

Get your happiness out of your work, or you'll never know what happiness is.
—ELBERT HUBBARD

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The man who trusts men will make fewer mistakes than he who distrusts them.
—CAVOUR

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Robert N. Hurt Is Elected Virginia Jaycees' President

Robert N. Hurt, system employee relations supervisor, was elected president of the Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce at its annual convention held at Virginia Beach on May 13. Mr. Hurt succeeds Horace E. Henderson, of Williamsburg, Va.

Mr. Hurt has been an active participant in local, state and national Jaycee activities since he first joined the Roanoke organization in 1944. He served in various capacities and was named president of the Roanoke Jaycees in 1947, then a state director in 1948.

He was also named vice president of the state organization and chairman of its awards committee in 1946-47. He has been serving as a national director since last summer.

In the national organization, Mr. Hurt has served as vice chairman of the awards committee and the Jaycee war memorial committee.

A native of Salem, Mr. Hurt is married and the father of one child. He attended Salem public schools



and the National Business College, Roanoke.

He joined Appalachian in September, 1937, and was Roanoke district safety director and system training supervisor before being named to his present position in January.

A. T. Wilks Heads Huntington Club

A. T. Wilks, administrative assistant in the Huntington division, has been elected president of the Huntington Advertising Club for the coming year.



He assumed his duties the latter part of May. Mr. Wilks has been a member of the Advertising Club for several years, which is composed of representatives of many of the businesses in Huntington.

Clapper Is Made Superintendent At New Indiana Plant

E. E. "Pat" Clapper, who has been serving as assistant superintendent of the Philip Sporn Plant since May, 1949, has been appointed superintendent of the Tanner's Creek Plant at Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

The Tanner's Creek Plant is owned by the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, a subsidiary of the American Gas & Electric Company.

The first unit of this new construction is scheduled to be placed into operation in February of 1951.

Mr. Clapper joined the Appalachian Electric Power Company in 1937. He became superintendent of the Logan Plant in 1945. He served the company in this capacity until he was transferred to the Philip Sporn Plant last year.

He was graduated from Union College and then worked for the General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York.

Mr. Clapper is married and has one five-year-old daughter.

Sporn Tells A. G. & E. Stockholders Of Increased Capacity

Philip Sporn, president of the American Gas and Electric Company, told the stockholders at the annual meeting last month that within the next 28 months the A. G. & E. system's generating capabilities will be increased by 750,000 kilowatts. This will bring the total generating plant capacity to 3,026,000 kilowatts.

In analyzing the progress in the American Gas and Electric System, Mr. Sporn said that in the past 10 years the system had almost doubled the number of communities it serves, increased its customers by about 70 per cent and kilowatt-hour sales by 135 per cent.

W. P. Carter Has Another Article In Operating Notes

W. P. Carter, system transmission line superintendent, Bluefield, received recognition as the author of the article, "Mechanical Clearing of Rights of Way," which appeared in the April issue of A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes.



Mr. Carter's article told of the use of mechanical equipment in the reclearing of rights of way. The equipment was first used during the war years to off-set the shortage of manpower.

Since this method was first used, many savings in time, labor and money have been realized by the company in completing the same clearing problems. Mr. Carter's methods not only prove more beneficial from the economy standpoint, but complete the operation far better than the old brush-hook method.

Hazard Employees Form Welfare Fund

Employees of the Hazard District have adopted a new way of handling donations to the various community welfare organizations.

The new organization, which has been named the Power Company Employees Welfare Fund, includes every employee in the company. Department heads, one time each year, collect the donations and the entire amount is deposited in a bank. A committee, formed of departmental representatives, is in charge of disbursements.

This method permits the employee to make a cash donation or a pledge once a year and does away with the problem of making several donations during the year.

Abingdon Employee Is Cleveland Mayor



Mayor L. G. Smith, Abingdon district stores supervisor, center, is shown in a business session with two members of the city council in Cleveland, Va. Besides being mayor of Cleveland, Mr. Smith is active in other community affairs and lodge work. In the Masonic lodge, Mr. Smith has served as Grand Master of the State of Virginia. He is also active in church work and youth movements. He has held several posts in Russell county Boy Scout activities. He has served two terms as mayor of Cleveland. Mr. Smith, who is a native of Russell county, Va., began working for the company in 1943 as a field clerk. Shown above, left to right, Robert Ferguson, Mayor Smith, and J. H. Buchanan.

Second Sporn Unit Slated For Operation This Month

New Method Of Hanging Transformer In Hazard District



The installation of heavy transformers had been a problem to R. P. Adams, Hazard district superintendent, until he devised the method pictured above. This is a 112½ KVA stack unit which is part of a secondary network furnishing electricity for Main Street in Hazard. Mr. Adams thought of placing a short pole under the heavy transformer and letting it rest on the pole.

Invitation Extended To Visit A. G. & E. Office

All employees of the Southern Properties, who may vacation in New York, have a cordial invitation to visit the American Gas and Electric Company offices.

The offices are located in the Hudson Terminal Building, 30 Church Street in downtown Manhattan, and the reception desk is on the eighteenth floor.

The second 150,000 kilowatt turbo-generating unit at the Philip Sporn plant is scheduled to go into service late this month.

The second unit, owned by The Ohio Power Company, will feed the 132,000 volt transmission network of the American Gas and Electric Company System, benefitting more than 2,000 communities in seven states.

The first unit, owned by Appalachian, went on the lines in early December. Work on the third and fourth units of the ultimate 600,000 kilowatt \$66 million plant now is well under way. The third unit should be completed in July, 1951, and the fourth unit in May, 1952.

In all, within the next 28 months, 750,000 kilowatts of capacity will be brought on the line, bringing the A. G. & E. system's total plant capability to 3,026,000 kilowatts. In addition to the Sporn plant units, the first 150,000 kw unit at Tanner's Creek, Indiana, plant is scheduled for completion by next February and Tanner's Creek unit two, recently authorized, is to come on the line in September, 1952.

Embodying the latest skills in engineering research and design, the Philip Sporn plant will be one of the world's major steam-electric stations.

The plant is situated on the Ohio River at Graham Station, W. Va.

It is a major part of the five-year \$325,000,000 expansion program undertaken by A. G. & E. in 1947 to assure an ample future power supply for the more than a million customers served by the system.

New 132,000 Volt Station Started At Betsey Layne

Construction of a new 132,000-volt transmission station has been started at Betsey Layne, Ky., in the Pikeville District of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company.

The station will consist of a 20,000 KVA transformer, three 44 KV oil circuit breakers and a new 2,000 KVA transformer which will replace the 450 KVA transformer bank which supplies the distribution system in the area.

The new station will provide a second source of supply to the 44,000-volt system in the Pikeville District and will improve voltage conditions throughout the district.

Foundation work at the station site is virtually completed and the 20,000 KVA transformer has been moved to the site.

Williamson Girls' Club Sponsors WHS Junior For 1950 Girls State

The K-Appa-K, Williamson district Girls' Club, selected Miss Lois Weaver, a junior in the Williamson High School, as the girl the club will sponsor at the West Virginia Girls State. Girls State will be held at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia.

The club's selection was based on Miss Weaver's scholastic standing, character and leadership.

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Free Enterprise

When people start living in groups in an organized society, they find it necessary to adopt some kind of an economic system. In order to exist, people have to have food, clothes, houses and many other necessities of life. If they live apart, each family has to provide these things for itself. If they live together, in an organized society as we do, some folks can specialize in producing food, others in building houses, others in providing electric service, and on and on. Then the whole group can have more of everything because each can produce more efficiently. Thus the necessity for some kind of an economic system.

Our American system, often referred to as the System of Free Enterprise, is based on five fundamental principles. They are: 1. Private Property; 2. A Free Market; 3. Profit and Wage incentives; 4. Competition; 5. Government regulation—but not government control.

The theory of our Free Enterprise system, which has proven to be the best in the world, is based on certain concepts. Under the principle of Private Property, a man can pick the occupation of his choice and he is permitted to keep the fruits of his labors. In a Free Market, rather than a planned economy, all the people have a voice in deciding whether they will buy more or less eggs, houses, automobiles, refrigerators and chewing gum this month or this year. And Private Property and Free Markets influence the third and fourth principles of profit and wage incentives and competition.

It was recognized in the early 1900's that a Free Market under our System had to be kept policed if it were to be kept free. Thus we adopted "Government Regulation" intended to referee the game—but not intended to play in it.

As we have reached a higher degree of development, our problems have naturally become more complex. With these complexities has come the belief by many that government controls and planned economy are necessary. And when Government ceases to be a referee and starts calling the plays then we begin losing our freedoms. That is the great and alarming danger to Free Enterprise today.

Vacations

This is the time of year when most of us begin thinking about vacations. Usually it's almost as much fun to make the plans as it is to take the vacation, unless we experience the difficulty, as some of us do, in getting all of the family to agree to the same plans.

Vacations are important and are needed by everyone, if they serve to bring us a change in scenery, some rest and relaxation or perhaps more important, some extra time with our families.

Are you making plans for your vacation?



QUESTION OF THE MONTH: What does the Free Enterprise System mean to you?

JOE A. ALLINDER, chemist, Cabin Creek Plant:

Life, the love of knowledge, a talent for duty, a capacity for happiness and the personal freedom in the pursuit of these without restraint are inherent gifts of nature. Government is a creation by the people to impose restraints on those who would abuse these gifts.



The personal freedom of life is the infeasible right of every man until he forfeits it by violation of that compact to which he has set his seal as a member of civil society. It is bestowed upon him to be retained and not to be bartered away. His economic life is one phase of this general relation. Here, as in civil government, society must set controls to restrain those who would abuse their natural freedom but it must be done without destroying our natural freedom. We must not barter away our inherent rights. To me freedom of private enterprise offers the unbeatable driving force of self-interest and individual initiative necessary to insure a future abundance in all phases of our way of life.

C. E. ARCHER, supervising engineer, Glen Lyn Plant:

Of the many definitions of "Free Enterprise," I prefer to think of it as an unrestricted exchange of goods between people who are guided by a high moral responsibility to society. A pure system of Free Enterprise is Utopian, and we can approach it only as each individual raises his moral responsibility to society. Within a true Free Enterprise System, any exchange of goods, be it labor or materials, should be profitable to all concerned. We are gradually placing more restrictions on trade because some individuals are attempting to get more than their share of profit at the expense of society.



Free Enterprise also embodies a keen and highly competitive trade, where production costs are low, not at the expense of, but for the benefit of labor; and where consumer prices are low, not at the expense of, but for the benefit of the manufacturer. After all a Free Enterprise System exists when a group of people use the Golden Rule in transacting trades on a competitive and unrestricted market.

DENVER LAYNE, line foreman, Pikeville:

Under the system of Free Enterprise each individual may choose any profession he desires in order to earn a profitable living on a competitive and open market. He may purchase and own property or business as his savings permit.



When and if this system is taken from us every principal of the constitution of the United States will be violated. We would lose the privilege of selecting a job or business which would provide for us in the future years.

Socialism is defined as a political doctrine which places everything under government ownership and operation. Would you like that?

MRS. TRENNIE COLE, system commercial department, Roanoke:

Free enterprise to me, generally speaking, is allied with free speech, free worship, and all the other wonderful freedoms on which America is based, and which I do not believe the people will ever suffer to be lost.



