# **AEP** Aids Neighbor Companies In Power Crisis

The American Electric Power System came to the rescue of New York's Consolidated Edison Com-

York's Consolidated Edison Com-pany during a power crisis last month in an indirect but vital way. In a tight capacity situation because of the loss of three gen-erating units—one of a million kilowatts—and facing a period of hot, muggy weather, Con Ed appealed to its neighboring utilities for help. The Allegheny Power System, through the Pennsyl-vania-Jersey-Maryland network,

promptly began supplying some 650,000 kw. A substantial portion of this, up to 300,000 kw, was replaced on APS's western end by AEP power, and continued for several days until the crisis lessened. It was, according to G. H. McDaniel, head of the Service Corporation's System Operating Division, "a perfect example of effective interconnection at work. On the east, it was a direct supply of power to a utility in need. On of power to a utility in need. On the west, it was a replacement

#### situation."

What happened to Con Ed, McDaniel says, has happened in many parts of the country. But Con Ed, because it's in New York, got all the attention, and while everybody talked about the crisis, nobody talked about the solution. "Interconnection saved the day for millions of New Yorkers, and most of them never knew it," he says.

The AEP System figured in a

series of power exchanges through interconnection this summer.

At one time or another AEP supplied power to the Carva Pool (North Carolina and Virginia) to Illinois Power, and to the PJM network. Some of this exchange was on a short term basis, but some was emergency, when a major unit of Virginia Electric & Power Company went out of service.

And because the AEP System's own Big Sandy Plant Unit 2 was behind schedule, AEP itself took power from its neighbors at a time of need. At various times during the summer, the System was fed through Commonwealth Edison, TVA, and Kentucky Utilities.

"I think this summer demonstrates both the need and value of strong interconnections among neighboring systems," McDaniel says. "You know there's help close by."

A great man shows his greatness by the way he treats little men. Carlyle

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No man really becomes a fool until he stops asking questions. Steinmetz



### **New Whitesburg Office Opens**

Kentucky Power's New Whitesburg office building in the Hazard Divi-sion was officially opened August 11. Mayor Ferdinand Moore of Whites-burg cut the ribbon which opened the new facilities for public inspec-tion. W. S. LaFon, executive vice president of Kentucky Power and A. R. Barber, Hazard Division manager, greeted visitors.

# Management **Meeting Set** For Roanoke

Appalachian will host the 23rd annual American Electric Power System management meeting Nov. 5-7 in Roanoke.

The opening day will feature, in addition to the president's traditional stateof-the-company message, talks on the subjects of finance, electronic data (proc-essing and utility regulation in the morning, and on the general topic of the engi-neering of reliability in the afternoon.

Sales and area develop-ment are topics for Thursday morning; personnel, for the afternoon.

The two-and-a-half-day meeting will be held at the Hotel Roanoke.

# **Education Awards Deadline** This Month; Ten Available **Among Our Three Companies**

Sept. 12 is the deadline for registration for this year's 27 American Electric Power System Education Awards. Ten awards are up for bids for children of employees from our three companies.

year in any degree-granting insti-tution in September 1970.

Registrants will be required to take the standard College Entrance Board Scholastic Aptitude Test. This will be administered Nov. 1 at a number of test locations over the System. Local personnel super-visors will have a list of the sites available.

Winners will be selected on the basis of test scores, high school records, and personal information. Testing will be administered and scored by the Education Testing Service of Princeton, N. J. Winners will be announced early in 1970.

Cost of the November test will be borne by the company. Appli-cants will pay only personal ex-penses connected with travel to the test center.

The AEP Education Award pro-gram started in 1955 with one \$500 award. The number and value of the awards have grown through the years. In 1966, the present level of 27 \$1,000 awards was reached.

Seven awards each have been assigned to Appalachian Power

Sons and daughters of system employees seeking to compete for the \$1,000 grants have until that date to complete the necessary forms and return them to their local personnel supervisors. Those eligible for the awards are employees' children who plan to enroll for their freshman vear in any degree granting insti ana & Michigan Electric Company will have five, and three go to the AEP Service Corporation. Ken-tucky Power will receive two, and Wheeling Electric Company, Kings-port Power Company and Michigan Power Company one each. Employees from our three com-panies may obtain the necessary forms from their respective person-

forms from their respective personnel departments.

### **Examiner Weighs Blue Ridge Bid**

Appalachian Power Company's proposed Blue Ridge Hydro-Electric Project is now in the hands of William C. Levy, presiding examiner for the Federal Power Commission.

With the inclusion of reply briefs in the record, the case is now con-sidered closed. The examiner's sidered closed. The examiner's recommendation on the matter is expected in the fall. Following that the parties to the case will be allowed to file exceptions and the entire record is then considered by the Commission itself.

### **One Day Spent at Smith Mountain Lake**

# **300 Attend 4-H Electric Congress At Roanoke**

More than 300 4-H youths, adult leaders, power suppliers and Vir-ginia Tech Cooperative Extension Service personnel attended the 19th Annual Virginia 4-H Electric Congress held in Roanoke for the second consecutive year.

The Congress is the culmination The Congress is the culmination of the awards program for 4-H electric projects and the 150 county, district and state winners present represented some 12,000 4-H'ers across the state enrolled in the electric project. The program is conducted by the Extension Service Service.

Appalachian, for the second year was the host for an educational and entertaining day at its Smith Mountain Pumped Storage and Hydro-Electric Project near Roa-noke. The second day of the threeday congress was spent touring generating facilities in the two-dam project, visiting the In-formation Center at the Dam and taking boat rides. The day at the lake was topped off with a dinner at the West Central 4-H Edu-cational Center on the lake. During award presentation cere-monies, Rockbridge County's 4-H Electric Program was judged the best in the state. The individual toto winner was a pretty Markland state winner was Annette Markland of Fauquier County. She was awarded a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago to be held Nov. 30-Dec. 4.

Marie Adams, Frederick, northern district; Chris Holcomb, Virginia Beach, and Gaynelle Fleming, Greensville, southeast district;



Douglas Jones, Russell, and Deborah Fraley, Russell, southwest district; and John Hollandsworth, Montgomery, and Lou Alice English, Franklin, west central district.

Harry Powell is the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Powell of Nelson County. He has been of Nelson County. He has been active in 4-H for eight years. In the electric project he built his own home radio station trans-mitter for code and FM broad-casting and an amplifier for use with a combo of which he is a member. Harry also has con-ducted the tractor, automotive care and safety, and safety projects. Bathing Simpson 18 daughter

Bethina Simpson, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Poff Simpson of Floyd County, has been enrolled ears. 4-H for eight In her electric project Beth learned about the care and maintenance of home appliances; planned a laundry center, labor-saving kitchen, and an outdoor lighting center; and repaired a train transformer. In addition to her very active partic-ipation in school, church, and community affairs, she has held many offices in 4-H in her local club and county. Charles Peery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Peery, Jr., Shen-andoah County, is 15 and has been in 4-H for five years. Charles has given four demonstrations and eight talks and has written six news articles. He is active in church and community activities and has been assistant reporter and recreation leader for his local 4-H club.

# Hively, Berg Are Elected Officers **Of Sewell Valley Utilities Company**

The American Electric Power System's newest operating utility— the Sewell Valley Utilities Company of Rainelle, W. Va.—took on that status, officially, one month ago.



Twelve district winners were announced at the Congress, two from each district.

The winners are: Harry Powell Nelson, and Bethina Simpson, Floyd, east central district; Charles Peery, Shenandoah, and Ruth

Llovd T. Smith, Lynchburg Division administrative assistant, leaves sion administrative assistant, reaves his 19th and last (in official ca-pacity) 4-H Electric Congress. Smith, who will be retiring before next year's Congress, received a surprise "Friend of 4-H" plaque during luncheon ceremonies on the last day of the consistence the last day of the sessions.

Ruth Marie Adams, 17, daughter

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On July 31, AEP acquired Sewell Valley in exchange for 11,000 shares of AEP common stock. Then, at 6:13 the following morning, August 1, Sewell Valley's electric system was connected to Appalachian Power Company's transmission lines for its power source.

At the company's initial organization meeting, Peter R. Steenland, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the AEP Service Corporation, was elected president of Sewell Valley. Other officers are: Ronald H. Hively (director of rates Appalachian Power) vice president: J. B. Berg, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer, Appalachian Power, secretary; Peter J. De-Maria (assistant treasurer, AEP), treasurer; and Klause Bergman (assistant general counsel, AEP), assistant secretary and assistant treasurer.

Directors of Sewell Valley are:

Hively Berg

Bergman, DeMaria, Steenland, Harry H. Hergert (assistant con-troller, AEP), and William E. Olson (administrative assistant to the executive vice president-ad-ministration and corporate services, AEP).

The company immediately filed with the West Virginia Public Service Commission for approval of new, lower electric rates. They are expected to become effective September 1.

Sewell Valley has 959 customers.

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# So, That's Why!

Do you ever wonder why some people are "full of good ideas" and others never "think of anything new." According to James Webb Young it's a matter of discipline and there is a "system."

Young is the author of A Technique for Producing Ideas which he wrote particularly for men in advertising but his technique has wider application-in any type of work.

The first step is to collect "raw material." This is so obviously necessary that we usually don't do it. Collecting means finding out all you can about what you're doing.

Next is the learning step. Read and re-read until you know what you researched in step one.

Step three is concentration-hard work. Try to think of something and don't stop until you are completely tired of the subject.

Now go away from it. Don't consciously think about it. You will probably be ready for this step when it comes.

Sometime later—maybe when you are driving to work or having lunch, an idea will come "floating in as if from nowhere."

This sounds time consuming. It isn't. Perhaps you will spend 30 minutes collecting, and 30 minutes thinking. Step four is simple—that's when you stop trying and your subconscious takes over.

Does it work? Young says it does, and the first result here was this "editorial" treatment of his technique.

# **Powerhouse Permit At Racine Dam Applied For By Ohio Power Company**

Ohio Power Company has applied to the Federal Power Commission for a license to construct and operate a 40,000-kilowatt hydroelectric powerhouse at the U. S. Government's Racine Dam, now under construction on the Ohio

River. The application, filed July 31, spells out construction details of the proposed \$10,875,000 project. The site is one and a half miles downstream from Letart Falls,

Ohio, in the area of the existing Philip Sporn Plant. Ohio Power proposes to install two 20,000-kw hydro-electric gen-erating units in the dam, being built by the Army Corps of Engi-nears as well as a substation neers, as well as a substation, control house, garage and shop. Power from the dam would be carried to the company's existing transmission network by a new

build a public overlook upstream from the dam, complete with parking facilities, picnic tables and fireplaces, and a fishing pier downstream from the dam.

The powerhouse would be situ-ated on the Ohio side of the river. Its 110-foot-wide intake canal, conducting water from the river upstream of the dam to the power-house, would be excavated in the river bank a distance of 350 feet.

It is estimated that the powerhouse would operate about 87% of the time, or about 7,300 hours per year. Its estimated average dependable capacity is 28,900 kw, based on average river flow conditions.

Ohio Power's preliminary permit and extensions, which authorized the company to conduct feasibility studies of the Racine project, took effect December 1, 1966 and expired The company also proposes to July 31, 1969.

# **Our President Helped Set Stage For Historic** Flight To Moon; Decision Was Made Years Ago

A spring day in Washington. The first contingent of tourists and school children is visiting the capital. Along the fence in front of the White House, they line up,

cameras in hand. Next door is the Executive Office Next door is the Executive Office Building, described by one ob-server as "the ugliest building in the world." Inside, remote from the warm air and shady sidewalks, a group of men has come to a decision, this May day in 1961, and its repercussions will dominate the nation's thinking dominate the nation's thinking and front pages for years to come. The Vice President of the United States picks up a phone, makes an appointment with the President, and with two friends, walks to the White House,

One of the men accompanying Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson to the presidential office this day is Donald C. Cook, his friend and counselor since their early days together in government service in

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Washington. He is there at the request of his old friend to lend his assistance in the important matter at hand.

