routes. These include the fact that the line would be moved closer to the City of Bedford, which the company has avoided for environmental reasons; additional costs; putting the line closer to historic sites; and shifting the line from one group of property owners to another group, with no improvement in environmental qualities.

That is not to say that the company is not considering relocations or readjustments of portions of the line—it is. It is working with several individuals and groups to try and reach a reasonable settlement in their particular cases.

For example, the company has announced a tentative rerouting of a portion of the line in the vicinity of St. Stephen's Church near the Ivy Creek station site. The rerouting came after additional studies of the environmental impact of the line on the historic church. Such studies have been carried out on the entire line.

Historic

During the planning of the line, three historical sites in the county received consideration. The line was located so as to cause minimal environmental damage, and the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission agreed in each case that this objective was achieved.

Scenic, Aesthetic

The company was able to plan a crossing of the Blue Ridge Parkway in such a way that the towers and line will be practically invisible from the Parkway. A permit for the crossing has been received from Parkway officials.

Elsewhere, an attempt was made to do as little scenic damage as possible, although in some areas the line is visible. But, as one Appalachian official pointed out, there is no way to hide a transmission line in open country.

Crossings over major roads in the county were chosen and planned so that protective covering would limit the line's visibility.

Among the new challenges facing companies like Appalachian are national environmental guidelines in line and substation location and construction. These guidelines are suggested for use in line design, but only "where possible," the guidelines advise. They emphasize the need of balance in meeting electrical needs and protecting the environment.

From these national guidelines, the AEP System has adopted its own set, and they were used where possible in the planning of the Bedford line.

Health

Many concerns about the effect of the line on man, animals, and vegetation were raised by Bedford Countians, but AEP research on such effects and on noise, radio and television interference, and shock from inductive current has been carried out.

In all cases, the 765,000-volt system has been designed so that it will not cause problems in these areas. There have been isolated cases of radio and TV interference, but they have been solved. In fact, according to AEP research people, there are "no unsolved technical problems" with respect to 765,000-volt transmission lines.

Some surveying and right of way purchasing has been carried out on the Bedford line. The company continues to work with the Central Virginia Environmental League and others in an attempt to reach a reasonable balance, as the national guidelines call it, between the environment of Bedford County and the need for electric power.

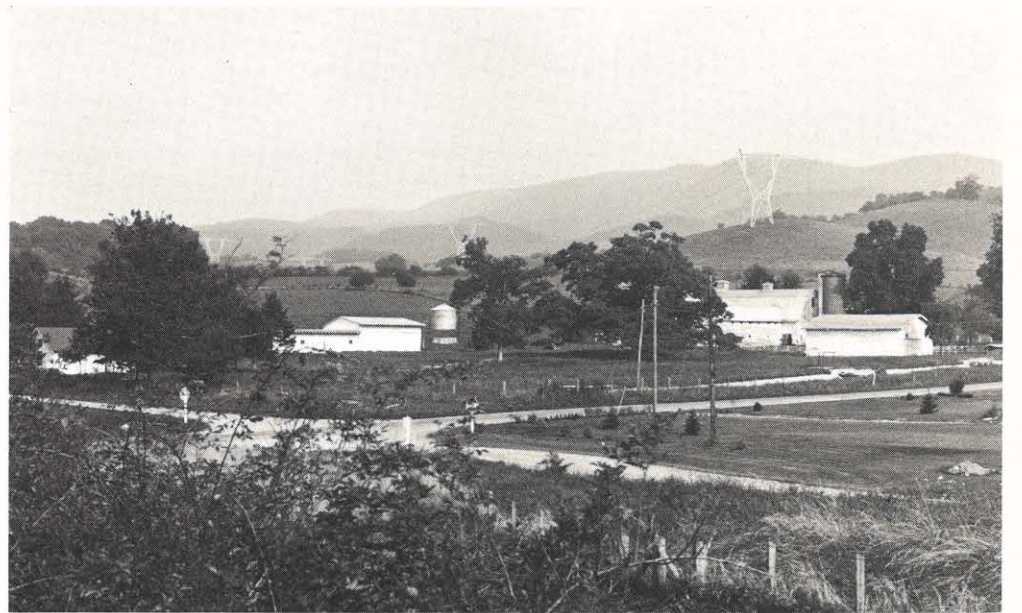
To help meet this aim, Appalachian has employed Charles T. Main Inc., a professional engineering organization, to evaluate all facets of the company's routing of the line. The firm began work in early March.

Meantime, the line has opened a new era for Appalachian and other companies of the AEP System, in which a militant public voice will expect to have a strong say in the location of needed electrical facilities.

A bill affecting future construction of transmission lines 200,000 volts and above has been passed by the Virginia Legislature, which adjourned March 11.

The bill provides that construction of such lines will be subject to public hearings, if requested, by the State Corporation Commission of Virginia. Before the Commission approves such a line, it must determine that "the route of the line will reasonably minimize adverse impact on the scenic and environmental assets of the area". If any interested party should request a public hearing before the Commission has issued its approval, it must hold a hearing.

The Commission has already issued Appalachian a certificate of convenience and necessity for the Bedford line. Although the Central Virginia Environmental League has called for the rescinding of this certificate, it remains an additional unsolved matter in the Bedford situation.



The 765-kv line blends unobtrusively into the landscape behind this farm in southwest Virginia.

Flood Brings Devastation To Buffalo Creek Area



The slag dam which broke, sending millions of tons of water rushing through the valley, is indicated by the arrow. This aerial shows approximately the first four miles below the dam, which was completely devastated. Photo courtesy Huntington Publishing Company.



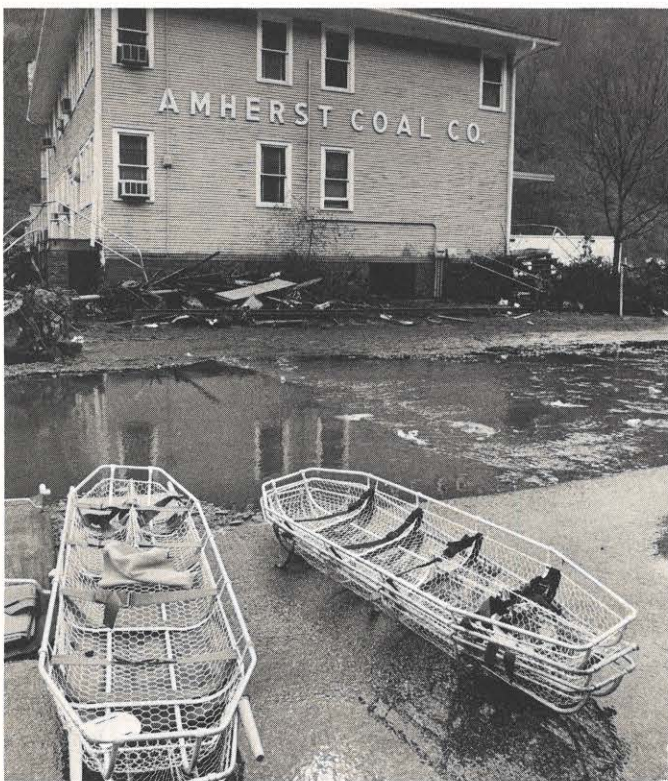
The Community of Lundale was one of the hardest hit. It is estimated that at least 100 homes were washed into and broken up by a bridge in the area. A smaller house (not visible in photo) washed into the back side of this one remaining home, inflicting severe damage. Part of a mobile home is visible at right. Photo courtesy Huntington Publishing Company.



