

Thrift Is A Wonderful
Virtue— Especially
In Ancestors

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HAVE YOU SUGGESTED A NAME?

No Two People Are
Alike And Both Are
Glad Of It

Three Companies Make Great Progress Since 1940

Similar Accidents Claim the Lives of Kentucky, Appalachian Employees

Similar accidents in widely separated places claimed the lives of an employee of Appalachian Electric Power Company and an employee of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company the latter part of August.

Both men were killed when they came in contact with lightning arresters, carrying 33,000 volts of electricity, and fell from substation structures.

Harry R. Herndon, a groundman for Appalachian, was killed August 22, at the Coal Creek substation near Raven, Va., when he fell 13 feet from a steel girder.

Herndon, who lived at Honaker, Va., had been employed by Appalachian since February of this year. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell D. Herndon, and was a veteran of Naval service in World War II.

Arnold "Pete" Ball, 34-year-old employee of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, died in an Ashland hospital on September 2, from burns and injuries. He fell from the structure of a new substation being built in Ashland. Ball was injured when he apparently came in contact with a lightning arrester and fell 25 feet to the ground. Ball was preparing to do some work on the structure when the accident occurred.

Ball was married and is survived by his wife and six children.

Turner Heads Giles Chamber Commerce; Thigpen is on Board

L. E. Turner, superintendent of the Glen Lyn steam plant, was named president of the Giles County, Virginia, Chamber of Commerce at the group's annual dinner on September 12.



Turner

Assistant Glen Lyn plant superintendent, C. K. Thigpen, was named to the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Turner began working for Appalachian at Glen Lyn in 1919. He is past president of the Kiwanis Club at Narrows, Va., and a member of the board of trustees of the Giles Memorial Hospital, which is under construction.



Thigpen

Mr. Thigpen is secretary of the Narrows Kiwanis Club and is a former mayor of Glen Lyn.

District Reporters Are Appointed for Employee Paper

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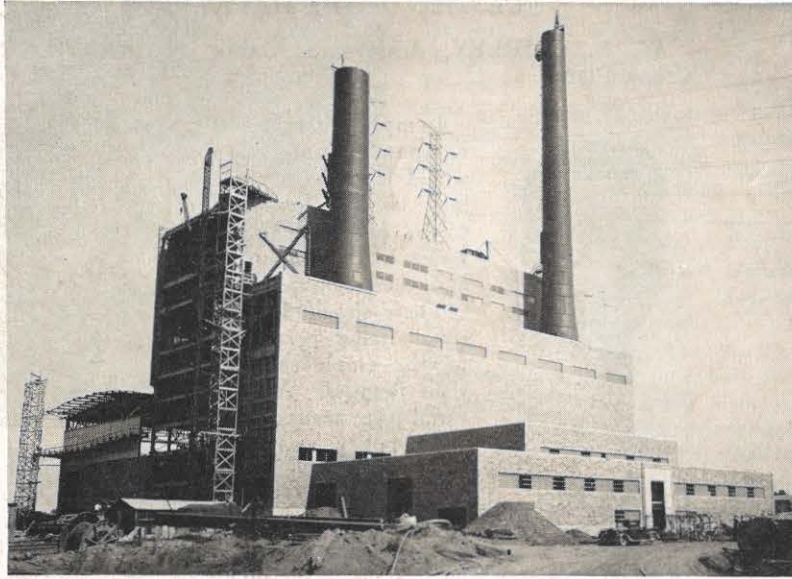
You received notice of this publication in letters from M. C. Funk, vice president of Appalachian; R. E. Doyle, Jr., and J. E. Wright, general managers of the Kentucky and Kingsport companies, respectively. These letters stated, "The success of the paper will depend largely upon your interest and cooperation."

Associate editors, whose pictures appear in this issue, have been appointed for each division and company. Each district has a correspondent, to whom you should pass along information which you think would make interesting news.

Here are the names of the district correspondents: I. B. Peters, Roanoke; J. A. Mundy, Lynchburg; W. G. Gourley, Fieldale; Sank Smith, Welch; O'Neal Amos, Pulaski; Jack Frier, Abingdon; Carol L. Shockey, Bluefield; Fred L. Vermillion, Glen Lyn Plant; John Hammer, Charleston; W. R. Witzel, Beckley; Dan Nichols, Point Pleasant; W. M. Cornett, Jr., Cabin Creek Plant; L. G. Dougan, Logan; O. P. Cornelison, Williamson; Azel McCurdy, Huntington; Gene B. Hale, Pikeville; Morgan Ozee, Hazard, and Paul B. Lumbard, Ashland.

Each district correspondent has named department reporters. All of these reporters will be asking you for news. When you have some information, please give it to them for possible use in your paper.

Major Project in Big Program



The \$70,000,000 Philip Sporn Plant is the major project in the \$127,000,000 expansion program of the three southern companies of the American Gas and Electric System. This is a general view of the plant as it nears completion.

More Than 460,000 Customers Served In Four-State Area

The progress of Appalachian Electric Power Company, the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company and Kingsport Utilities since 1940 is little short of phenomenal. A tremendous growth occurred in spite of the curtailments and restrictions on building during the war years. Furthermore, the progress is continuing almost daily.

Today the three companies are serving more than 460,000 customers in four states. This figure is more than the 1940 population of the 17 towns and cities in which the three companies have district offices.

These customers are receiving electric service over more than 27,500 miles of line. They are being served by more than 5,000 employees of the three companies.

Since 1926, when the three companies, known as the Southern Properties of the American Gas and Electric Company, were formed, electric service in all areas has been developed at a very fast rate. At that time, for instance, Appalachian had 77,000 customers. Today, that company serves more than 370,000 customers in Virginia and West Virginia.

The development of the three companies has followed a planned program. Many millions of dollars, raised by the sale of stocks and bonds, have been spent in providing dependable electric service to the areas in which the companies operate. This long-range planning is continuing. At present a five-year expansion program, to be completed in 1951, is under way. This program includes the construction of the \$70,000,000 Philip Sporn Plant, the building of many new substations, the extension of lines to rural areas and the building of new transmission lines. More than \$127,000,000 is being spent by the three companies in carrying out this five-year plan.

The guidance of management and the efforts of the employees in providing electric service has played a major role in the development of the area.

Major industries in the four-state area include: coal mining, steel, (See 460,000, Page 3)

Electric Companies Host to Va. Agents

Over 400 Virginia county, farm and home agents as well as members of the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service were entertained as dinner guests of Appalachian Electric Power Company and Virginia Electric Power Company, Monday, August 21. The dinner was held in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute mess hall and V. P. I. Chancellor John R. Hutcheson was the principal speaker.

Dr. Hutcheson stressed the close cooperation between industry, agriculture and the educational institutions of the state.

Earlier in the afternoon, over 200 of this number of Virginia agricultural workers visited Claytor Lake hydro-electric power plant and were conducted on a tour.

Hazard Safety Records Praised By District Head

In recognition of an unblemished safety record since May, 1948, department heads and foremen of the Hazard District, Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, were honored by District Manager A. R. Barber with a steak dinner.

Following the dinner, Mr. Barber presented his guests with engraved cigarette lighters for their splendid records and regard for safety methods and procedures.

Those attending, who were awarded cigarette lighters, by Mr. Barber are: N. W. Collier, Fred Barnett, John Scholtens, C. A. Zoellers, G. C. Branson, Thomas Griffin, Bradley Dixon, Shade Reynolds, Larue Neice, Mosco Blackburn, Bearl Ewen and A. N. Steele.

Many Entries In "Name" Contest; Closes October 14

If you haven't entered the "Name Your Employee Newspaper Contest," now is the time to do so. Entries are arriving at the contest headquarters in every mail. More than 500 had been received when the first issue of the paper went to press.

There is still time to try for that \$50 prize offered for the entry selected as the name of the publication. The contest closes at noon on October 14.

The entries are being typed up on a separate list and an identifying number is being assigned to each. These lists will be turned over to a committee of three judges not connected with the companies, who will select the name of the newspaper.

Many entries have been received through company mail. These have been returned to the people who submitted them. Each entry must have a postmark on it, so that in the event of a tie the contest can be decided on the basis of the earliest postmark.

All active and retired employees of Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, Kingsport Utilities and Appalachian Electric Power Company are eligible for the contest.



Sporn Is Named AEC Group Head

Philip Sporn, President of the American Gas and Electric Company, has been named chairman of a three-member special advisory committee appointed by the Atomic Energy Commission.

The committee is to review the AEC reactor development program under which atomic energy would be converted to commercial-industrial uses. It will visit principal installations and make recommendations for closer cooperation between the commission and the electric power industry by March 31, 1950.

You Name It

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Our Employee Paper

Many employees remember the A. G. & E. *Bulletin* published monthly for many years by our parent company for all employees of the Associated Companies. It was an excellent magazine and served to keep us informed of company and employee activities.

Since its discontinuance in 1932, many employees have expressed a desire for something that might take its place, and in several locations employee publications, on a local or division basis, have been started. *Uncle App's News*, published in the Bluefield Division, was started in April, 1943. *Hi-Power News*, published by the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, was started in 1944. Other publications on a local or district basis, such as the *Grapevine* in Charleston, have existed from time to time.

This issue inaugurates a monthly newspaper for Appalachian Electric Power Company, the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company and Kingsport Utilities, Incorporated. It is intended to bring you a wide variety of news about your company, your fellow-employee and their families, and the electrical industry in general.

It is your publication. Your support and encouragement will help to make it successful.

A Glance Into the Past

We are familiar with the old saying, "In unity there is strength." The truth of these words has been clearly demonstrated in our own experience. In 1926, a number of small operating companies were brought together to form the Appalachian Electric Power Company and the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company.

In 1927, Kingsport Utilities, Incorporated, became one of the affiliated companies in the system of the American Gas and Electric Company.

At that time, 92,157 customers were being served. Today there are more than 460,000 in the three companies.

That was nearly 24 years ago. As a result of these consolidations, bringing together new capital, better know-how and unified effort, growth and progress have resulted.

