

100-Billion-Kwh Per Year In Next Decade?

Cook Raises Probability At AEP Management Meeting

The probability that the American Electric Power System will be serving a net load of 100-billion kilowatt-hours per year within the next 10 years was raised by President Donald C. Cook in the traditional opening message at last month's 23rd annual AEP System Management Meeting in Roanoke.

Cook's address was delivered by Herbert B. Cohn, executive vice president—administration and corporate services. The president had been unable to attend due to the death of his mother, Mrs. Edith Cook, of Escanaba, Mich., on Nov. 3.

Cook disclosed that the AEP

System in 1969, for the first time, will have served a net load exceeding 1-billion kwh during each of the year's 52 weeks. "However, we anticipate and must plan for a 2-billion-kwh week and a 100-billion-kwh year before the end of the 1970's," he said. (In 1968, the total net load was 58.9-billion kwh.)

To serve this future load, Cook continued, the System is engaged in its most massive expansion program ever, which will see AEP's total power supply raised to almost 13.5-million kilowatts within two years. "We are confident that our construction program is adequate to meet the needs of all our custo-

mers, not only for this period, but the period well beyond," he said.

He noted that the System's capacity situation would give it "excellent" opportunity to make large sales to other utilities. In this field this year alone the System will sell more than 10-billion kwh.

Cook revealed that the System's expansion in 1969 will represent a record investment of \$475-million. By comparison, that figure is double AEP construction expenditures only two years ago and more than triple the amount invested just four years ago.

The company president termed

current attacks on corporate investment as "tragically short-sighted economic policy" and maintained that they were made in the misguided belief that they would help control inflation. Such attacks also contributed to the campaign to repeal the investment tax credit for industry, he added.

"What this country needs is more investment incentive for industry—not less," Cook declared. "In the long run, only increased corporate investment in plant and equipment can produce more goods and provide the basis for improvement in employe productivity which permits higher real wages and stable prices. Furthermore, in-

dustries cannot successfully confront tough foreign competition without the most modern equipment."

Cook said that the AEP System's sales of electric power this year would increase by over 11% over 1968 in the residential field, by more than 12% in the commercial category, and by 6% to industrial customers. He emphasized that installations of electric heating in homes and apartments were running 23% ahead of last year's record performance, and that the close of 1969 would see an estimated 19,000 new all-electric residential customers added to AEP System lines—the largest such increase in history.

Russia-Red China Conflict Is A Certainty, Managers Told By Pulitzer Prize Winner



Personnel directors of our three companies (from left) J. G. Saltz, Kentucky; J. R. Larew, Appalachian, and W. Z. Trumbo, Kingsport, chat during break at Management Meeting.

The question is not whether Russia and Red China will come to nuclear blows, but when.

Of this, Harrison Salisbury is certain.

He's the assistant managing editor of *The New York Times*, Pulitzer Prize winner, best-seller author, and acknowledged authority on the world's two biggest Communist nations. And, on Nov. 6, he was the featured speaker at the AEP System Management Meeting in Roanoke.

Salisbury posed two questions to his audience, then proceeded to answer them. The first: is it really possible that these two great Communist countries will go to war? And the second: if so, why should we worry?

To the first, his reply was a flat yes; it is indeed possible. Similarities in political ideology never prevented nations from going to war with each other in the past.

"Russia does not regard China as Communistic; rather, it regards the Chinese as having fallen out of the party. Mao Tse-tung is a Chinese Hitler, a madman who has placed himself at the head of a vast army bent on the destruction of Russia, a man who is a paranoid threatening the world the same way Hitler did in 1939."

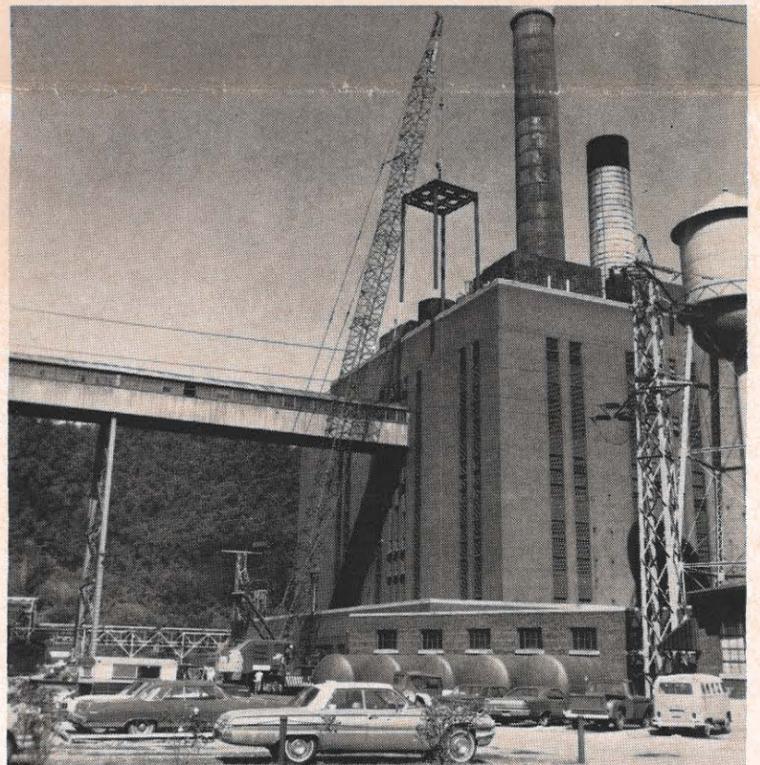
On the other hand, the Chinese do not regard Brezhnev and Kosygin as their ideological partners. "The Chinese believe that only they are the true believers, and that Moscow is no longer Communist. They regard Brezhnev and Kosygin as the new czars and Moscow as capitalistic, having abandoned the principles of Marx, Lenin and Stalin—who are still gods in China."

To the Chinese, Salisbury said, the Soviet Union is an imperialist country united in an unholy alliance
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Cabin Creek Employees Pass 2-Million Safe Manhour Mark

Cabin Creek Plant employees reached the two-million safe manhour mark on Nov. 12. In doing so, they became the first plant employees in Appalachian to work that many consecutive manhours without a disabling injury.

The safe-work record at the plant began Oct. 3, 1961. Cabin Creek employees are closing in on the all-time plant record in the American Electric Power System of 2,271,439 manhours, set by Ohio Power Company's Philo Plant in 1959.



Steel work goes up at Cabin Creek Plant to support crane for construction of air pollution abatement equipment.

White Takes Appalachian Post; Gills Moves To Ohio Power



White



Gills

W. S. White Jr. assumed his post as executive vice president and operating head of Appalachian on Dec. 1 after being officially elected by the Company's Board of Directors at a Nov. 20 meeting in New York. He also was elected a director of the company.

Joe P. Gills, whom White succeeded in the Roanoke post, was

elected by the Ohio Power Company's Board of Directors as executive vice president and a director of that company. Gills will become operating head of Ohio Power upon the retirement of A. N. Prentice April 1, 1970. Gills was to move to Canton, Ohio, early this month.

Both elections were effective on Dec. 1.

\$6-Million Invested In Kanawha Valley

Appalachian Takes Major Steps To Clean Air

Appalachian is concerned with the air pollution problem in its service territory. It proved this during 1969 with action rather than words.

Three major steps were taken this year to help improve environmental conditions at its Kanawha River and Cabin Creek plants near Charleston.

The first project, an investment of \$3.5-million in electrostatic precipitators at Kanawha River Plant, was virtually completed last month. The unit is in service and only painting and other minor adjustments remain to be made.

The second project, at Cabin Creek, the company is investing \$2.5-million in electrostatic precip-

itators. Work on this project began in September and completion is expected early in 1970.

The air pollution equipment at the two plants represents a total investment of \$6-million being dedicated by Appalachian toward cleaner air in the Kanawha Valley. The precipitators will remove virtually all of the solid ash particles from the stack discharge resulting from burning coal in the generating units.

In still another step to comply with the clean air standards set by the West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission, Appalachian shut down a portion of its generating equipment at the Cabin Creek Plant. The precipitators

are being installed on the remaining units. In doing so, the company lost some 100,000 kilowatts of generating capacity, giving the plant a capacity of 190,000-kw.

The Cabin Creek equipment was shut down on Sept. 30. Involved were four chain grate boilers and two pulverized fuel boilers plus five turbines. Remaining will be four boilers which supply the steam to the two turbine generating units.

The equipment shut down did not cause any unemployment. Employees affected were offered positions at other company positions.

Electrostatic precipitators work
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Star Silver

The silver of one star
Plays cross-lights against pine green

And the play of this silver
crosswise against the green
is an old story . . .
thousands of years.

And sheep raisers on the hills by night
Watching the wooly four-footed ramblers,
Watching a single silver star—
Why does the story never wear out?

And a baby slung in a feed-box
Back in a barn in a Bethlehem slum,
And a baby's first cry mixing with the crunch
Of an ass's teeth on Bethlehem Christmas corn,
Baby fists softer than snowflakes of Norway,
The vagabond Mother of Christ
And the vagabond men of wisdom,
All in a barn on a winter night,
And a baby there in swaddling clothes on hay—
Why does the story never wear out?

The sheen of it all
Is a star silver and a pine green
For the heart of a child asking a story,
The red and hungry, red and hankering heart
Calling for cross-lights of silver and green.

—CARL SANDBURG

R. G. Calhoun, Pioneer In Computers, Retires After Career Of 42 Years

R. G. Calhoun began his 42-year career with the AEP System in Kingsport as a payroll clerk when the company rented office space on a side street. That was in 1927.

On Dec. 1, Calhoun retired as customer accounting and payroll administrator for Appalachian, leaving behind more than 13 years of pioneering work in establishing Appalachian's and AEP's computer system.

The retired General Office Accounting Dept. employee's first job at Kingsport lasted until 1944 when he was named local office manager. That same year he transferred to Appalachian at Charleston as chief clerk. In 1945 he became local office manager at Charleston and the following year was transferred to Roanoke as an administrative assistant. He was named consumers accounting supervisor in 1951 and customer accounting and payroll administrator in 1965.

Calhoun is a native of Church Hill, Tenn. and a graduate of Kingsport High School. He attended Clemson University and the Management Training School in Michigan.

He worked as a chief clerk and local office manager in Charleston and as an administrative assistant and consumers accounting supervisor in Roanoke before being promoted to administrator. He began his work with computers in 1956.

"I've been with Appalachian through three generations of computers. We've made three complete conversions since we installed the first 7074 system."



Calhoun

Calhoun was a member of the AEP Customer Task Force. At his last meeting with this group in Canton, Ohio he was presented with a gold lighter in recognition of his work.

When asked about his retirement future Calhoun said, "For 28 years I've gone deep sea fishing at Wachapreague, Va. Catching big blue fish and marlin. I plan to do some fishing and some gardening in the spring. We plan to stay in Roanoke. Beyond that I haven't decided anything definite but I have to keep moving and doing something so I'll be busy."

He and his wife Pauline have three grandchildren. The Calhouns are members of First Presbyterian in Roanoke.

Russia-Red China

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with the United States. They see no difference between the Kremlin and Wall Street, "which will come as quite a shock to Wall Street," he added. "It is ridiculous, absurd and insane, but it is believed in Peking."

Against such a background, the newsman said, will be governed the decisions made by Moscow and Peking. "I have watched this grow for 10 years and it is very hot indeed today."

But why should we be concerned here in the United States? Why don't we clap our hands and wait until these two giants destroy each other and relieve the menace hanging over the earth?

"Cannot Stand Aside"

To this, he replied, "We cannot stand aside as a couple of continents go up in flames. We are the No. 1 power in the world. We have our commitments around the world; we have our allies. Any change in the balance of power will change our own power. It would be very important to us if Russia extended its sphere of influence from the Elbe to the Yellow River; it would be the same if China won."

