Habits are at first cobwebs, then cables.

Spanish proverb



There is no virtue so great and godlike as justice. Addison

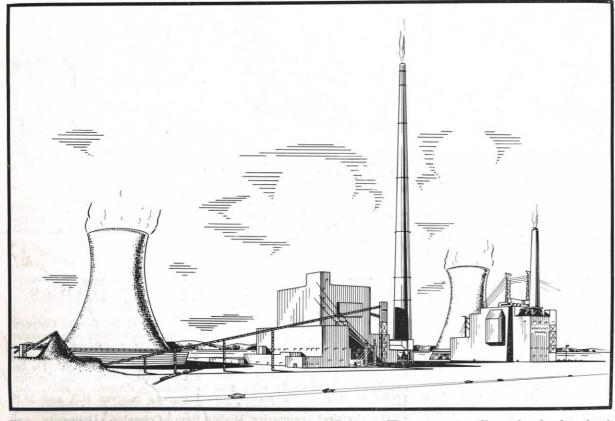
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# **Cook Announces Plans For Three 800,000-kw Units**



The new 800,000-kw generating unit and its accompanying cooling tower at Big Sandy plant are shown in this artist's rendering, next to the existing plant

and tower. The new unit will quadruple the plant's capacity, will cost an estimated \$100-million, and is scheduled for operation in 1969.



Mr. Zimmerman Mr. Tillinghast

### Two Named Vice-Presidents

President Donald C. Cook has announced a series of major changes and promotions in the AEP Service Corporation engineering department, including the election of two new vice presidents. The changes took effect March 14.

Carl P. Zimmerman, chief engineer, has been elected to the newly created position of vice president in charge of construction. He has been a director of the Service Corporation since 1961.

John A. Tillinghast, head of the mechanical engineering division, has been elected a vice president and named chief engineer. He has also been elected a director of the Service Corporation.

### Brochure On West Virginia Prepared By AEP Companies

Appalachian Power and Wheeling Electric Companies have presented to the state of West Virginia a gift of 16,000 copies of a new brochure on the state titled "When Men and Mountains Meet."

The 56-page, full-color brochure was produced by the two American Electric Power System companies in an effort described by President Donald C. Cook as "one to help dispel the many misrepresentations made by outsiders about West Virginia, its economy and its future."

Approximately 9,000 copies of the brochure will be distributed by the two companies, primarily for industrial and area development purposes.

A symbolic, leather-bound first copy was presented by President Cook to Governor Hulett C. Smith at at civic dinner given by Appalachian in Charleston March 18. The governor also was given three original paintings appearing in the brochure.

In accepting the volume and the paintings, Governor Smith described them as "a magnificent gift" and stated that they would be an important contribution to the archives of the state.

The brochure was designed by Rudolf Schaefer, a well-known New York artist, and its photography was executed by the Parkersburg, W. Va., firm of Schaefer & Seawell.

Among the many photos of scenes throughout the state are views in Charleston, Huntington, Wheeling, South Charleston, Institute, Ravenswood, Point Pleasant, Princeton, Apple Grove and Logan County and at Bluestone Dam.



### First Goes To Big Sandy, Others To West Virginia

Plans for construction of three 800,000-kilowatt steamelectric generating units—two in West Virginia and one in Kentucky—were revealed last month by Donald C. Cook, president of American Electric Power Company and of our companies.

The three units and their related transmission facilities will require a total investment of \$300-million. They will be placed in commercial operation during the period 1969-71.

### Kentucky

### West Virginia

First of the three units will be installed by Kentucky Power Company at its Big Sandy plant at Louisa, Ky.

The new unit will quadruple the present generating capacity of the plant, raising it to 1,065,000 kw and making it the largest investor-owned power station in the commonwealth of Kentucky.

Plans for the unit were announced at a press conference on March 25 in the office of Governor Edward T. Breathitt in Frankfort.

Participating in the session, in addition to Gov. Breathitt and President Cook, were Mrs. Katherine Peden, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Commerce, and F. M. Baker, vice president and general manager of Kentucky Power.

Cook said that engineering work on the Big Sandy addition is going forward rapidly and that actual construction is expected to start in June. At the time of its completion in 1969, Big Sandy Unit 2 will be the AEP System's largest turbine-generator installation.

Gov. Breathitt hailed the announcement as "a great day for Kentucky." He noted that Big Sandy plant had been placed in operation just three years ago and that its expansion this soon was "a clear indication of the economic vigor of this part of the country."

#### Confidence

"We are delighted that Kentucky Power and the AEP System have chosen to display their utmost confidence in Kentucky by their decision to go ahead at this time with this \$100-million project," the governor said.

Baker pointed out that the new unit is expected to burn 2-million tons of coal annually. All of this fuel, he said, will be supplied by Kentucky mines and be transported to the plant site on the Big Sandy River via the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway's Big Sandy Branch.

The existing 265,000-kw Unit 1 at Big Sandy was placed in commercial operation on January 1, 1963, and has operated since then with a generating efficiency that has placed it among the world's leaders.

A feature of the existing plant

The probability that the AEP System will build two 800,000-kw units in West Virginia was raised by President Cook in a talk delivered at a civic dinner in Charleston March 18.

He said that "we hope to be able to locate" the two units in the Mountain State, adding that the final decision rested primarily on whether the necessary cooperation of the coal and railroad industries in the state would be forthcoming. He emphasized that such cooperation was expected.

On February 3, Cook had announced that the AEP System was planning to build three such units in the Appalachia region. The three would raise the System's total power supply to 12.5-million kw by 1971.

In his Charleston remarks Cook said that, if the final decision is to locate two of the three units in West Virginia, they would cost approximately \$200-million, including the cost of their related transmission facilities.

He also estimated that they would consume a total of approximately 4-million tons of West Virginia coal annually.

First of the two units is scheduled for commercial operation in 1970; its turbine-generator would be furnished by Westinghouse Electric Corporation, its boiler by Foster Wheeler Corporation. The second unit is scheduled for 1971.

Cook emphasized that no site or sites for the two West Virginia units had been finalized.

The president, at the same time, pointed to the possibility of a third major steam-electric unit (Continued on page 3)

### LaFon Elected Kentucky Director

Waldo S. LaFon, assistant general manager of Kentucky Power Company, was elected a director of



the company March 23. A veteran of 26 years' service with the A m e r i c a n Electric Power System, he joined Appalachian in 1939 f o l l o w i n g g r a d u a t i o n rrom Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Prior to moving to K e n t u c k y

In making the announcement, Mr. Cook noted that construction of facilities across the AEP System is rapidly accelerating. While construction budgets in recent years have been in the \$125-\$150-million range, he said, they are rapidly increasing to the point at which expenditures of \$200-\$250-million will become normal.

"Accordingly," he said, "we need the best available talent to supervise the carrying out of this program with undistracted concentration."

A veteran of 31 years with the AEP System, Mr. Zimmerman started as an assistant engineer in 1935 and rose to become head of the electrical equipment section in 1954. He was named head of the electrical engineering division in

(Continued on page 13)

West Virginia Governor Hulett Smith, second from left, accepts from Donald C. Cook a leather-bound copy of the new brochure on West Virginia prepared by Appalachian and Wheeling Electric Company. At left is Julian Hansbarger, Charleston division manager, and at right, Joe P. Gills, Appalachian vice president and general manager. is its hyperbolic-shaped concrete cooling tower rising 320 feet above ground level. It provides 120,000 gallons of cool water per minute to condense the unit's steam. The new unit, three times as large as Unit 1, also will be served by a giant cooling tower. The new tower will be 370 feet high and have a capacity of 248,000 gallons of cool water per minute.

The turbine-generator for the new unit will be manufactured and installed by General Electric Company. It will be the largest single-shaft (tandem-compound) generating machine ever built and will operate at a steam pressure of 3,500 pounds per square inch.

Foster Wheeler Corporation will furnish and erect the plant's boiler, as high as a 20-story building and capable of delivering almost 5.3million pounds of high-pressure (Continued on page 3) Mr. Lafon

Power Company'as assistant general manager in 1957, he was manager of Appalachian's Beckley district.

Also elected to new posts within the AEP system were Herbert B. Cohn, W. J. Rose, and George V. Patterson, all vice presidents of the Service Corporation. Mr. Cohn was named a director of Kanawha Valley Power Company, and Mr. Rose was elected a director and Mr. Patterson a vice president of West Virginia Power Company.

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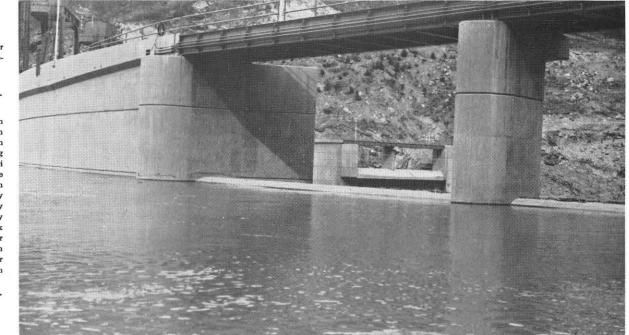
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### View From The Top

Anybody who has wondered what Smith Mountain looks like at full pool can satisfy his curiosity with this picture, made from the south bank of the lake. The lake level is just below the spillway, and stands at

elevation 795 feet when it's full. In the foreground is the south spillway, and the north spillway at the far end of the dam's arch is visible through the open-

### Now Comes April

Now comes April, a month whose most notable characteristic, to our mind, has always been hope. February is tedious and never-ending. March is the restless time when we, like the crocus underground, stir with expectation; but April-ah, April.

This is the month which annually delineates man's limitless capacity for optimism. The hours we spend raking, seeding, and fertilizing the lawn will, we believe, make us the envy of the neighborhood. No crabgrass will ever mar that verdant sweep. The seeds we scatter with cheerful abandon will blossom with an explosion that will rock the garden club. The boats we paint will glitter and swoop like seagulls in a few short weeks. The sweaty heroes in Florida will make us forget Joe DiMaggio.

We live by these hopes, and are happy. We renew our spirits and fuel our souls with them, and we are happy. Our nerves, lacerated by winter, become relaxed, and we smile with joy at chattering children.

It doesn't matter that we know, or at least confidently expect, that the birds will eat the grass seed; the sun will dry up the flower beds; the boat, if we ever get it in the water, will leak and its paint peel; and that before Memorial Day, the sweaty hero will be a reserve infielder for the Fargo Tigers, and that Joe DiMaggio's perch is secure once again.

No, it doesn't matter. April we have, and for awhile, anyway, it's all we need.



Admiring the National Safety Council First Place Award for 1965, won by Kentucky Power, are left, R. F. Millikan, general safety and employee

### **AEP** Announces Major Engineering Moves

In addition to the changes announced on page one, a number of further moves in the Service Corporation engineering department were announced by Mr. Cook at the same time.

Howard C. Barnes, head of the electrical engineering division, has been promoted to deputy chief engi-

neer, and T. J. Nagel, head of the system planning and analytical division, has been named deputy chief engineer and chief planning engineer. In addition to continuing to devote much attention to the affairs of these respec-



tive divisions, they are expected to receive special assignments from time to time from the vice president-chief engineer.

John E. Dolan, head of the drafting and services division, has been named to succeed Mr. Tillinghast Arthur Hauspurg, assistant head to the electrical engineering division, will succeed Mr. Barnes as chief electrical engineer. L. F. Smith, assistant head of the design and analytical division, has been promoted to chief design engineer to fill the post vacated by Mr. Dolan.

