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to You and Yours ---

The Illuminator

For A Merry Christmas
and
A Prosperous New Year

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KINGSPORT UTILITIES, INC.

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Construction Completed On First Sporn Unit

Service Building In Pikeville District Is Being Built

The Pikeville district of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company is getting a new storeroom and garage building.

Construction has already begun on the new building and the site is being cleared for the concrete block structure which is to house the storeroom, the garage repair shop, the substation shop, a linemen's meeting room and the distribution department office.

The new building is located one-half mile south of Pikeville on U. S. Highway 23. When it is completed, it will represent a cost of about \$100,000.

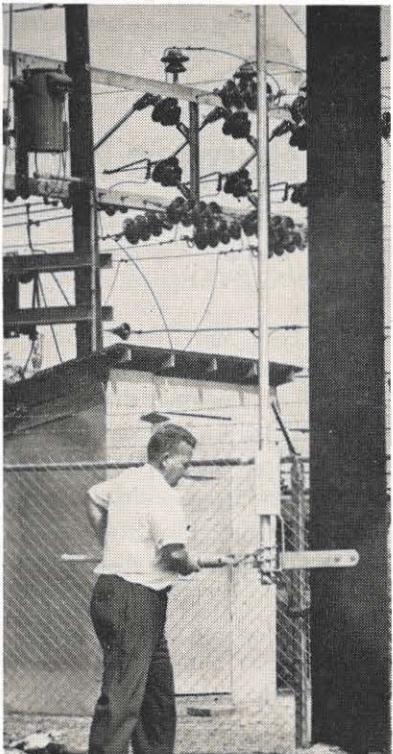
Alterations will also be made in the present building to utilize the space vacated by the transfer of departments to the new service building.

Sporn Plant Engineer's Daughter Fatally Hurt

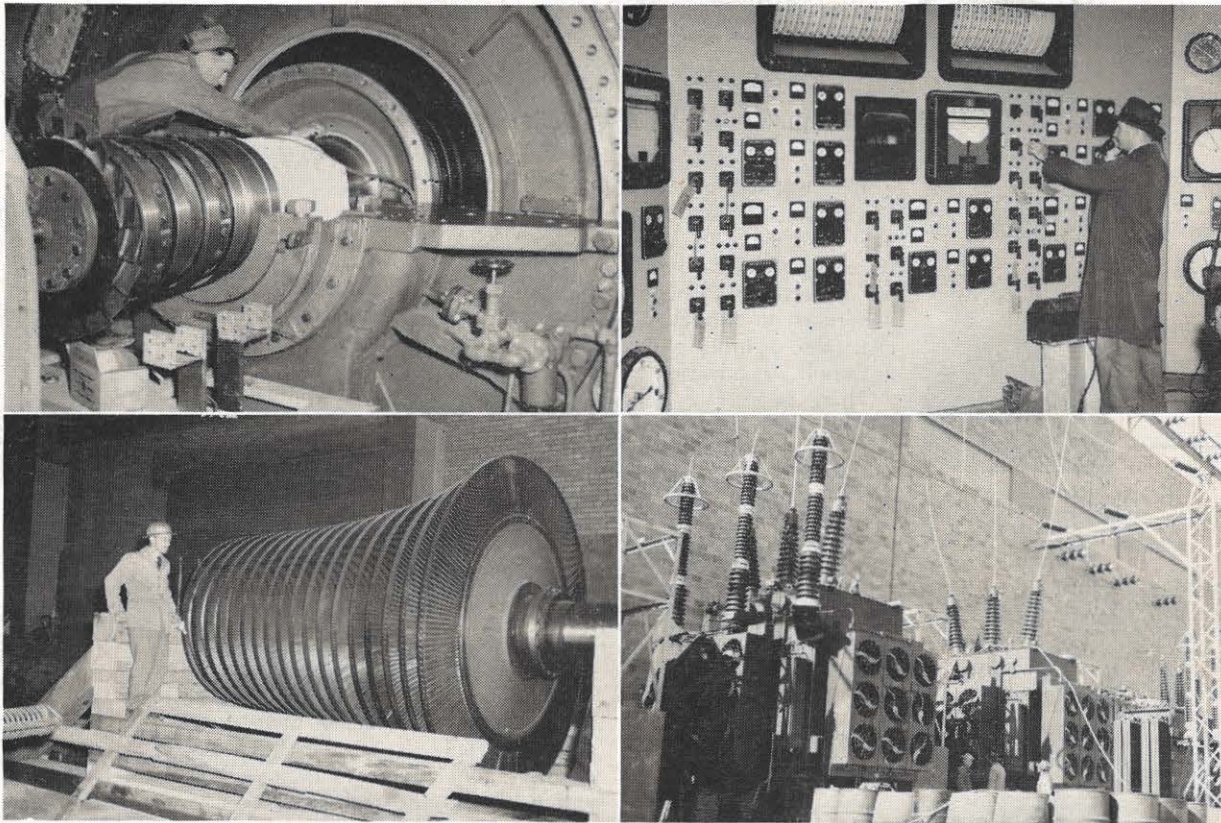
Susan Harreld, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Harreld, was fatally injured on November 4, when she was struck by a truck near her home in New Haven, W. Va.

Mr. Harreld is an engineer at the Philip Sporn Plant. Funeral services for Susan were held at Marion, Ind., where the Harrelds formerly lived.

Leslie County Substation Energized and Placed in Service in Hazard District



Randolph "Ran" Adams, district superintendent of the transmission and distribution department, is shown as he energizes the new Leslie County substation. This new and modern installation, together with a 33,000 volt transmission line, was placed into service recently in the Hazard district of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company. The 3,000-KVA facility is located at the head of Hurricane Creek, between Wootton and Hyden and, coupled with 8.8 miles of new transmission lines, will improve electric service throughout the entire Leslie County area.



The pictures above were made during final construction stages on the first unit at the Philip Sporn Plant.

First row, left to right: A workman makes an adjustment on the low pressure generator—one of two generators in unit one which has a combined rating of 137,500 kilowatts. The control room of the new Philip Sporn Plant is a maze of dials and gauges. Shown in the room at one of the panels is Howard C. Barnes, relay engineer for the American Gas and Electric Company.

Second row: A study in comparisons might well be the title of the first picture in the second row. Robert Joseph, supervising assistant, stands beside the intermediate rotor for the low pressure turbine. Steam, striking a series of blades, spins the rotor which drives the generator. In the photo at the right on the second row, workmen are dwarfed by the size of two of the main power transformers which step up voltage from 13,800 to 132,000 for transmission.

Two Kingsport Utilities Men Are Given The Highest Awards for Saving Employee's Life

The highest award offered by the Edison Electric Institute for the saving of a life has been received by a Kingsport Utilities employee and another Kingsport Utilities employee has been awarded a citation for assisting in the life saving act.

Floyd S. Russell, line crew working foreman, was presented the Edison Electric Institute Medal, and J. J. Potts, a lineman, was given the citation by D. C. Duncan, system safety director, at an employee safety meeting in Kingsport on November 15.

Russell was given the medal for successfully applying artificial resuscitation and saving the life of Charles E. McNutt, another employee of the Utilities. Potts received the citation for rendering valuable help to Russell.

The action occurred on January 11, 1949, near the Clinchfield quarry where the line gang was converting the 4,000-volt distribution line to 12,000 volts. McNutt was on a pole working on the energized circuit and his head accidentally came in contact with the conductor. The shock rendered McNutt unconscious and breathless. He fell back helplessly in his safety belt. Russell and Potts, who were working on the same pole, immediately went to McNutt's assistance. Russell began pole-top resuscitation and Potts helped him. Within five minutes McNutt began to breathe and to regain consciousness. Russell and Potts lowered him to the ground. As a result of the action McNutt was able report to work the next day.

Duncan said, in making the

presentation, that only 241 such medals have been awarded since the award was begun in 1933. The medal is made of copper which was donated for that purpose by the New York Edison Company and is a part of the first underground system in the world supplying electricity. Duncan said that the distribution system was installed in lower New York under the personal direction of Thomas A. Edison.

Duncan praised Russell and Potts for their quick action and their knowledge of pole-top resuscitation, which permitted them to save the life of McNutt.

Looking on while the presentation was made were: J. E. Wright, general manager of Kingsport Utilities; Guy Isenberg, president of the Kingsport Safety Council; Bill Jor-

dan, chairman of the industrial safety committee, as well as the employees of the Utilities.

Both Russell and Potts have had instruction, as a part of the system-wide safety program, in pole-top resuscitation.

Pole-top resuscitation has been developed by the electric industry as a means of giving immediate artificial respiration to the injured persons, before their removal from the pole. The safety program of the three companies of the southern properties includes instruction in this method of artificial respiration. The line crews of Kingsport Utilities, and of Appalachian, and the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company regularly practice this method of artificial respiration in their first-aid programs.



The general manager of Kingsport Utilities looks on as two of the employees of the company receive awards for saving another man's life. From left to right: D. C. Duncan, system safety director, is shown as he presents citations to Floyd S. Russell, line crew working foreman, and J. J. Potts, lineman, for saving the life of Charles E. McNutt. At the far right is J. E. Wright, general manager of the Utilities. Russell is wearing the Edison Electric Institute medal.

Tests Are Begun Thanksgiving Eve On Initial Unit

Construction work on the first turbo-generating unit of the new Philip Sporn Plant at Graham Station, W. Va., has been completed and the unit is undergoing tests.

The 137,500-kilowatt capacity unit, second of its kind on the American Gas and Electric System, will begin producing electricity commercially in the immediate future.

Tests of the high pressure unit began on Thanksgiving eve and marked the first step toward completion of the four-unit 550,000-kilowatt capacity plant.

Construction work on the second unit, scheduled to go into operation in mid-summer of next year, is progressing rapidly. The third and fourth units are scheduled to be completed in 1952.

The four-unit Philip Sporn Plant will be one of the world's largest and most economical producers of electricity. It embodies the latest skills in engineering research.

The first unit, operating fully loaded, is capable of producing enough electricity to supply 350,000 residential customers with average demands.

The boiler for the first unit and those of the other units will consume about 1,440 tons of coal a day. It is estimated that when the four-unit plant is in operation the coal consumption will amount to 450,000 to 500,000 tons of coal a year.

In an operating day at the Sporn plant, 24 times as much water as is needed to supply the City of Huntington's demands of one day will be circulated through 54 miles of tubes in the huge condensers.

The Sporn plant, located as it is at the boundaries of the Appalachian and Ohio Power Company systems, will serve not only those systems, but the entire American Gas and Electric Company system which extends from Lake Michigan to the borders of Tennessee and North Carolina.

The A. G. and E. system is now serving in excess of 1,000,000 customers and the Sporn plant is another step in the continuing program of providing adequate, dependable electric service to the customers on the A. G. and E. system.

Kingsport Utilities Employees Pledge \$3,600 to Hospital

The employees of the Kingsport Utilities have subscribed an average of \$27.50 in a campaign to raise \$745,000 for an addition to the Holston Valley Hospital at Kingsport.

The Utilities had been given a quota of \$2,900 for some 131 employees. When the final accounting was made, it was determined that the employees of the Utilities had subscribed more than \$3,600.

The name of the company was included among those firms and businesses in Kingsport whose employees participated in the campaign 100 per cent.

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Keeping Christmas

It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of time and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the Management of the Universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness? Are you willing to do these things even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people bear in their hearts; to try and understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you, to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open? Are you willing to do these things even for a day?

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love?

Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

But—you can never keep it alone.