More specifically it means to me the opportunity of working for and with a company such as the Appalachian which, as a privately owned company, is free to grow and expand in accordance with the energy and resourcefulness brought to the job.

Likewise, it means having my personal success controlled by the ability, energy and resourcefulness which I bring to my job.

J. J. DUNCAN, distribution department supervisor, Pulaski:

Free Enterprise is a very important phase of any democracy. Truly there is no limit to opportunities in a country which has and respects Free Enterprise. It is one of the things that has made a great nation out of these United States.



Under this system any one with ability, ambition and fortitude can gain success regardless of his station in life. Free Enterprise system means to me that I and I alone am the one who governs the degree of success that can be reached by me.

We must exert every effort possible to halt the socialistic trend in order to keep our land a land of Free Enterprise, which means to us a land of unlimited opportunities.

GLENN T. FRAZIER, accounting department, Kingsport:

The Free Enterprise system plays a very important part in this great American country of ours. It means that I have a right to establish a business and to carry on that business as I choose. If you take Free Enterprise out of democracy you have taken away one of the greatest factors. I know that ours is the only country in which a person has this right so I think it should definitely be used to the best advantage to everyone.



NICHOLAS ROOMY, JR., accounting department, Logan:

The Free Enterprise System means everything to me as an American.



It is the essence of our constitution and our American way of life, and we should ever guard this great American heritage. I believe this system surpasses all others and gives a human the right of Life, Liberty and Happiness.

Protect Free Enterprise and you will never be subjected to Communism, Socialism or any other form of government whereby one's civil liberties may be denied.

C. P. MINNICK, JR., distribution-records department, Lynchburg:

To me, the Free Enterprise system means all of the economic rights which I now enjoy. It means my right to follow whatever vocation I like best. It means higher wages and better living conditions brought about by profits enjoyed through Free Enterprise.



It means new comforts and conveniences brought about by competition in this system. It means that my boss is one who knows his job and can deal with the problems which arise instead of one who is a bureaucrat or a politician. And best of all, it means that I have unlimited opportunity, according to my own ability and initiative, to advance in my work—it means opportunity through merit instead of opportunity through socialistic service. To me, Free Enterprise means insurance against socialism.

PATRICIA INGRAHAM, commercial department, Point Pleasant:

Freedom of enterprise means to me, as an individual, the right to live and work where I wish, and to earn my living by a lawful calling. In our country, enterprise is free within the limits imposed by the public welfare.



Under this system we have unlimited opportunities for the development of new ideas and industries, which in turn provide us with new and improved products. Competition, encouraged by freedom of enterprise, enables us to obtain these better products in greater variety and at lower prices. As our incomes increase in purchasing power, we will enjoy a higher standard of living.

About A Friend O' Mine

It's funny when a feller feels he's sorter down an' out; his shoes maybe ain't got no heels, an' he is jes' about to give up hope an' everything, an' say, "Well, here's the end," an' 'long comes someone singin' strong—a guy you call a friend.

A friend, I mean, who takes your hand an' helps you on your feet; a friend who pats you on the back an' helps you down the street of grief an' tribulations great, an' helps you to the end. It makes no diff'rence, early, late—that's what I call a friend!

When sickness takes the best you got, an' woe stalks at your door, an' you feel sorter that's your lot, an' you can't hope no more, along comes someone mighty glad, one who will help you mend the hurts an' troubles that you have—that's what I call a friend.

An' all through life we always see that hand of friendship there. No matter where you are or be, a friend will do his share. An' o'er the hills of troubles sad, beginning to the end, you'll always find someone who's glad that he can be your friend.

—The Flame

Service Pin Awards During May



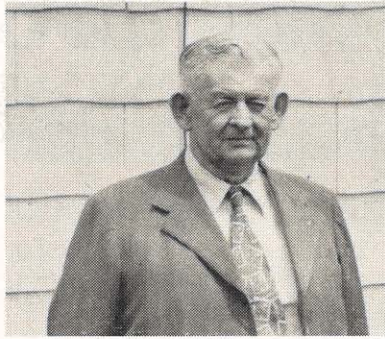
Shown above are employees who received service pins during last month for 20 years service or more. Top row, left to right: H. N. Belcher, Cabin Creek plant, 35 years; W. S. Shanks, Roanoke, 25 years; C. T. Smith, Roanoke, 30 years. Second row: A. D. Rosenbalm, Abingdon, 25 years; R. I. Musser, Roanoke, 30 years; O. B. Murphy, Roanoke, 30 years. Third row: J. W. Woods, Jr., Bluefield, 30 years; Okey B. Yost, Bluefield, 20 years; C. W. Taylor, Charleston, 30 years. Fourth row: Jane Hutchinson, Charleston, 20 years; B. F. Montague, Charleston, 30 years; Walker Bowman, Hazard, 20 years. Fifth row: F. R. Fannin, Huntington, 25 years; Allen Blackburn, Pikeville, 20 years; S. F. Mingrone, Logan, 25 years. Bottom row: John L. Gilbert, Williamson, 20 years; Vernon Galloway, Kenova plant, 25 years, and D. E. Lake, Ashland, 25 years.

Ninety-Five Years Service Among Them



A. F. Horne, Welch district manager, far left, presents service pins to four Welch district employees who have served Appalachian 95 years. Left to right the veterans are: G. W. Rouse, 25 years; R. J. B. Barnes, 20 years; William E. Carr, 20 years, and F. L. Lineberry, 30 years.

John F. Becher, Cabin Creek Plant Employee, Retires



John F. Becher, who was first employed by Appalachian on September 25, 1925, has been retired from duty at the Cabin Creek Plant. He celebrated his 65th birthday on May 11 and says now he plans to take life easy and he and Mrs. Becher may do some traveling.

Sixty-five years ago, John Becher was born at Hampton, W. Va., which is now East Bank and he's lived there all of his life. He was first employed by Appalachian as a watchman during the time the new Charleston garage was being built and then served as a dispatcher for the transportation department until 1933.

When the Cabin Creek Plant expansion program was begun in 1941, Mr. Becher was rehired as a watchman and at the end of construction he was transferred to the coal handling department as a clerk and weighman, a position he held when he was retired.

Mr. Becher married Miss Grace McVey, of Ansted, on January 30, 1917, and they have two children, a son and a daughter, who live at East Bank.

Mr. Becher says he is giving serious thought to taking a trip to California.

Lynchburg Employee Has An Active Day

"If anything is going to happen," say most of the Blackwater Substation employees at Lynchburg, "it's bound to happen to Harry Cumbeby or Dick Tracy."

Harry, who is an employee of Appalachian at Blackwater, recently had a very unusual day.

He had just returned to his home Saturday afternoon, May 13, after being a patient of the Lynchburg General Hospital. Mr. Cumbeby was beginning to recuperate when his son, Wilson, arrived from North Carolina accompanied by his new bride, the former Miss Frances Phelps, of Indiana.

This sudden surprise was climaxed in a span of a few hours by the midnight announcement of his daughter, Caroline's engagement. Miss Cumbeby announced her engagement to Blake Isley, Jr., of Lynchburg, upon her return from the May Day Dances at Lynchburg College.

Cooking Clinic Is Held In Kingsport

Misses Joreka Rippetoe and Gladys Reece, home economists of Kingsport Utilities, conducted a cooking clinic the week of May 15 at the utilities' auditorium.

The clinic included a demonstration of meal preparation and electric cooking. The sessions were open to the public and many questions were answered by the home economists in regard to modern cooking.

An electric range was awarded in the last session and door prizes were awarded to those in attendance at all sessions.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Appalachian Electric Power Company Philip Sporn Plant

Employee	From	To
E. L. Stein, Jr.	Master Maintenance Man	Maintenance Foreman
D. E. Tuite	Senior Helper, Maintenance Department	Maintenance Man
R. G. Gilmore	Senior Helper, Maintenance Department	Maintenance Man
R. G. Ellis	Senior Helper, Maintenance Department	Maintenance Man
H. E. Marquis	Maintenance Man	Master Maintenance Man

Welch District

S. C. Bowen	Merchandise Sales Clerk	Senior Rural Service Clerk
B. A. Widener	Lineman C	Auto Mechanic B

Logan District

A. O. Edwards	District Instrument Man	Area Representative
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System Offices

T. P. Barnett, Jr.	Prepare Clerk	Bill Printing-Addressing Operator
G. W. Skaggs, Jr.	Engineer, Junior	System Relay Engineer
S. H. Wise	System Foreman	System Supervising Breaker Engineer
R. L. Russell	System Substation Operator A	System Operator B
H. O. Buckland	System Operator B	Chief System Substation Operator
J. T. Childress	System Utility Man C	System Utility Man B
H. E. Darnell	System Utility Man C	System Substation Man C

Lynchburg District

Gilbert L. Faison	Lynchburg, Va.	Fieldale, Va.
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Roanoke District

J. P. Doss	Truck Driver-Groundman	Lineman C
J. D. Adams	Groundman	Lineman C
A. R. Vaught	Groundman	Lineman C
A. L. Stebar, Jr.	Lineman C	Lineman B

System Department Employees' Picnic



Shown above is the most important part of the picnic held for employees of the system real estate and right-of-way department and their families in Roanoke. Ralph Bible tends the fire while Mrs. Roy Martin and Mrs. John F. Barnes, Jr., prepare hamburgers. Others in the picture, reading from the left on the near side of table, are: Myrle Stanley, Guy Cromer, Lois Hart, Edward Gray, Clyde Skeen, Mrs. Herbert Taylor and the Taylor twins; Doyle Barnes, Frances Flinchum, Robert Shaffer, Mrs. R. M. Thomas and Roy Martin; far side of table, Melvin Bradley, Harry Shumate, "Rinky" Bible, Mrs. Ralph Bible, Jr., William Vipperman, Mrs. Roy Howard, Roy Howard, R. M. "Bob" Thomas, Mrs. Leon Chatham, Leon Chatham, Marion Paitzel, Melvin Neal and John F. Barnes, Jr. On the hillside at left is Barry Martin and Jimmy Thomas.

Kanawha Valley Power Employees Have Annual Dinner



Employees of the Kanawha Valley Power Company are entertained by Burl "Red" Fewell, of Winfield, at the annual dinner of the employees.

Electric Kitchen Formally Opened At Clintwood, Va.

A new demonstration kitchen in the Appalachian's Clintwood office was formally opened with the Clintwood Kiwanis Club as guests.

The Kiwanians not only attended the kitchen opening, but also prepared their own meal, from broiling the steaks to preparing the dessert, under the supervision of Home Economists Margaret Collins and Kathryn Helton.

Abingdon District Manager Joe P. Gills dedicated the new electric kitchen and said it was open for the use of business, professional and civic groups in Clintwood and Dickenson County.

Huntington Division

Williamson District

Leonard Justice, meter department, is a patient in an out-of-town hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Watkins have returned from a visit with friends and relatives in Alexandria, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Funk and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carpenter spent a recent week end fishing at Cabwaylingo State Park.

Mrs. Eloise Diamond, accounting department, who has been ill has returned to her duties.

Mrs. Irene Miller, accounting department, has resigned to join her husband in Kansas City, Kan., where they will make their home.