Cleanup operations begin at the processing plant of the old Lorado Coal Company, located about one-half mile upstream from Lorado. Photo courtesy Huntington Publishing Company.



The onslaught of flood waters left Appalachian's Pardee switching station in shambles. The house in background was saved by being at the mouth of a side creek.



Basket stretchers lined up at the Amherst Coal Company office at Lundale give silent testimony to the rescue operations in progress. Photo courtesy Huntington Publishing Company.



Employees working to build a new line in the Pardee section of Buffalo Creek.

Couples Exchange Wedding Vows In Recent Ceremonies



Ogden-Patterson

Cynthia Ann Ogden became the bride of Granville Wayne Patterson January 22 in the Madison Heights Christian Church. Mr. Patterson is the son of G. N. "Pat" Patterson, Lynchburg garage foreman.



Oliver-Dress

Susan Oliver became the bride of James Dress March 5 in the St. Francis Catholic Church, St. Albans, West Virginia. Mr. Dress is an electrical engineer in Charleston.



Maynard-Newman

December 30, 1971, was the wedding day of Dorothy Maynard and Steven L. Newman, who were married at the Westmoreland Baptist Church. Mr. Newman is a lineman in Huntington.



Mitchell-White

Christine C. Mitchell and Robert Alan White were married March 11 at Boyd Memorial Christian Church, Charleston, West Virginia. Mrs. White is a personnel clerk senior at John E. Amos Plant.



Langhorne-Knight

Anne Peyton Langhorne and Terry Lee Knight were united in marriage February 26. Mrs. Knight is the daughter of N. K. Langhorne, Lynchburg head material clerk. Mr. Knight is a Lynchburg clerk-typist.



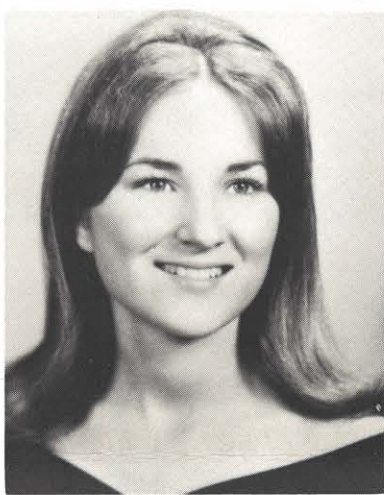
Gordon-Black

Hamlin, West Virginia, was the setting for the wedding of Barbara Gordon and David Edwin Black. Mrs. Black is a former Huntington home service representative, and Mr. Black is the son of Mrs. Virginia Black, Huntington residential and rural sales development representative.



Hall-Sheets

Wedding vows were exchanged by Mary H. Hall and William J. Sheets March 25 in the Central United Methodist Church, Salem, Virginia. Mrs. Sheets is a former secretarial-stenographer in General Office Hydro, Roanoke. Mr. Sheets is an AEP machinery specialist, Canton.



Brumfield-Gilkerson

The marriage of Mary Etta Brumfield and Claude Gilkerson was solemnized December 30, 1971, in the First Baptist Church, Kenova, West Virginia. Mr. Gilkerson is a meter service helper in Huntington.

BABY PARADE

Abingdon Division

MR. AND MRS. D. K. BROWN, a chosen son, Warren Andrew, February 22. Brown is a lineman C, Lebanon crew.

John E. Amos Plant

MR. AND MRS. RONALD H. BROWN, a daughter, Traci Elena, February 5. Brown is a coal equipment operator.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES E. HACKETT, a daughter, Shawnta Denise, March 9. Hackett is a control technician.

Bluefield Division

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT L. FARLEY, a daughter, Rebecca Lee, February 29. Farley is a commercial sales representative.

MR. AND MRS. TIVIS O'QUINN, a son, Tivis Ryan, March 6. O'Quinn is a meter reader, Grundy.

Charleston Division

MR. AND MRS. RONALD MADDOX, a son, Joseph Ronald, February 24. Maddox is a meter service helper A.

MR. AND MRS. JAKE SCRAGG, a son, Shawn Christopher, February 19. Scragg is an automobile parts clerk.

Clinch River Plant

MR. AND MRS. HERMAN BRUCE HALL, a daughter, Jennifer Lynn, February 22. Hall is a utility operator.

General Office

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH W. BLACKBURN, JR., a daughter, Margaret Bowles, February 28. Blackburn is an operations engineer.

MR. AND MRS. J. L. FARRIS, a son, Stephen Todd, February 10. Farris is an electrical engineer B.

MR. AND MRS. RAY MULLEN, a daughter, Laura Ann, February 29. Mullen is an operator B.

MR. AND MRS. G. J. SKEENS, a son, John Mark, January 1. Skeens is a GO T&D Transmission Section employee, Bluefield.

Glen Lyn Plant

MR. AND MRS. R. C. ATWOOD, a daughter, Deidra Leigh, February 6. Atwood is a utility man A.

Huntington Division

MR. AND MRS. JAMES R. NISBET, a daughter, Sharon Elizabeth, February 25. Nisbet is an engineer.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIE O. TATE, JR., a daughter, Marcy Marie, February 3. Tate is a custodian.

MR. AND MRS. DALLAS FULLER, a chosen daughter, Debra Jane, born October 11, 1971. Fuller is a lineman.

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. BENNIE C. NICHOLSON, a son, Aric Jason, March 7. Nicholson is a junior maintenance man.

Roanoke Division

MR. AND MRS. W. S. CARTER, a son, Winston S., Jr., March 6. Mrs. Carter was a Roanoke Division customer representative B before going on maternity leave, and Carter is a draftsman senior in the GO T&D Civil Engineering Section, Roanoke.

ENGAGEMENTS

REBECCA EDRISS TATE to Timothy Ernest McMeans. Miss Tate is a junior clerk in Ashland.

