



SAVINGS BOND CITATION—Ford Dixon, district volunteer chairman for U. S. Savings Bond Sales (left), presents a citation to J. M. Wood, Pikeville division manager, in recognition of a 100 percent increase in the number of division employees participating in the payroll savings plan. Looking on is Waldo S. LaFon, executive vice president of Kentucky Power.

Extra Dividend On AEP Common

American Electric Power Company declared an extra cash dividend of 1¢ per share of common stock at the December meeting of its board of directors. It will be payable March 10, 1972 to shareowners of record February 10, 1972. These dates correspond with the payment and record dates for the regular quarterly dividend which will be declared by the board at its meeting to be held on January 25, 1972.

In explaining the action, Donald C. Cook, chairman and president of AEP, said: "The purpose of this dividend is to avoid breaking the record of the company of having increased dividends in each year beginning in 1953 and still make possible a further increase in the dividend in 1972, all while staying within the four percent dividend increase ceiling established under Phase II by the Committee on Interest and Dividends."

Proposed Regulations On Sulfur Oxide Emissions Not Justified Says Tillinghast

John Tillinghast, vice president of Appalachian and Ohio Power companies, testified at a hearing before the West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission in Charleston last month on the prevention and control of sulfur oxide emissions.

Tillinghast told the Commission that "if proposed Regulation X is adopted in its present form, we might as well be speaking of the bankruptcy of this state." He said that compliance with the proposed sulfur oxide standards would result in "staggering costs to users of electricity" and a "frightening economic impact on this state." He added, "Justification simply does not lie in the apparent benefits of Proposed Regulation X."

He urged the Commission to carefully consider whether the proposed regulation was realistic and practical, "and whether the over-all cost of compliance—not just to our companies but to the people of West Virginia—is commensurate with possible environmental benefits."

How Justify

He then asked the Commission, in considering new air standards, "How could West Virginia justify?"

To users of electricity—a single utility system's investment of more than \$350-million and increased operating costs of \$100-million per year for fault-laden sulfur oxide controls?

Or the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars for conver-

sion to low-sulfur fuels?

Any of these costs on top of the "staggering" sums required for particulate (fly ash) control?

Substantially increased unemployment in, or perhaps the demise of, a large segment of the state's coal industry and related industries?

A reduction in the production of electric energy below that required by the residents and industries of this state if compliance is simply not possible—"as appears to be the case?"

Tillinghast testified that various scientific studies made by American Electric Power and others had shown that any benefits derived from the proposed stack emission limits would be negligible in relation to the over-all costs, and he offered to share these findings with the Commission.

High Stacks

"Further," he emphasized, "we believe that, when the effectiveness of high stacks (pioneered by the AEP System) is considered, the proposed emission standards are more stringent than those necessary for the attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality standards." This statement is supported, Tillinghast said, by the conclusions of the Environmental Protection Agency's most recent study in this area, which he quoted: "It is evident that tall stacks help to reduce, or in some cases eliminate, occurrences of significant ground-level concentrations that might be

\$601.5-Million Expansion Slated For 1972, Largest In American Electric Power History

The largest single construction budget in its history was announced for 1972 by American Electric Power System last month.

A total of \$601,500,000 will be spent for the new generating capacity, transmission and distribution additions, new environmental facilities, coal development, and other major capital facilities.

The figure is roughly \$40-million higher than estimated expenditures for System expansion in 1971.

In announcing the record budget, Donald C. Cook, chairman and president, said, "It reveals the dimension of our commitment to provide the necessary electric service for our customers. It reflects also the terrible burden of continued inflation, including the high costs of labor, equipment and capital. Nevertheless," he continued, "we have no choice but to pursue the course that has already been charted for us in the growing demand for electric power."

Principal items in the budget are the continuing construction of 6.9-million kilowatts of new generating capacity: the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Michigan, 2.2-million kw; the General James M. Gavin Plant in Ohio, 2.6-million kw, and the John E. Amos Plant in West Virginia, 2.1-million kw (where one 800,000-

kw unit is already in commercial operation). Another big item is continuation of work on the System's 1,300-mile 765,000-volt transmission network now near completion.

Cook emphasized that substantial investments would be made in environmental protection equipment for the System's generating plants. Included will be more than \$20-million to upgrade the anti-pollution facilities in the System's older generating units.

A breakdown of the 1972 budget shows the following anticipated expenditures in broad construction categories:

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	In Millions
New Power Plants	\$362.9
Environmental Facilities, Existing Plants	20.7
Transmission Lines and Substations	85.7
Distribution Lines and Substations	69.9
All Other Projects	62.3
	\$601.5

Two APCO Men Win Top Prizes In 1971 "Operating Ideas" Contest

Two Appalachian men were first place winners in the 1971 "Operating Ideas" competition. Howard Ferguson, maintenance supervisor at Clinch River Plant, won first prize of \$600 for his contribution of "Efficiency-Maintenance Reduces Heat Rate" published in the October issue.

W. Bruce Coldiron, performance engineer at John E. Amos Plant, shared first prize of \$800 with Thomas J. Seery, former turbine engineer (now with production operations) in the annual Service Corporation competition. Their innovation was an instrumentation to analyze turbine bearing action when Coldiron was at Mitchell Plant.

John C. Schneider, communications engineer for Wheeling Electric Company, won \$500 second prize for the development of a pole-mounted radio station that has proved reliable. It appeared in the September issue.

Dana L. Gibson, performance engineer at Cardinal Plant, was the winner of the \$400 third prize for his article on the deposit removal from the river side of condensers.

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company provided three winners. Robert E. Gifford, meter engineer, won fourth prize of \$300 for his article on the design of digital encoder for testing complex communications equipment. L. W. Mitchell, shop general foreman, and A. J. Galdieux, senior station engineer, shared a \$250 fifth prize for the design of a trailer-mounted 138-kv air-break switch. Tied for fifth and also winning \$250 was Tom Hall, maintenance foreman at Ohio's



Coldiron

Ferguson

Kammer Plant. His idea reduces slagblower maintenance.

In the Service Corporation contest, James E. Beehler, staff engineer, won \$500 second prize for his method for determining the overload capability of circuit breakers. Maurice Gindi, distribution engineer, won third prize of \$200 for an article entitled "Finding Ampacity of Paralleled UG Cables".

Anti-Trust Suit Filed Against GE, Westinghouse

Four companies of the American Electric Power System on December 29 filed a joint anti-trust suit against General Electric Company and Westinghouse Electric Corporation, under the Sherman Act, alleging conspiracy to eliminate price competition and to monopolize the manufacture of large turbine-generators in the United States.

The complaint was filed by Ohio Power, Appalachian Power, Indiana & Michigan Power, and Kentucky Power companies in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

The suit asks the court to find the existence of a conspiracy between the two defendants, the only U. S. manufacturers to accept orders for large turbine-generators since 1962, to restrain trade and to monopolize the sale of such units. It further seeks treble damages, under the Clayton Act, in an amount to be determined by the court, and various other measures of relief "as may be considered necessary or appropriate to dissipate the effects of each defendant's unlawful activities."

APCO Will Sell Bonds, Stock

Appalachian Power Company will sell \$50-million of first mortgage bonds and 250,000 shares of cumulative preferred stock (\$100 par value), subject to necessary regulatory approvals.

It is expected that competitive bids will be received on February 16 on both the bonds and the preferred stock. Proceeds from the financings will be applied to retire short-term debt and for construction expenditures and other corporate purposes.

Superintendent Named, Development Contract Awarded For Meigs Mine

A superintendent has been appointed and the first contract awarded for development of Meigs Mine, the AEP System's new mining complex in Ohio.

The contract, awarded to Great Lakes Construction Company of Cleveland, covers removal of overgrowth, construction of temporary and permanent service roads, and other site clearing and preparation work. The job will require approximately six months.

Gealey W. Wallwork, who joined the System last September, has been named superintendent. During the design and engineering phases of the development, he will also serve as project engineer. Before joining AEP, Wallwork had been assistant to the manager of the Bethlehem Mines Corporation. He holds a degree in mining engineering from Lehigh University and a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

The mine will be built and operated by Southern Ohio Coal Company, a subsidiary of Ohio Power, and will supply coal principally to Ohio Power's 2.6-million-kilowatt General James M. Gavin Plant, now under construction on the Ohio River near Cheshire, Ohio. When it reaches full production, the mine will deliver 8-million tons of coal annually. The complex will include several slopes, a coal prepara-

tion plant, and a 15-mile-long conveyor to deliver the coal to Gavin Plant.

Total cost of the Meigs Mine project is estimated at \$115-million. It will employ 2,000 persons, mining and non-mining, in full operation.

Joe P. Gills, executive vice president of Ohio Power, said that the name of the mine was selected at the suggestion of several Meigs County residents, and "we are happy to pay tribute in this way to the area in which we are a corporate citizen."

The name is prominent in Ohio history, and it is sometimes difficult to sort out its several bearers. The one for whom the county—and the mine—are named was Return Jonathan Meigs, Jr. He was born in Connecticut in 1765, and took a law degree from Yale. With his father he led a group of pioneers west in 1788, and they settled on the site of what is now Marietta. Meigs Junior was appointed a territorial judge in 1798, later was elected to the territorial legislature, and in 1803, became the first chief justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. A man of parts, he was in rather quick succession, U. S. Senator, governor of Ohio, and finally postmaster general in the administrations of Presidents Madison and Monroe. He died at 59, in Marietta, burdened with honors.



