A list of pioneers of the West could not be complete without naming the men who built power plants and strung lines, bringing electricity to once-wilderness territories. In Oklahoma the historic run was hardly a year old when a predecessor to the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company constructed on the Canadian River the state's first power plant. Throughout the years, the electricity produced by OG&E has been instrumental in the development of Oklahoma, and has made life easier for the children and grandchildren of the early pioneers who first settled our state.