These outstanding records of accomplishments, developing and bringing to our customers dependable electric service, have been an important factor in the growth and prosperity of the vast area in which we operate today. This achievement, reached under difficult circumstances, has placed our companies, as a part of the A. G. & E. System, near the top among electric utility companies in the world.

To the older employees, who have had a greater participation in this progress, it naturally affords a great source of pride. To old and new employees alike, it serves to point the way and offers new and even greater challenges for the future.



QUESTION-OF-THE-MONTH: What type of material would you like to see included in the employee publication?

W. E. BAIRLEY, draftsman, Cabin Creek Plant:



In my opinion the new company publication would have to cover a large variety of subjects to be of complete interest to the employees and their families.

There should be personal items pertaining to the employees and their families. An editorial page stating company policy and facts about the power industry in general. The sports section should relate the various recreational activities undertaken by company employees and their families. A woman's page containing items of interest to the fairer sex. A section of puzzles or something similar would interest the children. A buyer's guide in regard to electrical appliances, etc.

An effort should be made to have an attractive, eye-catching feature on every page to discourage the common habit among readers to skip over a sheet because it fails to attract attention.

D. V. LOCKWOOD, district superintendent, transmission and distribution department, Ashland:



As the employees in the various districts of the Southern Division are scattered over parts of four states, there are many of our employees who will never have the opportunity to visit the many places of unusual interest that various districts have in and around their properties, including the many generating stations, switching stations, storage spaces, office buildings and a terrain of transmission and rural distribution that is unexcelled anywhere.

The employees' publication can bring me in closer contact and understanding with my fellow employees, and when all is said and done, what can be of more vital interest and concern than the welfare and good will of our fellowmen.

E. A. PAINTER, engineer, Glen Lyn Plant:



An employee publication should be both informative and entertaining.

Such items as construction projects, projected expansion of facilities, etc., which give a general picture of company progress and activity, are of prime importance. Also information on the arrival, promotion and transfer of employees is of general interest to all.

However, if the publication contained only serious items such as these, it would indeed be "dry" to the average employee.

Plenty of good pictures; a few good jokes, which are not "watered down" with a quantity of antiquated fables; the activities of employees, including sports news and unusual activities are a few of the items which contribute to the entertainment value of the publication.

Above all, the publication should strive for originality, both in material and in the presentation of this material. "Something new" will assure the success of the publication.

MARY LOU WIRT, cashier, Roanoke:



I am very proud to be one of the first employees to be chosen to offer my opinion as to what kind of stories and articles should be printed in the forthcoming employee newspaper.

Being a woman, I would naturally be interested in both employee and employee family social functions. A woman's personal column would be good. Also, from the standpoint of all employees, a sports section of the various athletic activities I think would be of interest to all.

Stories of employees on their various jobs would be of considerable interest. Pictures and stories about progress and construction on new plants and equipment would be good. At times, articles of old-timers' experiences and building our company to its present-day operation would also be of interest. I think the companies are making a very nice gesture to their employees in promoting this paper.

E. E. KING, district engineer, Williamson:



Our newspaper should consist primarily of news of people and groups in the various districts. News should be supplemented with pictures when possible. We would like to "meet" employees and their families through the paper. By reading of each other's activities, accomplishments, promotions, and sorrows, we will know each other better.

Activities of the various groups in the districts should also be reported.

When an employee accomplishes something outstanding in our company, or in the community, it should be particularly emphasized. This should also be done when a group of employees accomplishes something of merit.

General company policies should be brought to our attention. New and old plant facilities should be discussed.

News of electrical developments of general interest should be included.

T. W. "TED" ABOLIN, engineer, Logan Plant:



The employee publication should contain each month a personal history and background of some company official.

It should carry news of new construction plans, progress or completions, as well as a graph showing production plotted month by month. Write-ups of company-sponsored activities and civic and scientific achievements of employees would be of interest to all. By all means, a monthly article on safety should be included. In addition, it should contain a brief sketch on the careers of retiring employees, service pin awards, an editorial or two, or reprints of worth-while editorials, bits of personal news about employees from each district, such as births, marriages, deaths, and hobbies. The publication would not be complete without pictures, cartoons and jokes.

ARTHUR W. STAIR, commercial sales representative, Kingsport Utilities:



What's new in the electrical industry is a section which I would like to see in our new employee publication. Many discoveries in this field are published only in technical magazines to which some employees do not have access.

I would be interested also in learning about public relations' articles or news releases before reading about them in the local newspaper.

A. E. LEMONS, residential sales representative, Pulaski:



I would like to see included in the employee publication articles concerning towns, cities, and points of historic or civic interest located in territories served by the three power companies. For example, Pulaski District has its "Shot Tower," Roanoke its "Fairy Stones," Abingdon its "Barter Theater," etc. These articles, I believe, would be of interest to our employees and perhaps an appropriate title for such a series would be "As Seen From the High Line."

A. L. THURSTON, classification clerk, System Accounting Office, Roanoke:



I should like to see included in the employee publication news in general of our three companies. This would include news on the growth of the companies' expansion program that is now under way and what is being done to promote sales in the rural and urban areas.

Another interesting subject to me would be the happenings in the home life of our employees, retired employees and their families. In addition, I should like to see the publication include ideas or suggestions whereby the relations of the customer and the employee may be improved in the community in which they live.

C. M. SHAFER, foreman, Distribution Department, Charleston:



In my opinion, the new publication, or the new company magazine, should contain stories which are history of the company, how it was formed and the detailed growth of the organization. Also, the publication should contain new ideas on devices which are brought into use concerning all phases of the electric industry.

Comparative stories of how this type of work is done in the various companies of the system.

Sports of all kinds should be related in detail. Personal happenings of all people in the company, as a means of renewal of old friendships, and finally, accident reports and an explanation of how they happened in detail,

Construction Work on First Two Units of Philip Sporn Plant Approaching Completion

Construction work on the first two units of the 737,000 horsepower Philip Sporn high-pressure, high-temperature steam power plant is rapidly approaching completion. Designed to become one of the world's largest and most economical producers of electrical power, the new plant is owned jointly by Appalachian Electric Power Company and the Ohio Power Company, both subsidiaries of the American Gas and Electric Company.

The new power plant is located at Graham Station, on the Ohio River above Point Pleasant, W. Va. It was located there so as to have readily available an ample coal supply, be accessible to rail and river transportation and be near the present and future system load centers. In addition to these reasons, there is plenty of room for expansion of the plant and plenty of water for the ultimate development. The plant is located on a 275-acre tract of land with a 6,000-foot river frontage.

The first Philip Sporn unit, capable of turning out enough power, operating fully loaded, to supply 300,000 residential customers with average demands, is scheduled for service in November. A total of four identical units have been authorized to serve rapidly increasing power needs and are under construction. The second unit is scheduled to go in service about mid-summer in 1950 and units three and four will follow as deliveries of equipment by manufacturers permit.

Construction of the plant began in June, 1947. A total of 550,000 cubic yards of dirt had to be moved to create the yard area around the plant buildings. A levee has been constructed around the 1,000,000-ton capacity outdoor coal storage yard. Forty-five thousand cubic yards of concrete have been poured in the construction of the first two units and 5,500 tons of structural steel has been erected. Already, 28 miles of 132,000 volt transmission line have been built to tie the first unit with the rest of the American Gas and Electric System.

An idea of the size of the plant equipment may be had from the size of the boilers. Boiler Number One and its steam drum are ten stories high and are suspended from steel girders about 130 feet above the basement level. The steam drum is 53 feet long, five and three-quarters inches thick and weighs 134 tons empty. One boiler occupies a 68 by 77-foot floor area—a space sufficient for compactly parking 60 average-size automobiles on one level.

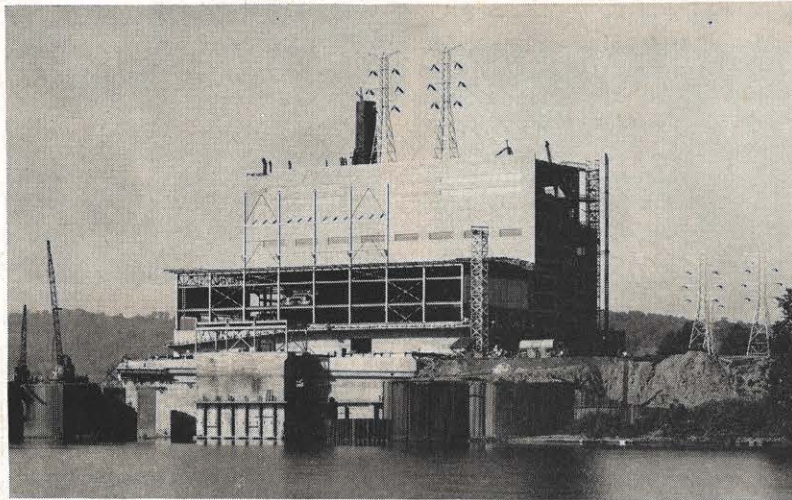
It is estimated that the plant will consume 450,000 to 500,000 tons of coal a year.

The plant was designed to provide the maximum in economical generation of electricity for the two companies. The technical features of the plant embody many new advances in the art of steam-electric generation. As an example, the expected "plant heat rate" of 9,270 heat units per net kilowatt-hour is lower than any steam electric plant ever projected.

G. L. Furr Is Selected For Harvard Course

G. L. Furr, assistant general manager of Appalachian, is attending the sixteenth session of the advanced management program at Harvard University.

Mr. Furr was selected for the course which is attended annually by business executives from throughout the nation. The session will continue until December.



460,000

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textile, chemical, and furniture manufacturing, dairying, paper and glass making, oil refining and many others. The development of the major industries in the area since 1940 is reflected in the increase in the number of large industrial customers served by the three companies. In 1940, the three companies served a total of 575 large industrial concerns. Today, the companies serve 679. These figures do not include coal mining. The records show that today the companies serve 1,774 "mine power" customers compared to 337 in 1940.