The momentum of such a nuclear conflict would immediately have a major effect on Korea and Viet Nam and the India-China frontier. India would enter the conflict on the side of Russia, he predicted. In very short order, all of Asia would be up in flames, while all of eastern Europe, now under the threat of the Red Army, would rise up in revolt.

Don't believe for a moment that such a war between China and Russia would not be a nuclear war, he warned. Both nations have built up nuclear arsenals on the Siberian-Mongolian frontier and would not hesitate to use such weapons. Their philosophy will be that "anything goes" and they won't fight "with one hand tied behind their back."

It is Salisbury's view that Russia is not contemplating being the second to use nuclear power in the event of war. So what would China do: wait or hit first?

Russian Strategy

The likely scenario, Salisbury explained, would be for the Russians to strike with nuclear weapons, then assault China with tanks, knock out its power centers, and install a "real" Communist government. Losses would be trivial and the menace would be liquidated, the Russians would think.

He felt this scenario was likely because it was used, in more conventional terms, in Czechoslovakia.

Salisbury opined that the current Russo-Chinese talks in Peking are vital because they had been arranged in an atmosphere that had reached the point where the next move, by either side, would have meant war. The problem is, however, he went on, that neither side is able to understand what the other is talking about. In his view, China is simply buying time by talking with the Russians—"maybe until next Spring," as soon as that.

Enormous U. S. Stake

"The United States has a direct and enormous stake in what happens over there," Salisbury said, "but, preoccupied as it is with Viet Nam, it has not directed sufficient attention to it—though time is drawing short."

Nonetheless, he concluded, we are not helpless. "If we tell Russia that we are not necessarily neutral or on its side, that it can't count on us . . . if we put enormous muscle into the balance of power and show that we could go one way or the other if our survival is at stake, we might persuade the Russians to think again. And, given time, we might be able to establish an international food bank capable of providing the tremendous needs of China and other Asian countries."

"This might not solve all the problems. It wouldn't make China or Russia love us. But they would recognize that we did it for our own survival, to provide time to change the atmosphere, and it would put the U. S. in a position of leadership once more."

Advanced Air Pollution Control Program Entered By AEP System

The American Electric Power System is one of 16 electric utilities participating in a cooperative program to develop an advanced air pollution control system.

Goal of the \$71-million program is a commercial system to eliminate 99 per cent of solid pollutants and 90 per cent of the gaseous sulfur oxides from the exhaust of power plant boilers. Sulfur dioxide would be recovered in the form of marketable sulfuric acid.

Principal partners in the research and development project are The Babcock & Wilcox Company, boiler manufacturer, and Esso Research and Engineering Company, the principal technical affiliate of Standard Oil Company (New Jersey).

An existing test unit at the Tanners Creek Plant of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, utilized in earlier joint research work by AEP and B&W, has been adapted to determine durability of a special absorbing material developed by Esso. Satisfactory test results there will lead to construction of a large-scale demonstration system.

The unique material to be tested

at Tanners Creek is designed to absorb sulfur dioxide from boiler gases and release the pollutant by desorption to a sulfur recovery unit. A B&W-Esso Research task group has been studying and evaluating the process for more than two years and more than \$2-million has already been invested in it.

A development schedule leading to commercial availability by 1973 has been established.

Esso Research will have prime responsibility for process development; B&W for engineering and integrating the process into utility power systems.

Other utilities participating in the program are: Allegheny Power System, Central Illinois Public Service, Cincinnati Gas & Electric, Commonwealth Edison, Dayton Power & Light, Detroit Edison, East Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative, Illinois Power, Indianapolis Power & Light, Kansas City Power & Light, Missouri Public Service, Northern States Power, Ohio Edison, and Public Service Company of Indiana, all in the United States, and Ontario Hydro-electric Commission, of Canada.

Kanawha Valley Power Man's Son Foils Enemy Ambush In Vietnam

William Webb, Specialist 4, son of Hurston Webb, hydro maintenance mechanic at Kanawha Valley Power Company recently thwarted an enemy ambush along the bitterly contested Highway 14 near Kontum, Vietnam.

He was involved in an early morning mine sweep with the 29th Engineer Battalion north of Kontum. A grenadier in the battalion's first squad, Webb spotted an enemy soldier hidden in the grass and alerted his fellow squad members.

"I spotted an NVA dressed in khakis crouched in the brush about 15 feet in front of me," Webb recalled. NVA is the military designation for North Vietnam Army regulars. A full platoon of NVA was involved in the attempted ambush.

"I guess he saw me about the same time I saw him and we both opened fire. I let go with an M79 round that went high and landed behind him," Webb said.

"He returned fire with a B40 rocket which, believe it or not, slid past me on the ground before it exploded. A little surprised that I was still there, he reached for his Ak47 and was all set to fire when one of the Rf-PF (Montagnard) soldiers in the area got him with a burst from a carbine."

Webb, a 1967 graduate of Charleston High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hurston Webb of Marmet. Before joining the army in September of 1968 he worked at Eddies Supermarket in Marmet.



William Webb

Webb said he owes his life to the Montagnard soldier who opened fire. "No question about it the NVA would have had me before I fired another round," he said.

The alert Vietnam native, named Nhom, is one of six from a local force that accompanies the mine sweep each day to help secure flanks, look for enemy command detonation wires and spoil ambushes of convoys.

Following the initial contact with the enemy, Webb's team pulled back under heavy machine gun fire and called in gunships for support. The NVA eventually broke contact and fled, leaving two dead and several wounded.

AIR POLLUTION

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under the following principle. In operation, hot exhaust gases from the plant's boilers pass through the precipitators, which contain a series of high-voltage wires and floor-to-ceiling, steel collection plates. Solid ash particles pick up a negative electrical charge in the electrical fields generated by the wires, then are attracted to the collection plates. The particles fall into hoppers when plates are shaken.

Stress Analysis Pays Off." The article is on page 6 of the publication.

Gravely recommends a "Better Way to Attach Switch 'Hold' Tags". His article is on page 8 and describes an inexpensive tagging kit which will last for several months.



Buchanan

Gravely

Two Employees Contribute Items

Two Appalachian employees, W. J. Buchanan, maintenance supervisor at Kanawha River Plant, and A. H. Gravely Jr, senior operations engineer in Roanoke, have articles in the current issue of *Operating Ideas*.

At the Kanawha Plant the coal tripper was improved to overcome design weakness. The improvement is expected to provide a savings of \$300 annually. Buchanan describes the change in "Mechanical



Appalachian Dispatchers Study At Purdue

Attending the first AEP Dispatcher Training Course at Purdue University were (1st row from left) Roland Johnson, I&M; Robert Krauth, Ohio; William Paille, I&M; Ed Hedden, OVEC; (2nd row from left) Jim Farrar, I&M; Herb Sayre, Appalachian; Bill Stalker, I&M; Paul Bernard, Appalachian; Ray

Russell, AEP; (3rd from left) Tom Stephenson, Ohio; Jim Stevens, Ohio; William Perkins, Ohio; (4th from left) Jake Daniels, Appalachian; Merle Opphile, Ohio; Jim Munsey, Appalachian; and Jim Hardwick, Appalachian.

46-Year Career Of Jesse Ramsey, Roanoke, Ends With Retirement

Jesse Ramsey, customer accounting clerk in Appalachian's General Office Accounting Dept. retired Dec. 1 after more than 46 years of service.

Ramsey was first employed in the utility business July 31, 1923, as an addressograph operator by the West Virginia Water and Electric Company, Charleston, W. Va. When Appalachian was formed in 1926, he was transferred to the Huntington billing office. In Huntington he served as utility clerk, and on April 1, 1949, he was named head-addressograph operator.

Due to the conversion of customer billing to electronic data processing, he was transferred to the customer accounting division of the General Office Accounting Dept. in Roanoke on Dec. 9, 1957, as a general clerk. He later served as a machine operator in the data processing division, and has served in his present capacity since 1961.

Ramsey was honored by his fellow employees at a dinner at Tinker Mountain Restaurant.

He plans to maintain his home in Roanoke, where he is a member



Ramsey

of the Huntington Court United Methodist Church. As for the future, he looks forward to devoting more time to his hobbies of fishing, hunting, golfing and gardening. He and Mrs. Ramsey anticipate spending the coming winter season in Florida.

Three Promoted At Power Plants

Promotions for three Charleston Area power plant employees have been announced.

S. V. Caudle became assistant manager at Cabin Creek and Charles A. Simmons became Kanawha River personnel supervisor Dec. 1. Marvin F. Morrison will become personnel supervisor of the John E. Amos Plant Jan. 1. Caudle joined Appalachian at Welch, W. Va. in 1954 as a mechanical engineer. He



Caudle

came to Kanawha River three months later as a test engineer, and was assistant results engineer and results engineer before becoming personnel supervisor in 1968.

A native of Anawalt, he holds a mechanical engineering degree from West Virginia University. Married, he is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia and is a member of the Christ United Methodist Church.



Simmons

Morrison

Simmons became plant engineer at Kanawha River on Aug. 1 of this year. He joined Appalachian at Point Pleasant, W. Va., in 1956 as an electrical engineer and was in Charleston as area superintendent before going to Logan as division supervising engineer.

A native of Powellton, he is an electrical engineering graduate of West Virginia Institute of Technology. He is a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers and is a former Logan City councilman. He is married and has three children.

Morrison was employed by Appalachian as a collector in Charleston in 1939. He went to Logan, W. Va., plant as office supervisor in 1951 and became personnel supervisor there in 1957. He came to Cabin Creek in 1961.

Born in Milton, W. Va., he earned an AB degree at Marshall University in 1939. He is a member of the Baptist Temple, Kanawha City Lions Club and Beni Kedom Temple. He is married and has two children.



York

York Retires In Huntington After 43 Years

Arthur Waitman York, Huntington assistant stores supervisor, retired Nov. 1 after 43 years of service.

York, a native of Wayne County, W. Va. is a graduate of Huntington High School. From 1925 to 1926 he was an inspector for the West Virginia State Road Commission. He joined Appalachian as a helper in the Meter Dept. in May 1926. In 1930 he became floorman in the stores section and in 1937 was promoted to assistant storekeeper. He moved to clerk special in 1944 and was promoted to assistant stores supervisor in 1949.

He and his wife Lena are the parents of four children, Sandra Salyers and Virginia Morrison, both residents of Huntington, James who lives in McLean, Va. and Paul, a junior at Huntington High School.

James P. Baker, Retiree, Dies

James P. Baker, retired employee in the General Office T&D Dept. died Nov. 3. He was employed Nov. 20, 1935 and retired Sept. 1, 1948. His entire employment was in the T&D Dept. He is survived by three daughters and two sons.



Baker

Rea Is Promoted At Sporn Plant

Don E. Rea, master maintenance man at Philip Sporn Plant, was promoted to maintenance foreman. The move was effective Nov. 1.

Rea joined the company April 3, 1950 as a helper in the Maintenance Dept. He later served as senior helper, maintenance man before being promoted to master maintenance man in 1956.

A native of Pomeroy, Ohio, he graduated from high school there and served three years in the U. S. Navy Air Transport Service. A member of the Masonic Order and American Legion, he resides with his wife, Dorothy, and two daughters at Minersville, Ohio.



Rea

Four Appalachian Employees Take New Positions In Beckley Division

Promotions for four Appalachian employees will be effective Jan. 1 when the Beckley area becomes a division.

J. R. McGinnis, now Beckley area superintendent will become division superintendent; J. D. Higgins, commercial sales engineer in the Roanoke general office will become Beckley Division sales manager; S. J. Farmer Jr., will become division accounting supervisor; and Mrs. Vera Haynes, customer accounts assistant, will succeed Farmer as customer accounting supervisor.