From "The Spirit of Christmas,"
by DR. HENRY VAN DYKE



QUESTION OF THE MONTH: *What can we do, in our dealings with our customers, to further the spirit of Christmas?*

LESTER L. RAKES, meter reader, Fieldale, Va.:



The essence of the Christmas spirit is the act of giving to our fellowman. This may be effected through donations to churches, charitable or other philanthropic organizations. There is ever a demand for help in decorating Christmas trees and stringing Christmas

lights for communities. This help could be rendered cheerfully.

Christmas greetings or seals could be imprinted on the face of customer's December power bills.

The first need is to have the Christmas spirit ourselves, in order that we may be able to pass it along to our customers!

MRS. NELLIE MORGAN, secretary, Pikeville:



Many things can be done and said to let customers know that we sincerely wish them a Merry Christmas. Actual contact is best, but our problem concerns rural customers that we do not come in contact with very often. One power company, that I was indirectly connected with, sent each customer a 100-watt light bulb. Greetings on customers' bills, blotters, calendars, etc., could be given. However, since we have so many customers, I believe a greeting on each bill mailed out in December would be sufficient.

BLANCHE B. THOMPSON, meter reader, Kingsport:



In our dealings with customers, we can further the spirit of Christmas by decorating our office building approximately two weeks before Christmas. We might install in the lobby a scene depicting the birth of Christ in the manger or some other appropriate scene. In connection with this, I think it would be good to have Christmas carols or chimes played all during the day.

A further bit of Christmas spirit might be brought about by sending Christmas recipes, as a form of greeting, to all our customers.

MRS. PATRICIA HASTINGS, clerk-typist, Cabin Creek Plant:



By first having the spirit of love and good will in our own hearts toward our customers—not for a day, nor a season, but throughout the entire year. After every contact with a company employee, the customer should feel that he has been served by an employee that

was pleasant and considerate and that his case was treated with a personal interest. Quite often an extra moment's time on some insignificant case has a way of becoming more important than our ability to estimate at the time. The customer's opinion of the company depends largely on the manner in which we serve him.

JANE BELL — Clerk-Stenographer, System Transmission and Distribution Department, Roanoke:



Most corporations are thought of as a cold, impersonal, profit-making organization with little or no concern for the individual except for whatever that corporation can gain from that individual. A simple, sincere greeting without advertising or commercial and sent to

our customers at this season would be carrying out the Christmas spirit, and would convey to the individual that a corporation does have some thoughts of and feelings for its customers at Christmastime.

To make the thought and spirit of Christmas even more personal than the written greeting would be for each employee to express and manifest to each of his friends and neighbors the real spirit of Christmas. Such action would engender a spirit of good will and a wholesome regard for the company, since the friends and neighbors of our employees are our friends and customers.

DUKE C. WRIGHT, distribution supervisor, Welch:



Christmas is a time of joy and of giving. He, whose birth we celebrate during this happy season, laid down the precepts, the application of which would not only further the spirit of Christmas, but would make the Christmas spirit live every day of the year. This, I believe, should be our objective.

If, during the Christmas season, just the act of giving brings us real happiness, why can we not follow through during the entire year. There is a kind of giving which costs so little yet reaps such large dividends—giving of ourselves. A smile, a kind word, an extra little courtesy, a cheerful attitude—these we can all give with the result that we bring happiness to ourselves and prosperity to our company.

R. K. McCLAUGHERTY, maintenance man, Glen Lyn Plant:



I am proud to have the opportunity to mention a few of the many things we can do in our dealings with our customers to further the spirit of Christmas.

I'm inclined to think we can make our service so convenient that each and every one will feel free to call on us at any time.

Encourage safe decorating of homes and grounds by offering our service in community activities for Christmas.

Let them know we are a large portion of the community and that our services not only extend through the Yuletide Season, but are consistent throughout the year.

In this highly commercialized age, we must not forget the purpose of Christmas is to celebrate and honor the birth of Christ.

H. F. THOMASON, billing clerk, Beckley:



At Christmas we are filled with "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." It is significant that the originators of this phrase said, "toward men" not "from men."

Good will goes to our family and intimate friends, but do we remember the stranger who is our customer? Surely our good will should be extended toward him for good will is like happiness—the more given the more received.

Greet him with a smile of friendship. Show interest in him and his problems. Cheerfully help him in his dealings with us. Suggest ways in which he can benefit more from our service.

ALBERTA DeWIESE, secretary, Williamson:



Christmas! What a joyous time of the year and what an opportune time to express the happiness that we all feel during the holiday season.

A cheery "Merry Christmas" by the cashiers to customers paying their bills, a word about "Santa" to the children accompanying their parents, or any of the countless holiday greetings expressed in a friendly way and with a warm, cheerful smile will create a lasting, friendly relationship with our customers. I believe that these friendly expressions will be carried from customer to customer, like an endless chain, in furthering the "Spirit of Christmas."

It Could Happen Here

(EDITOR'S NOTE—This advertisement is reprinted from the *London, England, Sunday Graphic, February 27, 1949.*)

"If electricity costs more, the public will realise the urgency of using less." That was the reasoning which prompted the Government's request that British Electricity should introduce a surcharge on certain domestic tariffs during three winter months.

The surcharge is not intended to increase revenue: it will be off-set by a rebate for the following nine months. This arrangement—and the Peak Period economy you are asked to make—should even out your household electricity bills for the year.

The vital times for economy are:

between 8 a. m. and 10 a. m.—up to noon when the weather is very cold . . .
between 4 p. m. and 5:30-6 p. m. and whenever you hear a B. B. C. warning. These times apply five days a week, Monday to Friday.

The Plan Progresses

In 1948 more than 560,000 kilowatts of new capacity were brought into operation in British Electricity's power stations. In 1949 and in 1950 the increase should be twice this amount, and in succeeding years three or more times, until the power shortage is overtaken.

Your Voice

Are You Qualified to Vote? Virginia Employees Must Act Now.

Are you qualified to vote? We have the good fortune to live in the only nation in the world in which voting for our government leaders is still an unfettered privilege.

Today, more than ever before, we should all exercise that privilege. It should be one of our prime duties to go to the polls on election day and cast our vote for the man of our choice.

By our vote, the leaders of our government will know whether we are in accord with the apparent trend to higher taxes in order to finance deficit spending or whether we are against such a program.

Our vote is our voice in the government of the United States, the city in which we live, and our state government. Many of us are not using our privilege; many of us have not followed the procedures necessary to qualify us to vote.

It is extremely important that those of us who live in Virginia take time now to see that we are qualified

to vote in the next election. One of the requirements in the Commonwealth of Virginia for voting is the payment of a poll tax, at least six months before the election. The deadline for the payment of the poll tax to qualify for the general elections next June and the primaries in April is December 13, 1949.

The basic requirements for qualifying to vote in Virginia briefly are:

1. Pay your poll tax at least six months before the election.

2. Be a resident of the state one year, the county or city six months and the district or precinct 30 days.

3. Register at the time set aside for this purpose. Under the Virginia law, the registrars must sit for registration on the third Tuesday in May and on the day falling thirty days before the November election.

Be Sure You are Qualified to Vote.

The requirements for voting in West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee will be printed in subsequent issues of THE ILLUMINATOR.

Beckley Officials Play Host to Rotary Clubs

Members of the Oak Hill, Montgomery and Cabin Creek Rotary Clubs were guests of Appalachian at a recent joint meeting held by the groups. Messrs. C. C. Darrah, assistant district manager and W. R. Witzel, personnel supervisor, Beckley, served as hosts.

Following the meeting and dinner, a group of about thirty-five Rotarians were conducted on a tour of the Cabin Creek Plant. Henry Skaggs and Bill Neuffer served as guides.

Considerable interest and appreciation were expressed by the group.

25 Employees Enrolled For Second-Year Course In Williamson District

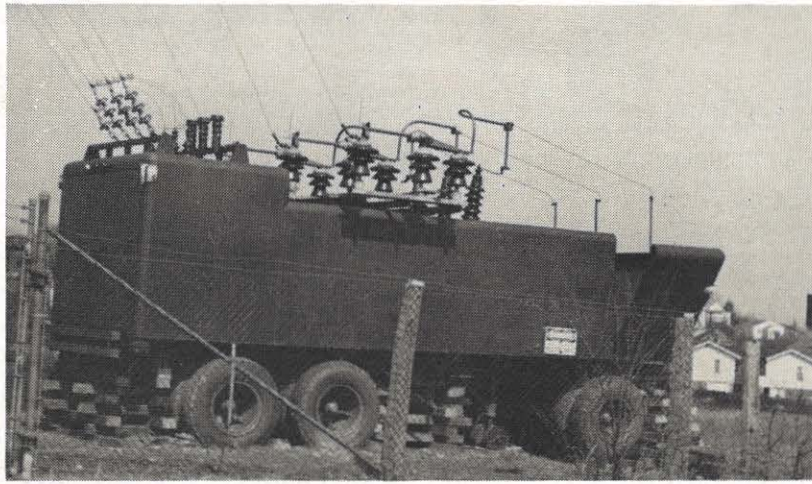
About 25 employees of the Williamson district began their second year of study in a course on "General Electricity." The study group meets each Wednesday and receives instructions.

Subject matter for the class is variable. It ranges from the basic fundamentals of electricity to the more advanced field problems. Most of these, however, are related to tasks within the district.

Comments regarding the first year of instructions have been highly favorable.

Company Is Prepared

20-Ton Mobile Substation Placed In Operation Three Times; Is Now Standing By For Emergencies



Appalachian's twenty-ton mobile substation is shown in action during an emergency at Beckley.

Glen Lyn Visited By Negro Group

A group of Negro educators, professors and teachers of Bluefield State College and area high schools, were recent visitors of the Glen Lyn Steam Plant. The visitors were conducted on a tour of the plant following a discussion by L. E. Turner, plant superintendent.

Mr. Turner outlined the various steps necessary to be completed in the generation of steam power.

Since the addition of Unit No. 5, plant officials disclosed that many civic groups and organizations have inspected the plant.



George E. Hervey, Charleston district substation superintendent, is shown at the control panel of the mobile substation during a routine inspection in Charleston.

Fieldale Employees Complete Christmas Entertainment Plans

Employees of the Fieldale and Stuart offices have completed final plans for the holding of a dinner-dance for their Christmas entertainment. The party will be held at the Club Martinique in Martinsville the night of December 21.

Marjorie Prillaman, it was announced, was named general chairman, while Virginia Hancock was selected to head the program committee. Assisting on the program committee will be: Blondena Rorrer, Derwood Merriman, Wallace Joyce and John Morrison.

Williamson Credit Association Gains Large Membership

In the short span of seven months, the KYAP, a credit association of the Williamson district, has grown by leaps and bounds.

The new organization, which began March 31, has steadily increased its members until, at this time, approximately eighty-nine per cent of all district employees have obtained membership.

Modest, too, in its beginning, the association has grown until the present capital is now in excess of \$2,300. More than \$4,200 in loans

Reserve is a familiar word.

For example, there are the reserves of the armed forces. They have been and still are one of the most important differences in winning or losing a war.

Power companies, too, must depend upon reserve strength of a variety of types in order to maintain a constant and dependable service to their customers.

One of these reserves is a recently purchased mobile substation, a 3,000 KVA unit, which is now in stand-by capacity for service in the Charleston area. This giant mobile unit guarantees Appalachian customers an uninterrupted service while many major changes and installations are being made.

The huge 20-ton substation is securely mounted on a 23½-foot, six-wheeled trailer chassis. A sheet steel platform protects the apparatus.

Inside the sheet metal casing is a complete substation. The high voltage side is designed for connection to a 44,000-volt transmission line. A variety of voltages are obtainable on the low side of the station ranging from 2,400 volts to 12,470 volts.