The three companies long ago accepted their responsibility to the rural areas in which they operate. As far back as 1926, a rural line building program was begun. It was given more attention in 1935 and since then the companies have been engaged in an all out rural program. The three companies now have in operation more than 23,000 miles of rural line serving over 200,000 farm and rural customers in the four states. The goal of the three companies in rural line building is complete area coverage by 1951.

Comparative figures show clearly the great expansion which has taken place in each company since 1940.

KINGSPORT UTILITIES

	December 31, 1940	July 31, 1949
Total Customers..	7,064	15,460
Residential Customers.....	6,316	13,957
Pole Miles of Line.....	225	504
Number of Employees.....	99	149

KENTUCKY AND WEST VIRGINIA POWER CO.

	December 31, 1940	July 31, 1949
Total Customers..	25,355	73,915
Residential Customers.....	21,136	63,939
Pole Miles of Line.....	1,410*	4,880***
Number of Employees.....	374	552

APPALACHIAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

	December 31, 1940	July 31, 1949
Total Customers..	193,274	371,870
Residential Customers.....	149,183	326,999
Pole Miles of Line.....	9,914*	22,295
Number of Employees.....	2,741	4,074

*1939 Figure
***1948 Figure

Harold Quillin in Japan

Private First Class Harold L. Quillin, who was employed in the system accounting office, Roanoke, before enlisting in the service, is now attached to the First Cavalry Division in Kyoto, Japan.

30-Year Cabin Creek Veteran Is Retired



O. O. Lucas

After more than 30 years service with Appalachian Electric Power Company, O. O. Lucas, boiler room operator at the Cabin Creek Plant, has been retired.

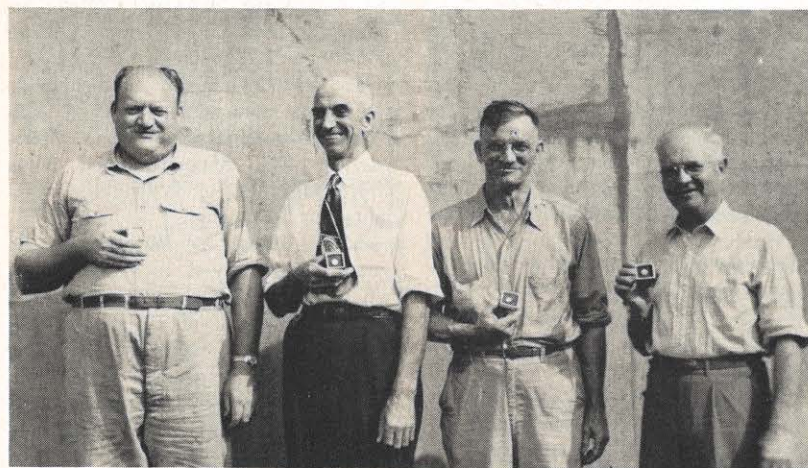
Mr. Lucas, a native of Kanawha County, says "I just plan to take life easy at my home in South Charleston and spend a lot of time with my family."

He said, as he left the Cabin Creek plant for the last time, "My years with Appalachian were wonderful and I could not have spent the years of employment with a better company."

Two Pikeville Employees Assume Cub Scout Posts

E. A. Eaton, Pikeville power engineer for Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, was appointed Cub scout commissioner for Pike County. Mr. Eaton has a keen interest in Cub activities and in one of his first acts as commissioner, he appointed L. C. Tackett, a company commercial cooking engineer, as a Cub leader.

Four Glen Lyn Plant Employees Work For Appalachian Total of 110 Years



The four men holding their service pins in the picture above are, left to right: W. J. Reeves, F. B. Duncan, Sam Hill and Ira Wiley. Their service with the company totals 110 years. Wiley, Duncan and Hill have worked at the Glen Lyn plant since construction began on the first unit in 1919. Reeves has been employed at Glen Lyn since 1929.

Williamson Life Saving Crew

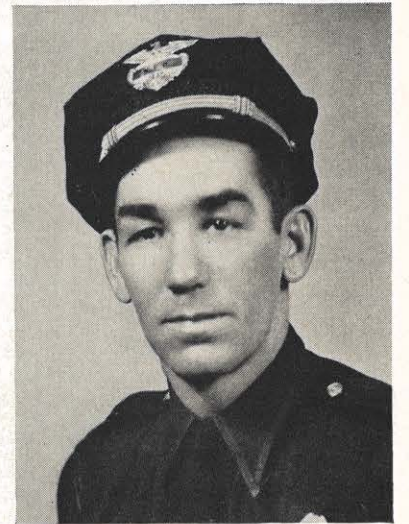
Second Appalachian Employee Heads Only Volunteer Crew Of Its Kind In The Mountain State

"We save lives!" That motto is no idle boast on the part of the Williamson Life Saving Crew, the only one of its kind in West Virginia. Not by a long shot—for this heroic group saves lives in no uncertain terms. To date, they have saved eight lives; officially credited for five after physicians had declared the patient dead; administered 120 blood transfusions and rendered first aid and assistance in hundreds of cases. The volunteer organization raises its own funds and receives contributions from other organizations. Efforts to find another such crew in the state have failed.

The crew was organized in July, 1945, with W. H. "Bill" Honaker as captain. It came about and was made a reality by the personal contributions of its members who realized the need of such a service.

Honaker, who was superintendent of distribution for Appalachian, headed this far-sighted crew until he was transferred to Logan. He was succeeded by Ernest Bailey, the present captain, who is a charter member of the volunteer organization. Bailey is the Williamson line crew foreman and a veteran of over 20 years service with Appalachian.

In the short but proud span of life of the emergency crew many exciting moments have been experienced. Captain Bailey recalled, "A small child victim of polio was in distress. Hospital physicians believed the child's chances for survival hinged on the transfer of the



Captain Ernest Bailey

youngster to a far-distant hospital. The child was near death. But, after our dash with him in an iron lung, he was practically kicking away his covers."

Since the Williamson squad was formed and its excellent worth appraised, many of the community's leading civic and fraternal organizations have sensed its needs. They have assisted the members in the purchasing of many pieces of equipment.

At this time, the Williamson Life Saving Crew uses expertly an Emerson Resuscitator, two Scott air packs, one iron lung and many other items. A new truck has been the most recent addition to the emergency unit.

Former Employee Now Local Office Manager

Omer L. Robinson, a former employee of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company at Pikeville, Ky., has been appointed office manager of the Welch District of Appalachian Electric Power Company.



Mr. Robinson assumed his new duties September 9. He formerly worked 16 years for the Kentucky company and 12 of those years as local office manager in the Pikeville District.

Mr. Robinson is a native Kentuckian and has spent most of his life around Pikeville.

Pikeville Employees Help Church Group Get Movie Projector

A young couples' group of the First Presbyterian Church, Pikeville, had their hearts set upon the purchase of a 16mm movie projector for their church, but they lacked funds.

It was decided a concession stand at the Pikeville Ball Park during the Labor Day Celebration would be one of the answers. Yet this determined group ran into a more difficult problem. Time and how to prepare huge quantities of food in a short span of a few hours became a gigantic obstacle until five Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company employees paved the way.

Labor Day these five employees converted over 125 pounds of meat and 300 pounds of potatoes into French fries and hamburgers in less than five hours. The stand was completely sold out in a few hours.

A. H. Jopp, J. M. Wood, B. P. Bogardus, R. B. Weddle and Perry Cline were the employees who helped raise the money for the projection machine.

Charleston and Abingdon Districts Continue First Aid Training Programs

Being trained to act during emergencies is the thought behind a continued first aid program throughout the three companies.

In Charleston and Abingdon districts, first aid classes have just been completed.

In Abingdon the class was instructed by Robert O. Earl, field representative of the American Red Cross of Washington, D. C. J. C. Burnette and John Hammer conducted the training in the Charleston district.

Started at 15 Cents a Day

"Uncle Dave" Wright Began As Hydro Operator 40 Years Ago



"Uncle Dave" Wright began serving the town of Damascus, Virginia, more than 40 years ago and he is still "the man who makes the power" to the townspeople

For more than 40 years, Robert Dave Wright has had a hand in providing electric service to the town of Damascus in Washington County, Virginia.

"Uncle Dave," as he is known to Appalachian employees in the Abingdon district, is the hydro operator at the company's Damascus dam.

His career in the public lighting business began in 1905. "I was employed by the town of Damascus to keep the 6 or 8 oil street lamps burning," Uncle Dave says. "In the morning," Uncle Dave recalls, "I filled the lamps and cleaned the globes and then in the evening I went back to light each lamp. For this job, I received 15 cents a day."

Uncle Dave's father built a small water power plant and mill near the Wright home and that was the beginning of the Damascus Light and Power Company in 1909.

"It was in July of 1909, that I first went to work in a hydro plant and I've been working for the same company and its predecessors ever since," Uncle Dave says proudly.

"In the early days," Mr. Wright says, "We made power only at night, since that was the only time it was needed. You see, there were no appliances of any kind and nobody had any use for electricity during the day. We had about 12 houses in Damascus with lights and there were 6 street lights in town. The only meters in use were owned by the customers."

In 1924, the present Damascus hydro plant was started and it went into service in 1926. The plant is still operating and Uncle Dave is still running it. Up to the time that Appalachian acquired the property in 1945, Uncle Dave says "The plant produced enough power for the 375 people in Damascus."

From the time the Damascus Light and Power Company was formed in 1909, the town has been served by several companies. But the townspeople look to Uncle Dave as the man who makes the power.

Three Plant Superintendents Promoted

In a recent shift of steam plant superintendents, John A. Patterson was promoted to the superintendency of the Logan plant.

Mr. Patterson succeeds E. E. "Pat" Clapper, who has been transferred to the Philip Sporn Plant as assistant plant superintendent.

H. R. Andrews, former superintendent at the Logan plant, is the superintendent of the new Sporn plant.

Mr. Patterson was transferred from the post of plant superintendent at Hazard, Kentucky, to that of assistant plant superintendent at Logan, in 1948.

Mr. Clapper has been associated with Appalachian since 1927.

