

Proposed 765 KV Line Draws Opposition From Area Residents

The first hearing ever held in the Commonwealth of Virginia on the location of a transmission line over 200,000 volts began last month before the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

Involved is Appalachian Power Company's application to construct a 765,000-volt line from the Cloverdale Substation northeast of Roanoke to a proposed new substation on the western edge of Lynchburg. The hearing is being conducted under provisions of a recently-passed statute in Virginia.

The proceedings began at Bedford, Va., on November 15. Commissioners Junie Bradshaw and Preston Shannon toured a portion of the proposed line location and then conducted almost 4½ hours of hearing.

Opposition

During this phase more than 40 people presented statements to the Commission, virtually all in opposition to the line. Four residents of the State of Ohio

made statements regarding what they said were dangers from a 765,000-volt line operated by Ohio Power. The Central Virginia Environmental League; the Bedford County Historical Society; the Lynchburg Environmental group; the city planner from Lynchburg; WLVA Radio in Lynchburg; four high school students from Forest, Va.; and others made statements protesting the line location. Most of the protests were based on possible destruction of the scenic values of Bedford County, the question of whether the line is needed, and its safety.

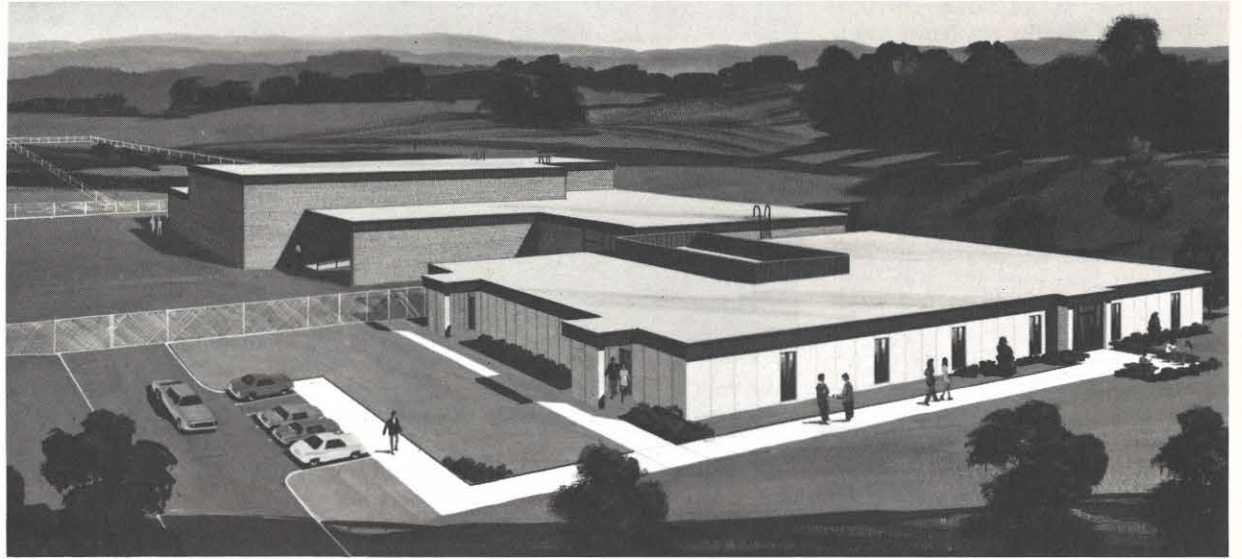
The second phase of the hearing before the entire SCC, including Chairman Ralph T. Catterall, got under way in Richmond on November 24. This portion is devoted to the testimony and cross-examination of the expert witnesses of Appalachian and the groups who are opposing the line location.

Witnesses

Appalachian's witnesses in the case are T. J. Nagel, vice president of system planning for the AEP Service Corporation; W. S. White, Appalachian executive vice president; R. M. Maliszewski, assistant head of bulk power supply planning of the Service Corporation; R. B. Sinclair, chief civil engineer for Appalachian; E. C. Rankin, transmission and distribution manager for Appalachian; and Brendon J. Ware, head of the Service Corporation's electrical research section. Written testimony of these witnesses was filed 30 days prior to the Bedford hearing.

Appalachian's first witness in the Richmond hearing was T. J. Nagel. Nagel's testimony involves the need for the line, a discussion of its ultimate uses, and a description of the evolution of

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Artist's rendering of the new Service Center at Abingdon.

Abingdon Service Center Planned

A new service center will be built in Abingdon to help increase the efficiency of Appalachian's service to customers in that area. The 58,000-square foot building will be constructed on 14 acres of land off Highway 19 two miles northwest of Abingdon and will combine several operations of the company now housed in two locations in the town.

A one-floor brick building is planned, with pre-cast concrete panels in the office area. The

building will have two levels in the rear. Adjacent to the building will be a pole storage yard and a storage area. The entire project will be landscaped. A contract will be let shortly, and it is hoped construction of the building will begin before the end of the year. The estimated cost is \$2½-million.

Service operations of the company to be located in the new building will include the substation, garage, transmission, dis-

tribution, stores, meter and other departments. A regional dispatch center which will monitor company facilities over a wide area of southwest Virginia will also be housed in the building. Another feature is an auditorium which will seat 100 people.

Glen A. Burton, who is resident engineer on the construction of new electrostatic precipitators at Clinch River Plant, will also serve as resident engineer of the Abingdon Service Center.

APCo Sells \$70-Million Bonds

Appalachian Power Company last month went to the money market for the third time in 1972 and sold \$70-million in first mortgage bonds. The cost to the company was 7.46 percent, down from the 7.71 percent paid by Ohio Power Company for a similar issue in October.

Appalachian will use the proceeds of the sale to retire short term debt, to help meet expenses of its construction program and for working capital.

Last month's financing brought to \$370-million the total amount raised in 1972 by AEP System companies.

Anti-Pollution Equipment

Planned For Tanners Creek Plant

On November 10, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company announced its intention to install a demonstration system for advanced air pollution control at the Tanners Creek Generating Plant at Lawrenceburg, Ind. Final decision on construction of the demonstration unit is being held until early next year.

The system, developed by Bab-

cock & Wilcox and Esso Research and Engineering Company, would have an estimated cost of \$15-million.

Donald C. Cook, president of I&M and chairman and president of American Electric Power Company, said the system would be a full-size unit installed on a 150,000-kilowatt coal-fired boiler.

Cook said that B&W had been authorized to confirm the technical feasibility of, and to prepare a design for, the demonstration unit by the end of 1972. Should a decision to proceed then be made early in 1973, construction could start at once and be completed by 1974.

The B&W-Esso process utilizes an electrostatic precipitator for removing particulate emissions and a dry sorbent for controlling sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions. The system, designed to meet present air pollution standards of the Environmental Protection Agency, is installed between the boiler flue gas outlet and the stack.

It provides advantages over existing systems in that the process reduces sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide emissions simultaneously, and also minimizes the problem of disposing of spent material. Because it is a dry process, water consumption and the potential of water pollution are greatly reduced, and the flue gas temperature is maintained so that stack buoyancy is not adversely affected.

Product gas from the process is suitable for the production of sulfur and sulfuric acid. Design of the AEP facility would produce elemental sulfur, the sale of which could partially offset the system's capital and operating costs.

Kingsport Reaches Heating Milestone

Kingsport Power Company reached a milestone during September when it achieved 50% residential electric heat saturation. While it is not the first investor-owned electric utility in the nation to reach this mark, Kingsport is the only one with 50% saturation at this time. (Nevada Power was first, but their saturation has dropped.)

The first electric heating job on Kingsport lines was installed in 1946, but the company did not begin active promotion of electric heat until 1954. At that time the number of installations had risen to 750.

According to M. C. Simpson, Kingsport commercial manager, the first promotional material was testimonial type ads. The Commercial Department also began working closely with local heating dealers. In 1960 the Reddy Circuit Center Program was pioneered, and for a time each customer who converted to electric heat or installed electric heat in a new home was given the necessary service entrance equipment. Later the AEP Reddy Circuit Center Plan was adopted and is still in use.



Several hundred visitors toured the new West Liberty office of Kentucky Power on November 6, when it was officially opened.

West Liberty Office Opened

The new office at West Liberty, Ky., was officially opened to the public November 6.

O. C. Hall, Kentucky Power executive assistant, and West Liberty Mayor Charles Black addressed a crowd of civic leaders attending the opening ceremonies. After Mayor Black cut the ribbon signifying the opening, light refreshments were served. Reddy Kilowatt favors such as bottle caps, pencils, hot pads, pot holders and key chains were distributed to the guests.

Several hundred visitors toured the building during the day and viewed various equipment displays.

The new building is on Pres-tonsburg Street about two blocks from the center of town. Built at a cost of \$120,000, it houses a demonstration kitchen, garage, storage room and accounting office with drive-in window.

Sharon Lykins, junior clerk, and Charles Campbell, general serviceman, are stationed at the new office.

Investigation Closed

The Federal Power Commission has issued an order terminating an investigation of Appalachian Power Company's wholesale rates.

This case began in 1968 as a companion case to a suit filed with the FPC by the City of Danville. The FPC ruled that Appalachian's wholesale rates were not unjust or unreasonable.

Earlier this year the Commission had dismissed Danville's complaint charging Appalachian with discrimination.

Three Record Loads Set Last Month

Last month's issue of **The Illuminator** reported two weekly total load records for the American Electric Power System in October.

Not to be outdone, November has set three weekly load records as this issue went to press, with a good chance that a fourth will have been established by the time this is read.

The new all-time high, set during the seven days ended November 22, was 1.603-billion kilowatt-hours, an increase of 16.7 percent above the comparable period in 1971.

Earlier Records

| Week Ended | Weekly Total Load |
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| October 18 . . . | 1.531-billion kwh |
| October 25 . . . | 1.578-billion kwh |
| November 1 . . . | 1.589-billion kwh |
| November 15 . . . | 1.595-billion kwh |
| November 22 . . . | 1.603-billion kwh |

Bare Hand Training Held In Roanoke

Some 20 Roanoke Division men were given bare hand training in a three-day school conducted in Roanoke by Line Foremen R. E. Dennis and B. C. Harlowe. This was the first such school conducted in the division for more than 10 years.

A 34.5-kv line was constructed so that the men actually worked "hot". A four-pole tap was built near Hancock Station, fed from a 12-kv line and stepped-up transformer. The actual work performed included splicing a wire, replacing a pin-type insulator and changing a dead end insulator.

Each trainee was provided special shoes with a conductive sole. A small wire runs from the shoe to a metal plate held in contact with the man's leg. The shoes give him electrical contact with the bottom of the bucket. With a hot stick, the workman attaches a cable to an overhead conductor. The other end is already attached to a grid of conductive material in the bottom of the bucket. When this occurs, the workman becomes the same voltage as the wire. Like a bird perched on a wire, the workman feels nothing and can perform his line of work bare handed.

A slide record of the training was made for future classes and refresher courses.



CONSTRUCTION of the Roanoke Service Center is 30% completed. The \$3.2-million project began in June, shortly before Hurricane Agnes swept through Roanoke. The entire 44-acre tract on which the Center is located was flooded. Large amounts of fill dirt was brought in to raise the elevation of all this project above the high water mark of 918.7 feet above sea level. A target date for completion of the service center has not been set.

Dink Cloyd Memorial Award Established by Lynchburg Chamber

The Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce board of directors has established the Francis McNutt "Dink" Cloyd Annual Award in memory of the former director of membership affairs for the chamber. Cloyd, who died in July, retired in 1962 from his job as Lynchburg Division administrative assistant.

The board stated that the award will be given to recognize an individual who has rendered

outstanding service to the Chamber. The recipient will be selected by the board upon nomination of the Executive Advisory Council, and the award will be in the form of "a perpetual item that shall be held in trust by the recipient for one year with an appropriate individual award". The name of the recipient will be made known at the Chamber annual meeting.

Admired by all who knew him, employees from several Appalachian divisions have donated to the fund for the award established by the Chamber.

Excerpts from an article in the Chamber's bi-monthly publication closely describe the unique Mr. Cloyd.

"Always a ready smile, a handshake, and a good word for everyone made Dink Cloyd appear to be the stereotype of the typical TV Chamber of Commerce official. For Dink had a deep, abiding sense of optimism and good faith in his fellowman. If ever a person enjoyed being a part of the human race, it was Dink Cloyd. Dink always made an effort to leave people happier than he found them and consequently he was a stranger to no one. He believed very sincerely in a number of things, and his loyalty could never be doubted. Foremost among these, in addition to his belief in the inherent good of his fellowman, were his country, his family, and the company for which he worked.

"When he died, Dink Cloyd probably had as many friends as any man in Lynchburg. Truly he had discovered that good faith can go a long way even in today's computerized, legalized, stylized, mechanized world. His optimism and positive attitude will be greatly missed."

Fourth Round Of Hearings On Blue Ridge Set For April 2

The fourth round of hearings before a Federal Power Commission administrative judge on Appalachian's proposed Blue Ridge Pumped Storage and Hydroelectric Project is now scheduled to be held in Washington on April 2, 1973.

Administrative Judge William Levy set the date at a pre-hearing conference in Washington on November 21. The hearings were reopened by order of the FPC in compliance with a recent court decision which in effect requires the Federal Power Commission Staff to prepare and circulate its environmental impact statement on a licensed project.

Prior to the court decision, the FPC had been following the practice of circulating an applicant's environmental impact statement.

Judge Levy also ordered the Environmental Protection Agency to make known its position in regard to water quality storage

in line with recently passed legislation.

Levy made it clear to all counsel present at the conference that this hearing would involve only questions regarding the environmental impact of the project.

The Blue Ridge Project has been before the Federal Power Commission since 1965 when Appalachian applied for a construction license to build the facility on New River in Grayson County, Va. The project would also affect portions of Ashe and Allegheny Counties in North Carolina.

Hearings on the project actually began in May 1967 and continued into 1971. Twice Judge Levy has handed down decisions recommending the granting of a license to Appalachian. The first decision was made in October 1969. This decision was later remanded and the hearings reopened in Beckley, W. Va.

Following those hearings an amended decision recommending licensing of the project was handed down by Judge Levy in June 1971. Since that amended decision the Federal Power Commission has heard oral arguments for the second time and many other petitions have been filed.

Finally the FPC ordered the reopening of the proceedings in November of 1972.