The unit has its own cooling system. This system is powered by an electric motor which pumps oil through a mass of steel tubes.

As reserve strength, ready to be used the unit has already been called on to maintain service where there might have been interruptions.

The mobile station's first assignment was at Beckley Substation. After the unit had been used at Beckley, it was moved to the Lynchburg district, where it maintained continuous service to customers on two occasions. The first was at the Monroe Substation, where some work was being done which could have caused an interruption. The second was at the Scottsville Substation.

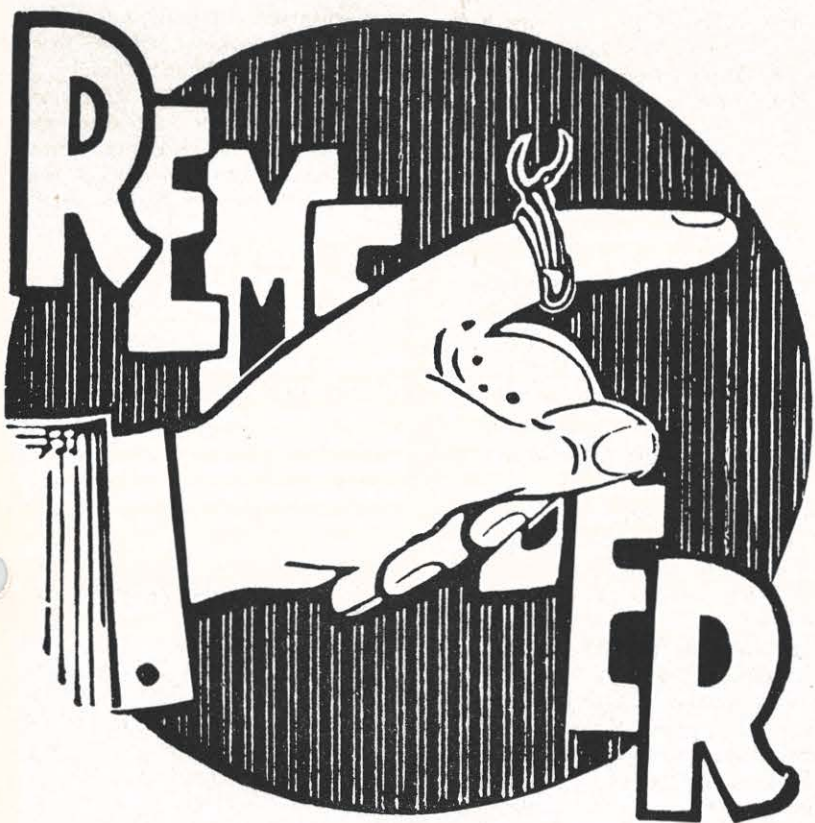
have been made by the organization to district employees.

Association officers are: G. B. Trent, president; Clyde Runyon, secretary, and Harold Edmonds, treasurer.

Kingsport Utilities Employees Active in Civic Affairs



These employees and many others of Kingsport Utilities are taking an active part in civic and community affairs in Kingsport. The employees pictured above hold various offices in the organizations of the city. Left to right, seated are: F. W. Isley, rural sales supervisor, who is a member of the Sullivan County Council from the Seventh Civil district; Mrs. Ochael Wood, secretary to the general manager, who is corresponding secretary of the American Legion Auxiliary; Miss Maye Bayless, merchandise order and billing clerk, corresponding secretary of the Pilot Club; C. J. Bryan, assistant general manager, chairman of the Kingsport School Board; J. T. Duncan, local office manager, secretary of the Kiwanis Club; R. A. Parrack, distribution superintendent, vice president of the Civitan Club; W. Z. Trumbo, personnel supervisor, secretary of the Civitan Club, and Keene White, assistant payroll supervisor, holds two positions, vice president of the Kingsport Junior Chamber of Commerce and district commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America.



There have been five fatal accidents in the three companies of the southern properties during the past eleven months.

There has not been a single month so far in 1949 that has not been marred by one or more lost-time accidents.

The companies have a deep and sincere interest in the safety and well-being of each and every employee. They hate to have them involved in an accident during any month or season and to suffer the pain and inconvenience that accompanies such an experience.

It is the employee and not the record in any particular month in which the companies are vitally interested and concerned.

We wish that by some stroke of magic each employee could become accident-proof forever, but this is impossible, and since it is impossible, it becomes the responsibility of the individual to work in a manner so as to provide for safety to himself and others.

Remember, the companies want you to work safely at all times, and ask that you work equally as carefully in December. Let's not mar the happy holiday season with an accident.

So let's "REMEMBER—No Accidents in December."

Roanoke Division

ROANOKE DISTRICT

Mrs. Jean Cassell attended the Notre Dame-University of North Carolina football game in New York City.

Dick Burton, clerk in the distribution department, spent Thanksgiving week in Stillwater, Okla., visiting with friends he met while serving in the Army. One of the highlights of his trip was the football game between University of Oklahoma-Oklahoma A. & M.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rader, of the meter department recently spent their vacation at the home of Mrs. Rader's parents.

J. D. Sink was recently employed as a meter helper. He was formerly with the Virginia Electric and Power Company at South Boston.

Mrs. Fannie Patterson, wife of Oscar Patterson, janitor, is recovering at her home from injuries received when struck by an automobile.

James Harris and Lawrence Hopson, janitors, spent a recent week end with friends and relatives in Victoria, Va.

Mrs. Bea McCraw vacationed in Florida, Georgia and Charleston, S. C. Mrs. McCraw is employed in the local accounting office.

R. Lewis Mills, of the Roanoke power sales department recently spent a week at Nela Park Lighting Institute, Cleveland, Ohio, where he was enrolled in a course in commercial and industrial lighting.

Augustus Jordan, janitor, is back at his work following a brief illness.

SYSTEM OFFICES

Three system accounting employees, Mary Lee Farrier, Jean Taylor and Virginia Carter spent a recent week end in Washington, D. C., shopping and sight-seeing.

Betty McKinney has returned to the office following a two week's illness.

Mrs. Celia Carson resigned recently to join her husband in Wabash, Ind. She was employed in the centralized billing office.

Harry Mann and Tom Barnette, of the billing department, were among those attending the Virginia-North Carolina football game at Chapel Hill. They were accompanied by their wives.

Elinor W. Oliver, system accounting office, has been discharged from Roanoke Hospital where she underwent an operation.

A host of friends and relatives honored Mrs. Thelma D. Manning with a surprise pot-luck supper in celebration of her recent birthday. Mrs. Manning is employed in the system accounting office.

R. H. McDearmon, system accounting office, has resumed his duties after an extended illness.

Sympathy is extended to O. A. Hawkins, of the system accounting office, in the loss of his brother, Frank Hawkins.

Nancy L. Burks, bride-elect of M. R. Kerfoot, was honored with a personal shower by a group of system accounting employees Tuesday evening, November 22, at the home of Nancy Keeler. Mrs. Sarah Adams assisted the hostess.

Margaret Haley, system accounting employee, attended the Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia.

Tida Long, of the system accounting office, has returned to work after spending a vacation in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Miss W. B. Tyree, system operating department, Roanoke, vacationed in New York City.

Miss Ann Cooper, system operating department, has returned to

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Kentucky

ASHLAND DISTRICT

Those traveling to Lexington, Ky., for the Kentucky-Tennessee football game were: W. D. Parks, district meter superintendent; Miss Dorothy Mordica, cashier; Miss Lila Lee Simpson, cashier, and Miss Marilyn Blevins, personnel department.

"Pete" Doran, R. A. Macomb and Emily Watts, commercial department, vacationed during November.

A Canasta party was given for the cast of the clothes dryer campaign skit on November 19 in the home of Don Wade, commercial department. Those invited were: Mrs. Emily Watts, Miss Rebecca Daughtery, Miss Beulah Miller, Mrs. Helen Eaton, Miss Marilyn Blevins, Mr. and Mrs. Jarrell Osborne and R. W. Schweitzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cogan and daughter, Ann, have moved into their new home on Blackburn Avenue. Mr. Cogan is in the engineering department.

HAZARD DISTRICT

C. A. Zoellers, K. C. Brashear, Jr., Moscoe Blackburn, N. W. Collier and John Woods won trips to Columbus, Ohio, to see the Ohio State-Illinois football game. The awards were made following a district range campaign.

PIKEVILLE DISTRICT

Mrs. Frances C. Huffman, a former employee of the company, has been employed in the accounting department.

Donald Clayton, meter reader, resigned his position with the company.

Members of the accounting department recently honored Mrs. June Justice with a bridal shower. The department presented Mrs. Justice with a combination grille and waffle iron.

Ernie Brashear, engineer of the distribution department, was injured in an automobile accident while visiting his home near Hazard.

Five district employees: Betty Frazier, accordionist; Dorothy Ford, pianist; Nellie Morgan, soprano; B. P. Bogardus, trombonist; and Craig Fields, chorus girl, all, played important parts in a recent Lions Club rally. The frolic was staged to raise funds for the purchase of Christmas baskets for needy children in the community.

Raymond Caldwell, Don Prater and Forest Bevins were winners outside of the commercial department in the recent range-selling campaign. They were awarded all-expenses-paid trips to the Ohio State-Illinois football game in Columbus.

The Pikeville commercial department participated in the grand opening of a Salyersville appliance dealer's store the latter part of October.

F. M. "Pappy" Jennings, district stores supervisor, was elected to the City Council in the recent election. Mrs. Lucille Saad Smith, wife of Chester Smith, was elected to the office of County Tax Commissioner.

William "Tom" Collins has been

transferred to Welch district as assistant office manager. The accounting department presented him a cigarette lighter as a going-away gift. He had been employed in the accounting office in Pikeville for over five years.

Kingsport

KINGSPORT

Sarah Kincaid is a new employee of the company. She replaced Ruth Clark, who left to enter college.

Charleston Division

BECKLEY DISTRICT

Mrs. Helen Troutman and Mrs. Peggy Lynch attended the Notre Dame-Navy football game in Baltimore.

Beckley district welcomes the following new employees: Mrs. Mary Ann Herring, junior home economist; Miss Emily G. Witherington, junior home economist; Carl W. Smith, lineman "B"; Carl B. Murrell, merchandise salesman; Thomas L. Humphries, office messenger, and Samuel J. Farmer, inspector, junior.

CABIN CREEK PLANT

Johnny Telisko, mechanical maintenance helper, is recovering at home from a recent operation.

Ernest "Skeeter" Tincher, mechanical maintenance helper, has returned from Johns-Hopkins Hospital, where he underwent an operation.

Mae Smith attended the West Virginia University-Penn State football game at Morgantown.

POINT PLEASANT DISTRICT

John V. Mann, district manager, Mrs. Mann and their young son, John, flew from Charleston to San Angelo, Texas, November 11. They returned November 20.

Stanley Neal Johnson, commercial department, recently moved from Point Pleasant to Ripley. He will work out of the Ripley office.

Patricia Ingraham, commercial department, was elected corresponding secretary of the Point Pleasant Junior Woman's Club at its first fall meeting.

SPORN PLANT

Tommy Morgan, 18-month-old son of H. S. Morgan, assistant shift operating engineer, was awarded first prize at the New Haven, W. Va., Halloween Festival. Tommy was dressed as a rabbit.

H. C. Johnson has been transferred from the Newark Plant, of the Ohio Power Company, as an assistant control operator.

Wyatt F. Chadwell is a new employee in the maintenance department.