Mr. Andrews has been superintendent of the Kenova plant, superintendent at Logan and was superintendent of the Ohio Power Company's Tidd plant, before being promoted to the Sporn plant.

School For Metermen Is Underway In Charleston

Many metermen of the three companies are getting an intensive six weeks training course in the system school recently established for them at Charleston.

Under the direction of M. A. Steckel, system meter superintendent, the first class convened on August 2 and the second session began September 26.

The employees are given instruction in meter standards, dismantling and reconstructing meters, mathematics and other subjects a meter man should know.

R. J. Moss Retired After Long Service

A veteran of 21 years service with Appalachian Electric Power Company in Huntington, Robert J. "Bob" Moss, has been retired.

Bob, who worked in the transmission and distribution department, became associated with Appalachian on September 1, 1928.

A native of New York, where he attended the public schools, Bob



also went to Adelphi College in Brooklyn and completed his college training at Columbia University.

In 1912 he moved to Bluefield, where he was employed by the Pocahontas Coal and Coke Company. Mr. Moss married Miss Clara Gilmore, of Wytheville, Virginia, in 1914.

After living in Bluefield eight years, they moved to Huntington, where Mr. Moss became associated in the company of Breece, Ewing and Moss, civil engineers. In 1924, Bob left the partnership. He was associated with several mining companies in an engineering capacity, before joining Appalachian in 1928.

Bob says he plans to help Mrs. Moss around the house, trying to make up for all the things he didn't have time to do while he was working.



Patterson

Clapper

Andrews

Canasta Rules Are Available at No Cost

"Canasta" is the latest word in entertainment. The new Argentine form of rummy is sweeping the country.

All you need to play the game are two sets of standard playing cards complete with the four jokers. It's a good game for two, three, four or six players.

Would you like a free copy of the rules of this new game? Write to the editor of this publication in Roanoke, and you'll get it.

TROUBLE ODDITY

Snake Throws Two 132 KV Lines Out At Pikeville, Ky.



Cliff Aders, Beaver Creek substation operator, Pikeville district of Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, is shown holding the black snake which threw two 132,000-volt lines out of service at 8 p. m. on August 6. The snake caused the trouble by shorting out the oxide film type 44 kv arresters. Low voltage was experienced throughout the district for approximately twelve minutes. The entire district load was carried through the Elkhorn City connection for that period.

Pt. Pleasant Employees Assist In High School 'Field Lighting' Project

Point Pleasant employees of the Appalachian Electric Power Company, by donating their spare time, helped install a new lighting system for the Point Pleasant High School athletic field.

Cooperation and contributions by business firms, industries, individual backers and sport fans made this far-sighted project become a reality. The new installation for the "Big Blacks" replaced the old sixty-foot poles with seventy-foot ones.

Fire From Quick-Igniting Phosphorous



C. B. Yearout, Bluefield division safety department, shows how quickly a small piece of phosphorous will ignite when exposed to the air. The demonstration was made during the Abingdon district fire school. The group looking on includes, left to right: Abingdon Fire Chief Eden, State Deputy Fire Marshal H. M. McInerney, K. A. Brown and Arthur Anderson, of Damascus fire department, Paul Rowe, J. M. Orr, Jack B. Frier, W. Z. Trumbo, W. S. Kitchen, L. W. Duncan and James E. Prater.

We're Sorry

Pictures, pictures and more pictures presented a problem to the editorial staff of your new employee publication.

We received 38 pictures of employees with 20 years or more service. Fifteen wedding pictures arrived in Roanoke. Our space was limited, we couldn't use them all, but we liked getting them. We'd like to have used all of them.

Because of space restrictions, we had to limit the service pin and wedding pictures to those whose long service was completed in September and those who were married in September.

In the "Service Anniversaries" column, we have listed all persons who received service pins in the months of August and September.

Robert Harbert, Lineman, Is Killed In Auto Mishap

Robert Edward Harbert, 22, of Rocky Fork, near Charleston, was killed in an automobile accident near St. Albans on State Route 17, on September 10. Harbert, a lineman with the Nitro-St. Albans line crew, was employed by Appalachian on October 16, 1945.

Harbert's body was found pinned beneath the wreckage of his car, which had overturned and rolled over an embankment. A dense fog obscured the scene of the wreck until daylight.

Harbert is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Okey Harbert; a sister, Patsy; grandfather, Ira Stanley, of Parkersburg, and a grandmother, Mrs. Theoda Taylor, of Elkview.

Funeral services were held in Rocky Fork. Pallbearers were the members of his line crew.

Service Anniversaries



Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Hazard District

25 years: Willie Jones, groundman.
 15 years: Charles D. Turner, turbine auxiliary equipment operator.
 5 years: Elizabeth Grigsby, pay-roll clerk.

Pikeville District

5 years: Marvin C. Stratton, lineman.

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Charleston District

30 years: E. L. Smith, general foreman.
 25 years: S. C. Smith, pay-roll department supervisor; C. L. Mollohan, local superintendent, Nitro; C. H. Hawes, district troubleman; S. M. Jordan, substation foreman; C. V. Thompson, maintenance man, and E. L. Taylor, meterman, Charleston.

20 years: A. L. Heldreth, substation maintenance man.
 15 years: S. C. Reed, district troubleman; A. J. Wilkinson, troubleman; L. E. Jones, troubleman; L. W. Allison, substation maintenance man; J. O. Grisinger, garage mechanic; J. T. Ward, substation operator.

10 years: M. M. Akers, substation maintenance man; J. B. Eplin, serviceman, and J. H. Basham, assistant credit manager.

5 years: E. R. Young, meterman.

Welch District

15 years: Shelva R. McClure, line foreman.
 5 years: Otho J. Bragg, power engineer.

Huntington District

5 years: John B. Kline, meterman.

Lynchburg District

15 years: John P. McDermott, working foreman.
 10 years: Leslie D. Wright, serviceman; Robert L. Hatch, hydro plant superintendent.

5 years: Hazeltine B. Bell, clerk, accounting department.

Cabin Creek Plant

25 years: R. G. White, assistant shift supervisor.
 20 years: V. M. Burger, boiler operator.
 10 years: D. E. Baller, boiler maintenance mechanic; G. H. Slack, boiler operator; W. E. Vest, assistant control operator; J. A. Moore, working foreman.

5 years: George Perdue, boiler maintenance helper; H. B. Cottrell, material clerk.

Glen Lyn Plant

5 years: C. M. Thomas, mechanic maintenance helper; J. B. Whitt, utility worker; R. M. Brown, electric maintenance helper; R. E. Hare, janitor, and C. E. Pennington, coal conveyor operator.

Kingsport Utilities

5 years: Miss Barbara J. Goddard, contract clerk; Clarence M. Carter, draftsman, and Fred Pierce, groundman.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Roanoke District

Employee	From	To
Joseph R. Doss	Groundman	Truck Driver-Groundman
Aubrey G. Adams	Groundman	Truck Driver-Groundman
B. H. McKeever	Asst. Meter Superintendent	Meter Superintendent

Abingdon District

A. D. Rosenbalm... Working Foreman... Line Foreman

Beckley District

James R. Lowery... Lineman "C"... Lineman "B"

Logan District

Francis X. Coffey... Maintenance Man Helper... Maintenance Man "C"

Point Pleasant District

James R. Crump... District Troublemant... Line Foreman

D. C. Duncan Gives Safety Talks To Point Pleasant Civic Clubs

D. C. Duncan, system safety director, Roanoke, addressed the Point Pleasant Rotary and Kiwanis clubs at their meetings, September 14-15, respectively. His topic was "Candles." Mr. Duncan also talked to the employees of the Point Pleasant district.

Roanoke Volleyball Players May Organize League Play

According to J. G. Harvey, Roanoke division personnel supervisor, preliminary plans are now under way for the formation of a company volleyball league.

Roanoke prospects, however, are anxious to schedule contests with other company teams outside of the district. Interested managers should contact Mr. Harvey.

J. C. "Jack" Neely Retires at Glen Lyn Steam Plant



James Carl "Jack" Neely, who completed more than 13 years continuous service with Appalachian Electric Power Company, was retired from active service at the Glen Lyn Plant, August 31.

"Jack" first became associated with Appalachian as an employee in June, 1936. At that time, he was assigned duties as a laborer about the plant. He has been assigned in many capacities at Glen Lyn.

Unfortunately, Mr. Neely has been ill since May of this year; however, he continued on the job as much as possible.

At the time of his retirement, "Jack" served the Plant as janitor and mail carrier and has won himself a host of admirers. One fellow employee remarked, "Jack's warm smile and his familiar lunch box will certainly be missed here."

Julius Frey Ends 24-Year Service



Julius Frey, left, mechanical maintenance man at the Logan plant, is presented a gold watch by Lester Halstead, upon Mr. Frey's retirement

Julius Frey, mechanical maintenance man at the Logan plant, has been retired after more than 24 years service with Appalachian Electric Power Company.

Mr. Frey was employed on March 18, 1925, as a boiler repairman in the Logan plant and has served in various capacities at the plant since that time.

On his retirement, Mr. Frey was presented a gold watch by his fellow workmen.

Service Pins Are Awarded To 18 Veterans of 20 Years Or More In September



Eighteen employees of the three companies reached, and in most cases exceeded, their 20-year service milestone during the month of September. Top row, left to right: E. S. Gregory, Narrows, Va., 30 years; R. C. White, Cabin Creek, 25 years, and E. L. Taylor, Charleston district, 25 years. Second row: C. B. Thompson, Charleston district, 25 years; S. C. Smith, Charleston district, 25 years, and C. L. Mollohan, Charleston district, 25 years. Third row: C. H. Hawes, Nitro, W. Va., 25 years; C. S. Chapman, Roanoke district, 20 years, and Asa G. Epperly, system substation operator, Danville, Va., 20 years. Fourth row: L. E. Ferguson, system billing office, Roanoke, 25 years; C. A. Fudge, Fieldale district, 20 years, and J. W. Jewell, Point Pleasant district, 25 years. Fifth row: H. C. Weiss, Logan district, 30 years; W. F. Giles, Logan district, 20 years, and Willie Jones, Hazard district, 25 years. Sixth row: A. C. Walters, Huntington district, 30 years; J. B. Jarrell, Huntington district, 25 years, and G. J. Lineberry, Welch district, 30 years of service.