Miss Frances Keadle, accounting department, attended the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs.

Members of the K-Appa-K spent the week end of May 20 at Cabwaylingo State Park.

Mrs. Sam Corea, accounting department, honored her son, Larry, with a circus birthday party on his third anniversary on May 6 in the company auditorium.

Bob Waggoner, formerly with the Roanoke district accounting office and now in the Williamson district, has been joined by the members of his family and resides in South Williamson.

The K-Appa-K Girls Club has completed plans to attend various church services within the Williamson area as a group as part of their community activities.

E. E. King, district supervisor of engineering, has returned to work after several days illness at home and in the Williamson Memorial Hospital.

Clyde Runyon has returned to work following a recent illness.

D. C. Duncan, system safety director, was guest speaker before the Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club of Williamson.

Jack Riddle, engineering department, and Donald Bain, substation department, are new employees in the Williamson district.

Huntington District

Ross Fulks has returned to his work following several weeks illness.

Mrs. Eloise Arnold, Miss Kitty Fraley and Ty Burford are new employees in the accounting department.

J. G. Windle, accounting department, who has been ill for the past several months, is improving after an operation at Cleveland.

Virginia Stark, credit department, spent a recent week end with her family at Moorefield, W. Va.

Charles Elam has returned to work after being confined because of an illness.

New Huntington district employees are: Claude Woods, Kenova Plant; Robert T. Burgess, janitor; Ann Osburn, commercial department; Robert Hall, Raymond Beckett, Betty Joanne Forgey, Charles Weatherholt, Jr., and Raymond M. Bosworth, Jr., all in the transmission and distribution department. Myron B. Hensley was assigned as a right-of-way agent.

Jesse Ramsey, system billing office, has returned to Huntington after spending a week in Roanoke studying the operation of the new "3700" Addressograph bill printing-addressing machine.

Logan District

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Blankenbeckler have returned from Charlottesville, Va. Mr. Blankenbeckler was under observation at the University Hospital there.

Mrs. Katherine Chatfield, ac-

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Kentucky

Pikeville District

Daniel Stamper, formerly of the meter department, has resigned his position with the company.

Hal Harlow, meter department, has resigned his position with the company.

Craig Fields and John Rasnick, commercial department, were awarded trips to Chicago for their work in a sales campaign.

Farest "Trooper" Bevins, meter department, is recovering from a fractured ankle.

Anita Elswick, accounting department, who recently underwent a tonsillectomy, is now back at her duties.

Amos Christian, distribution department, spent a recent week end with his wife in Louisville, Ky., where Mrs. Christian is hospitalized.

Jesse Collier, John Raine, Charles Stayton, Ernie Brashear and Charles Campbell journeyed to Dale Hollow Lake near Somerset, Ky., on a week-end fishing trip.

Margaret Alley, home economist, visited her home in Salt Lick, Ky., where she was reunited with her sister who was visiting from Turkey.

Ashland District

Mrs. Joan Young, main accounting office, and her husband attended a Cincinnati Reds baseball game in Cincinnati recently.

Mrs. H. H. Kincaid, wife of our assistant district manager, is recovering from a recent illness.

Mrs. Ira W. See, wife of Senator See of the engineering department, is improving after an illness.

Gerald Vaughn, meter department, has resigned in order to attend school and study for the ministry.

Mrs. Emily Watts, commercial department, has returned from Chicago, where she visited her daughter and family. She saw her new grand daughter, Mary Kathleen.

Elizabeth Harrell, local accounting office, is spending a two-weeks' vacation in Florida.

W. D. Parks has resigned his position with the company in order to devote his time to the coal business in Hazard.

Bill Salisbury, meter department, and his family recently saw the "Reds" play a double-header baseball game in Cincinnati.

Gayheart Kleykamp, Charles Pope and Hugh Eads, main accounting office, attended the State Elks Convention in Richmond, Ky.

Buford Frazier enjoyed a successful fishing trip to Cherokee Lake in Tennessee, while Jack Finkbone spent a week end at Herrington Lake in Kentucky. Both are employees of the main accounting office.

Hazard District

K. C. Brashear, Jr., commercial department, spent a few days in Chicago visiting the Hotpoint Plant. Kenny was the winner of the January, February and March sales campaign.

Robert Berkhead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferman Berkhead, recently underwent an appendectomy. He is recovering nicely.

Margaret Ann Bunton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bunton,

is recovering at home after having her tonsils removed.

The Kilowatt Club met on April 26 in the power company auditorium for a Canasta party and "Carry-In" supper. Those attending were: Cleo Hatmaker, Elizabeth Grigsby, Leyburn Cody, Mildred Gabbard, Doshai Sizemore, Jean Riddle, Ella Rea McIntyre, Rayma Sue Miller and guests, Mrs. Shirley Watson and Virginia Back.

James Erwin Clair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Clair, recently underwent a tonsil operation.

H. J. Bonta and Morgan Ozee presented the boys of the School

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Kingsport

Sympathy is extended to R. A. Parrack, distribution superintendent, in the loss of his brother Vrao R. Parrack, of Roanoke. Mr. Parrack was supervisor of electrical engineering with the Florida Power Corporation, and at the time of his death was attending an apparatus test at Milwaukee, Wis.

Mrs. Marbeth Mead, accounting department, is confined to her home because of an illness.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hemphill in the recent death of Mrs. Hemphill's father, A. M. Murphy, of Batesville, Miss.

Coy Arnold, substation department, is recovering from an appendectomy.

Bluefield Division

Welch District

Bill Smith, commercial department; Roy L. Franklin, line department; Joan Bare, pbx operator, are new employees in the Welch district.

Sympathy is extended Charles E. Caldwell, substation department, Jenkinjones, W. Va., on the death of his wife, Mrs. Mary Ellen Caldwell.

Abingdon District

Miss Audrey J. Haga, employee in the local accounting department, has returned to work following a tonsillectomy.

Claud Kirkland attended the Kiwanis Convention which was held in Miami, Fla.

Miss Doris James spent a week end in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Miss Ann S. Musser is a new employee in the distribution department. Miss Musser graduated from Virginia Intermont College in May where she majored in secretarial work.

Paul Rowe, substation department, spent a week of his vacation trout fishing near Damascus, Va.

Pulaski District

Ruth Graham, pay-roll department, is back at her work following a six weeks' illness.

Winifred Beamer, pay-roll department, attended the 46th annual Grand Chapter Session, Order of the Eastern Star at Hotel John Marshall, Richmond, Va.

R. L. Beamer, father of Winifred Beamer, pay-roll department, has returned to his home from the Medical College of Virginia Hospital, Richmond, where he was a patient.

Charleston Division

Philip Sporn Plant

Paul E. Scally, personnel supervisor, was principal speaker at the annual athletic recognition banquet held May 17 at Wahama High School, Mason, W. Va. Letters were presented to members of the football and basketball squads.

W. F. Chadwell and E. H. Clarke, maintenance men, and E. H. Keefer, filter plant operator, have completed their probationary employment periods.

Howard Christy and Wilbur Dennis, formerly of Philo Plant, are new employees in the operations department.

Beckley District

Russell Miller, engineering department, attended the bowling banquet and dance given by the Charleston division at the Daniel Boone Hotel in Charleston recently.

Mrs. Betsy Kelly, engineering department, recently visited in Clemson, S. C.

Tom Humphries attended the State Band Festival in Huntington.

Mrs. Viola Morgan has returned from a week's vacation during which time she visited in Huntington and Summerlee, W. Va.

R. G. Taylor, engineering department, who has spent the last several months in the Point Pleasant district, has returned to Beckley.

E. B. Hawkins, Jr., is recovering from a recent illness. He spent several days in the Raleigh General Hospital.

Millard S. Bowman, Jr., is a new employee in the substation department.

J. R. Lowery, meter department, spent a week in Fort Wayne, Ind., during his vacation.

Charleston District

Robert S. Brashear, commercial department, and his wife have returned from a one week vacation at Lake Cherokee, Tenn.

B. R. "Specs" Currence, Charleston meter department, is leaving June 8 to attend the Shrine Convention at Los Angeles. Before returning he will visit in Canada and Mexico.

Joseph Goehring, Charleston meter department, recently spent a week end visiting relatives in Pittsburgh.

H. F. Fennell, Charleston office, accompanied by his wife and John Walters, retired employee, spent a few days visiting with the Fennell's family in Pennsylvania.

A miscellaneous bridal shower, honoring Maycel Vickers, was given May 12 by the girls in the accounting department.

Mrs. Carolyn S. Eccles, home economist, Nitro office; Miss Phyllis Jean Jarrell, home economist, Whitesville office, are attending the home economics school in Bluefield.

Drexler B. Oldaker, engineer trainee, was transferred to Charleston recently. Mr. and Mrs. Oldaker are parents of twins who were born in January.

Dorothy Hall, commercial department, attended the State Convention of West Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs in Fairmont.

Mrs. Collett Smith, of Nitro, is a

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Roanoke Division

Lynchburg District

Sympathy is extended to F. O. Parks, hydro operator at Reusens hydro station, on the loss of his brother, Robert C. Parks, of Trenton, N. J.

Jane Armistead, merchandise clerk, has returned to work following a tonsillectomy.

Anthony Harvey and T. B. Merryman have returned to work after being confined with the flu.

J. W. McCarthy, accounting department, has returned to work after being off the job a week with the flu.

J. A. Porter, Reusens hydro plant, is back at his work following an absence of two weeks because of illness.

J. T. Davis is back at work after being confined for two weeks because of illness.

F. B. Harrison, Reusens hydro plant, has returned to work after being off due to an injury.

Sympathy is extended "Charlie" H. McCarthy on the loss of his 2½-months old son, Charles H. McCarthy, Jr. Mr. McCarthy is an operator at Reusens hydro station.

Sympathy is extended to Massie T. Howard, Lynchburg employee, on the loss of his grandmother, Mrs. R. S. Howard, Sr., who died at her home near Boonsboro.

Roanoke District

Mrs. Fay Livengood, pay-roll department, and her husband spent Memorial Day in Washington, D. C., visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. "Buddy" Fulcher spent their vacation with Mr. Fulcher's parents and relatives at North Fork, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haga spent the week end of May 13 in Johnson City, Tenn.

Dewey Henry has returned to his work after having being away two weeks following an operation.

Mrs. Jean Cassell spent a week as guest of Mrs. Abney Boxley at Kill Devil Hill, North Carolina. Mrs. Cassell is an employee of the local accounting office.

Mrs. "Tory" Dooley vacationed in Florida recently. Mrs. Dooley is an employee of the local accounting office.

Mrs. Mary Lemon spent the week of May 22 visiting friends in Front Royal, Va. Mrs. Lemon is a cashier in the Roanoke office.

System Offices

Arch Gravely, J. G. Willhide, K. B. Arnold and Jack Crowell system operating department employees, recently enjoyed a week-end fishing trip at Nags Head, N. C.

Cecil A. Sweeney, draftsman, system real estate and right-of-way department, has returned to work following a week's illness.

Sympathy is extended to Beulah Shay, system accounting office, on the death of her aunt.

The employees of the material and supplies department of system accounting office gave Nancy Keeler a housewarming on May 3 at the Keeler's new home.