E. H. Keefer has been employed in the chemical department.

Paul Huber, coal handler, was one of a group of hunters who spent two days pheasant hunting at Oakwood,

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Bluefield Division

WELCH DISTRICT

Sympathy is extended Charles Brown, Jr., Grundy, Va., following the death of his wife, Mrs. Clarice Brown.

New Welch employees are: Nancy Parrish, clerk, engineering department; Lois Matheson, cashier, and Laurina Vergili, clerk, stores department.

Mrs. Dorothy Henritze Johnston, clerk in the engineering department, resigned her position and has moved to Narrows, Va., where she will make her home.

ABINGDON DISTRICT

Mrs. Vera Morgan Harris, cashier, resigned her position in order to be with her husband, a student at V. P. I.

Joseph Arthur Self is a new district employee. He has been assigned as a meter reader in Dickenson County.

Thomas J. Overbay, lineman, is recovering from an appendectomy.

Mrs. Thelma Kite, employee in the distribution department, spent her vacation at Cherokee Lake in Tennessee.

PULASKI DISTRICT

Roy Madison, Ivan Stoots, "Red" Newland, Bruce McCall and Carl Anderson attended the Duke-Wake Forest football game in Durham.

A. B. Sneed, Earl P. Owen, Mrs. Virginia Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Buckland and Mrs. Lois Collins, all, have returned from their vacations.

Ray Lester, rural department, is confined to his home due to illness.

Women employees of Appalachian's First Street office entertained with a bridge and rummy party recently in honor of Miss Jean Ballinger, bride-elect. The party was held at the home of Miss Virginia Rorrer in Dublin. The hostesses presented Jean a corsage and a gift. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Clifton Roseberry and Mrs. Giles Lugar.

BLUEFIELD DISTRICT

Miss Nancy Ford is a new economist in the Bluefield District.

Jim Bowling, Princeton serviceman, has been quite ill.

Mrs. Bertha Hall, of the Princeton office, was one of the honorees at a luncheon of the District Quota Convention, which was recently held at the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Mrs. Hall served as lieutenant governor of the Quota Club for two years and as governor for a similar period.

Miss Lina Light and Miss Helen Sue Spangler, of the Bluefield office, also attended the convention as delegates of the Bluefield Club of which Miss Light is president and Miss Spangler is secretary.

R. A. Runion and Bernard Mullens spent their vacations squirrel hunting in Wyoming County.

C. S. Bowling, who has been ill, has returned to his work.

H. E. Mattox, sales department, is confined to his home with an illness.

G. E. Hill reported back to work after an operation.

Mrs. Grace Covey Robertson has been employed as home economist in Giles County, Va.

Huntington Division

WILLIAMSON DISTRICT

Lindell C. Varney has returned to the commercial department as power sales engineer.

"Bill" Stepp is now assigned to the commercial department as a residential sales representative.

Charlie Maroudas, University of Cincinnati co-op student, has returned to the commercial department to work as rural sales representative.

"Babe" Akers, substation department veteran, has recently returned from a three weeks' vacation of fishing and hunting with relatives in Charleston.

Mable Kiser, Betty Roach, Irene Miller and Frances Keadle have returned to their duties in the accounting department after vacations.

Jack Gilbert, Don Hatfield and Woodrow Holbrook attended the Ohio State-Illinois football game in Columbus. Jack Gilbert, local office manager, attended as guest of the company and winner in the recent Kentucky-West Virginia Power Company contest for promotion of range sales.

HUNTINGTON DISTRICT

R. S. Musgrave, division commercial manager, presented a paper entitled, "A Successful Approach to the 'Low Use' Customer Market," at the annual sales meeting of the Southeastern Electric Exchange held at the Atlanta-Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Jean Ewbank, of Warsaw, Ky., a recent graduate of the University of Kentucky, has joined the commercial department as a member of the home service section.

R. D. Kuster, commercial cooking representative, attended a four-day commercial cooking school from November 14 to 17 in Chicago.

C. M. Dunn, district supervisor of residential sales, attended the Eleventh Annual Virginia Rural Electrification conference which was held in Roanoke on November 15 and 16.

Mrs. Maida Shumaker and her husband flew to Philadelphia to attend the Army-Navy game.

Miss Patricia Williamson, commercial department, attended the Army-Navy game.

The annual meeting of the Service Club will be held at 7:00 p. m., December 6, in the Main office. At this meeting two turkeys will be given away.

LOGAN DISTRICT

H. E. Moore, Jr., and W. F. Shawver, students at the University of Cincinnati, returned to school. They were in the Logan district as co-op student engineers.

T. F. Droege and Larry Grundy, students of the University of Cincinnati, are new co-op employees in the engineering department.

Miss Clara Vinci, a member of the plant office personnel, returned from a vacation spent in White Plains, N. Y., and New York City. She visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Trapasso.

Sympathy is extended to S. W. Woody, control operator, in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Betty Turner Woody, who died at her home in Roanoke.

The home of V. C. Mauck was the scene of a surprise birthday and Halloween party given for Anna Rose McNeeley, secretary in the engineering department, by the mem-

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Conference Leader Training Program Is Being Given

A program in conference leadership technique training for the top management group and personnel staff was inaugurated during the past month throughout the entire Southern property. This program consists of twelve 2-hour sessions designed to improve methods of conducting meetings, where there are problems to be solved or information to be given out.

Sessions are now under way for the Charleston division in Charleston; Bluefield division in Bluefield; Williamson, Logan, Hazard and Pikeville districts in Williamson, and Ashland and Hazard districts in Huntington. All four of these groups are being conducted by Mr. Fred W. Eberle, state teacher-trainer, of the West Virginia State Vocational Department.

Two groups are under way in Roanoke—one for the division personnel and another for the system department heads and supervisors. Both groups are led by Mr. J. A. Mundy, Lynchburg district personnel supervisor.

The Kingsport group has as its leader Mr. Van Endye, of the Tennessee State Vocational Training Department.

Abingdon Employee Raises Tobacco As Profitable Hobby



A hobby, which he has been pursuing for the past 25 years, pays dividends for the transportation supervisor in the Abingdon district of Appalachian.

Robert P. Miller raises tobacco as a hobby. Being in one of the great burley-growing centers of Virginia, Mr. Miller decided many years ago to put out some tobacco plants. Now he grows about an



A. J. Darrah, vice president of Appalachian and Huntington division manager, is being presented his 30-year service pin by H. D. Stillman, assistant division manager, in the photograph above, as the department heads look on. In the picture, left to right, are, front row: H. D. Stillman, H. F. Rozier, Mr. Darrah and A. R. Guthrie; second row: S. W. Mustaine, Jr., W. D. LeSage, Sr., A. McCurdy, Jr., D. M. Miller, Earl Goodbar, A. T. Wilks, Robert Callicot and C. H. Price.

Employee's Daughter Is Chosen for High Honor By Her Schoolmates

Jo Ann Keehne, the daughter of the system office manager, has been chosen in a popularity contest at Stewartsville School, as "Miss Stewartsville." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Keehne.

There were seven finalists in the contest and on the vote of her classmates, Jo Ann was accorded the honor. She received a necklace as the contest winner.

Jo Ann is a member of the eighth grade at the school and is a cheerleader for the basketball team.



acre of tobacco each year and gets between 1,500 and 2,000 pounds of tobacco from that area annually.

Along in March of each year, Mr. Miller plants his tobacco seeds and in May the small plants are transplanted in the field.

Along about now of each year, Mr. Miller may be seen taking his tobacco to one of the many big warehouses in Abingdon to sell it.

New Bluefield Substation Work Begins



Work is under way on the new substation being built in Bluefield. District Manager L. W. Bates was at the scene of the new substation when the first shovel full of earth was moved. Here he tries his hand at a bulldozer.

Mr. Darrah Gets 30-Year Service Pin

Claytor Dam

Largest Hydro Plant On A.G.E. System Is Featured in Lynchburg Publication

The Claytor hydro-electric development of Appalachian Electric Power Company, located on New River, near Radford, Va., was featured in the fall issue of *The Iron Worker*, published by the Lynchburg Foundry Company.

The first fifteen pages and the front and the back covers of the magazine, which is mailed to more than 8,000 engineers and people in the foundry and iron business throughout the nation, was devoted to a history of the area around Claytor and the story of the construction of the largest hydro-electric development in Virginia and on the American Gas and Electric System.

Editor E. A. Watson and Mrs. Watson were much interested in Claytor Lake and did a marvelous job in their magazine. Professor D. A. Cannaday, of Radford College, who is an authority on the history of Southwest Virginia, prepared a fine historical manuscript about the area in which Claytor Dam is located.

Mr. Cannaday's authenticated article told of the early explorations in the area by Peter Salley in 1742 and used excerpts from Salley's journal to tell of the early days in Southwestern Virginia. He traced the explorations from 1742 to the present.

In the historical discussion, the writer told of the days of the French and Indian War and the part which "Dunkard's Bottom," where Claytor Lake is now located, played. "Dunkard's Bottom" was one of a chain of more than 24 forts in the frontier. Colonel William Christian, for whom Christiansburg, Va., is named, was one of the commanders of Fort Frederic at "Dunkard's Bottom."

Another historic place near the site of the dam is Ingles Ferry, which Mr. Cannaday describes in his article as being an "important crossing on the Great Road from Philadelphia to Louisville." A boat owned by Appalachian and kept on Claytor Lake was named for Mary Ingles, the wife of William Ingles, who owned the ferry.

The area known as "Dunkard's Bottom," which has such a colorful historical background, is now covered

by the waters of Claytor Lake, which cover more than 4,500 acres in Pulaski County.

Appalachian's hydro-electric development, which has a capacity of 104,000 horsepower, has been in operation since August of 1939. The completion of the dam climaxed a program begun in 1923 by the New River Development Company, a predecessor of Appalachian.

Actual construction of the dam was begun in 1937. The dam and hydro plant cost \$11,000,000. The dam stretches across New River 1,150 feet and the water backed up behind it forms a lake more than 20 miles long with a shore line of 101 miles.

The magazine article told of the development of the lake and gave a biographical sketch of Graham Claytor, vice president of the American Gas and Electric Company, for whom the dam, lake and the State Park on the shores of the lake are named.

Claytor Lake State Park, located about three miles above the dam, is being developed as a recreational area.

Appalachian recently deeded to Virginia Polytechnic Institute a ninety-acre tract of land on the shore of the lake for use as a non-profit educational and recreational camp for the youth of Virginia.



New River is dammed for the production of electricity by Claytor Dam of Appalachian Electric Power Company near Radford, Virginia. Claytor Dam has a capacity of 104,000 horsepower and is the largest hydro-electric development in Virginia and on the American Gas and Electric Company System.

Appalachian Gets Merit Certificate For Advertising

A certificate of merit was recently awarded to Appalachian Electric Power Company for the excellence of its newspaper advertising published between October 1, 1948, and October 1, 1949.

The awards are made each year by Vincent Edwards and Company, publishers of *Public Utility Ad-Views*. Points are awarded monthly for "(a) Idea to sell goods or an idea (b) layout and illustrative technique and (c) general effect on company's relation with the public."

In the 1949 competition, 140 utilities in all parts of the country were represented by one or more points. Only fifty of these utilities received ten points or more in the final standing. Appalachian took 23d place in the final standing with a total of 19 points. Another affiliate of the American Gas and Electric Company, the Ohio Power Company, with 25 points, was 15th in the final rating.

Altogether, companies of the A. G. and E. received 46 points for the year, which put the system's advertising in fifth place nationally.

Almost all of Appalachian's special rural advertisements for the Abingdon District were cited individually in the course of the year. Four of these ads were reproduced in the September issue of *Ad-Views* and the judges called it an "excellent series of ads on rural electrification . . . diversified in approach yet consistent in theme."