Ford

Ford Leaves For Florida

Kermit Hayes Ford is looking forward to a lot more leisure time since his early retirement January 1. He was assistant regional chief dispatcher in General Office Operations at Sporn. He plans an immediate trip to Florida, where he will stay through March. While there he's going to try out the new golf clubs the department gave him and also wants to do some bird hunting.

A sincere Christian worker, fellow employees described him as very friendly and having a pleasing personality. He went to work in Kingsport as a lineman in 1937 and transferred to Roanoke as an operator in 1940. Seven years later he transferred back to Kingsport as a maintenance man and then became a substation operator in General Office Operations in 1949. He was promoted to assistant regional chief dispatcher in 1957.

Kermit recalls that when he was hired there was no short wave radio communication in the company's trucks and no heaters or defrosters. He worked snow breaks for the company with this inconvenience.

Kermit thoroughly enjoys the almost lost art of chair caning and says he might do some of this for friends and neighbors during retirement. His wife Ruth Virginia is an antique collector, and he helps her with this when he can. He enjoys flower gardening and plans to do more of this when he returns home to New Haven after his trip south. The Fords have been married for 41 years and have four children and 13 grandchildren.

First APCO Strike Ended

The first general strike in the history of Appalachian ended December 5 when the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, representing 850 Appalachian employees, accepted an offer the company made December 3.

W. S. White, Jr., executive vice president, said that the offer the union accepted was essentially the same one which the company had made on November 8. The new contract will be in effect until March 31, 1974.

The strike began on November 14 at the end of an extension of the old contract which had expired on September 30. The 21-day walkout involved linemen and other outside workers in the Roanoke, Lynchburg, Huntington, Logan, Charleston and Beckley divisions and workers at Glen Lyn, Cabin Creek, Clinch River and Kanawha River plants.

Line, Plant And Map Improvements Described In Recent "Ideas" Articles

Ideas advanced by one Kentucky and three Appalachian employees received recognition in recent issues of "AEP Operating Ideas."

David Bartram, maintenance man at Big Sandy Plant, was the author of "Door For Unplugging Pyrites Sluice Nozzle". He described the installation of a removable door in a 6-inch pyrites sluice nozzle housing to facilitate unplugging. A section of grating was hinged directly above the removable door to make it readily accessible. This improvement has made the job safer and fewer manhours are required to unplug the sluice nozzle.

E. S. McDaniel, maintenance foreman at Cabin Creek Plant, offered "Aids Dust Collection". He described a method of greasing the rapper shafts and high-voltage support insulators with silicone compound to keep the plant's four Western electrostatic precipitators operating. This method has helped reduce the incidence of high-voltage shorting, especially when the flyash is wet.

"Extendible Boom For Van" was suggested by R. E. Barkley, Roanoke Division general utility man. He designed and built a sliding boom with hoist attached for a small service van to aid in lifting heavy current transformers and other objects. Now two men are able to load equipment instead of four previously required.

"Better Way To Prepare Comprehensive Maps" was written by Scott McDonald, civil engineer in General Office Hydro, Roanoke. In the planning of proposed hydroelectric projects there is a need for comprehensive, single-sheet maps of the entire project area that would show the location of roads, bridges, reservoir shorelines, streams, political boundaries and other details to a high degree of accuracy. Working with W. A. Henley, chief operations draftsman in General Office Operations, and T. W. Throckmorton,



Bartram

McDaniel



Barkley

McDonald

reproducing operator A in General Office General Services, McDonald devised a way to incorporate the information from several maps into one to meet his needs. On one large project the time saved by the new method was estimated to be 160 man-hours after the additional reproduction and planning manhours were deducted. Having an initially correct map also results in the intangible benefit of reinforcing the public's faith in negotiations with our company representatives.

New Peak

Customers of Appalachian Power Company used more electricity on December 3, 1971, than on any other day in history.

The all-time high record for the day was 67,899,000 kilowatts. A new one-hour peak load of 3,333,000 kw was established between 10 and 11 AM (EST).

Harper Earns Degree at Night School, Will Do Graduate Work at WVU

After seven long years of night classes, exams and commuting, Robert G. Harper reports, "I finally made it through". Bob, right of way agent B in the General Office Land Management Section, Charleston, completed requirements for a degree in accounting and management from West Virginia State.

Bob had been graduated from high school for six years when he began working on a college degree. "I decided to go back to school after my former boss, Bill Turner, retired Charleston Division drafting supervisor, encouraged me. He was certainly a fine example to follow. He earned his first degree at the age of 61; and, upon retirement, fulfilled a lifelong ambition to teach Spanish by going to work for the school system."

Bob attributes the final completion of requirements for a degree to the encouragement of his mother and the understanding of his wife and six-year-old son. Studying didn't use up all of Bob's energy because he found time during the last seven



Harper

years to completely remodel his own home as well as his mother's. He also participated in the Charleston Pony League Baseball program, managed a Senior Little League team, and won three city Little League championships with his group.

What are his plans for the future? "I can't stop now. I've been accepted at the Kanawha Valley Graduate School of West Virginia University."

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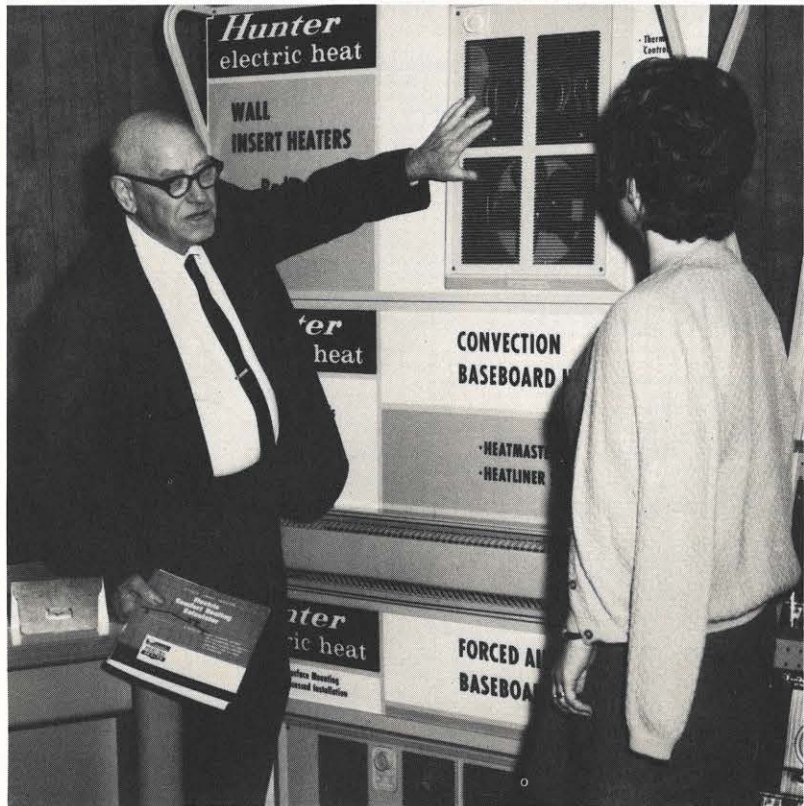
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EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION in the Bluefield Benevolent Association is above 90 percent, with an average contribution of \$23 a year. New officers elected to serve for 1972 are (seated, from left) R. R. Meador, transmission office supervisor, treasurer; L. W. Robinette, power sales engineer, chairman; Linda Ballard, stenographer, secretary. Standing (from left) are H. G. Stafford, records supervisor, director; T. M. Stevens, draftsman, director; and T. W. Wolfe, T&D clerk senior, director. Not pictured is J. P. Montague, electrical engineer senior, director.



Francis Claytor shows a prospective customer the different kinds of electric heating units available.

Wife Claims Claytor Could Convert Old Man Devil To Electric Heating

Since his retirement in 1956 from the General Office T&D Station Section in Bluefield, Francis P. Claytor has sold lumber for a building contractor, automobiles for a car dealer, and for the last nine years has sold electric heat. He has averaged selling 25 heating jobs a year, mostly conversions.

Claytor, who celebrated his 80th birthday on November 8, says, "I can eat and drink most anything I want to, and I sleep very well." He adds that the last nine years have been some of the best years of his life as that's how long he and his present wife have been married. He has a son and a daughter and four grandchildren.

Claytor enjoys relating a conversation which occurred between him and his wife. It seems he had been a little mischievous, and she told him "old man devil" would get him. He replied, "Maybe so, and I guess he'll have me shoveling coal." Immediately she came back with, "Oh no he won't because you'll think of some way to convert it to electric heat."

Claytor loves the outdoors and is an ardent fisherman. They go to Florida for a month or so each year where he does a lot of fishing. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, Triangle Gun Club and Mercer Anglers Club.

Ditman Appointed To New Position Of Environmental Affairs Director

William D. Ditman of Roanoke has been named to the newly created position of environmental affairs director of Appalachian. He will coordinate the company's environmental control programs and will be responsible for staff guidance in environmental matters to the company's various divisions and plants.

Ditman graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1956 with a BS degree in forestry and wildlife conservation. He earned a master's degree in plant pathology and plant physiology from VPI in 1962. He joined Appalachian

Whittaker Takes Early Retirement

"I just don't feel like working another winter—too much cold, bad weather and pneumonia," said David Roosevelt Whittaker, Pearisburg area supervisor in the Pulaski Division, when he took early retirement January 1.