As they walk, the national mood is uncertain. The Kennedy Ad-ministration, hardly before pictures are hung on office walls, has been taken aback by the Bay of Pigs disaster. The Russians have sent Yuri Gagarin into earth orbit and brought him back. Still ahead is Alan Shepard's modest flight down

the Atlantic range. Only a short time earlier Presi-dent John F. Kennedy had given Johnson direction of the space program, and had asked him for recommendations as to our national space goals. What should we do in light of the Soviet achievement? What is to be our purpose? Our aim? Johnson, in consultation with military, scientific, and in-dustrial talents—with men like Donald Cook—has prepared his recommendations and now he is

Douglas Jones, 14, is the son of Mrs. Earl Jones of Russell County,

and is a four-year 4-H'er. He has repaired and improved many elec-trical items in his home and has

developed an understanding of the skills, terms, and principles of electricity. He has also helped with an electric workshop in his county and with the Wise County Electric

School. In addition to being a winner in electricity, Douglas has won county medals in conservation,

forestry, and horticulture, and a trip to the state club congress. Deborah Fraley, 15, of Russell

County, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fraley, Jr. She has been a 4-H member for five years.

Deborah learned the principles and

Deborah learned the principles and terminology of electricity, planned and built a study area, learned operating principles and built a small motor in her electric project. She has served as song and game leader and treasurer in her local 4-H club and as president of the County Council. John Hollandsworth, 14-year-old son of Mrs. Dorothy G. Hollands-worth of Montgomery County, has been active in 4-H for five years. John planned and helped install an

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electrical system in his home, built

a telegraph and radiation antenna and installed a new furnace ther-

mostat. Also, he helped with a three-day electric workshop and has helped junior members with project work and records. In ad-dition to the electric project, he

took part in the photography, dog

care, entomology, community beautification, and forestry pro-

Lou Alice English, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. English, Jr., of Franklin County. In addition to her outstanding efforts in the electric project, she

has been a county medal winner in home grounds, food and nutri-tion, bread, safety, food preser-vation, dairy foods, leadership, and

home improvement projects. She has completed many other projects,

has given 546 demonstrations, 132

talks, 130 radio appearances, and 8

television appearances, and has

written 38 news articles.

She

### on his way to the White House. Cook, then executive vice presi-dent of American Electric Power, and now miles and years away from the event, remembers it well.

"I can't say what was in Presi-dent Kennedy's mind when Vice President Johnson started, but I certainly knew what was in it when he finished. You know, Johnson can be very persuasive."

So persuasive was he, and so confident of the American strength and character, that Kennedy, later that month, went before Congress and enunciated the national goal to put a man on the moon in this decade.

#### **Still Correct Decision**

Looking back, Cook says, "I thought then, and I think now, that it was the correct decision. The world was choosing up sides, and nations were equating achieve-ments in space with technical proficiency and industrial strength; pronciency and industrial strength; and proficiency and strength with world power." Along these lines, he wrote to Vice President Johnson that "a drive for pre-eminence in the space field, therefore, is not an obsession with mere gadgetry. On the contrary, it is essential to attracting and retaining allies to insure peace if possible; but if not insure peace if possible; but if not possible, then victory if war comes."

At the same time Cook was acknowledging the necessity of a moon flight, he was also urging the establishment of secondary, but perhaps more meaningful, goals "of such a character that they will be recognized as manifestations of a progressively successful space program." These goals, he told the Vice President, lay in such areas as meteorology, global mapping, and communications.

"Never, in all those days," he recalls, "was there a doubt that we would fail in our goals. There was total confidence in U. S. technology. There was total con-fidence that the only requirements were defined and a constant for the second were sufficient funds and a reason-able time to create and exploit that technology. Given those, success was assured.

"I think," he adds, "that the forgotten man in the U. S. space program today is Lyndon Johnson. It was his vision, drive and support, as Vice President and later as President, that got the program started, kept it going and con-tributed immeasurably to its suc-cess. He is the man most responsible for our achievement, and if history treats him fairly it will grant him that distinction."

#### **Eight Years Ago**

Now, eight years after those meetings, Johnson is in retirement, Cook is head of the American Electric Power System, and all of the goals which they recommended and which became public policy have been attained—and ahead of schedule. We have weather satellites. We have communications satellites. Space vehicles have sent back new data to remake maps.

And we have put a man on the moon.

Where do we go from here? "We should stay home," says the man who in 1961 firmly urged that we go to the moon. He sees no inconsistency in those two positions. "Think: we have demonstrated our technical com-petence—technical superiority, if you please—by our achievements, and we have learned that there is nothing on the moon to interest us. The Mars fly-by photography, a scientific triumph in itself, has shown us that there's nothing there either. We cannot enhance our international position by further flights. Why make them? It is time to turn our attention to more pressing problems right here."

**4-H Electric Congress** 

of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Adams, Sr., Frederick County, has been enrolled in 4-H for seven years. Besides being a winner in the electric project, she has received a county medal in the room improvement, dairy foods, auto-motive care and safety, bread, and leadership projects. She plans motive care and salety, the and leadership projects. She plans to attend Madison College and major in elementary education. Sammy Hunley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hunley, Jr., of Mathews County, is 16. He has Mathews County, is 16. He has been active in 4-H for six years. He has worked for an electrical contractor for four years and has helped wire stores and banks in the community. In addition to the electric project, he has been en-rolled in the light horse and pony, career exploration and safety

career exploration and safety projects. Carol Anderson, 16, is the daugh-ter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton D. Anderson of Rockbridge County. She has been in 4-H for seven years and in the electric project for six years. Carol has received a long list of awards and ribbons in the electric project to prove her in the electric project to prove her outstanding work in this area. She is very active in school, church and community activities.

Chris Holcomb, 15, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Holcomb of Virginia Beach and has been in 4-H for four years. In his electric project he assembled and wired a photographic enlarger; constructed an electronic maga-phone; helped plan and install an air conditioning unit; and repaired and sold television sets. Aside from being a leader in many other activities, Chris has served as vice president of his local 4-H club. Gaynelle Fleming, 18, lives with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William Avents of Greensville

William Avents of Greensville County. She has been a 4-H mem-ber for eight years. During the course of her electric project she studied the care of home appliances, learned the principles of proper study lighting, made and wired a lamp, and kept a record on an electric meter for six months. Gay-nelle has served her local 4-H club as secretary and song leader.

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### **Common Stock Sold By AEP**

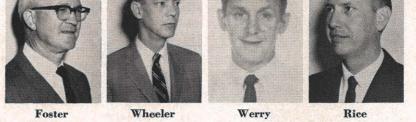
American Electric Power Com-pany last month sold 2,540,097 shares of its common stock to an underwriting group for to an underwriting group for \$74,551,846.95. The net price paid to the company was \$29.35 per share. The price to the public was \$30.25, the figure at which AEP closed on the New York Stock Exchange the day of the sale.

The proceeds of the sale will be used to retire a corresponding amount of outstanding short-term borrowings incurred in connection with the financing of the System's current expansion program.

Sale of the stock was managed and organized by four under-

writing firms: Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith, Inc.; Blyth & Co., Inc.; Eastman Dillon, Union Securities & Co., and Lehman Brothers. The Securities and Exchange Commission had previously given AEP permission to negotiate the sale of the shares rather than sell them through competitive bidding.

The last time AEP sold stock was in 1967, when 1,200,000 shares were issued. Last month's offering raised the number of shares out-standing to 50,000,000 and the company's capitalization to \$2,160,921,000. Shares authorized are 65,000,000.



### Lynchburg, Sporn Men Write Ideas

Three Lynchburg employees combined efforts for one article and a Philip Sporn man authored another in the July-August AEP

Operating Ideas. R. C. Foster, administrative assistant; G. C. Wheeler, T&D engineer; and J. B. Rice, line super-visor, have compiled a number of suggestions for improving telephone

service at less cost. The article is on page 10 of the publication. John E. Werry, maintenance man at the Sporn Plant, was author of an article entitled "Aid for Lapping Valves." The article describes the use of a simple friction clutch to provide a quick clamp as an aid in lapping valves. This article is on page 12.

Was the effort of eight years, culminating in the moon walk, worth the cost—even in the face of the demands of the Vietnam War and the urban problems?

"I have no doubt that it was," says Cook. "It was a mighty event, a thrilling moment lived by brave men, and conceived and executed by a brilliant team. It was a concrete manifestation of the collective ability and natural will of a great people. We have accomplished the mission. There is no need to do it all over again."

#### September, 1969

### William McFall **Gets New Post**

William McFall Jr. has been promoted to line foreman in Abingdon

"Red" McFall was first employed by Appalachian in 1946 as a groundman. In Oct. 1947 he was promoted to lineman C and



McFall

came lineman A and in July he was pro-moted to line foreman. Prior to his employment, from 1943 to 1 9 4 6, h e served with the

moved to line-man B in Feb. 1949. In April 1950 he be-

Army combat engineers as a corporal. He is a native of Dickenson County and was educated there. He is married and the father of three sons, two of which are now serving in the military. Lance Corporal Edward L. McFall, his eldest son, has received two purple hearts for wounds in Vietnam. (Story in (Story in July Illuminator.)

McFall is a member of the Abingdon Sportsman Club and the Washington County Fox Hunters Association. The McFalls live on Summers Street in Abingdon.

## **Bridges** Assumes **Training Position**

Kermit D. Bridges, General Office senior meter engineer in Charleston moved to the Roanoke General Office Personnel Dept. on Sept. 1. In his new position Bridges will work with J. Emmett Blackwell, training supervisor, in the develop-ment of conin the develop-ment of con-tinuing educa-tion programs. A native of Ferrum, Va., he is a 1950 graduate of M e a d o w Bridge High School and holds a degree in electrical



Bridges

Technology. He is presently doing graduate work at VPI toward a master's He is degree in power engineering.

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stitute of

Before joining Appalachian, Bridges was employed by RCA in Moorestown, N. J. He began Before employment with Appalachian in November 1957 as a distribution engineer in Beckley, and was promoted to general office senior meter engineer in Charleston in Jan., 1960.

Bridges is married and the father of three children.

## **Robert Herndon Named Foreman**

Robert E. Herndon, maintenance engineering at Philip Sporn Plant, was promoted

to maintenance foreman

July 1. Herndon



Looking at the bu: ned out wreckage of the car are T. A. Dickenson (left), W. J. Groseclose, James W. Hensley and David L. Blair.

# **Beckley Crew's Quick Thinking Credited With Saving Girl's Life**

On Thursday, Aug. 7, at approxi-mately 8 a. m., Sandra Hawley, age 22, was driving a Volkswagen toward MacArthur, W. Va. A truck pulled from a side street directly into the path of her car. The two vehicles collided. The The two vehicles collided. Volkswagen burst into flames.

Tom Dickenson, Beckley area line foreman and his crew were the first to arrive on the scene of the accident. He pulled the girl, with clothes aflame, from the burning wreckage. After putting out the flames, they noticed that she was bleeding profusely from the neck. Jack Groseclose and James Hensley administered first aid and accompanied the girl in the ambulance—continuing to work with her until they reached the hospital. Dickenson and David Blair also went to the hospital to donate blood if it were needed. Groseclose was the only member of the four-man team with the proper blood type and he gave willingly.

State Police Trooper, J. N. White, who investigated the accident, gave full credit to the crew members for saving the girl's life. Sandra sustained 3rd degree burns over 40 per cent of her body and other injuries but at last report was progressing well.

lineman A, Groseclose is a Hensley and Blair are lineman helpers.

### Dunham Goes To Logan-Williamson; in electrical Johnson To Succeed R. S. Musgrave engineering from West

Two promotions and a retire-ment have been announced in the Roanoke, Logan-Williamson, and Huntington Division Commercial Departments.

James A. Dunham of Roanoke became sales manager of the Logan-Williamson Division Sept. 1, succeeding Ralph H. Johnson who will become commercial and industrial sales supervisor in Huntington, Oct. 1.

Dunham is a native of Greenbush, Va., and an agricultural engineering graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He also attended the Management Development Course at the University of Michigan.

Dunham is married and has two children. He is secretary-treasurer of the Blue Ridge Chapter of the Illuminating Engineering Society,



# **Bluefield's Helton Named Foreman**

John N. Helton has been promoted to transmission foreman in

Division. "Rex" Helton joined Appalachian in May 1944 just after graduation from Beaver High School in

## 47-Year Career Of T. H. Sayre Started Here, Ends In New York

Tom Sayre former Appalachian man is the kind of person, sitting under a big framed document that permits him to practice law before the Supreme Court of the United States, can say things like:

"I realized I was not a farmer, so I moved my family to Huntington when I was two years old." Or:

"When I first went to work for the company, I was what you might call an assistant in a one-man drafting room."

Around the AEP Service Corpo-Around the ALP Service Corpo-ration they won't be hearing things like that anymore, because Thomas H. Sayre, vice president and chief counsel and secretary of the Service Corporation, and secretary of the Service Corporation, and secretary of each of the System operating com-panies—Tom Sayre retired Sep-tember 1 with slightly more than 47 years of service.