WILLA SUE BOWEN to Garrett Edward Hensley. Miss Bowen is a junior clerk in Ashland.

JANIE SUE KAHLE to Gerald N. Shifflett. Miss Kahle is the daughter of John B. Kahle, Abingdon heating sales engineer.

DEBORAH DIANE MARTIN to Allen McCann Orr. Mr. Orr is the son of John S. Orr, Abingdon lineman A.

CYNTHIA ANNE WARREN to John L. Mullins. Miss Warren is the daughter of Wayne E. Warren, Logan stores/garage supervisor, Logan-Williamson Division.

BECKY BAILEY to Ernest John Riggs. Miss Bailey is the daughter of E. L. Bailey, residential sales supervisor, General Office Commercial, Roanoke.

EMILY ANNE McALPINE to Sidney Blythe Garland, II. Miss McAlpine is the daughter of Louise Bennett McAlpine, Kingsport home sales representative.

GAIL LEIGH WHITTAKER to Danny Leon Musselman. Mr. Musselman is the son of Carlos L. Musselman, right of way inspector B, Roanoke.

DIANNA R. NECESSARY to Thomas G. Bishop. Miss Necessary is a Bluefield office messenger.

Wanzer-Hodges

A double ring ceremony performed February 19 at St. Stephens United Methodist Church in Charleston, West Virginia, united Ramona Elaine Wanzer and Jeffrey Franklin Hodges. Mr. Hodges is a technician junior at John E. Amos Plant.

Shepherd-Thorn

Nuptial vows were exchanged by Neva Okes Shepherd and William M. Thorn November 5, 1971, in the St. Paul United Methodist Church, Christiansburg, Virginia. Mrs. Thorn is a senior cashier in Princeton, Bluefield Division.

Radford-Martin

Betty Jo Radford was married to Ronald Ray Martin March 10 in Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Martin is a transportation clerk in General Office General Services, Roanoke.

Betty Nash Is Valedictorian



Betty

Betty Nash, daughter of W. L. Nash, Bluefield meterman B, has been named valedictorian of the 1972 graduating class of Graham High School, Bluefield, Virginia.

Betty's activities at Graham include membership in the National Honor Society, Pep Club, FTA, Student Cooperative Association, Y-Teens, Science Club, GAA; president of the Keyettes; secretary of National Thespians; co-editor of the annual, and manager of the Powder Puff football team for four years. She was selected by her classmates as most outstanding senior girl.

A member of the First United Methodist Church, Betty is treasurer of the MYF. She has been accepted at the University of Tennessee where she will major in pharmacy.



ELECTED TO SERVE as officers of the McDowell County Employees' Benevolent Association in Welch are (l. to r.) William Paul McKinney, Jr., lineman B, chairman; John E. Walters, lineman C, director; Frederick L. Farley, customer accounts supervisor, director; and Dorothy Lawless, secretarial-stenographer, treasurer and secretary. Pledges for the year amounted to \$734.00, with 86% of the employees in the Welch area participating.



Libby Champe begins transformation with Peggy Williams, Barbara Nadel and head clown Frosty Little. Photos courtesy Ferrell Friend, Charleston Gazette.

Libby Champe's Dream Comes True, Performs In Clown Act At Circus

Libby Champe is quite serious about clowning around. So much so that she once debated going to "clown school" in Florida but decided to finish college first.

The daughter of W. W. Champe, Charleston general serviceman, Libby recently had her dream come true as she pranced and capered as a clown in a performance of Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus at the

Charleston Civic Center.

Her chance of a lifetime came about when she was asked by the **Charleston Gazette** to pose in a fashion picture with a circus background. While Libby waited for the photographer to arrive, she told some of the clowns about her suppressed desire and it was they who suggested she join them for a performance. After clearance with circus management, Libby was told to report for work the next Wednesday.

Libby comments, "It was even more exciting than I thought it would be. And it made me appreciate the enormous lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to produce a performance. The clowns work long and hard perfecting their act, planning every little detail."

Two other women clowns helped her with her costume and makeup. There was little time for rehearsal so Libby was advised to "react to what is being done around you, and react so people can see you." She took part in two skits: a balloon chase and one with fire hose asking for no smoking.

The Morris Harvey College freshman summed up her experience: "I admire the circus performers more than ever. They work so hard to bring happiness to people."



Is it really me?



NEW OFFICERS of the K Appa K Girls Club in Williamson, Logan Division, are (from left) Linda Burke, secretary; Naomi Cantees, vice president; Wendy Dillard, president; and Ruth Boothe, treasurer.

More Mickey Mouse For Less

Appalachian has made arrangements with Walt Disney Productions, Inc., for its employees to become members of Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom Club. Membership in the Magic Kingdom Club is open to all employees and entitles them to reduced ticket prices at Disneyland in California and the new Walt Disney World at Orlando, Florida.

The Magic Kingdom Club is designed to give personnel of member organizations greater values than are regularly offered to the general public. There are no membership fees or dues. A family membership can be issued through your local division or plant personnel office by employee request only.

All cards issued now will be good through December 31, 1972. Magic Kingdom Club members simply present their cards (good for the entire family) at any main entrance ticket window and purchase the desired number of Magic Kingdom Club special ticket books.

If you're planning your vacation in the vicinity of either the Disney parks in California or Florida, it might be a good idea to request your free Magic Kingdom Club membership card now. The cards are to be retained by employees and need not be returned to the personnel office after use.

Wife Uses Talent As Seamstress To Make New Clothes For Husband



Juanita Crouse works on an afghan as her husband Walter models the suit she made for him. The embroidered picture on the wall is also some of Juanita's handiwork.

Whenever the little woman starts complaining about not having anything to wear, most husbands start worrying about how much money they're going to have to spend on a new wardrobe. This is one problem Walter L. Crouse, general serviceman in Grundy, Bluefield Division, doesn't have. His wife Juanita makes a lot of their clothes, including dresses for her and pants and ties for him.

Recently Juanita decided to try her hand at making a suit for Walter, who is somewhat hard to fit and has to have most of his suits tailor-made. She purchased a suit pattern and material of blue pin stripe polyester and



Rose and Paul Dunn recently converted their 165-year-old "Retirement" home to electric heat.

Paul Dunn's 165-Year-Old Home Modernized With Electric Heat

Rose and Paul Dunn spend much of their spare time restoring their 165-year-old home in Abingdon, Virginia, to its original decor. Paul, who is a right of way agent in the General Office Real Estate & Right of Way Department, says they also enjoy the convenience of modern living, so they recently converted the old coal furnace in the house to electric heat.