The Abingdon series of ads was begun in March of 1949 and the theme of the ads is to tell a story about a local customer who has made good use of Appalachian's service in that district.

Roanoke Employees Go Over Quota In Drive For Community Chest

The employees of Appalachian Electric Power Company in Roanoke went all out in the recent Community Chest campaign and when it was over the company had oversubscribed its quota by one per cent.

J. D. Lawrence, assistant Roanoke division manager, who was chairman of the public service group for the entire campaign, said that 77 per cent of all of the Roanoke employees of Appalachian had subscribed to the community chest fund.

He paid tribute to E. A. Stalker, chairman of the drive among the Appalachian employees and expressed the appreciation of drive officials for the fine work of all those in the company who contributed their time in solicitations and pledged to the campaign.

Be Sure That We Have Your Correct Address

If you have not been receiving your copy of THE ILLUMINATOR, it is probably because your address is not correct on the mailing list.

To make sure that you get the paper, please give your district correspondent your correct home address.

Roanoke

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work, after a two weeks' absence.

A. H. Gravely, Jr., vacationed hunting pheasants in Randolph and Pocahontas Counties, W. Va. He is employed in the system operating department of Roanoke.

FIELDALE DISTRICT

Willard Gourley, Albert Fudge, Larry Beneler and Derwood Merriam traveled to New York City to witness the North Carolina-Notre Dame football contest. This same group, together with Raymond Martin, also attended the North Carolina-Tennessee football game in Chapel Hill.

Bruce Cox, district manager, witnessed the Duke-Wake Forest game in Durham.

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT

Earl Driskill vacationed in Washington, D. C.

Lawrence Hudson spent a week's vacation fishing and hunting.

E. N. Leftwich, line foreman, has returned to his work following an extended illness.

At the fall reunion of the Scottish Rite Masons of the Lynchburg consistory, R. H. Porter and W. L. Booth, Jr., received the 32d degree in masonry.

Mrs. Joyce A. Brown, Miss Ann Lankford, Miss Agnes Dillard, Miss Peggy A. Cox, Mrs. Clara J. Burnette, and Messrs. R. C. Foster, James Ferguson, John S. Wade, Sam Glass, Alvin Ferguson, C. P. Minnick, J. W. McCarty and H. A. Brooks, each, donated one pint of blood to the Central Virginia Blood Bank at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

APPALACHIAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

Bluefield District

Employee From To
Clifford M. Fletcher...Line Foreman.....General Foreman

Logan District

Bill F. McGhee.....Field Time & Matl. Clk...Groundman
Thomas J. Fleshman...Junior Clerk.....Groundman
Luther R. Perry.....Sales Trainee.....Rural Sales Rep., Jr.
Anna Rose McNeeley...Junior Clerk.....Clerk-Stenographer

Abingdon District

Paul S. Dunn.....Rural Serv. Clk., Jr....Rural Sales Rep. "A"
James E. Prater.....Rural Sales Rep. "B"...Appliance Serviceman "B"
Olen G. Quillen.....Right-of-Way Agent, Sr..Rural Service Clerk

Roanoke District

H. E. Chocklett.....Meter Reader, Jr....Meter Reader, Sr.
C. W. Stegall.....Collector.....Groundman
E. J. Thomas.....Meter Helper.....Residential Sales Rep., Jr.
W. H. Vipperman...Tracer.....Draftsman, Jr.
F. A. Harris.....Meterman "C".....Meterman "B"
W. L. Nichols, Jr...Groundman.....Truck Driver-Groundman
H. E. Bullard.....Groundman.....Truck Driver-Groundman
C. E. Moore.....Stores Record Clerk...Commercial Sales Rep.
E. J. Haga.....Junior Clerk.....Material Clerk
R. M. Cromer.....Junior Clerk.....Junior Clerk
Commercial Dept. Stores Dept.
Elmo M. Payne.....Material Clerk.....Stores Record Clerk

Philip Sporn Plant

Kermit H. Ford.....Kingsport Utilities.....Operator at Sporn Plant
R. L. Zerkle.....Tractor Operator.....Conveyor Operator
G. L. Hensler.....Coal Handler.....Tractor Operator
O. W. Neal.....Coal Handler.....Tripper Operator

Beckley District

James R. Lowery....Lineman "B".....Serviceman "B"
Betsy L. Kelly.....Junior Clerk.....Junior Engineering Record Clerk
Robert O. Meador...Engineering Asst.....Engineer, Junior
Regina L. Slayton...Bookkeeper.....Junior Contract Clerk

Williamson District

L. W. Robinette....Huntington District...Power Engr., Williamson

KINGSFORT UTILITIES

Floyd S. Russell....Lineman "A".....Working Foreman
Winston Morrison...Working Foreman.....Line Foreman

Lynchburg Apelcoes Club Plans Annual Christmas Party for District Workers

A Christmas party for all employees of the Lynchburg district will be held at the El Hacienda on Wards Road, December 16. Detailed plans for the celebration are being rushed to completion by representatives of the Apelcoes Club.

Tentative arrangements will permit each employee to invite one guest. A dinner and many other forms of entertainment will make the party a pleasant one. Door prizes will be awarded.

Kilowatt Club Has A Halloween Party

The Charleston district employees' Kilowatt Club held a Halloween dance at the South Charleston Recreation Center on October 29. Music was furnished by Bill Garten's orchestra.

There were all sorts of funny and unusual costumes, some of which were "Sittin' Bull" and his witch-girl friend, "Fatima," "Sad Sack," "Mortimer Snurd," and many others.

Prizes were awarded to Mrs. R. G. Skinner, dressed as a colonial woman, for the prettiest costume; Gene Stuck and his guest, dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Snurd, were awarded the prize for the funniest costume, and Lewis Goeller and his guest received a prize for their costumes as "Sittin' Bull" and the "Witch."

Eight Long-Time Employees Get Pins



These employees have served faithfully for at least 20 years each. In the top row, left to right, are: Frank C. Williams, 25 years, Roanoke; Katherine Kerr, 20 years, system accounting office, Roanoke; P. C. Ray, 30 years, system accounting office, Roanoke. Second Row: F. R. Frishette, 25 years, Charleston; L. M. Cobbs, 30 years, Charleston; J. C. Burnette, 20 years, Charleston. Third Row: Earl Peyton, 20 years, Huntington, and H. P. Ashbury, 30 years, Charleston.

Charleston District Retired Employees Are Honored at a Dinner

Two Charleston district retired employees and a third who is to be retired in January were honored at a dinner given at the Edgewood Country Club, in Charleston, last month.

The retired employees were O. O. Lucas, boiler operator at the Cabin Creek Plant, and C. W. Moran, Charleston district clerk to L. M. Cobbs. C. F. Hann, Charleston district distribution superintendent, who is to be retired in January, was also honored at the dinner.

Attending the dinner were: L. A. Wildman, S. T. Preston, R. G. Skinner, L. M. Cobbs, J. C. Burnette, C. G. Coughlin, H. O. Skaggs, W. M. Cornett, Walter Price, A. P. Reveal, Walter Ashworth, Walter Strickland, C. M. Shafer, T. E. Reed, C. A. Perkins, E. H. Braid, and A. W. Brendel.

Lynchburg Engineers Get Tributes From Two Contest Winners

The Lynchburg district of Appalachian Electric Power Company had the winner of the Westinghouse Better Methods award for Four-H Club members for Virginia and the winner of the national Future Farmers of America farm electrification award within its boundaries during 1949.

Paul Saunders, of Arrington, Va., won the Westinghouse award, marking the second time in succession that the award has gone to Nelson County. Billy Watson, of Forrest, Va., won the national FFA farm electrification award.

Both boys paid tribute to the fine cooperation which they had received from Agricultural Engineers Lloyd Miller and Harry Candler, of the Lynchburg district.

These Men Have Served More Than 250 Years



These eleven men have served in the electric utility business more than 250 years. All of them worked for the Holston River Power Company and were working for that company when Appalachian acquired the property and established what is now the Abingdon district. All of these men, except one, are still on the job for Appalachian. Left to right, seated, they are: R. E. L. Pierce, who is now retired; Robert D. Wright, Carl Carrico, Robert Crusenberry; standing, Glen Doc Burke, Marion M. Miller, Robert D. Powell, William H. Callihan, Van E. Callihan, William L. Pierce and Ancel C. Hutton.

Service Anniversaries

APPALACHIAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

Logan District

15 years: D. E. Jeffrey.

Welch District

10 years: H. H. Skewes, Switchback, W. Va.
5 years: Thomas B. Henly, Jr.

System Offices

30 years: P. C. Ray, accounting.
20 years: Katherine Kerr, accounting.
5 years: Helen G. Pearson, accounting.

Huntington District

20 years: Earl Peyton.

Roanoke District

25 years: Frank C. Williams.
10 years: Paul A. Hartman.

Charleston District

30 years: H. P. Ashbury and L. M. Cobbs.
25 years: F. R. Frishette.
20 years: J. C. Burnette.

Cabin Creek Plant

15 years: C. E. Farley.
5 years: L. T. Bandy, E. A. McGraw, I. L. Bradley and R. N. Patterson.

Feminine Fancies



The three young women pictured above were recent brides, left to right, they are: Mrs. Glenn Phillips, Mrs. Wilbur West and Mrs. Eugene L. Wood

Holbrook-Trimble

Miss Eva Lee Holbrook and Harry Trimble were recently married. Mr. Trimble is a meter serviceman at the Paintsville office.

Bond-Bradford

Miss Eula Lee Bond, of Moneta and Roanoke, became the bride of Cline R. Bradford, also of Roanoke and Stone Mountain, in a ceremony performed in Thaxton, Va., on October 29. Mrs. Bradford is employed in the Roanoke Local Accounting Office.

Phillips-Wright

Miss Edith Phillips and Robert A. Wright were united in marriage on October 21. Mrs. Wright is an employee in the Accounting Department and Mr. Wright is an employee in the Payroll Department of the Charleston office.

Branham-Haile

Miss Opal Branham and Edwin Haile were married in Catlettsburg, Ky., on November 19. Mrs. Haile is employed in the main accounting office of the Ashland district.

Laney-Rhett

The Methodist Church in Monroe, N. C., was the scene of the wedding of Miss Margaret Huston Laney to Charles Harper Rhett on October 22. Mr. Rhett is employed in the right-of-way department in Pulaski.

Pyles-Higgins

Miss Virginia Katherine Pyles became the bride of Joseph R. Higgins, at Blacksfield, W. Va., in October. Mr. Higgins is an employee in the storeroom at Point Pleasant.

Lambert-Stafford

The double ring ceremony, performed at the First Methodist Church in Catlettsburg, united in marriage Miss Phyllis Lambert and George Stafford, on November 23. Mrs. Stafford is secretary to the assistant general manager of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company in Ashland.

Marsh-May

Miss Dorothea Elizabeth Marsh and Herbert May were united in marriage recently. Mr. May is a meter reader of the Paintsville office.

Raby-Hall

Miss Frances Raby and Howard Carr Hall, Jr., were married on November 5 at the Grace Memorial Episcopal Church in Lynchburg. Mr. Hall is an office messenger in the Lynchburg office of Appalachian.

Ballinger-Sharp

Miss Jean Ballinger and Kent M. Sharp were united in marriage on November 19 at the First Christian Church in Pulaski. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sharp are employed in the Pulaski office.

Meadows-Wood

The First Baptist Church parsonage, Catlettsburg, Ky., was the scene of the marriage of Margaret Meadows and Eugene L. Wood on November 10. Mrs. Wood is a stenographer in the engineering department in Charleston.