The man who ends his career as the Service Corporation's top attorney started out, two days after graduating from high school, as a draftsman in Huntington in 1922. This was for Interstate Power Company, a construction company owned by American Gas and Electric Company in the free-wheeling days before the Holding Company Act. That first winter he also worked on a survey crew in Logan County, surveying the 44,000-volt lines scheduled for rebuilding. Slog-ging over the mountains through knee-deep snow wasn't his idea of a fitting career, so he was happy to go along when Interstate Power moved its offices to Charleston in 1924 and on to Roanoke in 1926 when it became a part of Appa-lachian Power. He was concerned there with right-of-way, mapping and engineering problems relating to the construction of Appalachian's 138-kv backbone network, and to the acquisition of land for the Claytor Dam hydro project. This was the time of Appalachian's famous New River Federal court case, and Sayre was called upon to testify on behalf of the company.

Appalachian was represented by the law firm headed by Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War under Woodrow Wilson, and Sayre was assigned to work directly with Baker.

"He made an impassioned speech in court one day, and I thought it was the most marvelous thing I had ever heard," Sayre recalls. That example fired his interest in the law as a career and an offer the law as a career, and an offer of transfer to New York by C. E. "Dinty" Moore, senior counsel and later vice president and chief counsel of AG&E, made it attainable.

By the time he left Roanoke, he had established a major reputation as an amateur tennis player, and twice won the men's singles crown in company tournaments. And with Bill Coleman, now Appalachian's superintendent of real estate and right of way, he was doubles champ. In fact, the AGE Bulletin described him as "somewhat invincible" in its November 1931 issue.

### G. A. Smith, 72, **Dies In Florida**

George A. Smith, retired Blue-field Division area serviceman, died Aug. 15 in Winter Haven, Fla. He was 72.

Smith is a native of Norton, Va.



Sayre

"Further," says Sayre, "I was at one time ranked among Roanoke's top ten tennis players. I was," he adds, looking over his half-glasses, "tenth."

In 1936 he accepted Moore's offer and moved to New York with Mrs. Sayre. They occupied an apartment from the Washington Square area, from the windows of which Mrs. Sayre could see her husband study-ing pre-law and law at New York University.

Earning his law degree after six years of night school, Sayre was named company attorney in 1942, served in various legal capacities until 1967 when he was named vice president and chief counsel. He was elected secretary of the Service Corporation and the operating companies at the same time. He also served as a director of the Service Service Corporation.

Although his early years were spent in Appalachian territory, Sayre is widely known throughout the AEP System and among the 100 or so law firms that represent our various companies. He and Mrs. Sayre plan to stay in New York for a year or two and then decide whether they want to settle down elsewhere, possibly Roanoke. down elsewhere, possibly Roanoke.

"This," said Sayre, "will enable us to enjoy many things in and around the city we didn't have time for while I was working. Also," he added, "we like to travel. We hope to visit our old friends in Virginia and West Virginia, and elsewhere around the country, and to take postponed trips to sections of Canada and the Rocky Moun-tains we haven't seen yet."

With such plans: and his hobbies of fishing and photography, it's a safe bet that Tom will remain active during retirement.

# **Corker Moves** In Roanoke T&D

B. B. Corker has been promoted to engineering supervising engineer in the Roanoke

General Office. Corker joined Appalachian in July 1937 in Beck-ley, W. Va. as a draftsman and in November 1937 was promoted to gineer



He joined the company in Roanoke as an engineering trainee in 1951, and worked in Fieldale as area sales representative. Returning to Roanoke in 1954, he was heating sales and power sales engineer before becoming sales supervisor in 1964.

and a trustee and elder of the Colonial Presbyterian Church.



he Bluefield

ployed by the company December 1 1957 as a test engineering aide at the Cabin Creek Plant. He was transferred to the Philip



Herndon

Sporn Plant August 7, 1959 as a test engineering aide and promoted to maintenance engineer April 16, 1968.

Herndon is a graduate of Gauley Bridge High School and has com-pleted correspondence courses in electrical engineering. He served in the West Virginia National Guard from 1949 to 1957. He is an active member of the United Methodist Church in New Haven. He is married and the father of He is married and the father of four children.

Johnson is a native of Gaston, N. C., and an electrical engineering graduate of the University of Kentucky. He attended the Management Development Course at the University of Michigan.

He joined Appalachian at Roanoke as an engineering trainee in 1949. He was power sales engineer in Lynchburg and Roanoke before going to Logan in 1964 as sales manager. In January 1971 he will succeed retiring R. S. Musgrave as sales manager of the Huntington division.

He is a member of the Methodist Church, Logan Elks Lodge, Williamson Moose Lodge and the Mountain Club. He was in the Army from 1942 to 1945.

Bluefield. He worked until Julyasa laborer and then took military leave. He served in



Helton

the Navy until 1946 in electrical maintenance and was discharged as seaman third class. In July 1946 he became a maintenance man helper, and in May 1948 groundman A. In Nov. 1948 he was a lineman c. He had two promotions in 1950 and moved to transmission man B. In November 1952 he became transmission man A.

Helton is married to the former Shirley Gilpin and the father of two daughters and one son. He is a Mason and a member of the First Baptist Church in Bluefield.

and attended schoolin Northfork, W. Va. He w. va. He was a veteran of W or l d War I.

He was em-ployed by Appalachian on July 15, 1925 in the

Welch Dis-trict. He worked as a utility man, service foreman, local representative, serviceman A, and area serv-iceman. He retired in May, 1962 and moved to Winter Haven, Fla.

Smith

Active in community affairs in Keystone, he was a Mason and a member of the American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Nina B. Smith, and a daughter, Lynn Marie.

became distribution engi-neer in 1938 and distri-

Corker

bution super-vising engineer in 1950. In 1962 he moved to the company's general office in Roanoke and in 1967 was promoted to senior distribution engineer.

A native of Summers County, W. Va. he holds a degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia University. Prior to his employment with Appalachian he was with the U. S. Corps of Engineers and the State Road Commission of W. Va.

Corker is past president of the Beckley chapter of the Professional Engineering Society of W. Va. He is married and the father of one son. He attends St. Andrew's Cathelia Church Catholic Church.

# Company Couples Exchange Wedding Vows



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Mrs. Cline

Mrs. McKinney





Mrs. Chapman





Mrs. Shew

Mrs. Turner

Mrs. Wilcox

Mrs. Johnson

**Kennedy-Turner** 

Ellen Jamison Kennedy became the bride of David Phipps Turner in a double ring ceremony on August 2 in the Second Presby-terian Church. Mrs. Turner is the daughter of D. C. Kennedy, Roa-noke division manager.

**Clark-Miles** 

Martha Sue Clark and Gary J.

Miles were united in marriage at the Daniels Missionary Baptist Church, Daniels, West Virginia, on August 1. Mr. Miles is an employee in the engineering de-partment, Beckley.

Gwynn-McMahan



**McCray-Counts** 

A double ring ceremony per-formed June 21 in the McCray's Chapel Church united Sherie Arlene McCray and Harold W. Counts. Mr. Counts is T&D clerk, Abing-

Swornay-Maynor

Paula Swornay and Roger Earl Maynor were united in marriage in

in a double ring ceremony at the Immanuel Lutheran Church on July 30. Mr. Maynor is the son of Earl N. Maynor, retired general office employee in Bluefield.

Smith-Alexander

Judy Christine Smith and William Lee Alexander, Jr. were united in marriage at the Dublin United Methodist Church on July 8. Mrs. Alexander is the daughter

of E. Wysor Smith, retired station

Wright-Repass

Barbara Wright was married to Raymond O. Repass on June 28 in the Central Baptist Church. Mr. Repass is a T&D employee, Bluefield.

**Cline-Shew** 

Judy Cline and B. G. Shew, II, exchanged nuptial vows on August 2 at the Asbury United Methodist Church. Mr. Shew is a T&D clerk, Charleston

**David P. Abshire** 

**Dies After Crash** 

David Paul Abshire, 22, died

noi

Roanoke. He worked a summer

employee in the division

Commercial Dept. in 1967 and 1968 and

began regular fulltime work in the T&D

Dept.on October 10,

1968. He

as

July 29 as a result of a single car

accident five weeks earlier on Interstate 81

foreman, Pulaski.

don.

Mrs. Counts



Mrs. Ellison

#### **McCauley-Cline**

# August 9 was the wedding day of Mary Catherine McCauley and Jacob Perry Cline, III, who were married at the First Methodist Church. Mr. Cline is the son of Jacob Perry Cline, stationman, Pikaville Pikeville.

### **Blaha-McKinney**

Linda Sharon Blaha and Captain Roger Earle McKinney were mar-ried in a double ring ceremony on July 26 in the Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Gary, West Virginia. Captain McKinney is the son of Earle M. McKinney, meter serviceman, Welch.

### Jones-Johnson

Clinch River Plant.

# They're Engaged

LINDA KELLEY to Glenn Frith. Miss Kelley is a key punch operator in customer accounting, Roanoke.

BRENDA HELFRICH to Wayne Worley. Miss Helfrich is a key punch operator in customer accounting, Roanoke.

DEBORAH K. HUBBARD to Jack E. Glover. Glover is a lineman helper, Roanoke.

CLARA LAMBIE KEESEE to Jack Clinton Green, Jr. Green is the son of Jack C. Green, heating & builder sales repre-sentative, Welch.

JUDALINE C. JACKSON to Mario Liberatore. Miss Jackson is the daughter (of Earl A. Jackson, Jr., customer accounting supervisor, Point Pleasant.



### **Oliver-Thompson**

# Rebecca Lynn Oliver was married to Richard Woods Thompson on May 31 in the Unity Baptist Church. Mr. Thompson is the son of Roger Thompson, area develop-ment director, Ashland.

### Cruikshank-Ellison

Sharon Cruikshank became the bride of John C. Ellison on August 2 in the Oak Hill Baptist Church, Oak Hill, West Virginia. Mr. Ellison is the son of Kyle Ellison, power sales engineer, Beckley.

### Phillips-Wilcox

Rebecca Phillips became the bride of William Butler Wilcox, II. on August 1 in the Baptist Temple. Mrs. Wilcox is the daughter of Carl L. Phillips, heating & builder sales representative, Huntington.

Mrs. Miles Mrs. Alexander Sowards-Chapman

Gloria Jean Sowards and Ter-rance R. Chapman were united in marriage May 29 in the Milton Baptist Church, Milton, West Virginia. Mr. Chapman is a laborer, Cabin Creek plant.

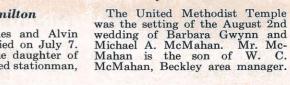
### **Roberge-Bragg**

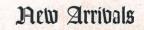
Janice Louise Roberge became the bride of Barry A. Bragg on July 19 at the Methodist Church, Torrington, Connecticut. Mr. Bragg is the son of H. E. Bragg, Jr., customer accounts assistant, Charleston.

Diana Kay Charles and Alvin Hamilton were married on July 7. Mrs. Hamilton is the daughter of Ireland Charles, retired stationman,



Pikeville.





### **Abingdon Division**

MR. AND MRS. P. H. E. SAULS, a daughter, Heather Dawn, July 27. Sauls is a lineman in Marion.

#### **General Office**

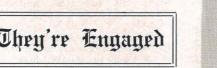
MR. AND MRS. JAMES RALPH POFF, JR., a son, Stephen Darrell, July 22. Poff is an employee in the hydro department. MR. AND MRS. ROBERT E. LAYMAN, a son, Robert E., III. Mrs. Layman was employed in the accounting department. MR. AND MRS.'C. R. WHITTINGTON, a son, Clarence Jack, September 13. Whittington is a regional dispatcher at Turner Regional Dispatch office.

#### Logan-Williamson Division

MR. AND MRS. R. L. BELL, a son, Mark Allen, July 31. Bill is a lineman.

### Lynchburg Division

MR. AND MRS. CURTIS WINE-BARGER, a son, Jason West, July 15. Winebarger is an employee in the T&D department.





Elizabeth Diana Jones and James Saunders Johnson were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the Lebanon Baptist Church on August 2. Mrs. Johnson is the daughter of Ruth Jones, time clerk,



Charleston.

Abshire

resigned to resume his college work at the University of Virginia on June 20, 1969.

The accident occurred June 23 while he was on his way to register at UVa.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Abshire of Boones Mill, Va.