Maxine Kitts, system accounting office, attended the Ring Dances at V. P. I. the week end of May 13.

Sympathy is extended to Lucille Perdue, system accounting office, on the death of her father, Robert Lee Willis.

Miss Willa Bird Tyree, system operation department, Roanoke, is in New York on sick leave.

Jack Ratcliffe, son of E. E. Ratcliffe, system operator at Switchback, W. Va., has returned home

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Feminine Fancies

Here Comes The Bride And Wedding Parties



It's June, month of weddings. Weddings are full of tradition—from the bride's wearing "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue," to giving guests small pieces of wedding cake to take home as a symbol of insured plenty. And, of course, the unmarried girls will tuck the cake under their pillows and dream of their husbands-to-be.

Another tradition is inviting the guests to a wedding breakfast, luncheon or supper. It needn't be an elaborate meal. Simple menus can be festive. For example, here's an easily prepared meal especially suited to early summer:

MELON BALLS WITH LIME SHERBERT
CROUSTADE FILLED WITH
CHICKEN A LA KING
CARROT CURLS AND WATERCRESS
ASPARAGUS TIPS
WEDDING CAKE AND ICE CREAM
COFFEE

Almost everything on this menu may be prepared in advance. Toasted croustades make the chicken a la king handsome, and they're easy to make. Simply take two pieces of toast for each croustade. Cut both pieces with a large cookie cutter, and then remove the center of one by cutting with a smaller cutter. Stack the toast ring atop the large toast round, fill with hot chicken a la king, and top all with the small toast round.

Bride Is Honored By Lynchburg Employees

Miss Charlotte Bryant, clerk-stenographer in the distribution department of Lynchburg, whose marriage to Clide T. St. John took place May 20, was honor guest at a buffet dinner and shower given for her by the girls in her department. The party was held at the home of Miss Marjorie Knowles.

Those attending were: Miss Jeanette Tuggle, Miss Jane Plunkett, Miss Anne Moore, Miss Kay Hudson, Miss Doris Driskill, Miss Patsy Bryant, Mrs. W. E. Anderson, Miss Peggy Bryant, Miss Cynthia Bolton, Miss Carolyn Bryant, Mrs. W. C. Bryant, Mrs. K. P. Wood, Mrs. L. C. Bryant and Mrs. T. L. Bolton.

Double Duty Apron



An apron style designed for an appearance in the living room as well as duty in the kitchen is this bib-style. A three-tiered skirt, generously gathered, completely covers a dress. A ruffy white eyelet embroidery trim for each tier adds charm to give the world of household duties a touch of glamour.

Simplicity Pattern Number 2304 supplies complete instructions for making this apron.

This crisp, neat apron may not make a gal a better cook—but it makes her a better-looking one. Dull household duties are brightened by gay little aprons that are frivolous and feminine, but practical, too. Every woman, from the career girl who has her own tiny efficiency apartment to the experienced homemaker about whom a busy household revolves, should have an adequate supply of aprons at her disposal. This may be a helpful idea, also, for someone who is looking for a kitchen shower gift that does not strain the pocketbook.

They're Engaged

POINT PLEASANT—Miss Martha Dawkins to Charles P. Roberts. Mr. Roberts is employed as an agricultural engineer.
ASHLAND—Miss Gloria Ann Bradford to Aaron L. Lamber. Miss Bradford is a junior clerk in the local accounting office.
PRINCETON—Miss Doris Anne Lewis to Robert Edward Peck. Miss Lewis is a cashier.
ASHLAND—Miss Dorothy Lee Mordica to William Cox. Miss Mordica is a cashier in the local accounting office.
LYNCHBURG—Miss Anne Marion Moore to Carlton W. Kidd. Miss Moore is a stenographer in the drafting room.
ROANOKE—Miss Frances Powell to Kenneth Whitlock. Miss Powell is employed in the system accounting office.
ASHLAND—Miss Marilyn Blevins to John W. McWhorter. Miss Blevins is employed in the personnel office.

Kingsport Bride Is Honoree At Party

Mrs. Virgues L. Hickman, the former Miss Marie Brooks, was honored at a miscellaneous shower given by the employees of the Kingsport Utilities on May 8.

The evening's entertainment included bingo and several novelty contests in which prizes were given, refreshments and the opening of the many presents.

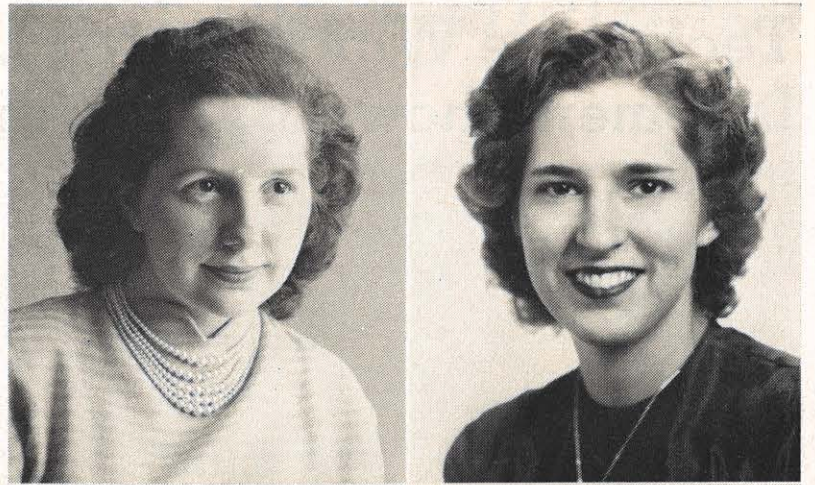
Those attending the shower were: Mrs. Jackie Shipley, Miss Mabel Moore, Mrs. Arbuta Harvey, Miss Mae Bayless, Miss Gladys Reece, Mrs. Phyllis Bishop, Miss Leona Stata, Miss Joyce Parsons, Mrs. Kathryn Kinkaid, Miss Marjorie Bridwell, Miss Betty Lyon, Mrs. Adele Williams, Miss Barbara Goddard, Mrs. Estelle Free, Miss Kathryn Hale, Mrs. Evelyn Greenwell, Mrs. Marjorie Stair, Miss Helen Bunn, Mrs. Brown Murphy, Miss Sylvia Darnell, Miss Gladys Morrison, Mrs. N. C. Brooks, the bride's mother, and Mrs. Elizabeth Hickman, mother-in-law of Mrs. Hickman.

Daughter Of Huntington Employee Given Honor

Miss Shirley Burton represented the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority at the Orchid Ball given by the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity of Marshall College on May 12.

Shirley is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Burton of the Huntington system billing office.

Seven Couples Wed During May



These are five of the May brides. Left to right, top row: Mrs. Haskel Stratton, Pikeville, and Mrs. Ralph Lawless, Fieldale. Second row: Mrs. Earnest Williamson, Huntington, and Mrs. V. L. Hickman, Kingsport. Third row: Mrs. Clide T. St. John, Lynchburg.

Neese-Wade

Miss Gladys Ann Neese and John S. Wade, Jr., were united in marriage on April 29, at the Scales Chapel Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. Wade is employed in the commercial department in Lynchburg.

Brooks-Hickman

Miss Marie Brooks became the bride of Virgues Leroy Hickman in a double ring ceremony performed at the First Baptist Church in April, at Kingsport.

Mrs. Hickman is employed in the accounting department of the Kingsport Utilities.

Orenberg-Smith

Miss Eleanor Orenberg and Chester G. Smith were married on May 9, in Tazewell, Virginia.

Mr. Smith is employed in the Bluefield storeroom.

Gusler-Lawless

Wedding vows were exchanged by Miss Geraldine Gusler and Ralph Lawless in Fieldale on April 23.

Mrs. Lawless is a cashier in the Fieldale office.

Cole-Williamson

The wedding of Miss Wanda Cole and Earnest Williamson was performed on April 16 at the Fourth Avenue United Brethren Church in Huntington.

Mr. Williamson is a groundman in the Huntington district.

Billiter-Stratton

Miss Anna Billiter and Haskel Stratton was wed in Pikeville on April 21.

Mrs. Stratton is an employee of the accounting department of Pikeville District.

Bryant-St. John

The double ring ceremony performed at the Madison Heights Christian Church in Madison Heights, Virginia, united in marriage Miss Charlotte Mae Bryant and Clide Thomas St. John on May 20. Mrs. St. John is employed in the distribution department in Lynchburg.

Ashland Molo Club Members Honor Mothers At Annual Dinner

The Ashland Molo Club held its annual Mother's Day dinner on May 9 at the Henry Clay Hotel.

The guests were presented corsages and at the end of the dinner each Molo Club member introduced her mother or guest.

Marilyn Blevins, president of the club extended greetings to the guests and gave recognition to the committees responsible for the affair. The committee members were: Invitations, Ruth Webb, chairman, Marilyn Henneman, Ruth Colley and Elizabeth Burns; Decorations, Chairman Isabelle Carroll, Rebecca Daugherty, Marie Thomas, Phyllis Stafford and Lucille Goebel; Food, Mrs. Helen Eaton, chairman, Beulah Dewees and Helen Davis.

New Arrivals . . .

WILLIAMSON—Mr. and Mrs. George C. Higgins are the parents of a son, Gregory Clinton, born May 12. Mrs. Higgins is a former employee of the engineering department.
HAZARD—A son, John Richard, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Scholtens on May 8. Mr. Scholtens is a member of the engineering department.
POINT PLEASANT—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jewell, of New Haven, W. Va., have adopted a son, Wayne Robert. Wayne has been a member of the Jewell family for five weeks. He is three years old.
GRUNDY—Mr. and Mrs. William L. Mitchell are the parents of a daughter, Barbara Jean, born May 11. Mr. Mitchell is employed in the line department.
ROANOKE—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips are the parents of a son, William David. Mrs. Phillips is a former employee of the system accounting office.
PULASKI—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude S. Hale a son, Stephen Donald. Mr. Hale is an employee in the meter department.
SWITCHBACK—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oral R. Lamastus a daughter, Deborah Sue, on April 19. Mr. Lamastus is employed in the substation department.
DUNBAR—A daughter, Donna Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferrell on April 26. Mr. Ferrell is an employee at the Turner substation.
GRUNDY—A daughter, Cathy Amber, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger McClanahan on April 24. Mr. McClanahan is employed in the line department.
HAZARD—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Boggs at Scuddy, Ky., on May 8. Mr. Boggs is an employee of the transmission and distribution department.
WILLIAMSON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Clouser a daughter, Carolyn, on May 2. Mr. Clouser is stores supervisor in the Williamson district.
HUNTINGTON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Moore a son, Paul Moore, Jr., Mr. Moore is an employee in the Huntington district.
ROANOKE—Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Dunn became parents of a son, Kenneth Charles, on May 8. Mr. Dunn is a draftsman in the system real estate and right-of-way department.
KINGSPORT—A daughter, Brenda Marie, was born on May 16 to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pressley. Mr. Pressley is employed in the distribution department.
PRINCETON—A daughter, Harriet Jane, was born April 29 to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Strong. Mr. Strong is the local office manager in Princeton.
ROANOKE—A son, Kenneth Wayne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Coleman, Jr., on May 17. Mr. Coleman is an employee at the Roanoke 132-KV substation.
BECKLEY—Mr. and Mrs. John C. Steele, of East Rainelle, are the parents of a son, Byron Douglas, born on May 5. Mr. Steele is employed in the commercial department in the Beckley district.