McGinnis is a native of Harrisville, W. Va. and holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia University. He was employed by Appalachian in 1951 and later transferred to Charleston. He has been Beckley area superintendent since 1958.

He is past president of the Lions Club, a member of the AIEE and member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Higgins joined Appalachian in 1950 in Roanoke. From late 1950 until 1964 he was employed in the Fieldale area of the Roanoke Division and moved to the company's general office in 1968 as commercial sales engineer.

A native of Grayson County, Va. he holds a BS degree in engineering from VPI and has studied industrial management at Roanoke College. He is past district governor of District 24-E Lions International, a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Illuminating Engineering Society and the Chamber of Commerce.

Farmer began as an auto repairman helper and moved from there through several office classifications to customer accounting supervisor while completing requirements for a BS degree in business admini-



McGinnis

Higgins



Mrs. Haynes

Farmer

stration at Morris Harvey College. He has been accounting supervisor since 1965.

He is a native of Beckley and attended Beckley College before enrolling at Morris Harvey.

Mrs. Vera Haynes is also a Beckley native and attended Mountain State Business College. She started her career with Appalachian in 1929. She worked as a stenographer, assistant payroll supervisor and utility clerk before becoming customer accounts assistant in 1968.

Mrs. Haynes is a member of Eastern Star and White Shrine.

Claude E. Hylton Takes New Post

Claude E. Hylton of Roanoke has become personnel assistant in the General Office personnel section of the executive department.

Formerly general bookkeeper in GO accounting, he moved to his new job Nov. 17.

A 1960 graduate in business administration—accounting of National Business College in Roanoke, Hylton joined Appalachian in 1964 as an invoice and order clerk. He is a native of Blacksburg and served in the Air Force from 1954 to 1958.



Hylton



Broadford Moving Job A Big One

Transporting equipment for the Broadford 765 station was not without its problems. Rail transportation ends in Saltville and all materials had to be trucked from there. Because the core and coils for the transformers alone weighed over 135 tons, the

culverts and bridges along the route had to be reinforced and four inches of asphalt added to the road bed. Ralph Overbay, station operator, stands beside the 42-tire rig used to transport the equipment.

Company Couples Exchange Wedding Vows



Fore-Poole

Charlotte Joanne Fore became the bride of Maston Eugene Poole, Jr., on August 16 in the Vinton Baptist Church. Mrs. Poole is the daughter of J. W. Fore, purchasing assistant, Roanoke.



Johnson-Spangler

Sharon Kay Johnson and Odlund H. Spangler, Jr., were married on September 6 in the Princeton Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Spangler is the daughter of Willard A. Johnson, T&D clerk, Bluefield.



Mason-Altice

Ann Mason became the bride of Kenneth D. Altice on October 24 in a double ring ceremony. Mr. Altice is a customer service representative at Rocky Mount, Roanoke Division.



Coffman-Stoner

Josephine S. Coffman and David B. Stoner, Sr., were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the Trinity Lutheran Church on October 25. Mr. Stoner is credit supervisor in the accounting department, Roanoke.



Davidson-Shaffer

Gail Elaine Davidson became the bride of Robert E. Shaffer in a double ring ceremony on October 17. Mrs. Shaffer is a customer accounts representative in Bluefield.



Casto-Harrison

Barbara Casto became the bride of Ralph Darrell Harrison on October 10 in the Cross Lanes Methodist Church, Nitro, West Virginia. Mr. Harrison is a lineman helper, Charleston.



Miller-Howard

October 10 was the wedding day of Carol Lynn Miller and Wayne Howard, who were married in a double ring ceremony performed at the Church of Christ at Harlan, Kentucky. Mrs. Howard is the daughter of C. L. Miller, engineering department, Williamson.



Barnes-Ensor

Dorothy Ellen Barnes and Ronald Ray Ensor were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the Blountville United Methodist Church on September 13. Mrs. Ensor is the daughter of C. L. Barnes, appliance serviceman, Kingsport.



Woodward-McGlocklin

Thelma Hughes Woodward and Robert Oakley McGlocklin, Jr., were married on October 17 in the Old Glade Presbyterian Church. Mr. McGlocklin is a lineman helper in Abingdon.



Young-Quam

Joyce Belvin Young and Michael Elmer Quam were united in marriage October 25 in the Furnace Creek Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, Virginia. Mrs. Quam is a clerk stenographer in the executive department, Roanoke.



Gilbert-Harper

Janet Corrine Gilbert was married to Jimmy Lewis Harper on September 5. Mrs. Harper is the daughter of retired employee Hallie C. Gilbert, Charleston.

New Arrivals

Abingdon Division

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS M. CARTER, a daughter, Tonya Elizabeth, October 22. Carter is an engineering aide.

MR. AND MRS. W. L. SMYTHERS, adopted twins, Janet Ann and David Allison, October 21. Smythers is a line supervisor.

Charleston Division

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD CHARLES SURFACE, JR., a son, Harold Charles III, August 29. Surface is a lineman.

MR. AND MRS. ELVIN ALEX PAULEY a daughter, Kimberly Dawn, October 20. Pauley is a stationman.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES HENRY POE, a daughter, Jamie Kay, October 26. Poe is a draftsman.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH J. CLARK, a son, David Jeffery, August 21. Clark is a lineman.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN T. CHARLTON, a daughter, Carlene Antoinette, October 23. Charlton is a clerk trainee.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM R. CURREY, a son, Mathew Shannon, October 7. Currey is a business trainee in the managerial department.

Logan-Williamson Division

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM D. VIARS, a daughter, Andrea Dawn, September 9. Viars is a T&D clerk in Williamson.

MR. AND MRS. HERBERT A. DOLIN, a son, Steven Edward, November 1. Dolin is a meterman in Logan.

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT D. BROWNING, a daughter, Belenda Gail, November 9. Browning is a meterman.

Pulaski Division

MR. AND MRS. DAVID C. CUNNINGHAM, a son, Anthony Kyle, October 31. Cunningham is heating and builder sales representative at Pearisburg.

Roanoke Division

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM R. PIERCE, SR., a son, William Russell, Jr., November 9. Mrs. Pierce was a customer accounts representative.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN A. WILMER, SR., a son, John A., II, September 26. Wilmer is a meter reader.

Cabin Creek Plant

MR. AND MRS. ZANE F. SELF, a son, Michael Philip Self, October 14. Self is a laborer.

Glen Lyn Plant

MR. AND MRS. C. D. THOMPSON, a son, Charles Scott, October 4. Thompson is a turbine operator.

MR. AND MRS. D. G. WHISMAN, a son, Jeffrey Alan, October 25. Whisman is an auxiliary equipment operator.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH C. VANCO, JR., a son, Marc Alan, October 24. Vanco is auxiliary equipment operator.

Pikeville Division

MR. AND MRS. BILL JACK LEE, a son, Brian David, October 27. Mrs. Lee was a bookkeeper.

Big Sandy Plant

MR. AND MRS. JAMES M. SEE, a daughter, Victoria Shawn, November 8. See is a chemist assistant, Big Sandy Plant.

General Office

MR. AND MRS. L. W. CHEESEBREW, a daughter, Anita Marie, November 2. Cheesebrew is a regional dispatcher at the Turner Regional Dispatch office.

MR. AND MRS. ROGER L. GOWL, a son, Philip Thomas, October 11. Gowl is an employee in the accounting department.

Lynchburg Division

MR. AND MRS. STEVE E. BURNETTE, a son, Reid Evans, October 23. Burnette is an employee in the T&D section.

Cross-Martin

Barbara Cross was married to W. T. Martin, II on October 11. Mr. Martin is an employee in the T&D section, Lynchburg.

Moore-Beavers

The First United Methodist Church, Pineville, West Virginia, was the setting of the October 24th wedding of Shirley Moore and James Beavers. Mrs. Beavers is a stenographer in the general office personnel department, and Mr. Beavers is a distribution engineer in the engineering department, Ashland.

Nichols-Hankins

Rebecca Nichols was married to Clifton Hankins on October 25. Mrs. Hankins is the daughter of W. L. Nichols, Jr., lineman at Fieldale, Roanoke Division.

Bond-Whittaker

Kathleen Spangler Bond and David R. Whittaker were united in marriage at the Narrows Methodist Church on October 22. Mr. Whittaker is the Pearisburg area supervisor, Pulaski Division.

Mrs. Humphrey, Big Sandy, Dies

Dorothy Elizabeth Humphrey, clerk-stenographer at Big Sandy Plant, died Sept. 29 at the Ohio State University Hospital in Columbus. She had been ill four weeks following open heart surgery.

Mrs. Humphrey was a native of Paintsville, Ky. and a graduate of Gary High School and Roanoke College where she majored in business administration. Prior to employment with Kentucky Power Company in 1968 she was a law secretary with Gary, Woods, and Cooper Attorneys in Ashland.

She was a member of the Louisa United Methodist Church, Women's Society of Christian Service, and Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca Alice, her mother and two brothers.



Mrs. Humphrey

They're Engaged

DELORES KAYE MAYNARD to Ronald E. Felix. Miss Maynard is the daughter of Charles J. Maynard, accounting department, Williamson.

JAN CHRISTINE YOUNG to Everett Murray Callaway. Mr. Callaway is the son of Murray R. Callaway, R/W agent, Bluefield.

DANA RAE EVERETT to Dave Cozad. Miss Everett is the daughter of G. C. Everett, Jr., sales supervisor, Huntington.

LANA PACK to Paul Thurston. Miss Pack is the daughter of A. V. Pack, meter serviceman, Huntington.

LINDA JANE WEDDLE to James Blevins. Mr. Blevins is a co-op in the station section of the T&D department, Roanoke.



60 Years

The Ira Wileys have been married 60 years. They were married August 30, 1909 at Narrows, Virginia. Wiley, a 35-year veteran of Appalachian, retired in 1955, as a coal and ash handling supervisor at the Glen Lyn Plant. Three of their children were on hand for the anniversary celebration.

Huntington

Marsha Payne, daughter of T. M. Payne, has recently returned from a trip to New York where she attended a Baptist Student Union Convention. Marsha is a sophomore at Marshall University majoring in speech. She is a member of the Westmoreland Baptist Church.

Mrs. Dory Drenan, wife of J. R. Drenan, is the new treasurer of the Covered Bridge Garden Club in Milton, W. Va. She has been a member for eight years.

New employees are Jimmie D. Queen, H. R. Burcham, and Wayne Martin.

Mrs. Ethal Hyldahl has returned to work after an extended illness.

For the tenth consecutive year, Mrs. Laura Collins has been elected secretary of the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 16 in Huntington.

Randy Smith, son of H. C. Smith, was selected to escort one of the attendants for the Mountain State Festival held in Elkins, W. Va. Randy is in the ROTC at W. Va. University at Morgantown.

A. L. Hodges has returned to work after an extended illness.

Mrs. Rebecca Hensley has been elected secretary of the Administrative Board of the Beverly Hills United Methodist Church.

Edward C. Berry has organized a new 4-H Club at Scotttown, Ohio. The club will consist of 18 boys and girls ranging in age from 10 to 18 years and including his three sons and two daughters.

Sympathy is extended to E. B. Norris on the death of his mother, and to Mrs. Inis Nebel on the death of her mother-in-law.

Ashland

Waldo S. LaFon has been named chairman of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee.



LaFon

LaFon succeeds the late Fred Bullard. During the past year he has served as vice chairman of the committee. He has served as director of the

Ashland Area Chamber and the Kentucky Chamber.

Mrs. Patricia Cline is a member of the "Three Aces," winning team in the YWCA tennis league held recently in Ashland Central Park. Patricia is the wife of Allen Cline.