EMMA JANE REYNOLDS to L. A. Bird. Miss Reynolds is a stenographer and Mr. Bird is a lineman helper, Logan.

JANICE FREEMAN to Lawrence Edward Johnson. Miss Freeman is a PBX operator, Lynchburg.

LAURA ELLEN ROWE to Robert Wade Hazen. Miss Rowe is the daughter of Paul Rowe, station crew, Abingdon.

JANET MARIE GRAHAM to Robert Allan Fisher. Miss Graham is the daughter of Thomas A. Graham, maintenance man, Cabin Creek Plant.

CAROL ANN WATKINS to Pfc. Thurmond Wayne Lewis. Miss Watkins is the daughter of Clyde Watkins, material clerk, Ashland.

MARGENA ANNE HOPKINS to Major Edwin Carlin Cassidy, Jr. Major Cassidy is the son of E. C. Cassidy, general power sales supervisor, Ashland.



### **Qualified To Instruct**

Ready for emergencies should they occur, these Roanoke employees have completed a seven-week course in First Aid given by the Roanoke Chapter of the Red Cross. All four are now qualified instructors and will begin instructing basic courses in first aid in September. Standing from left are W. E. Webb, General Office meter; C. D. Comer, division T&D; and R. L. Isner, General Office accounting. Seated is Theda Graham, also in General Office accounting.

#### **Pulaski** Division

MR. AND MRS. SHELDON W. TAYLOR, a son, Sheldon Dale, July 22. Taylor is a meter reader. MR. AND MRS. RICHARD GENE MUSSER, a son, Steven Scott, July 26. Musser is a lineman at Hillsville.

#### **Cabin Creek Plant**

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE W. SHAW-VER, a son, George William, III, July 15. Shawver is a performance engineer.

#### **Clinch River Plant**

MR. AND MRS. JOE C. BREEDING, a daughter, Jill Renee, August 2. Breeding is a utility operator.

#### **Pikeville Division**

MR. AND MRS. ROGER BLACKBURN, a daughter, Strossa Leigh, August 12. Black-burn is a T&D man.

# Charleston

Golda H. Johnson was selected as the Ideal Business Woman during the 23rd an-

nual international convention of Alpha Iota in New Haven, Conn. At the convention, Mrs. Johnson spoke on the various ways in which her chapter raised funds for its various serv-

ice projects. Mrs. Johnson She has been active in all phases of the sorority and has held several offices in her Mrs. Johnson

chapter. Thomas Wilkerson, son of Katie Wilkerson, began studies at the West Virginia School of Dentistry.

Cecil Evans returned to work after a leave of absence for surgery. Ray Sayre won a free Florida vacation at the Charleston Home

Show. He held the winning ticket in a drawing for the Miami trip.

Cliff Picklesimer attended the Seventh National Boy Scout Jam-boree in Idaho. The theme for this jamboree was "Building to Serve" and over 40,000 scouts attended.

Sympathy is extended to Doris Foster in the death of her father and to Jennings Fulknier in the death of his father.

Keith Hutcheson, son of H. H. Hutcheson, spent the summer working as a swimming instructor and counselor at Bronco Junction, a camp for asthmatic children.

Linda Gail Dunlap is a new employee in the accounting dept.

### Beckley

William C. Ham is a new em-ployee in the transportation department.

James C. Barker defeated Dr. C. C. Cottrill in a playoff match for the championship at Black Knight Country Club Joe L. Smith Tournament.

# General Office

New employees are Brenda Helfrich, Evelyn Smith, Ellen Clements, Veronica Reed, David L. Williams, Richard Coburn, John Pauley, Joseph E. Ferguson, James Swain, William Riddle, Allen Barn-well, David Bush, Gary Layne, Judith Kennedy.

Sympathy is extended to C. F. Fernatt, retiree, on the death of his daughter, Sonia G. Belcher.

# Logan-Williamson

Caleb L. White was named "Father of the Year" at the annual Father-Son Communion Breakfast sponsored by the Holy Name Men of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. White was cited for the Church. White was cited for the "splendid example he has set in the parish, not only for his immediate family, but for all the parishioners." Born in Salisbury, N. C. into a family of 14 children, he came to Logan in 1925. He and his wife, Doches, are the parents of two children who live in Brooklyn, N. Y. The Whites The Whites have eight grand-children—four live with them. His grandsons, Alan and Toney White attended the breakfast with him. White has been with Appalachian 30 years.



### Lynchburg Roanoke

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Bragg, For Fort Eustis.

term.

Mrs. William A. Robertson has been elected treasurer of the Seven Hills Toastmistress Club.

Mrs. S. S. Gilbert served as Convention Chairman of the National Extension Homemakers Council held in Blacksburg, Aug. 10-16.

Wesley Garner, long active in scouting at West Lynchburg Baptist Church and the Central District Committee of Piedmont area Council BSA has been appointed Coordinator of Institutional Representatives.

John W. Vaughan has been selected as one of the 11 civic leaders who will present programs throughout the city of Lynchburg in the interest of the coming United Fund Campaign.

New employees in Lynchburg are Linda Sue Dowdy and Linda R. Wright.

# Abingdon

Nine new employees were hired as a result of the lineman training school at the Virginia Highland Community College: Earl D. Lee, Larry W. Leonard, Marshall M. Hughes, James E. Kelley, Lee A. Lawson, Robert O. McGlocklin, Paul W. Baker, Jerry S. McMurray, and Kenneth W. Johnson.

Clark Peck Jr. was re-elected secretary of the Abingdon Rotary Club.

J. L. Cook was elected secretary of the Jaycees.

Douglas Brown is a new employee in Lebanon.

Sympathy is extended to Perry Johnston on the death of his mother and to Roy Gregory on the death of his father.

of his father. Mickie and George Moser, sons of Sam Moser, are members of the Lakota Indian dance team of Troop No. 193 Boys Scouts of America and have given a number of performances this summer at Hungry Mother State Park, Baptist Camp, Scout Camporees, Jaycees 4th of July program for retarded children and at the Southwest Virginia Educational Camp. Edua Boscherry, daughter of L

Edna Roseberry, daughter of J. J. Roseberry, has been appointed a short term missionary to the field

ofGuyana, South America for one year with the Un-evangelized Fields Mission. Edna will be teaching first and second grades in the Damarara Christian Academy. She received her BA degree in

# Huntington

Jenni Jo Kovich, daughter of J. A. Kovich, has been selected as a member of the Seventeen as a member of the Seventeen Smart Shop Fashion Council for 1969-70. Selections are com-petitive. The number selected is limited to three girls from each school.

school. Cecil Russell was elected presi-dent of the State Civil Defense at Jackson Mill during the state meeting. He has been the Cabell-Huntington director for the past two years. W. Carroll Browning, son o f C . W . Browning, received his M.A. Degree in Business Administra-tion Aug. 7 at tion Aug. 7 at Morehead State University. He holds a B.A. Degree from

Browning

music and business. He is presently band director at Boyd County High School, Cannonsburg, Ky.

Morehead in

Randell Hogsett was elected president of Huntington Little League for 1970. His two sons, Randy and Sammy are players in the league. Randy was chosen as an alternate on the All-Star Selection for 1969.

Sympathy is extended to Mary Wilcox on the death of her father, G. K. Roach and John Baird on the death of their grandfathers, W. D. LeSage and W. F. Giles, retired Huntington employees, on the death of their wives.

New employees in the division are W. T. Mattox and E. D. Lambert.

George Hervey was selected as a judge for the Mason County Fair beauty contest.

# Ashland

W. S. Burchett was appointed a Kentucky Colonel on the staff of Governor Louis B. Nunn.

James Hutcheson received a "one-galloner" pin from the Ash-land bloodmobile.

Mrs. Evelyn Cassidy, president of the Altrusa Club of Ashland, attended the international convention in Minneapolis, Minn. The Ashland delegate served on the convention elections committee, as a moderator for one of 12 workshops on membership and in other special services.

Ann Cogan was elected treasurer of the Eastern Kentucky Association of Insurance Women. Ann is the daughter of Tom Cogan.

Polly Reed is a new employee in the division commercial department.

Jetta Wright is serving as general chairman of Ashland's first Junior Miss Pageant. The Pageant is scheduled for October and plans are being made by the Gamma Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Ann Cogan is serving as publicity chair-man. Mrs. Wright and Miss attended a seminar in Cogan Elizabethtown for Junior Miss sponsoring groups.

James Vanover, son of Everett Vanover, will be the band director at Catlettsburg High School this year. Vanover is a recent graduate of Morehead University with a BA in music education. At Morehead he was a member of the Brass Choir, Stage Band, Marching Band and played for a year with the Symphonic and Concert Bands. He is currently working on his master's degree in music education at Morehead.

# Bluefield

Angela Newland, daughter of Jack Newland, served as a Ribbon Girl at the Mercer County Horse Show held in Spanishburg, W. Va.

Evelyn Martin, wife of Jack C. Martin, served on the Program Committee for the dedication ceremonies for the new airport for Wyoming County which has been named Kee Field.

R. H. Ruff served as installing officer for the Bradshaw Lions Club.

Robert R. Jones, son of R. R. (Casey) Jones, has completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base and is attending school in electronics at Lackland.

Four students who completed the recent lineman helper training course at the vocational training school at Abingdon, Va. have been employed in the T&D department. They are: Larry Gunnella, James Oxley, John Rowan Jr. and Jesse Persiani.

Other new employees are Nonia Gay Hunt and Tracy Weiss.



New employees are William T. Tabor, James R. Green, Deborah Ann Stutler, Donald E. Taylor, Robert W. Scott, and Dana L. Thompson.

Bill Baronick was elected for his second term as president of the

Board of Public Affairs of Pomeroy, Ohio. This organization is responsible for operation of the sewage and water works of the town-es-tablishing rates and providing for maintenance. Baronick has



Baronick

AEP system since 1940. He is a veteran of World War II and has served on the City Council. He is chief timekeeper in the John Amos Construction Dept. His wife, Betty, is employed at Kyger Creek Plant.

# Kingsport

Larry Powell has been elected president of the Sunnyside Ruritan Club.

C. S. Lingar was elected vice president of the Downtown Optimist Club, and Mrs. C. E. Holyoke was elected second vice president of the Opti-Mrs. Club. New employees are Mrs. Alla Deane Downa and Thomas E. Cavin.

Troy Davidson spent two weeks in active duty training with the Johnson City Marine Corps Reserve.

Gordon Warrick has returned to work after a long absence for surgery.

Appearing in an advertisement on a local television station are Burton and June Keesee. They were looking at a new car in a showroom when a television cameraman asked if they would being photographic, ng. They agreed to be be seen on advertising. filmed and can now be seen on Channel 12.



**Miss Roseberry** 

P. E. Peters was installed as Deputy Exalted Ruler for the Southwest District of Virginia Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The installation was held in Dallas, Texas. Peters was formerly Grand Exalted Ruler

brother.

of the Roanoke Lodge. Carole Blount has been elected cheerleader for Roanoke's profes-sional football team, the Buckskins.

New employees are Robert E. Jones and Pegge B. Turner.

D. C. Kennedy has been re-elected chairman of the Roanoke City School Board for a one-year

James P. Stone, son of B. T. Stone, is being sent to Vietnam for

duty after completing his Operating Room Specialist training at Fort Bragg, Fort Sam Houston, and

Debbie Abshire, daughter of T. W. Abshire, placed second in Virginia State Tennis competition.

Sympathy is extended to C. L. Musselman in the death of his

A. S. Pullen and J. K. Hutcherson have returned to work after lengthy illness.

#### Fieldale

Jerry L. Brown, age 17, son of Melvin W. Brown, won first place in the Collinsville Jaycee Golf Tournament June 24. Jerry scored a 77. This qualified him to play in the State Jaycee Golf Tourna-ment at the Fairfax Country Club in Arlington. He also played in the Virginia Junior Golf Tournament held in Roanoke.

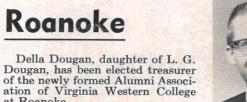
Fair Merriman, daughter of D. G. Merriman, was named to the dean's list for the second semester at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.

Melvin W. Brown was re-appointed chairman of the Congressional Action Committee of the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce. He is also chairman of the Special Projects Committee of the Martinsville Rotary Club.

Claude L. Reynolds, Ken Ash-worth, Tommy Berkhead, and Audie Atkins have completed their annual two-week military training.

