

He who has health has
hope, and he who has hope
has everything.

—Arabian proverb

The Illuminator

For what avail the plough
or sail, or land, or life,
if freedom fail?

—Emerson

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Row of golden shovels sparkle in the sunlight as ground breakers await word to begin.



Mr. Cook joins Governor Smith for groundbreaking ceremonies for Mitchell plant. Mr. Gills (on platform) introduces the participants.

Construction Under Way On 1.6-Million Kw Facility

Ground Broken At Mitchell

Rain-filled clouds cleared away, allowing the sun to cast its approving warmth on the May 16 ground-breaking ceremonies for Appalachian's new Mitchell plant—setting another milestone for the American Electric Power System.

Donald C. Cook, president of AEP and of our companies, said, "We are totally committed to the idea that abundant, dependable and economical electricity will help to realize the aspirations of millions of individuals, and make fuller and easier their lives. It is this commitment, with all that it implies, which will here be translated into steel and concrete."

So saying, Mr. Cook, and Joe P. Gills, Appalachian executive vice president, and other community, industrial and governmental leaders, including West Virginia Governor Hulett C. Smith, broke ground to signal the beginning of construction of Appalachian's giant \$200-million, 1.6-million kilowatt Mitchell plant. The site on the Ohio River is nine miles south of Moundsville, West Virginia.

The groundbreaking came in ceremonies witnessed by approximately 450 people at the plant's site. Following the ceremony, the job of excavation and earth moving was begun by Chapin & Chapin of East Norwalk, Ohio, which was

awarded the contract for this phase of the work.

Other principals at the ground-breaking included John Cororan, president of Consolidation Coal Company, which will fulfill the plant's needs for coal; W. J. Stewart, executive vice president, Wheeling Electric Company; Oran V. Baker, president of Marshall County Court; Louis E. Joseph, mayor of Moundsville; Francis R. Pearl, mayor of McMechen; Anthony J. Scaffidi, mayor of Ben-

wood; Charles L. Ihlenfeld, mayor of Wheeling; William O. Sievertson, mayor of Glen Dale; Charles J. Habig, president of Wheeling Building & Construction Trades Council; Thomas A. Williams, president of United Mine Workers of America, Bellaire, Ohio; Boyce A. Griffith, chairman, and Robert Stewart of West Virginia Public Service Commission, Charleston; and James Reilly, president of Hanna Coal

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White, LaFon Are Elected As Assistant Vice Presidents

W. S. White Jr., assistant general manager of Appalachian, and Waldo F. LaFon, assistant general manager of Kentucky, have been elected assistant vice presidents by their companies' respective boards of directors. The announcement follows the recent naming of Joe P. Gills, Appalachian vice president and general manager, and F. M. Baker, Kentucky vice president and general manager, to the positions of executive vice presidents of their companies.

Mr. White joined the American Electric Power Service Corporation in 1948 as an assistant engineer. He served in the electrical design and system planning and operating departments. During the Korean War, he was on loan to the Defense Electric Power Administration in Washington for 10 months as assistant regional engineer.

On return from Washington, he became an assistant to Philip Sporn, then president of the AEP System. He later was named service corporation office manager and administrative assistant to the operating vice president. In 1962



Mr. White

Mr. LaFon

at New York University.

He is a member of the Rotary Club and the South Roanoke Methodist Church. He is past president of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce and served as vice president and board member of Central Virginia Industries, Inc. He is on the boards of the James River Basin Association, Downtown Roanoke, Inc., and the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. White is married and has a son and two daughters.



New officers of Huntington's Benevolent Association are shown above. From left: Dick Smith, vice president; Ted Payne, member of the board; Larry Dickerson, president, and Teresa Bicknell, recorder. Judy Fannin, not shown, also is a member of the board. One of the responsibilities of the association is operating the employee-owned canteen in the basement of the main Huntington building.

50 Fast Years

The "Monroe Watchman," a weekly newspaper published at Union, in Monroe County, West Virginia, turned the clock back half a century last month. In its "Fifty Years Ago" column, the following article appeared. "Announcement was made that a gigantic steam electric plant, to cost approximately \$1-million, is to be erected by the Appalachian Power Company, near Glen Lyn, Giles County, Virginia." The article came from the paper's 1917 edition.

Open House At Princeton Attended By Large Crowd



Open house followed the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Princeton office. Shown above are (from left) W. J. Gillespie Jr., Bluefield division manager; B. F. Jarrell, Princeton city manager; Lewis I. Skeens, councilman; M. B. Champ, mayor (with scissors); Grady Parker, area supervisor, and Claud K. Kirkland, assistant manager of the division.

Open house was held May 12 at Princeton's new office and service building. Approximately 1,000 people attended.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, in which Princeton and company officials participated, the building was opened to the public for guided tours.

Several displays and demonstrations were arranged for the guests, including bucket trucks, old and

modern meters, cut-away transformer, commercial kitchen and demonstration kitchen. The electric heating display attracted a large crowd.

Souvenirs were presented and refreshments served.

The evening before the open house, a dinner and private showing of the building was attended by Princeton employees and their families.

Almost Routine For Line Crew At Milton

While Huntington crews rushed to the scene, the Milton crew was working in the Yawkey area of Lincoln County. There was little the men could do until the power was restored.

Suddenly they saw a man running down the road, blurting out something about his son was dying because the current was cut off.

Upon investigating, the men discovered that the boy was dependent on an electrically-powered respirator-type machine to pump

fluid out his lungs. He was past due for one of his frequent daily treatments with the machine. The boy was unconscious and apparently failing fast.

The men, thinking and acting quickly, headed for their truck where they had a portable gasoline-powered electric generator. The portable model is used for power tools or lights during emergencies when power isn't available.

Acting as a team, they unbolted the unit from the truck and raced

with it to the house. In a matter of minutes, the living-saving electricity was humming from the portable generator. The boy started breathing normally.

They left the generator with the father for the remainder of the night. The father, of course, couldn't find the right words to express his full gratitude, but the men knew how he felt.

They felt the same way, grateful that they were near and able to help.

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Too Much For Granted

It's not just respect for flag and country. They are, in the literal sense, inanimate objects.

It is, rather, respect for and love of what the country and flag stand for, our heritage.

This July seems like a good time to pause and ponder what has happened to old-fashioned patriotism. You remember: the parade on the Fourth of July, the holiday that used to rank behind only Christmas and Easter (in their deep, religious meanings) with Americans. Everyone's house with Old Glory flying from the front porch or the upstairs window.

It used to be a birthday celebration sure enough, the remembering of the founding day of this nation, and why it was founded, and what price was paid.

Today? That kind of old-fashioned remembering seems to be out of style for the most part. We're all guilty, because it's not something one person or one group could accomplish.

Just take a for instance. How many can repeat by heart the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America? Remember when it used to be said at all public meetings? For those of us who can't quite recall it all, it goes like this:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Why not plan to pause during our day-to-day chores and remember some of how it used to be, and what it is all about. It might be refreshing.

Hurting Ourselves?

Many years ago, a powerful king captured a large and wealthy city.

While the burning and looting was still going on, he said to his captured rival, "Do you hear what my soldiers are doing to your city?"

The conquered king replied, "No, they are doing it to YOUR city?"

So clear was the wisdom of that reply that the conquering king ordered the needless destruction to be stopped.

This story applies to any of us who are wasteful of material and supplies at our particular work stations. It applies to all who are careless in the treatment of equipment on which or with which we work. It applies to all who increase costs unnecessarily.

When we do these things, it is our "city" we are "burning and looting." It is our organization which is being weakened—the organization that provides us with a livelihood.

Appalachian Plants Lead In Safety

Between them, Appalachian Power Company and Ohio Power Company have a lock on the top spots in the AEP System's annual safety competition at the quarter post.

Ohio Power's Steubenville, Portsmouth and Zanesville divisions are one-two-three in Group A. Appalachian in turn has the first three spots in Group B, which includes plants: Cabin Creek, Radford plant, and Glen Lyn. In Group C, Ohio Power's general office is first, Appalachian's general office accounting is second, and Ohio's general office accounting is third.

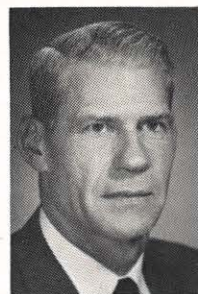
Steubenville, since its last disabling injury July 23, 1964, has a 1,785,971-manhour mark to lead all divisions in Group A. Another Ohio division, Tiffin, is fourth, and Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Benton Harbor is fifth.

Cabin Creek plant leads Group B with 1,285,658 manhours since the last disabling injury, which occurred October 2, 1961. Fourth, behind the three Appalachian plants, is I&M's Breed plant, and fifth is Ohio Power's Windsor plant.

Fourth and fifth places in Group C belong to Appalachian's Roanoke general office, and general office operating.

Oscar W. Adams Named Manager Of Welch Area

Oscar W. Adams of Welch has been named to the new position of Welch area manager of Appalachian Power Company.



Mr. Adams

He joined the company at Bluefield as an engineer. During his service he was a distribution engineer, electrical engineer, and Princeton area supervisor before being named area superintendent at Welch in 1965.

He holds a BA degree from Concord College and served in the Navy from 1941 to 1946. Following college and before entering service he taught school for two years in Welch.

He is a commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve, a member of the Welch Kiwanis Club, the First Methodist Church, Chamber of Commerce, Buchanan County Area Development Corporation, and chairman of the McDowell County Cancer Crusade.

His hobby is gardening.

Cook Succeeds Retiring Sporn As OVEC Chief

Donald C. Cook has been elected president and a director of Ohio Valley Electric Corporation and of its subsidiary, Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation, it was announced today.

He succeeds Philip Sporn, who is retiring after almost 15 years as president and as a director of OVEC and IKEC.

Mr. Cook is president of American Electric Power Company and of its subsidiaries, including Appalachian Power, Indiana & Michigan Electric and Ohio Power Companies, all sponsor companies of OVEC. An executive with AEP since 1953, he succeeded Mr. Sporn as president of the company and its subsidiaries in 1961.

Mr. Sporn was instrumental in organizing OVEC and IKEC in 1952 in response to the urgent requirements of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission for almost 2-million kilowatts of power for its proposed uranium diffusion plant near Portsmouth, Ohio. Fifteen investor-owned electric utilities serving the general Ohio Valley area joined together to form the new utility and signed a 25-year power agreement with the AEC on October 15 of that year. Within seven weeks, construction was under way on two of the world's largest steam-electric power stations: the 1,290,000-kw Clifty Creek Plant at Madison, Indiana, and the 1,075,000-kw Kyger Creek Plant at Cheshire, Ohio, together with 776 miles of 345,000-volt transmission lines.

Mr. Sporn has been associated with AEP since 1920, rising to become chief engineer in 1933 and president in 1947. Since his retirement as president of AEP five and one half years ago, he has continued to serve as a director and consultant to the company and, until this month, as chairman of its System Development Committee.

In a letter to OVEC-IKEC employees, Mr. Sporn said:

"OVEC and IKEC have always been, and always will be, very close to my heart. As president from their original incorporation in 1952, I have found deep satisfaction and a sense of fulfillment in seeing OVEC-IKEC achieve, and in many ways surpass, the goals which we originally set to supply bulk quantities of electric energy to the AEC at low cost. Especially gratifying have been the dedicated efforts of the employees, without whose help these accomplishments would not have been possible. For this I want to express my deepest appreciation to all employees."

Lyon, Hammer, Frazier Get Personnel Department Moves

Promotions of three men in Appalachian's personnel department were announced last month. All moves will be effective July 1.

John E. Hammer, personnel supervisor of the Charleston division, will become company wage and salary supervisor for Appalachian at Roanoke. He will be succeeding James A. Lyon, who will become personnel consultant. In his new duties, Mr. Lyon will be dividing his time between the American Electric Power Service Corporation.



Mr. Lyon

John C. Frazier, general office safety coordinator stationed at Charleston, will succeed Mr. Hammer as division personnel supervisor there.