Kentucky Power Company stands "No. 1" for the year among groups enrolled in the Boyd County Red Cross blood program.

New employees in the Ashland Division are Harry R. Smith, Eva Jean Collins, David Phipps, and William Brown.

Evelyn Cassidy, wife of E. C. Cassidy, accepted the certificate for second-best yearbook of 56 entered at the District Six Altrusa Club conference held in Zion, Illinois. She is president of the local club.

Sp/4 John Pigg has returned home after completing a tour of duty in Vietnam. After a 30-day leave with his parents he will be stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Ron Wright has been selected captain of Ashland's Jaycees Chapter flag football team which will participate in the Eastern Kentucky area football tournament.

Ray Adkins tied for the 20 gauge competition with 99x100 in the Kentucky Skeet Championships held in Mayfield, Ky.

The Paul G. Blazer High School band was one of ten bands receiving all superior ratings in a national contest held in Murfreesboro, Tenn. One of the two Field Commanders is Sharon Stayton who is a senior at Blazer and daughter of C. L. Stayton.

Glen Lyn

G. E. Kingrea is a new employee in the Maintenance Dept.

Happenings Around The Circuit

Bluefield

Benny Nash, son of Glenn Nash, was elected president of the National Jr. Honor Society at Tazewell Jr. High School.

Sympathy is extended to Louis DeFelice on the death of his mother-in-law, to O. W. Adams on the death of his father, to Mildred Lewis on the death of her husband, and to M. K. Spraker and C. E. Spraker on the death of their sister.

Rosa Lyn Bailey, daughter of J. R. Bailey, was elected president of her class at West Virginia Business College. She is in her second year at the business school.

O. W. Adams has been elected vice-president of the Welch Kiwanis Club.

D. L. Kindrick Jr. has been re-elected to the Board of Trustees of the Buchanan County Public Library, Grundy, Va.

Pat Cornett, treasurer of the Bramwell High School National Honor Society, attended the regional meeting of area high school National Honor Societies at Concord College, Athens, W. Va. Pat is the daughter of McKinley Cornett.

Joe S. Stinson has been installed as vice-president of the Bluefield, Va., Kiwanis Club.

B. M. Vassar was elected Sunday School superintendent at the Tazewell Baptist Church. His son, John, was elected associate superintendent in charge of the Young People's Dept.

Michael Parker, son of Grady L. Parker, was elected president of the fifth grade class at Glenwood Elementary School.

New employees are Jessie L. Foster, Paul D. Hill, Grace B. Fizer, Thomas E. Robinette, and Rudolph S. Trigg.

Kingsport

Mary McAlpine, who received an A. B. Degree in sociology and psychology from Agnes Scott College in June, is now employed by the DeKalb County (Atlanta) Planning Commission. Mary is the daughter of Louise B. McAlpine.

Mrs. Carl McClellan has been appointed to the Education Committee of the Tennessee Association of Realtors.

Jim Nickels, son of J. H. Nickels Jr., is employed by Tennessee Eastman Company in the Data Processing Dept. Jim is a 1969 graduate of the University of Tennessee with a BS degree in Accounting.

J. T. Duncan, newly elected member of the Kingsport Kiwanis Club Board of Directors, recently became a member of their Legion of Honor. He has been a member of this club for 25 years.

Ricky Anderson, a fifth grader at Lynn Garden Elementary School, won first place in the Poster Making Contest, Group B (fourth, fifth, and six grades) for the Fall Festival. The posters were made to advertise the festival. Ricky is the son of C. C. Anderson.

Gerald W. Jones is a new employee in the Meter Dept.

Charles Burke is on military leave of absence with the U. S. Marine Corps. He is stationed at Parris Island, S. C. for basic training.

A. W. Stair II, son of A. W. Stair has been accepted to participate in the apprentice program of Tennessee Eastman Co.

Plans for the Kingsport Power Co.'s Christmas festivities have been completed: the children's party will be Saturday, Dec. 20 in the company auditorium and the employees' party will be Tuesday night, Dec. 9, at the Elks Lodge.

Charleston

Guilford C. Smith, retired administrative assistant, was awarded a life membership in the Charleston Association of Electric Leagues and the International Association of Electric Leagues at a recent meeting in New Orleans.

Fred Helm has been elected Secretary of the Board of the Board of the Charleston Symphony.

Jack Shaver has been named chairman of the United Fund Campaign for the Charleston area.

Floyd H. Taylor Jr. has been chosen a Division Chairman of the Industrial A Group in the Kanawha Valley United Fund Drive for 1969. He has been named Chairman of the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Committee which this year will be a regional meeting including all of Southern W. Va.

Mason Woods is the new secretary of the Board of Trustees of the First Baptist Church of South Charleston.

John Frazier has been chosen to serve on the steering committee of the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce Native Son program for 1969. The annual function is held in Dec. and is an attempt by industry in the area to encourage College students from the area to interview with local companies.

Sympathy is extended to Thomas M. Fain in the death of his brother Jerry Fain, a former employee in the Accounting Dept.

New employees are Philip L. Fraker, James E. Hicks, Hughlen J. Jones, Gloria M. Taylor, Denver G. Wilkinson, Charles E. Bias, Benjamin H. Selbe, Larry E. Dorsey, John T. Charlton, Jack D. Crowder, Dale B. Thayer, James H. Ferrell, Roy M. Huffman, Cathy J. Smith, Thomas J. Holt, and Buelah W. Ash.

Pulaski

Marcia Hager, daughter of W. C. Hager, has been elected a Senior Superlative at Dublin High School. She was named Best Leader and one of the five outstanding seniors at DHS.

Sympathy is extended to F. E. Rotenberry in the death of his mother, D. G. Covey in the death of his mother, K. C. Phillips in the death of his mother-in-law; and to R. E. Sheets in the death of his sister-in-law.

Newly elected officers for the Pulaski office Flower Fund are George B. Chumbley, chairman; Patra E. Armbrister, secretary-treasurer; and O'Neal Amos, S. A. Dewey, and F. W. Tilley, directors.

Lynchburg

Donna M. Ashworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Ashworth, has been elected Homecoming Queen at the E. C. Glass High School.

The annual employee Christmas Party will be held Dec. 20 at the "Homestead." The children's party will be Dec. 13 in the service building.

The annual Awards Dinner was held Nov. 12 at the Town and Country Restaurant. Those attending received service pins for 20 years, or more, service. There were 35 in attendance.

Philip Sporn

New employees at Philip Sporn are Gary D. Roark, Philip F. Burgess, and Donald C. Harden.

Roanoke

Stephanie Adams, daughter of A. G. Adams, has been selected as one of the lead majorettes of Franklin County High School at Rocky Mount, Virginia.



Stephanie Adams

Recent visitors to the Roanoke office were retired employees C. A. Farrar, meter; J. L. White, T&D; L. A. Fulcher, Commercial; J. L. McLain; Commercial; James Crouch, Managerial; and E. D. Stover, T&D.

Carl S. Reynolds, business trainee, went on military leave of absence Nov. 8.

New employees are James A. Bethel, O. W. Harvey, and Steven F. Faw.

Fieldale

Sympathy is extended to A. L. St. Clair in the death of his father-in-law, George H. Burkholder.

D. G. Merriman was elected president of the Brotherhood of the Fieldale Baptist Church.

Shirley Parcell, wife of W. R. Parcell, was elected secretary of her Sunday School Class at Fieldale Baptist Church.

J. W. Wright Jr. was elected chairman of the Board of Deacons of First Baptist Church of Collinsville, Va.

Big Sandy

Rita Spears, daughter of William S. Spears, is one of 35 students from Morehead University that have been approved by the national office of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Each candidate must be a senior with a 2.5 overall standing and show leadership abilities in extra-curricular activities. Rita, a history and English major, is president of Alpha Sigma Rho Sorority. She is in Gamma Beta Phi and Kappa Delta Pi and is a member of the Honors Program. Rita was a candidate for homecoming queen. The 1966 recipient of an AEP Educational Award plans to teach in the high school level.

New employees are William A. Elkins, Martha L. Sparks, and Nancy E. Wells.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. L. Paul Creech on the death of their daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. McComas and family on the death of Mrs. McComas' mother.

Hazard

H. C. "Cliff" Barnett was a recent recipient of the National Vigil Honor Award presented to him by the Order of Arrow of the Boy Scouts of America for his outstanding service to Scouting.

Barnett began his work with Scouts in 1958 as a Scoutmaster and during his eight years he

has held various offices in the Kentucky River District, including District Chairman in 1967 and is presently the Cub Scouting Chairman for the district.

He made the Pilmont Exploration Trip in New Mexico in 1963 and was awarded the Silver beaver in 1968 for outstanding service in the lonesome Pine Council.

Abingdon

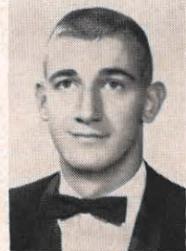
John K. Rowland, son of Kelly Rowland, has completed a training cycle with All Weather Attack Squadron 202, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C. He was trained as a plane captain with the responsibility of making the aircraft safe for flight as well as the authority to cancel a flight if the conditions require. Squadron 202 is a unit of the Second Marine Aircraft wing, the world's largest.

Dale Orr, son of John Orr, was recently elected reporter for the Holston High School 4-H Club.

James Hagy appeared on Klub Kwiz over WCYB-TV as a representative from the Shady Valley Methodist Church.

Tivis M. Wright has been elected president of the Young Adult Class at Abingdon Bible Church.

Leon Prater, son of J. E. Prater, has been nominated and accepted to be included in the 1969-70 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Leon is a senior at Carson-Newman College where he is president of the Men's Student Government,



Prater

member of the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, a member of the Senate, a member of the President's Council, vice-president of Alumni Dorm, and a member of the Men's Letter Club.

Sympathy is extended to Howard Stovall on the death of his father and to Robert Trent on the death of his grandmother.

S. W. (Ward) Gillenwater has returned home from the University of Virginia Hospital where he underwent heart surgery.

Tom Crabtree has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Saltville Shakers Boosters Club.

The Virginia Highland Community College Board Executive Committee officially appointed Fillmore McPherson, Abingdon Division manager, as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Corporal Edward L. McFall, son of William McFall, has been presented the Navy Achievement Medal for superior performance of duties with the Marine Corps in Vietnam.

Pikeville

Jamesetta Mullins has been elected secretary of Student Association for Equal Representation, a campus organization at Pikeville College.

Betty Prater Justice, wife of Tilden Justice, was elected circuit court clerk of Pike County, Ky.

Jerry Lynn Bellamy, son of Earl Bellamy, was on the first team backfield of the Johns Creek High School football team, Jerry Michael Bartley, son of Jerry Bartley, was first team end for Virgie High School, and Michael Ray King, son of Joyce Ratliff was first team tackle for Pikeville High School.

Jimmy Lynn McReynolds, son of James T. McReynolds, was graduated from Mayo Vocational School with a completed course in drafting.

Ralph Damron has returned to work following an extended illness.

Sympathy is extended to Sherlie Hale on the death of his mother, to Denver Layne on the death of his sister, and to G. D. Ison on the death of his mother-in-law.

The Pikeville Division Christmas Dinner will be held in the main office auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 19. The children's party will be Sat. Dec. 20 at 1:00 p.m.

General Office

New employees are Gene T. Taylor, Jesse W. Swiney, Harden L. Davis, Mary K. Hale, Henry E. Colwell, Susan B. Fuller, Harold C. Whitlock, Sandra S. Hobson, Phillip A. Cooper, Adrian F. Willis, and Frank C. Carder.

"Your Friendly Electric Service" Or "The Public Be Pleased" . . . For 50 Years

Early Kingsport Power Company slogans stressed satisfaction of the customer. Fifty years later the policy remains the same. But the changes involved in effecting that policy are astronomical.