Feminine Fancies

Twenty-Seven Couples Are Wed During August and September

Kerwood-Browning
A double ring ceremony on September 2, 1949, in St. John's Episcopal Church in Charleston, W. Va., united in marriage Miss Nancy Ellen Kerwood of Charleston and Claude Gaujot Browning, Jr., of Huntington. Mr. Browning is an employee of Appalachian in the accounting department in Huntington.

Wilson-Lazenby
Harrisonburg, Va., was the scene of the marriage of Miss Nell Harrison Wilson to Kenneth S. Lazenby of Beckley in August. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Lazenby is right-of-way agent in the Beckley district of Appalachian Electric Power Company.

Tucker-Dowdy
September 3 was the date of the wedding of Miss Janet Marilyn Tucker of Lynchburg to Eugene Boyd Dowdy. The ceremony was performed in Lynchburg. Mrs. Dowdy is a clerk in the accounting department of Appalachian at Lynchburg.

Brown-Boone
Miss Margaret Burnett Brown became the bride of Charles William Boone on September 3, in Roanoke. Mrs. Boone is employed in the system billing department in Roanoke.

McCormick-Thomas
The Methodist parsonage at Marion, Va., was the scene of the wedding of Miss Katherine McCormick, of Abingdon, Va., and Burl Thomas, of Chilhowie, Va., early in August. Mrs. Thomas works in the rural department in the Abingdon district of Appalachian.

Hutsenpiller-Walker
Miss Jo Ann Hutsenpiller became the bride of Russell Walker in a ceremony performed in Bluefield early in August. Mrs. Walker is employed in the Beckley office of Appalachian Electric Power Company.

David-Olson
Miss Dorothy V. David and Larry Eugene Olson of Salina, Kan., were married the latter part of August in Williamson, W. Va. Mrs. Olson was formerly employed in the accounting office of Appalachian Electric Power Company in Williamson. The Olsons are living in Norfolk, Va.

Armentrout-Boardwine
In a ceremony performed August 29, 1949, in Bluefield, W. Va., Miss Annie Mae Armentrout became the bride of Jack Boardwine. Mrs. Boardwine is employed in the rural department of Appalachian Electric Power Company in Bluefield.

Dillon-Kiser
A double ring ceremony united in marriage Miss Gladys Dillon and Henry Kiser, in Williamson, W. Va., early in August. Mr. Kiser is employed in the engineering department of the Williamson district of Appalachian Electric Power Company.

Moss-Barker
Miss Dorothy Moss became the bride of James Clyde Barker, in a double ring ceremony in Beckley, W. Va., early in August. Both Mr. and Mrs. Barker are employees of Appalachian in Beckley. Mrs. Barker is a home economist and Mr. Barker is an employee in the district commercial office.

Berkely-Harmon
Miss Alice Suzanne Berkely and Amos James Harmon were united in marriage on September 9, at Gallipolis, Ohio. Mr. Harmon is a line crew employee of Appalachian at Point Pleasant, W. Va.

Harrell-Beverly
In a ceremony performed September 17, in Bluefield, Va., Miss Anna Karleen Harrell became the bride of James David Beverly. Mrs. Beverly is employed in the pay-roll department of Appalachian in Bluefield, W. Va.

Filson-Adkins
Miss Polly Ann Filson became the bride of Carl Thomas Adkins in a double ring ceremony, performed in Point Pleasant, W. Va., on September 6. Mrs. Adkins, who was employed in the commercial department of Appalachian in Point Pleasant, has gone to live in Lafayette, Ind., where Mr. Adkins is a senior at Purdue University.

Wilgus-Erwin
Miss Alberta Wilgus became the bride of Everett J. Erwin of Huntington, W. Va., in a ceremony in Lawrenceburg, Ind., on August 21. Mr. Erwin is employed in the right-of-way department in Huntington.

Stanaker-Blake
Miss Marjorie Stanaker and Billy Eugene Blake were married in Charleston, W. Va., on August 10. Mr. Blake is employed in the garage department of Appalachian in Charleston.

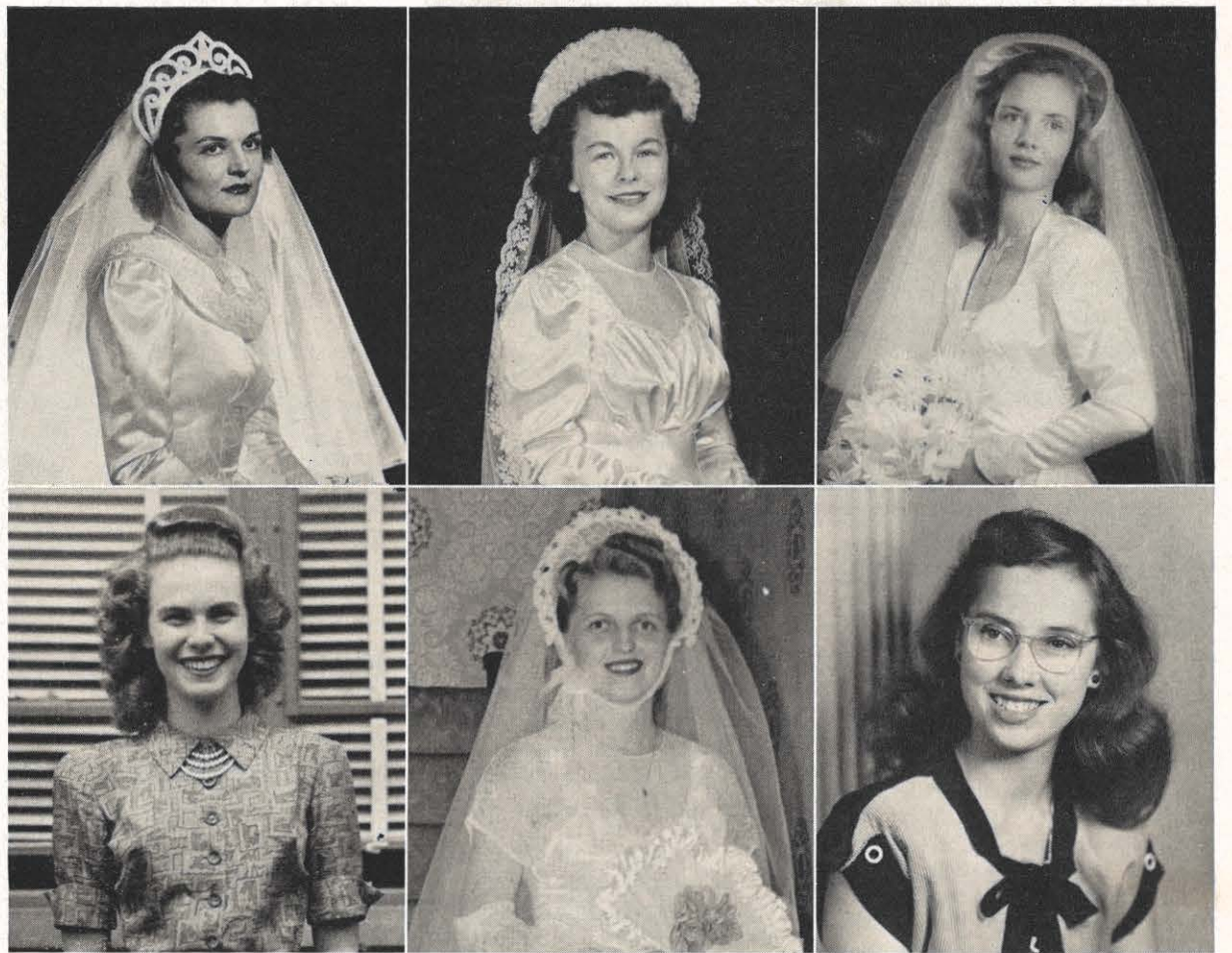
Eaton-Vande Linde
Miss Dorothy Lee Eaton became the bride of George Vande Linde on September 2. Mrs. Vande Linde works in the Charleston district engineering department of Appalachian.

Stull-McGraw
Miss Beatrice Stull was married to Lawrence T. McGraw in Buchanan, Va., the latter part of August. Mrs. McGraw is an employee of the local accounting department in the Roanoke office of Appalachian.

Trout-Peters
A double ring ceremony united in marriage Miss Doris Lucille Trout and Ira Buford Peters, Jr., in Roanoke, Va., on September 3. Mr. Peters is the Roanoke district personnel supervisor.

Byrne-Williams
Miss Barbara Byrne and Charles P. Williams were united in marriage on July 29. Mrs. Williams is a cashier and Mr. Williams is an employee of the Meter Department in the Roanoke office of Appalachian.

September Brides



Top row, left to right: Mrs. Claude G. Browning, Mrs. Ira B. Peters, Jr., Mrs. Robert C. Sykes. Second row: Mrs. Claude Foster, Mrs. Carl T. Adkins, Mrs. James D. Beverly.

Cloyd-Sykes

Miss Betsy Jane Cloyd of Welch, W. Va., became the bride of Robert Clyde Sykes at Welch, on September 7. Mrs. Sykes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cloyd. Mr. Cloyd is Welch district commercial manager. Mrs. Sykes formerly worked in the Bluefield and Welch accounting offices for Appalachian, but will make her home in Blacksburg, Va., where Mr. Sykes is a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Smallwood-Bishop
Miss Phyllis Ann Smallwood was married to Robert M. Bishop, in Kingsport, Tenn., the latter part of August. Mrs. Bishop is an employee of Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

Woodrum-Foster
Miss Dixie Sue Woodrum and Claude Foster were united in marriage on September 3. Mrs. Foster is a cashier at the Cabin Creek, W. Va., office of Appalachian Electric Power Company.

Akers-Young
Miss Joan Akers and Richard L. Young were united in marriage on September 2. Mrs. Young is an employee of the main accounting office in Ashland of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company.