Richard W. McBride, son of Richard W. McBride, son of A. W. McBride was graduated from Union Seminary, New York with a Bachelor of Divinity degree. He is Assistant Chaplain and Baptist Student Union Director at Wake Forest University at Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The Fieldale bowling team won several honors at the annual Henry County Industrial Bowling League recently. Highest average on his team and "Best Sport" in the league was won by H. E. Bullard; M. G. Handy won the award for most improved average in the 12 team league.



# Kanawha River

New employee at the Kanawha Plant is Michel G. Maggio.

general edu-cation from Southeastern Bible College in Birmingham, Ala., and for the past five years has taught at Grawood Christian School in Keithville, Louisiana.

# **Glen** Lyn

Donetta Buckland, daughter of D. A. Buckland, was a delegate to the 1969 national meeting of Future Homemakers of America held on the Colorado State Uni-versity Campus.

Roger L. Blankenship is a new employee in the Maintenance Dept.

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# Pikeville

The annual Pikeville division family picnic was held at Harmons Branch Sportsman Club.

Charles McKinney, retired superintendent who now lives in Fort Myers, Florida, recently visited in Pikeville with friends and former employees.

New employees are Gary Alan Little and Jamesetta Mullis.

Sympathy is extended to Ked Lowe on the death of his fatherin-law.

Greg Pennington is a new employee in the T&D Department.

Melinda Ackerman was awarded the all-Star Team Trophy for left field at the first annual Invitational Slow Pitch Tournament. There were seven teams participating in the double elimination softball tournament. Melinda plays with the Ashland Misfits who won the Chillicothe. Ohio invitational tournament.

Mrs. Jack Pippin has been elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Bowling League of the Women of the Moose.



Janet Marie Graham, daughter of Thomas A. Graham, was graduated from St. Mary's Hospital June 1 as a Graduate Nurse. She is presently working at the Charleston Memorial Hospital.

New employees are Geoffrey Campbell, and Ralph T. Hill.

# It Makes School Just a Little More Tolerable



In reference to Total-Comfort, one old-timer, who obviously didn't relish his days in a one-room school with a pot-bellied stove, said, "I guess electric heat and air conditioning at least make school more tolerable."

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controlled to suit a particular learning task. For example, recent studies demonstrated that typing students working at 68° F. accurately completed 15 per cent more work than students working at 75° F. Similar tests on reading (which requires less exertion) showed that students achieved the highest marks in rooms maintained at 75° F.

A controlled learning environment not only makes for effective learning and teaching, but it also increases the opportunities for community development by expanding both the school day and the academic year. Intensified academic programs, summer sessions, extracurricular activities, adult evening classes, PTA meetings, lectures, concerts, and similar educationalcultural events are more feasible in a thermostatically controlled environment.

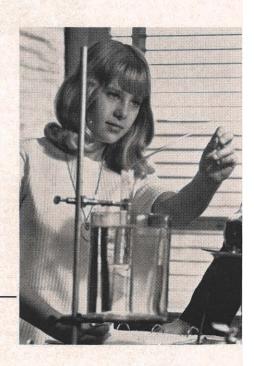
E. R. Ambrose, head of AEP's Heating and Air Conditioning Division, claims that there isn't enough air conditioning in our schools. In many instances, summer sessions are being conducted despite the absence of cooling systems, but more often, these buildings lie dormant because boards of education are unwilling to ask teachers and students to function in "superheated" buildings.

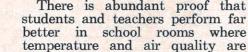
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Interviews with school principals, administrators, architects, and





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advantage over any other combination of fuel-energy source," Ambrose said.

A. A. Armbrust, assistant vice president and sales manager, AEP Service Corporation, sees the increased use of electricity for heating and cooling in schools as inevitable because of its almost limitless flexibility. "All school buildings now and in the future are being designed with both heating and cooling for full utilization of facilities." He envisions future schools simultaneously heated in one area and cooled in another.

Interviews with school principals, administrators, architects, and

engineers, recent converts to flameless electric heating and cooling, point up its many other advantages.

Construction of new schools or additions, for example, now can be speeded by eliminating the necessity for excavating, pouring of foundations for boilers, insulating pipes, and erecting smoke stacks. Future expansion becomes easy, simply by adding electric heating equipment to each room as it is built. By eliminating the boiler system, chronic maintenance problems are avoided, including the need for an additional janitor to attend to this equipment.

A Total-Electric school also offers the architect an opportunity to plan a more spacious building with the esthetic values which might otherwise be prohibitively costly.

William E. Adamson, trustee of the Metropolitan School Board, District of Decatur Township, Marion County, Indiana, adds another significant consideration when he discusses the subject of school safety: "The removal of the flame from the school building's heating system provides a very important extra margin of protection. Beyond that, the multiple safety equipment engineered into the electrically heated systems employed in our schools is the ultimate in total school safety."

Other school officials state that they never need to worry about their electrically heated schools in zero weather. Never has a single classroom day been lost because of the failure of electric heating.

Aside from the important intangibles that make the Total-Electric school desirable, astute school board members have been "sold" by the dollar savings that result with electric heating installation. By reducing the initial cost of the building, the bond financing costs on the new structure can be reduced, a savings with special appeal to the taxpayer.

Engineers have recognized the ability of electricity to deliver the requisite performance in every area of energy use—heating, lighting, air conditioning, ventilating, cooking, refrigeration, water heating, visual aids, laboratory equipment, appliances, power tools and motors—and to control that delivery with a minimum of waste and human attention. Their favorable evaluations of school and college buildings have done as much to advance the development of the Total-Electric concept as any other single factor.

In fact, at the close of 1968, the AEP System was serving 548 electrically heated school, college and university buildings. Another 90 such structures were under construction. Combined, these facilities represent more than 12.5-million square feet of floor space.

Thus, if the efficiency of students and teachers alike is proportionately increased, more students can be educated in less time—and at a lower cost per student. And, if the building is conditioned for effective 12-month operation, making summer sessions practical and enhancing its appeal for intensive community use, it certainly is more efficiently and economically utilized.

# **Clinch River**

Luther C. Houchins, who has been a member of the Local Ad-visory Board of Southwest Virginia Community

board of the

college and named Treas-

urer of the institution. Houchins is chairman of the Advisory Committee of

the Russell



Houchins

County Voca-tional-Technical School which is currently building a new total-electric facility on Route 19 in Lebanon.

Jimmy R. Cox has been elected president of the St. Paul-Castle-wood Jaycee Chapter. Cox, a charter member of the club, moved

to his present position from the post of interim vice president. A member of the U.S. Air Force from 1964 to 1967, Cox was a charter member of the "Tundra" Chapter of the Jaycees in Fair-banks, Alaska. He is an active member of the Rings Chapel Baptist Church and the current secretary of the Clinchers Club.

# Pulaski

Bruce J. Stoneman has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Methodist men at Oakland United

Methodist men at Oakland Onled Methodist Church, Galax. The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors has named Claud K. Kirkland to the Board of Directors of Region 10 Community College. David Horne, of Pensacola, Florida, competing in the eight-and-under division, established a new Southeastern and state 55meter backstroke record with a 48.4 reading in the Alabama State swimming championship. He is the grandson of A. F. Horne, retired Pulaski division manager. His father, Dr. Andrew Horne, stationed at the Naval hospital for a residency in aviation space medicine, is in the public health service assigned to the Coast Guard, and has recently been promoted to Captain. meter backstroke record with a Captain.

Captain. New employees include David C. Cunningham, Fred G. Fowler, Jr., Brenda B. Aust, J. L. Hash, M. D. Cox, R. W. Frazier, James B. Gregory, K. F. Hamilton, B. D. Phillips, B. M. Phipps, H. C. Osborne Jr., C. W. Riggins, R. T. Wingate, and A. S. Jackson.

# Philip Sporn



Titus

Frank A. Titus, son of Frank E. Titus, spent the summer in Mexico and Guatemala. Frank is doing research on the role the military has in the progress of underde-veloped countries and is working

# **Familiar Faces In New Places**

**Appalachian Power Company** 

### College since its founding in **Abingdon Division** 1967, has been named to the executive

WILLIAM McFALL, JR., from lineman to line foreman.

#### **Bluefield Division**

WILBUR LANE SLUSS from lineman to line foreman. STUART ARCHER SHINAULT from lineman helper to lineman c. THOMAS RAY MARTIN from station man helper, T&D, to material clerk, stores dept. JAMES WILLIAM BOWES from station man c to station man b. JOHN ANDERSON DANLEY from customer accounts representative to dealer sales representative. JACK CLINTON GREEN from engineering aide, T&D, to heating & builder-sales representative, commercial. RICHARD CARROLL BOWMAN from dealer sales repre-sentative to heating & builder sales representative.

### **Charleston** Division

WESLEY G. KIRBY, JR., from groundman to T&D clerk.

#### **General Office**

J. P. DOTSON from rodman to civil construction assistant in hydro. R. P. RIVINUS from civil engineer, T&D, to civil engineer, hydro. J. C. PLUNK from civil engineer to hydro super-vising engineer. B. P. COLEY from communications engineer to communications engineer— supervisory. PAUL D. BLOUNT from T&D clerk, division T&D, to engineering aide, go T&D. ERNEST L. HARMON from transmission man b to transmission man a. PEGGY O. CLINE from key punch operator, accounting, to clerk stenographer, commercial. BARBARA S. REX from clerk stenographer to stenographer. E. L. BAILEY from sales supervisor, JR. from garage foreman, division transportation, to fleet maintenance supervisor, go trans-portation. J. C. BARTON from instrumentman to civil construction assistant in hydro.

#### **Huntington Division**

T. R. TEMPLETON from garage foreman (non-exempt) to garage foreman (exempt). R. R. BECKETT from meter service man b to meter service man a.

### Lynchburg Division

LINDA R. WRIGHT from clerk stenographer, T&D, to credit representative, accounting. R. E. NEWMAN, JR. from tracer to draftsman.

#### **Pulaski Division**

EVERETTE CRAWFORD from lineman a to line foreman. EDMOND ANGLE MARTIN from lineman to line foreman. WILLIAM CARDWELL HAGER from commercial sales engineer, commercial, to area supervisor, T&D in Christiansburg.

#### **Roanoke Division**

J. D. AUSTIN from collector to customer service representative. D. R. SPICER from meter reader to collector. ELLA EDWARDS from mail clerk, accounting, to clerk-typist, commercial. T. R. KENNEDY from lineman c to lineman b. J. D. ADCOCK from lineman b to lineman a. J. M. QUARLES from lineman b to lineman a. H. W. CHILDRESS from lineman c to lineman b.

#### John E. Amos Plant

JAMES E. CRAWLEY, civil construction assistant, from Big Sandy Plant to Amos Plant. GILLES BEAUDOIN, assistant chief, electrical construction, from Big Sandy Plant to Amos Plant. CALVIN V. PARMITER, civil construction assistant, from Amos Plant to Cook Nuclear Plant. JOSEPH R. HIGGINS, construction stores assistant, from Amos Plant to Muskingum River Plant. JERRY L. BILLUPS from time clerk, timekeeping, to construction stores assistant, stores. THOMAS E. LAYTON, concrete construction assistant, from Amos Plant to Philip Sporn Lab. RICHARD EUGENE PAULEY from laboratory technician, Philip Sporn Lab, to concrete construction assistant, Amos Plant. ALDEN B. CARPENTER, assistant chief-civil construction, Big Sandy Plant, to chief-civil construction, Amos Plant. ROBERT W. PALMER from station foreman, Charleston, to assistant chief-electrical con-struction, Amos Plant.

#### **Cabin Creek Plant**

O'DELL G. ELLIS from boiler operator to control operator. DONNIE L. WAUGH from boiler operator d to boiler operator c. WILLIAM B. NUGENT from utility operator a to boiler operator. LARRY E. MOORE from laborer, labor, to utility operator, operating. VIRGIL M. BURGER from assistant shift operating engineer to shift operating engineer. EUGENE H. HALL from turbine operator to assistant shift operating engineer. DANIEL L. TONEY from control operator to chief plant dispatcher.

#### **Glen Lyn Plant**

THOMAS L. BROTHERTON from auxiliary equipment operator, operations, to mainte-nance helper, maintenance. LEE B. MARTIN from auxiliary equipment operator, operations, to maintenance helper, maintenance. HENRY L. HARLESS from auxiliary equipment opera-tor—upper pump to auxiliary equipment operator. BLLY L. STAFFORD from auxiliary equipment operator—upper pump to auxiliary equipment operator. DAVID G. WHISMAN from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator—upper pump. ROGER L. GAUTIER from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator—upper pump. F. LEON FERGUSON from utility man, maintenance, to utility operator, operations. NORMAN S. HILL from utility man, maintenance, to utility operator, operations. ROY S. MEADOWS from laborer to utility man. MACKIE C. MULLINS from laborer to utility man. JAMES A. JOHNSTON from time clerk to plant clerk.