A native of Narrows, Virginia, Dave was hired in 1935 as a line-man at Welch in the Bluefield Division. He transferred to Pearisburg in 1939 and was made assistant line foreman in 1942. He became line foreman in 1944 and was named area supervisor in 1953. Dave says what he remembers most vividly about the old days are "the long hours, cold winters and hot summers. The product is the same, the customers are the same but working conditions are surely improved."

Always good for a laugh, Dave has a most congenial nature and employees liked working for him. He enjoys fishing, gardening and woodworking. He is a member of the United Methodist Church, the Masonic Order and Kiwanis.

When asked about his plans for retirement, Dave replied, "Well, there are too many things on the list to name any one. I want to work in a little traveling and do some home woodworking repairs. For a while my wife Kathleen and I will divide our time between Bluefield and Narrows".



Judy Gwilliams, credit representative, cautions Millard Callicoat not to accidentally topple her potted flowers when he dusts the files.

Callicoat Uses Ingenuity To Adapt To Living In An Adult Size World

Quite possibly the smallest male employee in the American Electric Power System is Millard Callicoat, custodian in the Huntington Division. Even though Millard is 28 years old, he is only 59 inches tall and weighs 76 pounds.

Millard was a whopping 10-pounder at birth and developed normally until the age of 10, when his growth slowed. At the age of 12 he stopped growing altogether. His voice didn't change and he shaves only once a month to remove some "chin fuzz". He wears a size 3 1-2 boy's shoe and buys his clothes in the boys' department when school clothes are on sale. Millard points out that this is one advantage of being small. He can buy a shirt and two pairs of pants for less than the average man pays for pants alone.

Millard makes up in strength what he lacks in stature. He frequently lifts his 80-pound commercial floor sweeper and carries it upstairs rather than wait for the elevator.

It didn't take long for Millard to realize that he grew up in a world designed for normal size adults. A simple thing like getting a cup out of a kitchen cabinet is a problem. He drives a car but had to modify it so he could reach the pedals. An expert mechanic, Millard frequently overhauls engines on cars and can change an automatic transmission weighing three times as much as he does.

Again, not letting his size hinder him, he is building his own home. The house will feature reversed kitchen cabinets. The cabinets for cups and glasses will be on the bottom and the "base" cabinets will be on top.

Regarding his employment with Appalachian, Millard says, "I like working for the power company very much. Everyone is good to me and treats me with respect. I could consider myself handicapped and exist on wel-

fare. However, I want to work; and, if given the chance, I can prove to anyone I can earn my keep. Working for Appalachian has opened up new opportunities for me. I know I can go as far as my willingness to do the job and my limitations will allow me. Now I have a decent wage. With the fringe benefits such as insurance, hospitalization, sick pay and retirement, I can provide a good living for my wife and 18-month-old daughter and give them the same protection as any other man."

Porter Promoted, Goes To Roanoke



Porter

J. D. Porter has been promoted to heating sales coordinator in Appalachian's General Office Commercial Department. He rises to the position from that of heating and builder sales coordinator in the Charleston Division.

A native of Hamlin, West Virginia, Porter holds a BS degree in natural science from Marshall University, where he completed a pre-med course, and a BS degree in biology from Morris Harvey College. He joined the company in 1948 as a rural sales representative in Charleston and was dealer sales representative and dealer sales coordinator before being named heating and builder sales coordinator in 1969.

Porter is married and has two children and one grandchild.

Blair Named Utility Foreman



Blair

John Q. Blair, junior maintenance man, has been promoted to utility foreman at Kanawha River Plant. He succeeds the late Raymond Ray.

A graduate of East Bank High School, Blair was employed as a laborer in 1956 and advanced to junior maintenance man in 1965. He is married.



THE CHRIS SAFETY FAMILY warned employees against holiday hazards during the General Office T&D safety meeting last month in Roanoke. Stephen Higginbotham, communication engineer (left), portrayed Little Johnny Safety who told of hazardous toys that can harm little ones. His mother, Mama Christine, was played by Charlie Price, station clerk senior (right). Bill Franklin, communication engineer (center), was Papa Chris Safety. Producer and narrator for the original safety skit was B. P. Coley, communication engineer supervisory (standing in back).

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

BLUEFIELD

Mrs. Willard Johnson, wife of the area T&D clerk, was elected a deacon in the Princeton Presbyterian Church.

Greg Ruff, son of R. H. Ruff, power sales engineer senior, is producer-director of Mountaineer Sports at Morgantown. The TV program is aired weekly in Wheeling, Charleston, Clarksburg, Parkersburg, Oak Hill and Bluefield.

Betty Nash, daughter of W. L. Nash, meterman B, has been named the Most Outstanding Senior at Graham High School in Bluefield.

Lois Ann Dudash, daughter of Steve Dudash, station supervisor, has received several honors at Bramwell High School, where she is a senior. She was elected vice president of the National Honor Society and chosen head major-ette for 1971-72. In Senior Superlatives competition, Lois Ann was voted most likely to become a millionaire, most intelligent, most likely to succeed, most talkative, biggest eater and biggest worrywart.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON



Honaker

W. H. Honaker, retired line and station supervisor, has been elected chairman of the Logan County Chapter of the American Red Cross. **Floyd H. Taylor, Jr.**, division manager, was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors.

W. H. King, Williamson Engineering, has been elected secretary of the Stone Chapter, No. 533, Order of Eastern Star. His wife **Helen** was elected treasurer.

Ben Donevant, Logan Accounting, has been named co-chairman of the Small Businesses Division of the Logan County United Fund drive.

Okey Taylor, Williamson T&D, captured top honors in the Tennessee Walkers Class of the annual Tug Valley Horse Show for the second consecutive year. Okey and his horse, "Gunsmoke's Top Gun" were awarded the Frank Allen Challenge Trophy.

Janet Taylor, daughter of the division manager, and **Patricia Cantley**, daughter of the division heating engineer, helped design and construct the winning float in the recent Logan High School homecoming festivities. Janet also rode the float in the homecoming parade.

C. E. Frye, administrative assistant, and **H. L. Foglesong**, records supervisor were awarded two-gallon blood donor pins. **Mason Grimmer** was awarded a one-gallon pin.

Laura Frances Bragg, sophomore at West Virginia Wesleyan College, was one of 18 student

nurses awarded a Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation scholarship. She is the daughter of Ralph Bragg, Madison general serviceman.

Abra Lynne Elkins, daughter of C. E. Elkins, service representative, was runner-up in the Logan County Junior Miss Pageant. As runner-up, Abra is eligible to compete in the West Virginia Junior Miss Pageant at Concord College in January.

GENERAL OFFICE

A recent Red Cross News Letter recognized nine General Office employees for receiving their certifications to teach first aid. They are **Tom Throckmorton** and **Danny Thomas**, General Services Department; **David Reid**, **Dan Bird** and **Jim Tapley**, T&D Station Section; **Jim Smith**, T&D Meter Section; **Tom Philpott**, Accounting; **Claude Hylton** and **Ron Lamb**, Personnel.

Randall L. Umberger is a new mail clerk in Roanoke.

Rudy Wooten, training coordinator, has been appointed chairman of the First Aid Program of the Roanoke Valley Chapter of the American National Red Cross. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, which became effective in April of this year, set forth requirements for industry to train its personnel in first aid, and Red Cross is committed by specific reference to assist in this training. Rudy will help coordinate this program for the Roanoke Valley Chapter.

HUNTINGTON

David and Danny King, sons of R. A. King, administrative assistant, won first chair positions in the All Country Band tryouts for Cabell County. David plays trombone and Danny plays trumpet. They will soon compete for positions in the All State Band. David plays in the Barboursville High School Band, and Danny plays in the Barboursville Junior High Band.

PIKEVILLE

Patricia Gayle Whitt was named a charter member of the Society of Scholars of Distinction at Transylvania University. The recognition is for her outstanding academic achievements during high school. The daughter of Glenn Whitt, collector, Patricia won an AEP scholarship in 1971 and is a pre-medical technician student.

Chester Smith, administrative assistant, was elected to the board of directors of the Big Sandy Area Development Council.

Betty Prater Justice, Pike County Circuit Court clerk, was elected president of the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks Association. The wife of Tilden Justice, serviceman, Betty is the first woman ever elected president of the association as well as being elected to the clerk's office. She worked 24 years as a deputy circuit court clerk before being elected clerk.

The Golden Knights of the U. S. Army, a crack parachute jump-

ing team stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, staged an air show recently at Pikeville. Their show included sky diving, passing of a baton between jumpers at about 7,000 feet, and landing on a predetermined spot on the ground.

At the conclusion of the show, **Chester Smith**, administrative assistant and president of the Chamber of Commerce, was presented the baton along with three photos of the Golden Knights.

LYNCHBURG

J. K. Reid, electrical engineer, has been elected a board member of the Lynchburg Society of Engineering and Science.

J. W. McCarthy, Jr. son of the retired customer accounts supervisor, was installed as president of the VMI Club at the annual Ladies Night and Founders Day program.

Mrs. Jack D. Harker, wife of the electrical engineer, appeared before the United Nations to urge humane treatment for American prisoners of war in southeast Asia. She is a delegate for the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia.

James B. White, division manager, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of the United Givers Fund of Central Virginia.

David Tillman Tibbs recently received the rank of Ensign at the Naval Officers Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida. He is the son of R. A. Tibbs, commercial sales engineer.

Martha Sue Pillow, daughter of T. H. Pillow, power sales engineer, has been named to the dean's list at Bridgewater College. She is a junior, majoring in English.