Mr. Lyon, who will continue his residence at Roanoke, celebrates his 30th year with Appalachian in October. A native of Galax, he became administrative assistant of the company's executive department in 1944 and moved up to wage and salary supervisor in 1948.

Married and the father of two children, he is a member of the Personnel Association of Roanoke and the American Compensation Association. He served in the Army from 1926 to 1928.

Mr. Hammer was born at Bluefield, West Virginia, and joined Appalachian as a clerk in the personnel department at Charleston in



Mr. Hammer

Mr. Frazier

1948. He was personnel assistant, district personnel supervisor and assistant division personnel supervisor before being named division personnel supervisor in 1965.

He is married and has two children. He served in the Marines from 1943 to 1945 and is a member of the Kanawha Valley Personnel and Industrial Relations Directors, the Civitan Club and Exchange Club. He is a business administration graduate of VPI.

He will be moving to Roanoke in the near future.

Mr. Frazier joined Appalachian at Charleston as an inspector in 1946. A native of Buffalo, West Virginia, he was Charleston district and division safety supervisor before being named system safety supervisor in 1964. He became safety coordinator in March of this year.

He is married and has two children, and served in the Army from 1953 to 1945. He is a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers, the Masons, Scottish Rites and Shriners.

Kirkland Moves To Pulaski

Claud K. Kirkland, assistant manager of Appalachian Power Company's Bluefield division, has been transferred to Pulaski as assistant manager of that division. The move was effective June 1.

In making the announcement, Joe P. Gills, executive vice president of Appalachian, said that Mr. Kirkland was moved to Pulaski in preparation for the retirement of A. F. Horne as Pulaski division manager September 1 this year.

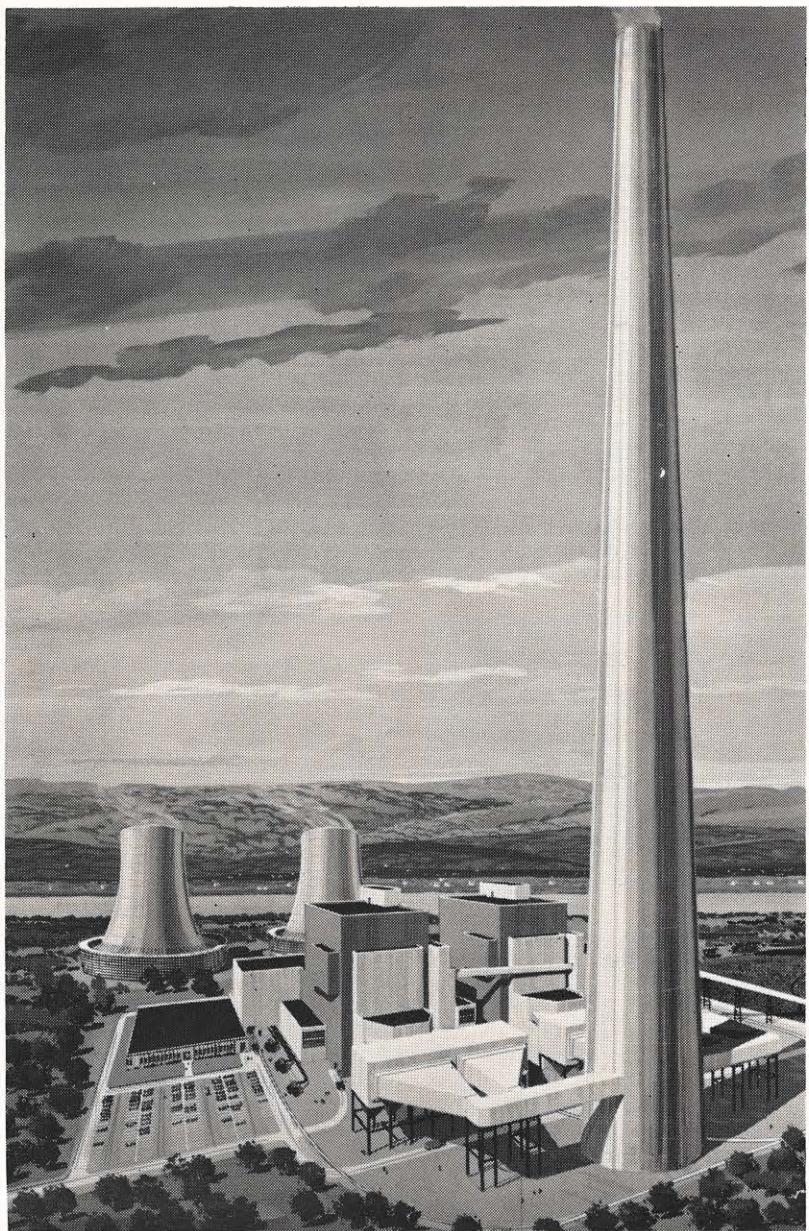
Mr. Kirkland will succeed Mr. Horne as division manager on his retirement. A native of Southampton County, Virginia, Mr. Kirkland graduated from VPI in 1936 with a BS degree in agricultural engineering. He joined Appalachian at Marion, January 11, 1937, as a rural service engineer, and a year later became rural solicitor.



Mr. Kirkland

He served with the Army Signal Corps from 1942 to 1945, returning to Appalachian at Abingdon. During the next few years he held several positions in the commercial department at Abingdon, and became district superintendent in 1950 and assistant district manager in 1951. A year later he became district manager, and was named Welch, West Virginia district manager in 1959. He transferred in 1962 to Bluefield, as manager of the Bluefield and Welch Districts, and was named assistant Bluefield division manager in 1964.

Mr. Kirkland is married and has two sons. He is a member of the Methodist Church, has served on its official board, and is past president of the Men's Club; he is past president of the Welch Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the industrial committee of the McDowell County Development and Improvement Corporation, committee chairman of the Welch Rotary Club, and past member of the Society of Agricultural Engineers.



An artist's rendering of Appalachian's Mitchell plant gives an idea of the size of the stack—at 1,200 feet the world's tallest. The plant's two cooling towers are at left rear.

Mitchell Groundbreaking

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Company Division, Cadiz, Ohio.

In his brief remarks, Mr. Cook pointed to the many benefits the plant will bring to the area, including a construction payroll of \$30-million, and "millions more spent in the purchase locally—as far as possible—of supplies and materials." He also said that when the plant is completed it will be staffed by a work force of between 100 and 125 persons, and that Appalachian would become a large taxpayer in the area.

The plant's first 800,000-kw unit is scheduled for completion in 1970, the second in 1971. Mitchell will be the largest plant on the seven-state AEP System, and has been described as the most modern coal-burning steam plant that can be designed and built.

It will consume 4.4-million tons

Sanders Bryant, Saltville, Retires

Sanders H. Bryant, area serviceman in the T&D department at Saltville-Abingdon division, retired June 1. He had served Appalachian for 31 years. His retirement came early because of health reasons.

Mr. Bryant joined the company on April 11, 1936, as a lineman at Saltville and later became a foreman before being named area serviceman in 1950. He was well known in the Saltville area for performing services to the customers beyond the normal call to duty. The community grew to rely on him whenever an electrical problem occurred.

A native of Smyth County, he was born February 26, 1915, and attended Saltville schools. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

He and his wife, Beulah, are the parents of a son, Sanders H. Jr., and reside at Saltville.



Mr. Bryant

of coal a year, to be supplied by nearby mines of Consolidation Coal Company. Coal will initially come from the Ireland Mine and later from a new mine to be opened to supply the plant.

Contracts for the plant's two units have been let to Westinghouse Electric Corporation and General Electric Company, and for the two 20-story high boilers to Foster Wheeler Corporation. The plant will also feature a concrete chimney to serve both units which will be 1,200 feet high, the world's tallest stack.

Two 370-foot-high cooling towers, to be built by The Marley Company, will be utilized to provide the plant's requirements for a constant supply of cool water, needed for steam condensing.

The new plant will be one of the largest single projects in the AEP System's continuing major expansion program that will witness the investment of some \$1.37-billion during the five-year period 1966-70. Another large part of this expenditure is the \$200-million, 1,050-mile, 765,000-volt transmission network being built by the AEP System, into which Mitchell's power output will be fed.

Appalachian, one of six operating companies in the AEP System, provides electric service to 21 counties in southern West Virginia and 31 counties in western Virginia.

Kingsport Wins PUAA Award

Kingsport Power Company received third award for its booklet, "They Helped Make America Great," in the 1967 International Better Copy contest of the Public Utilities Advertising Association.

The booklet featured a series of advertisements on a "Greater America" which had already won a first place award from the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge.

The award came in the Group C classification which included utilities with 250,000 customers or less. Kingsport has about 25,000 customers.

Giant Transformer Energized

Tri-State Substation Becomes Operational

With the energizing last month of a giant transformer at its new Tri-State transmission substation near Huntington, Appalachian wrote a virtual finish to a \$6½-million construction project that provides a large block of additional electric power for the growing Tri-State region.

The energizing of the transformer put into service a 62-mile extra high voltage line, operating at 345,000 volts, from the company's Philip Sporn Plant steam-electric generating plant at New Haven, West Virginia to Tri-State.

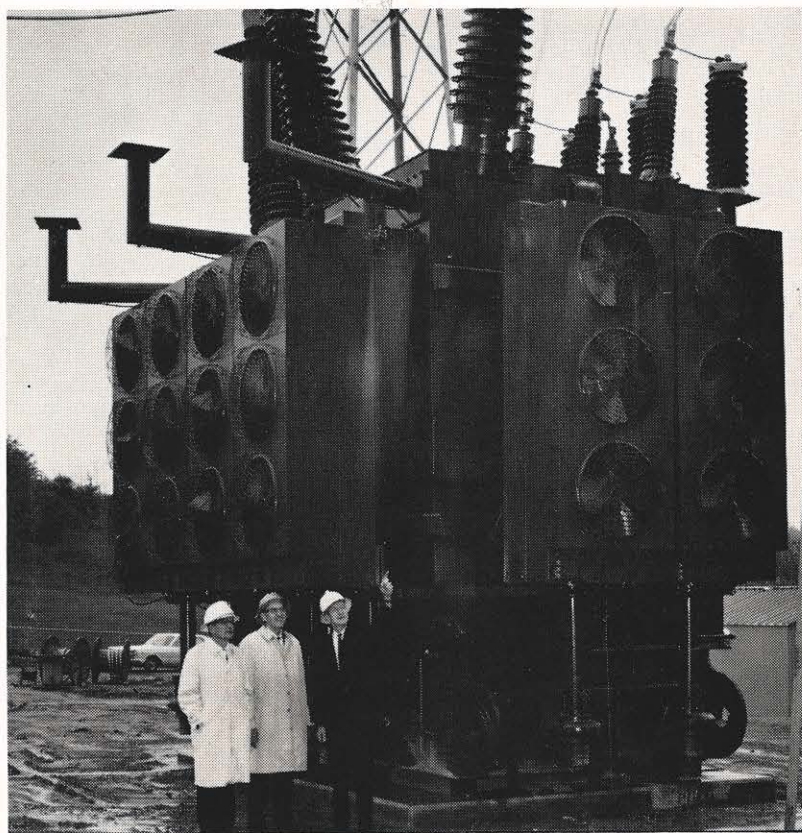
The transformer in turn reduces the voltage of the power to 138,000 volts and 69,000 volts and sends it out to other points in the region.

E. L. Munday, Jr., Huntington division manager, described the station and its lines today. "The station, one of the largest in our system, is located on Route 75 southwest of Huntington. Lines from it, reaching like tenacles, run to Appalachian's Darrah and West Huntington substations, and to the South Point substation of Ohio Power Company, sister company of Appalachian."

Another line remains to be built, Mr. Munday pointed out. This one will connect Tri-State to the Bellefonte substation near Ashland of Kentucky Power Company.

"This line, and the usual finishing trim work at Tri-State, are the only work remaining in this comprehensive project," Mr. Munday said.

