

**Description**

Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman (seated) signs the contract to begin building the Bureau of Mines' Appalachian Experiment Station in Morgantown, West Virginia. Standing, left to right: Congressman Cleveland M. Bailey; Thomas Kennedy, Vice President, United Mine Workers; Senator Matthew M. Neely; Congressman Harley O. Staggers; Congressman Maurice G. Burnside; Senator Harley Kilgore; and Congresswoman Elizabeth Kee.

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**People Pictured** Burnside, Maurice Gwinn, 1902-1991    Chapman, Oscar L. (Oscar Littleton), 1896-1978  
Kilgore, Harley Martin, 1893-1956    Neely, Matthew Mansfield, 1874-1958    Staggers, Harley Orrin, 1907-1991  
Bailey, Cleveland Monroe, 1886-1965    Kee, Maude Elizabeth, 1895-1975

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