C. F. DeSieno, head of the regional planning section, and Greg-ory S. Vassell, head of the high-voltage planning section, both of the system planning and analytical the system planning and analytical division, have been promoted to associate chief system planning engineers. They will continue to be in charge of regional planning and high-voltage planning, respec-tively, and will continue to report to Nagel.

Johnson Advanced

Howard Barnes joined the AFP System in 1939 as an assistant engineer with Ohio Power Com-York in 1944 as a relay engineer, was promoted to senior engineer and became head of the relay and protocological descention in protection engineering section in 1950. He was named assistant head of the electrical engineering Divi-sion in 1959 and head of the division of Rose Polytechnic Institute, where he received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering.

T. J. Nagel joined the Service Corporation in 1939 as an assistant engineer. He served in the U. S. Navy as a lieutenant commander from 1942-46, and became a senior engineer on his return to the com-pany in 1946. He served in the system planning and analytical division and became division head in 1959. Mr. Nagel holds bachelor's and master's degrees in science in electrical engineering and a bachelor of arts degree from Columbia University.



Mr. Nagel

John Dolan, new chief mechanical engineer, joined the Service Corporation in 1950 as a junior engineer, in the mechanical engineering division. He became an engineer in 1953, a staff engineer in 1958, and was named head of the design and drafting services division in 1961. Mr. Dolan was graduated from Columbia University in 1950 with a B.S. degree in mechanical engi-neering. During World War II, he served from 1942-46 in the U. S.

Army Air Force and was discharged

with the rank of first lieutenant. Arthur Hauspurg joined the AEP

System in 1947 as an engineer with

Ohio Power Company. He was

transferred to the Service Corporation in 1950, working as a specialist in relay and protective equipment engineering, and in 1959 was named head of the relay section. He be-came assistant head of the electrical engineering division in 1961. Mr. Hauspurg received B.S. and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering from Columbia University and completed a one-year course at the Oak Ridge, Tenn. School of Reactor Technology.

Leroy Smith joined the Service Corporation in 1946 as a senior engineer in the mechanical engineering division, and in 1956, was appointed assistant head of the design and drafting services division. He holds a bachelor of mechanical engineering degree from Stevens Institute of Technology. Prior to joining AEP, Smith had been an engineer with Worthington Pump & Machinery Corporation, Ebasco Services, Inc., and Anderson Meyer, Ltd.

Conrad DeSieno began his career with the Service Corporation in 1951 as an assistant engineer. He went to the system planning and analytical division in 1954 and became a staff engineer in 1958. He was named head of the regional planning section of that division in 1961. Mr. DeSieno holds a B.S. degree in electrical engineering 1961. from Cornell University and an M.S. degree in that field from Illinois Institute of Technology. He also holds a master's degree in industrial engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which he earned as a Sloan Fellow in 1960.



Mr. Barnes

relations supervisor, and F. M. Baker, vice president and general manager

### **Kentucky Wins First Place** In Safety Council Contest

Kentucky Power Company has won the National Safety Council's First Place Award for its accident prevention performance in 1965.

prevention performance in 1965. The company's disabling injury rate was the lowest of the 34 electric utilities in the country in the Council's Group C category. This covers companies working between 60,001 and 250,000 man-hours each month. This is the fifth time Kentucky Power has won the top award, the

Power has won the top award, the

first occasion being 1950. Kingsport Power Company tied for first place in its group with three other electric utilities.

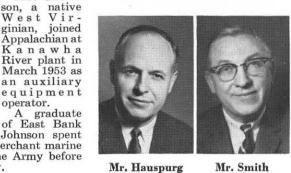
her electric utilities. The frequency rate is the number disabling injuries per million anhours worked. Kentucky's of manhours worked. Kentucky's figure was 1.17, and the second place rate was 1.59. Average rate for the 34 companies in the group was 7.07, and for the 150 electric utilities of all sizes reporting to the Coupcil the average was 5.01 Council, the average was 5.01.

To Unit Foreman

Named unit foreman at Kanawha River plant March 16 was H. P. Johnson, who moves up from

equipment operator. Mr. John-

operator.



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Mr. Vassell Mr. DeSieno

Gregory Vassell became head of the high voltage planning section of the system planning and analysis division in 1962. He had joined the Service Corporation as a draftsman in 1951 and was transferred to System Planning as an assistant engineer in the following year. He became assistant section head in 1961. Vassell holds a graduate electrical engineering degree from the Technical University, Berlin, Germany, and a master's degree in business administration from New York University.

Mr. Johnson

A graduate of East Bank High School, Mr. Johnson spent three years in the merchant marine and two years in the Army before joining the company.

#### Mr. Hauspurg

#### April, 1966

### For Bill Turner **Retirement Offers Choice Of New Career**

When one door shuts, another opens.

That's the way W. H. Turner, Charleston division's lead draftsman, feels about his retirement from company service March 31. To illustrate that fact, consider that he is faced with a choice of two or three things to do: he might enroll at the University of Texas to work toward his doctor of phi-losophy degree; or he might teach English to Cuban refugees in a vocational educational program, or he might begin social work among the program by helping them to the refugees by helping them to relocate and adjust in the United States. But even these will wait until he finishes his thesis for a master's degree in sociology.

Mr. Turner is Charleston's most academic retiree: he started his career that way, and that way he ended it.

When he began work for the company in January 1938, he had completed three years at George-town University, majoring in lan-guages and studying for the foreign service. In his drafting work he took several ICS courses in survey manning, but the appeal of foreign mapping, but the appeal of foreign places and languages remained strong

In 1957, he picked up where he left off, and enrolled at Morris Harvey College to complete his college credits. He was not able to work out a satisfactory schedule there, so he enrolled also at West Virginia State.

#### **Two Schools, Two Degrees**

Thus, for two winters and three summers, nights and Saturdays, he plugged away at classes in two schools. Then in 1960 he received his AB degree, cum laude, in English

### **Clinch River Names Slack To New Post**

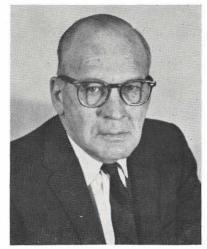
Bobby J. Slack has been promoted from equipment operator to unit foreman at Clinch River plant effective March 1.

He was transferred from Cabin



Mr. Slack

1955. Married, he is the father of two sons and a daughter. He is an active outdoorsman and gardener.



Mr. Turner

and social science from Morris Harvey; the same year he picked up another AB degree at West Virginia State in Spanish and sociology. After the thesis mentioned above, he will have master's from Marshall University. He is now fluent in Spanish and French West Virginia State), and German and Russian (Georgetown).

### **First 45-Year Pin** Awarded W. Smith

Appalachian's first 45-year serv-ice pin has been awarded to J. Wade Smith, sales analyst in the

system com-mercial depart-ment in Roa-

noke. The pin was added to the company's ser-vice anniverprogram sary year, and Smith is last Mr. the first employee on active service to receive it. Two others,

Wallace E Mason and L. M. Cobbs, both of Charleston, retired last year with the prescribed service, and both have received the pin.

Mr. Smith actually joined the company 47 years ago. It was in December 1918 that he became an office boy in the Bluefield office. He worked later as power biller and clerk, and as power engineer. He moved to Roanoke in 1947 as administrative assistant, and moved to his present position in 1954.

served in the Army from 1942 to 1945. He is married, and maintains his membership in Bluefield's First Baptist Church.

Whether in retirement he turns to social service, teaching, or further study, "I will be working with something I like, doing things I want to do. There are still a lot of things to do in this world." Most of the things that need doing, Mr. Turner finds, center around other people. "People need help, and that's what I want to do," he says.

He has found time to do that during the past few years by teaching English to immigrants. While on vacation in Florida last year, he learned that his hotel maid couldn't speak English; before he left, he had arranged for her to enroll in a vocational class to learn the language of her new country.

During his 27-year career with Appalachian, Mr. Turner's interests outside his work have all been in academic fields. He belongs to the National Spanish Honor Society and the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

In retirement, he has turned in s T-square, but Bill Turner is his T-square, but Bill Turner is still drawing plans for a fuller, richer, and more rewarding life for himself, and others.

### **Kentucky Honors Employees'Service**

Ashland division and Kentucky system employees who received service pins during 1965 and January 1966 were honored at the annual service pin award dinner last month.

Sixty employees, representing a total of 630 years of service, were honored, ranging from five to 40 years' longevity.

Attending also were departmental supervisors, and special honored iests. These latter were Felicia guests. These latter were Fencia Billips, division accounting, 42 years; John Weidenheller, system meter, 42 years, and R. F. Millikan, system safety, 41 years.

### West Virginia

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in West Virginia (and the fourth earmarked for the Appalachia region) at some future date. He "at least 800,000 kw" in size and indicated it would be beyond 1971 in operation.

Alluding to the AEP System's current plans to invest more than \$1-billion in the expansion of its facilities during the five-year period 1966-70, Cook pointed out that a very large part of that expenditure —an estimated \$250 million, or 25%—would be made in West Virginia. (A portion of the cost of the second West Virginia unit, scheduled for completion in 1971, is not included in the \$1-billion figure for the five-year period 1966-70.)

"I know of no better way for the nation's largest investor-owned producer of electric energy to show its confidence in West Virginia than to commit itself to such a major investment," Cook declared.

Responding to the news, West Virginia Governor Hulett C. Smith said, "This is further indication of the strong confidence industry has in our state."

He referred to the AEP System as "a West Virginia partner whose interest in this state and its people is extremely gratifying."

### Long Illness Ends In Death For AEP's H. A. Kammer

H. A. (Bert) Kammer, 60, who is believed to have directed the design and construction of more electric power generating capacity than any man in history, died in Nassau Hospital, Mineola, L. I., on March 2 following an extended illness.

He was senior vice president of the American Electric Power Service Corporation, a director of the parent American Electric Power Company, and a vice president and director of Appalachian Power Company, Kentucky Power Company and Kingsport Power Company, as well as of the other three AEP System operating companies. He was also a vice president of an affiliated utility, Ohio Valley Electric Cor-poration, and of its subsidiary, Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation.

During the period 1947-65, Mr. Kammer directed the design and

### **P.E.** Harlan Retires After 38 Years

P. E. Harlan, division line super-visor in Huntington, has retired with nearly 38 years of company service.

Mr. Harlan began his career with Appalachian April 17, 1928 as groundman, worked as truck driver, clerk, inspector, chief clerk, inspector, senior line inspector and assistant line supervisor before his promotion in 1957 to line supervisor.

He is a native of Ohio, and he and his wife reside at South Point, Ohio. Mr. Harlan is interested in gardening and in retirement he will help some in his son's commercial garden center.



Mr. Harlan



Mr. Kammer

construction of power plants on the AEP and OVEC systems having a total generating capacity of 10.9-million kilowatts. Among these were several power stations that, in their time, were world leaders in size and efficiency.

Ohio Power Company's 675,000-kw Kammer plant at Captina, W. Va., is named in his honor. Appalachian's Philip Sporn plant, Clinch River plant, Smith Moun-tain Development and Kanawha Biyar plant and Kentuchy Power's River plant, and Kentucky Power's Big Sandy plant were among the other facilities built under his guidance.

Bert Kammer joined AEP in 1924 as an 18-year-old draftsman and, by 1938, had been named structural and construction engineer. He became design and construction engineer in 1945, chief of design and construction in 1947, a vice president of the Service Corporation in 1950, executive vice president for engineering and construction in 1953, and senior vice president in 1961.

When the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation was organized in 1952, to provide electric power for the Atomic Energy Commission's Portsmouth (Ohio) uranium diffusion plant, Mr. Kammer was elected a vice president.

He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y. on July 27, 1905, and attended Pratt Institute and Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and was a licensed professional engineer.