Pole Top Resuscitation

Technique Which Saved Lives Of Three Linemen Shown By Christiansburg Crew



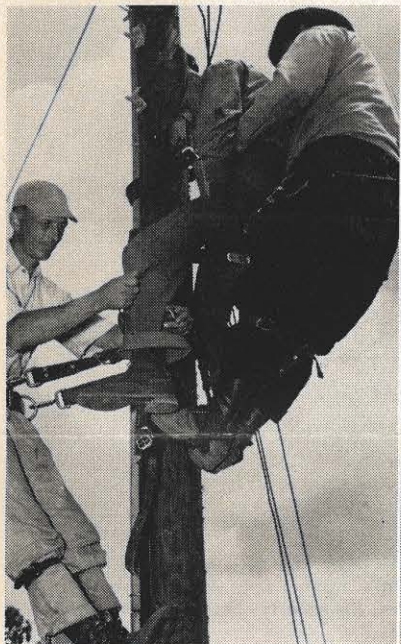
CONTACT



LIFE EBBS



HELP ARRIVES



RESUSCITATION



CHANGE-OVER



RELIEF OPERATOR

Three employees of the companies of the Southern Properties are alive today because their fellow-linemen knew pole top resuscitation. These three men were victims of electric shock in pole top accidents during the past four years.

In each case, fast-thinking and fast-acting crewmen were aware of the fact that a few vital seconds could spell the difference between life and death for the shock victims. These results are ample proof that time devoted to the practicing of pole top resuscitation is not wasted effort.

Pole top resuscitation, a technique by which artificial respiration may be given a lineman who has suffered electrical shock, is understood and practiced by all Southern Properties' line crews. This method of artificial respiration can be administered immediately without experiencing the delay of lowering the victim from the pole.

Simulating actual pole top conditions, an unrehearsed on-the-job accident is enacted by Foreman Park Jones, Christiansburg, Virginia, line crew. These volunteers represent all of the other company line crews, who are well-qualified to perform pole top resuscitation at anytime it is necessary.

CONTACT is made as lineman J. M. Custer establishes conditions for a serious accident by failing to use the prescribed protective equipment. He furthers the hazard by placing himself in an unsafe working position adjacent to energized equipment. These moves create an accident in

which he is the victim. The shock results in the suspension of Custer's breathing.

LIFE EBBS from lineman Custer as his body hangs limp on the pole. This accident now imposes tremendous responsibilities upon his fellow crew members, and it subjects them to a possible similar experience unless they take every precaution for their own personal safety in their rescue attempt.

HELP ARRIVES as F. R. Cecil, a fellow crewman, shouts Custer's name to alert the other crewmen and then swings into action. He observes the victim's position and general conditions of energized equipment as he makes his climbing approach. Making positive Custer is no longer in contact with live equipment, Cecil removes any tools from the victim's belt and places himself in position to render immediate aid. Tools are removed to prevent further injury to the victim or the rescuer.

RESUSCITATION is started and the victim is shown astride Cecil's safety belt, while Cecil's arms encircle his waist to apply artificial respiration. In the meantime, a second crew member, B. N. Kidd, removes the victim's climbers and the remaining equipment from Custer's belt. When finished Kidd stands by as a relief operator to continue the 12 to 15 strokes per minute in order to save Custer's life.

CHANGE-OVER is a delicate maneuver. Both rescuers are shown executing this difficult change-over while at the same time the system-

atic rhythmic pressure is maintained without interruption.

RELIEF OPERATOR Kidd continues the resuscitation while Cecil is able to rest or render other assistance. This procedure is continued until normal respiration has been completely restored.

The use of pole top resuscitation does not preclude the use of the prone pressure method of artificial respiration when good judgment and expediency indicate that the prone pressure method should be used.

For several years, the system safety department has sponsored regular practice of both the pole top and prone pressure methods of artificial respiration. These practice sessions are carried out by employees whose work may be of such a nature as to make it important that they can efficiently perform either method of artificial respiration.

Pt. Pleasant Whathour Club Has Square Dance

Members of the Point Pleasant District Whathour Club and their guests enjoyed a square dance which was held at the Katydid Club May 10.

Music for dancing was furnished by "Wimpy" Stricklen, "Jim-Bob" Hoffman and Otis Hesson. Mr. Hesson was the vocalist.

At the dance, it was announced the club plans a picnic for its summer outing. No date was set for the occasion.

Service Anniversaries



Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Pikeville District

20 years: Allen Blackburn, auto mechanic.
15 years: F. E. Phillips, line foreman.

Ashland District

25 years: D. E. Lake, assistant district meter superintendent.

Hazard District

5 years: Paul Hayes, meter reader, Billy Turner, maintenance man helper; William Boggs, groundman; Crit Back, right-of-way agent.

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Lynchburg District

15 years: R. A. Tibbs, pay-roll supervisor.

Charleston District

30 years: B. F. Montague, senior civil engineer and C. W. Taylor, serviceman.

20 years: Jane Hutchinson, secretarial-stenographer.

15 years: M. A. Goode, distribution troubleman and H. M. Silling, district residential sales supervisor.

Welch District

15 years: M. C. Porterfield, assistant district manager, and John Debusk, maintenance man.

10 years: Ramsey A. Jones, rural sales representative.

Williamson District

20 years: J. L. Gilbert, local office manager.

15 years: B. J. Oney, rural sales representative.

Roanoke District

10 years: I. B. Peters, district personnel supervisor.

5 years: Mary S. Lemon, senior cashier.

Cabin Creek Plant

35 years: H. N. Belcher, shift supervisor.

Bluefield District

30 years: J. W. Woods, Jr., pay-roll supervisor.

20 years: Okey B. Yost, assistant local office manager.

5 years: John Robert Munsey, Jr., draftsman senior.

Huntington District

25 years: Vernon Galloway, control operator, and F. R. Fannin, groundman.

10 years: D. M. Miller, district commercial manager.

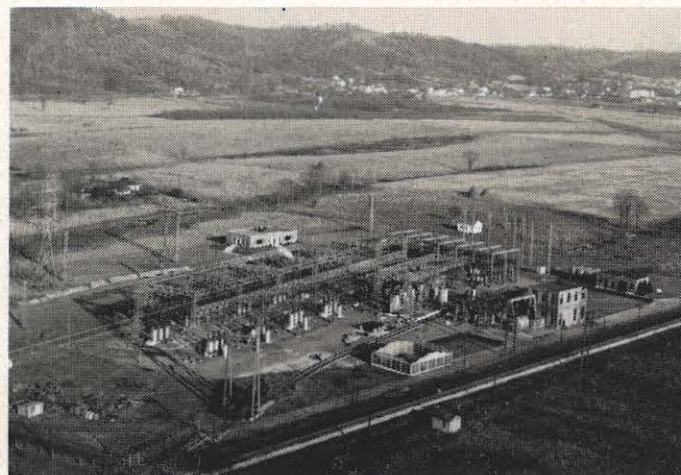
5 years: Mary K. Wilcox, junior petty cash clerk.

"The Illuminator" Receives Award

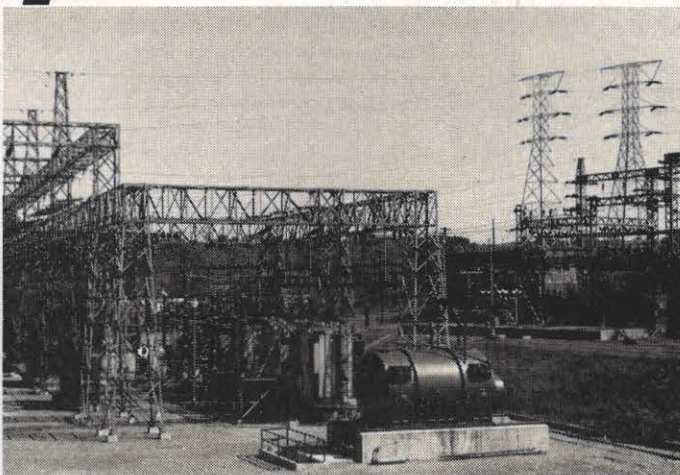


"The Illuminator" received the Highest Award shown above in a contest conducted by the International Council of Industrial Editors. More than 600 industrial and employee publications were judged in the contest. "The Illuminator" was one of ten employee newspapers to receive a highest award.

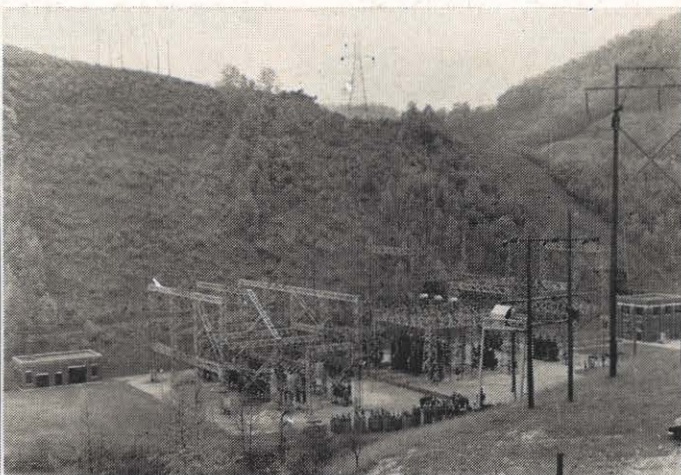
Substations Important Part Of Our Business



Turner Station



Roanoke Station



Beaver Creek Station

Many Type Stations Are Required For Operations

In previous articles we have seen how electricity is produced at generating plants and how it is transmitted over the high voltage transmission system.

Now, let's see what part substations play in our transmission and distribution systems. Let's look back to the early years of the electric utility business to see why substations became necessary.

During those early years, electricity was generated at a voltage which could be used without changing, and it was sent directly from the generating point to the homes and stores of the customers. However, as the use of electricity increased, the limits at which electricity could be economically and satisfactorily produced and delivered at the same voltage were reached.

The need for larger generating stations to produce more electricity and to distribute it to distant customers became more apparent. In order to economically distribute electricity it was determined that high voltages must be used to get it to central points now termed "load centers." After it reached the load centers it was necessary to lower the voltage so that the electricity could be used by the customers.

The transformer was the answer to this all-important problem and was the beginning of what today is the modern substation.

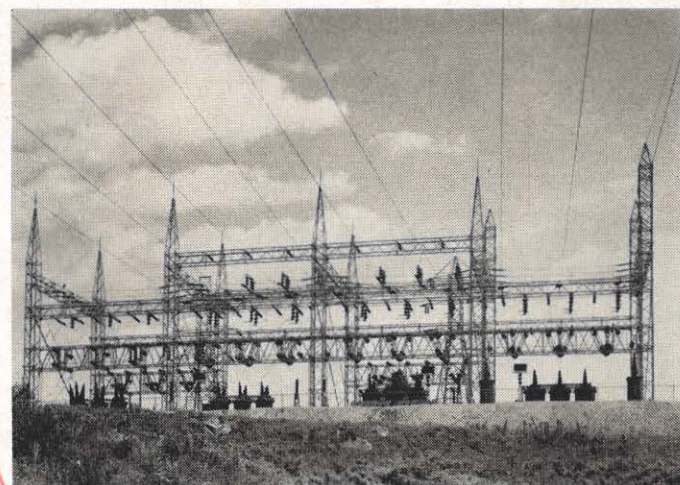
Substations might be called the "change makers" on the transmission and distribution system of the Southern Properties. They change the voltage at which the electricity is carried. Generally speaking, there are two types of substations—transmission and distribution; however, the functions of both are very similar.