HAZARD



Mrs. Begley



Combs

Kay Begley, wife of David Begley, heating sales representative, has been selected volunteer president of the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital Volunteers. She received a certificate of appreciation and an award pin for 100 hours of volunteer service.

Elvira Ewen, wife of Beal Ewen, line foreman, was presented a special award pin for 300 hours of volunteer service during the past year. Among those who received certificates of appreciation for voluntary service rendered were **Katherine Barber**, wife of A. R. Barber, division manager; **Sophia Stidham**, wife of Gaine Stidham, division superintendent; and **Mrs. Louis Graef**, retired general clerk.

Adrian Combs, distribution engineer senior, has been re-elected chairman of the Kentucky School Board Association Upper Kentucky River Region. He was elected to the Perry County School Board in 1968 and was appointed chairman in 1970.

Jack Blankenship, personnel supervisor, has been elected president of the Perry County Cancer Society.

BIG SANDY



Pamela

Pamela Webb, daughter of Roy E. Webb, maintenance man, received the Citizen Award from the Louisa, Kentucky, Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. A senior at Louisa High School and an honor student, Pamela is secretary of the Future Homemakers of America, a Girl Scout, 4-H Club member, and plays girls' basketball. She has served as a delegate to Kentucky Girls' State and is active in the Brammer Gap Methodist Church.

Rodney Miller, coal equipment operator, was director of the Louisa Community Christmas cantata, "Night Of Miracles".

Betty K. Burns, junior clerk, directed the First Baptist Church Christmas play, "The Light Of Men". She also sang in the Community Christmas Cantata.

Several employees' children are members of the Louisa High School Band which participated in the Governor's Inaugural Parade in Frankfort, Kentucky. They are **Mike Armstrong**, son of R. L. Armstrong, operation supervisor; **Danita VanSickle**, daughter of L. D. VanSickle, control technician; and **Suzanne Ferguson**, daughter of H. C. Ferguson, performance technician senior.

Denise McComas, daughter of R. L. McComas, office supervisor, was a contestant for the Kenova, West Virginia, Volunteer Fire Department's Miss Flame.

PHILIP SPORN

William R. Hayes, maintenance foreman, has been awarded the designation of Knight of the York Cross of Honor. This honorary degree, highest in the York Rite of Free Masonry, is conferred only on those who have held the highest office in each of the Rite's four bodies. He served as master of Racine Lodge of Masons in 1963, high priest of Pomeroy Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in 1963, master of Bosworth Council, Royal and Select Masters in 1962, and commander of Ohio Valley Commandery, Knight Templar, in 1964.

ABINGDON

R. M. Bondurant was first runner-up for the president's cup in a recent golf tournament at Glenrochie Country Club in Abingdon.

Employees' children participating in the All-County Band for Washington County were **Vickie Fletcher** and **Leah Fleenor**, flutes; **Sharon Honaker**, french horn; **Randy Cole**, basses; and **Wayne Hawley**, mallets.

J. E. Vencill was chairman of the Lebanon Christmas parade, and **Roy Gregory** participated as Santa's helper. Other Lebanon employees helping with the parade were **Frank Hanson**, **Tommy Hicks** and **Doug Brown**.

John Kahle was elected a deacon in the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church, Abingdon.

Andy C. Skeen, retired line inspector, was appointed to a four-year term on the Russell County

Library Board by the Russell County Board of Supervisors.

George Gregory, son of Roy Gregory, participated in the regional punt-kick-pass competition held in Bristol. George placed first in the 13-year-old category in Abingdon.

PULASKI

L. L. Bucklen, agricultural sales engineer in the Wytheville area, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Wytheville Chamber of Commerce.

H. C. Osborne, Jr., Christiansburg line crew, and **Kenneth F. Hamilton**, Pearisburg line crew, have returned to work following military leave.

C. M. Viars and **C. D. Via** are new employees in Accounting.

ASHLAND

Mandy Barnett was elected to membership in the National Junior Beta Club. The daughter of Dorothy Tucker, work order cost and accounting clerk in General Office Accounting, Mandy is a seventh grader at Cooper Junior High School.

Sharon Hayes, clerk stenographer in General Office Purchasing, has been elected president of The New Buckley Road Freewill Baptist Church youth group.

KINGSPORT

Terri Wolfe, daughter of Betsey Wolfe, cashier, has been elected a cheerleader for Brookside Elementary School, where she is in the sixth grade.

Mrs. Luke Kesterson, wife of the Commercial employee, was awarded a blue ribbon in the gift wrap category by the Flower Lovers Garden Club.

Mike Bryan, son of C. J. Bryan, executive vice president, has been elected president of TEN-OCO, the Eastman-sponsored Junior Achievement company.

CHARLESTON

Miller C. Porterfield, division manager, has been elected vice president of the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce. He was also elected to the board of directors of the Committee of One Hundred, Inc., in Charleston.

ROANOKE

Susan

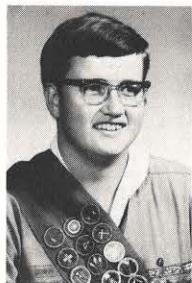


Susan Romero, daughter of Betty Romero, Fieldale stenographer, was elected vice president of her class at Fairfax Hall, Waynesboro, where she is a senior. Susan is a member of the Glee Club and Choir and a lifeguard at the school's swimming pool.

Suzanne Jenkins, daughter of L. W. Jenkins, Fieldale heating and builder sales engineer, was elected state vocational vice president of the Baptist Student Union. She was elected through the local chapter at VPI.

James Donald Hall, auto repairman A, is a new part-time employee.

Three Scouts Awarded Eagle Honors



DeHart



Agee



Lively

Sons of three Appalachian employees have earned the Eagle rating in the Boy Scout program. They are David DeHart, son of R. E. DeHart, General Office T&D Transmission Section employee in St. Albans; Eddie Lively, son of William H. Lively, Beckley line inspector; and William Forde Agee, son of H. L. Agee, Fieldale meterman A in the Roanoke Division.

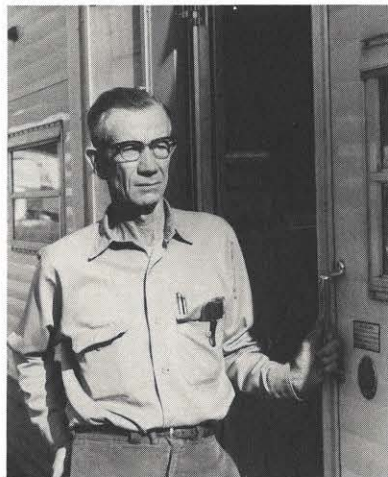
David is 18 years old and a freshman at West Virginia State College, majoring in drafting. Last year he and his brother, Lonnie, received the National Court of Honor Medal of Merit for Heroism from the executive board of the Buckskin Council. They were credited with saving the life of their younger brother, Michael.

Eddie, a junior at Beckley High School, has been active in Scouting for six years. He is a Life

Scout and recently earned the God and Country award. He hopes eventually to join an Explorer post to further his Scouting activities.

A senior at Fieldale-Collinsville High School, William will begin work next fall at Patrick Henry College toward a degree in pharmacy. Active in Troop No. 166 sponsored by the Smith Memorial United Methodist Church in Collinsville, he became a first class Scout in 1967, Star Scout in January 1969 and Life Scout later that year. He also has earned the God and Country award.

William's father is also active in the Scouting movement. Agee has served in many district offices, including commissioner, and his present job is that of a committeeman. He has attended Boy Scout camp at Philmont, New Mexico, three times and has earned his Wood Badge beads.



Collins stands beside the house trailer he bought for traveling.

Collins Plans Kentucky Travel

Since Lloyd Collins purchased a small travel trailer, he has spent the evenings practicing driving, backing and parking it in anticipation of January 1. That was the day he retired as general serviceman in Paintsville, Pikeville Division. He wants "to visit throughout Kentucky first and then maybe other places".

A well liked employee, Lloyd is described as a "doer" instead of a "talker". A native of Floyd County, Kentucky, he started working at Pikeville in 1927. He was a lineman, serviceman and stationman there before working as a lineman in Hazard from 1941 to 1943. He returned to Pikeville in 1946 as a serviceman and was promoted to general serviceman in 1948.

When Lloyd was growing up, he was known as "Little Briar". Later this nickname was shortened to "Briar", and the name has stuck with him through the years.

A fisherman par excellence, Lloyd spends most of his spare time working at it. He lives within a couple miles of Dewey Lake and plans to remain there during his retirement. He and his wife Edna are members of the First Christian Church at Paintsville. They have three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Sarver Ends 29-Year Utility Career

Early retirement on January 1 brought to an end the 29-year electric utility career of Sidney Sarver, Glen Lyn Plant unit foreman.

A native of Pembroke, Virginia, Sarver was hired as a laborer in 1942. He was electrical repairman helper, auxiliary equipment operator, turbine operator A, shift operator, equipment operator and switchboard operator before being promoted to unit foreman in 1967.

Known as a serious minded person with a good sense of humor, Sarver got along exceptionally well with his fellow employees.

He is a member of the official board of the Peterstown United Methodist Church and enjoys gardening and woodworking. Sarver and his wife Callie have been married for 42 years and have eight children, 18 grand-



Sarver

children and one great-grandchild. A son, John, works in the AEP Construction Department.

McDonald Moves To Amos Plant

Lovell H. McDonald, maintenance foreman at Clinch River Plant, has been transferred to John E. Amos Plant.