Paul Zuercher Elected Service Corporation Assistant Vice President

Paul J. Zuercher was elected assistant vice president-rates by the board of directors of American Electric Power Service Corporation at its meeting November 30. His election and his appointment to head a new Rate Division of the Rate Department were effective December 1.

Zuercher, an engineering graduate of the University of Illinois, joined the AEP System in 1939 as a hydro attendant with Indiana & Michigan Electric Company. After filling an assortment of posts, he spent four years in the Navy during the Second World War, finishing up as a lieutenant. He spent a year with the Service Corporation's interconnections group in New York before returning to Fort Wayne as a staff assistant in rates. He moved again to New York in December, 1966 as staff engineer in the Commercial Department. In January, 1971, when the Rates Department was formed, he joined it as staff engineer.

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the integrated system concept.

He was on the witness stand for some five hours, answering questions from counsel present. Counsel from the SCC staff; the Virginia Attorney General's office; WLVA, Lynchburg; and Edward Berlin, representing the Central Virginia Environmental League, interrogated Nagel.

Line Needed

The major portion of the questions came from Berlin, who attempted through various published articles to lay a foundation for disproving the company's contention that the line is needed. Nagel answered the questions pertaining to his testimony in a quiet, forthright manner and would not budge from the company's position that a 765,000-volt line is needed to the Lynchburg area by 1976.

Near the end of the cross-examination of Nagel, Judge Catterall asked Berlin what the Environmental League wanted the company to do. Berlin indicated he would prepare a written statement of the League's desires for the Commission.

W. S. White was called to the stand about 3 PM. After a summary of his testimony which describes the growth of the Lynchburg-Bedford area and its electrical needs, he was cross-examined by counsel for the SCC before the hearing was recessed.

The hearing will reconvene in Richmond on December 11 and probably will continue through December 12.



TWO GLEN LYN employees wearing breathers emerge from a smoke chamber during a fire training school conducted at the plant by W. P. Fritz, AEP fire protection specialist. Two films on fire fighting and fire education were included in the training, as well as demonstration of various types of fire extinguishers and techniques of evacuating injured personnel.

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FROM ALPS TO AMOS — An intermediate pressure Brown-Boveri generator stator for Amos Unit 3 was lifted in place during November, ending a two month journey from Europe. One of two identical stators earmarked for Unit 3, this RH stator left Brown-Boveri Birrfield factory in Switzerland on September 9 by rail, routed to Hamburg, West Germany. From there it was sent to New Orleans by ship and was transported from New Orleans to Amos by a special schnabel car, designed in Europe especially for this purpose. This schnabel car is a 20-axle car, weighing approximately 418,000 pounds. The generator was bolted to the transporting apparatus, which measured 155 feet from end to end. Because of the weight and length of this shipment, engineers from Brown-Boveri accompanied the car to its destination. On long curves the shipment would normally be moving inside. In these instances, the engineers used special mechanical devices to shift the unit and move the center of gravity to prevent it from turning over on the inside curves. The stator is approximately 12.5 feet in diameter and 41 feet long, including end bells.

In Memoriam



Kean

Newell B. Kean, 72, retired Huntington district superintendent, died November 13.

A native of Stockport, Ohio, Kean attended Marshall College. He was employed in 1923 in the Huntington T&D Department, where he worked as an engineer and distribution superintendent. He had been residing in Tucson, Arizona, since taking early retirement in 1960 for health reasons.

Kean is survived by his widow and five children.



Hocker

William D. Hocker, 65, retired Huntington custodian, died November 22 after a brief illness.

A native of Buckingham County, Va., Hocker retired in September of this year after a career of 33 years. All his service had been in Huntington Division.

Survivors include his widow and one daughter.



Cornwell

Charles B. Cornwell, 54, master maintenance man at Philip Sporn Plant, died November 13 after a short illness.

A native of Ethel, W. Va., Cornwell was first employed in 1950 as a helper. He also worked as a maintenance man.

Cornwell is survived by his widow.



Titus

Frank E. Titus, 62, operations supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant, died suddenly November 3.

A native of Sanford, Fla., Titus began his career in 1949 as a maintenance man at Sporn. He worked as a master maintenance man, maintenance foreman and production supervisor-maintenance before being promoted to operations supervisor three days before his death.

Titus is survived by his widow and three sons.

Thomas J. Brewer, II, 24, and his wife **Sharon** were found dead in their home October 20, apparent victims of asphyxiation. The cause was blamed on poor ventilation from a heater.

Brewer graduated from West Virginia Technical Institute and was employed in March of this year as a performance engineer at Big Sandy Plant. The couple had been married two months.

Brewer is survived by his parents and one brother.

John L. Ketchka, 73, retired section foreman for Central Coal Company at New Haven, W. Va., died October 17.

A Pennsylvania native, Ketchka had worked for the company 15 years when he retired September 1, 1964.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, two grandchildren and one sister.



Landers

Earl E. Landers, 62, Charleston Division line inspector, died November 15 after a short illness.

Landers was employed in 1936 as a laborer and was a clerk, groundman and truck driver-groundman before being promoted to line inspector in 1970.

Survivors include his widow, one son, three daughters, two brothers and two sisters.



Weight

C. Deck Weight, 73, retired assistant to the general manager of Kentucky Power Company, died October 31.

A native of Pitcairn, Pa., Weight attended the Carnegie School of Technology. He was employed in 1929 by Appalachian Power at Roanoke and transferred to Kentucky Power at Ashland in 1939. He retired in 1963.

Weight is survived by his widow, two sons, two daughters, three brothers, four sisters and eight grandchildren.



Rogers

John M. Rogers, 88, retired utility man in the General Office T&D Station Department, died November 5 in Kingsport, Tenn.

A native of Sullivan County, Tennessee, he joined Appalachian in 1936 and retired in 1949.

Rogers is survived by his widow, three daughters, three sons, 17 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.



Janice Potter is the operator in GO Accounting's Word Processing System.

Dictation Will Never Be The Same

The men in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, have made a great sacrifice in the interest of greater efficiency—giving up the pleasure of dictating to a pretty secretary.

Now dictation is done through the use of a Word Processing System. The system is made up of an IBM magnetic tape selective typewriter (MT/ST), a two-tape station, two recorders, an Executary and an operator. The System sounds complicated, but it's simple to operate.

A person in GO Accounting picks up his telephone, dials to a recorder in the Word Processing Center, and dictates directly onto a magnetic belt. The operator, Janice Potter, then transfers the belt from the recorder to the Ex-

ecutary and types as she listens to the recording. As Mrs. Potter types, the material is recorded on tape at the two-tape station. Errors can be easily corrected by striking over or by typing the corrections as she plays back the tape at 180 wpm for a final copy. Revisions to material on tape can be made by playing out a tape to the point where the revision is to be made, typing in the revision, and continuing the tape for the rest of the material.

Since its installation in mid-August, the Word Processing System has processed paperwork faster and more efficiently. As the System grows, it could be made available to other General Office departments.

Holland Entitled To Relax After More Than 38 Years' Service

E. W. Holland, Roanoke Division customer service coordinator, retired December 1, ending a career of more than 38 years.

A native of Franklin County, Va., Warren began studying electricity through a correspondence course while still in high school. He joined Appalachian in Roanoke as a meterman C in 1934 and two years later went to Rocky Mount as a district serviceman. While at Rocky Mount he served as local superintendent, local representative, serviceman A and meter serviceman A. He returned to Roanoke in 1960 as meter service foreman and became customer service coordinator in 1970.

While at Rocky Mount, Warren was a member of the town's volunteer fire department. He reported for duty at every fire, first making sure the electrical service to the burning structure was disconnected. With this potential problem solved, he then joined

in on the hose work.

Soon after returning to Roanoke, he decided to change his house from a fuel-fired furnace to electric heat. To retain the advantages of a hot water radiator system, he designed and installed his own electric system, bypassing the old furnace and installing two domestic electric water heaters — one 60-gallon and one 40-gallon. He installed a thermostatically-controlled circulating pump, which allows the water to flow from the 40-gallon tank through the 60-gallon and then to the house. The system works like a charm, he reports.

The Hollands, parents of two children, have few retirement plans, preferring to live each day as it comes. They will visit their daughter, who is a medical technologist in Houston, Tex., and Warren plans a little reading and gardening. He also wants to try his hand at making a Grandmother Clock. Warren belongs to the South Roanoke United Methodist Church, where he has served on the official board and held several positions in the Sunday School.



Holland

Menge Elected AEP Director

Richard C. Menge, manager of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Fort Wayne Division, has been elected a director of the American Electric Power Service Corporation.

Menge assumed a vacancy on the board created by the retirement of A. A. Armbrust, Service Corporation vice president-residential and commercial sales.

Carrico Named Service Foreman



Carrico

Everette Carrico has been promoted to service foreman of the Williamson area, Logan-Williamson Division. He rises to the position from that of line foreman.

A native of Mingo County, W. Va., Carrico was first employed in 1933 as a groundman. He later worked as a second class lineman, serviceman, and lineman A. Carrico is married.



As leader of Girl Scout Troop No. 136, Mrs. Dillard Gravelly recently had the privilege of bestowing the first class award upon her daughter, Heidi. A member of the Scouting program for seven years, Heidi has earned numerous merit badges. She was selected for first class, Girl Scouting's highest award, by members of her troop on the basis of social dependability, emergency preparedness, active citizenship and living up to the Girl Scout promise. Heidi has applied for an appointment in the "Wider Opportunities" international program. Gravelly is an engineer B at Fieldale in Roanoke Division.

Amos Promotes Ernest, Meadows



Ernest

Meadows

William W. Ernest has been named assistant shift operating engineer at John E. Amos Plant. He succeeds James M. Oliver, who earlier was transferred to General James M. Gavin Plant. Succeeding Ernest as unit foreman is Johnny B. Meadows, Jr.

Ernest joined the AEP System in 1957 as a coal handler at Kammer Plant. He worked there as a tractor operator, auxiliary equipment operator, assistant control operator and equipment operator before transferring to Amos in 1969 as unit foreman. A native of Wheeling, W. Va., Ernest served in the U. S. Air Force. He is married and has three children.

A native of Charleston, W. Va., Meadows was employed in 1966 as a laborer at Kanawha River Plant. He worked there as a utility operator and auxiliary equipment operator before transferring to Amos in 1970 as an equipment operator. An Army veteran, Meadows is married and has three children.

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ASHLAND



Bolner

Charles

Lisa Charles and **Bruce Bolner** were selected by the faculty at Paul G. Blazer High School for inclusion in "Who's Who Among American High School Seniors". They were chosen on the basis of scholastic and personal achievement from among 420 seniors. Lisa is the daughter of H. F. Charles, purchasing and stores director, and Bruce is the son of Donald G. Bolner, working service foreman.

ROTC Cadet Lt. Col. Bruce Bolner received the honor of leading an audience of thousands in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag from the Presidential platform when President Nixon visited Paul G. Blazer High School in Ashland recently. Bruce is battalion commander of the Paul G. Blazer ROTC unit.

Greg Miller was a member of the Paul G. Blazer High School Band which entertained President Nixon during his recent visit to the school. Greg is the son of W. R. Miller, engineering superintendent in GO T&D.

The University of Kentucky signed 6'11" center **Roger S. Wood** to a Southeastern Conference letter-of-intent. Wood, who attended Wheeling High School in Chicago, had a three-year scoring average of 20.3 points per game, including 23.5 in a senior season in which he made 54% of his shots and averaged 15 rebounds. He set seven school records and was chosen on the Chicago All-Star team his senior year. Roger is the nephew of Louise Woodie, merchandise bookkeeper senior.

LYNCHBURG

Larry Wayne Ring, cashier, is a new employee.

R. H. Martin, Jr., engineer B, is on LTD leave.

Raymond Lee Thomas, son of R. E. Thomas, lead draftsman, is a member of the freshman soccer team at VPI & SU.

Angelina Pillow, wife of Thomas Pillow, power sales engineer, was elected secretary of the Lynchburg Chapter of Credit Women's International.

Cindy Faye and **Lindy Gaye Elder**, twin daughters of G. E. Elder, station foreman NE, were named to the National Honor Society Chapter at Brookville High School.

E. R. Driskill, Jr., son of the heating and builder sales representative, was a member of the Holy Cross High School soccer team which won the State Catholic League championship for the second year in a row.

James B. White, division manager, was named chairman of the

Business Center and Personnel Committee for Junior Achievement of Lynchburg, Inc.

Richard L. Booth, formerly manager of engineering at Nuclear Fuel Services in Erwin, Tenn., has been transferred to a newly formed advanced planning group at the company's corporate offices in Rockville, Md. He is the son of W. L. Booth, Jr., electrical engineer senior.

Virginia Putney Tibbs, daughter of R. A. Tibbs, commercial sales engineer, was elected treasurer of the E. C. Glass Girls Athletic Association.

Beth Hatch, daughter of R. L. Hatch, station and hydro supervisor, was appointed an honorary member of the Freshman Commission at Longwood College.

ROANOKE

Melvin W. Brown, Fieldale customer accounting supervisor, was elected chairman of Christmas Cheer of Martinsville and Henry County.

Julia Via, daughter of Dorothy Via, Fieldale customer accounting representative, was elected to represent the sophomore class on G. W. Carver High School's homecoming court.

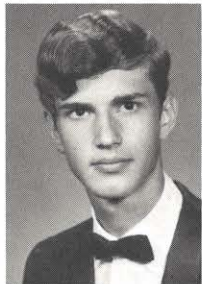
Amy Ashworth, daughter of K. L. Ashworth, Fieldale meter reader, participated in the 1972 Little Miss Martinsville & Henry County pageant.

J. W. Wright, dealer sales representative, was re-elected to a three-year term on the board of deacons of the First Baptist Church of Collinsville.

New employees are **Barbara Dalton**, clerk trainee at Fieldale, and **John Spraker**, meterman helper.

Frances W. Harville, Fieldale clerk-stenographer, is on maternity leave.

ABINGDON



Hawley

Clifford Wayne Hawley was selected to appear in the 1971-72 edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students". The son of Dorothy and Clifford Hawley, Wayne served as president of the Junior High Chorus, treasurer of the National Honor Society and band, member of the high school dance band and all-county band, member of the Student Council and lettered in track on the junior varsity and varsity teams. He also placed third in his class in a national math contest. Wayne is now attending Virginia Highlands Community College and will transfer to VPI and State University as an engineering student.