In 1919 Kingsport Utilities, Inc. made service calls in a horse-drawn wagon. The horse's name was Joe and he was a home loving animal who would go to any lengths to leave the line crew and go back to town. At that time the company had only 550 customers, but some of these were seven miles from the plant and the men did a lot of walking. The company was three years old in 1919 and Joe was only one of its problems.

The Kingsport Electric Corporation had been organized in 1916 and the

name changed in 1917. At that time power was from the small steam plant originally built by the Portland Cement Corporation to supply its own needs. The plant was operated by hand—from the boiler up.

By 1925, with new industry needing power, the old steam plant's supply was inadequate. The American Gas and Electric Company bought Kingsport Utilities in 1925 and two years later Kingsport was connected to the Appalachian system.

In 1927 there were 2,418 customers and they purchased 38,761,500 kilowatt hours. By 1947 the number of customers had increased to 13,717 and the annual

sales of electricity amounted to over 124,000,000 kwh.

The horse and wagon had been replaced by a series of new trucks and equipment, the old steam plant was gone and the company had moved into a new modern building. Residential electric heat was first installed in 1946 and in 1947 the electric service bills for residential users were lower than the national average.

By the end of 1968 the number of customers had increased to 26,533 and the annual sales was up to 782,386,493 kwh. Part of the increase in sales was due to over 9,121 electrically heated homes in the area and a population of over 84,000.

UTILITY

Means Usefulness

That's our mission in Kingsport---
to be useful, to be of service to Kings-
port.

The Kingsport Utilities serves you with water and electricity—services you may find virtually indispensable; that's why we want to serve you as well as possible; that's why also we want you to tell us if we can serve you better.

Don't hesitate. Serving you is our business. How can we perform it so that it will be of greater advantage and of greater profit to YOU?

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.
Market and Shelby Streets

This ad appeared in a 1919 newspaper.



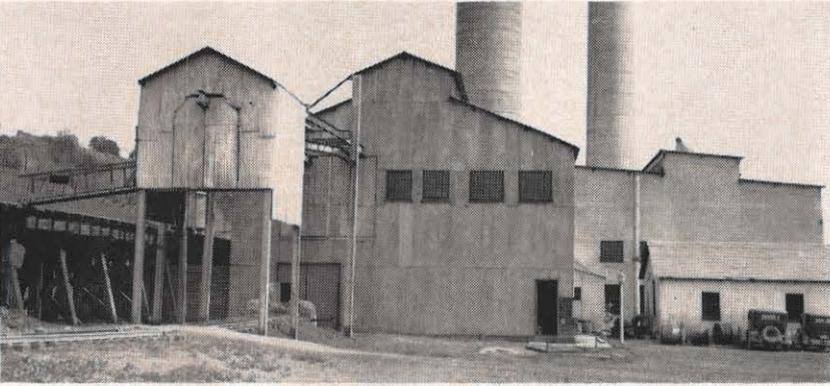
In 1919 employees used this horse-drawn wagon for line construction and answering service calls.

Fifty years ago Kingsport Utilities, Incorporated was using "Your Friendly Electric Service" and "The Public Be Pleased" as advertising slogans. Newspaper ads in 1919 read like these: "Don't pedal your life away, attach an electric sewing machine motor to your machine." "An electric

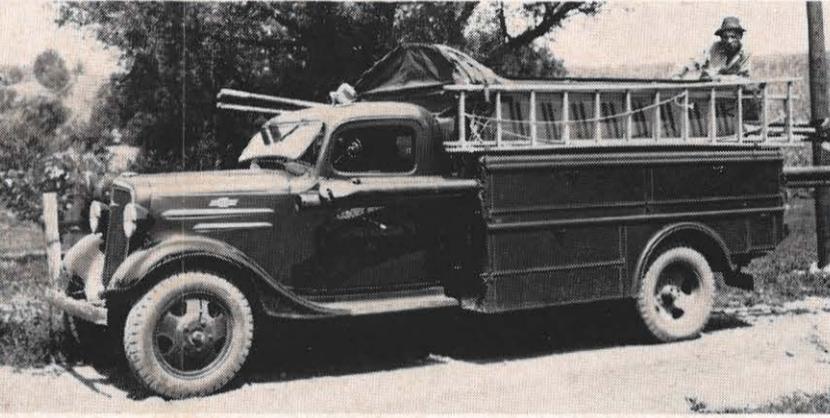
heating pad is better than an old-style hot water bottle." "Get an electric range—no carrying in fuel and carrying out ashes and soot." "Why be a slave to the wash tub? Why spend endless hours rubbing till your back aches?"

Today Kingsport Power still stresses good customer service and the con-

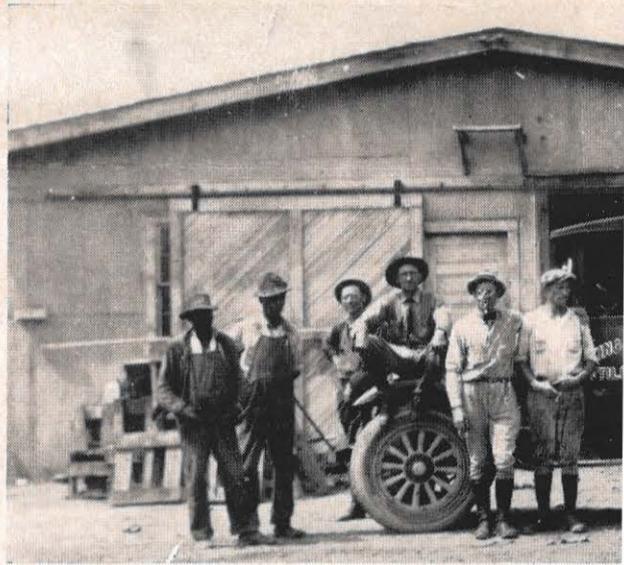
venience of electricity, but the types of service available and the appliances have changed. The emphasis now is on total electric living and improvements in appliances such as irons, washing machines and dryers which have stopped being considered luxury items and accepted as necessary.



The steam plant of the early 1900's was closed in 1953.



Building distribution lines was easier by 1936 when crews used this line truck.



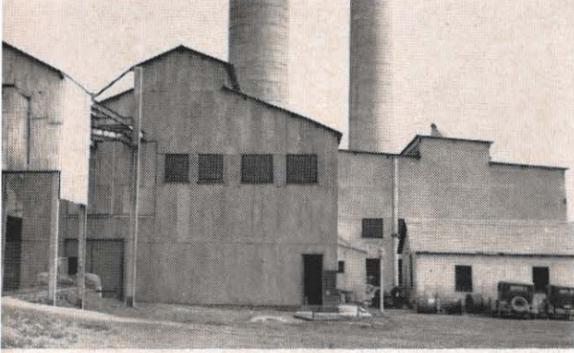
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KINGSPORT EMPLOYEES

Left to right: J. A. Randall, meter superintendent; C. J. Bryan, co-operative engineering student; K. R. Rowland, appliance service; Reece Scarlett, meter tester; Claude Wills, line service department; and Bob Bolton, line service department.

In 1931 this new car was used by the Meter Department. C. J. Bryan (second from the left) is now Kingsport's executive vice president.



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This line crew had an improvement over the horse-drawn wagon.

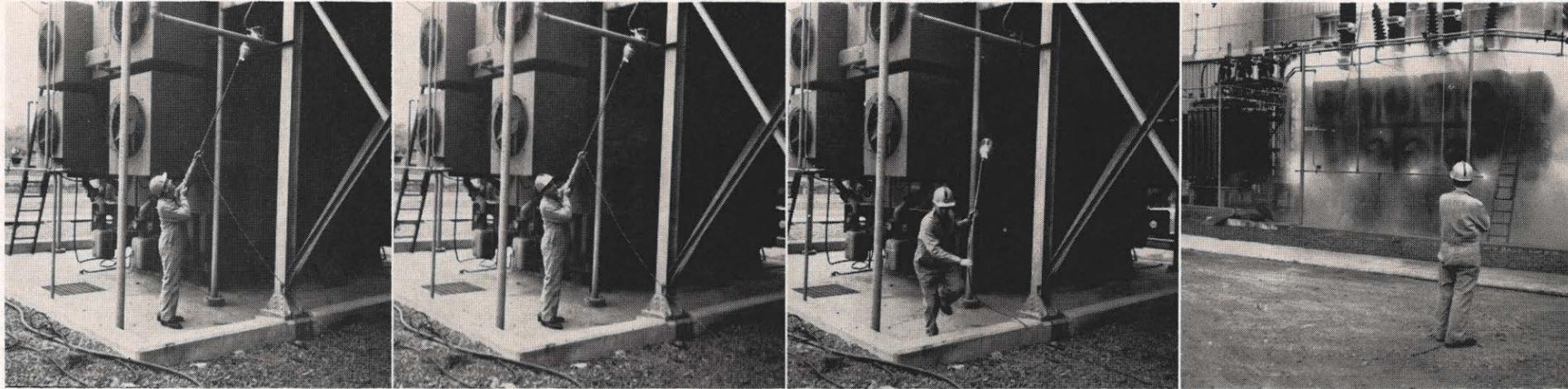


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Construction of the Kingsport office building began in 1931.

How To Test Fire Protection Equipment — Heat And Run Like Crazy



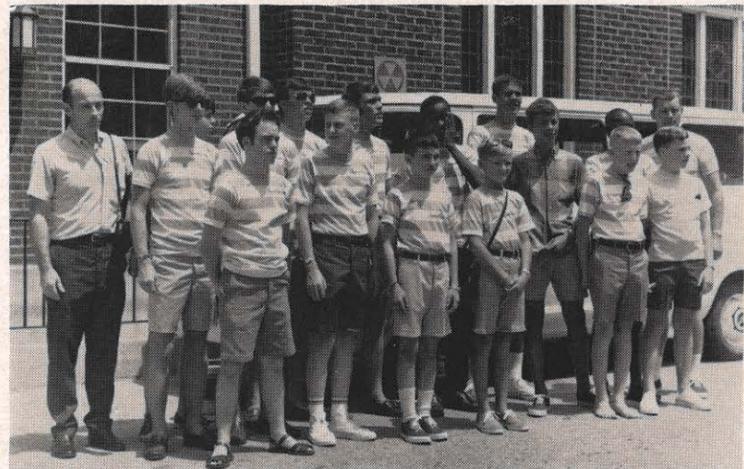
Throughout our company, much of the valuable equipment and stores that involve millions of dollars in expenditure are guarded by silent sentinels. This is particularly true of fire protection equipment. In a

power plant, for example, there are detecting devices that will activate an automatic fire fighting system by means of smoke and heat in advance of actual flames. Some of these systems are based on the

use of foam, some on carbon dioxide, and the rest on ordinary spray or deluge of water. George Abshire, maintenance man at Clinch River Plant tests the reliability of the number 3 main transformer

water spray fire protection system by placing an electric light bulb close to the heat sensing device. He checks to see that his path is clear, makes his escape from the

water and looks on with satisfaction as the fire protection system washes down the transformer. Every detail is checked to insure that each nozzle is functioning.



Benny Nash, son of Glenn Nash, is pictured fourth from the left in the front row; Garland Morrison Jr., son of Garland Morrison, is seventh from the left in the back row and Glenn Nash is at the extreme right on the back row.

Lynchburg Site Bought For Use For Future Office

A city block of downtown property has been purchased by Appalachian for possible future use for new Lynchburg offices.

The company has purchased 16 pieces of property—every section of the block, except the YWCA property. The land purchase is bounded by Seventh Street on the east, Sixth street on the west, and Main and Church Streets on the north and south.