Sporn Plant is jointly owned by Appalachian and Ohio Power. This



Fred Schwartz (from left), assistant division T&D superintendent; Charles Weise, general office chief regional dispatcher, and Austin Neal, division T&D supervisor, inspect the site prior to energizing the giant 345,000-volt transformer at the Huntington Tri-State station.

G. C. Branson, Hazard, Retires



Mr. Branson

After serving Kentucky Power for nearly 37 years, G. C. Branson, stores supervisor in the Hazard division, retired June 1.

Mr. Branson joined the company August 14, 1930, as plant clerk in the old Hazard plant. He was promoted to storekeeper in 1936 and was named stores supervisor in 1954.

Active in church work, he is an ordained minister in the Church of Christ and has been instrumental in the building of two new churches.

He resides at Lothair where he owns a home. He also has a home in Winter Gardens near Lake Apopka, Florida, where he and his wife plan to spend the winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Branson are the parents of four married children and have several grandchildren.

White, LaFon

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president of the Rotary Club, director of the state Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Central Ohio Valley Industrial Council (COVIC), former director of Bellefonte Country Club and a former chairman of the Ashland Planning and Zoning Commission.

Honored with the Silver Beaver award for his scout activities, he is a past deacon in the First Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. LaFon have three daughters.

plant, located on the Ohio River in Mason County, has a capacity of 1,100,000 kilowatts. It is already a source for Appalachian's two other 345,000 volt lines: to Kanawha River Plant at Glasgow, near Charleston, a distance of 65 miles; and to Roanoke, a distance of 185 miles.

Area residents recalled the building of the Tri-State line, because helicopters were used to erect most of the 217 all guyed V-shaped towers used in the line. The line also contains 45 steel towers, erected in the conventional manner.

Appalachian pioneered the use of 345,000 volt transmission lines in this country. The Sporn-Kanawha line was placed in operation in 1954, and for several years it was one of the highest voltage lines in the nation. Appalachian recently completed construction of a 500,000 volt line in Virginia, and is beginning work on a 765,000

volt line, a leg of which will pass through the Tri-State region.

Work on Tri-State station and lines began in early 1965. Mr. Munday described the project as a general reinforcement of the area's electric power supplies. This project, along with a 138,000 volt line from Sporn Plant to Darrah substation in 1965, and several projects now in the planning stage, are part of an overall comprehensive electric power development plan for the Tri-State region, Munday said.

Walter Robinson Ends 25 Years At Cabin Creek



Mr. Robinson

After nearly 25 years of service at Appalachian's Cabin Creek plant, Walter R. Robinson retired May 1.

A chemist assistant, Mr. Robinson started at Cabin Creek December 8, 1942. All of his service was spent in the laboratory department.

Employees at the plant presented him a wrist watch with his name and total years of service engraved on the back. The laboratory department gave him a Bible.

Mr. Robinson is a pastor at the Church of Christ at Shrewsbury, West Virginia, and spends much of his time as an active church worker.

He and his wife and son reside at 3018 East Riverview drive at Shrewsbury.

William Barker, Marion, Ends 21 Years On Job

William Barker, senior meter reader at Marion-Abingdon division, retired June 1. His retirement, after more than 21 years' service, came early due to an old injury.

Mr. Barker joined Appalachian in 1945 as a groundman-B and was reclassified as a meter reader after a fall in which he broke both wrists. He was

promoted to senior meter reader in 1949. Prior to joining the company, he worked for the Marion Bottling Company.

A native of Sullivan County, Tennessee, he attended schools at Marion. He is a member of the VFW and the Baptist Church. During World War II, he was wounded and received the Purple Heart.

He and his wife, Bonnie, are the parents of two children, Dennie and Phyllis, both at home. They reside at 826 Henry Street, Marion.



Mr. Barker

Wedding Bells Ring For Company Couples



Mrs. Kelley



Mrs. Meek



Mrs. Craig



Mrs. Sink



Mrs. Anderson

Morris-Kelley

Sandra Jean Morris and Clarence Cecil Kelley, Jr., were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony on May 13 at the Villa Heights Baptist Church. Mrs. Kelley is a stenographer in the G. O. commercial dept., Roanoke.

Viars-Meek

Carolyn L. Viars and Dr. Robert B. Meek were married March 25 at the Healing Stream Baptist Church, Seth, W. Va. Mrs. Meek is a secretarial stenographer in Charleston.

Waldrop-Craig

Mary Margaret Waldrop became the bride of James Gordon Craig Jr. on April 8 in the Main Street Methodist Church, South Boston, Va. Mr. Craig is the son of James G. Craig, agricultural engineer, Abingdon.

Keys-Sink

Faye Louise Keys and Dewey N. Sink Jr. exchanged nuptial vows on May 13 at the Shenandoah Chapel. Mr. Sink is the son of D. N. Sink Sr., meter service helper, Roanoke.

Wray-Anderson

Brenda Fay Wray and David Coleman Anderson were united in marriage on April 30 at the Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, Ararat, Va. Mr. Anderson is employed in the G. O. accounting dept., Roanoke.

High Scout Honors Presented In Logan-Williamson Division



Mrs. Coon pins on badge



Mrs. Miller admires award

A Logan-Williamson division employee and children of two other division employees received high scout honors last month.



Stellamae

Cecil L. Miller, engineering aide at Williamson, was presented the Chief Cornstalk Council's highest award, the Silver Beaver. He has been extremely active in the Mingo-Pike district of the council.

Larry Fred Conn, son of Ira Conn, Kermit area serviceman, received the Eagle Scout award

from the Chief Cornstalk Council. Larry is a member of the Explorer Post 31 at Kermit and his father is post advisor. Larry is a sophomore at Kermit high school.

Stellamae Bivens, daughter of W. E. Bivens, residential/rural supervisor, received the God and Community award during ceremonies at the First Presbyterian Church at Logan. She has been a Girl Scout for nine years and is a member of Logan Troop 322. She holds the rank of First Class and has earned bars in office aide, child care aide, library aide and public relations aide. To earn these aide bars, she completed 50 hours of volunteer service in each field.

Stellamae has been appointed as a delegate to represent Logan district at the Senior Girl Scout conference to be held at Clarksburg, West Virginia. She also is first alternate to a conference at Dayton, Ohio. A sophomore at Logan high school, she won the God and Community award after completing one year of outstanding Christian leadership and service.

Mr. Miller's award was presented at the council's 41st annual recognition dinner meeting at Logan. He now is serving as district organization and extension chairman for the council, and also has served as neighborhood commissioner, district commissioner, chairman of the district health and safety committee, merit badge first aid instructor for the district and on unit and training committees.

To be a candidate for the Silver Beaver award, a candidate must have had continuous and exceptional service to youth for 10 years plus service at both the unit and district-council levels. The award must be approved by the National Council Committee. Mr. Miller also holds the Trophy award for service to boyhood, which is one of only two such awards given in the Mingo-Pike district.

They're Engaged

SANDRA BALDWIN to Douglas D. Cameron. Mr. Cameron is a meterman helper in the Bluefield Division T&D dept.

SUSAN LEA HAYNES to Andrew Wayne Franklin. Mr. Franklin is a tracer in the Bluefield Division T&D dept.

PHYLLIS McCLURE to Donald Leonard. Mr. Leonard is the son of J. G. Leonard, area serviceman, Abingdon.

SANDRA PRICE to Jan Davidson. Miss Price is the daughter of R. H. Price, line foreman, Beckley.

CAROLYN GENE PIERCE to Ronald L. Bailey. Miss Pierce is the daughter of Mrs. Eloise Pierce, T&D clerk, Beckley.

LINDA SUE HOLDREN to Daniel Wayne Agee. Miss Holdren is the daughter of Wiley W. Holdren, line foreman in the Roanoke Division T&D dept.

SANDRA O'NEAL to John R. Ratcliffe. Mr. Ratcliffe is a meterman helper in the Bluefield division.

AUDRA M. EDELMAN to Holley H. Mullins. Miss Edelman is a clerk stenographer at the Cabin Creek plant.

JANE E. ROSE to Ernie Ramos Jr. Miss Rose is the daughter of Perry S. Rose, turbine operator at the Cabin Creek plant.

ROSALIE OAKES to Bill Skeens. Miss Oakes is a home sales representative in the Logan division.

LINDA KAY HUDSON to John E. McGowan Jr. Her father, L. E. Hudson, is in the T&D department in the Lynchburg division.

ELAINE ROBERTSON to Henry Hubbard. Miss Robertson is the daughter of A. Nelson Simpson, agricultural engineer in the Lynchburg division.



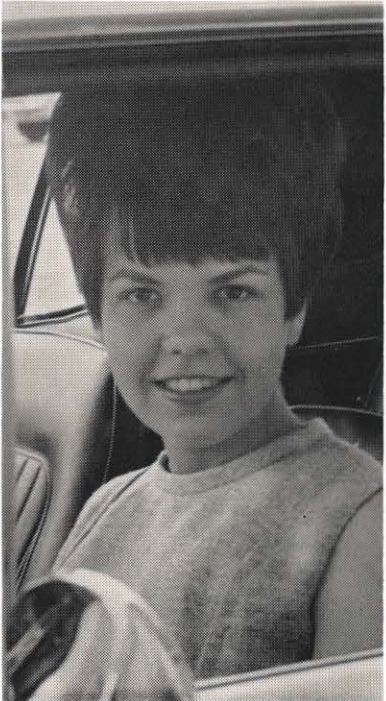
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis

Wow! Three Grand



And A Car

Two Roanoke division employees hit the proverbial jackpot recently. Both entered separate contests and forgot about it. To their surprise, they received word they had won. In the above picture, J. G. Hunt, commercial sales representative, lets out an appropriate "Yahoo" as he re-lives the moment when he opened a letter to find a check for \$3,000. At right, Joyce Rutledge, of the accounting department, sits in the 1967 model automobile which she won in another contest. Mr. Hunt, who won his cash in a national contest, actually won a car, but decided to take the money. Miss Rutledge's prize came from a Roanoke contest.



White-Lewis

Janet Faye White was married to Albert Lewis Jr. on April 29 at the Z. Warner EUB Church, LeSage, W. Va. Mr. Lewis is a meter clerk in Huntington.

French-Russell

Edna Katherine French and Richard W. Russell were married on April 28 in Middleport, Ohio. Mr. Russell is a maintenance man at the Philip Sporn Plant.

Wyatt-White

Sandra S. Wyatt and Robert N. White were united in marriage on March 31. Mr. White is a utility man at Cabin Creek Plant.

New Arrivals

Charleston Division

MR. AND MRS. L. F. DENT, a son, Charles Roy, May 1. Mr. Dent is a lineman.

Clinch River Plant

MR. AND MRS. JAMES DON BARTON, a son, Brian Gregg, April 16. Mr. Barton is a utility operator.

Glen Lyn Plant

MR. AND MRS. C. B. KING, JR., a son, Steven Marcus, April 6. Mr. King is a clerk.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD J. POULIN, a son, Richard J. Jr., April 25. Mr. Poulin is a utility man.

General Office

MR. AND MRS. NELSON E. LAM, a daughter, Laura Allison, May 1. Mr. Lam is employed in the accounting dept.

Street Lighting Goal Achieved At Huntington

Huntington division has completed in two years a project that was expected to take three. It was the task of securing new ten-year street lighting contracts with all municipalities within the division.

Twenty-three new contracts, each calling for mercury vapor lighting to replace incandescent or filament types, have been secured. The contracts call for more than 5,000 lights.

It was explained to the municipalities that the mercury vapor lights produce two and one-half times the light per watt as incandescent lighting and the new type requires less maintenance.

Ashland

Lt. Francis M. Criswell, son of David Criswell, Ashland division heating sales representative, recently completed a six-week course in Aero-Space medicine at the Naval Aero-Space Institute at Pensacola, Florida. During the course he was trained in medicine as a naval flight surgeon. He also received instructions in flying and received his wings. A graduate of the University of Kentucky medical school, he has been assigned for duty with the Marines in Viet Nam. His wife, Eleanor, attended graduation ceremonies.



Lt. Criswell

Bill Schweitzer, commercial and power sales representative, was elected secretary of the North East Kentucky Rural Community Development Association for the coming year.