Webb-Carroll
Miss Isabelle Webb became the bride of George "Jerry" Carroll on August 12. Mrs. Carroll is employed in the main accounting office of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company in Ashland.

Reed-Bibb
Miss Nell Virginia Reed became the bride of Edgar Kyle Bibb, Jr., September 19, in Bluefield. Mrs. Bibb is a stenographer in the system transmission line department in Bluefield.

Cadle-Thomas
Miss Dorothy H. Cadle became the bride of Leonard M. Thomas recently. Mr. Thomas is employed in the system substation control

branch of Appalachian Electric Power Company in Roanoke, Va.

Furrs Are Honored On Silver Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Furr were honored on their silver wedding anniversary, September 9, 1949, at a party given by Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hall, Jr., in Roanoke. The Furrs received gifts of silver candelabra and silver spoons.

Hints and Helps For Housewives

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was submitted by Patricia Hastings of the Cabin Creek Plant office. Other articles of this type from employees will be welcomed.)

For the rough bottoms on vases, candle sticks and book ends that mar the tops of furniture, try cutting out moleskin the same size as the base of the article. Peel off the muslin backing and stick the moleskin on the bottom. The soft furry side which touches the wood will prevent that scar and scratch on your furniture.

Before washing those knitted sweaters, suits, etc., for baby first try basting the garment while still dry on a bath towel. Then launder the towel and hang up to dry. The garment will remain the same size and shape as when new.

The next time you are cooking rice, add a few drops of lemon juice to it and you will find the rice will be beautifully white and the grains will remain whole and firm.

When opening a jar of olives or pimentos often you do not need the whole jar, melt a small amount of paraffin and pour over the remaining ones in the jar and this will prevent mold and not affect the taste.

A couple tablespoons of household ammonia added to the water when washing combs and brushes will clean them almost instantly.

New Arrivals . . .

HUNTINGTON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lear a daughter, on September 17. Mrs. Lear, the former Miss Elma Lou Ramsey, is the daughter of Jesse Ramsey, head addressograph clerk in the centralized billing office.

PIKEVILLE—To Mr. and Mrs. James T. McReynolds a son, Jimmy Lynn, was born on September 3. Mr. McReynolds is a timekeeper in the distribution department.

CABIN CREEK—Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Moore a daughter, Lucille Jean, on September 2. Mr. Moore is an employee of the boiler operating department.

HUNTINGTON—To Mr. and Mrs. John Lockhart a son, John Charles, was born on September 4. Mrs. Lockhart, formerly Miss Julia Bohanan, was employed until recently as a classification clerk.

ROANOKE—Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Nofsinger became the parents of a daughter, born on September 22. Mr. Nofsinger is an employee in the system accounting office.

CHARLESTON—Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Robey became the parents of a daughter, Mikl Rae, September 21. Mr. Robey is a right-of-way agent in Charleston.

They're Engaged

CHARLESTON—Miss Irene Cozzens to John J. Emerick, Charleston commercial department.

PT. PLEASANT—Miss Mabel Fales Best and Peter H. Steenberg, Jr., engineering department, Pt. Pleasant district of Appalachian.

CHARLESTON—Miss Edath Slone to John Hammer, Charleston district personnel department.

ROANOKE—Miss Mary A. Helm, system accounting office, Roanoke, and Stanley Hall.



J. D. Wingfield (left), Bluefield district substation maintenance foreman, looks on as J. S. Dodd, district rural sales supervisor, receives his 25-year service pin from L. W. Bates, Bluefield district manager. Mr. Bates had presented Mr. Wingfield his 25-year service pin a few moments before.

20 New Engineers Taking 31-Week Training Program

Twenty new engineering employees of Appalachian Electric Power Company, Kingsport Utilities and the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company are undergoing an indoctrination program.

The program, which was started for the first time in June of this year, is designed to give the new employees a broader idea of the operations of the companies. The course includes periods of several weeks in the various departments of the companies and covers 31 weeks of training.

At present engineering graduates from nine schools are undergoing the training. Six of the graduates are receiving their instructions in the Huntington division, five in the Charleston division, four in the Bluefield division, three in the Roanoke division of Appalachian and one each in Kingsport and Kentucky. Of this number, 15 are electrical graduates, three mechanical, one agricultural and one management engineering graduate. The nine schools represented among the graduates are Virginia Polytechnic Institute, West Virginia University, University of Kentucky, Virginia Military Institute, The University of Cincinnati, Purdue University, Carnegie Institute of Technology, University of Virginia, and the University of Tennessee.

The employees engaged in the program in the districts are: McKinley Cornett, Jr., Welch; J. H. Rodrian, Bluefield; O. J. Scott, Bluefield; Leon Chitwood, Charleston; R. R. Griffith, Beckley; F. O. Helm, Beckley; H. P. Hagaman, Huntington; R. F. Warner, Logan; C. B. Smith, Jr., Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company; G. L. Faison, Lynchburg; R. H. Johnson, Roanoke; Thaddeus Meler, Roanoke; S. H. Chandler, Jr., Kingsport Utilities; R. W. Hinshaw, Huntington; Kent L. Newlin, Charleston; R. H. Love, Pulaski; W. R. Keyser, Logan; D. B. Oldaker, Charleston; L. W. Jenkins, Huntington, and A. A. Long, Williamson.

Charleston Foreman Is Injured By Automobile Mishap In Middleport

S. M. Jordon, foreman of the substation department, Charleston, was injured when struck by an automobile in Middleport, Ohio, September 10. Jordon received a skull fracture and bruises about the body as a result of the accident.

It was learned that Mr. Jordon had stepped between two parked cars into the street in the downtown business section. As he emerged, an oncoming car hit him. Mr. Jordon is reported to be improving.

Pikeville Employees Hear Safety Talk By Highway Expert

A general safety meeting of all Pikeville district employees of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company was held September 16, in the Pikeville accounting office.

Following a dinner, C. A. McKinney, district superintendent, awarded service pins to H. M. Eagle, 20 years; John Layne, 15 years; Bob Flynn, 10 years; and Marvin Stratton and Jim Bailey, 5 years.

Gene Hale, safety director, introduced guests and the principal speaker, Kelly Daniels, safety supervisor for the Kentucky State Highway Department.

'Hot Line' School Held In Bluefield

A four-day "hot line" demonstration and training course was held in Bluefield for Appalachian personnel the first of last month. Observers representing Kingsport Utilities witnessed the instructional periods.

During the classes, linemen were taught the proper uses of the various tools and the methods of safe application in employing them. Inspection, maintenance and the sequence of operations with the tools were stressed and studied by each team before actually working on "hot lines." The "doing of first things first" was the basis for all ground instructions.

The linemen actually applied the instructions under "hot line" conditions.

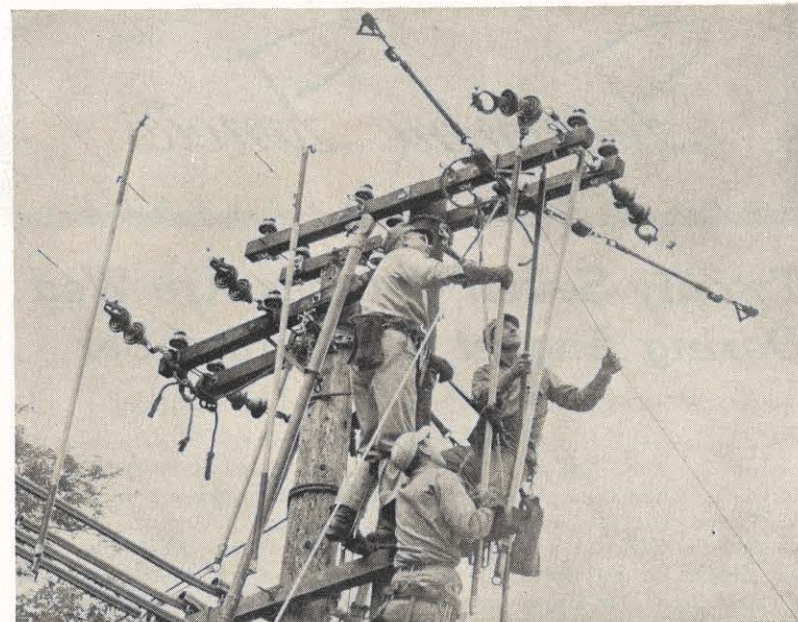
R. T. Anderson, of the A. B. Chance Company, was the instructor for the class.

Kentucky Men Attend A Foreman-Manager Meet In Huntington

H. H. Kincaid, assistant district manager of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, Ashland; P. B. Lumbard, director of safety and personnel; R. A. Macomb, district commercial manager, and R. F. Millikan, general safety director, were among the more than four hundred persons attending the foreman-manager-personnel conference in Huntington, September 11.

Harry A. Lightner, president of the Huntington Foreman-Manager Club, presided.

Hot Line Training School



These three Bluefield division linemen have received some instruction on the use of hot line tools and here they are putting in practice what they've learned.

Roanoke Employee's Wife Attends Meet in Sweden; Tours Many Famed Sites

Mrs. Jessie L. Caldwell, wife of Burnette Caldwell, of the system accounting office, Roanoke, returned from Europe where she attended the Conference of the International Council of Nurses held in Stockholm, Sweden.

Mrs. Caldwell, who was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, spent a month at her home in the Highlands with her sister. It had been twenty-eight years since she had visited her home. Mrs. Caldwell also spent some time in London at the home of her brother.

District Employee Club Is Organized At Pt. Pleasant

The employees of the Point Pleasant District of Appalachian Electric Power Company are in the midst of a contest to select a name for their recently formed employees' club.

The club was formed on September 2, when J. L. Twitty, of the meter department, was elected president. Other officers are: Carl H. Murray, Jr., transmission and distribution department, vice president, and Patricia Ingraham, commercial department, secretary-treasurer. These three officers, along with C. D. Stalnaker and W. C. Gilmour, were members of a committee named by J. V. Mann, district manager, to organize and head the club.

The purpose of the club will be to promote good will among the employees, to aid and assist in social and athletic activities of the employees and to take part in employee and community welfare activities.