Boyd-Phillips

Miss Norma Sue Boyd became the bride of Glen Phillips on October 15, in Keystone, W. Va. Mrs. Phillips is employed in the meter department of Appalachian in Welch.

Miller-West

Miss Betty Jane Miller and Wilbur West were united in marriage on November 25. Both Mr. and West are employed by Appalachian in the Charleston office.

Stanley-Whittington

Miss Mavis Stanley and Ray Whittington were married on November 4 at the Chelyan Baptist Church. Mrs. Whittington is employed at the Cabin Creek Plant.

Young-Holmes

The North Charleston Baptist Church was the scene of the wedding of Miss Claris Young and Kearl Holmes on October 29. Mrs. Holmes is an employee of the mailing department in the Charleston office.

Bridal Shower



Mrs. Kearl Holmes, the former Miss Claris Young, gazes at the presents she received at a shower given by employees of the Charleston district where Mrs. Holmes is a mail clerk.

Mrs. Eaton, Ashland Home Economist, Gives Christmas Dinner Menu, Recipes

Mrs. Helen Eaton, home economist for the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company at Ashland, offers the following menu and recipes for your Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Eaton, who has been employed at Ashland since 1930 is a recognized authority in Eastern Kentucky on food. Before becoming associated with the power company, she supervised the operation of a cafeteria for a large Ashland department store, as well as other cafeterias.



Mrs. Eaton is a graduate of Margaret Morrison College, Pittsburgh, Pa. When she first came to work with the power company, there were very few company office kitchens. Today, she is carrying out a full program devoted to promoting electrical appliance sales which includes educational work with civic organizations and schools. During World War II, Mrs. Eaton was active on food conservation groups.

Mrs. Eaton has a son, Jim, who works for Kentucky Utilities at Dix Dam and a daughter, Harriett.

Christmas Dinner Menu

CELERY	TROPICAL COCKTAIL	WHOLE WHEAT WAFERS
ROAST TURKEY	SALTED ALMONDS	SCALLOPED OYSTERS
	PLAIN DRESSING	
	WITH	
	GIBLET GRAVY	
	APPLES IN CRANBERRY SAUCE	
BRAZIL NUT CORN PUDDING	MASHED POTATOES	
ROLLS	RASPBERRY PRESERVES	
CARROT CURLS	RIPE OLIVES	
	HOT MINCEMEAT PIE	
CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT PATTIES	COFFEE	

RECIPES

Tropical Cocktail

Used canned, not preserved figs, and allow three to each person. Drain figs and allow to stand over night in fresh orange juice. Serve cold in the same juice and it may be tinted green and garnished with a slice of red cherry.

Apples in Cranberry Sauce

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 2 apples
- 1 cup cranberries

Boil sugar and water three minutes. Pare apples, cut in balls with potato ball cutter. Drop a few at a time in boiling syrup and cook until tender. Place three balls in each mold. Cook the cranberries and apple trimmings in the hot syrup and put through a sieve. Pour over apple balls and chill.

Scalloped Oysters

- 1 pint standard oysters
- 1-1½ cups dry bread crumbs
- ¼ cup milk and oyster liquor, mixed
- ¼ cup melted butter
- ¼ tablespoon salt

Mix salt, dash pepper, butter and crumbs. Spread a layer of crumbs in shallow baking dish, cover with half of the oysters, more crumbs and the rest of the oysters. Top with crumbs and pour over the oyster liquor and milk. Bake at 375° F. for 20-30 minutes.

Brazil Nut Corn Pudding

- 1 No. 2 can cream style yellow corn
- 2 eggs
- 1¼ cups milk
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ tablespoon butter
- ½ cup sliced brazil nuts

Beat eggs slightly, add the milk, salt and butter and mix with corn. Pour into a buttered baking dish. Bake at 350°-375° F. until the pudding sets. Remove and garnish with thinly sliced brazil nuts and serve at once.

CHRISTMAS BAKING SUGGESTIONS

Do your Christmas baking early and store in your frozen food compartment or in your home freezer. Here are some suggestions for pre-holiday baking: Banana nut bread; butterscotch pecan rolls; cup cakes in paper baking cups, iced with butter sugar icing; mince pies, latticed or two-crust; assorted filled tarts; old-fashioned blackberry cake, with caramel icing, and cookies, shaped or filled.

All of these items may be baked several weeks before Christmas, wrapped in aluminum foil and stored frozen. All foods, except pies, should be thawed at room temperature in the wrapping. Pies may be unwrapped and heated in the oven or they may be frozen before baking.

These are just a few of the foods that can be prepared in advance. Many women are roasting half a turkey this month and storing the other half, stuffed and ready for the oven in the freezer. CAUTION: Stuffing must be chilled and not packed too firmly in the bird when this method is used. Care in wrapping is important also.

Glen Holland Names New Point Pleasant District Social Club

"The Whathour Club" is the name of the newly formed social club for the Point Pleasant district employees.

Glen Holland, of the meter department, entered the name in the contest and it was selected by the judges, R. G. Skinner, Al Brendel and John Hammer, of Charleston. For the winning name, Glen was

awarded a year's dues in the club. So far "The Whathour Club" has 42 members.

They're Engaged

LOGAN—Miss Dorothy Schumacher to Thomas J. Hanley. Both are employed in the meter department in Logan.

ROANOKE—Miss Irene Minter to William G. Davidson. Miss Minter is employed in the Roanoke local accounting office.

LOGAN—Miss Jewell Davidson to Gene Keyser. Miss Davidson is employed in the accounting department at Logan.

New Arrivals . . .

POINT PLEASANT—Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Langford, a son, Larry Bruce, in October. Mr. Langford works out of the Ripley office.

LOGAN—To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruff, a son, Charles Arthur, was born October 20. Mr. Ruff is employed at the Logan Plant.

BECKLEY—A daughter, Linda Gayle, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Yost on November 1. Mr. Yost is an employee of the distribution department.

LYNCHBURG—Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Weiland, a daughter, Winifred Martin, on October 18. Mrs. Weiland is the daughter of John R. Martin, distribution superintendent of the Lynchburg district.

ROANOKE—To Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm E. Reed, a son, Michael Shawn, was born October 28. Mr. Reed is in the distribution department.

BLUEFIELD—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Stowers, a son, Robert Allen, on November 11. Mr. Stowers is with the sub-station maintenance in Bluefield.

PIKEVILLE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil DeBoard, a daughter, Anna Sue, on November 9. Mr. DeBoard is in the distribution department.

LOGAN—A daughter, Carol Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hayner, on October 19. Mr. Hayner is a boiler auxiliary equipment operator at the Logan Plant.

ASHLAND—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keeton, November 8. Mr. Keeton is a trouble man for the company at Ashland.

CABIN CREEK—To Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Orr, a daughter was born on November 13. The baby has been named Jane Kay.

CHARLESTON—A son, Robert Lewis, was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burdette, November 1. Mr. Burdette is a serviceman in the commercial department.

ROANOKE—To Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Poole, Roanoke system garage, a daughter, Ruth Ann, was born November 7.

LOGAN—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Jeffrey a daughter, Linda Mae, on November 11. Mr. Jeffrey is employed at the Logan Plant.

ASHLAND—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Humphrey a son, Mark Edward, on November 17. Mr. Humphrey is an engineer in the Ashland district.

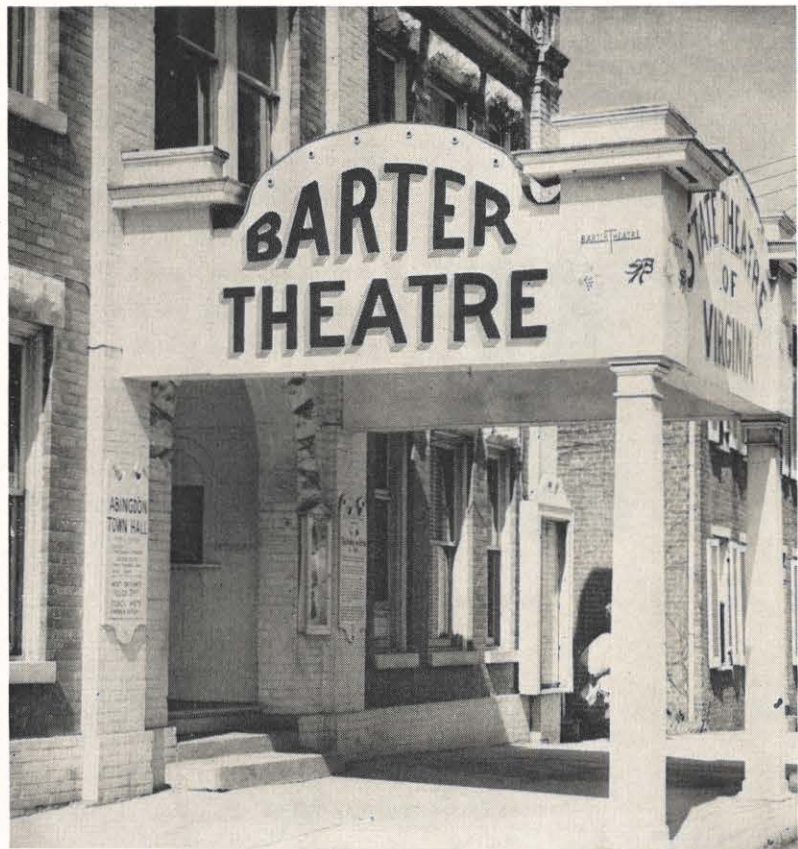
ROANOKE—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Terry, November 17. Mr. Terry is assigned to the Roanoke garage department.

CABIN CREEK—Twin sons, Terry and Jerry, were born to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams on October 21. Mr. Williams works in the mechanical maintenance department.

ROANOKE—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brown on November 9. Mr. Brown is an employee in the system garage.

HAZARD—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Brashear, a daughter, Earnestine, on October 28.

Barter Theatre of Abingdon Began When Food Was Price of Admission



Deep in the heart of Washington County, Virginia, Appalachian employees of the Abingdon district rub shoulder to shoulder with many of the stage, screen and radio's leading personalities. Abingdon, district headquarters and a modest little town, is the site where Robert Porterfield's depression-inspired brainstorm, "Beans and Bread in exchange for Talents," first began.

Today the Barter Theatre of Virginia is considered one of the outstanding stage enterprises in the nation. By virtue of a \$10,000 grant from the Virginia Conservation Commission, Porterfield reopened his pet as the first state-aided theatre in America in 1946 after a lapse during the war years. More than 40,000 people attended the theatre during the past season in Abingdon. Several Barter Theatre casts are on tour.

In the beginning, Bob saw legions of his fellow actors jobless, as Broadway faced its worts season. 1933 had closed many shows, so Mr. Porterfield contacted 22 actors who followed him across the Mason and Dixon Line. They did so more from hunger than courage, but they came with Porterfield.



They moved into the discarded dormitories of the former Martha Washington College and solicited their household dishes and other equipment from the townsfolk. The city council granted use of the old Opera House which was built in 1830. With these gifts, the first version of the Barter Theatre began its rehearsals.

June 10, 1933, Porterfield's dream became a reality. The little company opened with John Golden's "After Tomorrow," directed by Prentice Abbott. Their question was, "Will the people come?"

They did! What is more, the patrons continued to come night after night. The company played in Abingdon Fridays and Saturdays, then trouped the neighboring towns the remainder of the week. Actors doubled as stage hands, ticket sellers and ushers.

Porterfield, founder of Virginia's legitimate theatre, is himself an outstanding star of the stage, screen and

radio. He was born in Austinville, Va., and attended public school in Saltville. Later, he attended Hampden-Sydney College, University of Virginia, and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts of New York City.