John White, appliance serviceman helper, returned from a six-month military leave of absence.

Ned Viars is a new employee in the engineering department. He is an engineer-B.

Clinch River

John J. McAvoy was elected commander of the newly chartered Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9864 at Lebanon, Virginia. Alvie Napier was named senior vice-commander of the post.



Mr. McAvoy

Mr. Napier is filter plant operator and sampler. Mr. Napier is a master maintenance man. Mr. McAvoy is a former mayor and councilman at Lebanon and has been very active in civic and church work. Mr. Napier has been active in youth work at Lebanon and is an official of Lebanon's Little League organization.

Logan-Williamson

Patricia Cantley, daughter of Paul Cantley, commercial department, was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Logan junior high school. A second-year member of the society is John Collins, son of Howard Collins, personnel supervisor.

E. E. King, area manager in the division, was elected president of the Mingo County Taxpayers' Association. He also was reappointed to a two-year term on the Mingo County Airport Association.

Howard Collins, personnel supervisor, was appointed a member of the Governors' Advisory Committee for Region V for Vocational Rehabilitation. Region V consists of Logan, Mingo, Cabell, Wayne and Mason counties.

Elected first vice-president of the Williamson Lions Club was Fred E. Varney, line and station supervisor in the division.

H. W. "Ace" Cerrato, administrative assistant, served as master of ceremonies during the recent dedication of the Belfry (Kentucky) post office building. Federal officials attended the event and presented the community a new American flag to be flown over the building.

Merrill Atkinson, retired administrative assistant, was a recent visitor at the Logan office.

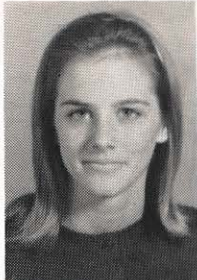
General Office

Joyce H. Morgan and Dianne S. Shank are new employees in the accounting department. Ruby W. Clifton has resigned.

Happenings Around The Circuit

Huntington

Lynda Hall, daughter of O. C. Hall, manager at Point Pleasant, was selected by American Legion Post 23 to attend the annual Girls State.



Lynda

Girls State opens at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, on June 12 and will run through June 17. A junior at Point Pleasant high school, Lynda is a member of the National Honor Society, Thespians, secretary of the Student Council and president of the Youth Fellowship of the Presbyterian Church. Lynda also won a trip to Washington in a contest sponsored by Representative Ken Hechler. She will spend a week in Washington watching government in action and working in Representative Heckler's office.

Wandell Pancake, Point Pleasant draftsman, is chairman of the Point Pleasant high school Big Black Backers' fund raising drive. The athletic booster club is building pallets for sale. Assisting in the project are L. J. Hedrick, area T&D superintendent, as a member of the Rotary Club, and O. C. Hall, manager, as a member of the Kiwanis Club.

New employees in the division are Steve Cahn, Herbert Johnson, C. D. Evans, E. E. Salmons, T. E. Norris, D. F. Machir, Patsy Brewer, D. C. Watts and E. E. Murray. Ron Brandon, technician in the AEP laboratory, has resigned.

Russell Fowler, retired employee, is hospitalized at Atlanta, Georgia, where he resides.

W. M. Walls Jr., commercial sales representative was elected to the office of prelate for the Moose Lodge 347.

Kathryn Kelsey, daughter of Paul Kelsey, division line engineer, was graduated from the University

of Dayton April 23 with a bachelor of science degree in home economics.

Keith Taylor, husband of Genevieve Taylor, secretary-stenographer in the managerial office, was awarded a commission as a "Kentucky Colonel" by Gov. Edward T. Breathitt, of Kentucky, for efforts as state director of the Izaak Walton League.

Mrs. Hugh D. Stillman, wife of retired division manager, has been elected as Treasurer of the Huntington Junior League Garden Club.

Jack Butler, Lineman-A, received an award for most improvement in public speaking in a Dale Carnegie course.

Christy and Lynne Perkey, daughters of L. E. Perkey, line foreman, were blue ribbon winners recently in the Annual Narcissus Show at Huntington. Lynne participated in the High School Gardener Division, and Christy in the Horticulture Division.

Charles Hoschar, head meter clerk, was cited for his efforts in behalf of the American Red Cross in conducting a First Aid Course for the Huntington Home Makers Club.

W. C. Gilmour, administrative assistant at Point Pleasant, and Charles Hoschar, head meter clerk, recently graduated from a Safety Seminar held at Marshall University. The course on safety was entitled, "Care and Transportation of the Critically Ill and Injured."

Jeffery Smith, and his mother, Phyllis, were the guests of the Huntington Publishing Company on Mother's Day for a special luncheon. Jeff won the honor of taking his mother out to lunch on Mother's Day through a contest by obtaining the most new subscriptions to the newspaper. Jeff and Phyllis are the son and wife of R. H. Smith, heating and builder sales representative.

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Lynchburg

Six employees from the engineering department, T&D section, have successfully completed a three-year course in surveying. They were James Collins, George Gillette, Raymond Thomas, Paul Keys, J. K. Reid and Robert Campbell. The men, assisted by the company's educational aid program, took courses in math, land surveying, topography, highway and earth moving.

F. D. Giles Jr., credit supervisor, completed a 40-hour course in current management concepts and techniques at the Lynchburg College's Institute of Management. The course covered accounting, cash management, sales forecasting, communications, labor and management, banking, and selection and training of personnel.

John W. Vaughan, division manager, and Lloyd T. Smith, administrative assistant, were appointed to the public relations and sunshine committees, respectively, of the Lynchburg Rotary Club.

L. G. Dougan, division personnel supervisor, was elected president of the Lynchburg chapter of the Administrative Society. Active in civic affairs, he is a member of the Lynchburg Lions Club, Izaak Walton League, past president of the Lynchburg Safety Council and the Lynchburg PTA. He also is chairman of the industrial division of the United Fund and is a six-gallon blood donor to the American Red Cross. Besides Lynchburg,

Mr. Dougan also has served with the company at Roanoke and Logan, West Virginia. Mr. Dougan also recently attended state conferences, the 33rd Annual Safety Conference of Virginia Safety Association at Norfolk, and the Lions' Convention at Roanoke.

Also attending the Lions' Annual Convention at Roanoke were R. L. Hatch, station and hydro supervisor and Carter Wheeler, engineer.

Mrs. Marget S. Schley, petty cash clerk, and Mrs. Judy Holt, general clerk, have resigned.

Pikeville

Patricia Ann and Linda Lou, daughters of Dorothy Cardinal, petty cash clerk, were on the dean's list at Pikeville College. Linda is a freshman and Patty is a junior.

Linda Pat Flanagan, daughter of H. R. Flanagan, division accounting supervisor, was elected president of the student Council at Gulf Park (Mississippi) College. The election was to a one-year term.

Donald K. Belcher, son of Clyde Harmon, T&D department serviceman, was selected to represent the engineering college of the University of Kentucky at the American Power Conference at Chicago. The conference is a meeting of electric utilities and associated industries throughout the United States and Canada. Donald graduated from Johns Creek high school in 1964 and is a senior in electronic engineering at the university.

Charleston

B. K. Martin, division meter supervisor, authored an article published in Electric Light and Power magazine. The article concerned a jig which Mr. Martin built to help adjust time-recording settings. It is an aligning jig which allows meter servicemen to adjust cyclometer advancing pawls on oscillograph time recorders in the field.

Nicholas Roomy, general office area development consultant for Bluefield and Charleston divisions,



Mr. Roomy

was installed last month as president of the West Virginia Convention of Christian (Disciples) Churches at Cumberland, Maryland. As president, Mr. Roomy will preside over the 1968 convention which will be held at Beckley, West Virginia. He is a member of the First Christian Church at Charleston, where he is active in church work. He resides at Charleston and works out of the Charleston office.

New employees in the division are: Caravel A. Goard, Lyle E. Lawrence, Donald G. Adkins and Raymond L. Armstrong, all linemen helpers, and James F. Riffle, auto repairman helper.

Beckley

Maxie C. Dwornick, engineering aide, was elected president of the Hollywood elementary PTA recently. He was employed first as a clerk in the record section in 1946 and has served as line inspector and junior engineer before being named engineering aide in 1949.



Mr. Dwornick

Maxie is an avid sports fan and enjoys bowling, hunting and fishing. For several years he was a stellar shortstop for the company's teams at Beckley. He is married and the father of two children. He resides with his family at MacArthur, West Virginia. Mr. Dwornick's daughter, Regina, recently was chosen "Citizenship Girl" at the Hollywood School. The award, presented annually by the Beckley Civitan Club, is based on scholastic average and participation in school and civic activities.

H. H. Crawford, collector in the Rupert area, was elected vice president of the Meadow River Lions Club.

Phyllis Walker, daughter of W. L. Walker, engineering aide, won a week-long trip to Jackson's Mill in a 4-H Good Grooming Contest. She scored 98 out of 100 points.

Mrs. Robert Brashear, wife of Beckley retired employee, won a blue ribbon for a three-piece knitted suit in the arts and crafts exhibit at the Annual Convention of Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs at Norfolk. She also won a yellow ribbon for a dress ensemble. The Brashears have resided at Claytor Lake, Virginia, since his retirement in April, 1961.

Sharon Kay Corder is a new employee in the T&D record section at Beckley.

Abingdon

T. M. Wright, line crew, was named vice chairman of the official board of the Mahanaim Methodist Church.

Raymond K. Totten, records department, was elected vice president of the Abingdon Jaycees.

Three employees have returned to work after military leaves of absence. They are: Raymond K. Totten, records department; C. E. Garret, line crew, and R. D. Harrison, Clintwood accounting.

Fillmore McPherson Jr., manager, attended the board of directors' meeting of the Virginia Travel Council at Richmond. He is a director of the council.

Roanoke

D. C. Kennedy, Roanoke division manager, was elected to serve a second one-year term as president of the Roanoke Valley Industries, Inc.

E. T. Jones, division credit supervisor, was elected president of the Roanoke Association of Credit men.



Mr. Jones

He began employment with Appalachian in 1950 as an office messenger. He has served in various positions, including mail room clerk, contract clerk and assistant credit supervisor before being named division credit supervisor in 1965. In the Credit Association he has served as a director and vice president. He also was a member of the Roanoke Jaycees from 1956 through 1966. He is married and has one daughter and is a member of the North Roanoke Baptist Church where he is a deacon and Sunday School superintendent.

Several children of employees graduated from high school. Eddie Moore, son of C. E. Moore, William Fleming high school, plans to attend VPI. Graduating from Patrick Henry high school are Robert and Richard Mills, twin sons of R. L. Mills. They plan to study at Roanoke College. Robert L. "Bob" Evans, son of L. D. Evans, plans to go to Richmond or Lynchburg College. Peter K. "Pete" Chandler, son of Harry Chandler, plans to study at VMI. Jacqueline S. French, daughter of J. W. French, will graduate from Northside high school and plans to attend West Hampton College.

Timothy L. Reed, son of Malcolm E. Reed, T&D department, was elected to the National Honor Society at Northside high school. The school Advisory Council stated that his display of service, scholarship, leadership, and character had proven his eligibility for the society. Timothy, 16, is a sophomore and serves as treasurer of the school's Spanish Club.

Sandra McClelland, petty cash clerk, is quite proud of her husband, Edward L. McClelland, who will receive his Master's degree in business administration from VPI. He earned his BS degree there in 1963. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Societies. His graduate thesis was on "Testing as an Aid in Personnel Selection."

Division employees who resigned recently were T. R. Kennedy, lineman helper in the T&D department, and W. T. Clark, clerk-trainee, accounting department at Fieldale.

Fieldale

J. W. Wright Jr., dealer sales representative, was elected first vice president of the Collinsville Recreation Center, Inc. recently at a meeting of the organization's board of directors. He will serve for a one-year term.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. St. Clair and Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Romero spent a successful weekend deep sea fishing at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Part of their catch included 118 bass and silver snapper. Mr. St. Clair is right-of-way agent and Mrs. Romero is a T&D clerk.