When Captain Robert Craig came from Pennsylvania in 1808 and built a five-room brick house, he could not foresee its development into an imposing three-story structure and the part each owner would take in stirring

events that guided the course of the region's history. Craig, one of the first surveyors in Washington County, named the house "Retirement" because he was withdrawing from active life.

The house, now known as the second oldest brick home in Abingdon, was unusual at that time because of the scarcity of brick. An outdoor stairway was the only means of getting from the dining room on the ground floor to the parlor and bedrooms upstairs. The kitchen was a separate building almost 100 feet behind the house.

In 1857, Samuel V. Fulkerson purchased the house and added three rooms on the east side. Before the Civil War he was judge of the Circuit Court of Washington County and was also distinguished as the first judge to hold court in Buchanan and Dickenson counties. He served as a lieutenant in the Mexican War and was killed during the Civil War while a colonel in temporary command of Stonewall Jackson's troop.

The next owner, F. B. Hurt, added the south ell to the house, but the western part is basically the same as the original built in 1808. Rafters in the attic are fastened together with wooden pegs an inch in diameter, and the door jams and window sills are six inches thick. The old mantel of Adam design still stands in the parlor.

When the Civil War was almost over, Hurt and Kate Fulkerson, a primary teacher at Martha Washington College, decided to marry. Their wedding supper was cut short by the arrival of Union soldiers on their way to destroy the salt works at Saltville. The Yankees searched the house and carried off all the food and cakes prepared for the supper.

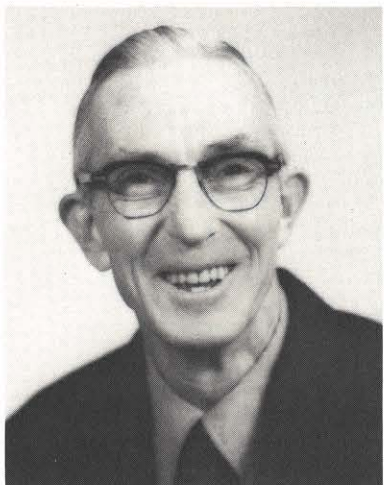
In one of the pieces of cake was the wedding ring. Years later when Kate's brother was in Philadelphia, he fell in conversation with a group of men. One of them remarked he had once enjoyed a fine wedding supper in Abingdon. "I think that supper had been prepared for my sister Kate Fulkerson", the colonel replied. Reaching in his pocket, the man handed Fulkerson a ring. "This," he said, "was found in a slice of the wedding cake."

Mr. and Mrs. Hurt's son and daughter later were residents of the old home. The daughter had an antique shop at "Retirement" and was an expert on antique glass. After the death of the Hurt son, the house was sold to Rose and Paul Dunn.

Employees Receive Awards For Lengthy Service



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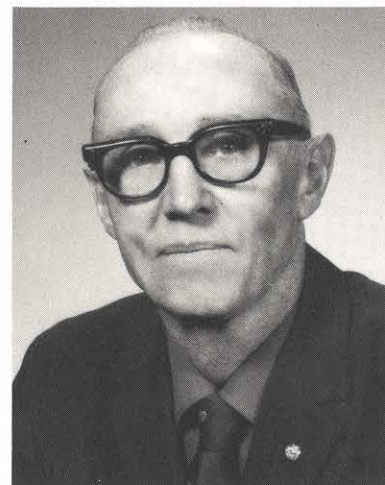
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35 YEARS

- 1 **K. L. Buckland**
T&D Clerk Senior
Pulaski
- 2 **H. L. Mann**
Data Processing Op. A
GO—Roanoke
- 3 **Lois C. Hart**
R/e & R/w Office Supv.
GO—Roanoke
- 4 **C. R. T. Ryan, Jr.**
Service Coordinator
Bluefield
- 5 **F. S. Rosenbaum**
Stationman A
Abingdon

30 YEARS

- 6 **Gretis Raines**
PBX Operator Senior
Charleston
- 7 **J. A. Booth**
Switchboard Operator
Glen Lyn Plant
- 8 **Ked Lowe**
Serviceman
Pikeville
- 9 **H. J. Eads**
Asst. Stores Acctg. Supv.
GO—Ashland

25 YEARS

- 10 **J. H. Kiser**
Stationman A
Bluefield
- 11 **P. J. Whittaker**
Maintenance Helper
Glen Lyn Plant
- 12 **E. V. Musser**
Auto Repairman B
Ashland
- 13 **W. H. Minsker**
Htg. & Bldr. Sales Rep.
Charleston
- 14 **Hillard Lowe**
Stationman C
Ashland

- 15 **John Pennington, Jr.**
General Serviceman
Hazard
- 16 **Jimmie Oliver**
Groundman
Hazard
- 17 **R. E. Givens**
Customer Service Rep.
Charleston
- 18 **J. I. Muncey**
Draftsman Senior
Roanoke
- 19 **P. H. Mann**
Inst. Maint. Mechanic A
Glen Lyn Plant
- 20 **J. D. Adams**
Line Foreman
Roanoke
- 21 **T. R. Templeton**
Garage Foreman
Huntington
- 22 **J. O. Franklin**
Meter Service Foreman
Lynchburg
- 23 **G. S. Robinson**
General Serviceman
Charleston
- 24 **H. C. Greene**
Service Clerk
Kingsport

- 25 **S. N. Burchette**
Trans. Gen. Foreman
GO—Bluefield

20 YEARS

- 26 **J. E. Haggerty**
Unit Foreman
John E. Amos
- 27 **Marvin Pollard**
Sta. Sup. Engineer
GO—Roanoke
- 28 **E. R. Miller**
Dealer Sales Rep.
Beckley
- 29 **W. M. Walls, Jr.**
Commercial Sales Engr.
Huntington
- 30 **C. L. Barnes**
Appliance Serviceman A
Kingsport
- 31 **O. V. Middlekauff**
Stationman A
GO—Roanoke
- 32 **D. A. Kinser**
Stationman A
Logan-Williamson
- 33 **L. O. Smith**
Unit Foreman
Philip Sporn Plant

- 34 **W. L. Zerkle**
Maintenance Man
Philip Sporn Plant

- 35 **R. L. Tucker**
Electrical Engineer
Lynchburg

- 36 **G. H. Price**
Transmission Man A
GO—Bluefield

- 37 **J. J. Harmon, Jr.**
Electrical Staff Engineer
Bluefield

Coal Supply Department Renamed

The name of the Coal Supply Department of the AEP Service Corporation has been changed to Fuel Supply Department, and Paul D. Martinka, who had been vice president—coal supply, is now vice president—fuel supply. The change was made to describe more accurately the department's over-all and increasing responsibilities, both now and in the future, to assure that the AEP System's large steam plants will always have a dependable fuel supply.