The winner of the name contest will receive free club membership for the first year.

Pulaski Inaugurates Whiteway; Mayor Pulls Switch



Marvin Graham, Mayor of Pulaski, Va., threw the main switch inaugurating Pulaski's new "Whiteway Lighting System," September 16. Mayor Graham's action transposed Pulaski, a town of 15,000 population, from a moderately lighted community into another scientifically lighted town in this section. At the same time, it terminated the use of the twenty-year-old system that had been installed by the town.

Pulaski's new lighting came about following recommendations of the Street and Highway Committee illumination experts. The old installation produced about one-third of the illumination of the proposed plan.

Now Pulaski's "Whiteway" consists of sixty-eight tubular street standards and on these are mounted the most recently developed fixtures.



Above: A part of Pulaski, Virginia, and its new "Whiteway" is shown during its first night of service. Below: D. P. Minichan, left, Pulaski district manager for Appalachian, observes as Mayor Marvin Graham prepares to pull the switch lighting Pulaski's new lighting system.

Home Economists Getting Training at Bluefield

The second session of the home economist training program is under way in Bluefield.

Six home economists from Lynchburg, Charleston, Huntington, Fiedale and Kingsport are receiving instruction in this session of the school.

Mrs. Lena G. Moseley, former home economist for the Bluefield district, is the director of the school. Mrs. Moseley is being assisted by home economists from throughout the system.

The program will include all of the home economists of the three companies. Four sessions will be held this year. The primary courses will be continued until there is no further need for them. Plans call for special advanced training sessions to be held at frequent intervals, with the primary course being resumed with the addition of new home economists.

System Employee Gets Ankle Broken In Fall

Miss Virginia Dame, head control clerk in the Roanoke centralized billing office, suffered a broken ankle on August 17.

Miss Dame slipped and fell on the steps as she entered the office. Rainy weather had caused her shoes to be slippery.

Beckley Softball Nine Wins Eighth Annual Tourney

Umpire Praises '49 Tournament Players For Sportsmanship

"Every coach dreams of an ideal situation. Actually, it seldom becomes a reality. However, during the Appalachian softball tournament, I witnessed every phase of good sportsmanship. I am proud to have been a small part of such a splendid sporting event. Your company has something to really be proud of and I hope you will never permit this spirit to die," Fred H. Smith, head tournament umpire, declared at the reception in the Roanoke auditorium at the end of the tournament.

Mr. Smith, director of athletics at William Fleming High School in Roanoke, has officiated in tournament play-offs for the past three years. He concluded his remarks by saying, "In all of my years of coaching, officiating and participating in athletics, I have never seen anything to equal your excellent display of sports appreciation by both players and fans. Sportsmanship, teamwork and fair play are virtues rarely found today. Keep that spirit alive, as you have in the past."

Bowlers Begin Leagues In Five Districts

"It's a strike!" That exclamation is echoing around the circuit as bowlers from all three companies start their 1949-50 fall and winter sports program. Both men's and women's leagues have been formed in most sections.

In Huntington, commercial department bowlers answered the season's first call with one of the largest representations in the league's history. Already, team captains point out, a stiff pace has been set for further competition.

Lynchburg inaugurated their first Appalachian bowling league with the formation of six teams. According to "Dick" Campbell, bowling committee chairman, considerable interest is being shown and the competition is spirited.

In Bluefield, Dorothy Boyd was elected to head an Appalachian "All Girl" bowling league. Four teams have been organized and scheduled matches have already begun. Dorothy pointed out that several girls pacing the duck pin loop set a fast pace. Mary Alice Adkins topped the teams with 133; Dorothy Boyd, 129, and Eulalia Foot, 124.

In Charleston, eighteen teams, representing twelve departments, began their struggle for the bowling crown. These teams form the Kilowatt Bowling League and have become one of the outstanding affiliates of the Kanawha Valley Bowling Association.

During the eleven years the league has been in operation, company representatives have crashed the loop for the bowling title two different times.

Fourteen teams invaded Roanoke's bowling alleys, launching their season's schedules. League play has been scheduled from September 19 through April 3, 1950, and record turn-outs have been a good indication of a thrill-packed race for district laurels.



Lovell Wins Golf Tourney; 38 Play For Division Crown



C. W. Lovell, district manager of Beckley, won the 1949 Charleston division annual handicap golf tournament which was held at the Kanawha Country Club in August. Mr. Lovell paced a field of thirty-eight golfers as he completed the circuit with a low gross of 84.

Dick Speas, Kanawha Valley Power Company, and Gene Eager, Charleston commercial department, tied for low net score with 72's.

After the matches had been completed, the winners were awarded trophies and prizes for their tournament play.

Eager was awarded the "low net" trophy over Speas by the toss of a coin.

Ashland Bowlers Enter Teams In Three Leagues

Ashland's Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company bowlers have entered the 1949-50 season with representatives in three leagues.

Eight teams began their fight for company laurels with entries from various departments.

Two girl employee teams entered the Ashland Business Girls' Bowling League. Both company entries gave a splendid showing in their first matches.



Kenneth Thomas, above, an employee in the Bluefield pay-roll department of Appalachian, has proved to be one of the outstanding golfers of the section. Ken, battling top-flight competition, finished second in the fourth flight of the recent Blue Grass Golf Tournament which was held in Bluefield.

Jimmy Jones Wins Roanoke-Fieldale Golf Tournament



Jimmy Jones, Roanoke District engineering office, is the 1949 handicap golf champion of the Roanoke and Fieldale Districts of Appalachian. Jones, winner of the fourth flight, defeated Noble Marshall, winner of the second flight, 3 and 2, to annex the title. Jones, who had a handicap of 26, succeeds Dick Shepherd as champion.

Upon conclusion of the matches, the winner was awarded the tournament trophy and other prizes symbolic of his newly won title. Shepherd crowned Jones, climaxing the six weeks long tourney. Marshall was presented a new golf bag for being runner-up.

Flight winners received recognition.

Kingsport Stops Bluefield Club For Third Place

A power-laden Beckley nine won the Eighth Annual Appalachian Softball Tournament by shutting out the defending champions from Huntington, 7 to 0, in the play-off's final clash in Salem in August. Softball fans thrilled time after time as the hustling Beckley aggregation hammered its way through the tourney field.

Kingsport, battling desperately for third place in the consolation rounds, edged a stubborn Bluefield team, 9 to 8.

In the championship game, the Beckley clouters slanted their sights for a victory in the very first inning. Three of the Beckley nine got on base as the result of a single and bits of faulty fielding. Jim McNeish launched the scoring spree as he rapped out a lengthy triple to stake out a 3 to 0 edge over Huntington. Moments later, McNeish ambled across the plate for the fourth counter of the initial frame. Beckley added a pair in the second and another in the fifth.

Martin, hurling his second game for Beckley in the tournament, limited Huntington to two hits, while Baker, pitching his third mound assignment, was rapped six times by the Beckley sluggers.

Leading a thrill-packed tournament race for third place, Kingsport came from behind two different times to win their clash over the West Virginians, 9 to 8.

In the fourth, the Tennessee entry overcame Bluefield's 3 to 0 edge, then trailed 8 to 5 in the sixth. Kingsport's final frame bid knotted the count at 8 all. The Tennesseans pushed across the winning counter in the closing seconds of the contest.

With the Kingsport victory, Wexley copped the tournament pitching laurels for the most strike-outs in any single game. Wexley whiffed 11 as he hurled his third straight mound assignment.

In the earlier consolation rounds, Kingsport chalked up an 11 to 8 decision over Ashland, while Bluefield edged Roanoke, 4 to 3.

Huntington's aggregation behind Baker's pitching, rolled into the finals as they crushed Bluefield, 8 to 2, in the second round of the play-offs.

In the tournament's first night encounter, Beckley made its outstanding bid for the crown and squeezed past the fighting Ashland Club, 1 to 0. Both teams battled bitterly through seven and one-half scoreless innings until McNeish's drive into center field in the last of the eighth gave Beckley its victory.

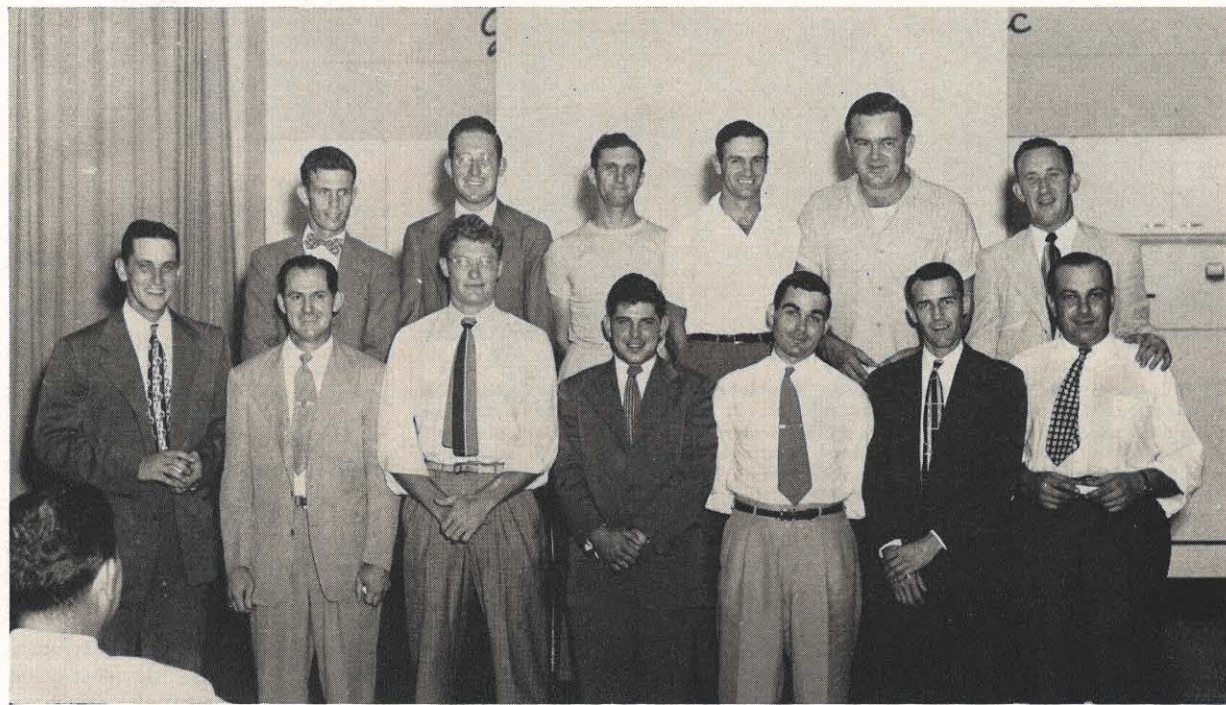
In the first rounds of play, Huntington edged Kingsport, 4 to 2, while Beckley gained a 5 to 2 decision over Roanoke.