His survivors include his wife, Mary, and a brother, E. A. Kammer, formerly head of the AEP design division. The family home is in East Williston, L. I.

### System's Biggest



Creek plant to Clinch River in 1958 as an auxiliary equipment operator and became an equipment operator in

1961 1961. Mr. Slack served from 1951 to 1954 with the Air Force and joined Appa-lachian in is the father of





He is a native of Bluefield, and



M. C. Funk, Appalachian vice president, left, receives from Joe P. Gills, vice president and general manager, a service pin marking his more than 50 years of service to Appalachian. The ceremony took place in Roanoke recently.

The governor continued, "This the kind of cooperation that enables a state to achieve great-ness. It is a tribute to the record progress being made in West Virginia and to the faith this outstanding company has in our future.

### Kentucky

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steam per hour to spin the unit's turbine.

The plant site, on the Big Sandy River, is 35 miles south of Ashland River, is 35 miles south of Asmana and across the river from the state of West Virginia. Now 14th in size among the AEP System's chain of 15 major power plants situated in five states, Big Sandy will rank fifth in size upon com-plation of its expansion pletion of its expansion.

This new transformer, the Appalachian system's biggest, has been installed in Cloverdale station to provide a tie between the 138-kv and 345-kv lines coming into the station. It weighed in at 180 tons without accessories, and is rated at 300,000-kva.

Nickols Promoted



Married in recent weeks over the system were, Mrs. Martin C. Philpott, Roanoke, and right, Mrs. Ernest Eugene Farrell Jr., Charleston.

### **Recent Brides**

#### **Bratton-Philpott**

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Ruby Faye Elaine Bratton exchanged wedding vows with Martin C. Philpott March 5 in Rocky Mount, Virginia. Mrs. Philpott is the daughter of G. D. Bratton, Roanoke division line foreman in Rocky Mount and is also employed as a clerk stenographer in the Roanoke division commercial department.

#### **Gates-Ferrell**

Rebecca Sue Gates and Ernest Eugene Ferrell, Jr., were married March 5 in the St. Paul's Methodist Church in Spring Hill, West Vir-ginia. Mrs. Ferrell is a stenographer in the area development depart in the area development department, Charleston.

### To Line Foreman Richard C. Nickols has been

promoted to line foreman of the Pulaski crew, replacing the retired O. B. Kidd.

Mr. Nickols Mr. Nickols first started working with the T&D de-partment in Welch, in 1927, and stayed in that area until 1930. After a short term of broken service he returned to the company at Bluefield as a lineman.

**Mr.** Nickols

In 1937 he located at Pulaski where he has worked con-tinuously in the T&D department. He has served as lineman and leadman, and at the time of his promotion was working foreman of the Pulaski line crew.

Mr. and Mrs. Nickols live in Pulaski and are members of First Methodist Church.

### **R. Donegan Earns 40-Year Service Pin**

One 40-year service pin was awarded in March over our three companies, and that one went to Charleston's R. T. "Rich"

Donegan. He joined the company in Charleston in 1926 as a helper. Later helper. Later he worked as a groundman and lineman. In 1941, fol-lowing an ac-cident, he worked at the Slack Street

plant, and two years later became T&D clerk, his present job. Mr. Donegan is half of a long-service brother team in the Charleston division. His brother, J. W. Donegan, area serviceman at St. Albans work for the

St. Albans went to work for the company two years before he did, which gives the pair a total of 82 years' of Appalachian service.

Rich Donegan and his wife spend the good weather farming and fishing on a 195-acre tract on Poplar Fork, near Winfield.



Mr. Wilkinson

### **Charleston Retiree Dies After Illness**

Andrew J. (Jack) Wilkinson, retired Charleston line foreman, died in a Charleston hospital March 7, after a long illness. Mr. Wilkinson had retired last September 30, after 31 years of continuous service. A native of Sissonville, West Virginia, he joined Appalachian on August 20, 1934, as a lineman. In 1944 he became troubleman, in 1953 general serviceman, and in 1956, line foreman. Prior to joining Appalachian he had worked two years for West Penn Power at Pittsburg.

Surviving Mr. Wilkinson is his wife, Gladys, one daughter, his mother, and five half brothers.

Funeral services were conducted March 9, at the Chapel of Cunningham Funeral Home in Charleston, and burial was in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens, Pocatalico, West Virginia. Former co-workers at the power company served as pallbearers.

### **Wounded Youth** Wins Decorations

Willie J. Pierce, son of Fred Pierce, Kingsport Power Company

janitor, re-ceived the Bronze Star Medal for bravery and the Purple Heart for wounds received November 6, 1965 in the Republic of Viet Nam while serving with the United States Army, Company C, 2nd Battalion,



**Pvt.** Pierce

The citation read: 8th Cavalry. The citation read: "Private Pierce after being wounded himself, realizing that at least two men in the forward elements of the company were severly wounded and needed immediate first aid, dashed into the enemy fire and retrieved both soldiers. He did this with complete disregard for his own personal safety, knowing the possible consequences."

Private Pierce entered the army in November, 1964 after attending Church Hill High School.

### New Jaycees Elect R. L. McComas

Richard L. McComas, office coordinator at Big Sandy plant, has been elected first president of the newly chartered Louisa Junior Chamber of Commerce. With Ray Lane, stores coordinator, he was active in the work of organizing the new chapter, and both were in-ducted as charter members at the charter night dinner. The Louisa Chapter was sponsored by the Ashland Junior Chamber of Commerce.



#### **Appalachian Power Company**

#### **Bluefield Division**

<sup>r</sup> W. P. HORTON from transmission and distribution clerk to transmission and distribution clerk, senior; SAMUEL J. CONNER from axman, Bluefield Division to meter reader, Welch; BRENDA M. SIGMON from clerk trainee to clerk typist; JACK C. GREEN from meterman A to engineering aide; PAULINE N. HAWLEY from cashier, senior to general clerk, senior; HELEN P. VERMILLION from contract clerk to contract clerk, senior.

#### **Charleston Division**

NAOMI SAMPSON from cashier clerk to cashier clerk, senior; JAMES P. SMOLDER from draftsman, senior to engineering aide; W. J. GROSECLOSE, JR., from lineman B to lineman A.

#### **Clinch River Plant**

HARRY C. JACKSON from utility operator B to equipment operator; JAMES H. PUCKETT from utility operator B to equipment operator; JUNIOR W. ADDISON from utility man to utility operator B.

#### Huntington

PAUL R. BAKER from commercial sales engineer, Huntington to power sales engineer, Point Pleasant.

#### Logan-Williamson Division

CECIL BALL from station operator to station man A; H. A. DOLIN, lineman helper to meterman helper; W. M. HATTON from meter reader to collector.

#### Lynchburg Division

T. R. BURLEY from lineman C to lineman B; BARBARA BASS from cashier clerk to cashier, senior; ANNA LACKEY from secretarial stenographer to private secretary.

**Abingdon Division** 

MR. AND MRS. ROY R. GREGORY, a son, Mark Allen, February 20. Mr. Gregory is a lineman.

is a lineman. MR. AND MRS. A. C. STEFFEY, a son, Samuel Brett, January 6. Mr. Steffey is meter serviceman in Clintwood, and Mrs. Steffey is a former employee in the accounting department, Clintwood.

#### **Ashland Division**

MR. AND MRS. GARY FRAZIER, a son, Jeffrey Todd, March 3. Mr. Frazier is an engineering record clerk.

#### **Bluefield Division**

MR. AND MRS. DAVID R. MANN, a son, Byron Clay, January 21. Mr. Mann is an area serviceman.



**Cabin Creek Plant** MR. AND MRS. BERNARD R. RAY,

MR. AND MRS. GLENN ROSCOE

#### **Clinch River Plant**

MR. AND MRS. IRA G. OWENS, a daughter, Kimberly Ann, March 10. Mr. Owens is a results helper.

#### Kanawha River Plant

daughter, Rhonda Kay, February 10. Mr. Brooks is a test engineer.

MR. AND MRS. BOBBIE MIXON, a son, Bobbie, Jr., January 17. Mr. Mixon is a lineman helper.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT LEE BELL, a son, Robert Lee, Jr., January 19. Mr. Bell is a lineman helper, Madison area.

a daughter, Elizabeth Jane, February 1. Mr. Bragg is an area serviceman, Madison area.

MR. AND MRS. HARRY L. BUSTON, III, a daughter, Lucinda Jane, March 7. Mr. Buston is a meterman.

a daughter, Charlotte Lynn, February 11. Mr. Ray is a laborer.

#### **Charleston Division**

YOUNG, a son, Randy Lee, February 26. Mr. Young is a line foreman.

MR. AND MRS. C. T. BROOKS, a

#### Logan-Williamson Division

MR. AND MRS. RALPH H. BRAGG,

**Robinson-Ross** 

was the scene for the marriage of Lois J. Robinson and Thomas L. Ross on January 21. Mrs. Ross

is a lab technician in the general

**Miller-Harbour** 

lab, Huntington.

Rew Arrivals





# The Second Presbyterian Church



### **Heart Work**

Greg Gibbs, son of Sporn plant's Ralph V. Gibbs Jr., was the subject of a story in the state publication of the West Virginia Heart Assodiation and in the Athens (Ohio) Messenger recently. The boy, a high school freshman, saves bottle caps, which he turns in to a soft drink bottling company; the company in turn makes a cash donation to his favorite charity. Since Gregg is a victim of rheumatic fever, he picked the Heart Association. His latest contribution was 40 pounds of bottle caps, good for a check for \$30.96.

**Roanoke Division** 

MR. AND MRS. DONALD GRAYBEAL, a daughter, Wanda Marie, March 8. Mrs. Graybeal is a former employee in the division ounting department.



BETTE GAY EVANS to Percy Lee Wood. Miss Evans is the daughter of Lewis D. Evans, Roanoke division heating sales engineer.

CYNTHIA ANNE DUNMAN to Larry W. McFall. Mr. McFall is the son of William McFall, Jr., lineman in Abingdon.

ELIZABETH ANN HAYNER to Bill S. Blackburn, Jr. Miss Hayner is the daughter of Floyd Hayner, an employee in the stores department, Logan-Williamson division.

### Walters Retires,

Mr. Walters

### Moves To Florida

A. C. Walters, stationman in Huntington, retired from active duty March 1, after 45 years service, spent entirely in the Huntington division.

He joined Appalachian in 1919 as lamp trimmer, worked later as substation operator, electrician helper, maintenance man helper. and maintenance man and retired as stationman.

A retirement party was given for him at which H. D. Stillman, division manager, presented him with his 45-year service pin and the employees of the station section gave him a transistor radio.

Mr. Walters and his wife are now living in Chuluota, Florida which will be their permanent home.

#### Philip Sporn Plant

JAMES L. FRY from barge attendant, yard to utility operator, operations; DWIGHT C. OLIVER from utility man A, labor-janitor section to coal handler, yard. WILLIAM L. POWELL from coal handler, Philip Sporn Plant to coal handler, Muskingum Plant, Ohio Power Company; RUSSEL E. FEW, utility man A, transferred from Philip Sporn Plant to Philo Plant, Ohio Power Company.

#### **Roanoke Division**

KENNETH L. ASHWORTH from clerk, trainee to meter reader; G. W. CONNER from lineman C to meter service helper A; SHARON W. HUDSON from clerk, trainee, to cashier; ROBERT E. MICKEY from clerk, trainee to transmission and distribution clerk; JOAN V. PRICE from stenographer to secretarial stenographer; EVELYN M. SCOTT from machine operator C, system accounting department to cashier, division accounting department.

#### **Kentucky Power Company**

#### **Ashland Division**

RAY ADKINS from lineman B to lineman A.