McDonald was employed in 1945 in the Maintenance Department at Logan Plant. He was named master maintenance man in 1958 and transferred to Clinch River. He advanced to maintenance foreman in 1966. McDonald is well known in other AEP System plants because he has been called upon to lend technical advice and assistance in times of emergency. For sev-



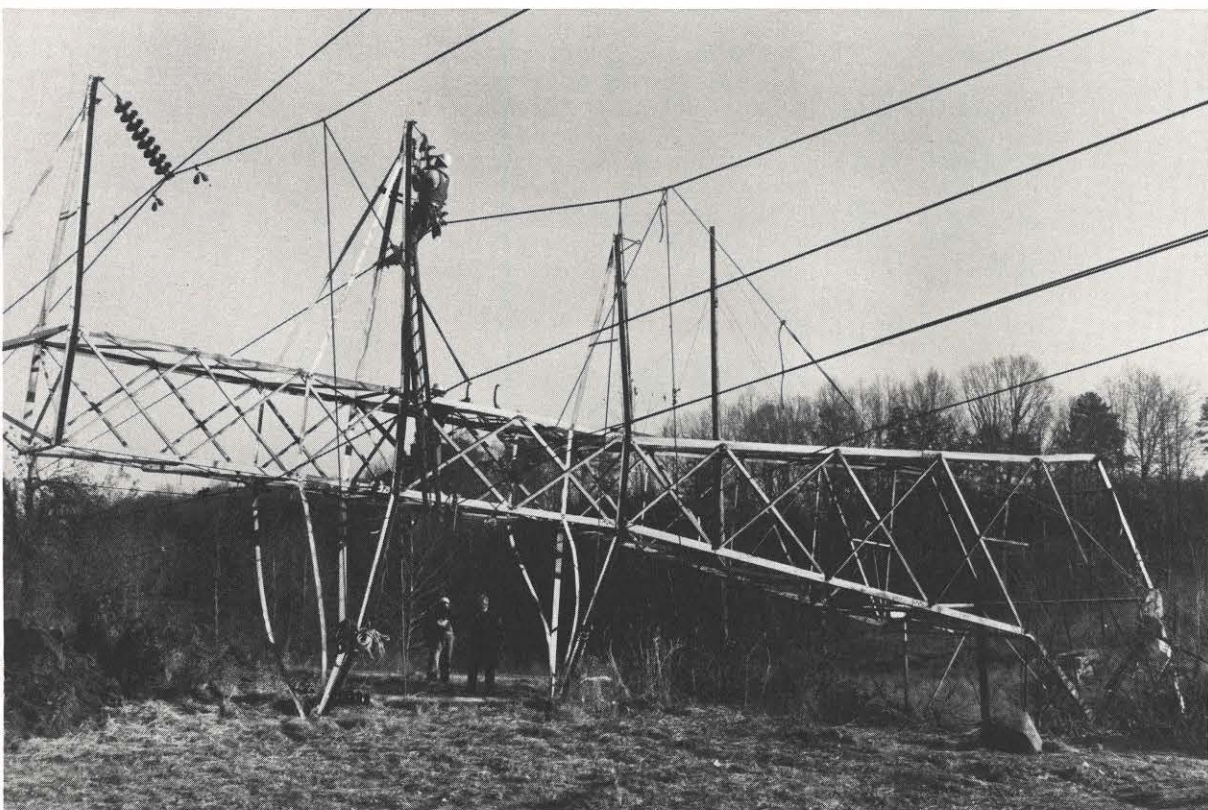
McDonald

eral years he served as fire marshal of the Clinch River Plant Fire Brigade.

The McDonalds will move to St. Albans in the near future.



AGAIN THIS YEAR 100% of the employees participated in the Pulaski Office Benevolent Association. Officers of the Association are (front row, l. to r.) P. L. Sowers, vice chairman; Glenda Wohlford, secretary; and C. S. Settle, chairman. Directors are (back row, l. to r.) Fred Myers, Joel Pugh, George Hicks and T. W. Collins.



ACCIDENT VICTIM—It's quite a common occurrence when one of our distribution poles is felled in a traffic accident, but a transmission tower—well, that's something else. Tower No. 154 in the Fieldale-Roanoke 138 kv line had been standing in place since its construction in 1926 until 4:21 PM November 30 when it was struck by a tractor-truck, which had just collided with an automobile. The impact broke one leg of the tower, causing the others to buckle and making the 90-foot tower fall with its full load of seven cables in the double circuit line. A 12 kv distribution line across the road burned down when some 138 kv wires fell across it. The highway was blocked four and one-half hours while emergency repair work was done. Crews and materials from Roanoke, Bluefield and Abingdon made permanent repairs the following day.

PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon Division

L. J. HICKS, JR., to Lineman B. J. B. FARMER to Lineman A.

John E. Amos Plant

S. F. CRADDOCK to Maintenance Man B. C. D. VANNATTA to Maintenance Man B. T. D. BARNETT to Barge Handler. G. R. GARRETSON to Barge Handler. C. E. BROYLES to Maintenance Man B. R. R. McKINNEY to Maintenance Man B. H. L. BUCKLAND, JR., to Maintenance Man A. D. L. THOMPSON to Maintenance Man A. ALEXANDER GILLIES to Maintenance Man A. G. L. PAINTER to Maintenance Man A. D. A. EADS to Maintenance Man A. L. K. ARMSTRONG to Maintenance Man A. W. R. BROWNING to Maintenance Man A. R. D. TYREE to Maintenance Man B. L. E. PIERSALL, Chief Civil Construction, from John E. Amos to Gavin Plant Construction.

Bluefield Division

J. M. GRAHAM to Lineman A. LAJUANA WILLIAMS to Clerk Stenographer. R. K. McLAUGHLIN to Lineman B.

Clinch River Plant

R. E. ADAMS to Yard Helper. M. D. KILLION to Yard Helper. C. B. PARROTT to Coal Equipment Operator. S. C. AMOS to Utility Man A.

General Office

E. A. HENSLEY from Hydro Maintenance Man, Kanawha Valley Power Company, to Station Operator C, GO Operations, Roanoke. KATHY WOOD from Clerk Stenographer, GO Commercial, to Key Punch Operator B, GO Accounting.

Glen Lyn Plant

D. E. HALL to Equipment Operator. L. B. JACKSON to Auxiliary Equipment Operator. M. C. MULLINS to Utility Operator.

Kanawha River Plant

M. G. MAGGIO to Head Material Clerk.

Logan-Williamson Division

C. E. WEBB to Stationman B.

Pulaski Division

R. L. HARLESS from laborer, Radford Steam Plant, to Lineman Helper, Christiansburg.

Roanoke Division

P. M. KINNEY to Meterman C. EMILY S. VAUGHN, part-time clerk typist, from Commercial to Accounting.

Philip Sporn Plant

W. K. CURTIS to Master Maintenance Man. J. F. ELIAS to Maintenance Man.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland Division

B. R. LYNCH to Lineman C. F. E. BYRD to Lineman C. CHARLES TACKETT to Meterman Senior. J. D. SAMMONS to Electric Plant and Stores Accountant.

Big Sandy Plant

W. T. McKINNEY from Control Technician Senior to Electrical Construction Assistant, James M. Gavin Plant.

Five Couples Exchange Wedding Vows



Plybon-Penrod

The marriage of Frieda Lane Plybon and Wayne Edward Penrod, Jr., was solemnized December 11 in the Franklin Heights Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, Virginia. Mrs. Penrod is the daughter of Silas F. Plybon, Rocky Mount meter serviceman, Roanoke Division. Mr. Penrod is employed by Ohio Power Company.



Fridley-Gillespie

November 13 was the wedding day of Elizabeth M. Fridley and Alrick M. Gillespie, who were married at Kingdom Hall in Roanoke. Mrs. Gillespie is a clerk trainee in Roanoke.



Hale-Wood

Mary Frances Hale became the bride of Harry Keith Wood December 31 at the Valley Street Baptist Church, Abingdon. Mr. Wood is an electrical engineer in General Office Hydro, Roanoke.

Castle-Herron

Judy Ann Castle was married to Mitchell D. Herron October 23 in Bell's Chapel. Mrs. Herron is the daughter of C. C. Castle, unit foreman at Big Sandy Plant. Mr. Herron is a maintenance helper at Big Sandy.

Hysell-Robinson

The Zion Church of Christ, Pomeroy, Ohio, was the setting for the October 16 wedding of Rebecca S. Hysell and Danny Wayne Robinson. Mr. Robinson is a utility man A at Philip Sporn Plant.

JANET MARIE PIGMAN to David Anderson Collier. Miss Pigman is the daughter of Margaret J. Pigman, Hazard cashier-clerk.

SHARLENE MARTIN to Roderick Kent Mabe. Miss Martin is a customer accounts representative C in Bluefield.



THE APPLE FESTIVAL in Paintsville, Kentucky, is an annual affair with street dancing, apple butter making, parades and a display of the finest fruit in Johnson County. Guests from neighboring states come to join in the festivities. To get into the swing of things, David Lang, Paintsville area supervisor, painted this scene of Charlie Brown and his friends and "The Great Apple" on the office window.

BABY PARADE

Bluefield Division

MR. AND MRS. LARRY D. HOUSTON, a daughter, Vanessa Frances, October 25. Houston is a communications engineer B in General Office T&D Communications Section.

Charleston Division

MR. AND MRS. R. S. TRIGG, a son, Rudolph Steven, Jr., October 2. Trigg is an engineer B.

Clinch River Plant

MR. AND MRS. CARTER L. CHAFIN, a son, Carter Max, December 2. Chafin is a utility man B.