Employees' children who made the honor roll at Abingdon High School for the first six weeks were: (Grade 8) **Lynda Fleenor**, **Mary Hughes**, **Vickie Carr**; (Grade

10) **Leah Fleenor**, **Stasia Jackson**, **Mary Lambert** and **Melanie Buchanan**.

Steve Bowling, son of S. F. Bowling, meter foreman NE, received a BA degree in English literature from the University of Virginia. He is now employed in Boulder, Colo.

Mrs. Clark Peck, wife of the retired employee, won red ribbons in two separate categories at a recent meeting of the Abingdon Garden Club.

Lori Lindamood, daughter of W. C. Lindamood, Gate City local office supervisor, is the eighth grade cheerleader at Shoemaker Elementary School.

Shirley Miller was honored on "Founders Day 1972" as one of five charter members still active in the Pilot Club of Marion.

Glenda Fullen, wife of Fred Fullen, custodian, is a recent business graduate of the Washington County Manpower training class.

L. W. Leonard returned to work as a lineman C in the Lebanon crew after 21 months' active duty in the U. S. Army.

BIG SANDY

Anthony W. Vencill and **Millard Jackson**, utility men B, are new employees.

HUNTINGTON



Dunlap

Clayton W. Dunlap, retired meter supervisor, was named Top Kiwanian of the Year for his achievements in the club, civic and youth affairs in Huntington.

Anna Laura Kovich, journalism senior at Marshall University, was nominated for "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities". The daughter of J. A. Kovich, electrical engineer senior, she is a member of Delta Zeta Sorority, Pan Hellenic Council, Student Senate and Chief Justice staff.

BLUEFIELD

Mary Kay Fanning, daughter of E. E. Fanning, building supervisor, was elected Freshman representative to the Honor Council at Clinch Valley College.

Rhonda Stover, daughter of Line Inspector Dean Stover, was a member of the 1972 Rotary cheerleading team for the Welch Little League football program.

Gary Stover was a member of the Kiwanis football team.

Patty Barns, daughter of retired Line Inspector Joe Barns was appointed Outer Observer in the Welch Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Earl Sprinkle, retired head meter clerk, is serving his third consecutive term as secretary of the Bluefield Old Guard.

Bill Groseclose, administrative assistant, was installed as vice president of the South Bluefield Kiwanis Club.

Nell Nunnery, secretarial-stenographer, completed a five-week Firearms Course for Women, sponsored by the Tri-Angle Sportsman's Club.

BECKLEY

Kathy Kirby, daughter of James A. Kirby, area T&D clerk, was elected librarian of the band at Stratton Junior High School.

Leva Smith, PBX operator, received her second certificate of award in shorthand from the RCCAA Youth Development Program.

Ray Vest, administrative assistant, was elected vice president of the Shady Spring PTA.

Paris W. Hatcher, garage foreman, became a Galloneer with his latest donation of blood.

Sandra P. Palen, home sales representative senior, and **Samuel Stuart Lambert**, clerk junior, are new employees.

JOHN E. AMOS

Ernest B. Allen, utility operator B, has returned to work following military leave. He served with Co. C, 82nd Engineering Bn., in Bamberg, Germany.

New employees are **Nancy Hudson**, clerk typist; **William Morrison** and **Peter Carter**, utility men B; and **Dipak Soin**, performance engineer.

Victor Arrington, mechanical construction assistant, is a new employee in the Construction Department.

A Christmas party for Operations personnel will be held December 15 at the National Guard Armory in St. Albans.

Carl F. Handley, II, 10-year-old son of Carl Handley, maintenance man A, was voted the most valuable player on the Southern West Virginia B team, Hurricane Mustangs, for which he played half-back. **K. L. "Buck" McDaniel**, public affairs coordinator, is coach. His daughter, **Cindy McDaniel**, is a team cheerleader and second runner-up for the title of Miss Mustang of the Hurricane Midget League football team.

Bucky McDaniel won first place for 13-year-olds in the Putnam County punt, pass and kick competition.

Larry W. Wilkinson, maintenance man C, and **Edward L. Carney** and **T. Dwayne Racer**, utility men, are new employees.

GENERAL OFFICE



Plunk

Spurlock

James B. Spurlock, Jr., employment coordinator, was appointed to the Roanoke City School Board for a term ending in 1975. He is the second black to be selected for the board.

Joe C. Plunk, hydro supervising engineer, and five other civil engineers were honored for a paper which they authored in the general field of hydroelectric engineering. They received the Rickey Medal from the American Society of Civil Engineers for their paper, "Pumped Storage State-of-the-Art".

2nd Lt. James M. Fowler has been awarded silver wings upon graduation from U. S. Air Force navigator training at Mather AFB, Cal. The son of Gertrude Fowler, stenographer in the GO Meter Section, Roanoke, Lt. Fowler is

remaining at Mather for navigator-bombardier training.

Helen Sabo, clerk stenographer in GO T&D Transmission Section, Bluefield, was re-elected president of the Friendship Class of First United Methodist Church in Pocahontas.

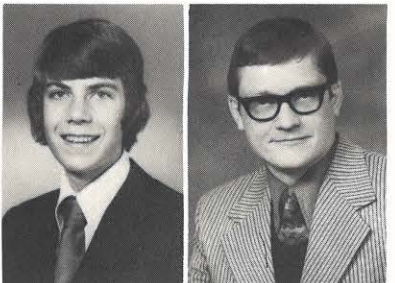
Judy Kennedy, clerk stenographer in GO T&D Transmission Section, Bluefield, was elected secretary of the Sabbath School for 1973 of Seventh Day Adventist Church in Bluefield.

Roy Howard, draftsman senior, in GO R/e & R/w, Roanoke, has donated seven gallons of blood. He donates regularly through the Red Cross Blood Center but is often called on in emergencies because of his rare type blood.

Scott W. Carroll, son of T. D. Carroll, relay supervisor in the GO T&D Station Section, Roanoke, has been promoted to Corporal in the U. S. Marine Corps. Carroll is stationed at Kaneohe Bay, a Marine air base on the island of Oahu.

Steve Vaughan, a senior at Cave Spring High School in Roanoke, was elected to membership in the 1972-73 "Who's Who Among American High School Students". The son of John W. Vaughan, Appalachian assistant vice president, Steve recently became the third member of his family to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. He has served as senior patrol leader of Troop 9, sponsored by the Woodlawn Methodist Church, and was named to the Order of the Arrow, an honorary Scouting organization.

George E. Brammer is listed in both "The Outstanding Young Men of America" for 1971 and "Who's Who in the Midwest". The son of Glenn G. Brammer, retired GO Operations employee, he was also named one of the outstanding young men of Illinois by the state Jaycees in 1971.



Vaughan

Brammer

CENTRAL APPALACHIAN COAL

New employees at Marmet are **Darwin Harold Ligon**, preparation engineer; **Paul Eugene Reed**, rodman; **Herbert Earl Kinder, Jr.**, superintendent of Bull Creek Project; **Eugene Burl Hoover**, section foreman; **Carolyn Ann Ball**, junior clerk-receptionist; and **Ezra Ray Conley**, section foreman.

New employees at Morris Creek are **Rufus Harold Large**, master mechanic, and **Mike Philip Vargo**, resident engineer.

PHILIP SPORN

Herman A. Elliott, utility man B, is a new employee.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON

Lorayne Corea, Williamson Managerial, was appointed by Governor Arch Moore to a nine-county council to promote tourism in southern West Virginia.

Gunsmoke's Top Gun won first place honors in the Tennessee Walking Horse Stake Class at the Golden Horseshoe Saddle Club's horse show in Pikeville, Ky. His owner is **Okey Taylor**, Williamson truck driver-groundman.

PULASKI



Bennington Umberger

Tess Umberger, wife of W. P. Umberger, Wytheville lineman, was elected president of the Wytheville Elementary School PTA. **L. L. Bucklen**, agricultural sales engineer, was elected PTA treasurer.

Fred M. Bennington, heating and builder sales representative at Galax, has been appointed a member of the new Virginia Education Loan Authority by Governor Linwood Holton. The term to which he was appointed will expire June 30, 1974.

H. B. Newland, personnel supervisor, was elected to represent industry on the Comprehensive Health Planning Council of the New River Valley District Planning Commission.

Elected officers of the Christiansburg Benevolent Association were **Catherine Byrd**, president; **C. A. Schmidt**, vice president; and **W. C. Hager**, secretary-treasurer.

Galax Benevolent Association officers are **G. F. Shrader, Jr.**, president; **B. J. Stoneman**, vice president; and **B. R. White**, secretary-treasurer.

Serving as officers of the Hillsville Benevolent Association are **R. D. Tickle**, president; **C. M. Viars**, vice president; and **A. S. Jackson**, secretary-treasurer.

New officers of the Pearisburg Benevolent Association are **Sally Hedrick**, president, and **Hazel Walker**, secretary-treasurer.

Elected officers of the Wytheville Benevolent Association were **T. M. Bass**, president; **M. J. Williams**, vice president; and **C. G. Powers**, secretary-treasurer.

D. H. Crabtree, Pulaski Commercial, was elected first vice chairman of the Virginia State Section, American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Dorothy N. Whitaker, Personnel, was elected a member of the Holston Conference Board of Global Ministries for the United Methodist Church.

Employees on LTD leave are **Christie Hurst**, line foreman NE; **T. A. MacLeod**, stationman A; **W. R. Rasnake**; lineman A; **W. M. Gilmore**, groundman and **L. J. Ayers**, maintenance man.

CHARLESTON

A five-gaited show horse owned by **Clarence W. Gullian** won the Reserve Champion Award in the 1972 Kanawha Valley Horsemen Association. Gullian is the husband of **Eldivia Gullian**, T&D clerk.

W. L. Salmons, draftsman senior, and **Norris Keeling**, line inspector, conducted first aid refresher courses for the division.

Gene Caldwell, heating and builder sales representative, was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of Edgewood Pool, Inc.

H. K. Shabdue, area development coordinator, was named chairman of the community betterment advisory committee of the 1973 ComBet Program of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

Jim Cook, line foreman; **Roger**

Childress, stationman C; **Lyle Hudson**, meterman B; and **Herb Miller**, draftsman senior, each bagged a turkey while hunting in West Virginia.

H. H. Hutcheson, sales supervisor, was elected to the board of directors of the state 4-H organization.

Ap-Craft, Appalachian's Junior Achievement company in Charleston, will produce decorative Christmas card baskets as their first product during the 1972-73 program year.

Bill Walker, electrical engineer and amateur astronomer, was cited by the **Charleston Gazette** for his work in developing a new and dramatic program for the astronomy program of Charleston's Sunrise cultural center.

PIKEVILLE

Gualene Smith, home sales representative senior, was elected president of Pike County 4-H Council.

New employees are **Ernie Cochran**, Engineering; **James Adams**, custodian; **Sharon Lykins**, junior clerk at West Liberty; **Dan Washington**, **Lucious Thompson**, **Theodore Cieranzynski**, **Clifford Collins, Jr.**, **Jerry Williams**, and **Steve Elliott**, all linemen D.

KANAWHA RIVER

New employees are **John F. Inghram**, **Robert A. Sparkman**, **John A. Scott**, **Roy G. O'Neal**, **Gary E. Morris** and **Rodney S. Robinson**, utility men B.

Philip Pauley, husband of **Audra Pauley**, clerk-stenographer, bagged a deer on the opening day of the season. This was his first attempt at the sport, and he was using a borrowed bow and arrow.



JIM SIMPSON, retired Ashland employee, cleans his paint brush following a "labor of love". He painted the parsonage of his church all by himself this summer as a gift to the church and minister, of whom he is very fond. **Simpson** is also talented in painting at the easel.

C. L. Bazelmans Takes OVEC Post

Charles L. Bazelmans has been named assistant to **Ralph D. Dunlevy**, vice president of Ohio Valley Electric Company, effective December 1. He replaces **Frank L. Southard**, who will retire January 31.

Bazelmans had been an engineer in the Generation Planning Section of the Bulk Power Supply Planning Division of the Service Corporation. He will continue to work in New York.

He joined the Service Corporation in 1965, and is an electrical engineering graduate of Newark College of Engineering. He is currently working on a master's degree in business administration at New York University.

PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

Appalachian Power Company

Beckley

D. G. Tyler to Lineman A. T. D. AMAR to Meter Service Helper A. HELEN TROUTMAN to Personnel Clerk Senior. W. K. UNDERWOOD to Meter Serviceman A.

Bluefield

D. E. MEADOWS to General Serviceman. J. E. WALTERS to Lineman B. M. H. SMITH to Lineman A. R. D. M. TAYLOR to Lineman C.

Clinch River

R. H. BUCKLES to Yard Helper. R. H. LAYTON to Yard Helper. J. B. SMITH to Yard Helper. D. K. SCALES to Helper.

General Office

J. J. CHITWOOD to Master Maintenance Man. JANE JONES to Stenographer. P. A. COOPER, JR., to Data Processing Operator A.

Glen Lyn

E. E. BROWN to Coal Equipment Operator. H. L. HARLESS to Brakeman. R. S. MEADOWS to Coal Sampler. G. A. THWAITES to Equipment Operator. M. C. MULLINS to Auxiliary Equipment Operator. M. E. PENNINGTON to Util-

Central Appalachian Coal Company

Marmet

T. R. HARRIS to Section Foreman.

Morris Creek

M. G. MIDDLETON to River Tipple and Preparation Foreman.

Central Coal Company

New Haven

K. A. SMITH, JR., to Master Mechanic. L. D. COWELL to Section Foreman.

Kentucky Power Company

Big Sandy

W. R. ROBERTS to Yard Helper. M. J. BEACH to Yard Helper. L. L. MEDCALF to Utility Man A. C. E. KIRK to Utility Operator. R. D. KEELIN to Unit Operator Assistant. EDWARD SPEARS to Unit Operator. J. M. CHAP-

MAN to Utility Coal Handler. C. H. NELSON to Utility Coal Handler. S. E. DIAMOND to Control Technician. OSCAR TRIPLET to Maintenance Man. B. L. CYRUS to Maintenance Man. D. E. ROSS to Maintenance Man. RALPH TACKETT to Maintenance Man.