#### **Big Sandy Plant**

PRYCE MALONEY, JR., from maintenance helper to junior maintenance man; WAYNE E. MAYNARD from yard helper to utility coal handler; NORMAN G. LEGET from utility operator to unit operator.



### **Prospects On Wheels**

All through the years when Charles J. Brown, Grundy area serviceman, was turning in successful prospects for dusk-to-dawn lights and electric heat, he converted his Electrobucks to cash, and salted the proceeds away. Recently those prospects turned into a used car for his son Chuckie, a freshman at VPI. When the father turned over the keys to his son recently, it fulfilled a promise made when Chuckie was still in high school. "Easiest way I know to buy a car," says dad.

### Bluefield

#### Bluefield

Not much stirs in the Bluefield area without an Appalachian hand busy with the stirring. For example, Mrs. Willard Johnson, whose hus-band is meter reader, is the chair-man of the Princeton Cancer Crusade . . E. Lane Whitley is a new member of the Bluefield Chamber's Tourist Committee . . . Miss Lina Light is secretary-treasurer of the Past President's Club of the Quota Club . . . Grady Parker is a team captain in the Princeton Community Hospital As-sociation Campaign . . Mrs. B. E. Bates is an officer of the Bluefield YWCA . . F. L. Bocock and J. P. Montague are team captains in the Bland Street Church's \$200,000 fund-raising effort. area without an Appalachian hand fund-raising effort.

fund-raising effort. The young people have been busy too: Everett Callaway, M. R.'s son, and Patrick Stinson, Joe's boy, were elected from Graham High School to represent the Key Club at the district meeting in Norfolk, Va. The two are officers of the local club . . . Buddy, son of Phil Fry, was a first place winner

out. Like way out in the Far East. A recent feature in the Roanoke newspaper described the activities of Dr. Hamilton, son of system accounting's retired Howard Hamil-ton. In addition to his professional career as optometrist in Roanoke, Dr. Hamilton is also a pilot in the 145th Military Airlift Group, North Carolina National Guard. Routinely

System

in the junior high division of the Mercer County Science Fair . . . Lynn Gilpin, son of Robert Gilpin, won first place for boys in the

9th grade. Archie Phlegar has been elected president of the Bluefield Chapter, VPI Alumni Association for the 1966 term . . . Mrs. Ola Adkins, division retiree, recently visited the office. She is now living in Marietta, Georgia . . . Donald Lee Cromer is a new employee in T&D.

#### Welch

Greg Ruff, son of R. H. Ruff, was director and lighting designer for the recent production of "Bye Bye Birdie" by the West Virginia University Theater . . . Another collegian from the Welch area, Peggy Groseclose, has made the dean's list at Bluefield College for the third straight quarter. She is the daughter of W. C. Groseclose Carolyn Bhudy and Sonija

Mills have been selected as members of the Welch High School May Court. They are the daughters of J. B. Rhudy and L. J. Mills.

F. B. Barns has been elected elder of the Anderson Memorial Church.

Dr. Hamilton—Captain Hamilton, rather—is ordered to fly a load of critical supplies from the United States to Saigon, and bring back other important materials or per-sonnel. On his last trip to Vietnam he was airborne some 90 hours, but returned home without incident. When the nurse says of Dr. Howard Hamilton Jr., "The doctor is out," she really means out—way out. Like way out in the Far East.

In other system accounting news Sharon Glenn has resigned, and Nancy K. Huffman has joined the company.

#### Purchasing

Mary Lynn Brock is a new employee.



### Huntington

#### **Point Pleasant**

Mrs. E. M. Sterrett, whose Mrs. E. M. Sterrett, whose husband is customer service repre-sentative in Point Pleasant, helped devise an essay contest open to students of Mason County's three high schools to test their knowledge on the courts of the land. Mrs. Sterrett and Judge James Thomp-son developed the contest to pro-mote interest in the judicial system. W. C. Gilmour has been elected W. C. Gilmour has been elected

vice chairman of the Mid-Ohio Valley Industrial Emergency Plan-ning Council.

#### Huntington

Lawrence H. Howard, general lab, and Robert Phillips, AEP air conditioning section, have resigned.

#### Philip Sporn Plant

Ted Abolin, plant manager, has been named district chairman of the Mason, Gallia, and Meigs Counties district of the Tri-State Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

New employees are Michael W. Burris, William K. Curtis, and Paul E. Zerkle.

### Logan-Williamson

Howard Collins was elected first vice president of the Logan County Mental Health Association at its organizational meeting recently. In another election Mary Elizabeth Davis was named secretary of the Junior Bowling Association for the state of West Virginia.

Mrs. T. L. Henritze, wife of the retired line foreman, and president of the Logan unit of the Heart Association, was in charge of plan-ning for the annual fund-raising campaign. Active in the campaign also was Miss Opal Buskirk, sister of J. B. Buskirk.

of J. B. Buskirk. Another Appalachian wife, Mrs. Dallas Kinser, who is director of Region 7 of the West Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers, was speaker at the Dehue PTA recently . . . Viola Mendez was given the Exemplar Ritual Degree in the Xi Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi last month. New employees are Ben Done-vant III, meter reader; Marion Davis, lineman helper, and Fred Wagner, tracer, all at Logan, and James Muncy, lineman helper, and Albert Browning, meterman helper, at Williamson. Logan students, all children of

Logan students, all children of company people, who made the junior high honor roll, are Mary Ann Richmond, Janet and Diane Haley, Robin Kinser, Stella Mae Bevins, Paul Sammons Jr., and John Collins.



#### Pikeville

Greg Scott, son of Ernest Scott, T&D, won first place in the music division of the annual contest sponsored by the Pikeville Woman's Club. As winner here Greg, a pianist, will participate in a district contest, and then on to a state-

# Happenings Around The Circuit

Roanoke

In Roanoke the children of employees were in the news. Sharon Stephens, daughter of J. W. Steph-

ens, has made class honors at Duke University with a perfect

average for the past semester. A winner of an AEP Education Award, she is a junior, majoring

Award, she is a junior, majoring in psychology . . . Jerry Beatty, son of Alfred Beatty, stores, was in the cast in the Bridgewater College production of "Medea" last month . . . Jimmy Crouch's, son has won, for the second year in a row, the regional "Man of the Year" award from his com-pany for his sales achievement.

an absence of five weeks, a result of a fall during the heavy snow of

Prince Thornton has been re-elected chairman of the Franklin County Planning Commission for a one-year term. He has been chair-

man of the group since its organi-zation in 1961. The commission is concerned with the proper and orderly development of the county

Representing Appalachian on a group formulating recommenda-tions to a committee studying revisions to the Charleston city building code is Don Newman . . .

E. H. Murray learns fast and learns

E. H. Murray learns fast and learns well. Playing bridge for only two months, he and his partner, Pro-fessor Bill Stevens, took first place in duplicate in a regular Wednesday bridge night at West Virginia State College, competing against seven other tables.. Recently completing the 10-hour standard first aid course were E. J.

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R. Bird, Veda Lou Waggoner, R. R. Meador, Russell M. Wise Jr., Linda Crookshanks, John M. Kauff-

man, Major Elmore, and R. R. Griffith. Clifford Picklesimer in-structed the course. Cliff and Helen Flannery both worked in the annual Civitan Club

Charleston

pany for his sales achievement. Miss Laura Clair, Roanoke division, has returned to work after

January 30.

Charleston

land surrounding the Smith Moun-tain Lake.

John Vaughan, assistant man-ager, has been elected a director of Downtown Roanoke, Inc.

#### Fieldale

Winning honors in the Virginia State Bland Memorial Music Schol-arship in the Fieldale area last month were two daughters of em-ployees. The winner in the Fieldale Lions Club was Frances Fair Merriman, daughter of D. G. Merriman, and for the Collinsville club contest, the winner was Wanda Gay Wright, daughter of J. W. Wright Jr. Frances later won the wright Jr. Frances later won the zone contest, and will compete later this month in the district contest. M. W. Brown, accounting, was a judge in the Fieldale competition.

Jimmy White, summer em-ployee last year, has been assigned to three years' duty with the ar-tillery in Germany. He is the son of James B. White.

W. H. Kahle, lineman at Stuart, has been elected vice chairman of the Red Cross fund drive in Patrick County . . . William Vaughan is a new employee.

Curt Willis has returned to work following recuperation from back surgery.

#### Beckley

Virginia Virginia Davis, daughter of Charles W. Davis, collector in the Whitesville area, represented her school at the 20th Annual World Affairs Institute which was held in Cincinnati last month. The topics for discussion were: "India and Pakistan" and "Long Range United States Interests." She also rep-resented her school at the annual resented her school at the annual Junior Executive Conference held at W. V. U. on March 11 through 13. Virginia Davis is a junior at Sherman High School at Seth, W. Va. where she serves as Cheer-leader and is a member of the Erench Club French Club.

#### Kanawha River Plant

R. W. Marchal, plant chemist, was the author of an article in the March issue of Power Magazine. In it he dealt with a possible solution for the problem of corrosion in heat exchange tubes. This is the second time Mr. Marchal has appeared in the magazine's pages. New employees in the plant are

Everett Bird, J. B. Meadows Jr., L. F. Peal, and D. L. Grose.

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### A Great Day

# pancake sale last month, with the proceeds going, as usual, to chil-dren's charities.



### **Agriculture Award**

Don Wade, center, system heating sales supervisor in Ashland, receives the WSAZ-TV Agricultural Award from John Heiskell, the station's farm director, as Kenneth Franks, Boyd County extension agent, watches. The award was made for Mr. Wade's services to agriculture in his post as chairman of the agriculture committee of the Ashland Chamber, and for his work in helping to organize the Northeast Kentucky Rural Community Development Program in 1962.

wide competition. He is in the eighth grade at Johns Creek School, and plays in the school band.

#### Ashland

When high school youngsters in DeMolay took over the city govern-ment in Ashland for a day recently sons of two employees were elected to office. J. H. Via's son John was elected city engineer, and Edward Humphrey's son Mark became city planner.

Chloe Darrah, daughter of C. C. Darrah, has earned a two-gallon pin award for donations to the Red Cross Blood Bank.