In 1948, he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Literature from Hampden-Sydney, his alma mater. He was also initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership fraternity.

Cabin Creek Plant's Veteran Is Being Retired



Lacy Williams, who has more years of service to his credit than any other employee at the Cabin Creek plant, is being retired.

It was back in 1913, when the groundwork for the first installation at Cabin Creek plant was under way, that Lacy went to work at the plant. The old Virginian Power Company was constructing the plant. He has seen the station grow from its original 13,200-kilowatt capacity to the present ten-unit station of 310,000 kilowatts.

Lacy miraculously escaped fatal injury in 1947 when one of the turbines he was operating at the plant exploded. His recovery from the injuries has been exceptionally good, but the doctors advise him to take it easy from here on.

Lacy was born and reared in the Cabin Creek vicinity and he owns his own home there. He plans to spend his time around his home and visiting his many friends in the area.

Lacy's fellow employees have always been impressed by his congeniality, sincerity and loyalty.

Television Will Play an Important Role In Operation of Boilers at Sporn Plant

We've all heard that television is the coming thing in the entertainment world. We have been told that before long we could sit in our homes and see the World Series, major football games, opera, musicals and plays. Many of us have seen television in operation. However, very few of us have ever thought that television could play an important role in a power plant. It has, and it will be used in the Philip Sporn plant now under construction near Point Pleasant, W. Va.

Television has already been in operation on the American Gas and Electric System for about a year. Increased efficiency and safety in operation of the boiler units at the Ohio Power Company's Tidd Plant have resulted from the use of television.

Unique television devices, known as Utiliscopes, transmit images of boiler burner flame conditions and the water drum level directly into the enclosed control room at Tidd Plant.

A similar installation is being made at the Sporn plant. The television set consists of essentially two basic components, a camera and a viewing apparatus. Each is equipped with its own power unit and voltage regulator. An ordinary 110-volt circuit outlet is used to supply power to each of the two parts of the apparatus. Because of the relatively short distance from the camera located in the boiler room to the viewing apparatus in the control room the signals are transmitted by coaxial cables rather than by radio, as in the home television set.

With the first boiler at the new Philip Sporn plant, it will be possible for the first time to take full advantage of experience gained during the past several years with flame observation television equipment. The furnace is designed with special clear pyrex glass observation windows arranged to give a direct light path from the center of each lighter flame to the television camera, through a compact system of permanently located mirrors. Other highly efficient equipment, combined with television, will make it possible for the boiler operator to manipulate oil lighters and coal burners without leaving the control room or requiring an auxiliary operator at the burner deck during periods requiring burner manipulation.

In power plants which do not have television, the control room operators have worked with an auxiliary operator at the boiler furnace burner area. They communicated over a public address system. This occasionally lead to confusion, delay and hazardous practices during the critical period of "lighting off" burners to bring the boiler into service.

Now, with television and the push-button controls for the rest of the operation involved in bringing a boiler into service, the plant efficiency and the safety of employees will be greatly increased at the new Sporn plant.

Bluefield Service Club Completes 9 Programs

The Girls Service Club, Bluefield, rounded out its year of educational activities with four programs devoted to safety and five to education. The club has been under the leadership of Mrs. Mable Hale, president.

January, April, May and October meetings were devoted to safety, while the remainder covered a wide variety of educational and informational discussions.



C. R. Tennant, assistant shift operating engineer, checks the television receiving set before it is installed in the control room at the Sporn Plant.

Family of Hobbyists

4 Members of Huntington Family Have Recognized Names in Fields



Hobbies are fun. However, you rarely find more than one or two hobbyists in the same family. Yet, Huntington has one Appalachian family, a family of four persons, who are definitely recognized in seven hobbies.

W. D. LeSage, Sr., an administrative assistant in the Huntington district, became interested in photography back in 1933. Since that time his photographs have been exhibited in many states as well as several foreign countries. Ribbons and certificates of merit are proudly displayed by Mr. LeSage as a result of these exhibitions.

In 1942, the American Photographer Exhibitors' "Who's Who in the World of Photography," listed Mr. LeSage as fourteenth among the hundreds covered in their findings. He is a fellow member of The Royal Society of Photographers of Great Britain, Editor of "The Folio"; an assistant to the chairman of the

Pictorial Division Society of Photographer's Magazine. He serves annually as a judge for the Huntington Herald-Dispatch annual Newspaper National Snapshot Contest and at present time he specializes in still-life photography.

The hobby of Mrs. LeSage is a doll hospital. In the above photograph Sally Minnich, three-year-old daughter of Owen R. Minnich, of the Huntington district transmission and distribution department, is shown receiving her doll from Mrs. LeSage, after the doll's hospital care.

In addition to her doll hospital, Mrs. LeSage has another hobby, raising canaries. She has more than 40 in her aviary in the garage building back of the home.

Mr. W. D. LeSage, Jr., who is employed in the Huntington district transmission and distribution department, has a work bench in the basement where he tinkers with radios and photography.

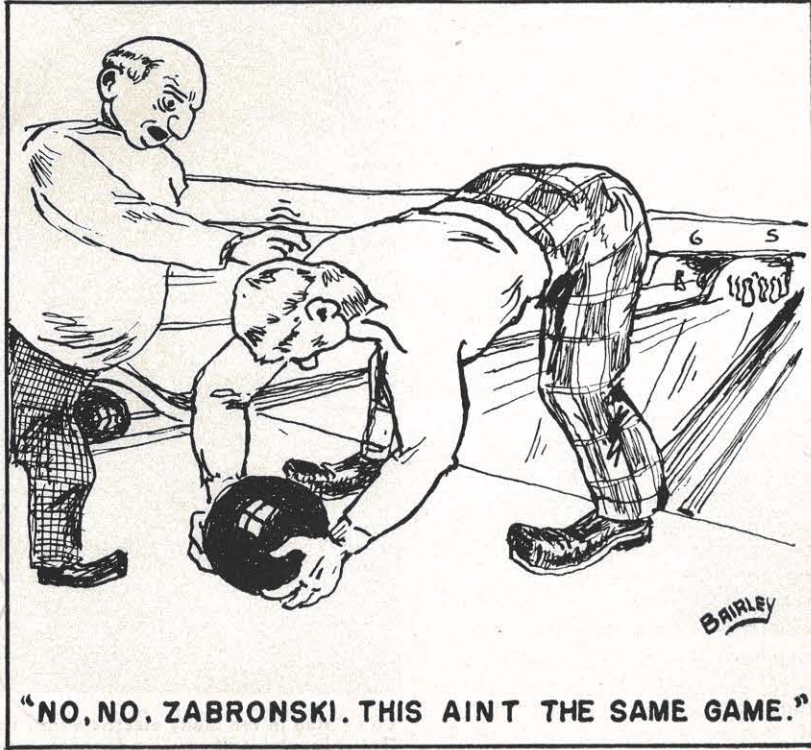


Pulverizers Clinch Loop's First Third In Divisional Race

Team spirit and steady play paid off as the Pulverizers, Cabin Creek's bowling entry, clinched the first third of the Charleston Division Bowling League's spirited race. This standing assures them an opportunity to enter the championship play offs.

Team supporters point out that the Pulverizers' enthusiasm make them a constant threat despite the fact their team boasts no outstanding bowlers. A perfect attendance at all games has proved to be an important factor in the Pulverizers' present standing.

L. O. McKinney is the high bowler for the Cabin Creek entry. McKinney's 30-game average is 159.



Charleston

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Ohio. Paul returned with the limit. Frank Aldred, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Aldred, has been made a member of the Blue Key national honor society at Roanoke College. Qualification is based upon scholarship, campus leadership and other college activities.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT

R. R. Lucas is back in the Charleston storeroom following a long illness.

Juanita Conway, billing clerk in commercial department, and Mary Alice Caudill, secretary to the district manager, attended the Ohio State-Illinois home-coming football game.

Lonnie Bowe, meter reader, returned from a vacation spent hunting in Putnam County. He killed 250-pound black bear.

The accounting department of the Montgomery office honored Mrs. Mickey Propps and Mrs. Larry Griffiths with a farewell dinner party at Tony Bree's Restaurant at Smithers on Thursday, November 10. Mrs. Propps left the company on November 11 because of illness and Mrs. Griffiths will leave on December 3 to move to Michigan. Each guest of honor was presented with a gift.

Mrs. Ruth W. Crawley has been employed as a home economist for work in the Charleston district.

G. W. Unangst, Charleston meter superintendent, has moved his family from Zanesville, Ohio, to Charleston.

R. G. Skinner, division personnel supervisor, spoke to the American Business Men's Club luncheon on October 25 at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

New employees in the accounting department of the Montgomery office are: Miss Betty Russell, Miss Peggy Evans and Mrs. Alice Waters.

Bluefield Bowlers Hear National Representative Speak at Bowling Meet

R. T. MacMaster, eastern field representative of the American Bowling Congress of New York City, spoke to an assembly of Bluefield bowling enthusiasts early last month. More than forty members of various leagues attended the meeting which was held in the Appalachian auditorium.

Mr. MacMaster gave an interesting talk on the activities of the Congress.

Mr. MacMaster was introduced by R. V. Schussler, secretary of the Bluefield Bowling Association.

3 Cabin Creek Hunters Bag Red Squirrel Limit

Herman Hale, Donald Murphy and Owen Wilson, employees of the Cabin Creek Plant, consider themselves more than successful on their initial squirrel-hunting trip of the season. All bagged their limit of seven "red" squirrels the first day.

They hunted in Jackson County woods on the first day of their vacations and the opening of the current season.

Wilson remarked, "It's hard work—but it's fun. Especially," he beamed, "when you are able to bring back that many red ones. It was a swell trip."

Three Bluefield Gridiron Whistle Tooters

Whether it is playing or officiating, three Bluefield district AEP employees still have their days on the gridiron. This year they donned their striped shirts and whistles instead of the familiar moleskins and pads.

Years ago, when these employees played college football, they often wondered just what was wrong with the officials. Today, however, the story is completely reversed. They are busily engaged calling games each week and they find themselves thinking, "What's wrong with those lugs? Shoulda' passed!"

J. C. "Fats" Smith is now President of the Blue Grass Officials Association of Bluefield. It is a state-wide organization for game officials. Mr. Smith is a graduate of V. M. I., where he was a star on the gridiron for four years. "Fats" has been officiating for eighteen years and prior to coming to Bluefield, he officiated in the Rocky Mountain Conference in Denver.

Shockey is a past president of the Blue Grass Officials Association and

is a graduate of V. P. I. He played football, as well as other sports for four years. During his senior year, he was elected captain of his team. He has been officiating for ten years.

Crotty is a graduate of Bluefield



Shown, left to right, are: J. C. "Fats" Smith, Jr., power engineer in the commercial department; Carol L. Shockey, district personnel supervisor, and Arnold Crotty, draftsman.

H. Wexler, Jess Carter, J. V. Carter, Win Autumn Ping-Pong Tournament

Howard Wexler, groundman, outplayed a broad field and defeated Paul Carter in three thrilling tilts to win the 1949 Kingsport Utilities annual autumn table tennis singles tournament. Wexler downed Carter after the latter had won 3 of the 5 extra-point games over Gus Parrack in the semi-finals. The tournament had classes for "professionals," "semi-pros" and "amateurs."

Many exciting days were jammed with extremely close contests which attracted many spectators. No entry was seeded and many of the pre-tourney favorites were blasted by the paddles of several K. U. I. dark horses.

Jess Clark, payroll clerk, was named the new "semi-pro champion" as he edged John Faust, commercial sales representative.