"APCO" advisors and top sales girls admire their company of the month award. L. to R. are R. E. DeShong, Rebecca Lipscomb, Dennis Tomlin, Wanda Floyd and Earl Driskill.

"APCO" Selected Top JA Company In Lynchburg For Month Of February

The Appalachian-sponsored Junior Achievement company in Lynchburg was selected over 13 others as top company of the month for February.

In order to win this award, the JA company had to excel in these categories: attendance report, company folder, work area cleaning, safety report, board meeting,

bulletin board, management report, achieve association and monthly attendance.

The "APCO" company, named by the Junior Achievers, produces personalized book matches. The company has already sold over \$727.00 worth of merchandise this year, surpassing the national average for JA companies.

The "APCO" company has an average attendance of 19 high school students ranging in age from 15 to 17 years. Appalachian advisors are Earl R. Driskill, heating and builder sales representative; Ronald E. DeShong, engineer B; and Dennis N. Tomlin, meter reader.

Driskill says, "Not only do these youngsters learn the free enterprise system but it has been quite a challenge for me." Tomlin adds, "These Junior Achievers are a nice group of young people and they really keep me on my toes."

Temporary Job Lasts 37 Years



Ivan French holds a picture of the grandfather clock he plans to construct.

When Ivan French went to work as a surveyor's helper in the Bluefield Division on February 25, 1935, he was promised only 30 days' work. The 30 days stretched into a career of 37 years before he retired March 1 as transmission inspector in the General Office T&D Transmission Section, Bluefield.

Ivan is the last of five French brothers to work for Appalachian. One brother worked only four years, one 43, one 38 and two 37 years to have a combined total of 159 years' service.

Ivan transferred to the General Office T&D Transmission Section in 1946 and was promoted to transmission inspector in 1957.

Called Pat by his friends, Ivan portrayed a character by that name in a school play and the nickname stuck with him through the years.

Married and the father of three children, Ivan and his wife Ethel plan a trip soon to the West Coast. He has just purchased a kit to construct a grandfather clock during his leisure time. Ivan is a member of the Virginia Avenue Methodist Church in Bluefield.

Skunk Hollow Really Exists

In the comic strip Li'l Abner, there is a supposedly fictional location called "Skunk Hollow". Recent developments indicate that perhaps the real location is near 2346 King Street in Roanoke, the home of E. L. Wirt, retired Roanoke Division material clerk.

About a year ago Wirt noticed that some animal had dug around the lattice-work underpinning of a recent addition to his home and damaged the floor insulation under the new room. Deciding to see if he could catch the culprit, Wirt built a box trap and baited it with chicken bones.

The next morning he found the trap sprung, and a careful look in the back of the trap covered with screen confirmed his fears—it was a skunk! Up until this time, the skunk had been well-behaved but the problem now was how to dispose of it without raising a stink. He phoned the game warden, SPCA and city police, none of whom wanted any part of the job.

Remembering a part of his company safety training which emphasized "don't run a car in a closed garage", Wirt decided to eliminate the skunk by carbon monoxide. He found a piece of an old rug which he spread over the trap, placed a piece of gutter downspout from his car exhaust pipe to the box trap and started the motor. About 15 minutes later he had a dead skunk and, best of all, no odor.

Wirt buried the victim in his flower garden and marked the grave with an upended brick. Since then his skunk cemetery has expanded to include eight graves.

Perhaps the real location of "Skunk Hollow" has been revealed, but Wirt vows that so far no one has labeled him the "Skunkman".



PARADE PARTICIPANTS—Glen Simmons (left) and Bill West were members of the Charleston High School Band which participated in the 1972 Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California. Glen is the son of C. A. Simmons, personnel supervisor at Kanawha River Plant, and Bill is the son of Wilbur West, Charleston meterman A. Both employees went with the band as chaperons. In addition to visiting Fisherman's Wharf, where this picture was taken, the band members toured Universal Studios, Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm and Marineland West.

Five Veterans Have 175 Years' Service With Appalachian Power

Five Appalachian veterans were recognized during March for 35 years of service. They are Kelly L. Buckland, Pulaski; Fred S. Rosenbaum, Abingdon; C. R. T. Ryan, Jr., Bluefield; and Harry L. Mann and Lois C. Hart, General Office, Roanoke.

Kelly L. Buckland, Pulaski T&D clerk senior, has spent his entire career with the T&D Engineering Section. Hired as a clerk, he became an engineering assistant in 1949 and senior engineering record clerk in 1952. He moved to T&D clerk senior in 1954.

Fred S. Rosenbaum, Abingdon stationman A, began working as a truck driver in the Bluefield Division. He transferred to Abingdon in 1948 as a lineman A and became a maintenance man A in 1951. He was named to his present position in 1953.

C. R. T. "Bud" Ryan, Jr., Bluefield service coordinator, was first employed as a groundman in Pulaski. He worked there as a field clerk, rural solicitor, rural representative A, area sales representative and dealer sales representative before transferring to Bluefield Division in 1960. He was made service coordinator in 1961.

Harry L. Mann, data processing operator A in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, started out as an addressograph operator. After serving in the U. S. Army he returned to work as a clerk. He held the positions of clerk senior, head billing clerk, general clerk and machine operator A before

being promoted to data processing operator A in 1966.

Lois C. Hart, office supervisor in the General Office Real Estate and Right of Way Department, Roanoke, began her career as a clerk stenographer. She was a clerk intermediate, stenographer and secretarial stenographer before being promoted to her present position in February of this year.



O. Karl Mann, Jr., son of O. K. Mann, Princeton heating and builder sales representative, Bluefield Division, has been awarded a certificate and medal for maintaining the highest scholastic standing of any member of the West Virginia student chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers for the freshman and sophomore years. A junior at West Virginia University, Mann has been initiated into the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honorary Association. He is employed by WVU as an instructor in the physics lab.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Appalachian Power Company

BECKLEY DIVISION—15 YEARS: S. H. WILLIAMS, JR., Lineman A. B. R. CANADAY, Customer Representative A. 5 YEARS: D. G. TYLER, Lineman B.

BLUEFIELD DIVISION—5 YEARS: BILLIE WOOLDRIDGE, Cashier.

CABIN CREEK PLANT—30 YEARS: G. L. DOUGLAS, Master Maintenance Man.

CHARLESTON DIVISION—5 YEARS: M. L. DILLARD, Lineman B. J. C. COLEMAN, Planner.