New employees are Helen Barker, division accounting, and Barbara McCoy, personnel . . . J. G. Saltz is the chairman of the judging committee for the Armco Self Reliance Award.



just another day. But to Charleston's Sharon To some people, it's O'Kelley Ratliff, Cliff Flannery, and Larry Swannigan (above, left to right), March 17 is a special day. Here they exchange top o' the morning greetings with coffee cups, and toast the great St. Patrick and each other,





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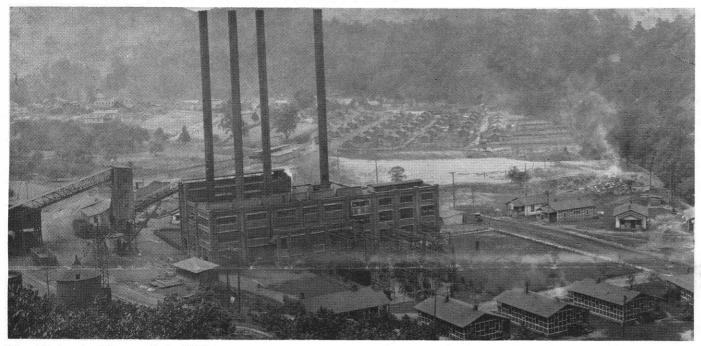
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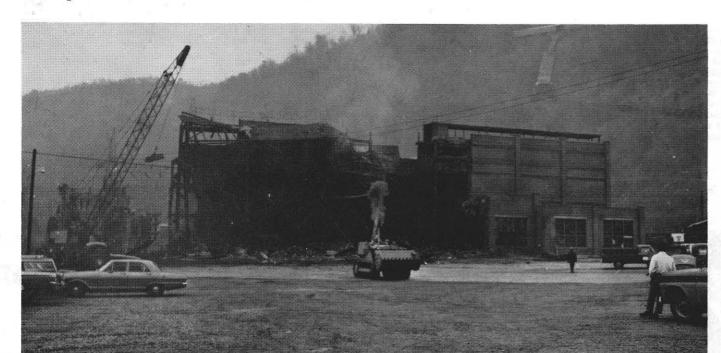
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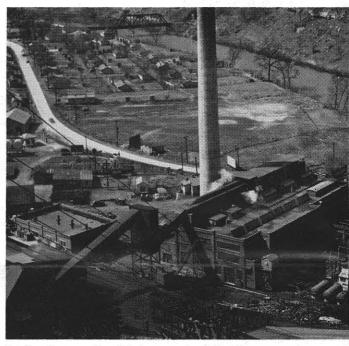
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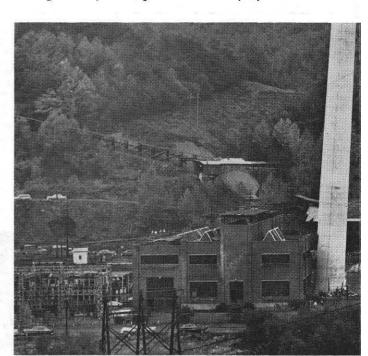


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This is a scene during the demolition work

# The Old Hazard Plant . . . Ain't Where It Used To Be

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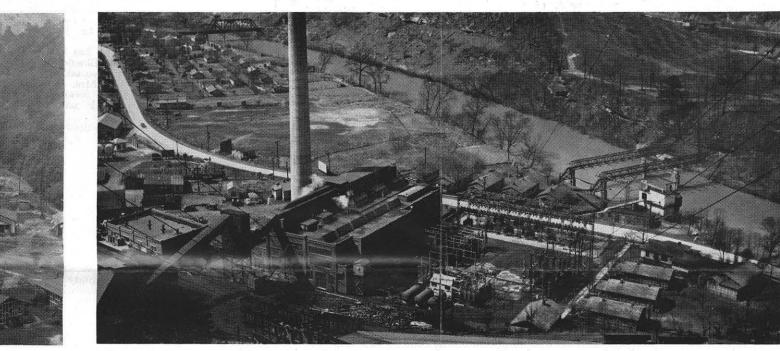
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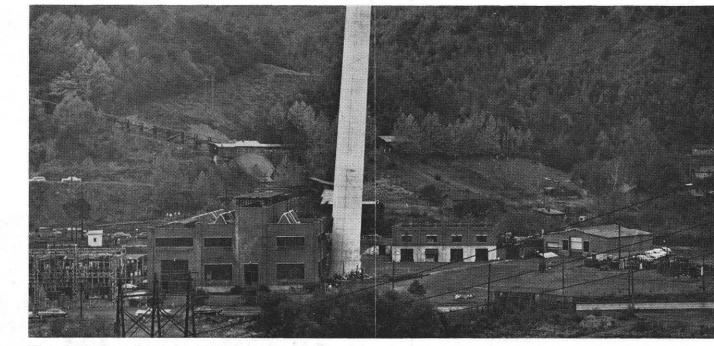
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And back and forth went the load, for about 105,000 trips, each one recorded and charged against the lifetime total. It carried 175,000 cubic yards of concrete; it lifted rock and dirt; it carried bulldozers and cranes and deposited them in impossible nooks and crannies on the two sides of the gap; it carried portable generators and air hammers, and sometimes, in railed wooden platforms, it carried men. The cable's rated strength was 25 tons—and there were times when it carried more—but the average load on the Smith Mountain work was 15 tons per trip.

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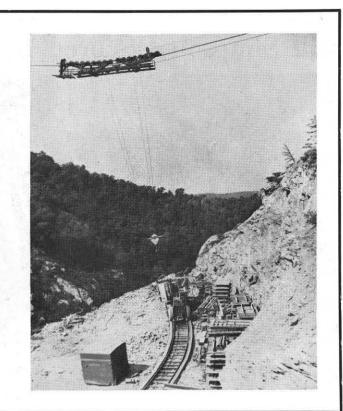
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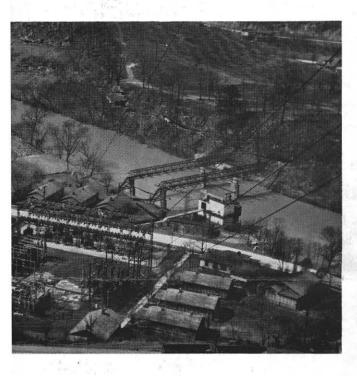
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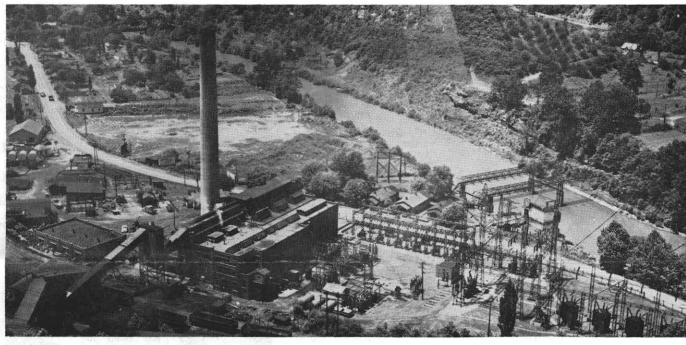
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When they dismantled the tower and took down the line last month, calculations showed that the Smith Mountain job had used up about 1.2-million of the remaining 1.5-million tons of life load. And while 300,000 tons is ample margin for a station wagon carrying home groceries from the supermarket, it's not enough for a concrete-carrying cable on a dam construction job. So they brought out the torches and cut it up and sold it for scrap.

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The next year, major additions were made: a new 10,000-kw turbine, and a 5,000-kw unit, which replaced one of the old ones. Four old stacks were later removed and replaced by one 250-footer. Just before the war the Beaver Creek switching station was added to the location, and during the war, the Pineville switchyard was built there.

In the immediate postwar years, in the face of competition from newer and more efficient unit, the sun began to set on the Hazard plant's days of glory. In 1954, it started operating only part-time, and in 1955, it was closed down. Four men, who had worked at the plant since construction days, were still on duty when it closed. L. B. Ferguson is now at Sporn plant, and A. N. Steele, Newt Mooney, and Walter Bowman are now retired.

They began to take the old plant apart soon after it was closed, and in 1959, the old stack was neatly dropped. Last year, the demolition was finished, and until the new service building is finished, that vacant spot in Hazard will remind employees and citizens alike of what used to be there, like a man sticking his tongue in the spot from which his eye tooth recently departed.

The plant area today, soon to be the site of a new service building

#### 22 Years Later

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### **Bill Simpson Honored For War Wound**



Bill Simpson, left, wears the Purple Heart medal he earned 22 years ago, and which was just delivered to him. Johnny Wright, dealer sales rep-resentative, admires it. Both men work in Fieldale.

### Work Simplification Ideas **Total 71 For Two Months**

The Work Simplification program got off to a good start in 1966, with 71 proposals processed during January and February.

Of these, three plants, Sporn, Clinch River, and Kanawha River, each contributed 10, and system transmission and distribution department was close behind with

The proposals came from these employees:

#### Plants

Cabin Creek—D. E. Johnson. Clinch River—James R. Trail, L. E. Hollins, Goldie C. Williams, Paul Blizzard, E. D. Buskirk\*, Ben Thompson, Frank Barr, H. G. Gillespie, Jr., George E. Munsey.

### Bluefield, Kanawha Lead W-S Standings

The first report covering two months of the new rating program of Work Simplifica-tion shows Bluefield leading among divisions, Kanahwha River among plants, and T&D by a whopping margin, among departments.

With 16.7 per cent of the year gone by, the company at large had achieved 16.1 per cent of its annual goal. The new system provides for rating points based on the excellence of the idea ac-cepted. The grand goal for the company for the year is 20,200 rating points. The standing

The standings, with per cent of goal listed, are as follows:

#### Divisions

1) Bluefield	28.8
2) Logan-Williamson	
<ol> <li>2) Logan-Williamson</li> <li>3) Abingdon</li> </ol>	9.8
4) Charleston	8.4
5) Roanoke	7.6
6) Huntington.	2.7
7) Lynchburg	0.0
8) Pulaski	0.0
Plants	
1) Kanawha River	36.5
<ol> <li>2) Clinch River</li></ol>	32.1
3) Radford steam plant	19.6
4) Sporn	19.3
5) Glen Lyn	6.0
6) Cabin Creek	3.3
System	

Glen Lyn-J. C. Drain, B. M. Brown.

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Letters We Get

### In the noise and violence of war around the Norman village of St. Lo on July 12, 1944, a German shell exploded and hurled pieces of shrapnel into the forehead and leg of Pfc. William G. Simpson, 116th Infantry, 29th Division, removing him temporarily from the war, and incidentally, qualifying him for membership in The Order of the Purple Heart.

Last month, going on 22 years after the event, the honor caught up with Pfc Simpson, now plain Bill Simpson, meter serviceman in the Fidela

Bill Simpson, meter serviceman in the Fieldale area. It took that long to find and correct his records, which he knew, even as he lay in the hospital in France, were in error. Thanks to detective work by the Veterans Administration, the confusion is now cleared up, and Bill has his Purple Heart to show for it. He had joined the National Guard in 1937, and was called to active duty in February 1941. With the 29th Division he landed in France on D-Day, and 36 days later, caught the shrapnel. In the course of the war, from which he

course of the war, from which he emerged as a sergeant, he earned other decorations, including the prestigious French Croix de Guerre, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Bronze Arrowhead the European Bronze Arrowhead, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Medal with four battle stars, the American Defense Medal, and the Victory Medal.

Mr. Simpson joined Appalachian in July 1945, two weeks after his Army discharge, and two months after his marriage. He worked as groundman and meter service helper before assuming his present job in 1953. He and his wife and daughter live in Fieldale.

### **Roanoke Rotary Elects Whitmore**

John B. Whitmore, Roanoke John B. Wnithiore, Itoanor division planning engineer, was elected president of the Williamson Road Rotary Club for the

tor, dent

Mr. Whitmore gust, 1935 as a laborer in the meter department, and worked in there and in the commercial department before he was promoted in 1959 to his present position. He holds bachelor's and master's de-grees in electrical engineering from VPI.

He is most active in community and church work. His family are members of Huntington Court Methodist Church where he is a trustee. He is Roanoke district treasurer for the Methodist Church. He also is a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 163, and is a retired Colonel in the U. S. Army Reserve.



Here's John Lewis in his shoe repair shop; it started out as a hobby, and has now become a profitable sideline. He's maintenance man at Sporn plant.

### **Hobbyist Becomes Businessman**

jobs for friends and neighbors. Before long, he built his own shop

had also saved soles.

and started a sideline business. It was at this point that he dis-covered that he wasn't the first of

his family to be a cobbler. Distant relatives on both sides of his family

Why does he do it? Because, "it's a hobby, and every hobby ought to relax the man who practices it," says Mr. Lewis. He doesn't advertise his shop, but lets his work and its results spread the work and its results spread

the word. He is master of his shop, and not its slave, which permits him to take off and shut the door

Mr. Lewis joined the company as a coal handler at Sporn in October 1953. He worked later as barge attendant, and main-

into his present job. A veteran of Army service, he lives in Mason, West Virginia, with his family.

whenever he feels like it.