### Kanawha River Plant

JERROLD WALKER KITCHEN from auxiliary equipment operator to equipment opera-tor. EVERETT BIRD from auxiliary equipment operator, Kanawha River, to equipment operator, Mitchell Plant. CHARLES RAYMOND BROWN from laborer, labor-janitor, to helper maintenance. JOHNNY BERNARD MEADOWS, JR. from utility operator to aux-iliary equipment operator. LEON FRANKLIN PEAL from utility operator to a culliary equipment operator. REXFORD FRUM SHOEMAKER from performance engineer, Kanawha River Plant, to sr. performance engineer, Amos Construction Dept., New York.

# C. Gus Allison, Stores Supervisor, **Kingsport, Retires After 33 Years**

After 33 years with the company, C. Gus Allison, Kingsport Power's stores supervisor, retired September

Allison is a native of Newport, Tenn. where he was graduated from Cocke County High School in 1924.

He joined Kingsport in Oct. 1936 as a laborer and moved up to groundman in April 1937. Trans-ferring to the Stores Dept. in Nov. 1939, he worked as a clerk, then became assistant storekeeper in June 1940 and was promoted to stores supervisor in June 1956.

He is a member of the Elks and Odd Fellows Lodges and the First Baptist Church of Kingsport. He is married to the former Louise Malloy. They are the parents of one daughter and have five grandchildren

The Allisons will continue to live in Kingsport but will spend



Crewey Pennington

# Three At Glen Lyn **Get Promotions**

Promotions for three Glen Lyn employees were effective July 1. A. J. Trawick was named mainte-

nance supervisor, T. E. Crewey, plant engi-neer and S. K.

Pennington, plant per-formance engineer. Trawick began his Appalachian career at the Glen Lyn Plant in April 1956. He has worked

Trawick

and two

Crewey spent three years in the Navy during the Korean War, and was later graduated from West Virginia Tech. He began employ-ment with Appalachian in June 1959 as plant performance engi-neer. He and his wife are the parents of three sons and a daugh-

A graduate of West Virginia University, Pennington joined the company at Glen Lyn in 1958 as test engineer. He was later promoted to performance engineer senior. He lives in Athens, W. Va., is married, and has two daughters and a son.

# G. N. Clarkson, 62, Huntington, Dies



Allison

much of their time at their lakeside cabin. Allison says that he plans to relax and "do the things there never was time for before.

### Ralph Hicks, 61, **Dies At Roanoke**

Ralph S. Hicks, lead draftsman in the General Office R/E & R/W

Dept., died August 5. He was 61. Hicks joined

the company Feb. 13, 1926 as a draftsman. In Jan. 1941 he was pro-m o t e d t o d raftsman draftsman senior. From May 1942 until Oct. 1945 he served



in the U.S. Hicks Army in over-seas duty. He returned to Appa-lachia as a draftsman senior and in Jan. 1949 became lead draftsman.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys, and two daughters. The Hicks reside at 1802 Stratford Place, S. W.

### **Promotions Go** To Stebar, Funk



A. L. Stebar of Roanoke has been promoted to the position of fleet maintenance supervisor in Appa-

Funk

lachian's General Office Trans-portation Dept. The move was effective Aug. 1. He was succeeded Aug. 16 as Roanoke garage foreman by Guy V. Funk who had been an engi-neering aide with the company.

In his new job, Stebar will coordinate the maintenance of the company's specialized construction equipment. He joined Appalachian January 28, 1946 as a groundman in Roanoke. He was a lineman,

there as test engineer, plant performance

engineer and plant engineer. He is a graduate of Georgia Tech and lives in Rich Creek. He is the father of four children-two sons daughters.

# ter. They live in Narrows.

under a nine-month undergraduate fellowship at Ohio State University College of Arts and Sciences. Frank is a political science major.

George Holman, Scoutmaster of Troop 242 sponsored by the Syra-cuse United Methodist Church, has been cited for his unselfish community service and valuable scouting leadership. New employees are Ronald

Thompson, Gary Lyons, Jeanine Miller, Charles Powell.

# Hazard

Sympathy is extended to Morgan Ozee on the death of his brotherin-law, E. C. Blair, and to Creal Luck on the death of his grandfather, Green Halcomb.

#### **Philip Sporn Plant**

MARY J. SAYRE from stenographer to personnel clerk. LINDA A. SAUVAGE from clerk stenographer to secretary. JOHN W. OHLINGER from utility man b to utility man a. WILLIAM R. JOHNSON from utility man b to utility man. RODNEY L. RIGGS from utility man b to utility man. PAUL E. ZERKLE from helper to jr. maintenance man. JOHN J. SEBO from chemist, chemical, to performance engineer, results. DAVID R. SIMONTON from performance engineer, results, to maintenance. ROBERT E. HERNDON from maintenance engineer to maintenance. ROBERT E.

### **Kentucky Power Company**

#### **Ashland Division**

SHIRLEY MOORE from clerk stenographer to stenographer. BARBARA T. MESEKE from clerk trainee to contract clerk. DARLENE J. CORDLE from clerk stenographer to stenographer. SHEILA N. CHILDS from jr. clerk to clerk stenographer.

### **Kingsport Power Company**

A. L. PHILLIPS from material clerk to head material clerk. C. H. BRYANT from station maintenance man, Bluefield, to station man, Kingsport.

Guy N. Clarkson, retired Huntington Division auto repairman, died July 18. He was 62.

Clarkson began employ-ment with Appalachian in 1937 as an electrician helper. He worked as a mechanic and in 1953 he was promoted to auto repair-man. He took early retirement in May 1965.

is survived by his wife, Ethel, and two sons, Guy E. and Robert L. The Clarkson home is 815 Chester St., Kenova, W. Va.

clerk and engineering aide before becoming garage foreman in 1967.

An Army veteran, he is married and a member of Christ Episcopal Church. He is a former Jaycee and Junior Achievement advisor.

Funk also joined the company as a groundman, on July 6, 1953. He was appliance serviceman helper and T&D clerk before becoming engineering aide in 1962.

He is a veteran of both the Navy and the Marines. Funk is a member of the board of deacons and Sunday School teacher at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, a member of the Vinton Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rites Bodies and past patron of the Vinton Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. A former member of the Roanoke County Planning Commission, he is married and has three children.



Clarkson



# **Tigers Do It Again**

Ashland's 15th Street Tigers slugged their way to a 17-9 win over the 25th Street Champs in the annual softball contest. The victory was sweet for the "Tigers." This was their second victory in the many contests between the two teams. Waldo La Fon pitched

the entire game for the winners and held the oppo-sition hitless for the first five innings while his team rang up 16 runs. Bronson Callihan was on the mound all the way for the 25th Streeters. Here the weary, but proud, Tigers savor their overwhelming victory.

### **Clinch River Plant Employees**, Sons Active In Little League

Named to the 1969 All-Star team were sons of four Clinch River em-ployees. From left are Jerry McFarland, Gary Jones, Robert Kiser and Steve Osborne. Behind them on the left is Don Jonas, secretary-treas-urer of the Lebanon Little League and Lloyd McFarland, manager of the team.

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him the plaudits of many partisan

Ben Thompson, shift engineer;

Jim Britt, master maintenance man; and Lloyd McFarland, maintenance

man, again served as managers of the Little League teams. Mc-Farland won the honor of being the manager of the 1969 All-Star team.

Son Lasley, maintenance man, and Larry Null, helper, assisted in

managing loop entries.

Clinch River employees and their sons were prominent in the Lebanon

Little League headlines this season. Maintenance foreman Edward Mamoran directed the league to one of its most successful years in history. As president he was ably assisted by chemist Don Jonas, who served as secretary-treasurer of the league.

Alvie Napier, maintenance fore-man, completed his tenth year as umpire-in-chief in a way that won

**Clinch River** 'Students' Feted

The reward for work well done was sweet. Twenty-four Clinch River employees were honored guests at a dinner in Lebanon. The dinner at the Carriage House Restaurant was for those employees who had guescifully a completed a

Restaurant was for those employees who had successfully completed a course at Southwest Virginia Com-munity College during the 1968-1969 college year. A. C. Wilson, coordinator of engineering and business tech-nologies at Southwest, was the speaker for the dinner. The guest list included: Clarence Browning, Ed Carr, Jess Hackney, Earl Kees, Al Lambert, Gene Lester, Glenn Marshall, Lovell McDonald, Bob Parks, Jim Trail, Tip Vance, Lloyd McFarland, George Munsey, Jimmy Cox, Arnie Nester, Con Powers, Dick Crumbaker, Bill Robinson, Sammy Glovier, Ruth Jones, Betty Snead Glovier, Ruth Jones, Betty Snead and Sandy Arrington.

### **Gas Properties Purchases Off**

Proposed purchase of the gas properties of Michigan Power Company by Michigan Gas Utilities Company has been called

off. Announcement of the action was Announcement of the action was made jointly on August 8 by Donald C. Cook, president of Michigan Power and American Electric Power Company, and William L. Matheson, chairman of MGU. Matheson said that MGU was unable to go forward with the proposed transaction be-cause of "insurmountable diffi-culties arising from the current cause of "insurmountable diffi-culties arising from the current chaotic conditions in the money market."

AEP acquired Michigan Power, then known as Michigan Gas and Electric Company, in 1967 following a successful stock tender following a successful stock tender offer. In that connection, AEP and MGU had entered into a letter agreement calling for MGU to purchase the gas assets of Michigan Power.

# **Marshall** Cited As Top Athlete

Noble Marshall, son of N. G. Marshall, Appalachian General Office Accounting Dept., has been chosen as one of America's Out-standing College Athletes. A complete biographical sketch of his accomplishments will be pre-sented in the 1969 edition of Out-standing College Athletes of America. The book is sponsored by the Outstanding Americans Foundation and criteria for placement includes sports ability, leadership, and com-munity service. munity service.

Noble, a senior at Elon College, N. C., is a three-year letterman in basketball, a member of the Varsity Club, student representative to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and has served on the Student Government Entertain-ment Committee. His major is political gainage political science.

In the district 26 NAIA playoff against A & T of Greensboro, Marshall hit 15 straight foul shots to help his team establish a world to help his team establish a world record of 51 consecutive free throws. The 15 free throws also established a school record. Marshall led his team with the highest per-centage of free throws and assists. The Elon Team finished second in the Carolinas Conference. **Plunk** Promoted In Hydro Move

Joe C. Plunk of Roanoke became hydro supervising engineer of Appalachian Aug. 1.

In his new post, Plunk is responsible for coordi-nating opera-tion and main-tenance of tenance of Appalachian's ten hydroelectric plants. He rises from the position of hydro civil



Plunk

engineer. Plunk, a native of Henderson, Tenn.,

received an Henderson, Tenn, Techver an associate of arts degree from Freed-Hardeman Junior College and a BS degree in civil engineering from the University of Tennessee.

He joined Appalachian in June 1963 as a civil engineer—hydro.

He is a member of the Committee on Hydro Power Project Planning and Design of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Vinton Baptist Church where he is presi-dent of the Married Young Men's Class. Plunk is married and has two abildron two children.

### Tazewell 4-H'er Busy



Allen Rhudy with one of his prize heifers.

Alien Rhudy picked a winner four years ago and he has been showing winners since then. Four years ago he joined the Tazewell County 4-H club in Thompson Valley. Now he is a Junior Leader. Allen has shown cattle and lambs for the past three years and during for the past three years and during that time has won one trophy, two plaques and 34 ribbons. He has shown two grand champions and four reserve champions. He has taken seven first place ribbons in cattle and two of his lambs have been in first place as grand champions.

Allen has participated in shows in Bristol, Richlands, Rich Valley,

Independence, and Tazewell. He says "the competition in all areas is keen but it's really stiff com-petition in Bristol—the number of entries is so large there."

At Tazewell High School where Hand in the F. F. A. He is a member of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church and president of the Young People's Organization.

At the present time he is working with two Hereford calves and has 21 sheep which could possibly produce more winners for him. He is the son of Cecil Rhudy, Tazewell area serviceman.