Hazard

Gaine Stidham, division superintendent, was elected president of the Hazard Lions Club for 1967-68. An active member of the club for 12 years, he has served on various committees and was a member of the board of directors for two years. He will assume his new duties as president on July 1. Mr.



Mr. Stidham

Stidham is the fourth Kentucky Power employee to serve as president of the club. The others were H. J. Bonta (retired), A. R. Barber, division manager, and Morgan Ozee.

Oh, For A Two-Car Family

companies tackle

job of licensing

1,176 vehicles



D. C. Kennedy, Roanoke division manager, signs his name one of the approximately 1,500 times required on the annual vehicle registration forms.



Warren M. Hancock, garage, attaches city and state tags, another time-consuming job connected with license plate time.



R. A. Young, Roanoke division transportation, observes as Sandra McClelland, division accounting, who helps with vehicle registration, goes through just a portion of 1967 Virginia plates.

Buying vehicle license plates is an annual event in which most of us begrudgingly participate. It's really a rather humdrum affair and the expense isn't too great—even for a two-car family.

But, if you're a three-company group with approximately 1,176 vehicles to license annually, the humdrumness quickly changes to complexity. The expense, including cost of tags, clerical manhours and taxes, becomes immense.

Such is the case with Appalachian, Kentucky and Kingsport companies, all which either recently completed the chore or still face it.

Appalachian, which has the double problem of licensing vehicles in two states, Virginia and West Virginia, has 977 vehicles, including 444 passenger cars and 523 trucks or commercial vehicles. Add trailer tags and the number goes over 1,100. Virginia's plates went on in April, but West Virginia's deadline is July 1 for cars and August 1 for trucks.

Kentucky, with 167 vehicles of all types, met its deadline in April.

Kingsport, unlike Appalachian and Kentucky, has only state tags to worry about. It has 32 vehicles, including 11 passenger cars and 21 trucks and the plates went on in April.

A grand total of approximately \$50,342 was spent by the three companies to license the 1,176 vehicles. This figure does not include all trailer tags.

Appalachian's cost was \$44,343, Kentucky's \$4,875 and Kingsport's \$1,124. The figures represent state, city and county tags, except for Kingsport.

Included in the total cost is various taxes which the companies pay. It's just another way that investor-owned utilities help offset the tax burden on the public.

Cost of the license plates vary—as do the taxes. Using Virginia as an example, cost is based on weight. City tags in Virginia vary from \$9 to \$56 on cars and from \$17 to \$523 on trucks. For a large tractor-trailer outfit, a high total of \$579 is paid.

According to 1966 figures supplied by the general office accounting department at Roanoke, Appalachian paid \$14,970 in Virginia and \$12,168 in West Virginia for county, town and city personal property tax on the vehicles. These figures are based on about 95 per cent of the vehicles which are leased, but on which the company pays the taxes under the lease agreement.

Vehicles over a special classification also are subject to a federal highway use tax. Appalachian paid about \$750 last year on that tax. Another cost which adds up affects about 270 of Appalachian's trucks which are in a special classification and are required to be registered with the Virginia State Corporate Commission. Registration cost \$2 per truck.

Of course, cars and trucks need gasoline. Gasoline represents the largest tax cost in use of the vehicles. In 1966 Appalachian paid \$49,382 in federal gasoline taxes, and \$48,532 to West Virginia and \$37,865 to Virginia in state taxes. The company's vehicles traveled nearly 14.5-million miles during the year.

Registration of the vehicles is the responsibility of the transportation department and requires a large number of manhours. Each division in Appalachian buys its plates locally. It is estimated that the divisions with the larger fleets require more than one work week per employee in the transportation department to complete preparations for buying the plates.

Each car requires city or county and state registration cards. Trucks have state, city or county and the corporation commission registration cards to be completed. In Virginia, insurance coverage information must be included on each car, which requires additional effort.

Upon the division managers fall the dubious honor of signing each form. In the Roanoke division, which has more than 200 vehicles, D. C. Kennedy must sign his name approximately 1,500 times. Some truck registration forms require as many as five signatures. It's a good opportunity to get writer's cramp.

common or preferred,

New York 'bird'



A shareowner congratulates Mr. Cook on company's performance over the years during the traditional question and answer period.

sure sign of spring



Three executive vice presidents—two active and one retired—were no doubt talking about Appalachian when this picture was taken before the meeting. From left are Graham Claytor, retired officer and director; Joe P. Gills, Appalachian, and G. V. Patterson, service corporation and a director of AEP.



Early arrivals at the annual meeting stop to register at a desk staffed by Miss Jeanne Bioblocki, left, and Mrs. Mildred O'Connor.

In Manhattan, where robins find few worms and crocuses are hard to come by, the one sure sign of spring is the blossoming of corporate annual meetings.

Signs, with arrows pointing to meeting rooms burst into bloom in midtown hotel lobbies, and the voice of the stockholder is heard in the land.

The annual meeting is required by law. It is an institution in which the owners of a business—its shareowners—come face to face with its managers to hear an accounting of the company's activities during the year past.

In many respects, American Electric Power Company's annual meetings are typical of all others: shareowners cast their votes on certain issues, air their opinions, and put questions to the officers and directors of the company.

Sometimes these questions are to the point, sometimes not. In a previous AEP meeting, for example, President Donald C. Cook was asked about the inadequacy of transit service to Staten Island. On another occasion, a woman shareowner, failing to note the difference between an electric co-operative and a co-op apartment, where she happened to live, wanted to know why an investor-owned electric utility should object to her housing arrangements.

AEP's annual meeting April 26, for better or worse, lacked those diversions.

It took place in the ballroom of the Hotel Biltmore. It is a large, high-ceilinged room with white walls and baroque decorations picked out in gold, and a deep red carpet covering the floor. Three crystal chandeliers, dripping with pendants, supply a soft light.

Three hundred chairs had been set up facing a long green-covered table on a raised

platform. Along the table's length large name cards indicated where each of the company's directors would sit.

Fully an hour before the meeting, the first shareowner arrived. Carrying a shopping bag, standard equipment for the small band of professional stockholders who travel from one annual meeting to another as a matter of entertainment, she registered at a table staffed by three AEP secretaries serving as hostesses. She then sat down and began to read the AEP annual report. Before long a grey-haired man entered, sat in the last row and began to read *The New York Times*.

By nine o'clock or so, when Mr. Cook and other company officers and directors began to arrive, there were perhaps 100 persons present, including 20 members of an investment class and a girl carrying a brief case and wearing a short skirt. When, shortly after 9:30, Mr. Cook rapped for attention and called the meeting to order, the attendance was about 250.

There followed a ritualistic dialogue between Mr. Cook, as chairman of the meeting, and W. J. Rose, vice president and secretary of the company, which established for the record that the necessary notice of the meeting had been mailed to shareowners. Mr. Cook introduced the directors, the other officers of the company and the AEP Service Corporation, and the executive vice presidents of the System's operating companies.

Every annual meeting is participative to some degree. This year, AEP shareowners were asked to take part in two bits of business: to re-elect the company's directors, and to approve the appointment by them of Niles and Niles, public accounting firm, as the company's auditors for 1967. Both votes

were affirmative by a substantial margin.

The proxies and ballots tabulated by a group supervised by Klaus Bergman, company attorney, showed that something over 39,500,000 shares were represented at the meeting, better than 85 per cent of the shares outstanding.

The core of the meeting was Mr. Cook's report to the company's owners of its growth in 1966, and its prospects for further growth in 1967. (A news article on the talk appeared in last month's paper.)

A segment of the CBS network's television special, "Wall Street—Where The Money Is," was also shown as a part of the president's report. It dealt with Ohio Power Company's \$50-million bond issue last year, and featured Mr. Cook and Mr. Rose among several company officers. Mr. Cook's role in the special prompted one shareowner to say at the end of the showing that she hoped he would turn a deaf ear to offers from Hollywood.

This observation was made in the period devoted to questions from the floor following Mr. Cook's report, and was one of the few totally understood by everyone present. Most of the statements were laudatory, most of the questions complicated, and dealt with financial technicalities. One question concerned the System's proposed nuclear plant in Michigan, and another the proposed acquisition of Michigan Gas and Electric Company, now pending before the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The proceedings came to a close when silence greeted Mr. Cook's question, "Are there any more questions? No? Very well, the 60th annual meeting of the American Electric Power Company is adjourned. Coffee and refreshments are being served in the West Room."



Lynchburg Gobblers

Two Lynchburg employees had fine success during Virginia's spring turkey gobbler season. Shown above with the big birds are (left) James E. Stevens, lineman-B, and Robert C. Withers, Lineman-A. Stevens' gobbler weighed over 21 pounds and Withers' went over 17 pounds. Both had 11-inch beards and were bagged in Nelson County. Both birds are resting comfortably in a home freezer waiting for that last Thursday in November.



E. L. Sutor Jr. (right) follows through on a stroke under the watchful eye of his instructor and a portion of his classmates.

Lynchburg Golfer Keeps Eye On Ball

Some people try to escape women players on a golf course. E. L. Sutor Jr., Lynchburg office supervisor, has done just the opposite. He's the only man in a golfing class composed of 30 women.

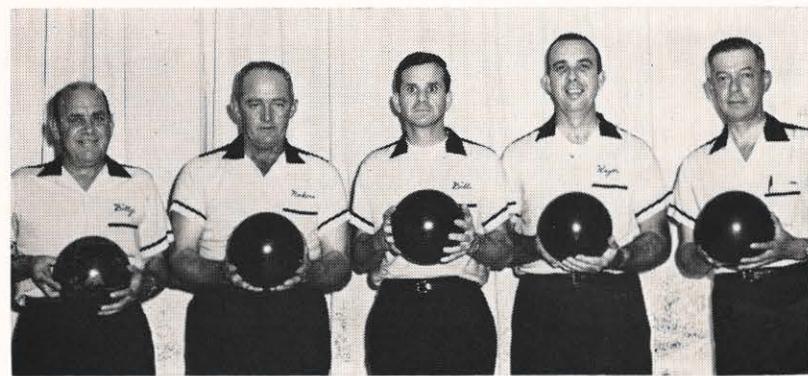
The class, held every week in the YWCA gymnasium, is under the direction of a local golf professional. It's the second year for the golf class, and the first time it hasn't been all female.

Mr. Sutor, who has been getting

some good-natured kidding about his venture, isn't concerned. As he says, "Judgement day, women or high water, I am going to learn this game. And, there's no time like the present."

If there is any truth behind the old adage that "Behind Every Successful Man Stands A Good Woman," Mr. Sutor may be taking the right approach to the game. Behind him are 30 good women.

Roanoke Bowling Champs



Roanoke division's Meter team, second half winners, defeated the first half winners to capture the company bowling league title. Meter downed the first half team, Station No. 1, in a roll-off last month by a score of 2,933 to 2,926. Shown above are members of the championship team: (from left) Billy Mills, C. T. Rader (deceased), Bill Houchins, Wayne Webb and Marshall Covey. Mr. Rader died of a heart attack five days after the tournament. A story of his death appears in this issue.

Megawatt League Ends; Travelers In Championship

The Megawatt Bowling League, consisting of bowlers from the Cabin Creek plant, Kanawha River plant, Central Appalachian Coal Company, Kanawha Valley Power and wives and husbands of the employees, completed its season recently. The Travelers, winner of the first half, beat out the Pinners, winner of the second half for the championship.

The Travelers, named because it travels farther than any of the other teams to get to the lanes, is composed of employees of the Central Appalachian Coal, and two of their wives.

Twelve teams participated during this bowling year, in which John Blair, Kanawha River, copped high average with 185 for the men, and Jeanne Sheets, Kanawha River, had 167 for the women. John and Jeanne also won the high series trophies with 663 and 591, respectively.

Arrietta Blair, John's wife, won trophies for high game of 232 and high game handicap of 276. Tom Linger, Cabin Creek, had high single game for men of 258 and shared honors with William Nugent, another Cabin Creek employee, for high game with handicap of 284.