"Shoes run in our family," says John Lewis, maintenance man at Sporn plant.

And he does something about it. He had been casting around some constructive hobby, something that would occupy his mind and hands, and if possible, be a little profitable as well. One day he was watching a cobbler work on his shoes, and decided, "that's for me."

So he trained for a while under the tutelage of an experienced cobbler, and then began repairing his own shoes and those of his wife and two sons. And pretty soon he began branching out, and doing

### **M. Fotos Promoted To Huntington Job**

M. A. Fotos, Jr., area supervisor in Milton, in the Huntington division, has been promoted to line supervisor a n d trans-ferred to Hun-tington

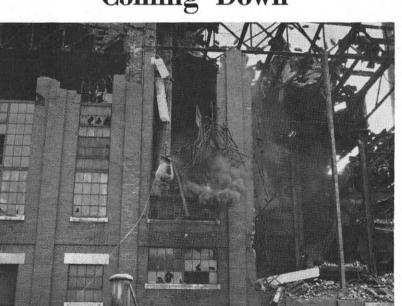
**Plant Promotes** tington. He joined Appalachian R. L. Armstrong Feb. 27, 1956 as electrical engineer, and was promoted to area super-



equipment operator, and when Big Sandy went into service, he transferred there in 1962. He was subsequently advanced to unit operator.

He is married and has a son and a daughter.

### **Coming Down**





more came to work in Au-

Mr. Fotos schools here and is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati where he received a degree in electrical engineering.

He is president of the Tri-State Management Club, secretary of the Milton Lions Club, a registered professional engineer in the state of West Virginia and a member of the Milton Baptist Church.

He and his wife are the parents of a son and a daughter. They presently reside in Milton but plans call for the family to move to Huntington soon.

Huntington, W. Va., Mr. Fotos attended



1)	T&D	69.9
2)	Operating	35.2
3)	Accounting	11.1
	Administrative	6.6
5)	R/E & R/W	0.0

Administrative includes eight system departments with a total 1966 goal of 800 points

Company service and personal courtesy by employees were remembered with thanks in two letters received by the company in Roanoke and Abingdon last month.

Service, Courtesy Praised

Abingdon last month. Wrote Roland O. Trout, Blue Ridge, Virginia, to D. C. Kennedy, Roanoke division manager about his electric service bill: "I have never received more value for value given than I did for this money." "For this ... (\$24.60) we had our house lighted. It cooked all our meals,

"For this ... (\$24.60) we had our house lighted. It cooked an our means, it brought us many hundreds of gallons of water from the spring a con-siderable distance from the house. It supplied us with plenty of hot water ... operated the refrigerator and deep freeze. It did the washing and ironing ... it ran the sewing machine. It ran the clocks to mark the time ... the television to furnish entertainment. What more could one ask for this expenditure?" this expenditure?

this expenditure?" Referring to the heavy snowstorms that took out service to some customers, Mr. Trout went on, "I for one wish to thank you for your service during this trying time. I know that in some cases the power was off for a while; at our home the clocks never stopped for one minute." In Clintwood not long ago, the line crew was unloading a shipment of wire, and found in it a wallet. It was returned to the owner, who lost it while he was loading the wire at the Kaiser Aluminum plant in Newark, Ohio. In his letter of thanks, addressed simply to Appalachian Power Company, Clintwood, Va., Richard Bolton sent along \$5.00 and asked that it be given to the man who found the wallet as a token of appreciation. Instead, the crew decided to share it, and put the reward in the crew Instead, the crew decided to share it, and put the reward in the crew flower fund.

A huge and weighty ball of concrete, swung from a crane, undertakes the work of knocking down the old Kenova steam plant at Kenova in the Huntington division. The plant was retired several years ago, and salvage and demolition work was started recently.

# Names, Addresses Of Companies' Retirees Listed

Following a custom of many years' standing, THE ILLUMINATOR again publishes here the names and addresses of retired employees of our three companies. Possibly there are some mistakes and omissions. In such cases, the persons affected should contact the personnel super-visor in their former work locations, and so bring the records up to date records up to date.

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April, 1966

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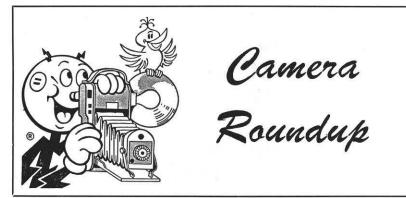
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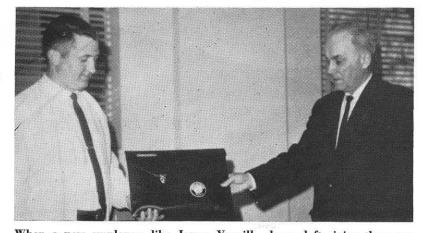


The new Montecarlo station in Wyoming County, was energized last month. Its 88/13.2-kv transformer, formerly a mobile unit, has been permanently installed in the new station, following its reworking and delivery, still on its flat car, to the site. Before installation, it was taken from the flat car and delivered to its permanent base.





Appalachian in Logan was honored by the Girl Scouts recently with the presentation of a recognition certificate for the participation by the company and its employees in the Community Chest campaign. Above, the certificate is presented to George Hervey, manager, by Mary Ann Richmond, left, whose father is James L. Richmond, division superintendent, and Beverly Becker.



When a new employee, like James Vencill, above, left, joins the company at Abingdon, he is given, as part of his indoctrination, a briefcase filled with printed materials about the company, a letter from the division manager, a list of the names and locations of all division employees, and a safety manual. As an added personal touch, the employee's name is printed on the briefcase. Here Jack Frier, Abingdon personnel supervisor, welcomes Mr. Vencill to the company and presents his briefcase.



This group, representing a cross-section of the personnel in the general office building in Roanoke, is charged with the responsibility of planning and producing entertaining and informative safety programs during the year, and to eliminate safety hazards in the building. The annual Christmas program, with its associated giving of food and cash for needy

families, is also part of the group's responsibility. G. L. Furr Jr., is chairman. With him are, clockwise, around the table: Brenda Wiley, Dave Trout, Tom Kirby, Dale Beaty, Bob Staton, Litt Furr, J. D. Austin, Bill Meador, Jerry Saunders, Fred Moore, and Miriam Martindale.

Straight of the



A management training program was held last month in Kingsport. Participating were, seated, W. Z. Trumbo, R. L. Herr, L. E. Nutter, J. G. Rayfield, R. C. Scarlett, M. C. Simpson, J. K. White, and F. G. Lippert, director of employee relations, AEP Service Cor-

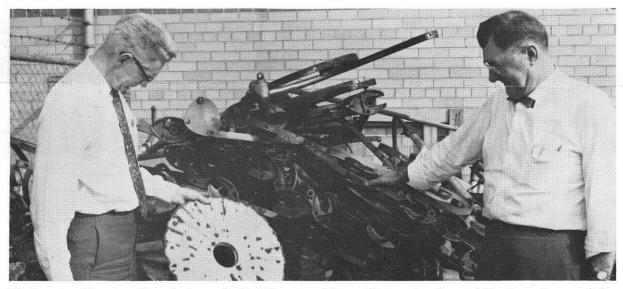
Howard Collins, personnel supervisor in the Logan-Williamson division, recently visited the Verdunville Grade School, and spoke to the children about safety.

He told of the safety-mindedness of many legendary heroes of history, and stressed the importance of safety in school, at home, and on the highway.

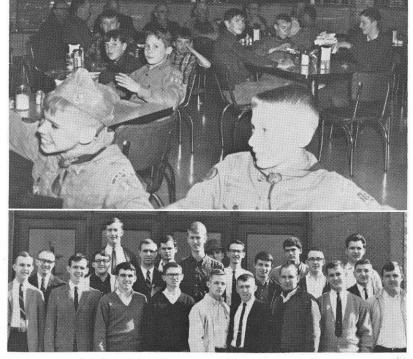
poration, one of the instructors. Standing, C. G. Allison, J. W. Bolton, C. J. Bryan, C. E. Holyoke, C. E. Green, J. T. Duncan, and W. E. Irving, Appalachian training supervisor, another instructor.



Cathy Cummings, left, a member of the Appalachiansponsored Junior Achievement Company, Snappit, won the Miss JA title, and with it a trip to the JA convention in Atlantic City. Seeing her off are Winnie Hart, Appalachian sponsor; Connie Long, and J. A. director Bob Crockett.



That's not a king-size slice of pineapple that George Unangst is holding; it's an obsolete radial wave type street lighting fixture that became scrap following the installation of new street lights in Charleston and St. Albans. The scrap pile partially shown here contains the old fixtures and supports that were replaced by a total of 805 new lights. That's F. B. Thompson, Charleston stores, at right.



Two groups of students, of different ages and for different purposes, visited two steam plants last month. At the top are youngsters from Lebanon Boy Scout Troop 139, enjoying refreshments in the Clinch River plant cafeteria following a tour of that plant, an annual custom for the troop. Below is a group of mechanical engineering students from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, who observed the workings of Glen Lyn plant.

THE ILLUMINATOR

J. M. Wysong

**30 Years** 

Huntington

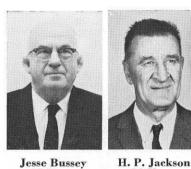
W. N. Moss

**25 Years** 

### Service Anniversaries Noted



A. C. Skeen **30 Years** Abingdon



**30 Years** System



L. O. McKinney 25 Years Cabin Creek



C. R. Brogan 25 Years Roanoke



W. E. Moss **20 Years** 



Martha Horne R. A. Youngman 20 Years Roanoke



**O. O. Clendenin** C. R. Settle 20 Years 20 Years System Pulaski



**David Ratliff** 30 Years Pikeville

W. H. Key

**30 Years** 

Lynchburg

**30 Years** 

Glen Lyn

D. O. B. Matthews

25 Years Kanawha River

L. S. Caldwell

25 Years

Roanoke

T. J. Cogan

20 Years

Pulaski



J. A. Saunders **30 Years Glen Lyn** 

**Pearl Lester** 

**25 Years** 

Huntington

O. A. Keene

25 Years

Roanoke

Herman Taylor

20 Years

Ashland



**Paul Scally** 

25 Years

C. E. Richardson

**25** Years

Roanoke

J. E. Jones

25 Years

Executive

R. D. Smith

**30 Years** 

Charleston

**Frank Alexander Philip Sporn** 

**25 Years** Ashland

**Clyde Farley** 

25 Years Bluefield

25 Years

Hazard

C. H. Feiszli

**30 Years** 

**Cabin Creek** 

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**Norwood Dingess** 25 Years Clinch River

C. M. Wagner Jr. N. W. Collier 20 Years Abingdon







W. C. Rose **20** Years Huntington





### Hydro Retiree, 63, Dies Suddenly

Frank Marsh Barger, 63, re-tired employee at the Byllesby-Buck hydro plant, died February 26. He and Mrs. Bargar were living in Wilmington, North Caro-lina at the time of his sudden and unconstant death unexpected death.

He joined Appalachian in August 1942 at Buck Hydro Plant and helped with the rebuilding and repairing of the plant under the supervision of the late Frank Aldred. Upon the completion of this work he went to hydro pro-duction in the maintenance of the Byllesby and Buck hydro plants and lived at Fries, Virginia. He is survived by his widow and five daughters. daughters.

Funeral services were conducted and interment was in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Wilmington, N. C.



Mr. Barger



#### **Appalachian Power Company**

ABINGDON DIVISION—30 YEARS: C. W. HALE, truck driver-groundman; A. C. SKEEN, line inspector. 20 YEARS: C. M. WAGNER, JR., division residential and rural sales supervisor. 15 YEARS: G. B. GENT, lineman.