Huntington Division

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM T. MATTOX, JR., a son Anthony Tobias, October 29. Mattox is a lineman in Point Pleasant.

MR. AND MRS. J. K. BRADBURN, III, a son, Michael Jermaine, November 12. Bradburn is a meter reader.

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT H. MEADOWS, a son, Robert H., Jr., December 1. Meadows is an auxiliary equipment operator.

MR. AND MRS. TERRANCE L. WOLFE, a son, Gregory Lee, November 19. Wolfe is an auxiliary equipment operator.

Logan-Williamson Division

MR. AND MRS. BOBBY L. HATFIELD, a daughter, Amy Laura, November 3. Hatfield is a lineman A in Williamson.

Pulaski Division

MR. AND MRS. STERLING B. HOWERY, JR., a son, Jason Scott, November 7. Howery is a maintenance man at Claytor Hydro.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. N. R. HUMPHREYS, JR., a son, Norman Randolph, III, December 1. Humphreys is an engineer B.



THIS LIGHT BULB created by Sylvia Hinchman, Charleston home service representative, looked good enough to turn on and read by. She prepared the cake for participants in the electric lighting school, who agreed they would never forget the school that served a light bulb for dessert.

Sally's "Fearless Prognostication": 20 More Snowfalls In Huntington

Sally Marrow, secretarial-stenographer in Huntington's T&D Department, normally goes about her work in a quiet, efficient way. On the day the first snow falls, she becomes the center of controversy in the office. That is when Sally makes her "fearless prognostication" as to how many snows to expect for the winter.

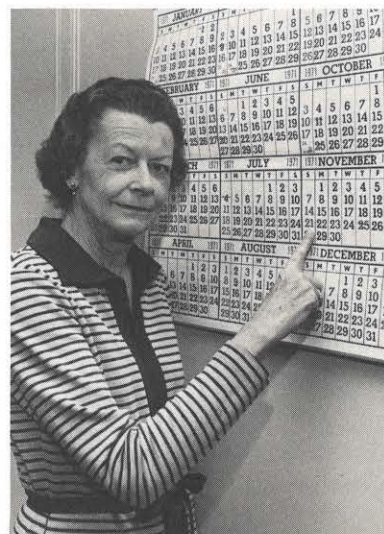
Her system is simple. The snow must cover the ground before it is counted as a snowfall. When the ground is covered the first time, she checks the calendar and whatever day of the month it is, that will be the number of remaining snowfalls for the winter. The first snowfall isn't counted. Snow fell for the first time in Huntington this winter on November 21 and again on November 24. By eliminating the first one, Sally predicted there are 20 more to go.

Last year when the first snow fell on November 16, she predicted accurately that there were 16 more to go. She was forced out of the weather game due to ill health in 1969, but her prediction was correct the year before. She has proved to be accurate about 90 percent of the time.

Each year some of the younger male employees scoff at her predictions, but before the winter is over they come around to her desk and ask her to "turn it off". Once her boss, Fred Schwartz, T&D superintendent, blamed a snow on her. It was a Friday evening and the weather looked

clear for the weekend. Schwartz announced that Saturday was going to be a great day for his scheduled golf match. Sally said, "Don't count on it. It's going to snow tomorrow". Schwartz laughed and went home to polish his golf clubs. When he arose at daybreak the following morning, he was greeted by a six-inch snowfall. He arrived at work on Monday to find Sally sitting at her desk, with a smile on her face which he interpreted as "I told you so."

Schwartz responded with "Sally, turn your desk around to the wall. You loused up my golf game, and I don't want to look at you until winter is over."



Sally Marrow predicts there will be 20 more snowfalls in Huntington before winter's end.

Accounting Job Lasts 42 Years

"Don't you think 42 years is long enough?", replied Dorothy Payne Hagan when asked why she chose early retirement January 1. She was customer accounting supervisor at Christiansburg in the Pulaski Division.

Nicknamed "Dolly" by her father, she attended high school in Christiansburg and studied law under the late Samuel Hairston of Roanoke. She passed the Virginia state bar exam in '37 or '38.

When Dolly was hired as a cashier in 1929, she was the only employee in the office and there were 986 customers. She was made clerk senior in 1940 and local office supervisor in 1949. She advanced to customer accounting supervisor in 1968. Although serious about business, she has a good sense of humor and enjoys a good laugh.

Dolly has no special hobby except reading but plans "to keep my home in Christiansburg and travel some." She is a member of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church.

Corbett Has New Purchasing Post

John R. Corbett has been promoted from purchasing agent to assistant manager of purchasing and stores for the AEP Service Corporation.

Corbett graduated from St. Francis College in 1951 with a degree in economics and received his MBA in 1959 from New York University. He joined the Service Corporation in 1957 as an expeditor in the Construction Department. In 1962 he was transferred to the Purchasing Department and in 1965 was promoted to purchasing agent. Since that time he has supervised the Electrical Buying Group.

Fugitt Becomes 8-Gallon Donor



Fugitt

Jay Fugitt, Ashland line foreman, has been presented a pin by the Boyd County Red Cross blood program for becoming an eight-gallon blood donor.

Fugitt began donating blood in 1953 and tries to contribute four times a year. He was turned away only once, when he returned too soon after a donation. Fugitt has been on the receiving end of the blood program one time. Hopefully, he never will be again. But, if he does, he's way ahead.



Busy shoppers take time out to listen to the performance of the Roanoke employees' new choral group at the Crossroads Mall, Roanoke's largest shopping center. Photo by Roger Smith, reproduction machine operator in GO General Services, Roanoke.

GO, Roanoke Employees Form Choir, Give Six Christmas Performances

A 35-voice choral group, under the direction of James B. Spurlock, Jr., GO employee relations assistant, performed at the annual Christmas program for employees in Roanoke on December 20. Formed less than three months ago, the group is made up of Roanoke Division and General Office employees who volunteered to "sing for fun".

Rehearsals were held at lunchtime and on weekends, and employees bought their own uniforms. Mrs. Steve Higginbotham, wife of the communications engineer, made the vests for the male singers.

The group's first public appearance was at the Lynchburg Training School and Hospital, followed by a concert in the Crossroads Mall, Roanoke's largest shopping center. They also sang for members of the Roanoke Retired Employees Association and appeared on a local TV show, "Panorama".

Officers of the group are W.

L. E. Jefferson Dies Unexpectedly



Jefferson

L. E. "Pete" Jefferson, General Office accounting staff assistant, Roanoke, died unexpectedly December 20.

A native Roanoker, Jefferson joined Appalachian in 1926 as a clerk. He became assistant classification supervisor in 1936 and moved up to assistant department supervisor in 1945. He was named invoice and accounts payable supervisor in 1950 and became classifications and accounts payable supervisor in 1963. Named to his present post in 1968, he was to retire next month.

Jefferson is survived by his widow and a daughter.

D. Ditman, environmental affairs director, president; C. K. Price, GO station clerk senior, business manager; and Jewel Woolridge, GO secretarial-stenographer, secretary. Accompanists are F. E. Hornbeck, GO methods engineer; Helen Honaker, GO stenographer; and Michael Hubbard, GO mail clerk. J. A. Mundy, employee relations supervisor, is sound technician.

A contest to name the choral group is under way, and the winner will be announced next month.

White Elects Early Retirement



White

Archie Reuben White, Glen Lyn Plant custodian, plans to let each day take care of itself following his retirement on January 1.

A native of Elgood, West Virginia, White was employed as a laborer in 1942. He was promoted to utility operator the following year and became a custodian in 1947. All of his more than 29 years of service had been at Glen Lyn. Described as having a pleasant personality, White was well liked by his fellow employees.

White and his wife Opal have been married for 42 years and have two children and three grandchildren. He is an elder in the Christian Church at Glen Lyn and a member of the Masonic Lodge at Peterstown. In his spare time he enjoys gardening.

34.5 Conversion Improves Service

Electric service to customers in the Peterstown-Lindside area of Monroe County in Bluefield Division will be improved as a result of the recent conversion of an 11-mile segment of distribution facilities from 12 kv to 34.5 kv.

Contractor crews and company employees worked in the area for three months in preparation for the changeover. New poles had to be installed, insulators changed and new transformers set. The job was correlated by C. M. Fletcher, line supervisor, and Jack Newland, electrical engineer. The area was divided into 12 separate sections, with a crew assigned to each.

Service was interrupted for five and a half hours while the actual changeover took place. Only one complaint was registered—from a beauty parlor operator who had to reschedule her appointments.



Roberts

Roberts Retires From Sporn Plant

Shelby Franklin Roberts retired last month as a janitor at Philip Sporn Plant.

A native of Huntington, West Virginia, Roberts graduated from Gallia County High School. He was a self-employed plumber for 20 years before being hired as a janitor at Sporn in 1969.

Roberts and his wife Nellie Mae have two children and four grandchildren.

Army Commends Steve Jamison



Jamison

Stephen L. Jamison, Roanoke Division business trainee, has received a commendation for his performance while in the military service.

Jamison was awarded the U. S. Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service while on duty at the Air Defense Center at Fort Bliss, Texas. He was assigned to protocol at the visitors' center during his 33-month tour of duty. He returned to work on October 1.



Genevieve Farry at the switchboard before her retirement January 1.

Huntington PBX Operator Retires Early, Returns Home To East Bank

After 42 years of greeting people over the telephone, Genevieve Farry, Huntington PBX operator, took early retirement January 1.