Kingsport Power Company

R. G. GREENE to Power Sales Engineer.

Mitzie Naff, Musically Inclined

Fifteen-year-old Mitzie Naff has her eyes set on being a music major in college. Although she's now just in the tenth grade at William Byrd High School in Vinton, Va., Mitzie has a lot of musi-



Naff

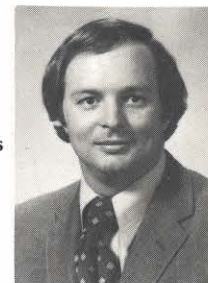
cal experience to her credit.

The daughter of **Ralph Naff**, planner senior in Roanoke, Mitzie has been in a school band since the fifth grade and plays the flute, piccolo and bassoon. At Byrd, she is a member of the Advance Band which accompanies all school and public events such as sports, stage and concert. The Byrd Band was sponsored by the Lions Clubs of Virginia to entertain at the Lions International Convention in Mexico City this year.

Mitzie sings with the Byrd choir and is a member of the Vinton Baptist Church youth choir which has toured several states the past two years.

Mitzie's first solos were in her church. Just recently she gave both piano and vocal solos in a public concert sponsored by the wife of Vinton's Mayor to raise funds to assist participating music major students with their college expenses.

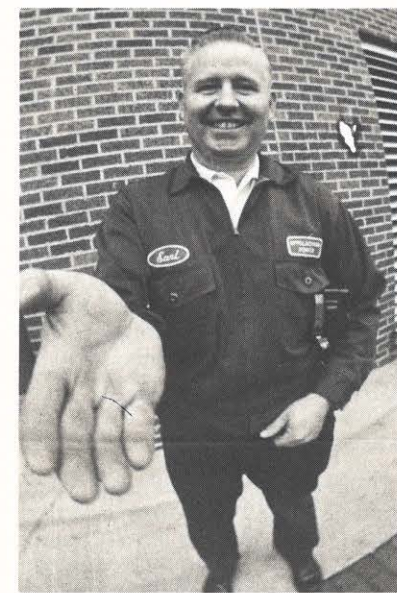
Snodgrass Moves To GO Commercial



Snodgrass

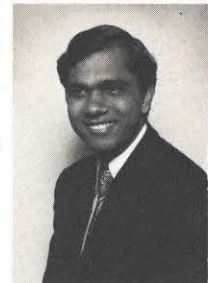
Barry L. Snodgrass has been promoted to commercial sales engineer in Appalachian's General Office Commercial Department, Roanoke. He rises to the post from that of commercial sales engineer in Abingdon Division.

A 1969 electrical engineering graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Snodgrass joined the company that same year in Abingdon. During college he was a co-op student with the Tennessee Valley Authority.



THIS IS THE HAND that shook the hand of the president of the United States. In addition to being a meter reader in Huntington Division, **Earl Bowen** is the Mayor of Kenova, W. Va. When President Nixon recently visited the Tri-State Airport, His Honor, Mayor Bowen, was at the airport to greet him.

Gupta Becomes Certified Engineer



Gupta

Mahendra P. Gupta, resident engineer at Central Appalachian Coal Company's Marmet Division office, has become a certified professional engineer in the State of West Virginia.

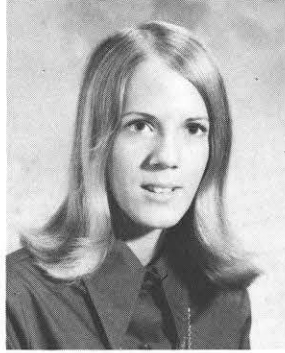
Gupta, a native of India, graduated from the Indian School of Mines in 1967 with a BS degree in mining engineering. He worked for Tata Iron & Steel Company in India for three years, then went to Columbia University in New York for graduate work. He earned his master's degree in engineering in 1971.

Gupta passed the engineering-in-training examination last December, and the mine foreman's and professional engineers examinations early this year. He became a registered mining engineer last month.

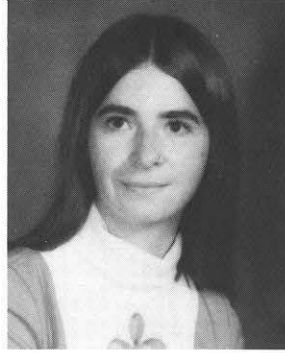
Couples Exchange Wedding Vows In Recent Ceremonies



McDowell



Hampton



Phillips



Flynn



Amar



McGhee



Handy

Harlowe-McDowell

A double ring ceremony performed October 3 in Bennettsville, S. C. united Sharon Denise Harlowe and Phillip Craig McDowell. Mrs. McDowell is the daughter of Billy Harlowe, line foreman at Rocky Mount, Roanoke Division.

Harmon-Hampton

Nancy Harmon and David Hampton were married October 31 in Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church. Mr. Hampton is the son of Rex W. Hampton, lineman, at Galax, Pulaski Division.

Mitchell-Smith

The Sixth Avenue Church of Christ, Huntington, W. Va., was the setting for the marriage of Carolyn Leigh Mitchell and Kenny Dale Smith on November 6. Mr. Smith is a maintenance man C at John E. Amos Plant.

Mitchell-Flynn

Doris Jane Mitchell and Spec. George J. Flynn were married September 2 at the Post Chapel, Fort Shafter, Honolulu, Hawaii. Mrs. Flynn is the daughter of W. E. Mitchell, retired line supervisor, Beckley.

Perry-Amar

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Beckley, W. Va., was the setting of the September 8th wedding of Barbara Perry and Doug Amar. Mr. Amar is a meter service helper A, Beckley.

Clark-Handy

The Chatham Heights Baptist Church, Martinsville, Va., was the setting for the October 14th wedding of Peggy James Clark and Maynard G. Handy. Mr. Handy is a T&D clerk at Fieldale, Roanoke Division.

Ingram-McGhee

Ethel Irene Ingram became the bride of Ronnie Gray McGhee September 30 in Mount Herman Church of the Brethren, Bassett, Va. Mr. McGhee is a lineman C at Fieldale, Roanoke Division.

Hendrickson-Music

Deanna Hendrickson and Don Music were united in marriage September 9 in First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. Mr. Music is a meter reader, Ashland.

Friley-Dyer

Peggy Jo Friley and Charles Dyer were married August 25 in Oakland Avenue Baptist Church, Catlettsburg, Ky. Mrs. Dyer is a junior clerk, GO Accounting, Ashland.

Hamilton-Phillips

The marriage of Joyce Hamilton and David Phillips was solemnized November 11 in Forest Hills Baptist Church, Forest Hills, Ky. Mr. Phillips is the son of Millard G. Phillips, stationman B in Williamson, Logan-Williamson Division.

Honor Accorded Evelyn Crabtree

Crabtree



Evelyn Taylor Crabtree has been selected one of the "Outstanding Young Women of America" for 1972. She is the wife of David H. Crabtree, Pulaski heating and builder sales representative, and the mother of two preschool sons.

Mrs. Crabtree is working toward a double degree in accounting and business management from New River Community College and has been on the dean's list every quarter. She is president of Phi Beta Lambda at NRCC, a professional organization for college students in business administration curriculum, and was a delegate to the state and national conventions. She is a past president of the Pulaski Jayettes and past secretary of the Junior Woman's Club. She has also held an office in the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.



A LITTLE GIRL with a big message is Julie Palen, five-year-old daughter of Sandra Palen, Beckley home sales representative senior. Julie was selected as "Little Miss Christmas Seal" for 1972 and is helping the Raleigh County Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Council reach their goal of \$14,000.

BABY PARADE

Abingdon

MR. AND MRS. C. D. PRESTON, a daughter, Margaret Janeen, November 6. Preston is a lineman helper, Marion.

John E. Amos

MR. AND MRS. ANDREW GILMORE, a son, Matthew Todd, October 20. Gilmore is a maintenance man B.
MR. AND MRS. J. G. MCCONIHAY, a daughter, Kelly Ann, November 4. McConihay is a maintenance man C.
MR. AND MRS. THOMAS J. HANCOCK, III, a daughter, Minda Ann, November 6. Hancock is a coal handler.
MR. AND MRS. GARY LEE BURKHART, a daughter, Melissa Dawn, September 30. Burkhardt is a coal equipment operator.

Ashland

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD KOUNS, a son, Robert Thomas, October 18. Kouns is a material clerk.
MR. AND MRS. KENNETH BROWN, a son, Kenneth Ray, Jr., September 8. Brown is an auto repairman C.

Big Sandy

MR. AND MRS. BRUCE Q. BUSSEY, a son, Brandon Kirt, November 7. Bussey is a head material clerk.
MR. AND MRS. LARRY D. ISON, a son, Brett David, October 30. Ison is a unit operator assistant.
MR. AND MRS. J. MICHAEL DIAMOND, a daughter, Janice Michelle, October 28. Diamond is a coal equipment operator.
MR. AND MRS. RALPH D. FERGUSON, a son, Daniel, October 28. Ferguson is a master maintenance man.

Charleston

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR WALKER, a daughter, October 13. Walker is a lineman A.

Clinch River

MR. AND MRS. SCOTT E. CAMP-

BELL, a son, Jeffrey Keith, October 16. Campbell is a utility man B.

General Office

MR. AND MRS. DERRILL DOUTHAT, JR., a son, Justin Scott, October 21. Douthat is a GO communications engineer B, Bluefield.
MR. AND MRS. DAVID L. REID, a son, Christopher David, October 25. Reid is an engineer B in the GO Station Section Relay Group, Roanoke. Mrs. Reid is a former draftsman in the GO R/e & R/w Department.
MR. AND MRS. PAUL E. SMALLEY, a daughter, Alisa Renee, November 7. Smalley is an engineer in the GO Meter Section, Charleston.
MR. AND MRS. GENE GILLOCK, a son, Robert Parker, October 18. Gillock is operations engineering supervisor, GO Operations, Roanoke.

Hazard

MR. AND MRS. PAUL R. ALEXANDER, a son, Ernest Randall Chad, October 12. Alexander is a lineman B.

Logan-Williamson

MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK R. WAGNER, a son, Wayne Eric, October 13. Wagner is a planner senior, Logan.

Pulaski

MR. AND MRS. CARL M. VIARS, a daughter, Crystal Gayle, November 9. Viars is a meter reader, Hillsville.

Roanoke

MR. AND MRS. WAYNE E. BLOUNT, a son, Jayson Wayne, November 7. Mrs. Blount was a stenographer before taking maternity leave.

Philip Sporn

MR. AND MRS. D. W. ROBINSON, a son, Danny Wayne, Jr., October 22. Robinson is a utility man A.

Anyone Care For A Smoke?

"This women's lib movement has gone too far," was the cry of a veteran tobacco-chewing line foreman as he walked into the Huntington Operating Center and found Alzelia Johnson, PBX operator, smoking a pipe. Not just an ordinary pipe, but one studded with "diamonds".

Alzelia, better known as "Tommie", points out that pipe smoking among women has become quite fashionable. Women's pipes are available in many shops, and tobacco stores sell brands blended for women smokers. Tommie prefers a petite style pipe, but she likes any brand of tobacco.

The practice of pipe smoking for women is still novel enough to raise eyebrows. But when you ask Tommie why she smokes a pipe, she answers, "Why not?"

The line foreman in question merely shook his head and walked away with a puzzled look

on his face. He was heard saying, "When these gals around the office start chewing my brand of tobacco, I'm going to retire."



Johnson

VEHC Yearbook Honors Mae Gilbert

Gilbert



Mae L. Gilbert, wife of Saylor S. Gilbert, retired Lynchburg stationman A, was honored recently by the Virginia Extension Homemakers Council. The VEHC dedicated its 50th anniversary yearbook to Mrs. Gilbert, who is southern regional director for the National Extension Homemakers Council.

The dedication read, in part, "Because her life exemplifies the ideals of our emblem, this yearbook is dedicated to Mrs. Saylor S. Gilbert. Mae has given inspired leadership in all phases of home demonstration club work — Tyreanna Home Demonstration Club, Campbell County, District III, Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs and National Homemakers Council. Mrs. Gilbert has held all of the elective offices of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs and has served on various committees."

Mrs. Gilbert said that of the many honors she has received through VEHC, this was the highest and most unexpected. "I feel the Extension Homemakers Clubs have done more for me during the 27 years I have been a member than I will ever be able to do for them."

Mrs. Gilbert served as parliamentarian at the Country Women's Council in Williamsburg recently, a position she has filled for the National Council during its last two annual meetings. She was also registrar of the NEHC leadership conference in Washington. There are 13 states in the southern region of NEHC, for which Mrs. Gilbert is director.

ENGAGEMENTS

SHARON HAYES to Rick Ison. Miss Hayes is a clerk stenographer, GO Purchasing, Ashland.

AMY KATHERINE GRAHAM to Donald Ray Brooks. Miss Graham is the daughter of A. L. Graham, Jr., Pulaski power sales engineer. Mr. Brooks is the son of J. H. Brooks, lineman A at Marion, Abingdon Division.

JUDY KENNEDY to Eugene F. Johnson. Mrs. Kennedy is a clerk stenographer in GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

DONNA MARIE ASHWORTH to William Bruce Horn. Miss Ashworth is the daughter of Jesse L. Ashworth, dealer sales representative, Lynchburg.



Wooden and craft ornaments were used as decorations on the tablecloth of the child's table, while cookie reindeers pulled Santa's sleigh on the centerpiece. L. to r. Bennett McAlpine, Parthenia Deal and Helen Stocking.

Capacity Crowd Views "Festive Feasting" In Kingsport

It started out being a workshop on party foods given for home demonstration people at club meetings. News spread, and other customers and employees began asking, "Why don't you do a program we can attend?"

Last month, for the third consecutive year, a demonstration of holiday entertaining ideas was held in the Kingsport Power Company auditorium under the direction of Bennett McAlpine, home sales representative, and Helen Stocking, extension home economist for Sullivan County.

"Festive Feasting" was presented to a full capacity crowd of 200 people on the morning of November 1, with no estimate of the number who could not get into the auditorium. The same program was given for Stevens Community Club, who visited the demonstration kitchen at Kingsport Power for the first time. On November 2, which was Election night and the night on which the Harlem Globetrotters came to Kingsport, some 81 persons braved a heavy downpour to turn out for the evening presentation of "Festive Feasting".