CABIN CREEK PLANT—30 YEARS: C. H. FEISZLI, supervisor of maintenance. 25 YEARS: L. O. MCKINNEY, transformer maintenance mechanic; W. N. Moss, boiler operator.

CHARLESTON DIVISION—40 YEARS: R. T. DONEGAN, transmission and distribution clerk. 30 YEARS: ROBERT D. SMITH, utility clerk. 15 YEARS: JAMES M. CRANE, air con-ditioning engineer; J. R. McGINNIS, area superintendent; JACK C. KEATON, station man. 10 YEARS: STANLEY OXLEY, meter serviceman; RICHARD L. ISNER, transmission and distribution clerk.

CLINCH RIVER PLANT-25 YEARS: NORWOOD DINGESS, labor-janitor foreman. 10 YEARS: JAMES F. COMBS, equipment operator.

GLEN LYN PLANT—30 YEARS: J. A. SAUNDERS, chemist assistant; H. P. JACKSON, assistant shift operating engineer. 15 YEARS: T. T. THOMPSON, boiler operator; F. F. FERGUSON, turbine operator. 10 YEARS: G. A. THWAITES, auxiliary equipment operator; J. C. SUTPHIN, auxiliary equipment operator.

HUNTINGTON DIVISION—30 YEARS: J. M. WYSONG, commercial sales representative. 25 YEARS: PEARL LESTER, JR., PBX operator. 20 YEARS: W. C. ROSE, JR., engineer; L. E. PERKEY, line foreman; C. A. BURDETTE, stores supervisor. 15 YEARS: H. A. MCGOWAN, lineman; R. M. HOGSETT, JR., dealer sales representative. 10 YEARS: JACQUELINE B. LAYNE, janitress; ROSE S. MARTIN, general clerk.

KANAWHA RIVER PLANT—25 YEARS: D. O. B. MATTHEWS, unit foreman. 15 YEARS: G. C. FANNIN, maintenance man. 10 YEARS: J. Q. BLAIR, junior maintenance man.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON DIVISION-15 YEARS: CALVIN THOMPSON, truck driver-groundman. LYNCHBURG DIVISION-30 YEARS: W. H. KEY, meter serviceman. 25 YEARS: W. E. Moss, line foreman.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—25 YEARS: PAUL E. SCALLY, personnel supervisor. 15 YEARS: RAYMOND J. SMITH, unit foreman; CHARLES M. HALEY, unit foreman. 10 YEARS: MARVIN J. MCFARLAND, helper; LEWIS R. GILLAND, auxiliary equipment operator; LARRY C. LIEVING, auxiliary equipment operator.

PULASKI DIVISION-20 YEARS: MARTHA K. HORNE, home sales representative; C. R. SETTLE, division superintendent of transmission and distribution.

ROANOKE DIVISION—25 YEARS: C. R. BROGAN, meter serviceman; L. S. CALDWELL, line foreman; O. A. KEENE, meter serviceman; C. E. RICHARDSON, heating and builder sales representative. 20 YEARS: R. A. YOUNGMAN, transportation coordinator. 15 YEARS: LAURA L. CLAIR, maid; J. T. WILSON, heating and builder sales representative; D. A. MARTIN, trans-mission and distribution clerk.

SYSTEM.—30 YEARS: JESSE BUSSEY, system senior personnel assistant. 25 YEARS: JAMES E. JONES, executive assistant; J. T. CHILDRESS, system station foreman. 20 YEARS: O. O. CLEN-DENIN, system station man. 15 YEARS: T. K. SHEPHERD, system senior personnel assistant; J. E. GLOVER, system station foreman; E. E. JOHNSON, regional chief dispatcher. 10 YEARS: C. H. GLOVER, system control wireman.

#### **Kentucky Power Company**

ASHLAND DIVISION-25 YEARS: FRANK ALEXANDER, serviceman. 20 YEARS: THOMAS J. COGAN, engineering aide; HERMAN TAYLOR, lineman.

HAZARD DIVISION-25 YEARS: N. W. COLLIER, area representative. 20 YEARS: EVERETT BUSH, working line foreman. PIKEVILLE DIVISION-20 YEARS: DAVID RATLIFF, head material clerk.

### **Retirees'** Names, Addresses

(Continued from page 10)

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- Grayson Vanover, Walkertown Sta., Hazard, Ky. 41701

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Kingsport, Tenn.

### McMahan To Head **Beckley Rotary**

W. C. McMahan, manager of the Beckley area, is the new president of the Beckley Rotary Club.

In addition to his work with the club, Mr. McMahan has also been active in a number of other civic and professional organizations, including the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, New River and Winding Gulf Electrical, Mechanical and Mining Institute, the Beckley Planning and Zoning Commission, the Beckley Chamber of Commerce, of which he is past president, the United Fund, the board of the West Virginia University Extension, and the execu-tive committee of the Boy Scouts. He has been manager at Beckley

since 1960.

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### **Retirement Ends** Hill's Long Career

Garlin Evert Hill, Bluefield division auto repairman, retired March 1, with more than 29 years of Appalachian service behind him.

A native of Dickenson county, Virginia, Mr. Hill was educated in Mercer county and Princeton schools. He joined the company in 1936 in Bluefield following work experience with local automobile dealers, and spent his career in auto repair work.

He and his wife have two sons, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They live in Bluefield and attend Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. Hill lists reading, traveling, and horticulture as his hobbies.



Mr. Hill

L. E. Perkey C. A. Burdette 20 Years 20 Years Huntington Huntington



William Collier David Collier

### Brothers Pace Pikeville High Court Squad

David Collier and William Collier, sons of Jesse Collier, Pikeville working line foreman, were mainstays on the Pikeville High School basketball team during the 1965-1966 season. David Collier is a 6'3" senior in Pikeville High School and was the starting center for the team. David was a top rebounder for the team

David Collier is a 6'3'' senior in Pikeville High School and was the starting center for the team. David was a top rebounder for the team and averaged 13 points per game for the season and was picked on the all-district tournament team as center. David plans on attending college where he can attend medical school.

William (Bill) Collier is a 6'2½" junior in Pikeville High School and was a starting forward on the team. Like his brother David, he was a top rebounder for the team. The brothers handled 70 per cent of the rebounds for the team. Bill averaged 10 points per game.

a top rebounder for the team. The brothers handled 70 per cent of the rebounds for the team. Bill averaged 10 points per game. David and Bill started at their respective positions in all games for this season. The Pikeville team was runner-up in the district tournament and lost in the first round of the regional tournament.

### Champion Archer Scores Once More

Larry King has picked up where he left off.

he left off. He has recently won the West-Virginia State Indoor Archery Championship for 1966, to go with the same title he won in 1965. That same year he also won the West Virginia State Open Field Championship and the Ohio Valley League Field Championship. In 1964—just to be consistent—he won both the West Virginia State Open and Closed Field Championships

With such skill, it's no wonder that Larry, who is regional dispatcher at Sporn, was elected president of the West Virginia Archery Association last fall to serve a twoyear term.

In this role, he will work closely with the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources in matters concerning hunting laws and license fees for archers, and with the National Field Archery Association concerning its affairs and programs in the state.

Larry joined the company at Sporn in January 1957, and worked as utility helper and operator before he was promoted to his present position. He lives with his wife and two children in New Haven.

### Childers Becomes Line Supervisor

Warren F. Childers has been promoted to line supervisor in the Pulaski Division. His employment with the

Appalachian started at

Pulaski in 1946

in the T&D department,

engineering section. His full tenure of

service has been with this

department, and since 1956 he has served as an electrical



Mr. Childers

engineer. He holds a diploma from International Correspondence School with the degree of electrical engineer.

The Galax, Virginia native is married and resides in Pulaski. He is a member of the Baptist Church and the Elks Club.

### Bowling Finalists Determined For First Annual Tourney

Area rolloffs to determine participants in the first annual Appalachian Bowling Tournament to be held in Roanoke April 9 have taken place all over the system.

In the women's event, Welch will meet Huntington for the championship in Charleston April 16. Welch won the southern area title, Huntington will represent the north.

The eight teams competing in the men's section have been selected, with two teams representing each of the four areas. The winners: Area 1: two teams from Sporn plant. Area 2: Charleston line Tamers and Beckley No. 1. Area 3: Clinch River plant and Tip's Gang from Bluefield. Area 4: Christiansburg and Roanoke System Station.

Christiansburg and Roanoke System Station. Marshall Covey, Roanoke¶division, and Stuart Mattox, system accounting, are tournament directors. Co-directors for the area rolloffs were C. E. Searls, Sporn; Russ Fields, Kanawha; Robert Simmons, Bluefield, and K. K. Hubbard, Roanoke.

### Marshall Ends Basketball Career In Blaze Of Honors

The most honored basketball player in Roanoke's Patrick Henry High School's history is Noble Marshall. For the season just concluded, he made the Virginia All-State Team, All Group 1-A Team, All Western District Team and All Group 1-A Tournament Team.

Observers of the 1-A Tournament, recently held at the University of Virginia, regarded him as the best guard competing there. He averaged 17 points per game. He set a school one-game scoring record of 33 points and won the team foul shooting trophy this year with the highest percentage from the foul line.

Noble set a career scoring record for his school of 931 points, and this year his team won 22 games and lost 2 and was voted the No. 1 Team in the Roanoke area by sportswriters and sportscasters.

One sportswriter, reflecting on the fabulous career of this young man said "The coach should thank his lucky stars he had a Noble Marshall."

> Personals (Continued from page 8)

Cabin Creek Plant

Gary L. Pettry, son of Clarence Pettry Jr., results department, has entered the Air Force and has reported for duty at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas . . . Audry Edelman, a student at East Bank High School and a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, recently spent a day at the plant observing office practices and procedures.

W. H. Lively is the new Cub Scout leader in the Methodist Temple . . . Jack Keeton, off duty for 14 weeks because of a broken foot, is back at work . . . Two new employees, both named Franklin, have joined the company in the Beckley area: Franklin Payne and Franklin Mullins.

Pulaski

Mildred McCall, wife of commercial's Bruce McCall, won two ribbons—a red and a blue—in the recent joint art shown sponsored by the three Pulaski Woman's Clubs. Her entries were water colors in the non-professional class, and she is now entitled to enter them in the southwestern district conference early in April.

New division employees include Charles J. Bryant Jr. and William P. Brewer Jr. in Pulaski; Roger L. Weatherman in Wytheville, and Ralph W. Dalton in Galax.

### Abingdon

Elections, elections: Mrs. William H. Ferguson Jr., to vice prsident of the Abingdon Junior Woman's Club; L. C. Angle Jr., to vice president and campaign chairman of the Washington County United Fund (he is also a trustee of the United Community Funds and Councils of Virginia); Shirley Miller of Marion to director of the Pilot Club, and Sara Beth Osborne, daughter of Jack, to membership in Alpha Beta Chi at Emory & Henry College.



**Noble Marshall** 

Noble is the son of Noble G. Marshall, accounting supervisor, Radford army ammunition steam plant, in Roanoke.

rom page 8) In front of the curtain and behind it in the annual Rotary Club minstrel in Abingdon are J. E. Prater, make-up, and George Wood, Subject in the state of the curtain and behind it in the annual Rotary Club Subject in the state of the curtain and behind it in the annual Rotary Club prater, make-up, and George Wood,

Prater, make-up, and George Wood, stage manager, and R. A. Sheffey Jr. and Paul Kelsey in the cast. Returned to work following a lengthy illness is S. R. Moser of the Marion line crew. A new member of the crew is Denver Osborne. Another new employee is James E. Vencill, meter reader in Russell County.