### **Round-Up Winners**

From left are H. Stutes, Willis Dudding, Dick Tennant and Homer Ma-theney at the Appalachian Golf Round-Up August 2 at the Riverside Golf Course in Mason, W. Va. Thirty-five golfers from Sporn Plant, Kanawha River, Amos, Kyger Creek, Big Sandy, Point Pleasant, and Huntington attended. Winners were Homer Matheney with low gross and Dick Tennant with low net. H. Stutes was closest to pin on No. 5 and Willis Dudding was closest to pin on No. 6. Dick Tennant had longest drive on 1 and 9. Homer Matheney closest to pin on No. 2. Russ Fields has the most fives. has the most fives.

### **Glen Lyn's Freeman Hits Hole-In-One**

E. S. Freeman, Glen Lyn Plant employee, recorded a hole-in-one July 14 at the Giles Country Člub.

Freeman's ace came on the fifth hole, a 139-yard par three. He was using a nine iron. He carries an eight-stroke handicap on the par 71 course.

# Berry Boys' Bounty

These boys are Berrys. They are (from left) John, age 11, Dallas, 13, and Edward, 14, sons of E. C. Berry, line foreman in Huntington. All are active in 4-H work and all won special recognition for their projects at the Lawrence County Fair. Edward placed first in veterinary science, Dallas placed second in electricity, and John was recognized for pony showmanship.

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C. E. Richards **Clinch River** Bluefield



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B. M. Brown

**Glen Lyn** 



### **Appalachian Power Company**

ABINGDON DIVISION-5 YEARS: J. C. MOREFIELD, engineer

BLUEFIELD DIVISION-30 YEARS: ARCHIE GLENN FERRELL, line inspector.

CHARLESTON DIVISION—30 YEARS: JOHN H. BASHAM, customer accounting supervisor. JOHN B. EPLIN, meter service foreman. 20 YEARS: CHESTER E. SPRADLING, commercial sales representative. WALTER G. MCGRAW, heating & builder sales representative. ROBERT L. LOUDERMILK, commercial sales representative.

GENERAL OFFICE-35 YEARS: P. J. JOHNSON, supt. of hydro generation. 30 YEARS: J. W. KEPNER, operations supt.

HUNTINGTON DIVISION-30 YEARS: G. C. EVERETT, sales supervisor. 20 YEARS: R. M. OAKLEY, general clerk.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON DIVISION-5 YEARS: GENE P. STEPP, lead draftsman.

LYNCHBURG DIVISION—30 YEARS: ROBERT L. HATCH, station and hydro supervisor. 10 YEARS: PAUL R. KEYS, engineering aide. 5 YEARS: MARY L. CAMPBELL, stenographer. PULASKI DIVISION-30 YEARS: ANDY JACOB LAWSON, T&D clerk.

ROANOKE DIVISION—40 YEARS: J. H. MERRIMAN, line foreman. T. E. GOAD, meter service foreman. 15 YEARS: G. V. FUNK, engineering aide. 10 YEARS: B. L. ALTICE, engi-neering aide. 5 YEARS: C. L. HILL, T&D clerk. M. R. PRILLAMAN, material clerk.

CABIN CREEK PLANT-25 YEARS: GEORGE PERDUE, jr. maintenance man. CLINCH RIVER PLANT-30 YEARS: CARL E. RICHARDS, assistant shift operating

GLEN LYN PLANT-25 YEARS: BENNETT M. BROWN, maintenance foreman.

### **Kingsport Power Company**

25 YEARS: FRED PIERCE, janitor. 15 YEARS: LOUISE B. MCALPINE, home sales representative.





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**G.** Perdue **Cabin Creek** 

F. Pierce Kingsport

# W. L. Johnson, 61, **Cabin Creek**, Dies

Walter Lee Johnson, chief plant dispatcher at the Cabin Creek Plant, died July 15 at the

Memorial Hospital in Charleston following a heart attack. He was 61.





1964 was pro-moted to chief plant dispatcher.

Johnson was active in the work of the Nazarene Church of Chelyan. He is survived by his wife, Rethal and son, Dewey. Mrs. Johnson resides in East Bank, W. Va.

## Frank C. Young, **Charleston**, **Dies**

Frank C. Young, retired senior T&D clerk died at his home in Charleston.





He was 73. Young was e d u c a t e d in the Kana-wha County Schools and served in the Army Infantry during World War I. He joined the company after his discharge from the Army in 1919 in the Charleston

Young

Division. He began as a bookkeeper and during his career served in various related jobs.

He was and active Mason for many years and attained the 32nd degree status.

Young is survived by his wife, Irene; sons Fred P. Young of Cincinnati, Ohio and Frank Young Jr., of Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Young resides at 215 Britton Street, Charleston.

# **Active Hazard Employee Dies**

Moscoe Blackburn, Hazard Division line inspector, died Aug. 7, 1969. He was

51. Blackburn joined Ken-tucky Power in 1941 as a



Goad

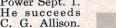
Four employees have received service pins for 35 and 40 years with the company.

T. E. Goad, Roanoke Division meter service foreman, and J. H. Merriman, Roanoke Division line foreman at Fieldale, have reached forty year service. P. J. Johnson, superintendent of hydro generation in the Roanoke General Office, and Leroy E. Piersall, chief of civil construction at the John Amos Plant, have reached 35 years.

Goad was hired as an "Installer" meter service foreman. He is a member of the Cave Spring Lions Club and the Trinity United Methodist Church. Goad is an active Boy Scout leader. The Goads have a son and a daughter.

# **Carter Receives**

Jesse H. Carter was promoted to stores supervisor for Kingsport Power Sept. 1.



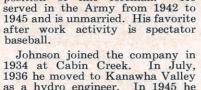
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in 1927. He moved to serviceman in 1936, and to meter serviceman in 1963. His latest promotion came in Nov. 1966 when he became

"Pete" Merriman is a native of Henry County and was edu-cated there. He joined Appa-

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as a hydro engineer. In 1945 he was plant superintendent-hydro, and in 1948 he moved to Roanoke as hydro supervising engineer. In as hydro supervising engineer. In 1962 he was promoted to super-intendent of hydro generation. Johnson holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia University. He is married and the father of three children.

Piersall began continuous service Piersall began continuous service with the company in 1939 having worked a total of five years, previously, in Logan—broken serv-ice. He has worked for Appalachian Power, Ohio Power, Indiana and Michigan, Philo, Glen Lyn, Tidd, Cabin Creek, Philip Sporn, Misha-waka, Kanawha River, Kammer, Tanners Creek, Kyger Creek, Cardi-nal and Muskingum River. He nal, and Muskingum River. He has been handyman, ironworker, maintenance man, steel inspector, steel supervisor—also mechanical inspector, civil engineering in-spector, engineer, structural engineer, and now chief of civil construction. Piersall lives in Point Pleasant and is now renovating his wife's parents home for future vacations and family reunions with

Piersall Johnson

lachian as a laborer in 1928 in Roanoke and was promoted to lineman in Dec. 1936. In 1949 he was promoted to his present position of line foreman. He served in the Army from 1942 to 1945 and is unmarried. His favorite baseball.

Blackwater, Va., Carter was graduated from high school there and later a t t e n d e d Whitney Busi-ness College in Kingsport. A sergeant in the

A r m o r e d Carter C o r p s , h e served as a tank commander in World War II.

He began with the company as a clerk in the Accounting Dept. in Jan. 1948. In Sept. 1951 he transferred to the stores department as a record clerk and became lead material clerk in July, 1956.

Carter is married and has two sons and one grandson.

children and seven grandhis children.

## **Oscar F. Oakes** Taken By Death

Oscar F. Oakes, retired Cabin Creek employee, died July 11 at his home in Chelyan. He was 75.

Oakes joined the company in 1927 as a boiler repairman. He was later promoted to boiler operator and served in that position until his retirement in 1948. He is aughter, Eleanor Stanley of Ohio; and one son, Paul E. Oakes of Charleston.

Miller C. Porterfield (left) presents a 35-year service anniversary pin to C. C. Jackson. Watching the presentation is his brother Harold Jackson who has been with the company 45 years.

### **Brothers Total 80 Years On Job**

C. C. Jackson and his brother Harold have been with Appalachian for 80 years.

Miller C. Porterfield, vice president and Charleston Division manager, presented C. C. Jackson with his 35-year service pin at the Charleston area supervisors' meeting in August. Jackson reached his 35-year anniversary in April but because of a work assignment could not accept his pin at that time. His brother Harold, who completed 45 years with the company in January, was on hand for the presentation.

The younger of the two brothers, The younger of the two brothers, C. C. Jackson first worked for Appalachian at the Cabin Creek Plant, before moving to Kanawha Valley. He has served as hydro maintenance man, repairman and working foreman. With his move to Kanawha Valley he became hydro plant supervisor.

Harold Jackson has spent all of his 45 years in stores work, starting in 1924 at Cabin Creek as assistant timekeeper. He also served as store-keeper at Cabin Creek and as district stores supervisor and garage supervisor at Logan. He is now stationed at Charleston as plant stores coding coordinator.

groundman. He was pro-moted to line foreman in 1946 and held this position until 1969 when he was made line inspector. Blackburn



Blackburn

was an active community leader. He organized and operated the Little League Football program in the City of Hazard. For his work with youth he was presented the Physical Fitness Leadership Award by the Hazard-Perry County Jaycees in 1968. He was elected to the Perry County school board in 1966 and recently re-elected.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters. The Blackburns live at 406 Oak Street in Hazard,

## Saul, Shabdue Named Consultants In Appalachian Area Development



Shabdue

Two promotions in the area development department were effective Sept. 1. Charles R. Saul was named area development consultant for the Roanoke and Lynchburg Divisions and Hubert K. Shabdue became consultant for the Charleston and Bluefield Divisions.

Saul, a native of Roanoke, joined Appalachian as a business trainee in April 1963. He became ad-ministrative assistant in the area development department in July 1965 and was promoted to assistant Roanoke Division personnel supervisor in September 1968. In his new position he succeeds J. R. Whitehurst, who earlier was named Roanoke Division administrative assistant.

Saul holds a degree in business administration from Virginia Poly-technic Institute. He is active in United Fund work in the Roanoke Valley and is a member of the Grandin Court Baptist Church. He is married and the father of two children.

Shabdue joined the company in 1949 as a rural sales representative. Until his September promotion he was heating and builder sales coordinator in Charleston. He has served as area, commercial and heating and builder sales repre-sentative.

He succeeds Nicholas Roomy who is now executive assistant to M. C. Porterfield, Appalachian vice-president and manager of the Charleston Division Charleston Division.

A native of Powellton, W. Va., he studied industrial electricity at he studied industrial electricity at West Virginia Institute of Tech-nology. He is a Marine veteran of World War II. He is a member of the Village School and South Charleston High School PTAs and Electric League of Charleston. Shabdue is public relations director of the Home Builders Association of the Home Builders Association of Greater Charleston and acts as public relations advisor to the state association. He is past chairman of the board of deacons of the Rock Lake Presbyterian Church, married and the father of two daughters.

# Porter, Fulknier, Barker Move Up **In Charleston Division Promotions**

Promotions for three Charleston Promotions for three characteries employees are now effective. J. D. Porter is heating and builder sales coordinator, Jennings P. Fulknier,



dealer sales coordinator, and James C. Barker, administrative assistant B in the Man-agerial Dept. Porter, a native of Mam native of Ham-lin, W. Va., joined the company in 1948 as a rural sales repre-sentative. He

moved to dealer sales representative and later to dealer sales coordinator. He served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946 and holds a BS degree in biology and chemistry from Morris Harvey College. He is married and the father of two daughters, Dortha and Jan Dee.

Fulknier, a native of Richwood, W. Va., came to the company in 1948 as a rural sales representative. In 1952 he moved to dealer sales and held that position until his

# R. B. Hastings, Huntington, Dies

R. Bernard Hastings died July 25 in the Huntington Hospital after a brief illness. He was a re-tired customer



service clerk in the Huntington Division. Hastings was 69. He joined the company

operator and

later served as

meter reader,

bookkeeper,

cashier and



Barker

recent promotion. He served in the Army Air Force from 1942 to 1948 as a Prop Specialist. He was later graduated from Morris Harvey College with a BS degree in business administration. He and his wife, Dollie, are the parents of one daughter, Diana.

Barker joined Appalachian as a clerk in the Commercial Dept. in 1948 and in 1952 was promoted to residential sales representative. After his discharge from the Navy in 1946 he studied business ad-ministration at Beckley College. He and his wife Dorothy have one daughter, Dorothy Ann.