All games, with the exception of the two final tilts, were played at Wasena Park in Roanoke. Wet grounds Saturday caused the play-offs to be completed in Salem.

Beckley's triumph marked the first time since 1940 the tournament had not been won by Huntington or Roanoke. Huntington won in 1940, 1941, 1946 and 1948; Roanoke, 1947. Logan carried the banner in 1938, while Bluefield claimed the 1939 championship.

All-star selections were made by Jimmy Moynihan, John Henry Stephens, Salem recreational director, and Robert Hunter, Roanoke recreational director.

1949 All-Tournament Softball Selections



Members of the "All-Star" team, who were awarded their medals by G. S. Dunn, system public relations director, are shown, left to right, back row: Jake Sells, Kingsport, utility infielder; Robert W. Martin, Beckley, pitcher; Arnold Yost, Beckley, shortstop; James McNeish, Beckley, first base; Eddie A. Berginnis, Beckley, manager, and Bernie Kelley, Beckley, catcher. Front row, left to right: Paul Baker, Huntington, pitcher; Earl Wellman, Huntington, utility outfielder; Paul Cloud, Kingsport, right field; Robert L. Barker, Ashland, center field; Eugene O'Neal, Beckley, left field; Harry K. Evans, Beckley, second base, and Maxie Dwornick, Beckley, third base.

Representative of Companies' Activities at Fairs



These pictures were made at three of the many fairs in which Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, Kingsport Utilities and Appalachian Electric Power Company have participated this summer. From left to right, above: A crowd gathers at the "Flip the Switch" booth of Appalachian at the Kyowva Fair in Huntington; the Kingsport Utilities booth at the Upper East Tennessee Fair featured the world's largest lamp bulb, and part of the more than 17,000 people who played "Flip the Switch" at the West Virginia Agricultural and Industrial Fair in Charleston are shown before the Appalachian booth in the third picture.

W. H. 'Bill' Chilton, Meter Superintendent, Retires at Roanoke After 37 Years

After thirty-seven years with Appalachian, W. H. "Bill" Chilton, meter superintendent, Roanoke district, retired from active service July 31.

Mr. Chilton was guest of honor at a service pin award dinner, July 29, in the company auditorium. He was presented a rocking chair, pipe



and tobacco on behalf of supervisory employees of the Roanoke district.

Mr. Chilton was born in Bedford County, Virginia, July 26, 1884, and came to Roanoke in 1895. He was employed by the Virginia and Tennessee Telephone Company in Roanoke until November, 1912.

On November 15, 1912, "Bill" came to work with the Appalachian Electric Power Company, at that time known as the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company. He worked under C. A. Elliott, then meter superintendent, testing and repairing meters. Twelve years later, Mr. Chilton was promoted to meter superintendent and served in this capacity until his retirement.

Recently "Bill," instead of leisurely rocking in his chair and smoking his pipe, has been busy painting his house. However, Mr. and Mrs. Chilton are both looking forward to more leisure time.

"Bill" takes great pride in displaying his collection of rifles. In past years, he was an expert marksman and today, he would prove to be keen competition.

Mr. and Mrs. Chilton have one son, J. M. Chilton, and three grandchildren. They reside in Norfolk, Va.

Three Companies Completing Active Year of Participation at County Fairs

Many employees of Kingsport Utilities, Appalachian Electric Power Company and the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company have been busy during the past two months "going to fairs."

The commercial departments of the three companies are just completing one of their most active years in participation at county fairs held throughout the system. In every division of Appalachian, in the Kentucky company and at Kingsport, the companies had booths and conducted demonstrations. These booths have been in cooperation with electrical dealers.

Representative of the companies' activities at the fairs were booths at the Kyowva Fair at Huntington and the West Virginia Industrial and Agricultural Fair at Charleston and the Upper East Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial Fair at Kingsport.

"Flip the Switch," a display and game, was used by the Huntington and Charleston Division commercial departments in their fair activities. More than 26,000 people played the game at two fairs. Table lamps, lamp bulbs and ranges were given as special prizes. The ranges were provided by distributors.

The Kingsport Utilities booth featured the "world's largest lamp bulb."

In every other division of Appalachian and in the Kentucky districts activities similar to these were carried on at the fairs.

Bluefield Girls' Service Clubsters Hold Outing

In Bluefield, the Girls' Service Club of Appalachian Electric Power Company held a picnic at Claytor Lake last month.

The girls enjoyed the outing, participating in several events and boating.

Miss Barbara Johnson Is Selected To Study At French Sorbonne

"It's wonderful! Life aboard the S. S. De Grasse and in Paris has been everything I had hoped it would be. Actually, there has not been one dull moment," wrote Miss Barbara B. Johnson in her first letter to her parents.

Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Johnson. Mr. Johnson is system supervisor of plant records. Barbara is among the 27 junior students of Smith College, Northampton, Mass., who were selected to spend their junior year of study in Europe.

Each year students who have displayed outstanding scholastic abilities during their first two years are

French, served as chaperon and director of the group.

Since the Parisian colleges do not open until November, Barbara and her classmates spent a few days visiting the many attractions of the gay French capital. The students journeyed into the heart of the French Alps where they were enrolled in the University of Grenoble. The girls will live with French families and will study an intense language course until the middle of October.

After a ten-day visit and tour along the Riviera, the students will return to Paris. An extensive study has been outlined for them at the Sorbonne, Ecole Du Louvre and the Institute des Etudes Politiques.

Associate Editors



These men are the division and company associate editors for the new employee publication. Left to right, they are, top row: J. G. Harvey, Roanoke division personnel supervisor; C. B. Yearout, administrative assistant, Bluefield division; A. T. Wilks, administrative assistant, Huntington division; R. F. Millikan, safety director, Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company; Wilson Z. Trumbo, personnel supervisor, Kingsport Utilities, Inc., and R. G. Skinner, Charleston division personnel supervisor.

350 Attend Logan Picnic Held On Midelburg Isle

More than 350 persons, employees and their families, attended the annual Logan district picnic which was held at Midelburg Island, August 27.

Out-of-doors activities were enjoyed.

Ashland Picnic Is Held For Substation Employees

One hundred and sixty persons, employees and their families of the Ashland 25th Street Substation of Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company attended their annual picnic in Central Park, Ashland, in August.

Lynchburg District Holds Annual Holiday Picnic

Despite bad weather conditions, employees and families in the Lynchburg district picnicked at Holiday Lake August 20. The outing was held between 3 and 7 p. m.

All forms of out-of-doors entertainment provided a full afternoon's schedule for all attending.



chosen by the faculty to study abroad. Vassar, Wellesley, Barnard, Radcliffe, Bryn Mawr and others are also among the American colleges following this plan.

The students sailed from New York, August 23, and arrived at Le Havre, September 1. Mlle. Jeanne Saleil, associate professor of

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employee in the home service section of the commercial department. Miss Varney was graduated from the University of Kentucky as a home economist and has been previously engaged as home demonstration agent in Bath County, Ky.

Jack Hill, power sales engineer, left the service of the company to attend the University of Kentucky and to continue work on his electrical engineering degree.

Cabin Creek

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their vacation at Babcock State Park.

"Salty" Lawrence, who was chief dispatcher at the Cabin Creek Plant for 12 years, is now working with the stores department at Pulaski.

Richard Ferrell, son of H. S. Ferrell of the transformer department, suffered a broken and severely lacerated leg when struck by a train while returning from his work in August. He is recovering in the Charleston General Hospital. Richard is an employee of the Du Pont Plant at Belle, W. Va.

Mrs. G. B. Smith flew to Cleveland in August to receive medical treatment.

Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Weise, returned to West Virginia University to resume his studies.

Clinton H. Marks and family vacationed at Harrisburg, Pa., and Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCormick spent a week's vacation at Virginia Beach.

Joe Allinder and family spent their vacation in North Carolina last month.

Mae Smith, laboratory, attended a family reunion held at Pulaski, Va., last month.

Mrs. C. A. Vealy, of East Bank, mother of Jack Vealy of the results department, is convalescing at her home after an operation.

Lynchburg AEP Nine Wins 1949 Softball 'Industrial' Trophy

Lynchburg's Appalachian Electric Power Company softball team was presented the Lynchburg Industrial League championship trophy at a banquet held in their honor September 9. Ernest Layne, manager, representing the Appalachian nine, received the trophy from Howard Layne, his twin brother, a representative of S. O. Fisher's, Inc.

The team was praised for its demonstration of sportsmanship, cooperation and good fellowship throughout the 1949 softball season.

Players, managers and fans recognized at the banquet were: Leroy Baker, Ray Thomas and Red Harris, pitchers; Joe Wilson and Headley Francis, catchers; Sam Cheatham, John Wingfield, Earl Driskill, Earl Stahl and Sam Glass, infielders; C. P. Minnick, David Crews, Jimmy Ferguson, Pete Thompson, Tom Sandidge, Herbert Figg and Jack Shelton, outfielders; Warren Sublett and Lucian Bledsoe, coaches; Ernest Layne, manager; Jim Mundy, business manager; Randy Lewis, assistant business manager; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Garrison were recognized as the team's most faithful fans.