Two Clinch River Plant, employees' daughters carried off top honors in Lebanon High School's annual Science Fair on March 9. In the physical science division for senior high school students, Linda Grimes was awarded first place, and in the biological science contest, Susan Peay took the prize. They are the daughters of T. E. Peay, maintenance foreman, and Bentley Grimes, master maintenance man.

Dendey Grimes, master maintenance man. Diana Jones, daughter of Ruth Jones, payroll clerk, was named "Outstanding Youth Exhibitor for 1965" and received a silver bowl at the Russell County 4-H Achievement Day ceremonies last month. Miss Jones was also named an attendant to the Lebanon High School Mardi Gras Queen. Linda Lawson, daughter of Fred Lawson, chief dispatcher was Maid of Honor to the Queen at this annual event. Ernest Trail, son of James R. Trail, maintenance man, was selected as a clarinetist in the Virginia All-State Band. He also won honors in the District Drama Contest as a member of Cleveland High School's dramatic group who copped District VII honors and will go on to state-wide competition in Charlottesville.

Larry A. Massie, son of J. A. Massie, unit foreman, an AEP scholarship winner in 1962, has been accepted by the Richmond Medical College. He is currently enrolled in the University of Tennessee.

Larry O. Rasnake is a new employee,



Annise Craig holds the latest trophy as Bill and Flipper examine the rest.

### Gone To The Dogs Craigs Raise Prize Beagles

Here's a family that has gone to the dogs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. (Bill) Craig are the proud owners of Southview Flipper and Susie, his mother, as well as several other purebred, pedigreed, prize-winning beagles. Mrs. Craig is private secretary to the Roanoke division manager.

Both Flipper and Susie have each won first places in American Kennel Club licensed beagle field trials, which are held annually by organized beagle clubs. The most recent major win, which carried 42 points, was by Flipper at the Mountain State Beagle Club in West Virginia. He was best in field trials for 15" male dogs.

A field trial is an extended test of a dog's quality. The dogs are drawn in braces of two, and are judged in the field, one brace at a time, as they exhibit their skill at finding and following rabbit trails. Two judges follow the brace on horseback. Each entry in the field trials gives a point to the winner.

Susie, Flipper's mother, is well on her way to becoming a field champion. At present, she has 110 points, which includes one first

#### McClung On Star Squad

Mack McClung, son of W. A. McClung, system public affairs director, has been named to the second team of the Virginia Military League all-star basketball squad. A student at Hargrave Military Academy, he was honored for the second year in a row. place win in a class of 61 females. Championship status requires 120 points and three first place wins in an AKC licensed field trial. Flipper, who will be only two years old in April, is at present in the hands of a professional handler trying to get his necessary points and first place wins for a championship. With this quality of dogs, there is no trouble in selling all the puppies available.

The dogs are cared for in modern lots and individual houses, all to the rear of the Craig large lawn located in Roanoke County, north of Roanoke city. The Craigs have a very imposing array of trophies and ribbons won by their dogs. Bill is active in the Shenandoah Valley Beagle Club and has served as president of the club four of the last six years.

#### Vice-Presidents

(Continued from page 1)

1959 and became chief engineer in 1961. He is a graduate of Perdue University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

Mr. Tillinghast joined the Service Corporation in 1949 after receiving B. S. and M. S. degrees in mechanical engineering from Columbia University. He has served in a number of responsible engineering assignments within the mechanical engineering division, and was project engineer for Tanners Creek Plant Unit 4 prior to being named head of the division in 1961.

### The Team To Beat



Appalachian's entry in the Welch Business Men's League is the team to beat. As competition gets underway in the last third of the season, Appalachian No. 1 has already racked up victories in the first two thirds. If they win the last, they will automatically be champions. If they lose, they have already guaranteed themselves a playoff spot. In front, above, are B. G. Pearman, Perry Hatmaker, and D. E. Meadows; back row, M. E. Anderson, J. B. Rhudy, A. G. Ferrell, and C. I. Lane.



For the second year in a row Appalachian's Roanoke division won the For the second year in a row Appalachian's Koanoke division won the AEP System Safety Contest, and company men are fittingly cheerful about accepting the trophy from President Donald C. Cook in cere-monies in New York recently. From left, D. C. Kennedy, Roanoke di-vision manager; Mr. Cook; J. G. Harvey, division personnel supervisor, and Joe P. Gills, vice president and general manager.

### **New Groupings Announced** For Annual Safety Contest

A new grouping arrange-ment for the Appalachian-Kingsport annual safety contest has been announced, following a revision of the American Electric Power System Contest.

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There are now three groups divided as follows: Group I: al Group I: all divisions, system T&D, and Kings port Power Company. Group II: steam plants, including Radford. Group III: system real estate and right-of-way, system account-ing, system operating, and system general, which includes the smaller system departments.

### G. L. Poythress, 57, **Dies In Bluefield**

George Leroy Poythress, Bluefield division civil engineer, died suddenly March 3, at his home in Bluefield. He was 57.

Mr. Poythress was first employed by Appalachian in July 1937 as a draftsman. He worked in other engineering assignments before being promoted to civil engineer in February 1950 and to division civil engineer in April 1954, position he held at time of his death.

He was born in Campbell County, Virginia, and attended schools in Roanoke, Virginia. He was a graduate of Virginia Poly-technic Institute.

Mr. Poythress was a member of the Trinity Methodist Church in Bluefield, and a member of the Choir. He was a member of the Pocahontas Mechanical Electrical Institute, and South Bluefield Kiwanis Club.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Blount Poythress; one daughter, Mrs. James E. Barrett of Rantoul, Ill; one son, George L. Poythress, II, with the U.S. Marine Corps in Puerto Rico and four grandchildren.

His funeral was held March 6 at Trinity Methodist Church in Blue-field, W. Va. Interment was made in Grandview Memory Gardens Cemetery near Bluefield, Virginia.

The new arrangement equalizes the competition, and permits smaller locations to have not only a chance to win, but also to have its safety achievements recognized. The change was effective at the

start of the year. There will be a Vice President's Award for the winner in each group.

### **Men From Three Plants Transferred To Cardinal**

Company and B u c k e y e

Power, Inc. They are Lester Mc-Elwee, Big Sandy, and Ronald E. Wentz Clinch

Wentz, Clinch River, who will

become shift

operating engi-neers, and H. G. Higgin-

botham, Kanawha River

Three men from three different plants have been transferred to Cardinal plant, jointly owned by Ohio Power

who will become unit foreman. All

the changes were effective last

Mr. McElwee started his utility career in the city-owned steam plant at Newark, Ohio in 1950. He moved to Ohio Power's Muskin-

gum River plant as an assistant control operator in 1953, and later

worked as assistant shift operating

engineer. In 1962 he was trans-ferred to Big Sandy as operating foreman, the job he held at the time of his transfer. He is a veteran of four-and-a-half years' Army serv-ice during the Second World War, and expects to move his wife and develter to the Pailliont Obje

daughter to the Brilliant, Ohio,

Mr. Wentz, a native of Kanawha County, West Virginia, was first

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Mr. Mr. Wentz Higginbotham

employed in the Kyger Creek plant, and was assistant control operator when he was transferred

to the new Clinch River plant in

1958 as unit foreman. He served in an Army airborne division from 1950 to 1953. In Lebanon, where

he now lives, he was active in youth activities, notably Little League baseball. He is married and is the father of a son, and expects to live in the Steubenville

Mr. Higginbotham, also a native West Virginian, started his Appa-lachian career at Kanawha River plant in 1953. He has held a number of positions in the operating

department there, and was a unit foreman at the time of his present

J. B. White Heads

Local United Fund

James B. White, Fieldale area manager has been elected president of the United Fund for Martinsville

He served as chairman of the

area

move.

Mr. Doggett

### G. N. Doggett, 58, **Dies Suddenly**

George N. Doggett, Huntington division station supervisor, died suddenly March 3. He was 58.

He began working for Appa-lachian March 1, 1937 as meter tester and was station supervisor at the time of his death. He was a member of the Westmoreland Methodist Church, Cabell Lodge 152, AF & AM and Huntington Chapter 6, Royal Arch Masons.

Chapter 6, Royal Arch Masons. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Kathleen C. Doggett; a daughter, Mrs. Robert D. Webster of Roanoke, Va.; three grand-children; a sister, Miss Eula M. Doggett of Huntington, and two brothers, Ralph L. Doggett of Huntington and Burton W. Doggett of Ronceverte, W. Va.

### **Charles E. Frye Promoted To New Post In Logan**



time.

Mr. Frye

Logan, he is a graduate of Logan High School and attends classes at the Logan Branch of Marshall University.

From October 1951 to October 1955 he served with the U.S. Navy.

He is married and the father of two daughters, and the family attends Justice Christian Church.

document. It lives up to the high hopes that the Congress and I shared in establishing this Com-mission by presenting a thorough examination of the broad and complex issues of our economic life and their implications for the future of our society. The findings of the Commission will receive care-ful discussion and review in the months ahead. "The country is indebted to you

is a comprehensive and significant

for advancing our thinking on critical economic and social prob-lems. Your work will contribute to the achievement of greater abundance and greater productivity for our society."

# Million

Manhours The system real estate and

right-of-way department passed the million manhour without a disabling January 31. In a mark injury In a letter complimenting the group, Joe P. Gills, vice president and general man-ager, observed that the department's work calls for considerable travel in rough country, and that the achievement was a tribute to safety-consciousness of everyone concerned. The department has 31 employees, and has worked without a disabling injury since June 16, 1948.



Mr. Mize

J. E. Mize, 68

Mr. White

munities division chairman, and Mike Pitches of the Fieldale T&D department served as Fieldale Appalachian Company representa-tive.

registered professional engineer in Virginia. He is vice president of Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, and director of Martinsville-Henry County Industrial Foundation.

## Happy Birthday

campaign last fall which raised a record of \$243,688, an President Lyndon B. Johnson, in a letter to Phillip Sporn, chairman of the American Electric Power achievement for which he received the top United Community System Development Committee, has expressed his appreciation for Mr. Sporn's participation in the recently concluded work of the National Commission on Tech-nology, Automation and Economic Funds and Councils of Virginia Award for the In his letter, the President wrote, largest per-centage in-"The final report of the Commission

and Henry County.

previous year in this category in the state Virginia. In that campaign J. W. Wright, Jr., dealer sales representa-tive in Fieldale, served as Com-

Mr. White is a graduate of Vir-ginia Polytechnic Institute and is a



Charles E. Frye has been pro-moted to administrative assistant at Logan, ef-fective March

1. He was em-ployed May 20, 1957 as a meter reader, and was pro-moted to col-lector in January 1960. He has held this position until the present A native of



**Mr. Poythress** 

### **Dies After Illness**

J. E. (Jimmy) Mize, retired Abingdon division employee, died March 19 in a Marion, Virginia hospital following a brief illness. He was 68.

He retired October 1, 1960, after completing 37 years of service. At the time, he was working foreman in the Clintwood line crew.

A native of Smyth county, he joined Appalachian July 25, 1923 and worked in line construction throughout southwest Virginia and southern West Virginia. He was transferred to Abingdon when the district mag formed in 1048 and district was formed in 1948, and was promoted to working foreman in 1956.

Surviving are two sisters and five brothers. Burial was in the Blue Springs Methodist Church cemetery in Sugar Grove, Virginia.



Employees at Charleston celebrated Appalachian's 40th birthday last month—March 4 was the official date—by inviting Mayor John Shanklin in for a birth-day party, and to have the first slice of a birthday cake. Employees, customers and visitors were served

coffee and cake as part of the informal celebration. Shortly after the company was organized, it acquired operating properties of small, scattered power com-panies in Virginia and West Virginia.