John W. Vaughan, Lynchburg Division Manager, said in his public announcement of the purchase that the company has been studying the desirability of improving Lynchburg office facilities for some time, and had decided that they should remain in downtown Lynchburg.

No timetable has been set for construction but Vaughan commented, "We are confident that downtown Lynchburg is going to grow. We want to be a part of that growth and by acquiring this property we are demonstrating our faith in the future of downtown Lynchburg."



A Merry Christmas

Rebecca Hensley has been busy for weeks with decorations for Christmas. This wreath, made from styrofoam and feathers, is only one of her projects. With ordinary household materials, such as plastic baggies, she has made attractive trees and hangings for the whole house. Mrs. Hensley is a clerk stenographer in Huntington's Commercial Dept.

7,423-Mile Trip Highlighted Summer For Tazewell Scouters

Sixteen explorers and scouts, along with two leaders, left Tazewell, Va. July 20, for a trip to California. Two of the boys, Glenn Nash and Garland Morrison are sons of Bluefield Division employees.

Post and Troop 93 make an annual camping trip but this was the longest trip the boys have taken—7,423 miles.

Some of the highlights of the three week trip were visits to Rocky Mountain National Park, United States Air Force Academy, a hike to the floor of the Grand Canyon where a sunrise service was held before the hike out the

next morning, Disneyland, a major league baseball game in Anaheim-Boston and California, and visits to Sequoia National Park, Salt Lake City, Yellowstone National Park, Passion Play at Spearfish, South Dakota and Virginia City.

Glenn Nash, lineman A in the Tazewell line section is assistant scoutmaster for Troop 93 and made the trip with his son.

Plans are now being made for a trip to Florida next year.

Carr Promoted To Abingdon Post

B. G. Carr was promoted and transferred to Abingdon records supervisor October 18.

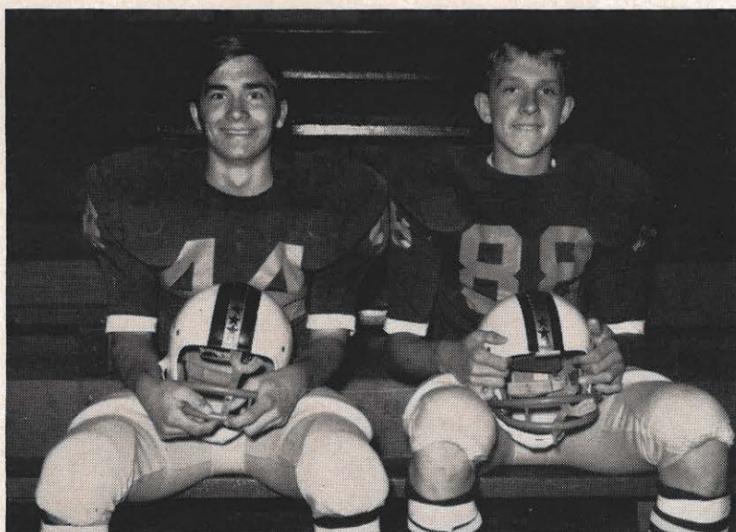
Carr has been with the company since he began as plant additions posting clerk in 1953. In 1954 he worked as junior work order clerk and moved to work order billing clerk senior in 1966. Since 1967 he had been transfer work order accountant. His employment from 1953 until his Oct. promotion was in the Roanoke general office.

A native of Floyd County, Va., he is a 1943 graduate of Check High School and in 1948 graduate of National Business College. He served in the U. S. Army from 1943 to 1946 and was discharged with the rank of corporal.

Carr is married and the father of two children. The Carrs were members of the Methodist Church in Roanoke where he was Chairman of the Administrative Board and a steward. He is a former Jaycee and member of the VFW.



Carr



Don Martin (left) and Billy Hall

2 Pineville Gridders Have More In Common Than Employee Fathers

Two Pineville High School freshman have a lot in common—they're winners. They also are both sons of Appalachian employees.

Don Martin, son of J. D. Martin, meter serviceman, and Billy Hall, son of P. W. Hall, area serviceman, will both be 15 in January, although Don is 28 hours older than Billy.

Sons of Bluefield Division employees, the boys were members of the Wyoming County junior high championship football team. Their team compiled a 7-0-1 record with Don playing halfback and Billy end positions.

Being a winner isn't new to the two teen-agers. As basketball

players, their teams were county champions their seventh and eighth grade years. Their two-year cage record was 36-1.

Don, a member of the First Methodist Church, serves as president of his freshman class, is a Student Council representative, class editor for the school annual and is treasurer of the Rules Club. He also is a patrol leader and lifeguard for Boy Scout Troop 154. His favorite hobby is hunting and fishing.

Billy is a member of the Cook Memorial Baptist Church and his school's Rules Club. His leisure hours are spent taking flying lessons at the county airport.

Kilgore Reaches Five-Gallon Goal

R. B. Kilgore, Roanoke division line supervisor, has donated another pint of blood to the Red Cross Blood Program which brings his record to five gallons.

Kilgore began his donor program at Blacksburg while still a student at VPI, where he earned his BS in electrical engineering.

He and his wife, Charlene, have two children; a nine year old son, Scott, and seven year old daughter, Sara, who both attend Preston Park Elementary School.

The Kilgores are active in the Colonial Presbyterian Church where Bob is a member and secretary of the Board of Deacons.



Kilgore



Army Retiree

George E. Hervey, Huntington Division manager, displays his Certificate of Retirement from the U. S. Army. He served three years in the European Theater of World War II in the Signal Corps. His retirement was effective November 18, 1969.

Ashland Man Hits Golf Ace

Eddie Berginnis hit a perfect shot on Number 16 at Ashland's Twin Valley Golf Course. While playing a match with fellow employees, Donnie Bryan, Jim Paul, and John Simmons, Berginnis used a pitching wedge for his shot on the 137-yard hole. The ball hit the green about one foot in front of the cup and took one bounce into the hole. He was using a Wilson Staff ball and will receive a trophy from the ball manufacturer for his feat.

Service Anniversaries Observed

20 Years



H. F. Roush
Clinch River



E. H. Keefter
Philip Sporn



F. R. Scholl
Charleston



W. F. Chadwell
Philip Sporn



R. W. Hayes
Charleston



G. W. Turner
Roanoke



R. V. Evans
GO T&D



J. A. Self
Abingdon



T. L. Humphries
Beckley



R. G. Gilmore
Philip Sporn



E. L. Goforth
Radford Plant



B. P. Coley
GO T&D



Mary S. Jamison
GO Accounting



V. W. Garrett
Abingdon



D. L. Hopkins
Huntington



Clyde Runyon
Williamson

25 Years



R. D. Simmons
Bluefield



J. E. Hash Jr.
Bluefield



P. A. Hartman
Roanoke

30 Years



Service Anniversaries

Appalachian Power Company

ABINGDON DIVISION—25 YEARS: V. W. GARRETT, line foreman. 20 YEARS: J. A. SELF, meter serviceman.

BLUEFIELD DIVISION—25 YEARS: JAMES E. HASH, JR., rodman. ROBERT D. SIMMONS, stores supervisor.

CHARLESTON DIVISION—20 YEARS: FRANK R. SCHOLL, meter serviceman. REX W. HAYES, stationman. 15 YEARS: RALPH HOLMES, lineman. 10 YEARS: ROBERT K. ALLEN, JR., meter reader. 5 YEARS: DARRELL K. BROWN, lineman. RAYMOND E. MARTIN, lineman.

GENERAL OFFICE—20 YEARS: BERNICE P. COLEY, communications engineer-supervisor. RICHARD V. EVANS, transmission man. 5 YEARS: CHARLES H. MURPHY, station maintenance man. GENE A. HYLTON, general bookkeeper.

HUNTINGTON DIVISION—25 YEARS: D. L. HOPKINS, collector. 5 YEARS: BEVERLEY B. NIEMANN, home sales representative.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON DIVISION—25 YEARS: CLYDE RUNYON, R/W agent.

LYNCHBURG DIVISION—10 YEARS: KENNETH T. TRIPLETT, engineering aide. 5 YEARS: DOTTIE G. HARRIS, cashier. BETTY B. BOMAR, customer accounts representative.

ROANOKE DIVISION—30 YEARS: P. A. HARTMAN, commercial sales engineer. 20 YEARS: G. W. TURNER, customer representative. 15 YEARS: BETTY L. ROMERO, stenographer. 5 YEARS: D. M. JOYCE, stationman.

RADFORD ARMY AMMUNITION STEAM PLANT—20 YEARS: E. L. GOFORTH, plant manager.

CLINCH RIVER PLANT—20 YEARS: H. FREEMAN ROUSH, yard foreman.

GLEN LYN PLANT—15 YEARS: CHARLES DONALD THOMPSON, turbine operator. JAMES MASON WHITE, boiler operator.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—20 YEARS: EARL H. KEEFER, chemist. WYATT F. CHADWELL, maintenance foreman. ROBERT G. GILMORE, maintenance foreman.

Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DIVISION—35 YEARS: HANSEL STRATTON, line foreman. 20 YEARS: ROY BUFORD KIRK, meter reader.

HAZARD DIVISION—35 YEARS: LARUE NEICE, line foreman.

Kingsport Power Company

5 YEARS: CHARLES L. MORRISON, lineman.

Familiar Faces In New Places

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon Division

VALENTINE CARR from accounting department in Roanoke to records supervisor, records section, in Abingdon. J. D. FARMER from lineman c to lineman b. A. M. TAYLOR from lineman helper to lineman c.

Bluefield Division

JOSEPH THOMPSON CLAYTOR from lineman a to line foreman. CHARLES EDWARD LONG from stationman c to stationman b. LEWIS DAVID MANN from lineman helper in Welch to tracer, T&D department, in Bluefield.

Charleston Division

LYLE E. LAWRENCE from lineman c to lineman b. WILLIAM H. J. SPENCER, JR., from lineman c to lineman b. LARRY O. SAMPLES from lineman c to lineman b. HAROLD C. SURFACE, JR., from lineman c to lineman b. CARAVEL A. GOARD from lineman c to lineman b. RICHARD L. DRAKE from lineman helper to lineman c. EVERETTE E. SPARR from meter serviceman c to meter serviceman b. JAMES E. KING from meter serviceman c to meter serviceman b. GLENN A. PAUL from meter serviceman c to meter serviceman b. JOHN C. NUTTER, JR., from meter serviceman a to line foreman. JAMES H. POE from tracer to draftsman.

Huntington Division

M. E. GOODSON from office messenger, miscellaneous, to meter service helper, T&D. E. E. MURRAY, II, from stationman c to stationman b.

Logan-Williamson Division

HERBERT A. DOLIN from meterman c to meterman b. EUGENE HATFIELD from lineman c to lineman b. JOHNNY VARNEY from lineman c to lineman b.

Lynchburg Division

MARGARET S. SCHLEY from customer accounts representative c to customer accounts representative d. CAROLYN W. DAWSON from clerk typist to T&D clerk.

Pulaski Division

BENNY W. MANN from stationman b to stationman a. BENNY C. LITTERAL from jr. maintenance man to maintenance man. JAMES W. BLANKENSHIP from lineman b to lineman a. RICHARD D. TICKLE from lineman a to line foreman. CLIFFORD L. DUNGAN from lineman a to line foreman. WILLIAM P. BREWER, JR., from meter serviceman b to meter serviceman a. CHARLES D. MEADE from lineman c to lineman b. KENNETH DAWSON from lineman helper to lineman c. MARVIN J. WILLIAMS from lineman c to lineman b. EVERETT A. ALLEY from draftsman to stationman helper a.