The transmission stations, such as Turner at Charleston, Holston at Kingsport and the ones at Beaver Creek, Kentucky; Roanoke and Reusens, Virginia, as well as those at the generating plants, and many others are integral parts of our system.

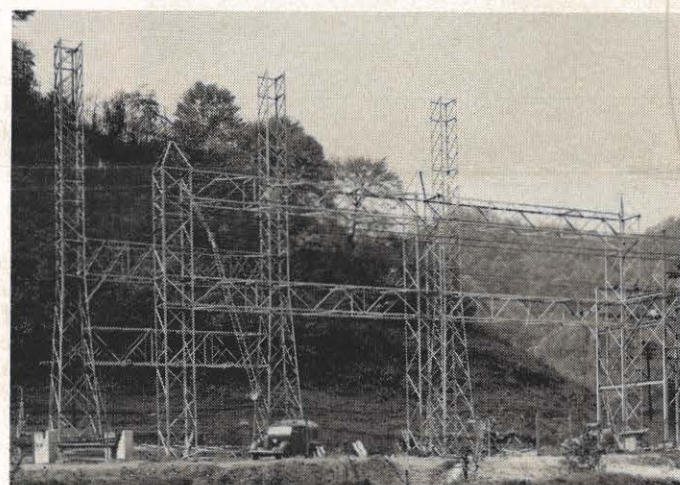
The older transmission stations on our system were located at the generating plants and the load centers of the several companies which today form the Southern Properties. Today, the locations of these high voltage stations are predetermined by the anticipated requirements of an area and then by much study.

Usually the functions of transmission stations may be divided into three parts: local sources of power, switching points and voltage regulation. At the generating plants, by means of transformers, the voltage is increased from 11,000 volts at which most of our plants produce electricity to 132,000 volts at which electricity is transmitted over our system. From these stations the lines carry electricity to substations at the load centers such as TURNER station at Charleston. At this station the voltage is stepped down for transmission to distribution stations in the Charleston area. The electricity is switched to other high voltage lines for further transmission to other transmission stations by means of such high voltage switching equipment as that shown at the REUSENS station.

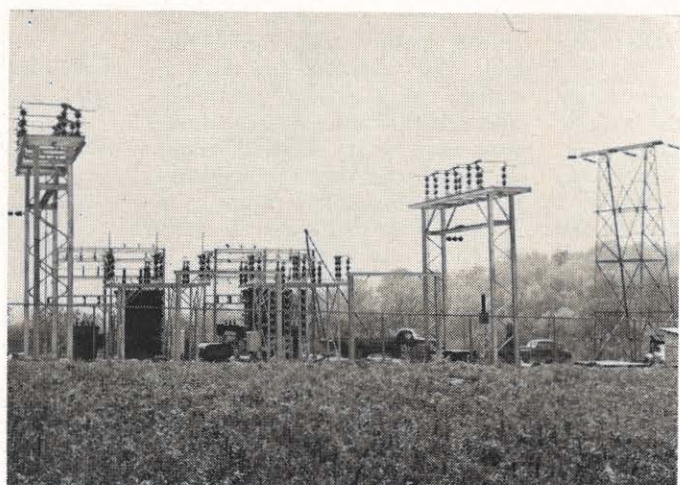
Most of the 132,000-volt transmission stations are automatically operated and controlled. For example, the oil circuit breakers shown at the far right in the BEAVER CREEK station picture will trip to isolate the faulty section of the line. These breakers will reclose in one-third



Reusens Switching Station



Chauncey Station



South Bluefield Station

of a second and if the line is cleared customers may never know there was any trouble. The wall switch in our homes is a form of circuit breaker which, through means of a spring, quickly breaks or closes the low-voltage circuit. The high-voltage breaker is a giant switch that not only opens the circuit, but with a tremendous blast instantly quenches the powerful arc and clears the conducting path of burnt gas left by the arc.

The third function of the transmission station is that of voltage regulation. At most of the 132,000-volt stations on the system provision is made to regulate voltage on the low voltage side. Large synchronous condensers such as that shown in the foreground of the ROANOKE station picture are voltage regulating devices. Other voltage regulating devices include tap changers and static capacitors.

As the use of electricity increases in the various areas served by the three companies of the Southern Properties new high voltage stations are constructed such as the CHAUNCEY station which is nearing completion in the Logan District. Other new 132,000-volt stations under construction or slated for construction in the near future include those at Betsey Layne, Kentucky; Scottsville, Va.; the A. J. Darrah station at Huntington, and the John Hancock station at Roanoke.

The high voltage carried on our transmission system has served its purpose when it delivers electricity to the distribution system. Distribution lines carry the electricity to distribution stations at what we shall term "district load centers" or the load center or centers in the various operating districts of the three companies. An example of a distribution station is the LOVEDALE station at Kingsport.

These distribution stations again "make change" through the use of transformers. The high voltage lines carry electricity to these distribution stations at 88,000, 44,000, 33,000 or 22,000 volts. The transformers, such as those shown at the HOWARD COLLINS station in Ashland, step the voltage down to 12,000, 6,900, 4,000 or 2,300 for use on the distribution system which carries electricity to the homes of our customers.

The distribution stations also contain such automatic devices as oil circuit breakers and lightning arresters such as those shown at the HOWARD COLLINS station and the indoor low voltage bus structure and automatic relays shown at the left in the picture of the EAST HUNTINGTON station.

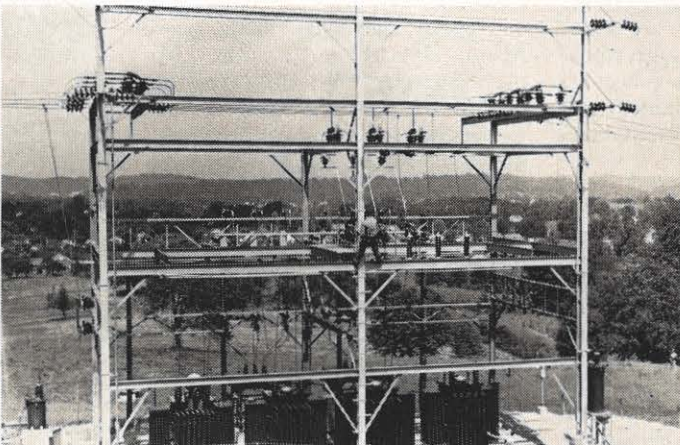
There are several hundred distribution substations in operation on our system ranging in size from 200 KVA. The companies are making improvements to these stations and adding new ones such as the SOUTH BLUEFIELD station which is now under construction. In many places such as Kingsport the stations are designed and constructed like the Lovedale station so as to harmonize with the surroundings.

The substations are integral parts of the equipment necessary to provide electric service to our customers. Because of the intricate equipment necessary for their operation much technical knowledge is needed to keep them operating as they should. Trained engineers and technicians are employed by the three companies to design, build and maintain these stations.

The transmission and distribution stations represent a tremendous investment on the part of our companies in providing dependable and economical electric service to our customers.



Lovedale Station



Howard Collins Station



East Huntington Station

Charleston District Employee Enjoying First Retirement Year



Mr. D. H. Crozier, Charleston district retired employee, caught the fish he's holding while on vacation in Florida last year.

"Just living a normal and interesting life—doing those things I have always wanted to do—is exactly how I have spent my first year of retirement," smiled D. H. "Delt" Crozier, a retired Charleston district employee. "Naturally, fishing takes a great deal of my spare time," he laughed.

Mr. Crozier was retired on March 1, 1949, after completing more than twenty-five years of service. He was a line foreman at the time of his retirement.

Last December, the Croziers vacationed in Florida, where tours and fishing consumed the greater part of their stay. Now in Charleston, Mr. Crozier spends a great deal of his spare moments gradening. He jokingly remarked, "My wife does the work—I do the bossing. Y'see, I'm the one who retired."

The Croziers are the parents of three sons and one daughter. The oldest son followed in the footsteps of his father. Delt, Jr., is a lineman for the company in Clendenin. William is an employee of the telephone company, while Charles is a senior in high school. The only daughter, Susan, is a school teacher.

Pt. Pleasant Softball Attracts 17 Hopefuls For Starting Berths

According to Bill Allen, Point Pleasant District softball manager, the 1950 AEP squad has made a favorable impression in several practice sessions and three practice games.

Seventeen players have been battling for berths in the starting lineup. District players are: pitchers, Wimpy Stricklen and Buddy Miller; catchers, Bob Miller, Harry Chambers and Eugene Athey; shortstop, Johnny Jones; first base, Warren Morrison, Charles Wilson and J. B. Hoffman; second base, Claude Frishette; third base, Tommy Rose; outfielders, Gene Wolfe (relief pitcher), C. A. Burdette, Amos Harmon, Wyllis Davis, Howard Foglesong and Harold Marcus. Bill Gilmour is in charge of the scheduling of games.

Employee's Brother Named 'Best Reporter' At West Virginia U.

Donald K. Hubbard, of Powellton, West Virginia University journalism student, has been selected as the best man reporter of 1949-50 on the staff of the *Daily Athenæum*, student newspaper.

He is the brother of Ardith Hubbard, cashier and clerk, of the Montgomery, W. Va., local office. Donald was graduated from Montgomery High School in the Class of 1944. For the past two summers he has worked on the Big Stone Gap (Va.) *Post*.

Four Teams Launch Roanoke District's AEP Softball Loop

Four Roanoke district softball teams launched their 1950 league play under the sponsorship of the Roanoke Recreation Department. Games will be played each Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

The Kilowatts, the 1949 Roanoke district champions, is the only team in the circuit where the manager has not been named. C. R. Paxton will manage the Hi-Volts; R. E. Howard, Blown Fuses, and G. C. Warrick will guide the Short Circuits.

League play will be divided into two halves and the winners will clash in a three-game series for the championship.

The Roanoke district team to play in the Roanoke Division Tournament will be selected from members of the four teams composing the present league.

J. L. Twitty Elected Whathour President At Point Pleasant

J. L. Twitty, an employee of the Point Pleasant meter department, was elected president of the Whathour Club in its recent election. Mr. Twitty will head the district organization through 1950-51.

Other officers elected were: William Machir, distribution department, vice president; Patricia Ingraham, commercial department, secretary-treasurer. Members of the Board of Directors are C. A. Burdette, stores department; T. J. Stansel, accounting department; Paul Rairden, engineering department, and C. R. Proglor of the Ripley office.

Those appointed standing committee chairmen for the year were: J. A. Ferrell, picnic; Carl Murray, Jr., bowling; W. M. Pancake, horse-shoe pitching; W. M. Stricklen, dances; M. C. Clark, membership, and W. C. Gilmour, softball.