CLINCH RIVER PLANT—15 YEARS: R. D. KISER, Plant Janitor. 10 YEARS: C. H. PRUITT, Junior Maintenance Man. G. E. MUNSEY, Chemist Assistant.

GENERAL OFFICE—15 YEARS: D. C. FLETCHER, Transmission Man A. 5 YEARS: J. H. SMITH, Transmission Station Foreman. F. O. BLEVINS, Engineer B. C. F. HARLOWE, JR., General Accounting Clerk. D. M. CASTO, Transmission Inspector. PATSY SMITH, Stenographer.

GLEN LYN PLANT—15 YEARS: J. H. WITT, JR., Engineer B.

HUNTINGTON DIVISION—5 YEARS: J. R. NISBET, Engineer.

LYNCHBURG DIVISION—5 YEARS: F. H. CLARKSON, JR., Lineman B. C. W. WYNN, Lineman B.

ROANOKE DIVISION—15 YEARS: D. E. McNEIL, Lineman A. 10 YEARS: M. O. WILSON, JR., Heating & Builder Sales Representative. 5 YEARS: J. R. FRAZIER, Lineman A. DJUNA BOWER, Customer Accounts Representative C.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—5 YEARS: J. H. BENNETT, Maintenance Man. W. L. CARTER, Supervisory Assistant. J. C. VANCO, Maintenance Man.

Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DIVISION—5 YEARS: LUCY TAYLOR, Flexwriter Operator-Clerk, GO Purchasing.

BIG SANDY PLANT—15 YEARS: W. D. ENGLAND, Performance Engineer Senior.

HAZARD DIVISION—25 YEARS: ISOM SERGENT, Meter Reader.

PIKEVILLE DIVISION—15 YEARS: SAMMIE CARTER, Material Clerk.



REDDI-LITE CLUB officers elected for 1972 are (l. to r.) Judy Absher, General Office clerk-stenographer, treasurer; Betty Young, Roanoke customer accounts representative C, secretary; Adrian Willis, General Office draftsman, president; and Marion Patsel, General Office right of way agent, vice president.



The brigade uses fog nozzles to put out an oil fire which has been simulated in a pit. Two hose lines from the 500-gallon tank of the fire truck are being used as the fire chief (right) shouts instructions through a bull horn.

Weekly Training Keeps Big Sandy Fire Brigade Ready For Action

One of the least publicized, yet one of the most important organizations within a power plant is the fire brigade. On the shoulders of these men rests the responsibility for instant response to the siren at the plant. Their action at the scene may save thousands or, in the upper limits, millions of dollars in loss to our companies.

The Big Sandy Plant fire brigade is headed up by fire chief Paul E. Snyder, maintenance foreman. Each week the brigade practices fire fighting techniques along with first aid training.

The three classes of fires, A, B,

and C, require different equipment, varying approaches, and present their own particular safety hazards that must be overcome. C. H. Yoho, AEP fire protection supervisor, and C. D. Broughton, Kentucky's safety and employee relations supervisor, have developed programs to train members of the fire brigade.

Don Ross, Richard McComas, Ralph Ferguson, Truman Evans, Dan VanSickle, Danny Preston, Jim See, Paul Finley and Wayne Maynard are the men upon whom the fire chief relies to "cool it" on a moment's notice.



Fire chief Paul Snyder (standing, right) demonstrates the proper way to place the M. S. A. Chemox oxygen breathing apparatus in service. Observing are (l. to r., standing) Don Ross, Richard McComas, Ralph Ferguson and Truman Evans. Kneeling are Dan VanSickle (left) and Danny Preston.



The breathing apparatus is used by members of the brigade to remove a mock victim from a smoke-filled building. An old abandoned house located on plant property was prepared for this practice by covering the windows and using smoke bombs to fill it with smoke.

Customer Praises Personal Service

"... I wanted to write and personally thank you for the fine work done by your men and especially the telephone contact with us which you maintained during the storm. Since I have been in bad storms, both in the Vermont and Colorado mountains, I was not completely surprised by the conditions. However, I was amazed at how well the highway department cleared the roads and how quickly your men were able to resume the power service.

These excerpts are from a letter written to Ammon Sears, Stuart area supervisor in the Roanoke Division, who had taken a personal interest in the plight of a man stranded in a cabin without electric service for 31 hours.

A sudden storm February 18 dumped six inches of snow in the Stuart area, and severe winds caused drifts to block many major and minor roads. It took 27 hours for the roads to be cleared enough to reach the cabin and four more to repair and clear the trouble. During this time, Sears kept in touch with the man via telephone. He also sent along a newspaper by the crew which restored service.

Gilbert Promoted To Army Captain



Capt. Gilbert

Robert B. Gilbert, personnel assistant at the John E. Amos Plant, has been promoted to the rank of captain in the U. S. Army Reserve 321st Ordnance Battalion, South Charleston, West Virginia.

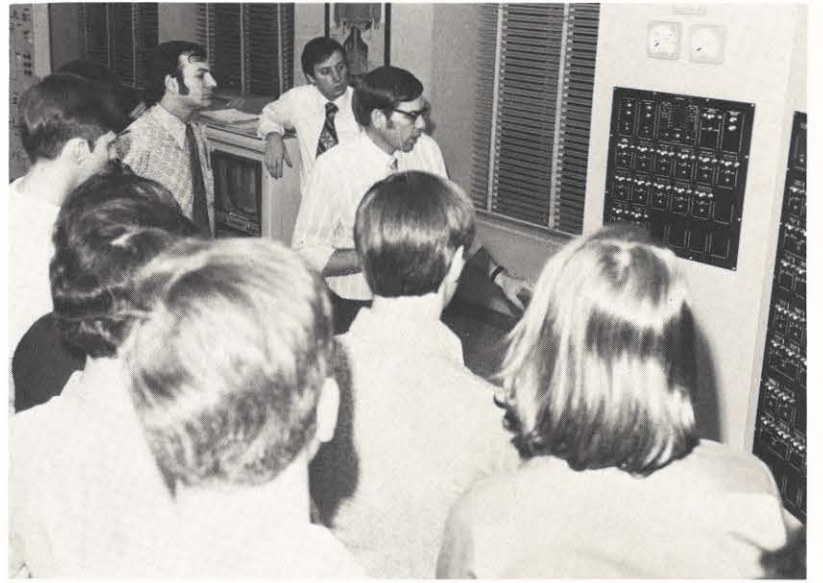
Captain Gilbert served with the U. S. Army from February 1965 to March 1967. He received training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Fort Hood, Texas, before being sent to Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division. Emerging as a first lieutenant in 1967, he joined the active reserves. During his active duty, he received the Army Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

Student Impressed

Bennett McAlpine, home sales representative senior for Kingsport Power, recently conducted a "Light and Sight" demonstration for a fourth grade class at a local grade school. The young students apparently were quite impressed with the demonstration.