Leonard McKinney, Cabin Creek, had high series with handicap for the men of 721 and Midge Walker, wife of Charles Walker, Central Appalachian Coal, had 686, the high series handicap for women.

Kanawha Wins Point Pleasant Golf Tournament

A three-plant golf tournament was held recently at the Pleasant Valley Golf course at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, with employees from Kanawha River, Philip Sporn and Kyger Creek plants competing.

Kanawha River won the tourney by 30 strokes and Russ Fields had low gross of 78.

Bub Stivers of Sporn was runner-up with 82, followed by Joe Shrader of Kyger with 88.

Participating were W. E. Stivers, C. Searls, D. Johnson, W. D. Winebrenner, W. R. Hayes and R. E. Warner, of Sporn; J. Fenderbasch, E. Townley, R. Amburgey, J. Shrader, B. Johnson, E. Steele and T. H. Longstaff, of Kyger, and A. P. Lagarde, G. Fannin, B. Montiegel, R. A. Fields and C. Hudnall, of Kanawha.

Bluefield Golfers Revive Tourney At New Course

Bluefield division held its first golf tournament in several years last month at the new 18-hole Fincastle Country Club course.

Thirty-two employees participated in the tourney. Low gross honors went to O. L. Robinson. Other winners were: R. E. Crowder, runner-up low gross; M. E. Rich, low net; Herman St. Clair, runner-up low net; Clarence Light and James M. Looney, most number of sevens; Bob Crowder and Jerry Whitehurst, most number of threes, and H. T. Goforth, high gross.

Awards were presented by Archie Phlegar, committee chairman. Other members of the committee were Tom Henley, Bob Simmons and Duke Wright. Pairings and winners were determined by Jack Hart, club professional.



Top Huntington Keglers

Pictured above are members of Huntington division's bowling league championship team, No Volts. From left, holding trophies, are: Lucian Maynard, Recie and Fred Erwin, Mary Sarsfield and Charles Hoschar. In the picture below Jean Harbour and Monte Huffman pose with the Kuster award for maintaining the highest average for the season. They both also won trophies for high single and high series.

Roanoker's Son Scores In Track

Tom Hunt, son of J. G. Hunt, Roanoke division commercial department, has been a constant point maker for Virginia Military Institute's track team. His best times have been: 6.3 seconds in the 60-yard dash, 9.9 seconds in the 100 and 22.1 in the 220.

In recent indoor meets he took third against Richmond in the 60 and ran a leg in the winning 440-yard relay. Against VPI he was second in the 60 and ran with the winning 440 relay team. Against Wake Forest and East Carolina he was first in the 60-yard dashes.

In outdoor events, he won several firsts in the 100 and 220. Against Citadel he won firsts in the 100, 220 and was in the winning 440 relay.



Clinch Bowlers

Capture League

The Pulverizers, composed of Clinch River plant employees, won the General Bowling League, a six-team circuit.

At a banquet May 12, members of the team received individual awards and trophies symbolic of the league championship.

Members of the team were: Jim Britt, Mason Vaughan, Charlie Lowe, Glenn Marshall, Lester Marshall, Gene Wyatt and Don Jonas.

Beckley Bowlers On Top

Maxie C. Dwornick and W. L. Walker, both engineering aides in Charleston division's Beckley area, were members of the championship team in the Twilight Handicap League at Beckley.

Whopper Bass



Terry Johnston, son of L. K. Johnston, Glen Lyn plant unit foreman, caught this 9-pound largemouth bass in a lake near his home at Peterstown. The fish was 22 inches long and had a 16-inch girth. Terry, a senior at Peterstown high school, was using a nightcrawler for bait.



Grundy Bowling Champs

Grundy's championship bowling team poses with trophy following completion of the season. From left: Clancy Mullins, lineman; Ronnie Daniels, meter reader; Charles Stover and James Looney, both linemen; Onsbie Yates, pre-audit, and Sam Hylton, heating and building sales representative. Daniels had high average of 178 and Stover had high game of 245.

Service Anniversaries Noted Across Our Companies

30 Years



M. T. Howard
Lynchburg



G. C. Golladay
Lynchburg



L. B. Morris
Ashland



H. H. Perdue
Huntington



J. A. Kovich
Huntington



P. M. Hefner
Huntington



W. T. McCraw
GO-Hydro



J. R. Watkins
Roanoke

25 Years



Earl Adkins
Kanawha



Jane Plunkett
Lynchburg



J. H. McClure
Ashland



G. E. Snodgrass
Ashland



B. Thompson
Kingsport



W. H. Hoard
Kingsport



S. McClure
Charleston



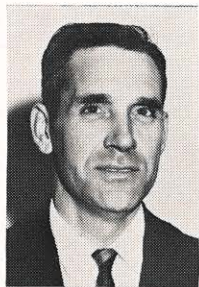
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Bluefield



P. A. Grisso
Roanoke



W. R. Massie
GO-T&D



D. R. Clemons
Glen Lyn



J. K. Reid
Lynchburg



G. A. Volk
Lynchburg



W. Bondurant
Cabin Creek



W. D. Foster
Beckley



W. L. Watson
Ashland



R. D. Tillis
Huntington



R. W. Rowe
Huntington



J. H. Kiser
Bluefield

Two Men Cited For Long Service



Mr. Witzel



Mr. Jackson

Two Appalachian men were honored last month for their long service. W. R. Witzel, Huntington division personnel supervisor, received his 40-year pin, and Reginald P. Jackson, Bluefield division stationman-A, received one for 35 years.

Mr. Witzel started with the Atlantic City Electric Company, a firm no longer connected with the AEP System, on May 11, 1927. He later was transferred to Cabin Creek plant as purchasing agent for power plant construction. In 1932 he was promoted and transferred to Charleston as commercial salesman.

In 1934 he went to Montgomery as chief clerk and later went to Mount Hope in the same capacity. He then moved to Beckley where he later became records supervisor and personnel supervisor.

In 1951, he went to Charleston as personnel supervisor, and then to Huntington to his present position.

He is married and has two sons.

Mr. Jackson, who spent all of his service in the Bluefield division, started his continuous service in 1929 as a laborer in the substation department at Welch. He was promoted to operator, substation operator-A, maintenance-A and then to stationman-A.

Active in his church and youth work, he is a member of the Maybeury Methodist Church. He also is a member of the church's official board, treasurer, and has served as Sunday School teacher for more than 20 years.

He is married, the father of one child and resides at Maybeury.



Appalachian Power Company

ABINGDON DIVISION—20 YEARS: C. E. OWENS, lineman. 5 YEARS: NANCY A. GOODWIN, cashier.

BLUEFIELD DIVISION—35 YEARS: REGINALD P. JACKSON, station man. 25 YEARS: JAY W. FARLEY, JR., line inspector. 20 YEARS: L. G. DEFELICE, auto repairman. JAMES COOK, building supervisor. JAMES H. KISER, station man. 15 YEARS: MILDRED G. BISHOP, secretarial stenographer. 5 YEARS: BONITA K. PRUETT, clerk-stenographer.

CABIN CREEK PLANT—20 YEARS: WILLIAM BONDURANT, JR., transformer maintenance man.

CHARLESTON DIVISION—25 YEARS: SYLVIA MCCLURE, general clerk. 20 YEARS: J. A. COOK, lineman. W. D. FOSTER, JR., lineman. 10 YEARS: W. C. WHITE, truck driver groundman.

CLINCH RIVER PLANT—15 YEARS: LEWIS M. KEENEY, maintenance man. WALTER H. GILMORE, unit foreman. 10 YEARS: JACK L. BLANKENSHIP, material clerk. HOWARD LASLEY, coal equipment operator. J. HAROLD PUCKETT, equipment operator. JOHNNY S. SKEEN, coal equipment operator.

GLEN LYN PLANT—25 YEARS: D. R. CLEMONS, equipment operator. 20 YEARS: PAUL NEELY, equipment operator. J. C. WEATHERLY, boiler operator.

HUNTINGTON DIVISION—40 YEARS: W. R. WITZEL, personnel supervisor. 30 YEARS: H. H. PERDUE, station man. J. A. KOVICH, electrical engineer. P. M. HEFNER, meter service helper. 20 YEARS: R. D. TILLIS, customer service clerk. K. W. ROWE, line inspector. 15 YEARS: B. L. MOORE, heating & bldg. sales representative.

LYNCHBURG DIVISION—30 YEARS: MASSIE T. HOWARD, meter reader. GEORGE C. GOLLADAY, JR., area serviceman. 25 YEARS: JANE W. PLUNKETT, clerk. 20 YEARS: GEORGE A. VOLK, JR., lineman. JAMES K. REID, engineer. 15 YEARS: CLYDE M. BROWN, janitor.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—15 YEARS: GERALD E. MICHAEL, chemist assistant. LEONARD R. ROUSH, maintenance man. JOHN E. ORD, maintenance man. HAROLD R. FRY, Jr., maintenance man. IVAN D. MILLER, maintenance man. RALPH V. GIBBS, JR., safety supervisor.

PULASKI DIVISION—30 YEARS: S. A. DEWEY, commercial sales engineer. J. S. DUNN, area serviceman. I. K. STOOT, line inspector. 20 YEARS: R. E. LESTER, heating & bldg. sales representative. 15 YEARS: J. R. KIDD, lineman.

ROANOKE DIVISION—30 YEARS: J. R. WATKINS, general serviceman. 25 YEARS: P. A. GRISSE, meter serviceman. 20 YEARS: B. T. HARTWELL, lineman. J. R. LOVING, JR., meterman. W. L. NICHOLS, JR., lineman. M. E. REED, electrical engineer. A. R. VAUGHT, lineman. 5 YEARS: P. D. BLOUNT, T&D clerk. DAROTHY B. VIA, pre-audit clerk.

GENERAL OFFICE—25 YEARS: W. R. MASSIE, trans. man. 20 YEARS: NICHOLAS HODOCK, trans. man. MILDRED S. DOWDY, private secretary. 15 YEARS: R. D. HOLBERT, civil construction assistant. GLENNA E. JAGO, secretarial stenographer. E. K. HARRELL, chief of party. 10 YEARS: C. G. CALDWELL, general bookkeeper. M. G. OVERSTREET, data processing operator. 5 YEARS: L. H. ZINN, electrical engineer. J. F. MITCHELL, trans. man.

KANAWHA RIVER PLANT—25 YEARS: EARL ADKINS, maintenance foreman. 10 YEARS: C. N. PERRY, auxiliary equipment operator.

Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DIVISION—30 YEARS: L. B. MORRIS, line foreman. 25 YEARS: G. E. SNODGRASS, contract & property records supervisor. JOHN H. MCCLURE, right of way agent. 20 YEARS: WILLIAM L. WATSON, T&D clerk.

HAZARD DIVISION—15 YEARS: JOYCE C. HURLEY, secretarial stenographer.

Kingsport Power Company

25 YEARS: BLANCHE THOMPSON, meter clerk. W. H. HOARD, janitor.



L. DeFelice
Bluefield



J. Cook
Bluefield



B. T. Hartwell
Roanoke



J. A. Cook
Charleston



J. R. Loving
Roanoke



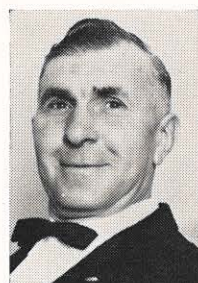
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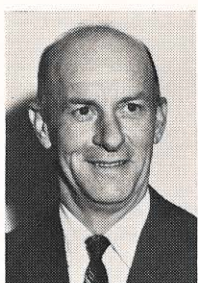
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J. C. Weatherly
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R. E. Lester
Pulaski



S. A. Dewey
Pulaski



I. K. Stoots
Pulaski



T. E. Peay
Clinch River

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

Happenings

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Bluefield

John "Pete" Montague, electrical engineer, is a newly elected director of the Bluefield Jaycees.

McKinley Cornett, engineer, has been elected a director in the Bluewell Lions Club.

C. L. Shockey, division personnel supervisor, has been appointed for membership on the Mercer County Health Council by the Mercer County Council.