Versatile small appliances, the microwave range, correct baking procedures and use of the freezer were incorporated into three tables for holiday entertaining—Easv But Elegant Entertaining, A Child's Table, and Candlelight Dinner.

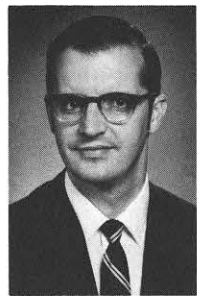
Christmas lighting shown in the topiary trees on each side of the stage, lighted wreath over the sink work area, and lighted stylized tree on doors opening into the auditorium.

Recipes used in the "Festive Feasting" program are available upon request to Bennett McAlpine at the Kingsport office.



COOKING SCHOOL — Roanoke home sales representatives prepared attractive and tasty dishes during the second annual cooking school sponsored by a Roanoke appliance dealer and other merchants. Theme of the school, held at the Civic Center Auditorium, was "Regional Favorites from Around the USA" and "Quickies". Some 1800 women were in attendance, and a lucky few were given the food prepared during the school. L. to r. Anne Browning and Miriam Martindale. Not pictured is Margie Lee.

Mullins Promoted, Goes To Beckley



Mullins

Joe L. Mullins has been promoted to the position of Beckley Division accounting supervisor. He rises to the post from that of customer accounts supervisor in Huntington.

A native of Keen Mountain, Va., Mullins holds a BS degree in business administration from Concord College. He joined Appalachian in 1956 as a business administrative trainee in the Meter Section at Welch. The following year he became meter clerk and transferred to Bluefield in that position in 1959. He was a contract clerk senior before returning to Welch in 1960 as a general clerk. He later worked as a utility clerk and customer accounts supervisor before transferring to Huntington in 1970.

Mullins is married and has a son and a daughter.

Potter Takes Foreman Post

Glen Potter, serviceman in Pikeville, has been promoted to working line foreman.

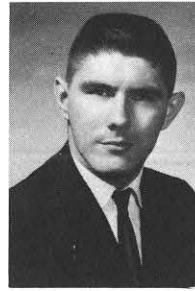
A Marine veteran of World II, Potter has taken various ICS courses and is presently studying the Electrical Engineering Power Option course. He joined Kentucky Power in 1947 as a meter reader and later worked as a meterman C and B and meter serviceman B and A.

Potter and his wife have two married children.



WED 50 YEARS — Over 100 friends visited Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hartwell of Roanoke on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary recently. The Hartwells have three sons, two daughters, 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. One son is B. T. Hartwell, Roanoke line foreman NE.

Yost Certified As Professional Engineer



Yost

Worley Yost, Jr., Hazard distribution engineer, has been certified a professional engineer by the State of Kentucky. He has also been elected vice president of the Kentucky River Chapter of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers.

In order to be certified, Yost was required to pass an engineer-in-training exam, have a minimum of four years' experience satisfactory to the state registration board and pass a professional engineers examination.

Yost graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1966 and joined Kentucky Power that same year.

Happiness Is A Warm Puppy

If an Irish Setter puppy happens to be on your Christmas



Donnis Ferguson, Shane and her record-breaking litter.

shopping list, you're in luck. Donnis Ferguson, daughter of W. W. Ford, Jr., Lynchburg sales manager, just happens to have 16 of them for sale.

When the first puppy arrived, Donnis excitedly telephoned her mother the good news. The time was 9PM, and all through the night until 9 AM the next morning, the puppies continued coming until there were 16 in all. This was the first litter for Donnis' two-year-old Irish Setter, Shane, who seems to have set a record.

Donnis says the mother dog is on a special diet, and the feedings are done in two shifts. So far the mother has been able to supply enough milk for all. Donnis seems to have the only problem — how to handle all the puppies until they're big enough to sell.



Looking at the display of handicrafts made by girls in the Lynchburg office are, l. to r., Betty Pearson, Linda Medley, Janice Johnson and Hazel Bell.

Lynchburg Girls Hold Lunch Hour Display Of Christmas Handicrafts

Could it be that the southern division of Santa's workshop is located in Lynchburg? A casual visitor to Appalachian's Lynchburg office one day last month might have thought so.

The office girls have come up with a solution to keeping Christmas costs at a minimum and still have gifts for everyone on their lists. They put their creative talents to work making Christmas handicrafts from such discarded items as old dresses, light bulbs, tuna fish cans and the like.

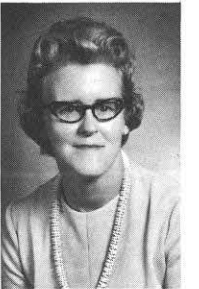
This year the girls decided to have a showing of their work. They combined a lunch hour display with a Christmas demonstration by Betty Pearson, home sales representative. Each girl brought her lunch and ate as Betty gave her talk on Christmas foods that are easy to prepare and can be frozen for that rushed time. She also gave a lighting demonstration, using several arrangements she had made as well as an unusual table decoration made from crystals of citric acid, ordinary baking soda and white mothballs.

Participants in the craft display included Anna Lackey, private secretary, who made a Christmas tablecloth, decorated covered matchboxes, tiny Christmas trees made from wax and decorated to be used as place cards, gingerbread men tree ornaments and pie wedge containers decorated like trees in which candy and cookies can be given.

Mary Campbell, stenographer, made a bathroom soap decoration from red velvet ribbon and

artificial holly. Hazel Bell, secretarial-stenographer, brought a table arrangement using a tiny oil lamp and fruit ring and a candle arrangement. Penny Garber, personnel clerk senior, brought old-fashioned hat door knob covers, Christmas aprons made from dinner napkins, a cheese board, and tree ornaments made from tuna cans.

Rose Martin Takes Supervisory Post



Martin

Rose Martin, utility clerk in Huntington, has been promoted to customer accounts supervisor. She succeeds J. L. Mullins, who earlier was transferred to Beckley as accounting supervisor.

A native of Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. Martin joined Appalachian in 1956 as a clerk stenographer in Point Pleasant. She worked as a cashier senior and petty cash clerk senior before going to Huntington in 1964 as general clerk senior. She was made utility clerk in 1966.

Mrs. Martin has two daughters.



BOSS OF THE YEAR — J. A. Moore, manager of the John E. Amos Plant, was named Boss of the Year by the Charleston Chapter, National Secretaries Association (International) at their 19th annual executive night dinner. Naming of the top boss is the highlight of the annual dinner, and the recipient does not know beforehand of his honor. Moore was nominated for the title by his secretary, Golda Johnson. In addition to the crown, he was presented a statuette and certificate. The certificate is being examined by Buck McDaniel, public affairs coordinator (seated), and M. F. Morrison, personnel supervisor.

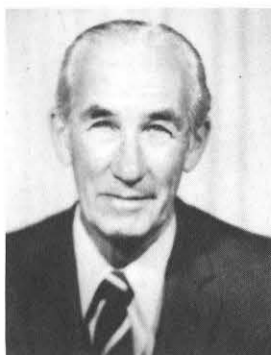
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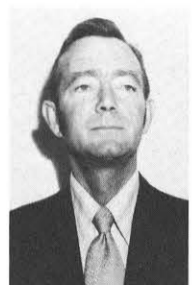
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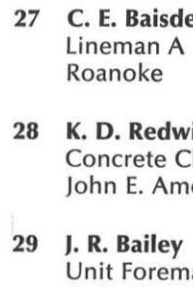
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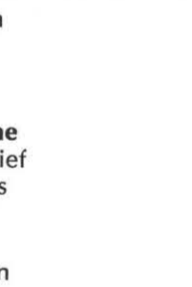
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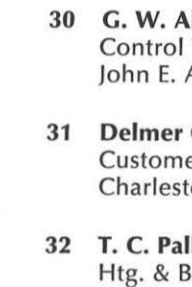
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45 YEARS

- 1 **Sylbia Hinchman**
Home Sales. Rep. Sr.
Charleston
- 2 **T. R. Mitchell**
Asst. El. Plt. & Stores
Accounting Supervisor
GO—Roanoke

40 YEARS

- 3 **W. O. Sallaz**
Line Foreman
Huntington

35 YEARS

- 4 **Adiel S. Morgan**
Meter Foreman NE
Pulaski
- 5 **Arthur W. Stair**
Htg. & Bldr. Sales Coord.
Kingsport
- 6 **John H. Raper**
Line Inspector
Logan-Williamson
- 7 **A. H. Jopp**
Power Sales Engineer
Pikeville

- 8 **George W. Price**
General Serviceman
Ashland

30 YEARS

- 9 **Dewey G. Lusk**
Switchboard Operator
Glen Lyn
- 10 **Kay Hudson**
Area T&D Clerk
Lynchburg
- 11 **Eugene E. Wyatt**
Coal Equipment Operator
Clinch River

25 YEARS

- 12 **C. B. Badger, Jr.**
Groundman
Charleston
- 13 **E. Leroy Baker**
Line Foreman NE
Lynchburg
- 14 **Eulalia Footo**
T&D Clerk Senior
Bluefield
- 15 **Raymond E. Thomas**
Lead Draftsman
Lynchburg
- 16 **E. M. Payne**
Head Material Clerk, Sta.
Roanoke

- 17 **J. L. Ingram**
Lineman A
Roanoke

- 18 **M. A. DeHaven**
Planner Senior
Pulaski

- 19 **C. W. Hodges**
Truck Driver-Groundman
Roanoke

- 20 **Bruce J. Stoneman**
Area T&D Clerk
Pulaski

- 21 **J. S. Stinson**
Heating Sales Engineer
Bluefield

- 22 **A. C. Hutton, Jr.**
Dealer Sales Representative
Abingdon

- 23 **H. M. Jones**
Area Serviceman
Abingdon

- 24 **A. M. Jones**
Truck Driver-Groundman
Charleston

- 25 **C. H. McCallister**
Planner Senior
Huntington

20 YEARS

- 26 **C. S. Jordan**
Master Maintenance Man
Philip Sporn

- 27 **C. E. Baisden**
Lineman A
Roanoke

- 28 **K. D. Redwine**
Concrete Chief
John E. Amos

- 29 **J. R. Bailey**
Unit Foreman
Philip Sporn

- 30 **G. W. Abshire**
Control Technician Senior
John E. Amos

- 31 **Delmer Cavender**
Customer Accounts Supv.
Charleston

- 32 **T. C. Pallares**
Htg. & Bldr. Sales Rep.
Beckley

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Appalachian Power Company

ABINGDON—5 YEARS: T. L. RUSS, Lineman B.

JOHN E. AMOS—15 YEARS: R. L. MATTHEWS, Assistant Yard Supervisor. R. E. HERNDON, Performance Supervising Engineer. 5 YEARS: R. E. MOSSMAN, Equipment Operator.

BECKLEY—5 YEARS: G. A. THORNLEY, Credit Representative Senior. D. F. RICHMOND, Stationman B.

CHARLESTON—15 YEARS: W. T. DURRETT, JR., Lineman A. 5 YEARS: JACQUELYN BRUER, Customer Accounts Representative C. D. R. FISHER, Auto Repairman Helper. L. G. OXYER, Lineman B. R. J. SULLIVAN, Lineman B. J. F. WILSON, Lineman B.

GENERAL OFFICE—25 YEARS: MILDRED SMITH, Customer Accounting Clerk B. 5 YEARS: LINDA FRITH, Key Punch Operator A. D. V. HAMILTON, Transmission Man B. R. L. HILL, Engineer B. C. R. TENNANT, Regional Assistant Chief Operator. W. L. Windsor, Rodman.

GLEN LYN—10 YEARS: L. B. MARTIN, Maintenance Helper.

KANAWHA RIVER—5 YEARS: J. W. SALVATORE, Junior Maintenance Man.

LYNCHBURG—15 YEARS: A. B. CREWS, Meter Reader.

PULASKI—5 YEARS: C. L. SMITH, Lineman B.

ROANOKE—5 YEARS: R. W. DILLON, Lineman B. R. D. JOHNSON, Meter Serviceman C.

PHILIP SPORN—5 YEARS: F. J. RYTHOR, Guard. G. E. EVANS, Maintenance Man.

Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND—5 YEARS: B. G. BEAM, Lineman C. JACK KEETON, Classification Clerk. SHARON LEWIS, Payroll Clerk Senior.

HAZARD—15 YEARS: WENDELL PRIDEMORE, Engineering Supervisor.

PIKEVILLE—5 YEARS: EMIL MAYOR, Station Foreman.

Sporn Staff Changes Affect Five Men



Evans

Staff changes affecting five men have been made at Philip Sporn Plant. Charles H. Evans, operations supervisor, was named plant performance supervisor. William R. Hayes, maintenance foreman, was promoted to production supervisor-maintenance. Glen L. Hensler, shift operating engineer, became production supervisor-operations. Lewis R. Gilland, equipment operator, advanced to unit foreman, and John E. Ord, master maintenance man, moved up to auxiliary foreman.

Evans, a native of Meigs County, O., received a BS degree in electrical engineering from Ohio University in 1949. He was employed that same year as a test engineer and later worked as assistant results engineer, results engineer, plant engineer and assistant maintenance supervisor. He was promoted to operations supervisor in April of this year. Evans is married and has one son.

A native of Pomeroy, O., Hayes was hired in 1950 as a helper in the Maintenance Department. He progressed through the department as a maintenance man, master maintenance man and maintenance foreman. Hayes and his wife and children reside in Syracuse, Ohio.

A Navy veteran, Hensler came to work in 1949 as a coal handler. He advanced through the ranks as tractor operator, auxiliary equipment operator, assistant unit operator, unit operator, control operator, unit foreman, assistant shift operating engineer and shift operating engineer. He is married and has one son.

Gilland, a West Virginia native, is an Air Force veteran. He began his career in 1956 as a laborer and moved into the Operations Department three years later as utility operator. He has held various other positions in the department. He is married and has three children.

Ord is a native of Canton, O., and served in the U. S. Army. He went to work at Sporn in 1952 as a laborer and later that year moved into the Maintenance Department as a helper. He progressed through the department until he was promoted to master maintenance man in 1968. Ord resides with his wife and children in Letart, W. Va.