# Henry Is Named **New Secretary**

James B. Henry has been elected secretary of the major operating companies of the American Electric Power System—including Appa-lachian Power, Kentucky Power and Kingsport Power Companies— effective September 1. He has also been elected a vice president, secretary and a director of the AEP Service Companies Service Corporation.

At the same time, A. Joseph Dowd was elected assistant secre-tary of each of the same companies,



**Miss Gregg** 

# Marguerite Gregg **Retires** To End **40-Year** Career

Marguerite Gregg, customer accounting clerk in the Appalachian's General Office Accounting Dept. retired August 31 after almost 40 years of service.

Miss Gregg was first employed Aug. 28, 1930 as a clerk in the centralized billing office. She was promoted to the position of proof clerk in April, 1949 and to customer accounting clerk in April, 1949. A native of Roanoke, Miss Gregg is a member of the Sequoia Club and has twice served as president of the club. She is a member of Christ Episcopal Church.

She was honored by her fellow employees at a dinner at the Tinker Mountain Restaurant. Miss Gregg plans to maintain her home in Roanoke and travel.

# Hershel Adams. Hazard, Retires After 23 Years



#### Adams

Hershel Adams, lineman A in in the Hazard Division T&D Dept., has retired after 23 years with the company.

A native of Perry County, Adams attended the Viper, Ky., schools. He joined Kentucky Power in 1945 as a laborer. He later worked as a groundman, lineman C, line-man B, and was promoted to lineman A in 1951.

Adams and his wife Alberta live in Jeff, Ky. They have three children, Ricky, Ťonia, and Melessia.

## Jane Abbott, Charleston, Ends Career **To Continue Work On Book Collection**

After 39 years as an Appalachian secretary-stenographer, Jane Abbott has retired to do some clerical work her own-cataloging her collection of rare books and other memorabilia. Mrs. Abbott is one of Charleston's outstanding collectors

She began employment with the company May 14, 1930 in the Charleston Payroll Dept., then moved to the Managerial Dept. where she served as stenographer, recorders, and private sources. When the Personnel Dept. was formed she became a secretary-stenographer, the position she held until retirement.

Most of her work was with L. M. Cobbs who was Charleston Division personnel supervisor until 1965. She worked for Cobbs from 1938 to 1965 and worked for his two successors following his retirement.

Mrs. Abbott is a native Charles-tonian and a graduate of Charleston High School. She attended Charleston Business School, Randolph-Macon College and Morris Harvey College. She is an active member of the DAR and the Charleston Camera Club and a member of the Bible Presbyterian Church.

Some of the most interesting and valued pieces in her collection of over 3000 are *Female Education* printed in 1825 for Garrett's Boardprinted in 1825 for Garrett's Board-ing School in Essex County, Va. which outlines the "proper conduct and standards for young women would they grow to be ladies," and copies of *Miles Weekly Register* which carried in 1915 contemporary accounts of the War of 1812 and its political surroundings. She has early copies of Mark Twain's novels and reviews of "a contemporary composer, Ludwig Von Beethoven." Mrs. Abbott is an amateur photographer and develops her

### **Hazard Division Promotes Ewen**

Bearl Ewen has been promoted line foreman in Kentucky to line foreman

Power's Hazard - Divis i o n . H e moved from lineman A in t h e T & D Dept. Ewen joined the company in July 1941 as a ground-man and has been in the T&D Dept. since then. He progressed through the

various lineman classifications and in May 1945 was promoted to lineman A, the position he held until August 1.

Ewen and his wife, Elvira, have one daughter, Beverly.

Ewen

### **Claude Reynolds Goes To Roanoke**

Claude Reynolds, power sales engineer at Fieldale, has been promoted to sales supervisor in the

division Com-mercial Dept. in Roanoke. He succeeds J. A. Dunham.

Reynolds has been with



Mrs. Abbott

work in her own dark room. Some of her pictures were included in the West Virginia Centennial display. She won second place in the in-dustrial color slide category.

Her husband Bill is a retired Appalachian electrical engineer.

### **Two Cabin Creek Men Promoted**



Toney

Daniel L. Toney, control operator at the Cabin Creek Plant, was promoted to chief plant dispatcher, and Eugene H. Hall moved from turbine operator to assistant shift operating engineer.

Hall

Toney was employed by Appa-lachian as a laborer Sept. 8, 1942. He moved to the turbine section and worked in this department in various turbine assignments until his promotion to assistant control operator April 27, 1953. He was again promoted March 17, 1958 to control operator.

Toney is a graduate of East Bank High School and attended Capitol City Commercial College in Charleston. He is an elder in the Belle Presbyterian Church and a member of the Chelyan Masonic Lodge N. 158. A.F. and A.M. He and his wife, Gwendolyn have a daughter and five grandchildren.

Hall was employed as a laborer Oct. 17, 1938. He worked in the turbine section and became a turbine operator Dec. 1, 1952. His promotion to shift operating engineer was effective July 1.

Hall is a graduate of East Bank High School. He and his wife have two daughters and two grand-children.

### **Clinch's Jones Takes AEP Post**

John R. Jones, III, Clinch River performance engineer, was transferred to the construction scheduling

Hastings

He began retirement in clerk. May 1965.

Hastings was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church. He had a special interest in the development of American entertainment, particularly the American circus. His collection of posters and reviews dates back to the days of the minstrel. He was a member of Circus Fans of America.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Ralph Ayers; an aunt, Miss Carlotta Bennett, and a cousin, Edward B. McCaw, all of Huntington.

in 1933 as a succeeding Henry. telephone

Henry is general counsel of the Service Corporation; Dowd, as-sistant general counsel.

Henry's election as secretary of each of the operating companies is subject to approval of the Federal Power Commission.

A partner in the New York law firm of Kaye, Scholer, Fireman, Hays and Handler prior to joining AEP in early 1968, Henry is a graduate of the University of Arizona and Harvard Law School and was an Army Corps of Engi-neers captain in World War II.

Dowd, assistant general counsel of AEP since 1967, joined the AEP Legal Department in 1962 as a AB and LLB degrees from Harvard University in 1951 and 1957, respectively.

His retirement is early because of disability. He plans to spend the first months fishing.

## Clem Howard, 80, Ashland, Succumbs

Clem Howard, retired Ashland Division employee, died July 8. He was 80.

A native of Cynthiana, Ky., he moved to Ashland around 1900 and joined the company in 1938. Howard took early retirement in 1947 and remained a resident of Ashland until his death.

He is survived by three daughters and one son.

Appalachian since 1949 when he began as a senior engineer in the T&D Dept. at Roanoke. In 1959 he was transferred to the Com-



Reynolds

mercial Dept. as commercial sales engineer. He was transferred to Fieldale in January 1968.

Reynolds holds a BS degree from Emory and Henry College, and is a veteran of both the Nav and the Marines. Early in 1967 he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Marines Reserve. He is past president of the Blue Ridge Chapter, Illuminating Engineering Society.

Reynolds, his wife and son are returning to Roanoke from Fieldale.

division of the **AEP** Service Corporation in New York Aug. 1, as a project engineer. Jones is a 1967 graduate of Virginia

Polytechnic

Institute and

holds a B.S.



Jones

d e g r e e i n mechanical engineering. He was first employed at Clinch River in 1966 as an engineering aide. In 1967 he took an educational leave of absence to complete his engineering studies.

A charter member of the St. Paul-Castlewood Jaycees, he is now serving as director of the organization.



Condolences for Krantz. Yes, it was a good game. Appalachian's game 5-2.



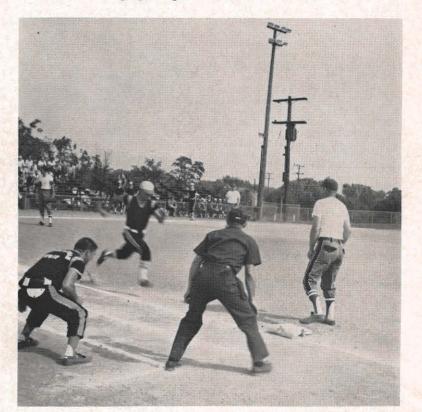
Waiting for their turn at the plate are (from left) Don Hale, Reggie Reynolds, Jeryl Saul, Gordon Peters, Gus Croft, Ralph Ensley, Randy Agnew, and (standing) Ron Blevins.



a state tournament. In his heyday he pitched for the Scrappers in the 50's when they were three times state champions.



Don Hale up against pitcher Collins of the Krantz team.



"Dig it out, Jerry, Dig it out!!" Manager Charlie Price calls Jerry Saunders "safe" in the first game.

# First Roanoke Team Goes To State Softball Tournament

Competing with some of the best softballers in the state, Appalachian Power's Roanoke team made what is believed the first trip ever to the Virginia State Fastball Tourna-ment in Winchester, advancing to the quarterfinals before losing.

The team won a trip to the state by finishing third in the Western

District Tournament, featuring the top softball teams in western Vir-ginia. At Winchester, the team defeated Krantz of Lynchburg 5-2 before dropping a game to Stacey's of Charlottesville 6-2.

The tournament climaxed a successful season for the squad, which finished second in the Blue Division

of the Roanoke B League with a 9-5 record. All but three team members are employed by Appa-

Making up the team were Charles Price, GO T&D, manager; Don Hale, Ralph Ensley, Jerry Adcock, and Gary Wolford, division T&D line; Jerry Saunders, Ron Blevins,

George Arnold, Danny Naff, and Roger Law, GO accounting; Ron Jamison and Randy Agnew, GO station; Gus Croft, division ac-counting; Ron Switzer, division T&D; and Lonnie Moran, GO distribution. Those outside the company include Reggie Reynolds (whose father works in division

T&D), Gordon Peters, and Jeryl Saul.

Don Hale did most of the pitching during the season, although Reggie Reynolds pitched until an operation interfered (he moved to left field). Jeryl Saul, one of Roanoke's leading hurlers, pitched all but two innings in the state tournament.

# Seven Weeks Of School And A New Career For 23 New Employees

After a summer of pole top basketball and other techniques for mastering pole climbing and related skills the score was 23 for 23 in Abingdon. All 23 men who enrolled in Appeleion's second proceedings.

All 23 men who enrolled in Appalachian's second pre-employ-ment line training school are now company employees. The seven-week school in Abing-don was held at the Virginia High-lands Community College be-ginning June 16, and drew appli-cants from as far as Bluefield and Pulaski. There was no enroll-ment fee for the course which was ment fee for the course which was principally financed by the Special Training Division of the Depart-ment of Community Colleges, but the trainees arranged for their J. B. Frier, Abingdon Division personnel supervisor, discussed personnel supervisor, discussed policy; Edsel Johnson, senior operating engineer, outlined company expansion and progress; Paul Sowers, senior foreman in the



Pulaski Division, talked about a lineman's career. C. B. Yearout, general safety coordinator for Abingdon, Bluefield, and Kings-port, gave safety lectures each week and observed their progress in safety procedures. Paul H. Sauls, a graduate of the first pre-employment school held in 1966, told them about his experience with told them about his experience with the program and with Appalachian

mployment. Rudy Wooten, General Office training coordinator who planned the lineman school, said that the program had at least three-way benefits. The trainees were given relatively free instruction and en relatively free instruction and an opportunity for a new career. The college was able to draw additional students by practically guaran-teeing them this employment. Com-pany personnel could observe the performance of the men before they were hired to determine if they were qualified. Previously linemen helpers were given on-the-job instruction for six months, then if they had made sufficient progress they were sent to a three-week lineman training school. According to J. Emmitt Blackwell, training supervisor, Appalachian spent more to train one man who dropped out of one lineman training school then to lineman training school than to train these 23 new employees. Appalachian's investment in this pre-employment school was the man hours of the instructors and the pole climbing equipment.



own room and board. Several commuted as far as 120 miles a day and two resigned from jobs to enroll in the school. Classroom instruction was given

by Ed Blevins, electrical instructor for the college, and included basic principles of electricity, practical skills such as wiring and general safety procedures.

Three days each week Lewis Smythers, line supervisor in the Abingdon Division and Jess Overbay, Abingdon area service-man, instructed the men in pole climbing and related skills.

Several guest lecturers from the company talked with the trainees. Prince Thornton, administrative assistant in Roanoke, gave them a general view of Appalachian in-cluding customer relations and personal benefits, accompanied by a film *The River That Runs Up Hill.* 

Instructor T. J. Overbay checks equipment for trainee Robert Frazier.

The school was held in Abingdon because of the increased demand for linemen in that area.

To develop pole top confidence lineman trainees practiced a modi-fied version of basketball. Here Larry Gunnells (left) passes to Marshall Hughes.