Roanoke Family Shares Same Hobby Of Collecting Scarce Jazz Recordings



The Thomases are shown making a periodic recording of their son's voice

Many individuals employed in the Southern Properties have hobbies, yet it is extremely unusual that a husband, wife and small son should enjoy the same pastime. Such is the case of Steve Thomas, a nine-year veteran of the system accounting office, Roanoke. The Thomases collect recordings as their hobby and in Steve's words, "We just don't collect any kind of record we might find. Not by a long shot! It's strictly good jazz—nothin' else!"

Steve's interest in popular music began early in his childhood while he played the piano in bands and continued his high school in Charleston, W. Va. Later, he played with several units and toured the South. On one of these one-night stands, he met his wife. Mrs. Thomas, both an orchestra and radio vocalist, was working the same job. "Butch," the couple's young son, also shares the hobby and has turned out to be as enthusiastic over the records as his parents.

The Thomases' modest beginning in this fascinating hobby started with an automatic record changer and nine borrowed records. Now more than five hundred carefully selected recordings, most of which are scarce and out-of-print, are carefully stored in classified albums. These collector's items would attract many times their original values if placed upon the market.

Card Rules Available

When you are playing card games, do problems arise that none of your crowd can answer? If you write to the Association of American Playing Card Manufacturers, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, N. Y., they will answer any question on the rules of various games, or on the history of playing cards.

One hundred and four Jimmy Lunceford recordings are now filed in the Thomases' record library. Benny Goodman and Stan Kenton also share a large portion of the select space for treasured items.

Since the original record player, the Thomases' have acquired a bank of custom-built equipment. This includes a 15-tube high fidelity radio tuner, a 10-watt amplifier, 15-inch speaker, transcription turntable, disc recorder and tape recorder. A large cabinet has also been constructed to provide ample storage space for a variety of sizes of records. An efficient indexing system makes it possible to locate any record in the Thomases' albums within a matter of seconds, as each record has its assigned space. Lost or misplaced records are unheard of at the Thomases' home.

Since enjoying and collecting records is a year-around pastime, the Thomases carefully study each of the current trade magazines. These publications list nearly every auction and sale of records as well as keeping collectors the country over in touch with each other. Steve concluded by saying, "We enjoy our hobby and have made many friends through our records. My playing is restricted to my recorder now and Elsie's singing is confined to the church choir or the bathtub."



Here are a few of the couples at the recent square dance held by Abingdon district employees in one of the big tobacco warehouses in Abingdon.

Leonard Rice Retires At Kenova Plant; E. L. Stein And E. A. Childers Promoted

With more than 45 years of service at the Kenova Plant, Leonard Rice has been retired as superintendent. His retirement was effective May 1, and he was succeeded by E. L. Stein, who had been assistant plant superintendent since 1943. Promoted to the position of assistant plant superintendent is E. A. Childers, who has been results engineer and chemist at the plant.

Leonard Rice's long career at Kenova began in 1905. He says, "The first job I had with a power company was shoveling snow off the street-car tracks of the old Camden Inter-State Railway Company. I was paid at the rate of 15 cents an hour." He has worked since that time for the Ohio Valley Electric Railway Company, the Consolidated Light, Heat and Power Company and the Consolidated Power and Light Company, all predecessors of Appalachian.

Leonard was at the Kenova Plant when it was completed and has successively held the positions of assistant plant chief engineer, assistant plant superintendent, steam plant superintendent and plant superintendent. He can be called one of the pioneers in the development of the electric utility business in the Huntington area.

Mr. Rice was born in Johnston County, Ky., near Paintsville, and moved to Ashland in 1896. At the turn of the century he moved to Kenova where he has made his home ever since. He married Miss Nannie Wallace of Ashland, in 1909, and they have five sons and one daughter. Leonard says he and Mrs. Rice will continue to live in Kenova.

The new plant superintendent, Mr. Stein, has been employed at the Kenova Plant since 1921 when he was hired as a machinist. He was born at West Pittston, Pa., and worked at the Exeter Machine Works before coming to the Kenova Plant. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, bowling and trap shooting.

Mr. Childers was first employed at the Kenova Plant in 1927 and remained there until 1939. He returned to Kenova after a nine-months break in his service in 1940. He is a graduate of Catlettsburg High School and enjoys bowling, fishing and hiking.



Mr. Rice



Mr. Stein



Mr. Childers

Charleston Employee Attends 1950 Bowling Sweepstakes Tourney

Dennis Caldwell, Charleston storeman, together with seven other Charleston bowlers traveled to Detroit, where they competed in the Bowling Sweepstakes Tournament.

More than twenty-five hundred bowlers from every section of the country participated.

One Charleston bowler won first prize of \$5,000 by bowling 1,298 in six games.

Four Home Economists Attend Lighting School

Four home economists from companies of the Southern Properties attended the General Electric school on Fundamentals of Home Lighting at Nela Park in Cleveland, Ohio, recently.

Those attending were: Mrs. Richard Campbell, of Lynchburg; Miss Joreka Ripptoe, of Kingsport; Mrs. Tommie Lapola, of Huntington, and Miss Sarah Moore, of Pulaski.

Huge Tree Cut In Yard Of Employee



Shown above, a large yellow poplar tree has been cut down between the residence of Carl H. Murray, Jr., Point Pleasant district employee, and a neighbor. The tree established something of a record for the size of poplar cut in that section in recent years. The butt log measured 44 inches in diameter and that 12-foot length contained more than 1,200 feet of lumber. The remainder produced 1,800 feet of usable material.

A Letter To The Staff

Editorial Staff of THE ILLUMINATOR Roanoke, Va.

I have received the last two numbers of THE ILLUMINATOR, and I wish to compliment the staff on the splendid job you are doing. It is a very attractive publication, well gotten up, and nicely edited. Such a publication is a credit to the Company and a morale builder par excellence.

Am sure that anyone who has worked in the Southern Division, and who is now retired as I am, will be intensely interested in reading of the progress of the Company, and of the doings of his friends here and there. In my work as safety engineer I visited all corners of the properties many times, and had friends everywhere. It is pleasant to see so many of their faces in each edition of the paper. Sorry that I have not had such a news letter every month in the nearly four years since I retired, as undoubtedly there have been many changes I have not learned of.

Employees of our companies always have been a very loyal lot, but they are more fortunate than some ever realize—what with insurance, employees' discounts, retirement annuities, paid vacations, etc. The new pension plan and the revised life insurance plan are additional reasons for appreciation by employees for their good fortune in being associated with such a progressive organization. And besides all this employees are comparatively well paid, have excellent working conditions, and can feel assured that their employers are interested in their personal welfare. The privilege of contributing to the pension fund is also a factor in bolstering the employee's self-respect, and making him feel that he is helping to provide for his future.

There is, however, one very remarkable thing about our Company which deserves more publicity than it has received, and which I am sure the general public has never realized. That is the fact that electric service is just about the only commodity now available in our territory which has not greatly increased in price in recent years. While most everything else, including other utility services, has gone up and up in cost, electric service has continued to cost about the same, or less. Everyone knows that the cost of fuel, labor, materials, taxes, etc., is way up from what it was a few years ago. And everyone should know that about one-fourth of what he pays the electric company is just tax money which the utility is forced to collect and turn over to the authorities. In the past few years, I have worked for public service commissions on rate cases involving several large utilities, and in each case it was necessary to grant rate increases in order to enable the utility to earn a reasonable return on a carefully verified investment. How then does our Company get by? It indicates superb planning, engineering and management; and a very efficient operating organization.

In these days of so much ballyhoo for public power systems everywhere, with the attendant threat to the privately owned utilities, it behooves every employee of the Company to help acquaint the public with the fact that the Company is now giving him better value for his money than he is likely to get in anything else he buys. If each employee makes it a point to talk up the bargain feature of electric service it will benefit both customers and employees. When it comes to appreciation of our Company there is a lot of room for such appreciation

Kenova Employee's Daughter Is Named Class Valedictorian



Miss Jacqueline "Jackie" Childers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Childers, of Kenova, was named valedictorian of the graduating class at Ceredo-Kenova High School and delivered the valedictory at the school's annual graduation exercises on May 15.

Being valedictorian is only one of the many honors "Jackie" has received during her scholastic career.

She recently was awarded a medal of achievement in journalism, in recognition of her work as co-editor on the staff of the school paper, *The Hornet*. Another journalistic medal of achievement has been given her in recognition of her outstanding performance as editor of the senior year book, *Heraldus*.

She is secretary of her senior class, a member of the National Honor Society and the Latin Club and is actively interested in art. "Jackie" has also won several awards for sketching in poster exhibits in local art competition.

She has been awarded a full scholarship at Davis and Elkins College and plans to enter next fall.

Mr. Childers is employed at the Kenova Plant.

Draftsman At Cabin Creek Plant Draws Newspaper Cartoons

Bill Bairley, whose bowling cartoon you saw in the December edition of THE ILLUMINATOR, is the cartoonist who submitted "Smoke Signals," appearing in this issue of your company newspaper.

Mr. Bairley, a draftsman employed at the Cabin Creek Plant, possesses considerable talent.

Bill had no formal art training. He developed his talent and his desire to draw while being confined and recovering from a broken neck when he was 13 years old.

In addition to his regular assignment, Mr. Bairley develops safety posters, cartoons, pin-ups and sketches for plant activities. He does some pen-and-ink sketching as well as painting. His favorite subjects are children, churches and horses.

by both public and employees. It is about time that all of us went to bat on this.

With sincere best wishes for THE ILLUMINATOR and for all my old friends, I remain as ever,

Very truly yours,
HUNTER T. WILSON
2782 Collis Avenue
Huntington, W. Va.

Hazard Area Serviceman Overcomes Unusual Problem In Demonstration

The average company representative is not only resourceful but, as a rule, well qualified to cope with many unusual and interesting situations. Such has been an experience of Adrian Fields, a serviceman in the Hazard District of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company. Mr. Fields was confronted with the problem of teaching a handicapped homemaker how to operate an electric range. This housewife, Mrs. Robert Oaks, of Jeff, Ky., is blind.

In Adrian's words, here is the story: "As we prepared to deliver the range, we were told the customer was blind. At first, I hardly knew what I would do because I had never demonstrated a range to a blind person. I was worried—but I knew there must be a way to give these instructions. Frankly, I was in a dither.

"Upon delivering the range, I asked Mrs. Oaks about her various household duties. She said she had used a two-burner kerosene stove in the past, and then I knew she would have no trouble with the electric range.

"I began my demonstration by having my customer feel every inch of the range several times. I explained every move and control. I moved her hands in proper sequence to the oven, drawers and controls. I cautioned her never to lay her



Adrian Fields, Hazard district commercial department, is shown demonstrating a new electric range to Mrs. Robert Oaks, a blind housewife, who purchased the range.

hands on the surface units. She was alert and cautious as well as being an excellent person to instruct.

"Holding her hands, I operated the switches and told her the different selections. After several trials, I let her attempt her first operation of the range. I was amazed at the speed and accuracy with which she picked up its operation.

"I think Mrs. Oaks' efficient use of an electric range is a good example of convenient, safe and practical cooking with an electric range."