Roanoke Division

VALORIE S. HARVEY from credit representative to stenographer. J. LEWIS INGRAM from lineman b to lineman a. B. E. SHELTON from lineman b to lineman a. R. J. STREET, JR., from electrical engineer, Roanoke, to electrical engineer sr., Fieldale. G. NELSON HAVENS from electrical engineer sr. to power sales engineer.

General Office

BARRY R. OLIVER from data processing operator b to data processing operator a. JOYCE H. MORGAN from key punch operator a to head key punch operator. CHARLES B. DUNN from draftsman to lead draftsman. GUY F. CROMER from draftsman to lead draftsman. CECIL A. SWEENEY from draftsman to lead draftsman. RONALD L. CLINEVELL from transmission man c to transmission man b. KENNETH L. HERN from civil construction assistant II to civil construction assistant I. DONALD O. WISSLER from station maintenance man to transmission station foreman. JACK F. MEADOR from station clerk to engineer. N. J. BURNSIDE, JR., from regional dispatcher to operations coordinator.

Glen Lyn Plant

DAVID G. WHISMAN from auxiliary equipment operator (upper pump) to auxiliary equipment operator. JACKIE R. THORNTON from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator (upper pump). RICHARD L. GRAY from utility man, maintenance, to utility operator, operations. GEORGE H. HIGGINBOTHAM from laborer to utility man. HARRY L. BUCKLAND, JR., from laborer to utility man. JAMES H. SMITH from laborer to utility man. ROBERT C. ATWOOD from laborer to utility man. CHARLES R. McCALLISTER, JR., from laborer to utility man.

Kanawha River Plant

CLAYTON BARKER from conveyor operator to crane operator. PATSY S. McINTYRE from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer.

Philip Sporn Plant

DON E. REA from master maintenance man to maintenance foreman. GLENN L. JOHNSON from auxiliary equipment operator, operations, to helper, maintenance. TERRY M. HENRY from auxiliary equipment operator, operations, to helper, maintenance. ROY D. GRIMM from auxiliary equipment operator, operations, to helper, maintenance. PAUL R. HOUDASHELT from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator. JAMES H. BENNETT, JR., from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator. JOSEPH C. VANCO, JR., from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator.

Kanawha Valley Power Company

JACK E. JARRETT from hydro maintenance mechanic to hydro plant foreman at Marmet Hydro.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland Division

DOROTHY J. TUCKER from general accounting clerk to work order cost & accounting clerk.

Hazard Division

CARL COUCH from appliance serviceman helper to appliance serviceman b. CLARA PETERS from clerk-stenographer to stenographer. TIM HELTON from clerk trainee to engineering record clerk. NOAH A. BENTLEY from T&D man c to lineman b.

Pikeville Division

JACQUELYN A. KIDD from credit & collection clerk to merchandise bookkeeper. EVERETT E. JUSTICE from lineman a to working line foreman.

Kingsport Power Company

D. L. HARTGROVE from lineman c to meter serviceman c. CHARLES BURKE from lineman helper to lineman c. J. L. ARNOLD from engineering aide to engineer b. F. W. LEAMON from engineering aide to engineer b.

Two Receive 35-Year Pins

Two Kentucky Power employees have reached 35 years of service.

Hansel Stratton of Ashland and Larue Neice of Hazard, both line foremen, joined the company in 1934.

Stratton began as a laborer in the Pikeville Division T & D Dept. He later advanced to lineman and transferred to the Ashland Division in 1943. He was promoted to foreman in 1946.

The Strattons live near Ashland. Neice started with Kentucky Power as a teamster and progressed through the various line department classifications until he became line foreman in 1944.

He and his wife, Varea, have two children, Anita Sue and Jimmy. A photograph of Neice was not available.

Justice Named To Line Foreman

Everett E. Justice was promoted to working line foreman in the Pikeville Division T & D Dept. Nov. 1.

Justice began his service with the Pikeville Division as a groundman in 1956. He was promoted to lineman C in 1959, lineman B in 1960 and lineman A in 1966.

He is active in the community sports program—his interest going back to Pikeville High School basketball, track, football, and baseball.

He and his wife, Donna Sue, have a daughter, Tammie. The Justices live in the Mullins Addition of Pikeville.



Stratton



Justice



It pays to have a daughter who is a world traveler. Mrs. Dorcas Russell, customer accounts representative in Huntington, models her new leopard coat—a Christmas gift from her daughter, Nancy, an air lines stewardess. Nancy bought the coat in Athens.



Members of the Abingdon Division employees benevolent association are (left to right) James Hughes, chairman; Hunter Thayer, ex officio member; J. E. Vencill, member; Harold Counts, secretary; W. S. Kestner, member; and Barry Snodgrass, treasurer. Not pictured are A. S. Buchanan and Prince Coleman.

People
Places
and
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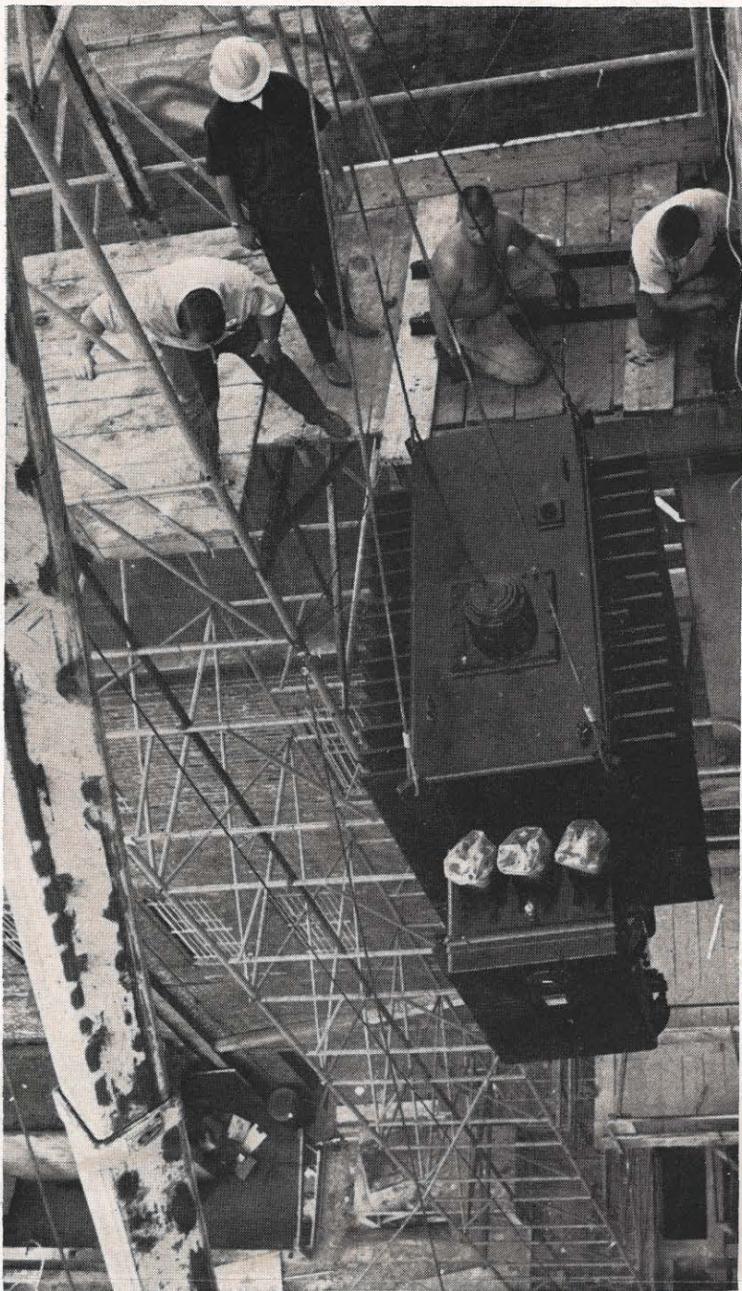
Mrs. Annise Craig answers requests for brochures and maps of Smith Mountain Lake. More than 150 requests from 15 states resulted from an article in the September issue of *Camping Journal*.



Stella Mae Bivens, daughter of Logan sales supervisor Walter E. Bivens, reigned as a princess at the 33rd annual Mountain State Forest Festival at Elkins, W. Va. Stella, second princess from left, chats with Lysander Dudley, Commissioner of the W. Va. Dept. of Commerce.



Rain in Abingdon didn't dampen Jimmy Fleenor's spirits—only his moustache. This Showboat float was Appalachian's entry in the Annual Tobacco Festival Parade. Fleenor, division sales representative, is playing the clarinet, center front.



A long way up or down.

Two Going Up Six

The job was to install two 15,000-lb. transformers on the roof of Roanoke's First National Exchange Bank Building. The building is six stories high and located in the busiest section of the city. The transformers were lifted from a commercial parking lot by a huge mobile crane straight up between the building and a temporary construction elevator. The seven and a half ton load was taken through a doorway while still suspended from the crane and with only six inches of clearance on the sides. Once the

transformer was safely inside it was slowly inched across the 30 foot penthouse floor on steel rails and timbers and installed on its steel beams. Moving the 12,000 volt transformers was hardly a challenge for the experienced construction and line crews—but someone watching asked, "What would you do if one of those needed to be replaced and there were a building on the lot?" There's the street side of the building and they could come down the way they went up—on a crane, but maybe there is another way.



Belated Acceptance

Alton Parker Jones, retired area supervisor was unable to attend the annual service emblem dinner at Pulaski so Claud K. Kirkland, division manager, made the presentation at Jones' home. Jones retired Aug. 1 and has just returned from a 1200 mile trip to Oklahoma.

E. E. Echols Retires In Roanoke . . . Moves South To New Home

When Everett E. Echols retired Nov. 19 his new home in Englewood, Fla. was ready for the movers and Florida Power and Light Co. had a new customer.

Echols talked about his new home. "It's 20 miles from Sarasota. I can take my boat (I've sold mine on Claytor Lake and now I'm looking for a float) down the river to Lemon Bay and I'll only be a few minutes from Tampa and its Spanish restaurants.

"I've been all up and down the coasts of Florida and this is the spot for me. I've wanted to live near the coast since I was ten years old and my family spent a year at Cape Charles on the Virginia Eastern Shore.

He has been taking his family vacationing in Florida since 1950. "In 1954 we were in the middle of a hurricane in Miami, so I know what to expect from that. Englewood is higher than Miami—by three feet."

Echols was communications engineer for Appalachian, and traveled as much as 2,000 miles a month keeping the company radio system in operation. He started as an appliance service repairman in 1931 and then worked at the old steam plant during the war when it was used for emergency power supply. He set up the radio system in 1939. At that time there was very little equipment and this was a part-time responsibility but by 1949 radio communications had grown and he was a full-time radio engineer. In 1964 he was promoted to System radio engineer and in 1966 to communications engineer.

Part of his radio knowledge came from correspondence courses and the Caine Electric School. For the



Echols

past 15 years he has been attending General Electric service seminars.

Echols is a native Roanoker. He and his wife have four children, a daughter in Richmond, one in Roanoke, one in California and a son in Lynchburg. They are all planning to visit their parents in Englewood—including his 10 grandchildren.

With all of his traveling throughout the Roanoke Division, Echols has seen much of the company's development. Another hobby is photography and he has a good history of the company on film, including the development of Smith Mountain. Setting up his own dark room is one of his ideas for his new home.

The Echols left Roanoke just after Thanksgiving and are now living at 1166 Brow Street, Englewood, Fla.

Ashland's W. S. Burchett Retires; Career Spanned More Than 44 Years



Burchett

in 1927 as a meter tester in Ashland. He was promoted to meter man A in 1945 and held that position until retirement. He was a glove tester in the Meter Dept. and tested gloves for the entire company from 1929 until his retirement.

During World War II he served with the Air Force for three years in England. He is now an active member of the American Legion.