Hayes



Hensler



Gilland



Ord

Nine Veterans Are Recognized For Lengthy Company Service

Nine veterans were honored during November for long service to their companies. Receiving 45-year pins were Sylbia Hinchman, Charleston, and T. R. Mitchell, GO-Roanoke. A 40-year pin was awarded W. O. Sallaz, Huntington. Recognized for 35 years' service were A. W. Stair, Kingsport; G. W. Price, Ashland; A. S. Morgan, Pulaski; John H. Raper, Logan; and Oscar Hamilton and A. H. Jopp, Pikeville.

45 Years

Sylbia Hinchman, Charleston home sales representative senior, began her career as a home economist in Huntington. She went to Charleston in 1949 as home service supervisor and was named to her present position in 1963.

Thomas Randolph Mitchell, assistant electric plant and stores accounting supervisor in GO Accounting, Roanoke, was first employed as an office boy. During his career he has worked as a clerk, clerk senior, clerk special, head w/o accounting section, assistant electric plant accounting supervisor, and work order accounting supervisor.

40 Years

Wade O. Sallaz, line foreman at Ripley in Huntington Division, went to work in Charleston as a laborer. He worked as an overhead man and district serviceman before transferring to Point Pleasant in 1949. He was an area serviceman and working foreman

before taking his present position.

35 Years

Arthur W. Stair, Kingsport heating and builder sales coordinator, began work in the Distribution Department. He later worked as a clerk and power sales engineer.

George William Price, Ashland general serviceman, was first employed as a laborer. He advanced through several positions before being promoted to his present job in 1958.

Adiel S. Morgan, Pulaski meter foreman NE, started as a laborer. He later worked as a meter reader, clerk, and meterman C. B. and A.

John H. Raper, Logan line inspector, was hired as a laborer. He has also served as a clerk and clerk senior.

Oscar Hamilton, Pikeville line foreman, started work as a groundman and later worked as a lineman and lineman A.

August H. Jopp, power sales engineer in Pikeville, began his career as a distribution engineer at Ashland. He was promoted to Hazard Division's Lothair Plant in 1941 as plant records supervisor. Following service in World War II, he returned to work as a senior power engineer and later worked as commercial manager. In 1948 he transferred to Pikeville as commercial manager and remained in that position until health problems caused him to take the position of power sales engineer.



Smith

Squire Smith Ends Career

His name is Lloyd George Smith, but he's better known as "Squire". The name goes back to the time when he served four years as Mayor of Cleveland, Va., and 12 years as Justice of the Peace of Cleveland District. "This was before the days of a trial justice when the Justice of the Peace handled misdemeanor cases," Smith recalls. He estimates he tried hundreds of such cases.

Squire retired December 1 as Abingdon Division stores supervisor, ending a 29-year utility career. He considers the highlight of his employment the fact that he "made a lot of friends in the company".

He was first employed in 1943 as a truck driver-groundman in the Bluefield/Clinch Valley District at the rate of 65 cents an hour. He worked as a groundman B and A, serviceman B and district stores supervisor before becoming division stores supervisor in 1964.

Squire has been an active member of the Masonic Lodge. He is past master of William Birchfield No. 29, Cleveland, and is past district deputy grand master of the Cleveland District. He is also a member of the Washington County Shrine Club and Kazim Temple in Roanoke.

Future plans for Squire and his wife Georgia include traveling, hunting, fishing and spending time with their two children and five grandchildren.

McClain Reaches Retirement Age But Remains Young In Spirit

Cape Coral, Fla., will soon be home for J. E. McClain, who retired December 1 as unit foreman at Kanawha River Plant.

Jesse first worked for Appalachian at Cabin Creek Plant. "I was living in the same apartment building with a Mr. Exley, who worked for the company, and he told me they were hiring a couple of extra men to help clean out and repair the transformer. That ended with my working from September 1931 to May 1933 at 30 cents an hour. I was recalled in 1934. What really gives me a laugh is when new employees start talking about their wages now. They are paid more an hour than I was paid a day."

Officially, Jesse was hired as a filter plant man C at Cabin Creek in 1934 and had worked as turbine room man C, boiler room man and turbine operator A before transferring to Kanawha River in 1952 as control operator.

A comic by nature, Jesse has the attributes of a good salesman.



McClain

He has sold everything from shoestrings to — you name it! He's a watch repairman and can fix anything from grandfather clocks to restringing pearls for the office girls at the plant. Jesse has been on several winning bowling teams, with fellow bowlers claiming he yells the pins down. He has even been known to sing as he approaches the pins. When motorcycling became popular, he bought a cycle and rode it to work on pretty days.

In 1945, Jesse took up the study of horology, a hobby he has had ever since. He also enjoys golf, tennis, skating and fishing. A Baptist, he is a deacon and Sunday School teacher and superintendent. He was a charter member of Chelyan Lions Club and has served the Cedar Grove-Glasgow Lions as president. He has held all offices in the East Bank Lodge, L.O.O.F.

Jesse and his wife Burnice have two children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Candler Named Unit Foreman



Candler

Edward J. Candler has been promoted to unit foreman at Glen Lyn Plant.

Candler began his career in 1944 as a laborer at Glen Lyn and has worked as a utility man, utility operator, mechanical repairman helper, auxiliary equipment operator, boiler operator B and A, and equipment operator.

Candler is married and has a son and a daughter.



CHARLES HOSCHAR, JR., Huntington head T&D clerk, has been awarded a pin by the local chapter of American Red Cross for 15 years' volunteer service as a first aid instructor. Hoschar has taught some 850 individuals in 1500 hours of evening classes. His first class included 40 student nurses from a local hospital and his latest class was for the Huntington Junior Police. Once he gave individual instruction one night a week for five weeks to a girl who needed first aid training to qualify as a 4-H leader. Hoschar is first aid chairman and on the board of directors of the Huntington-Cabell County Chapter, American Red Cross. He holds instructor cards in the Standard Lecture Method and the Multimedia Method. L. to r. Hoschar, Glenn Queen and Patrolman Don Bolling of the Huntington Junior Police Unit.

Cook Elected Director Of California Firm

Donald C. Cook, chairman and president of American Electric Power, has been elected a director of U. S. Financial Incorporated, of San Diego, Calif. The company has interests in real estate, construction, mortgage banking, insurance, financial-reporting systems, and architecture.

Martin Named Area Supervisor



Martin

Jack D. Martin has been promoted to area supervisor A in the Pineville area of Bluefield Division. He succeeds Claude Farley, who retired.

A native of Matoaka, W. Va., Martin served four years in the U. S. Air Force. He was employed in 1952 as a meter reader and was a groundman and meter serviceman C, B and A before being promoted to General serviceman in 1971.

Martin is married and has three sons and three daughters.



Tom Young hewed the beams in this recreation room from discarded utility poles.

Tom Young's Home Features Beams Hewed From Utility Poles

"We knew finishing a house like this would be a real challenge, and it met all of our expectations. Now that it's over, the job doesn't seem all that big. But while we were doing it, I had some doubts about ever being able to completely finish because the work seemed to grow bigger as we progressed." Tom Young, Charleston area serviceman, was describing the completion of his new home after the shell was constructed by a contractor.

Some of the jobs undertaken by him and his wife were the installation of roofing, sheet rock and siding, brick laying, cabinet hanging, wallpapering, and landscaping. The finished results prove they were equal to the tasks.

A special feature in the house is the hand hewn beams which run 20 feet down the center of the first floor recreation room.

The beams were made from discarded utility poles. Young used a pull-along planing knife, saws and axes to shape the square beams. The beam effect is carried throughout the room in the mantle supports over the fireplace and in a unique firewood storage rack. The 20-foot beams required three men to lift and mount them in their ceiling location. Young used counter sunk bolts to mount the beams into the rafters and topped off the whole job with special caps of matching wood to hide the bolts.

The Youngs are already planning the addition of a rear sun porch and possible expansion of the recreation room. They did not have a full basement excavated at the time the shell was constructed, so now Young is working on this, wheelbarrow by wheelbarrow.

Church And Civic Work Will Occupy Saylor Gilbert's Retirement Time

Saylor Spottswood Gilbert will have more time to devote to church and civic work since his retirement December 1 as stationman A in Lynchburg.

A native of Buena Vista, Va., Saylor attended Virginia Commercial College and continued his education through correspondence and night courses. He joined Appalachian in 1933 as an operating room man B at Reusens Hydro. He became station operator in 1937 and progressed through the ranks until being named stationman A in 1968.

Saylor recalls, "At the Reusens Hydro Plant back in the 1930's,



Gilbert

one 2500-kw generator could generate all the electrical current used in the entire Lynchburg district during the early morning hours between 1 and 5 AM."

According to his foreman, Saylor has done an outstanding job of maintaining the division's fire extinguisher program of inspections and checks for the last five years.

A member of the Tyreanna United Methodist Church, Saylor is lay leader, assistant church school teacher, delegate to the United Methodist Virginia annual conference, and a Lynchburg District steward. Active in civic affairs, he is chairman of the board of directors of the Tyreanna Ruritan Recreation Center, member of the board of Campbell County Industrial Authority, and a member of the board of the Concord Volunteer Fire Department.

Saylor and his wife Mae will continue to live at their Lynchburg home. He hopes to catch up on some maintenance work as well as do some fishing, raise a few beef cattle and tinker in his home workshop. They plan a leisure motor trip to Florida and other southern states during the coming year. They have two sons, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Beckley Gets First 34.5 kv Distribution

The first 34.5 kv distribution in the Beckley Division was placed in operation during September. A large portion of the distribution system operated out of the Rupert area office is served by the new McRoss 34.5 kv station.

The present system serves customers in Charmco, Rupert, Smoot and the Meadow Bridge area. An additional 34.5 kv station planned at Meadow Bridge should be in service by 1975, allowing the present load to be divided between the two stations.

The cut-over involved reconductoring approximately 10 miles of line, the installation of 300 19.9 kv line transformers, and 50 19.9 kv to 7.2 kv step-down transformers.



Henderson

Pridemore

Combs

Kentucky Power Promotes Three Men

Three men in two operating divisions of Kentucky Power Company have been promoted.

Orville O. Henderson, Ashland Division engineering supervisor, has been promoted to the new position of line and station superintendent in the company's General Office Transmission and Distribution Depart-

ment. Succeeding Henderson is Wendell Pridemore, Hazard Division engineering supervisor. Adrian Combs, Hazard Division distribution engineer senior, has been named to succeed Pridemore.

Henderson is a native of Somerset, Pa., and a graduate of West Virginia University with a BS degree in electrical engineering. Employed in the Pikeville Division in 1938 as a groundman, he later served as meter helper and assistant foreman in Pikeville, moving to Ashland in 1943 as substation supervisor. He became division engineering supervisor in 1950. He is married and has one daughter.

Pridemore, a native of Jeremiah, Ky., graduated from the University of Kentucky with a BS degree in electrical engineering. He joined the company in Ashland in 1958, serving as engineering aide and distribution engineer before moving to Hazard in 1959 as distribution engineer. After serving as commercial and power sales representative in the Hazard Division Commercial Department, he returned to Ashland in 1966 as distribution engineer. He became power sales engineer in 1967 and moved to Hazard in 1969 as division engineering supervisor. He is married and has two daughters.

Combs is a native of Ary, Ky., and a UK graduate with a BS degree in electrical engineering. Employed in 1941 as an engineer in Hazard, he later served as distribution engineer, substation foreman and distribution engineer senior. He is married and has four children.



Benjie Creasey fashions pin cushion chairs out of beer cans as a profitable hobby.

Creasey "Recycles" Beer Cans Into Pin Cushion Chairs

A visit to relatives in Tennessee last summer resulted in a profitable hobby for Benjie Creasey, results clerk at Cabin Creek Plant.

Creasey saw a pin cushion shaped like a chair in his sister-in-law's home and inquired about it. She told him the pin cushions were sold locally by someone who made them from beer cans. Creasey was unable to find one to buy, so he told his wife he would make one for her.

He borrowed the pin cushion and took it home. The whole family started looking for beer cans. Some old surgical clamps he had in his shop turned out to be the very thing he needed to hold the can while he shaped and cut it, and a Tinker Toy was used to roll the strips on. After the chair was shaped, he spray painted it and his wife made a velvet cushion to match.

When other people saw the pin cushion Creasey made and started giving him orders, his efforts snowballed into a profitable hobby. Since then he has changed the design of the chairs several times and wants to make a rocking chair next.

Fashioning a pin cushion out of a beer can would be an accomplishment for many people, but especially so for Creasey, who lost one arm several years ago.

Creasey has found that Blue Ribbon cans are the best ones to work with. He picks up as many cans as he can find each morning as he walks to work. Not

only does his hobby provide extra spending money, but he helps keep West Virginia beautiful by picking up and recycling beer cans.

James Fletcher, Average Citizen

... Until The Siren Blows

James Fletcher's hobby is saving. He saves money, not only for himself but for his neighbors. He saves buildings and even lives. He is a volunteer, an unselfish man who offers the communities in southwest Virginia his service as a fire instructor.

The husband of Pat Fletcher, Abingdon Accounting, he joined the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department in 1954. "You had to be 21 to join, and I was the youngest member of the department," Fletcher recalls. His interest in fire fighting came naturally, since his father had been an assistant fire chief for several years.

Fletcher has served the Damascus department as secretary-treasurer, lieutenant, assistant fire chief and finally as training officer. He became a certified fire instructor for the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1965. Since then he has instructed 38 fire schools and has amassed over 900 hours of volunteer service. He is the only certified instructor from the southwest tip of Virginia to Pulaski.

Beginning with the winter



Fletcher

quarter in 1972, Virginia Highlands Community College offered a credit course in fire science. Fletcher was appointed as lecturer and instructor. A teacher at Abingdon High School, he was voted "Teacher of the Year" for 1972.



Some of the winners in the Big Sandy Plant Golf League were, l. to r., William D. England, Kenneth L. Coburn, William E. Elliott, Carl B. Burner, James M. See and E. Page Ott.

Twin Valley Golf Course Setting For Big Sandy Championship Play

Big Sandy Plant employees completed another successful year of golfing with 22 golfers competing in team play for the championship at Twin Valley Golf Course.

Winners were presented trophies at an awards banquet after the conclusion of the season. Carl B. Burner and William E.

Elliott made up the winning team, with James M. See and James H. Rife as the runner-up team. William D. England had a 36 for nine holes to capture the low actual trophy. Tying for low net with 27 for nine holes were James See, E. Page Ott and Everette W. Lycan. Kenneth Coburn received golf balls for his Eagle.