Buddy, son of Phil H. Fry, meter serviceman at Princeton, placed fourth in the high school biological department and won two awards—American Pharmaceutical and American Medical Technology. This was state competition at West Virginia University.

Mrs. H. T. Goforth, wife of the customer service representative, was elected secretary of the Bluefield Jaycees. Their son Tommy was presented a certificate for Scout of the Month. He was runner-up for Cub Scout of the entire Pack. He also was awarded a one-year service pin, recruiter stripe, one gold arrow, eight silver arrows, and a Bear badge.

Mrs. Earle Wood, wife of the sales supervisor—residential, was elected corresponding secretary of the Evening Primrose Garden Club.

James R. Turpin service representative; O. W. Adams, area superintendent, and J. L. Mullins, local office supervisor, completed a 14-week Dale Carnegie course.

Trubie P. Dalton and Franklin O. Oresta, auto repairman, completed an extension class in machine hydraulics and machine prints. This was a 30-week course.

Jane, daughter of Steve Dudash, station foreman, is on the dean's list at Marshall University. She has been elected president of the New West Hall dormitory for women for the new year. She also is a counselor.

Sheree, daughter of Arnold Crotty, engineering aide, won honorable mention in a safety contest. This was a 300-word essay on safety. Fifth and sixth graders participated from nine schools in Bluefield, West Virginia and Virginia.

Lynn, daughter of J. R. Bailey, area serviceman, played the oboe and the saxophone in an annual concert held at Bluefield. She also participated with the majorettes.

Scott Robinson, son of O. L. Robinson, division accounting supervisor, has received a special collegiate award for outstanding service and participation in "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges" at Bluefield College.

Welch

R. H. Ruff, power sales engineer and director of Lions International, was honorary chairman and parade marshal for the Strawberry Festival held in Buckhannon, West Virginia, early this month.

Cathy Cook, daughter of Lucille Cook, cashier, has been named historian in the Pineville High school graduating class. Mike Farley, son of Loneda M. Rose, general clerk, was in the top ten of the graduating class.

Betty Looney, wife of James L. Looney, Grundy lineman, has been elected president of the Grundy Junior Woman's Club.

Jack C. Green, engineering aide, has been elected first vice president of the Welch Lions Club. R. H. Ruff, power sales engineer, has been nominated for a life membership in the same club.

Greg Ruff, son of R. H. Ruff, has received an award from West Virginia University for being the most improved student, scholastically, at the school.

D. L. Kendrick, power sales engineer, has been elected to the board of directors of the Grundy Business and Professional Association.

Sonjia Mills, daughter of L. J. Mills, lineman, was selected to receive the degree of Grand Cross of Color. She is a member of the Welch Assembly No. 18, Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Thomas L. Belcher, T&D clerk, is a new employee in the Welch record department.



Mr. Rader

Claggett T. Rader Dies At Roanoke Of Heart Attack

Claggett T. Rader, Roanoke division truck-driver-groundman, died of a heart attack May 13 at his home in Troutville. He was a native of Botetourt County and attended public school there.

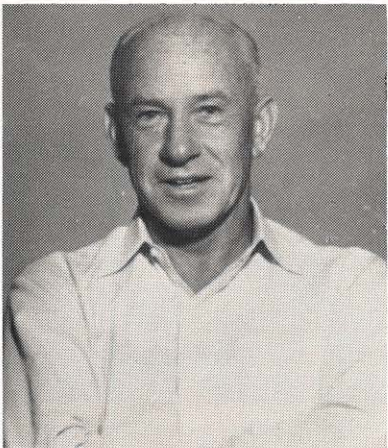
Mr. Rader joined Appalachian in November, 1937, and would have received his 30-year service pin in a few months. He advanced through several positions to lineman from which he went to truck-driver-groundman, due to health problems.

During World War II he served more than 30 months in the U. S. Navy. His hobbies included hunting, church activities, and bowling. He was a member of Meter bowling, the team that won the 1966-1967 season in the Appalachian Bowling League in Roanoke. This win was determined on May 8, only five days before his death.

He is survived by his wife, Frances E., who works as meter clerk in the Roanoke division meter department. They had no children.

Burial was in Mill Creek Cemetery.

John W. Peery, Roanoke, Retires After 30 Years



Mr. Peery

After nearly 30 years of service, John William Peery, groundman in the Roanoke division T&D service department, retired effective June 1.

Mr. Peery, who joined the company at Roanoke on August 30, 1937, as a groundman, served in several capacities, including beginner lineman, lineman, troubleman-A and general serviceman, before requesting a return to groundman because of health reasons in 1965. His retirement also was due to health reasons.

Mr. Peery, who lists reading, hunting and fishing as hobbies, plans to devote much more time to these pastimes while just plain "taking it easy."

A native of Botetourt County, he was born January 26, 1911. Prior to joining Appalachian, he was employed by the highway department.

Mr. Peery is a member of the Central Baptist Church at Starkey and the Moose Lodge.

He and his wife, Margaret, reside on RD 5, Roanoke, and are the parents of three children, Mrs. Donald Wiseman, Mrs. Edward Meador and John William Peery, all of Roanoke. There are three grandchildren.

Familiar Faces In New Places

Appalachian Power Company

Bluefield Division

PAULINE N. HAWLEY from general clerk to pre-audit clerk.

Charleston Division

DOUGLAS F. PURVIS from engineering aide to engineer. JANET S. DIVITA from office messenger to clerk-typist, division accounting. WANDA J. NELSON from contract clerk to contract clerk sr. LARRY W. WHITE from lineman helper to lineman. WILLIAM H. JACKSON from meter serviceman b to meter serviceman a. LARRY F. DENT from lineman helper to lineman.

Huntington Division

JANET YOST from home sales representative to home sale rep. sr. R. W. HOLLEY from auto repairman b to auto repairman a. LARRY ESQUE from stationman helper to stationman.

Philip Sporn Plant

ELIZABETH J. WEHRUNG from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer.

Roanoke Division

T. E. GOAD from meter serviceman to meter service foreman. A. L. STEBAR from engineering aide, division T&D, to garage foreman, division transportation. D. J. WILLIAMS from lineman helper to lineman. J. E. NICHOLS from lineman b to lineman a. B. E. SHELTON from lineman c to lineman b. J. D. ADCOCK from lineman helper to lineman c.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland Division

BILL POTTER from meter serviceman c to meter serviceman b.

Pikeville Division

JAMES W. SKILES from meter reader to T&D man.

Lynchburg Division

ASHBY R. HODGES, JR., from residential heating salesman to heating and builder sales representative. HERBERT M. FIGG, JR., from heating and builder sales representative to commercial sales representative.

Smith Mountain-Leesville Board Cited By Water Safety Congress

The creation of Appalachian's Smith Mountain Hydro-Electric pumped storage project has produced many new developments in the area surrounding the two lakes. One specific result was the creation of the Smith Mountain-Leesville Reservoirs Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission from the four counties bordering the water, Franklin, Bedford, Pittsylvania, and Campbell.

The specific goal of this commission is as the name implies, to help develop the area around the lakes, but Virginia law gives county-wide authority to the commission so it is involved with bettering conditions throughout the entire four counties. Each county has a local planning commission and each has a subdivision ordinance in effect, but none to date have

achieved a county zoning ordinance. Both ordinances are goals of the commission.

One of the constant areas of concern for the "regional" commission is the safety and welfare of persons and boats on the 23,000 acres of water in the two lakes.

In recognition of this phase of the commission's labors, it was publicly honored recently by the National Water Safety Congress meeting for its 17th annual session, at Mobile, Alabama. The "Reservoirs Commission" was awarded the only citation in the nation from among the 44 states participating, for its efforts in promoting public water education and safety.

Appalachian has cooperated fully with this planning commission since its creation.

Brown Retires At Glen Lyn Plant; McClaugherty Is Named Successor



Mr. Brown

Thomas H. Brown, chief plant dispatcher at Glen Lyn plant, retired June 1 after more than 35 years of service. R. K. McClaugherty was promoted from instrument maintenance mechanic to succeed Mr. Brown as chief plant dispatcher.

Mr. Brown began his career with Appalachian as a laborer and worked as a switchboard operator and control operator. In 1957 he was promoted to chief plant dis-

patcher. All of his service was spent at Glen Lyn.

A native of Mercer County, West Virginia, he attended public schools there.

He and his wife reside at Kellysville, West Virginia.

Mr. McClaugherty, the new chief plant dispatcher, joined Appalachian in August of 1945. He has been instrument maintenance mechanic for the past 11 years. A graduate of Peterstown high school, Mr. McClaugherty is very active in church and community affairs. He is a past master of the Masonic lodge at Peterstown and is a member and chairman of the board of the Bozoo Christian Church. He currently is serving a six-year term on the Monroe County Board of Education.

He and his wife are the parents of five daughters and a son.



Mr. McClaugherty



Mr. Crouch

Waddie E. Crouch Retires; 38-Year Lynchburg Veteran

Waddie E. Crouch, Lynchburg division lineman-A, retired June 1 due to ill health. He has served Appalachian for nearly 38 years.

He first joined the company in the line department on August 23, 1929, as a groundman, was promoted to second class lineman in 1931 and to lineman-A in 1940. All of his service was spent in the Lynchburg division.

Mr. Crouch is an active member of the Memorial Christian Church, having served as a deacon and secretary of the Crusaders Bible class.

A member of the Lynbuck Hunt Club, hunting has always been his favorite pastime.

He and his wife, Nannie F., reside at 1019 Oakley avenue. They have two grown sons.

Kentucky Power's James E. Bailey Elects To Retire



Mr. Bailey

James E. Bailey, auto repairman-B, transportation section, transmission and distribution department, has taken early retirement after 23 years of service. Bailey was born in Henry County, Georgia, on April 17, 1905, and was educated in the Henry County school system. He has lived most of his adult life in eastern Kentucky after having worked for Southern Railroad in Georgia. He came to Kentucky to work for a coal company at Weeksbury, Floyd County.

Mr. Bailey began working for the Kentucky Power Company in the Pikeville division as an auto mechanic helper on May 22, 1944. He has spent his entire career with the Pikeville division in the transportation section of the transmission and distribution department.

Mr. Bailey is an ardent fisherman and there is hardly a day goes by without him "wetting his line" somewhere. He plans on doing a lot more fishing when he retires and since most of his fishing up to now has been local, he expects to travel and fish other places. He also says that since his children are scattered from California to Georgia, he hopes he can visit with them more often. He says he will do this especially when the snow falls at Pikeville.

People, Places and Things

Clubs Elect Officers

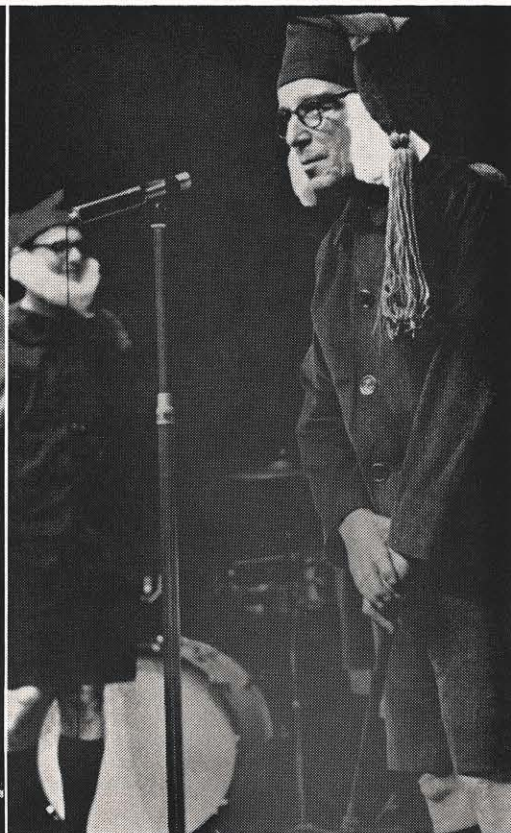


Two employee clubs elected officers recently. At the top are the leaders of the Abingdon club: Nancy Goodwin, seated, secretary, and H. H. Stovall, vice president; Charley Hefner, treasurer, and A. C. Hutton, Jr., president. Below are the Lynchburg Apelo officers: Jack Collins, president; Jane Woody, secretary; Ashby Hodges, vice president, and Dawn Stinnett, assistant treasurer. Larry Dougan, treasurer, was not present.