Her association with the switchboard started back in 1929 with the C&P Telephone Company in East Bank, West Virginia. She operated the switchboard in the State Capitol Building in Charleston before joining Appalachian in 1943 as a PBX Operator at Cabin Creek Plant. In 1960, she returned to work at the State Capitol and joined the company once again in 1963 as the pleasant voice at Huntington who says, "Appalachian Power Company, may we help you?"

Genny's family ties were in East Bank, and she chose not to give up her home there. Instead, she rented a small apartment in Huntington where she lived during the week. Each weekend she drove 70 miles to the place she calls "home". "I love Huntington and all the people I've worked with. I've been happy with my job here in Huntington but East Bank is home."

Genny pointed out that her voice has been her livelihood,

and she always dressed for bad weather so she wouldn't catch a cold and lose her voice. The winter of 1943 stands out vividly in her mind. The company had decided to remodel the control room where she worked. Since the switchboard and unit controls couldn't be moved easily, the remodeling had to be done around them. The ceiling was removed, walls relocated, and she worked the entire winter in a large, unheated area. She wore her coat, hat and gloves all day and kept warm as best she could by a kerosene construction type heater.

Genny says the new provision for early retirement made it economically feasible for her to hang up her head set and return home.

She plans to toss away the alarm clock and catch up on her sewing, knitting and quilting. She also wants to do more volunteer work as a member of the Coalburg Catholic Church. Genny is known for her sweet disposition. As one employee put it "Each of us is a little better off for having had the privilege of working with her."

Two Williamson Employees Design Advent Wreath For Courthouse Lawn



Lorayne Corea and E. E. King shape one of the Advent Wreath's candles.

When the Williamson Garden Club planned to create a large Advent Wreath to display on the courthouse lawn, Lorayne Corea, secretarial-stenographer and club member, "engineered" E. E. King, area manager, into helping.

Lorayne casually mentioned to King just how the framework for the five-foot high wreath should be made so that it would be displayed at a 30-degree

angle. A committee met in King's basement workshop, where the four-foot three-fourth-inch plywood frame was cut and stove-pipe candles wired and anchored to it. Holly, three purple and one rose candles, 40-watt candelabra bulbs, and a large bow completed the wreath.

The wreath was installed in time for the first candle to be lit on Sunday, November 28.

23 Employees Awarded For Service With APCO, Kentucky



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Two Awarded 35-Year Pins

Two Appalachian employees were awarded 35-year service pins last month. They are E. F. Hannigan, Cabin Creek Plant maintenance foreman, and Frank B. Woods, stores classification clerk in General Office Accounting, Roanoke.

Hannigan started with the company in 1936 and worked intermittently until 1938, when he became a laborer and pumpman. He was a mechanical maintenance mechanic before being promoted to his present position in 1956.

Woods started to work as a clerk in the Main Accounting Office in Roanoke. He served as a captain in the Army from 1942 to 1945, when he returned to work as a clerk senior. He was made senior classification clerk in 1949 and was promoted to his present position in 1960. He holds a BS degree in business administration from VPI.

35 YEARS

1. **E. F. Hannigan**
Maintenance Foreman
Cabin Creek

12. **S. F. Drumheller**
Line Foreman NE
Lynchburg

13. **R. A. King**
Administrative Assistant
Huntington

30 YEARS

- 2. **A. L. Hall, Jr.**
Customer Accts. Asst.
Roanoke
- 3. **C. K. Orr**
Boiler Operator A
Cabin Creek
- 4. **J. G. Hunt, Jr.**
Htg. & Bldr. Sales Coord.
Roanoke
- 5. **J. I. Schultz**
Customer Acctg. Acct.
GO—Roanoke

14. **C. A. Rhudy**
Area Serviceman
Bluefield

15. **Virginia Gillenwater**
Customer Accts. Rep. B
Abingdon

16. **C. H. Morris**
T&D Clerk
Lynchburg

17. **D. M. Acela**
Line Foreman
Charleston

25 YEARS

- 6. **B. C. Wallace**
Regional Chief Operator
GO—Kingsport
- 7. **H. M. Bailey**
Line Foreman
Charleston
- 8. **W. L. LeMaster, Jr.**
T&D Clerk*
Ashland
- 9. **R. E. Wells**
Groundman
Lynchburg
- 10. **G. R. Young**
Line Foreman
Charleston
- 11. **J. H. Turnley**
General Serviceman
Pikeville

20 YEARS

- 18. **Glenn Huffman**
Harbor Boat Operator
Philip Sporn
- 19. **T. S. Sayre**
Instrument Maint. Man A
Philip Sporn
- 20. **D. O. Frango, Jr.**
Station Maint. Foreman NE
GO—Roanoke
- 21. **H. N. Murphy**
GO Garage Attendant
Roanoke
- 22. **G. C. Hart**
Instrument Maint. Man B
Philip Sporn
- 23. **C. H. Bondurant**
Relay Engineer Senior
GO—Roanoke



Barker

Barker Promoted In Beckley

J. Clyde Barker, Beckley administrative assistant, has been promoted to division personnel supervisor. He succeeds Paul E. Pauley who earlier was named residential sales supervisor in Bluefield.

A native of Beckley, Barker holds an associate in arts degree from Beckley Junior College and has completed correspondence courses, including some in electrical engineering. He started to work as a clerk in the Commercial Department 24 years ago and was an area representative and dealer sales representative before being promoted to administrative assistant.

He is the father of one daughter.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Appalachian Power Company

BLUEFIELD DIVISION—5 YEARS: DOUGLAS D. CAMERON, Meterman C. GUY C. CLARK, JR., Surveyor.

CHARLESTON DIVISION—20 YEARS: LEWIS E. DUFF, T&D Clerk Senior. 15 YEARS: LARRY W. SWANIGAN, Heating and Builder Sales Representative. 5 YEARS: JANET S. DIVITA, Credit Representative. HENRY J. CLINE, Garage Foreman.

GENERAL OFFICE—25 YEARS: VIRGINIA C. BRIGHT, Classifications Clerk. 20 YEARS: WINDSOR C. ADAMS, Station Operator A. 10 YEARS: BILLY G. HUGHES, Transmission Inspector. WILLIAM D. DITMAN, Environmental Affairs Director. 5 YEARS: ROY N. PAINTER, Station Maintenance Man B. JAMES W. SMITH, T&D Clerk Senior. JAMES R. TURNER, Hydro Maintenance Foreman.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON DIVISION—5 YEARS: BOBBY HATFIELD, Lineman A. MARY S. RANDAN, Customer Accounts Representative C.

PULASKI DIVISION—5 YEARS: MARVIN J. WILLIAMS, Lineman A.

ROANOKE DIVISION—30 YEARS: O. S. MAY, Line Foreman. 5 YEARS: JOYCE R. CARTER, Customer Accounts Representative B.

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PIKEVILLE DIVISION—5 YEARS: FRED BIRCHFIELD, JR., Meter Reader. LARRY E. CANTRELL, Stationman B. JOHN HARRIS, Draftsman.

Kingsport Power Company

15 YEARS: HOYETT R. MORRISON, General Serviceman.

C. M. "Tip" Fletcher, Bluefield Line Supervisor, Takes Retirement

"I've lost a lot of sleep while working in emergencies, and I intend to catch up on some I've lost. I also want to have more time to hunt," said Clifford Merle Fletcher, Bluefield line supervisor, upon his retirement January 1.

A veteran of 44 years' service, Fletcher began his career in 1927 as a laborer. He became a line man in 1936 and line foreman in 1938. He was promoted to general foreman in 1950 and advanced to line supervisor in 1953. He recalls that when he first came to work one of the real problems was transportation. "It was real hard to get from one place to another. In those days we also worked long hours and most weekends."

A native of Russell County, Virginia, Fletcher attended school in Lebanon. He acquired the nickname "Tip" while still in Russell County because he always gave tips on things that were going to happen. The nickname followed him to Bluefield. Well liked by fellow employees, he



C. M. "Tip" Fletcher admires the gun which fellow employees gave him upon retirement.

earned the reputation of being a stickler for following safety rules.

Fletcher is a member of the Pocahontas Electrical and Mechanical Institute and enjoys hunting and fishing. He has killed several wild turkeys and deer.



Schmidt

Schmidt Named Accounting Head

Carl A. Schmidt, customer accounts representative A in Pulaski, has been promoted to customer accounting supervisor at Christiansburg. He succeeds Dorothy P. Hagan, who retired January 1.

A native of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Schmidt was employed as a meter reader in 1945. He was a collector and bookkeeper before becoming senior bookkeeper in 1950. He was made customer service clerk in 1958, utility clerk in 1965 and promoted to customer accounts representative A in 1968.

He and his wife will move to Christiansburg in the near future.

Roberson Heads Roanoke Retirees

Curtis O. Roberson, retired properties representative in General Office Real Estate and Right Of Way, was elected president of the Roanoke Chapter, Appalachian Retired Employees Association.

C. R. Mills, retired Roanoke Division head contract clerk, was elected treasurer, and Glada Fleshman, retired General Office secretarial-stenographer, was re-elected secretary.



DWIGHT JACKSON, son of Clinch River Plant retiree O'Brien Jackson, was selected All Conference in the Clinch Valley High School League. Dwight just completed his most successful year with the Lebanon High School Pioneers, operating at a tackle post with both the offensive and defensive units.



SERVING AS OFFICERS of the Roanoke Employees Bowling League are (from left) Jack Whitenack, scorekeeper; Ronnie Hogan, vice president; Larry Hubbard, president; and Lonnie Moran, secretary-treasurer. Ten teams compete in the league, with employees paying their own expenses.