The students later wrote individual letters of appreciation to Mrs. McAlpine. The following letter indicates that the home sales rep must have struck a responsive chord:

"I am writing to thank you for the demonstration you gave us on light. I thought it was very interesting. I didn't think much of light. Usually I just get my book, plop down on the couch, and flick on the light."



Jim Gregory, General Office assistant power dispatching supervisor, explains the functions of the control room to members of the Explorer Post. Advisors Bill Valley (left) and Norwood Morrison look on.

Roanoke Engineering Explorer Post Helps Boys Learn About Utilities

The engineering Explorer Post sponsored by Appalachian's Roanoke Division is now in its second year of existence. Composed of area high school youth, the post was formed to give the boys an understanding of the role of the engineer in an electric utility and also the role of the utility in the community.

The year's program, coinciding with the school year, included a visit by the boys to the Data Processing operation, the control center, Cloverdale Substation, and Smith Mountain Lake and Dam. The post is under the direction of W. F. Valley, electrical engineer, and Norwood Morrison, personnel assistant senior. Specific points covered were generation of electricity, transmission and distribution of power, role of automatic controls in power system monitoring, and the electric utility and environmental protection.

Valley says, "It's a good program and the boys are definitely learning about our operation. The real value of this is in the future—the boys' future."

Layne Goes Home To Huntington



Layne

John Layne, head custodian in Pikeville, headed home to Huntington, West Virginia, to stay March 31, ending a 38-year utility career. For several years he has been commuting from Huntington to the Pikeville Office.

A native of Louisa, Kentucky, John was employed in 1934 as a janitor, just prior to completion of the present Pikeville office building. He was promoted to head custodian in 1963. In thinking back over his experiences, he particularly recalls the cleanup involved after the floods of 1957 and 1963.

Well-liked by fellow employees, John enjoys the children's Christmas party and continues to attend even though his own four children are grown. He has ten grandchildren.

John and his wife Ellen, who also plans to retire, will do some traveling and visiting friends. He was a barber before joining Kentucky Power and expects to continue this trade. He likes to paint and will do interior house painting and cleaning "if the notion strikes me". He is very active in the Calvary Baptist Church at Huntington.

Scott Retires In Pikeville

Ernest B. Scott, Pikeville general serviceman, elected early retirement March 1 to coincide with his wife's retirement later this year as a school teacher.

A graduate of Pikeville College, Ernest also was a school teacher in Pike County before joining Kentucky Power as a meter helper in 1937. He was promoted to serviceman in 1941, meter tester in 1943, and meterman A in 1944. He served the Pikeville Division in this capacity for many years, testing meters in the field in a specially equipped trailer and in the meter shop. He was made a general serviceman in 1960.

Ernest plans on "just doing nothing for the present", but probably will move closer to where their children live. They have three children—one son still in college—and one grandchild. He enjoys hunting and fishing with gardening thrown in for good measure and attends the Unity Baptist Church.



Scott



First place winners in the Kentucky Power Company handicap bowling tournament are (l. to r.) Dick Nash, Frank Salisbury and Clyde Watkins.

Frank Salisbury Star Performer In Kentucky Power Bowling Tourney

Frank Salisbury was the star performer at the recent Kentucky Power handicap bowling tournament in Ashland. He rolled 617 to tie with Dick Nash as winner

of the singles event. Salisbury and Clyde Watkins were doubles winners with a combined three-game total of 1183 and Salisbury's six-game total of 1185 won first place in all events.

Third place in the singles event went to Harold McKenzie (608), and Ron Wright (604) finished fourth.

Bronson Callihan placed second in all events with 1172, and Wright and Sonny Runyon tied for third with 1153.

Others placing in the doubles event were Herb Charles and Bill England (1178), Pat Skaggs and Bob Hornbuckle (1172), and Bronson Callihan and Cedar Miller (1135).

Darlington Takes Early Retirement



Darlington

John W. Darlington, master maintenance man at Cabin Creek Plant, elected early retirement April 1 after 34 years' service.

A native of Kimberly, West Virginia, John worked for the company intermittently from 1936 to 1939, when he was permanently employed as a laborer. He worked as a mechanical maintenance mechanic A before becoming master maintenance man in 1968.

John will continue to reside at East Bank, West Virginia, during retirement and plans to pursue his hobby of hunting as often as possible. He is married and has one son.

Meter Reader Helps Paint Hospital During Working Tour of Nicaragua

Can a meter reader from Clendenin find happiness painting a hospital in Managua, Nicaragua? "It takes a stout Baptist and a believer in God," says evangelist



Charley Schnell describes some of his recent experiences in Nicaragua.

Charles Schnell, "but a meter reader can find happiness anywhere there is missionary work that needs to be done."

Charley should know what he's talking about, for he just returned from a three-week working tour of Central America where he and his 14 traveling companions, among other things, helped paint a hospital at Managua. Charley reports the residents of the small village rolled out the red carpet for his group of roving evangelists. Baptist missionaries in the area established a hospital there and through the years helped the sick and aged in every way possible.

The group of which Charley was a part had been planning the trip for several years. They collected supplies, both maintenance and medical, that amounted to over three tons in weight and constituted an almost immovable mass to transport from Charleston, West Virginia, to Nicaragua. For a while it seemed the materials so badly needed by the poverty-stricken Nicaraguan residents could never be moved the great distance. Then the West Virginia Air National Guard was contacted, and it was learned they planned to convoy maneuver in that area. The Guard obligingly agreed to deliver the goods, including a fully equipped examination table which had been donated.

With the supply problem under control, Charley and his friends flew into the heart of Central America, where they had experiences they will remember the rest of their lives.

Road Runners Win First Half

The Road Runners won the first half of the Megawatt Bowling League with a record of 44 wins and 24 losses. Team members include Charles and Madge Walker, Herston and Norma Miles, Jack Harris, Larry Hancock and Russell Casto.

The Megawatt League is composed of employees and their spouses from Cabin Creek Plant, Kanawha River Plant, Central Appalachian Coal Company, Kanawha Valley Power Company and Charleston Division.



LARRY TERRY has been awarded a bronze palm for earning five merit badges after becoming an Eagle Scout. The 14-year-old son of Helen Terry, General Office PBX operator, Roanoke, Larry is a senior patrol leader in Troop 236 and a member of the Order of the Arrow.



Cliff Picklesimer instructs the Explorers on proper lighting.