TWILIGHT LEAGUE WINNERS — Admiring their trophies awarded for winning the Roanoke Twilight League are (l. to r.) R. A. Armistead, N. O. Morrison, J. R. Whitehurst and R. L. Mills. This team was first half winner and competed against the second half winner in a championship playoff. Members of the second half winning team were Bob Mickey, Tom Owens, Wayne Pugh and Martin Ratliff.

French Not Only Plays The Banjo But Makes Them As Well

Visit 1009 Wilson Avenue, Pulaski, Va., and you're in for a toe-tapping good time. That is, if you can get Ed French to pick up his banjo and play a tune.

He not only plays the banjo but makes them as well. French, retired electrical engineer in the GO T&D Department, made his first banjo in 1933 and waited until 1971 to make three more. Two of these he has placed for sale in a craft shop on the road to Claytor State Park.

French uses three kinds of wood — mahogany, oak and walnut — in his banjos. The keys are walnut, the heads made of calf skin, but "I use factory-made strings". He forms the circular portion of the banjo by cutting small slots in the wood every half inch so it can be bent and shaped.

In addition to the ones he made, French owns two other banjos. One, belonging to Mrs. French's father, is over 100 years old. This one was cleaned up by their son Jeff and given a new head. The other banjo belonged to the late Orville Cox, the uncle of French's daughter-in law and a former Appalachian employee. This banjo has also been cleaned and reworked.

A man who likes to keep busy, French has made gun cases for himself and both of his sons and has also fashioned a night stand. One of his prized possessions is an old spinning wheel acquired during his survey years and on which he spent many hours of restoration. French also enjoys deer hunting, and he has a number of awards to testify to his skill with the bow and arrow.



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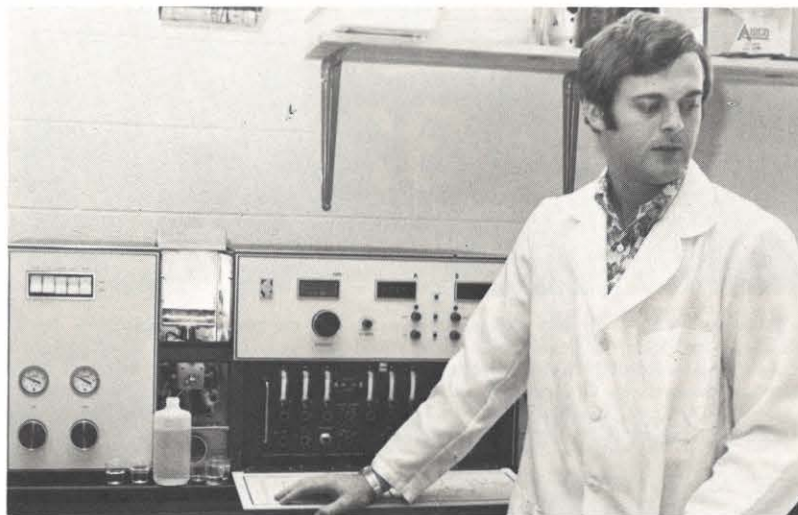
Whitehurst Tests Lake Water From Antarctica

Is there pollution in Antarctica's Lake Bonney? Jeffrey Whitehurst will soon be able to supply the answer. He has received a research assistantship at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to test samples from the freshwater lake for the presence of any and all elements.

The son of J. R. Whitehurst, Roanoke line supervisor, he graduated from VPI & SU in August of this year and immediately began the research, working toward a graduate degree.

Officially known as "Modeling of Fresh Water and Terrestrial Antarctic Ecosystems, the five-year project is financed by the National Science Foundation and under the direction of Dr. Bruce C. Parker, nationally famed botanist.

Part of the project is carried out by a team of men who secure samples of water from different locations and depths of the almost perpetually frozen lake. Whitehurst hopes to be selected to go to Antarctica next year.



Jeffrey Whitehurst will use this spectrophotometer to test samples of water from Lake Bonney in Antarctica.

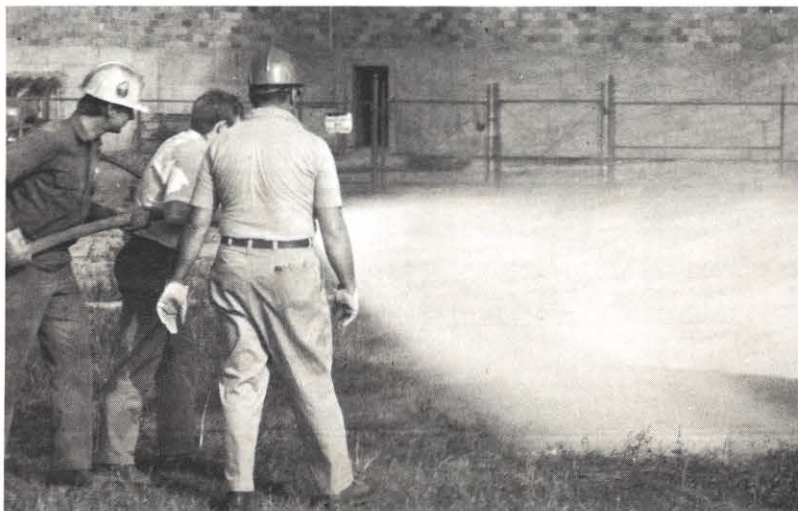
An atomic absorption-emission spectrophotometer, costing about \$25,000, is used to identify the elements in the water. It operates on the principle that each element produces a unique light pattern when burned. A steady

controlled flame of oxygen and acetylene gas is fed minute amounts of the test water, which changes the color of the flame. Careful analysis of the light band identifies what the foreign element is and how much is present.

Aquatic Biologist Joins AEP

An aquatic biologist, Hunting W. Brown, has joined the Service Corporation's Environmental Engineering Division and will work with AEP System companies in solving environmental and ecological problems arising from new state and Federal regulations.

Brown holds a degree from Colgate University, studied later at the University of South Florida, and has completed requirements for a master's degree. He spent the past two summers working in the Environmental Engineering Division on aquatic biology programs.



FIRE FIGHTERS — Forty-two employees at Philip Sporn Plant recently attended a fire fighting school instructed by W. P. Fritz, AEP fire protection specialist, Canton. The employees, who make up the fire fighting crews on each shift, were shown how to use different types of fire extinguishers, the plant fire truck and its equipment. In this photo employees extinguish a gasoline fire with water spray.



WINNING TEAM — Jack Lloyd, Bluefield division manager, presents the trophy to the team which won the first half of the Industrial Golf League. Team members were, l. to r., Harold K. Cutlip, Jr., draftsman senior and team captain; D. C. Wright, administrative assistant; Ron Devor, business trainee; and J. J. Harmon, Jr., electrical staff engineer.

Dennehy Joins Service Corporation

Eugene P. Dennehy has joined the AEP Service Corporation System Personnel Department as labor relations director-construction.

Dennehy will work closely with the Service Corporation's Construction Department and the resident engineers of System projects.

Dennehy came to the Service Corporation from Bechtel Corporation. He has a degree in industrial relations from Cornell University, and has studied at Hofstra University and New York University.



GUIDING the Roanoke Employees Benevolent Association are, l. to r., Sam Williams, Meter; Ed Bradley, GO Commercial, treasurer; Frances Hampton, T&D, secretary; Bobby Brown, T&D, chairman; Dan Carson, GO T&D, co-treasurer; Steve Jamison, business trainee, co-chairman; Wally Jamison, GO Operations; and David Bumgardner, GO Accounting. The recent United Fund Drive in Roanoke netted \$35,548.62 in pledges for 1972-73, including Appalachian's gift. Nearly 96% of the employees responded, with an average gift of \$28.33.



VARSITY PLAYERS — If Roy Gregory seems to be cheering the Abingdon High School football team a little louder than usual this season, he has good reason. Three of his sons play the half-back position on the varsity team. Michael, No. 40, is a sophomore; George, No. 32, a freshman; and Gary, No. 21, a senior. A fourth son, Scott, is quarterback on a midget league team and appears to be following in his brothers' footsteps. Gregory is a line inspector in Abingdon.



THE PULASKI BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION entered its 18th year of existence with 100 percent employee participation. New officers are (seated, l. to r.) Kathy Tremba, treasurer; A. J. Anderson, chairman; and D. H. Crabtree, secretary. Directors are (standing, l. to r.) S. A. Dewey, L. A. Willard, G. E. Penn and E. R. Coltrane.



NEW OFFICERS have been elected for the Employees Benevolent Association in Bluefield. Bottom row, l. to r., L. W. Robinette, power sales engineer, past chairman; Larry Blankenship, engineer B, treasurer; Marilyn Barr, cashier, director; and Mary Kirby, home sales representative senior, chairman. Top row, l. to r., Clyde Harris, engineer B, director; Martha Buford, PBX operator, director; Harry Buston, meterman B, director; and Helen Sabo, clerk-stenographer, secretary. Pledges thus far for the 1972-73 year amount to \$5,969.00, with 250 employees participating. This is the 14th consecutive year that Appalachian in Bluefield has received an award for being a fair share giver.



KENTUCKY TOURNAMENT — The 15th annual Kentucky Power Golf Tournament was played this year at Paintsville Country Club. The tournament championship, decided on medal play, was won by Buddy Barrett of Hazard. C. R. Wilson of Logan was runner-up. In addition to the medal play, there were 26 flights of match play with the winner and runner-up receiving trophies. Pryce Maloney of Big Sandy Plant was awarded the trophy for Mr. Congeniality. Shown above is Buddy Barrett (left) who received the championship trophy from W. S. LaFon, executive vice president.

APCo Sign Is Bluefield Landmark

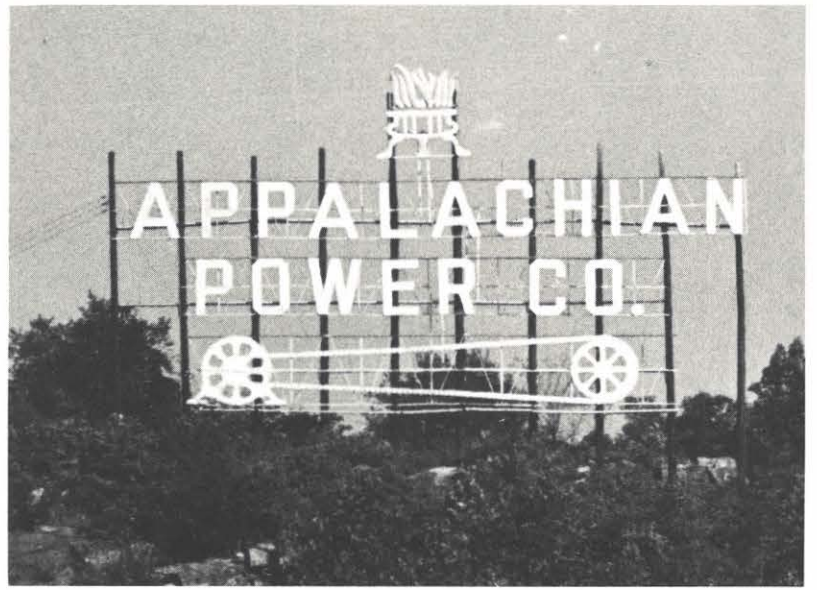
Since it was originally erected in 1913, Appalachian Power Company's sign atop Stony Ridge in Bluefield, W. Va., has served as a landmark. It was remodeled and repaired in 1935 and again in 1969.

In 1969, it was out of service for several months and many people called the office to inquire about the sign. A local newspaperman even wrote a column in the paper about how the sign was missed while it was off. Many old-timers say that people coming into the city by train knew they were in Bluefield when they looked out the train window and saw the bright sign on the ridge above the railroad station.

Retiree Larry Dunn recalls that one of his first jobs was to replace bulbs in the sign when they burned out. He says, "It was a pretty tough job to climb Stony Ridge and carry enough bulbs with you to replace the burned out ones. Each new employee was faced with this job, and all of them dreaded it."

Now there is a dirt road up Stony Ridge that comes within about one hundred yards of the sign, but it is so rough a four-wheel-drive vehicle is needed to climb it. The bulbs have now been replaced by neon tubes.

The sign, erected during Herbert Markel's term as Bluefield general manager, has burned during the terms of managers



A daylight view of Appalachian's sign on Stony Ridge in Bluefield, W. Va.

G. L. Furr, J. P. Gills, L. W. Bafes, more division managers' terms D. P. Minichan, W. J. Gillespie, will be lighted by this sign is Jr., and Jack Lloyd. How many anybody's guess.



FIRE SCHOOL — A number of Charleston Division service and administrative employees recently received training in fire prevention methods for use on the job and at home. The training sessions were conducted by C. H. Yoho, AEP fire protection supervisor. After hearing lectures and seeing a movie, each employee was given the opportunity to put out an actual fire with various extinguishers. Yoho, left, explains the proper use of each extinguisher to employees Denzil Allison, Ken Clark and Haskel Jones. J. M. Crane is in background, at right.

"Miss B" Retires In New York

American Electric Power's executive offices without Miss B is like eggs without bacon. Unthinkable.

Yet it has come to pass, and Jeanne Bioblocki — known universally as "Miss B" — has retired as secretary to the chairman and president.

For more than 40 years, Miss B came into New York from Jersey City, first to 30 Church then to 2 Broadway, ever since that April day in 1931 when, in the Great Depression, she landed a job in the Stenographic and Typing Department of American Gas and Electric Company.

In those days, when the organization was much smaller than it is now, there were no individual secretaries. Miss B, like the other girls, worked first for one, then another. In 1944, she was assigned permanently to Philip Sporn; and when he was elected president in 1947, Miss B moved with him into the executive office. When Donald C. Cook was elected the new president in 1961, he asked her to stay on with him.

Veterans of the nearly legendary Christmas parties at 30 Church can — and do — testify to her leadership of the festivities, and everybody knows her storehouse of jokes.

No one ever mistook her sense of fun for frivolity. In a job that required, first of all, discretion, she was discreet, and the confidential matters she learned stayed confidential. Second, it required competence, and that she possessed in full measure; and finally, dedication.

"Miss B," says Chairman and President Cook, who ought to know, "was diligent, both early and late. She had a keen awareness of the significance of her job, and she kept it uppermost in her mind. I shall miss her."