Holdren Retires After 45 Years



Holdren

The 45-year utility career of Clyde Raymond Holdren came to an end January 1 when he retired as hydro plant foreman at Claytor in the Pulaski Division.

A native of Mercer County, West Virginia, Holdren worked intermittently on construction of substations and switchboards at various West Virginia locations from 1928 to 1936. He came to Pulaski Division in 1939 as a maintenance man during construction of Claytor Hydro. He was a station operator, hydro operator A, hydro maintenance mechanic and working foreman before being promoted to hydro plant foreman in 1965.

A serious natured man who liked his work, Holdren has no definite plans for retirement other than he "plans to continue to reside at Route 2, Radford". He enjoys hunting and all kinds of sports and likes to work in his rose garden. He is a deacon in the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church and a member of the Radford Masonic Lodge. He and his wife Rhoda observed their 43rd wedding anniversary December 21. They have one child and four grandchildren.

Hylton Honored Posthumously

The contribution of the late E. Roger Hylton to the youth program in Henry, Virginia, was recognized at a recent community banquet honoring sandlot football teams and their supporters. He was instrumental in establishing and supporting athletic teams for boys in his area.

The Roger Hylton Memorial Trophy will be presented annually to the outstanding athlete in the Henry community who excels in all sports.

Hylton, former Fieldale stationman A in the Roanoke Division, was electrocuted on the job in October 1970.



Coltrane

Coltrane Takes New Position

E. R. Coltrane, Pulaski service coordinator, has been promoted to the new position of hydro reservoir and building supervisor. He will have the responsibility for inspection and supervision of activities in connection with reservoir properties in the Pulaski Division as well as all company-owned or leased buildings within the division, including the maintenance, repair, renovation and custodial service.

Coltrane joined the company in 1956 as an appliance serviceman B and was air conditioning engineer before moving to service coordinator in 1964.

He and his wife have two daughters.

Surbaugh Named To Foreman Post



Surbaugh

Ronald E. Surbaugh, master maintenance man at Cabin Creek Plant, has been promoted to maintenance foreman. He replaces E. F. Hannigan who is on LTD leave.

A native of Diamond, West Virginia, Surbaugh attended West Virginia State University. He was employed as an electrical maintenance man in 1967 and became maintenance man in 1968. He advanced to master maintenance man in 1970.

Surbaugh and his wife and daughter reside in Belle, West Virginia, where he is a city councilman.

AEP Subsidiaries Elect Olson, Dowd

William E. Olson, an attorney with the AEP Service Corporation, has been elected an assistant secretary of all subsidiaries of American Electric Power Company except Sewell Valley Utilities Company.

A. Joseph Dowd, assistant general counsel and assistant secretary of the Service Corporation, has been elected a director and secretary of Sewell Valley.

Olson and Dowd succeed Klaus Bergman in these posts. Bergman, who had been an assistant general counsel for the Service Corporation, resigned to take an executive position with Allegheny Power System, New York, effective December 1.

Sports Car Racing Keeps Sue Pryce And Her Husband Literally On The Go

One of the most active members of the Southern West Virginia Regional Sports Car Club is Sue Pryce, Charleston Division stenographer. She explains, "I just enjoy being around sports cars. The sound of a well-tuned engine and the solid, sleek looks of most sports cars turn me on."

Sue's interest in sports car racing is verified by the many trophies and ribbons displayed in her home. Along with her husband, Jim, she attends and races in nearly all club events. Jim is a past president of the sports car club and presently serves as secretary.

They own a new Fiat 124 sport roadster and a Capri. Both cars are kept ready for racing by Jim.

"Not only does my husband race well, but he also does all our mechanical work," says Sue. The racing twosome have owned several MGA's, an MGB-GT, Peugeots, Volvos and a Sprite.

Sue usually drives in the Women's classification at racing events using her Capri, a German car imported by the Mercury Division of Ford Motor Company. She notes that "many sports cars require a lot of strength and extra long legs to handle them properly under racing conditions. One of my favorite cars, the MGB-GT, had such a long stretch from the seat to the pedals that I couldn't reach the gas pedal. We tried to move the seat forward in a number of ways but were never



Mrs. Pryce

successful. We finally just traded the car off."

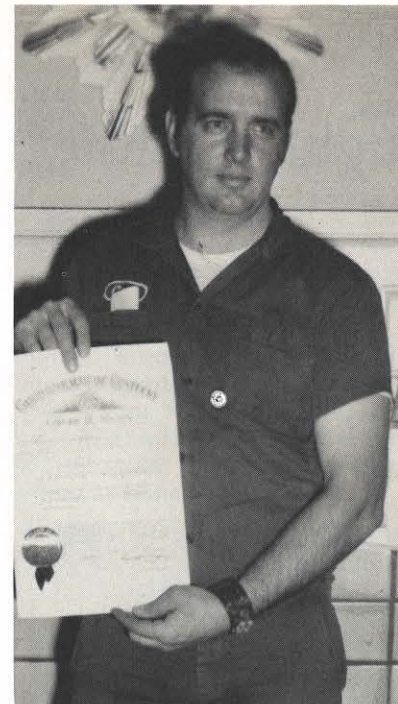
Sue's favorite form of racing is the autocross, in which she and Jim excel. An autocross event stresses individual driving skill. Time is the primary consideration in scoring, but it is classified as a non-speed event because any hazard encountered in the course is considered to be no greater than those found while driving on public roads. "The beauty of an autocross," says Sue, "is that they can usually be held in a large parking lot and require no permanent equipment installations."

Hatton Receives Football Honor

Kenny Hatton was selected for the defensive linebacker position on Logan County's "All County Junior High Football Team". An eighth grader at Logan Junior High School East, Kenny is the son of William M. Hatton, Logan Accounting.

An all-around athlete, Kenny was chosen this past summer as a catcher on the Logan County All-Star Babe Ruth baseball team which advanced to state finals competition before being eliminated. He will be holding down a starting guard position when the Kittens of East take to the basketball court for the season's opener.

In addition to his athletic prowess, Kenny is an honor student at East and plays first trumpet in the school band.



RALEIGH A. BLAIR, Ashland Division general serviceman, was recently commissioned a Kentucky Colonel.



BOARD MEMBERS of the Abingdon Employee Benevolent Association are (from left) P. A. Coleman; J. M. Wyatt, chairman; T. L. Russ; R. D. Blackburn; Teresa Osborne, secretary; J. E. Vencill, treasurer; and V. T. Carr. Not pictured is Jack B. Frier.



1922

"It Might Be A Tough Year, But We'll Make It!"

Box Debord Bought At Auction Reveals Collector's Items

Buying a box of books and magazines "just for a lark" at an auction turned into quite a bonanza for Talmadge Debord, stationman A in Ashland. A longtime subscriber to **Electrical World**, Debord found the box contained bound volumes of the magazine dating back to 1894.

Finding the collector's items was a thrill, but Debord says

reading the magazines was the real payoff. Some interesting facts concerning the history of electric service were revealed.

The March 4, 1894, issue tells of "the boldest and most daring experiment in the transmission of electric power that took place between two cities in Germany over a distance of 100 miles".

An article from Kanawha Falls,

West Virginia, dated July 7, 1894, states "The Great Kanawha Falls Water Power Electrical Manufacturing and Land Company has been organized to establish a plant to utilize the natural power produced by the water fall at that place. The power is to be used in generating electric power and transmitting the same to Charleston and other points. The capital is \$2,000,000. The office is at Charleston, West Virginia, and the incorporators are Charles M. Reed of Baltimore, Alexander McClintock of Philadelphia and others."

The October 6, 1894, issue reported "A move is on foot for the organization of a company in Ashland, Kentucky, to establish an electric light plant. The proposed capital stock is \$8,000."

It was reported in the November 10, 1894, issue that "The City Council of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, has decided to sell the franchise for an electric street railway through the city, which is virtually surrendering to the local line the right that has been contested and withheld for the past three years. The line will be completed as soon as possible after that date."

Also in that issue was a handwritten letter by Thomas A. Edison, then 47 years old, concerning a contest in Morse Code he would personally judge.

The July 21, 1894, edition announced a patent had been issued to H. Ward Leonard for an electric heater. Mr. Leonard estimated that (where power can be had which does not cost more per horsepower per annum than

the cost of two tons of good coal) "electric heating can compete on the economy score alone with heat from fuel direct, and the many advantages of electric heaters are so pronounced that they will frequently be applied for atmospheric heating even though the actual direct cost be much greater than that due to heating by fuel."

In July 1898 announcement was made of "the construction of a 150,000-volt transformer using kerosene oil as the insulator dielectric".

A 1906 issue said "The Pikeville, Kentucky, Electric Light Company will extend its lines to reinforce the present circuit by dividing it and using heavier copper. It will also operate a direct current day circuit this summer."

Items such as these in Debord's collection make one realize just how much progress has been made through the years in the electric industry.

The Cover

Confident about meeting the challenges ahead in 1972 is Kevin Shawn Carter. Shawn is the 8-month-old son of Betty Lou Carter, General Office public affairs assistant, Roanoke.

Coal Companies Elect Patterson

George V. Patterson, executive vice president-operations of the AEP Service Corporation, has been elected a vice president of the Central Coal Company and the Central Ohio Coal Company, and a director of the latter. Central Coal operates the Philip Sporn Mine; Central Ohio Coal, the Muskingum Mine.



Talmadge Debord looks over some of the **Electrical World** volumes he bought.

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