J. V. Carter, lineman, walked away with the "amateur" crown by winning a three-game series over M. C. Phillips.

Plans for a doubles tournament and possibly another singles play-off are under way for a special winter activity.

Wexler, the tournament champion, is the K. U. I. softball pitching ace who set the 1949 tournament strike-out record for single encounters.

Point Pleasant Bowlers Play Two Teams In Loop

"Set 'em up in the other alley."

That is the familiar cry at Point Pleasant, as AEP enthusiasts hammer at the Point Pleasant City Bowling League's crown with their first entries in the fall and winter sport.

Two teams entered the loop and have already made a good impression among their rivals.

Bowling in the men's league, as the Appalachian Electric Power Company, are Carl H. Murray, Jr., John Jones, Bob Miller, Bill Allen, Claude Frishette, George Roberts, Wandel Pancake. Their standing is 15 wins and 9 losses. This makes a three-way tie for first place in the league and all entries are battling for the top slot.

In the mixed league, Faye Johnson, Lois Archer, Thomas Stancel, George Roberts, Patricia Ingraham, John Spiggle and Paul Rairden are members of this team, using "Elec" as a team name.

Son of Huntington Employee Is Rated Ace Backfield Star



John R. Craig, Jr., son of John R. Craig, of the Huntington transmission and distribution department, is rounding out his third football season as a member of Huntington High School's fast-stepping Pony Express. John has been one of the team's crack performers and anchors the fullback slot.

Over a year and a half ago, however, things did not look too bright for John. He suffered a broken leg which kept him out of school and away from his favorite sport, football.

This year it is a different story. John is back in uniform and shattering the defensive forward walls of the opposition. He is rated as one of the Pony Express' backfield stars. He is 18 years old and a junior at H. H. S.

As a youngster, John began his organized grid career with two years of football under the colors of West Junior High School.

Aside from football, John is very active in school activities. He is also a member of the St. Peter's Episcopal Church and hopes to become a minister. After graduation, he plans to attend Sewanee University.

Outside of school, John is a sergeant in the National Guard in Huntington.

Lynchburg Meter Reader's Dogs Place In Two Sporting Events

Herman L. Morris, Lynchburg district meter reader, spends most of his spare time fox hunting and training dogs. His efforts as a sportsman were rewarded when he received recognition in two of Virginia's foremost meets.

Mr. Morris spent several days of his vacation camping near Moneta, Va., while he attended the Valley of Virginia Fox Hunters Association. One of his dogs, "Fanny," won second high general average in the Derby Race.

He also spent several days at Mineral, Va., attending Central Virginia Fox Hunters Association, where his dog, "Brenda Kay," won fourth high general average.

Glen Lyn Employee Wins Bluefield Football Race

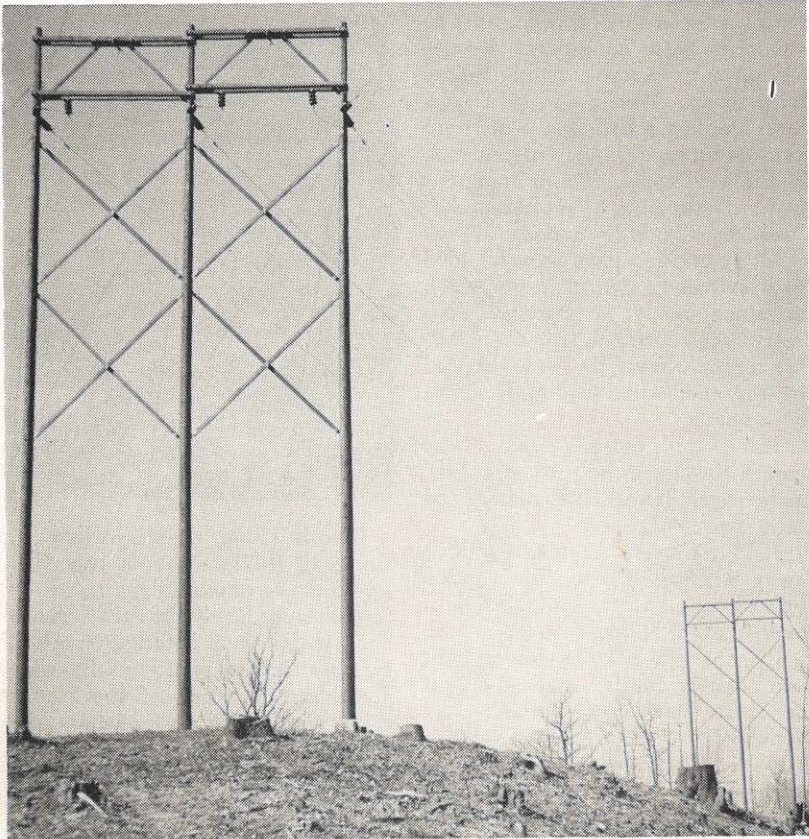
With over 1,000 "experts of the week" participating, J. O. Heslep, a Glen Lyn Steam Plant employee, was singled out as the "expert" by correctly selecting 25 grid winners in a contest sponsored by the *Sunset News*, Bluefield.

In making the remarkable predictions, Mr. Heslep uncovered four out of six startling upsets. Contests missed were won by one-point margins.

Mr. Heslep is five dollars to the good for having his own ideas.

Unusual Construction

Poles Ninety Feet High Are Used To Build 44KV Line For New Mining Operation In Logan District



Straight as an arrow, these 90-foot-high poles atop White Oak Mountain in Boone County, West Virginia, carry 44,000 volts of electricity to a new strip and deep mining operation. This unusual line was built so that an electric dragline could be used under the power lines.

An unusual 44,000-volt transmission line has been constructed by the Logan district of Appalachian Electric Power Company to serve a new combined strip and deep mining operation.

The line is strung on 90 feet high poles. The usual height of poles for such a line is 60 feet, but in many cases poles 75 feet long have been used.

The reason for the extreme height of the poles in the Logan district operation is that a dragline, with a superstructure of 100 feet, is to be used under the line in the strip mining operation.

The new coal operation is being opened by the Westmoreland Coal Company, which has been operating in Western Pennsylvania since 1854. The company will begin active operation on a 10,000-acre tract shortly in the Logan and Boone County coal fields.

The removal of overburden is now under way with a six-and-one-half-cubic-yard electric shovel. A 25-cubic-yard electric drag line will be delivered to the operation soon. The anticipated movements of the dragline were the major factors in constructing the unusual line.

The 44,000-volt line is a tap from the existing lines on Pond Fork and extends three miles to the top of White Oak Mountain in Boone County. Appalachian has erected a stepdown station with a capacity of 2,000 KVA atop White Oak Mountain.

Miss Iris Spaulding, Huntington, Rated Top System Billing Machine Operator

Nimble fingers all but fly about the multi-colored array of keys on the sensitive and complicated billing machines, as Miss Therese Iris Spaulding taps out her daily assignment. Miss Spaulding, an employee of the centralized billing office, Huntington, has a faculty for making huge stacks of bills practically disappear right before your eyes.

Not only has Miss Spaulding established a system-wide record, but it is believed she can be rated among the fastest billers in the entire A. G. and E. organization.

Miss Spaulding's highest single day's average has been the marking of 456 bills an hour with a final output of 3,420 bills in a seven-and-one-half-hour working day. This was accomplished with a minimum of errors.

During the past six months, Miss Spaulding averaged 301.8 bills an hour for the entire month of May; 305.5 in June; 276.1 in July; 333.3 in August; 363.7 in September, and 381.5 during October.

Miss Spaulding became an employee of the company September 25,



1947. She is a graduate of Huntington High School and was not only an outstanding activity student but also one of that school's high-stepping majorettes.

When Miss Spaulding was asked about her record she replied, "It's all pleasure to me and I enjoy my work. Actually all of our girls are excellent billing machine operators—I'm just lucky, that's all."

"The Dryer Story"



"The Dryer Story," a skit presented by an Ashland district cast, introduced the promotion of electric clothes dryers by the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company.

The show was first presented to an assembly of more than 193 district employees; next to 246 home economic students; then, to the entire membership of the Ashland Woman's Club.

The promotion has accounted for a number of dealer sales and the cast, shown left to right, are: Bill Schweitzer, Jarrell Osborne, Helen Eaton, Marilyn Blevins, Becky Daugherty and Beulah Miller, seated.

Williamson K-Appa Club Holds Annual Halloween Party

The minor invasion of the Williamson auditorium by a weird and mysterious-looking group turned out to be members of the K-Appa-Girls and their guests attending a Halloween masquerade.

Many unusual forms of entertainment were enjoyed and the competition for costume awards was considered outstanding.

Roanoke Men See How Easy Cooking Electrically Is In 'Tuff Guy' Show



The men got a chance to show that cooking electrically is easy at a recent "Tuff Guy" cooking demonstration held by the Westinghouse Electric Company, in cooperation with the Roanoke district of Appalachian.

More than 160 men attended the demonstration in the Appalachian auditorium. Jack Green, range sales manager of Westinghouse's Mid-Atlantic division, was the master of ceremonies for the event and Miss Audrey Goodling, Westinghouse home economist, and Miss Addie Munday, director of activities in the Appalachian auditorium, gave the men some tips on how to prepare their foods. Eddy Eck, manager of Roanoke Westinghouse Electric

Keep Christmas Merry

These Suggestions Will Help You Keep From Having Fire Mar Christmas



Don't plug in too many electric wires, lights or appliances on one extension cord. Over-plugging will cause a dangerous overload on electrical circuits. The correct way is to use fewer appliances on one circuit and distribute the load among several outlets.

Every year at Christmas time, tragedies take the lives of Christmas merry-makers.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters points out that "Few people realize that the ordinary Christmas tree can be one of the most flammable objects known. It is filled with pitch and resin. Once ignited, it is very difficult to extinguish."

An average-sized Christmas tree takes less than two minutes to burn

up, according to tests made by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

To cut down on the fire danger, you should choose a small tree and keep it outdoors until a few days before Christmas. Set it up in the coolest part of the house.

Do not use cotton or paper for decorations. "Fireproof" decorations are now available, and add much to Christmas safety.

Dangerous Christmas tree fires can also be set off by tiny sparks. Therefore, it is important to avoid placing electric trains around the tree, and to check wiring carefully. Wires bearing the label of Underwriters' Laboratories have been carefully tested for fire safety. Never use frayed or worn wires.

Here are some other life-saving safety suggestions from the National Board of Fire Underwriters:

1. Never use real candles. Use electric candles instead.
2. Choose "fireproof" decorations.
3. After opening Christmas presents, remove all the gift wrappings and packing materials from your living room and dispose of them.
4. Choose safe toys. Chemical sets and toys requiring alcohol, kerosene, gasoline and carbide lamps may be hazardous for children. Look for the "U. L." label on electric toys. Always supervise children's play with electric toys.

Huntington

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bers of the engineering department.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lowe, Jr., and son, John Clinton, left for a vacation at Clearwater, Fla. They will also visit friends in Charlotte and St. Petersburg. Mr. Lowe is employed in the accounting department.

Mrs. Katharine Chatfield, accounting department, has returned to work after a brief illness.

Supply Company, and James Crouch, residential sales supervisor for the Roanoke district, arranged the affair.

Shown in the picture above are those who took part in the cooking activities, from left to right: Acting Police Superintendent S. A. Bruce; W. B. Smith, editorial director of the Times-World Corporation; Chief W. M. Mullins, of the City Fire Department; Mayor A. R. Minton; Graham Smith, of Jarrett Brokerage Company; Jimmy White, Roanoke district manager; E. H. Ould, vice president of the First National Exchange Bank and president of the Chamber of Commerce, and City Manager Arthur S. Owens.