Burchett is an avid baseball fan and when talking about his coming retirement he mentioned that this is the first year he could watch the entire world series on television.

His fellow employees presented him with a watch and a lifetime membership in the Boyd County Fish and Game Association as retirement gifts.

Burchett and his wife, Ruby Alice, plan to continue to make their home at 2212½ Hilton Avenue, Ashland.

W. S. "Sebe" Burchett of Ashland retired Oct. 1 after more than 42 years of service with Kentucky Power plus two years with Appalachian.

"Sebe" was first employed by the Consolidated Light and Power Company in Huntington in 1925. This company was purchased by Appalachian Power in the same year and he transferred to Appalachian as a meter helper.

Burchett moved to Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Hursel E. Elkins, Kingsport, Dies

Hursel E. Elkins, station operator at the Holston Station in Kingsport, died Nov. 10. He had been with the company since 1937.

Elkins was a native of Hawkins County, Tenn. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Rogersville. His hobby was radio and TV repair and he had maintained a repair shop in his spare time for 20 years.

Elkins is survived by his wife, Ruth, and two daughters, Blanch and Linda.

Bluefield's Okey B. Yost Retires; Boy Scout Work, Traveling Ahead

Okey B. Yost, right-of-way agent in the Bluefield T&D Dept., retired Dec. 1. His career with the company spanned 39 years.

Yost, a native of North Tazewell, Va., was employed as an elementary teacher in Mercer County from 1925 to 1927, and as a shipping clerk by the Bluefield Grocery Company from 1927 to 1930.

He joined Appalachian in 1930 as a meter reader and collector and moved to collector in 1936 and clerk in 1937. He became senior clerk in 1941 and clerk special in 1944. In 1945 he was promoted to assistant local office manager and in 1964 customer accounts supervisor. He was made right-of-way agent in 1966.

Yost is a graduate of Graham High School and attended Concord College and West Virginia Business College. He is member of the Salvation Army Board and vice president and secretary of the Bluefield Kiwanis Club. The Yosts are members of the Christian Church where Yost is an elder and chairman of the Church Board

Hart Promoted To New Position

Winifred H. (Winnie) Hart of Roanoke has been promoted to General Office distribution engineer senior. The move was effective Dec. 1.

Hart has been an employee of the company since 1950. He holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and began as an engineer trainee.



Hart

In 1951 he became a junior electrical engineer, in 1952 he moved to electrical engineer, and in 1960 he was promoted to senior station engineer. Since 1966 he has been electrical engineer senior working out of the Roanoke Division offices on Walnut Avenue.

Hart is a member of the IEEE and is past president of the Roanoke Camera Club. His travel films of Russia and the game reserves of Africa have been shown to many area civic groups. He is stage manager of the Roanoke Symphony and 2nd violinist. For the past four years he has been an advisor in Junior Achievement.

His wife, Lois, is employed in the Real Estate and Right-of-Way Dept.

Charles I. Taylor Taken By Death

Charles I. Taylor, Welch area serviceman, died of a heart attack while answering a trouble call in the Wilcoe section of the Bluefield Division.



Taylor

Taylor was a native of Bramwell, W. Va. He attended schools in Welch and was a 1941 graduate of Welch High School. He served in the U. S. Navy from Jan. 1943

to Nov. 1945. He entered the Navy as an apprentice seaman and was discharged as a coxswain 3/c.

Prior to employment with Appalachian, he worked for Welch Milk Company and J. G. Hunt Distributing Company. He was employed by the company in 1946 as a groundman, worked as a lineman C, lineman B, serviceman B, meter serviceman and area serviceman.

Taylor was married to the former Maxine Hatmaker and is the father of one son, Chris.



Yost

and Trustee. They are the parents of one son who lives in Moultrie, Ga.

His immediate retirement plans include working with Boy Scouts and traveling. In the spring he plans to do some gardening.

Point Pleasant Bridge Disaster — Two Years Later

The January, 1968 issue of THE ILLUMINATOR carried a full page story entitled "Tragedy Strikes Point Pleasant". It was a report on the reactions of Appalachian employees when they first heard of the bridge disaster.

It happened on Friday, Dec. 15, 1967. Suddenly and without warning the huge "Silver Bridge" across the Ohio River, connecting Point Pleasant, W. Va. and Gallipolis, Ohio, collapsed and fell into the river. Forty-six people were killed.

Few tragedies have caused world wide concern as did this one. The disaster set off a chain reaction of fear for old bridges all over the world. Investigations are still being made, on major bridges everywhere. Many have been closed to traffic, new weight limits have been posted on others, and the impact of the tragedy caused new bridges to be built and revived other bridge projects that were bogged down by red tape.

The collapse of the bridge brought problems to the communities of Point Pleasant and Gallipolis other than the loss of lives. The economy of both cities was at stake. Hundreds of people live on one side of the river and work on the other. It was imperative that the bridge be replaced in order that those living in the two communities could reach the places of their employment.

The industries and businesses that employed these people were in jeopardy because of the access problem cast on their employees. New routes had to be established for cross country truck traffic and new routes had to be arranged for those

traveling. Temporary ferry boat service was finally established as a stop gap measure to provide transportation across the river until the bridge problem could be solved.

The bridge problem was mammoth. A new span would cost about \$10 million. The State of West Virginia which owns 255 miles of the Ohio River bordering the state was in no financial condition to take on this unexpected burden. Financing the new bridge through local financing would cast an undesired burden upon its citizens.

Finally, through special action of Congress, the federal government decided to underwrite the cost of replacing the bridge.

This only solved one problem. It would normally require about a year to design a new bridge and three years to construct it. The community could not wait for four years. A world-wide search was hurriedly made for a bridge that was either already built or one designed with dimensions which would meet the specifications for the bridge replacement at Point Pleasant.

A bridge was found in Mississippi that could be duplicated on the Ohio River. The plans were flown to West Virginia and the huge task of beginning the bridge project began.

The new bridge has turned out to be an engineering miracle in construction. After one serious set back caused by a coffer dam flooding, the project moved full speed ahead. The steel on the main structure was erected in 44 days.

The Point Pleasant bridge was completed in a record time. The Mississippi bridge from which the plans were borrowed is still not completed.

A dedication was planned Dec. 15, the second anniversary of the collapse of the bridge. Some 30,000 people were expected to attend, including the governors of West Virginia and Ohio plus several national political figures. President Nixon was listed as one of the probables.

Finishing touches on the new bridge continued with work expected to be completed by the dedication, after which the bridge was to be opened to traffic.



Two years ago, this was all that was left of the Point Pleasant bridge as employees and residents of that area were still recovering from the shock.



New bridge spans Ohio River, ready for traffic two years after tragedy.

Let's Have A Show Of Hands, Please—Not You Lefty

If "Hey Lefty" or "Southpaw" makes you cringe or you're becoming a little weary of compensating for "doing things backward"—take heart. According to Dr. Brying Bryngleson of the University of Minnesota, "Left-handed people tend to be more creative, more imaginative than right-handed people." This may help to explain the work of Michelangelo, Raphael, and Leonardo—they were all left-handed.

Casey Stengel had this remark, "Left-handers have much more enthusiasm for life. They sleep on the wrong side of the bed and their heads become stagnant on that side."

According to statistics, one person in ten is left-handed. In the Lynchburg Division, there are only seven employees who qualify. This is one quota the division has not met. Perhaps steps should be taken to hire eight more left-handers so the division will be in line with the rest of the country. Then the Lynchburg names can be added to this partial list of famous left-handed people: Alexander the Great, Babe Ruth, Hans Halber, Betty Grable, Huntington Hartford, Rock Hudson, Ted Williams, Rudy Vallee, Danny Kaye, Dick Van Dyke, Harry S. Truman, Ty Cobb, Charlemagne, King George VI, Lord Nelson and half of the Beatles, plus many more of the world's celebrities.

According to history, in pre-historic times left-handed people equaled the right-handed people; but as time went on, there were more right-handed people. H. G. Wells writes in one of his books the Israelites were defeated on two occasions by a Benjamite Army of "700 picked men who were left-handed". The Isarelites were accustomed to defending themselves against right-handed soldiers and not left-handed fighters.

Left handedness went out of style with the old Romans. The Roman word for right is dexter, which



"Think nothing of it, I understand" "Oh . . . You Do"?

means right or opposite from left; and the word for left is sinister, which means unlucky or evil. They also made rules against left-handed people. One old ruler had a very definite way of making left-handed people use their right hand. He ordered the left one cut off. The Romans also are credited with starting the hand shake using the right hand and later the Fascist salute.

Right or left-handed persons did not bother the Egyptians as their early writings were written up and down. The Greeks wrote the Boustrophedon style. One line would be written from left to right; the next line from right to left. The Chinese today write up and down and from right to left which would indicate left-handed preference.

At the present time, practically everything is designed for right-handed people, such as gum wrappers, apple corers, rifles, frying pans, Polaroid cameras, scissors, can

openers and most power tools. A left-handed person has to be doubly careful using power tools in order to prevent an accident. Even adding machines and most office equipment are designed for right-handed people. Jet pilots have to be right-handed due to the location of controls.

So much for left-handed persons in general. Now for the ones working in Lynchburg.

The seven employees had the following comments on being a left-hander. Linda Scott, clerk-trainee in the Accounting Dept., does not object to being left-handed. "The thought never bothered me. I bowl and play softball. Only one time do I remember being embarrassed. In school I had a very impatient teacher. I had trouble obtaining speed in my shorthand class. The teacher kept after me until I stopped taking the subject.

"Being different gives one individuality", stated Janice Johnson, PBX operator. "No problem at all;

using my left hand is just natural. Using scissors is no problem. I just turn them upside down. Working with the PBX board is perfectly natural because all the incoming plugs are on the left side."

Barbara Bass, customer service representative, "I have been called 'Southpaw' by my friends and family for a long time. I used to pitch on a softball team and the name of 'Lefty' and 'Southpaw' were certainly yelled at me. The only time I have any difficulty with my left hand is at a dinner party. I am always being "bumped" by that right-handed person. Incidentally, I have had two different jobs since I have been working with the company. The two people I replaced and trained me were left-handed."

Norman Fowler, engineering aide, finds being left-handed is very annoying. "All sports equipment is right-handed. On rare occasions, I can walk into a store and buy a set of golf clubs or a hunting bow.

Usually the article is never in stock and has to be ordered by the store. I purchased a pistol last year and had to wait for over three months to receive a left-handed holster. All rifles are made for right-handed people. In firing an automatic rifle, the hot shells are ejected to the right and burns your right arm. In eating at a restaurant, the silver has to be changed. Also, in using power tools I have to be extra careful and not get hurt. I can honestly say I have never known of any occasion where being left-handed was a blessing."

Maurice Langford, line foreman, grinned and said, "'Lefty' is my nickname. I got it years ago when I pitched baseball. In my opinion, being brought up in a right-handed world might just be an advantage to a 'Lefty'. You have to be more thoughtful, use more concentration in your work. You see something demonstrated and explained, you master that and then very quickly figure how to do it backwards with your left hand."

M. E. Myers, electrical engineer, stated, "I find no disadvantage being left-handed. So far, I have not had any difficulty using right-handed equipment. Everything is right-handed so you may as well learn to use it. When I learned to play the guitar and golf, I learned to use my right hand."

Fred Clarkson is a lineman attached to the Lovington Service Center. "I have been teased all my life about being a 'Lefty' or 'Southpaw'", stated Clarkson. "It used to worry me but I have gotten over it. In this right-handed world, people think I think backwards, but I think right even though it is backwards to them. This is not supposed to make sense, after all I am a 'Southpaw'".

Good reading material for a "lefty" is "The Left Handed Book" by James T. deKay which was used as a reference for this article.