New officers of Huntington's Benevolent Association are shown above. From left: Dick Smith, vice president; Ted Payne, member of the board; Larry Dickerson, president, and Teresa Bicknell, recorder. Judy Fannin, not shown, also is a member of the board. One of the responsibilities of the association is operating the employee-owned canteen in the basement of the main Huntington building.

Abingdon Men Take To Stage



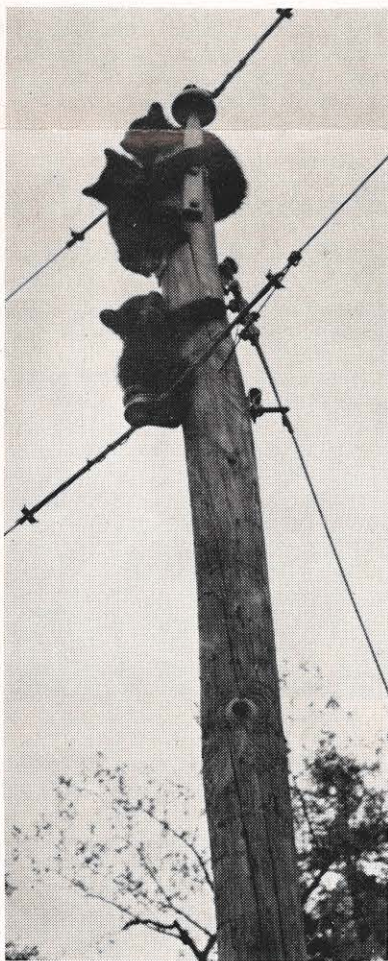
Employees at Abingdon took to the stage recently in the fun-packed Rotary Frolics of 1967. Portraying "Dopey" in a skit of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," was Paul V. Kelsey, sales manager (right). George Kreger, company attorney at Abingdon, was

master of ceremonies (left) and L. C. Peck Jr., record supervisor, was one of six "dandies" who told jokes on the leading citizens of the town throughout the performance.

Youths Finish Gun Course



Two sons of Beckley employees received safe gun handling certificates recently after completing a 12-week National Rifle Association training program at Beckley. Shown above presenting the certificates is W. J. Groseclose Jr., lineman at Beckley and a captain in the 150th Armored Cavalry unit of the National Guard. Mr. Groseclose was the organizer and chairman of the training program which was to promote the safe use of firearms and to instruct the youths in the general use of firearms to increase their marksmanship. Receiving certificates were Russell Murray (fourth from right), the son of D. E. Murray, Beckley area serviceman, and Chip Keatley (extreme right), son of K. K. Keatley, Beckley area serviceman. (Photo courtesy of Beckley Post-Herald.)



Bear Tale

Pulaski division was faced with giving the public the "bear" facts recently when a picture of three cubs atop one of our poles appeared in the "Virginia-Leader" at Pearisburg. It was explained that although the Stoney Fork section of Giles County, where the young bruins were sighted on a pole supporting a 7200-volt line, is rough—we do not use bears to do our patrolling. The cubs and their mother were surprised by a passerby and the mother fled into the bushes and the cubs scampered up the pole. (Photo courtesy of "Virginia-Leader")

Kanawha River Classroom



C. T. Brooks, assistant results engineer at Kanawha River plant, explains the components of an intermediate pressure turbine rotor to John E. Miles, assistant director of engineering at West Virginia Institute of Technology, and four senior mechanical engineering students. Forty engineering students took advantage of a recent outage at the plant to observe major equipment undergoing repair. The students inspected internal parts of a turbine-generator unit and observed a major re-tubing job in a boiler. They received classroom credit for the tours.

Claytor Mural Presented



A. F. Horne, Pulaski division manager, recently presented a 20 x 30-inch hand-painted mural of Claytor dam to Kenneth Owenby, Claytor Lake state park superintendent. The mural will be placed in the Nature Center that is being developed in the Dan Howe House on the park grounds. The center is being developed by Dennis Baker, naturalist, of the Division of Parks, Richmond. The center will feature exhibits of wildlife and forest material from the area and will be open to park visitors. Shown above with the mural are: (from left) Messrs. Baker, Owenby and Horne.

Harry L. Ballard, Kanawha Plant, Retires After 24 Years Of Service

Harry L. Ballard, yard foreman at Kanawha River plant, retired June 1 after 24 years of service.

Mr. Ballard started with Appalachian at Cabin Creek plant in 1943 as a yard foreman and was transferred to Kanawha in 1953. Prior to joining the company he was employed by the Valley Camp Coal Company and Kelleys Creek and Northwestern Railroad, both at Ward, West Virginia.

Well-liked by his fellow employees and known for his sense of humor, he has the reputation of being one of the best coal handling and river boat men in the AEP System. He has been responsible for many innovations in the coal handling process resulting in increased productivity, efficiency and economy, as evidenced by the number of AEP "Operating Ideas" and work simplification subjects which he authored.

He and his wife own a drive-in restaurant at Charleston, called "The Range," and their retirement plans will revolve around the business. They plan to spend their leisure time at their 5503 Virginia Street home in Charleston and at their summer home at Flat Top Lake near Beckley. Mr. Ballard



Mr. Ballard

also plans to do more hunting and fishing.

Born May 16, 1907, at Ward, he attended schools at East Bank, West Virginia. He is a member of the Elks and Moose.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballard are the parents of two children, Mrs. Harold (Jean) Prather, Charleston, and Harry Jr., Sistersville, West Virginia. They have one grandchild.

Ashland's Felicia Billips Retires; Served Kentucky Over 43 Years

It will seem strange to Kentucky Power's Ashland employees and many of the customers to walk into the division accounting office and not see Felicia Billips busily working at her desk. Felicia began her retirement on May 1 after more than 43 years in the customer accounting office.

After graduating from the Booth Business College in Huntington, West Virginia, and a short employment period as a clerk with the C&O Railway, Felicia began working as a cashier with old Boyd County Electric Company on September 15, 1923. At that time, the office was located at 323 15th Street, just across the street from the present office building and there were a total of five employees in Ashland.

Felicia saw many changes in customer accounting methods over the years. When she first began working for the company, all accounts were hand billed and all bills and payments were posted on ledger sheets. Just recently, she worked in the conversion to the 7074 computer system.

Always energetic and busy, her activities will be directed to spending more time with her many friends and with relatives. Also she enjoys traveling and has taken many interesting vacations, in-



Miss Billips

cluding trips to Florida, Texas, Canada and Mexico. Her future plans include a visit to Hawaii.

Prior to her retirement, Felicia was honored on several occasions with dinners and received many gifts from her fellow employees.

Felicia is a member of the First Christian Church and plans to continue living at her present home at 1901½ Carter Avenue, Ashland.

Huntington Crews Surprise Themselves

Difficult Bridge Job Goes Smoothly

Building power lines and maintaining distribution often calls for some unusual working conditions. Such was the case last month at Huntington when the line crews were faced with the problem of installing a new street lighting system on the Huntington-Chesapeake bridge across the Ohio River.

The bridge is three-fourth a mile long, two lanes wide, and, at the present time, is the only access to Ohio from West Virginia within a 30-mile area. It carries U. S. 52 and traffic counts show it has about 10 times more traffic than it was designed to handle.

The heavy traffic and the narrowness of the bridge meant that a bucket truck would be blocking traffic.

Several possibilities were considered, some were eliminated immediately because they posed safety problems to the men. One of these was to do the job early in the morning before work traffic started. This, of course, meant the men would be working in an unfamiliar situation in the dark. That was out.

Another suggestion was to do the job on Sunday when working commuters weren't on the road. But, investigation proved that the tourist traffic on Sunday is just as bad.

Another idea, putting the truck on the sidewalk was dismissed. It wouldn't fit.

Finally, a meeting was called between the line department and the State Road Commission and it was agreed that there was no simple solution which would not bottleneck traffic.

With the facts on the table, the two parties agreed that traffic would have to be maintained somewhat, and the best way to do the job was to go all out and finish it as fast as possible.

Roanoke's Goad, Stebar Promoted

Two Roanoke division men were promoted to foreman positions last month. They were A. L. Stebar, former T&D department engineering aide, who moved to garage foreman in the transporta-



Mr. Stebar

Mr. Goad

tion department, and Troy E. Goad, meterman-A, who was named meter service foreman. Both moves were effective May 1.

Mr. Stebar, a 21-year company veteran, has served as groundman, truck driver, lineman, T&D clerk and engineering aide. He is a native of Roanoke and a graduate of Jefferson high school. He also has completed several company education courses and a correspondence course in electricity.

He and his wife, Betty, are members of the Christ Episcopal Church. Mr. Stebar formerly served on the board of directors of the Roanoke Jaycees.

Mr. Goad, who started with the company at Fieldale as an installer, also worked as serviceman and meter serviceman.

He is a native of Carroll County and was educated at Hillsville. He also has completed several company courses in metering and transformers.

Mr. and Mrs. Goad are members of the Trinity Methodist Church which he has served as a member of the official board, chairman of the scouting committee and member of the property committee. He is a member of the Cave Spring Lions Club. He and his wife are the parents of two children and have two grandchildren.



Bucket trucks and all available men at Huntington were called out to hasten completion of the bridge lighting project.

Three bucket trucks and all available men were assigned to start the job in the morning as soon as the early traffic rush was over. The object: get it done right and get it done fast.

The public was advised of the traffic condition via radio and TV and this helped cut down the volume. The State Road Commission supplied flagmen. The job was begun.

Under the supervision of Walter (Daisy) Harris, foreman, and Mike Fotos, line inspector, the crews worked diligently, although often

in unfamiliar positions. Bridge structures are a little different, and higher, than most power poles.

To the surprise of everyone, the job was completed in just over three hours. It had been estimated the project would take three days.

Although the expected traffic tie-up occurred, it was shorter than expected and drivers were taking it in stride. The cool day may have had something to do with it. Or, maybe they felt the new lights were so badly needed that it was worth the wait.

General Office's Roy M. Foster Retires After 41-Year Career

A 41-year career with Appalachian ended June 1 with the retirement of Roy M. Foster, Roanoke general office right-of-way agent.

Mr. Foster, who started to work in the meter department at Roanoke in 1926, has been in the general office right-of-way and real estate department since 1959. The past eight years he worked on land acquisition for the Smith Mountain project. He also has worked in the commercial department.

A native of Bedford County, he was born June 15, 1902, and received his education in the Blue Ridge elementary schools and Daleville prep school. He also attended Roanoke College and continued his education through extension work at the University of Virginia and correspondence courses.

Prior to joining the company, he was a school teacher in the Blue Ridge elementary school. School was dismissed on May 11 and he began working for Appalachian the next day.

Mr. Foster plans to remain active during his retirement. He hopes to do some traveling when he isn't operating his cattle farm in Botetourt County. He also will be working with his private real estate holdings.

He has been extremely active in work at the Blue Ridge Church of the Brethren and has been a member of the church for 55 years. His church activities include serving as Sunday School teacher and superintendent, deacon, chairman of various committees, moderator of his church and of Saunders Grove Church of the Brethren. He also has served nine years on the National Council of Men's Work, on



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the National Standing Committee of the church, as moderator for the First District of Virginia, and on the district board for 25 years. He presently is serving on the Board of Directors of Friendship Manor at Roanoke, a church-supported home for the aging.

Mr. Foster is a charter member of the Botetourt County Red Cross, a charter member and past president of the Colonial Ruritan Club, member of the Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce and has served 15 years on the advisory committee of the Botetourt County school board.

He and his wife, Ruby, who reside at Blue Ridge, are the parents of three sons, Charles E., of Boones Mill; Dale L., of Salem, and Samuel C., of Blue Ridge. There are two grandchildren.