Explorer Post Formed In Charleston For Boys Interested In Engineering

A new post of Explorer Scouts has been formed in Charleston with Appalachian Power Company as its sponsor. The post was developed as an outgrowth of a career program being encouraged by the local Scout Council. The post Appalachian sponsors involves boys interested in making a career of electrical engineering.

A committee composed of Bill Belchee, assistant division manager; Fred Helm, sales manager; and Nick Roomy, executive assistant, established the basic program for the company-sponsored post. Cliff Picklesimer senior foreman and a longtime Scout leader, is advisor to the group and William Romeo, electrical engineer, is associate.

The Explorers, ages 16-18, meet twice a month to hear lectures and take part in activities which give them a more complete idea

of what an electrical engineer does. They recently spent an evening in the Meter Department watching a rubber glove test and touring related facilities. Karen Payne, home sales representative, showed the boys the latest cooking equipment, including the radar range.

Belchee, who is on the board of the Buckskin Council, comments, "The primary idea behind the establishment of posts by a company such as ours is to encourage the development of rapport between the kids and adults. We have encouraged the group to meet at homes as well as at the company location. The members of the post run their own meetings once the organization part is accomplished, and they decide what areas they wish to learn more about in the respective career fields."

Appalachian-Sponsored JA Company Judged Best In Roanoke Sales Fair



Prospective customers try their skill at Aggrav as M. O. Wilson, Jr., Appalachian advisor (center) looks on.

Naidho, the Appalachian-sponsored Junior Achievement company, was judged to have the best display of all Roanoke JA companies at the recent sales fair held in the Crossroads Mall Shopping Center.

Their product is a skill game called Aggrav, using two metal rods and a steel ball mounted on a wooden frame. The object is to open the rods enough to start the ball to fall through, then close them enough to make the ball roll uphill. Each hole is numbered with a score. Unfortunately

for some players, the first and easiest hole to make has a minus score. Naidho has sold over 200 games since their formation.

Because sales went so well, the company will be able to declare a dividend to their 100 stockholders (par \$1.00) and redeem the stock as well. Serving as JA advisors this year are M. O. Wilson, Jr., heating and builder sales representative; D. K. Craft, customer accounts representative A; Richard Winstead, commercial sales representative; and George Branson, engineer B.



FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR, Ashland Division's Short Circuits emerged the first half winner in the bowling league. Team members are (from left) Ronald Wright, Wayne Edwards, Paul Brown, Charles Tackett and Herb Charles.

An aerial black and white photograph capturing the aftermath of a disaster. A large, dark, muddy flow of earth and debris has inundated a valley, partially submerging several small, simple wooden houses. The houses are scattered across the landscape, some appearing to be partially buried or surrounded by the mud. Debris, including wooden planks and other structural materials, is scattered throughout the scene. In the background, a steep, rocky hillside rises, and a set of railroad tracks is visible on the right side of the image. The overall scene is one of significant destruction and devastation.

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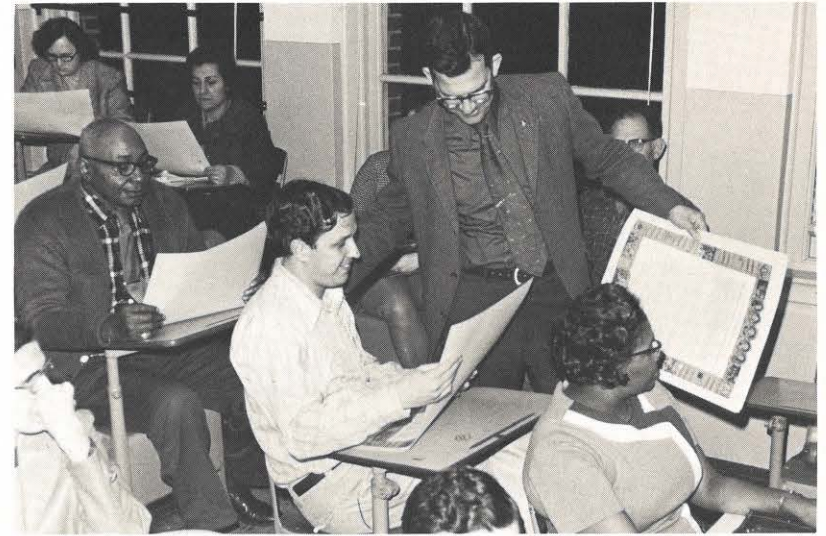
Bob Kilgore Heads Sertoma Club Committee To Promote Patriotism

R. B. Kilgore, Roanoke T&D line supervisor, is a firm believer in the motto of the civic club to which he belongs — service to mankind. In fact, the club derived its name, Sertoma, from the first letters of each word in the motto.

One of Sertoma's top projects is promotion of patriotism and citizenship, and Kilgore heads his club's committee. For some time the club has been distributing facsimiles of the Declaration of Independence to each fifth grade pupil in the Roanoke school system along with the presentation of a film entitled "Make Mine Freedom".

Last year Sertoma expanded their efforts, and now members of Roanoke City's Adult Education Class receive copies of the Declaration and view the same film. The 40 pupils currently enrolled in the adult class are a mixture of illiterate American citizens and aliens from Spain, Syria, Cuba, Greece, Yugoslavia and Brazil. Some of the aliens may be college graduates in their native land but all are unfamiliar with U. S. laws, customs and even the English language.

Each pupil has demonstrated a sincere desire to learn more about the United States and is especially grateful for his own personal copy of the Declaration of Independence. Kilgore sums it all up by saying, "I've never done anything like this before that brings so much genuine pleasure".



Bob Kilgore (standing) distributes copies of the Declaration of Independence to pupils in the Roanoke City Adult Education Class.



Mrs. Susan Davis receives a grant of \$84,040 for Links Keyboard Center from Samuel Green, chairman of the Lynchburg school board.

Links Chapter Receives HEW Grant, Employee's Wife Serves As President

In 1951 a group of women organized Links, Inc., to provide a three-pronged service: services to youth, national and international trends and cultural areas, known as freedom and the arts.

The Links Keyboard Center in Lynchburg is now fully operational, with Mrs. Susan Davis serving her third term as president of the Lynchburg Chapter. A charter member of the organization, she is the wife of William Davis, Lynchburg head custodian.

Recently the Lynchburg Keyboard Center received a grant of \$84,040 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare

as a part of an emergency assistance program. The Keyboard Center serves as an extension of the classroom where students may find a sense of identity. The Links educational center seeks to give additional instruction to those students who might not ask for help in the classroom. It also seeks to bridge any cultural gap which may exist as a result of non-neighborhood schools.

In addition, the Links Chapter in Lynchburg has provided a reading room, supported Friends of the Public Library, and brought several cultural programs to Lynchburg.

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