LYNCHBURG TOURNAMENT — J. B. White, division manager, (left) presents a trophy to J. A. Martin, who had low gross score of 85 in the recent Lynchburg golf tournament. Tom Witt, winner for low net score, looks on. Nineteen employees, two retirees and one guest participated in the tourney, held at Boonsboro Country Club. R. O. Witt, Jesse Ashworth, G. C. Golladay, Jr., and R. H. Porter tied for low net score of 75. Witt won the trophy for the low net score in a draw.



IT'S GETTING TO BE A HABIT — For the second consecutive year, Prince Coleman, Abingdon Division stationman B, managed the Meadowview Methodist Little League team to a league championship. Coleman (back row, far right) was chosen to manage the league's all-star team. Randy Morefield (first row, far right), son of John Morefield, was a member of the Meadowview team.

College Degree Earned Hard Way By Beckley Division Surveyor

"It's been a long seven years since I began studying for a degree at Beckley College. I feel a deep sense of pride in knowing I stuck it out even when there were times I felt like quitting," relates Charles Ray Dillon, Beckley surveyor. His perseverance paid off recently when he was awarded a bachelor of science degree in business administra-



Dillon

tion, management and marketing from Morris Harvey College.

Dillon graduated from Beckley's Woodrow Wilson High School in 1960. Even then he was determined to get a degree "in something", knowing full well it would take a while and would be entirely up to him.

He recalls, "The first two years I studied at Beckley College weren't too bad, since I was at home and very little travel time was involved. But driving between Beckley and Charleston got pretty rough, especially in the winter." There were many nights when Dillon didn't get home until after midnight, and there was one night when he almost didn't get home at all. That was the time someone "lifted" the battery from his car. "Have you ever tried to buy a new battery in a strange town, after midnight, in sub-zero weather? Believe me, it ain't easy!" Dillon never once missed reporting for his Appalachian job promptly at 8:00 AM.

Energetic Retiree And Wife Build Cabin On Claytor Lake



A. D. "Red" Clark pauses on the steps of the cabin he and his wife are building on Claytor Lake.

"Work has been going on two years now. It's like eating an elephant—just bite off a little bit at a time." That's how A. D. "Red" Clark describes the progress of the cabin he and his wife Grace are building on Claytor Lake.

Building is not new to the Clarks. When they moved from Byllesby Hydro Plant in 1952, they purchased land in the Northwood Terrace area of Pulaski and built their present house. Red was the carpenter and Grace the stonemason and bricklayer. When they finished, the house boasted six rooms, one and a half baths, finished basement, glassed-in porch and patio.

After Red retired as Pulaski division superintendent in 1966, he repaired everything in and out of sight at the house and then branched out to work on two homes for his daughter and son-in-law in Roanoke. A man who must be productively busy, Red began next to work on his 11½ acres of land in a cove on Claytor Lake.

The Clark's blueprint consists of pictures of house exteriors cut from magazines and thumb-tacked to the wall. The interior of the 16 x 45 cabin is designed just as they wanted it. The first floor will have living room, kitchen, bedroom and bath. The second floor, featuring six dormer windows, will house three bedrooms and a bath. The third floor attic or "bunkhouse" will belong

to the "four grandchildren—two of each", Clark says. A three-foot porch will extend completely around the house.

Naturally, the house is electrically heated and water is supplied by a well which furnishes 30 gallons per minute.

The only "outside" help the Clarks have used was that of two nephews, who assisted with trusses and metal roofing of the A-shaped roof.

Both the Clarks are building the fireplace chimney and Grace is working on rock walls on both sides and the rear of the cabin. She also is rocking a wall to dam the inlet of the cove. Enough work has been done so that they can use and enjoy the cabin now. Plans are to have it completed by next summer.

Perfect Strike — Almost

K. K. "Buddy" Hubbard, Roanoke planner senior, almost hit the magic spot of 300 at North 11 Bowling Lanes recently. He rolled ten consecutive strikes, then missed number 11 to wind up with a score of 288. His other game scores were 191 and 222 for a set score of 701.

Hubbard has bowled in Appalachian's league until this year, when he transferred to another.



James Gray (left) talks with some of his team members.

Gray Works With Underprivileged Through Roanoke Athletic Club

"My hope is to keep these boys off the streets. This is very important to each boy as he becomes a man." Not only does he keep them off the street, but James Gray gives underprivileged boys the opportunity to do something worthwhile.

Gray, Roanoke Division rodder, has been selected executive director of the Roanoke Athletic Club. The Club is made up of volunteer businessmen who sponsor several athletic teams in the city. Club dues are used to buy all the uniforms and necessary equipment.

Gray and two assistants volunteer their time as coaches for football, basketball and baseball teams, depending on the season. In Roanoke's sandlot football program, Gray had three teams, all with good records.

Over half of the players are underprivileged boys, coming from homes with only one parent

or none at all. One boy is paroled to his care by the local juvenile court.

To make sure each boy gets an even break in all the sports, Gray refuses to allow any parents to come close during practice so that the boys with no parents are not penalized by pressure. If parents show up, the practice stops. So far Gray's efforts have produced two champions.

Quite an athlete in his own right, Gray participated in sports in junior high school and high school in Roanoke. He played ball two years at Federal City College in Washington, D. C., and was on the practice squad of the Buckskins, Roanoke's professional football team.

These Fish Didn't Get Away

Three Roanoke Division employees were among the winners in the Roanoke Valley Bassmasters first team tournament held at Kerr Lake.

K. E. French and Paul Kinney caught 13 bass weighing 45 lb. 10 oz. to capture first place in the tournament. French, president of the Roanoke Bassmasters, is an engineer B, and Kinney is a meterman C. Ronnie Horne, surveyor, and his partner caught 10 bass weighing 21 lb. 9 oz. to win third place.

Mike Henry, son of Dewey Henry, and his partner finished in fourth place with a total catch of better than 16 pounds.



Paul Kinney (left) and Gene French show off their catch which won top place in the first Roanoke Valley Bassmasters team tournament. Photo courtesy Roanoke World-News.

Stillinger Wins IEEE Award

The Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers' prestigious Hickernell Award has been given to an American Electric Power Service Corporation man.

He is William L. Stillinger, senior technician in the Regional Power Supply Planning Division. He will receive the \$1000 prize at the IEEE Winter Meeting in New York in January.

The Hickernell Award is made annually to a student working toward a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering for an outstanding paper in the field. Stillinger, who will graduate from New York University in January, wrote his paper on "Simplified Multiple Contingency Power Flow Calculations."



More than 1500 manhours have gone into the rebuilding of Dennis Kinder's 1936 Chevrolet coupe.

Cabin Creek Performance Engineer Rebuilt 1936 Chevrolet Coupe

Dennis Kinder, performance engineer at Cabin Creek Plant, is the proud owner of an "almost 1936 Chevrolet coupe". The "almost" comes from the fact that more than 1500 manhours have gone into rebuilding the car since it was purchased in 1967.

Kinder, who was in college then, left the car in original condition for a year. In the summer of 1968, a complete change of running gear was accomplished. The body was stripped of old paint and given a gold metal flake finish and the running boards were also removed.

After Kinder graduated from college in 1971, he completely dismantled the car inside and out. A 1970 350 C.I. (350 hp) Chevrolet engine and Muncie 4-speed were installed. The running gear was completed by adding a late-model Chevrolet rear end.

To complete the engine switch, other major innovations included shortening the drive shaft, making motor and transmission mounts, making clutch linkage, changing the six-volt electrical system to 12-volt, and installing a new dashboard with a complete instrument panel.

Chrome added to the car included headlights, bumpers, grill, inside window frames, wheels and engine accessories. The car's braking abilities were improved by adding a new hydraulic system. Late-model tail lights and signal lights add to the safety aspect. Currently Kinder's wife is helping reupholster the car.

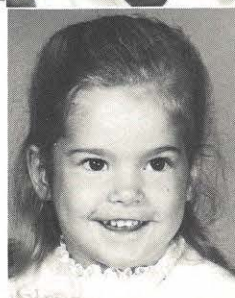
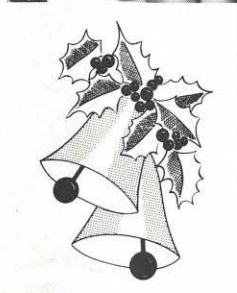
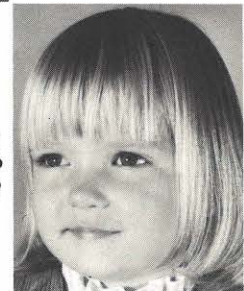
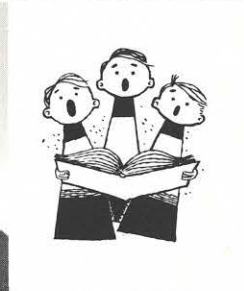
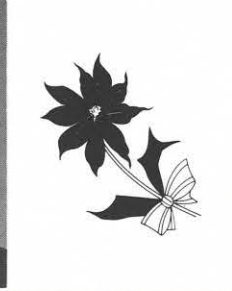
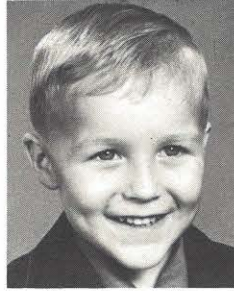
He adds, "Although driving time for the car is limited to about six months a year, this hobby has been very rewarding." Kinder is a member of the Chevrolet Vintage Club of America.



THERE'LL BE TURKEY to spare in the Steve Boothe household during the holidays. Both Steve and his wife Donna bagged 10½ lb. turkeys in the Lindside area of Monroe County recently. Steve is an engineer B in Bluefield.

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The love and faith of children is the hope for a peaceful world.

Frontier Life Appeals To Flintlock Champ

Paul W. Kennedy, unit foreman at John E. Amos Plant, holds the title of West Virginia State Flintlock Champion. In a shootout near Bill's Creek, W. Va., in October, Paul emerged with a score of 174 out of a possible 200 to win his first major championship.

Paul and his wife Sandy are members of the Mountaineer Flintlock Rifles, Inc. Shortly after he transferred from Tanners Creek Plant in Indiana to Amos, Paul read an article in **The Illuminator** about Willie Clay. (Willie is president of the rifle club.) Paul contacted Willie, who was in Charleston, and from then on he was "hooked". Sandy, who got involved so she could share Paul's interest, was immediately "hooked" too.

She has helped Paul with all the side projects that go with shooting muzzle loaders, such as making balls, weighing them,

napping flint and making the pioneer outfits they wear.

The rifle club holds monthly matches and a spring and fall shootout, the latter usually drawing competitors from three states. They compete with flintlock and percussion rifles, shooting from 100- and 50-yard rests, 25 and 50 yards offhand, and also a 25-yard pistol match. The spring and fall shoots are two-day events.

Paul qualified as an expert shot during the eight years he was in the Air Force, but shooting black powder guns is something else again. Paul had won many blue ribbons in regular matches, but had never before managed to finish first in the major championship competition for flintlocks.

The type of guns the club members shoot is closely related to the so-called mountain man, as the guns are as individual as

the men themselves. Paul makes his own rifles. So far he has produced three flintlocks. Kits for making guns can be purchased, but Paul makes his basically from scratch during the winter months as the mood strikes him. Cost of the guns vary depending on the type of wood, amount of inlays and the work required.

Paul also made Sandy's gun, which is a left-hander, so-called because of the location of the firing mechanism. There are very few left-handed flintlocks, but Sandy shoots this gun because of poor eyesight. She says it isn't too smart to try to cross-sight a gun of this type.

Sandy competes with the men in the monthly matches, both in flint and percussion competition, and has won a number of ribbons. She has come in second several times and says she doesn't intend to stop until she wins first place or "busts trying". Sandy has won several blue ribbons and some for second and third place in the ladies' match, but she wants top prize in the men's competition. In the fall shoot in which Paul won the championship, Sandy shot 175 out of 200 in the ladies' matches.

One of the main outside activities of the rifle club is the Arts and Crafts Fair held annually at Ripley. Club members put on shooting exhibitions, then load the guns and let spectators shoot. This year some 1500 people tried them out, and 4500 visitors came to their tent to view the gun display. Some guns dated from the Civil War period on back. Paul is currently vice president and Sandy, secretary, of the rifle club.



Paul and Sandy Kennedy show off the flintlock rifles Paul made. The guns have to be loaded from the powder horn for each shot. Their pioneer costumes were fashioned by Sandy and hand stitched. Between them is the trophy Paul received as 1972 West Virginia State Flintlock Champion.

The Cover

Children of employees in our three companies were used to carry out the Christmas theme on the cover of this issue. Reading l. to r., top row: Nowlin Wayne, son of N. O. Maddox, Lynchburg meter serviceman B; Melissa Ann, daughter of Richard Chandler, Glen Lyn utility man A. Second row, Mary Beth, daughter of T. M. Berkhead, lineman A at Fieldale, Roanoke Division; Willis Ray, son of Willis Strong, Jr., Hazard serviceman; Lisa Mechelle, daughter of Jack Hunt, Kingsport lineman C; Michael Eugene, son of Brenda Crutcher, Ashland junior clerk. Third row, Gwendolyn, daughter of Spence Foster, Clinch River maintenance man; Kevin, son of M. A. Lynch, Huntington engineer; Angela, daughter of Robert Parnell, Bluefield general serviceman. Fourth row, April Lynn, daughter of George Mathis, Logan draftsman senior; David Michael, son of M. J. Wheeler, Big Sandy master maintenance man; Andy, son of Frank Blevins, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke. Fifth row, Stacy Lee, daughter of J. D. Butler, civil assistant, G. O Hydro, Blue Ridge; Terry, son of J. Tobie Eaton, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield; Melissa, daughter of Bud Jones, GO T&D Distribution, Roanoke; Traci Linn, daughter of Robert Gilbert, John Amos personnel assistant. Sixth row, William, son of Ann Pierce, Roanoke customer accounts representative; Jama Yvette, daughter of Denver Osborne, Abingdon planner; Kristina Kay, daughter of Terry Banks, Charleston lineman A; Gregory, son of Allen Stone, Cabin Creek chemist assistant. Seventh row, Matthew Gregory, son of Jack Spraker, Pulaski stationman A. Traci Lynn, daughter of Robert Bowen, Jr., Kanawha River performance engineer.

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