Daughter Of System Employee Wins National Honors In Forensic Meet

Miss Sandra Lee Kitchen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kitchen, and a senior at Beaver High School, Bluefield, emerged as a national champion in the annual National Forensic League tournament held at Kenosha, Wis., on April 27, 28 and 29. Miss Kitchen, who was the only West Virginian among the 120 entrants representing 26 states, won first place in the poetry interpretation division. She became eligible for the national competition by winning first place in the district tournament at Maryville, Tenn., in March.

Such national recognition comes as a climax to Sandra's high school career at Beaver, where she has been a leader in many activities. Aside from being president of her section's Prim Priscilla Club and the National Forensic League, she is also a member of the National Honor Society, National Quill and Scroll, National Thespians and Y-Teens. In addition, she was a member of the senior play cast, feature editor for the school's newspaper and this year's co-editor of the year book. She was recently chosen as the "Most Original" in the Senior Superlatives Contest.

In addition to her school activities,



Miss Kitchen is also active in church work, being a member of the Bland Street Methodist Choir and a leader in the Youth Fellowship League.

She plans to enter Marshall College, Huntington, W. Va., to pursue her interests in the field of journalism next September.

Her father is employed in the system safety department, Roanoke, and the family is making arrangements to move to Roanoke during the summer.

Huntington Reporter Wins Story-Writing Contest



H. D. Stillman, Huntington division manager, presents Miss Phyllis Shumaker a lamp for winning a story-writing contest held among Huntington district reporters for "The Illuminator." The contestants wrote a story describing a dryer demonstration which was given at a recent luncheon for the Huntington district reporters. Miss Shumaker is the reporter for the Huntington accounting department.

R. E. Hodges, Jr., Wins Highest Honors At Emory University

Richard E. Hodges, Jr., son of Charleston Division Manager R. E. Hodges, will be graduated from Emory University on June 2, 1950, with a degree in journalism. "Rich" recently won the Sigma Delta Chi scholarship award given to the graduating journalism senior with the highest scholastic average. After graduating he will continue his journalism work on the staff of the *Atlanta Constitution*.



At the college "Rich" was editor of the *Emory Wheel*, the campus newspaper, which recently was given an All-American top rating by the Associated College Press organization.

Roanoke

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from a Bluefield hospital.

Rosemary Costella, system accounting office, has been vacationing for a week with relatives at Terre Haute, Ind.

Tida J. Long, system accounting office, vacationed a week at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Marie Poindexter, system accounting office, spent a week's vacation in Florida, during which time she visited Miami, St. Petersburg and Daytona Beach.

Steve Thomas, system accounting office, who recently underwent an operation, has resumed his duties.

John Horne, system substation operator, Danville, has returned home from the University Hospital at Charlottesville, Va., and is improving.

Sympathy is extended to Ralph Gaw, system operator at the Turner Substation, on the loss of his father, Dr. J. H. Gaw, of Wytheville.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Crowell had as a recent guest their daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. R. J. Heslop, and Diana Dills, of Charleston. Mr. Crowell is employed in the system operation department, Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Arnold, Roanoke, have returned from a vacation in Florida. They visited old friends, formerly employed in the system operating department, Mr. and Mrs. Gould Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis, who are now making their homes in Florida.

Miss Lucille Mitchell, system public relations department, attended the Ring Dance at V. P. I. the week end of May 13.

Mrs. William E. Coleman, wife of the superintendent of the system real estate and right-of-way department, is improving at her home following an operation.

Harry L. Mann has returned to the billing office after having undergone an operation. Mr. Mann was absent about one month.

Mrs. Mary Patterson, billing department, spent a week's vacation motoring through North and South Carolina.

Sympathy is extended to Clarence Brown, system billing office, because of the loss of his mother, Mrs. O. A. Wells, who died suddenly May 21. Mrs. Wells was also the sister of Miss Frances Thurman of the Walnut Avenue office.

Mrs. Nita Cochran is a new employee in the assistant secretary's department. She was previously employed by the company in 1944 in the accounting department. Mrs. Cochran replaces Mrs. Betty Darnell who recently resigned.

Retired Glen Lyn Employee's Hobby Of Raising Raspberries Is Profitable

Raising raspberries began as a hobby with A. E. "Ed" Cecil, who retired three years ago from his duties at the Glen Lyn Plant. Today his raspberry patch has grown from the 80 slips with which he started to 1,900 bushes bearing raspberries.

Ed says, "My raspberry patch has become not only a source of pleasure for me but now is a profitable business. Since I started it as something to do in my spare time, I've sold 2,900 slips and last season I sold 100 gallons of berries. I expect to sell 300 gallons this year. I've set out 2,300 more slips which will bear next year and give me a still bigger crop."

Ed worked for Appalachian for over twenty years and was a pump operator at the time of his retirement.



Bluefield Employees Have Square Dance



This is a scene at the square dance at the Appalachian auditorium in Bluefield. The Girls Service Club and the Coffee Club of the Bluefield office sponsored the dance for employees.

Charleston

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patient in the McMillian Hospital.

Andrew T. Blizzard, Dunbar, was recently injured while inspecting lines in the rural part of the Nitro territory.

Jeanne Crawford is a new employee of the Charleston accounting department. Jeanne will replace Mrs. Golda Johnson who was transferred to fill a vacancy made by Mrs. Thelma Frazier, who has left the employ of the company.

Joe M. Kuskey, Whitesville; Lewis C. Lyle, Charleston, and Charles E. Oney, Point Pleasant, spent a week at General Electric's Nela Park in Cleveland recently.

Mrs. Annie Cox Ward has resigned her position with the company. Mrs. Ward was presented gifts from girls of several departments.

Mrs. Barbara Mann Shreve has accepted a position as home economist to take over the work formerly assigned to Mrs. Annie Cox Ward. Mrs. Shreve is a graduate of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. She has obtained considerable home economics experience with the General Electric Company in Pittsburgh and the Potomac Electric Power Company in Washington, D. C.

Cabin Creek Plant

Sympathy is extended to H. D. Moore on the loss of his father.

Cabin Creek employees taking advantage of trout fishing season included R. E. Snodgrass, E. D. Jarrell, W. L. Dooley, Basil Jarrett, Owen Wilson, Herman Hale and D. A. Murphy.

The H. C. Skaggs, Jr., have moved into their new home at 2106 Kanawha Avenue, Charleston.

The W. M. Cornetts spent several days in Pocahontas County fishing.

O. A. Hesson has returned to work after a recent illness.

R. J. Rader has recovered from a recent injury.

H. C. Searls is confined to his home because of illness.

Joe Bradley is ill in a Charleston hospital.

Bluefield Bowlers Are Honored At Annual Banquet



Eight Bluefield district bowlers are shown as they received awards for outstanding bowling achievements during the 1949-50 season. They were honored at the annual Bluefield bowling banquet. W. J. Gillespie, assistant district manager, presented the trophies and awards. Left group, left to right, Paulina Hawley, Eulalia Footo, W. J. Gillespie and Charlotte Bowling. Right group, George Francisco, C. J. Light, W. J. Gillespie, Ernest Linkous, James Cook and Clifford Hawley.

Kentucky

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Boy Patrol with their annual banquet in the power company auditorium. After refreshments a picture was shown the boys as to how the patrol was to function and the nice job they were doing. Approximately 85 boys and teachers attended.

Bruce Muncy has returned from a fishing trip near Taylor's Valley, Va. He brought home a 19-inch rainbow trout.

Thomas Griffin spent a few days in Cincinnati attending the major league baseball games.

Mrs. Irma Beavins McDonald, accounting department, spent her vacation in Florida.

Miss Janice Shepherd underwent an operation recently. Janice is the daughter of Bethel Shepherd of the production department.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caudill, commercial department, spent a few days in Beattyville, Ky., visiting friends.

Sandra and Ronald W. Compton, children of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Compton of Ary, Ky., are improving at their home following tonsillectomies. Mr. Compton is an employee of the engineering department.

R. F. Millikan, general safety director, Ashland, was guest speaker at the Hazard Lions Club recently.

Miss Carol Clay Barber, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Barber, underwent a tonsillectomy recently.

Kentucky Supervisors Given Belts With Inscribed Buckles For Safety Records

The annual department head and supervisors safety dinners were held last month in the Ashland, Hazard and Pikeville districts of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company. Following a custom of several years' standing the department heads and supervisors, whose departments had a perfect safety record, were presented tokens of appreciation for their safety endeavors. This year the gift was a belt with a buckle on which was inscribed the name of the recipient, the green cross for safety and the words, "A Safe Supervisor."

H. S. Scott, assistant general manager of the company, presented the awards to these Ashland district department heads: Lundy Boone Morris, "Fats" Stratton, C. N. Nester, Vernon Greene, "Hank" Van Over, O. O. Henderson, R. A. Macomb, Dewey Parks,

C. R. Sanford and W. B. Garnett.

The presentations at Hazard and Pikeville were made by R. F. Millikan, safety director for the company. Those receiving the awards at Hazard were: A. R. Barber, district manager, for the district's perfect record in 1949, R. P. Adams, Tom Griffin, Bradley Dixon, G. C. Branson, John Scholtens, L. B. Ferguson, Gaine Stidham, C. A. Zoellers, Fred Barnett, Mosco Blackburn, N. W. Collier, Larue Neice, "Shade" Reynolds, Morgan Ozee, A. N. Steele, C. A. McKinney and H. C. Branson.

Those who received the awards at Pikeville were: "Bud" Syck, "Phil" Phillips, Curtis McClung, B. P. Bogardus, A. H. Jopp, Hollis Flanagan, F. M. Jennings, Denver Layne, "Mut" Mutter, "Ed" Marrs, Cliff Aders and Tom Steele.

Employee's Daughter Selected For State Band

Miss Nancy Dalton, sixteen-year-old high school senior, was selected as one of the five Welch band members competing in the West Virginia State Band Festival as a member of the All-State band.

Nancy is the daughter of John D. Dalton, line foreman of the Welch district.

Huntington

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counting department, has resigned her position with the company.

Calvin Cyfers, line department, is on sick leave. Mr. Cyfers is recovering at his home at Ranger, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kirchman recently spent a week end in Fairmont, where they attended the annual Elks dance. Mrs. Kirchman is an employee in the commercial department.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Davis, commercial department, was recently elected secretary of the Logan MYF Sub district.

Caleb White, accounting department, has returned to work following a recent operation.

Fred Madison, accounting department, has returned to work following a recent illness.

Mrs. Jean Williams recently had as her week-end guest her sister, Miss Roberta Midkiff, of Huntington. Mrs. Williams is employed in the commercial department.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Henritze traveled to St. Petersburg, Fla., to attend the graduation of their son, Cadet Thomas L. Henritze, Jr., at the Admiral Farragut Academy, St. Petersburg. Mr. Henritze is line foreman in Logan.

Miss Patricia Friel spent a recent week end in Beckley, W. Va., with her mother who is a patient at a hospital. Miss Friel is an employee of the commercial department.

Parrack Is Elected First Vice President Of Kingsport Civitan

R. A. Parrack, Kingsport Utilities distribution superintendent, has been elected first vice president of the Kingsport Civitan Club. He formerly held the post of second vice president.

42-Ton Transformer For New Station



This 42-ton transformer is to be installed at the Betsy Layne, Ky., transmission station, which is now under construction in the Pikeville district. The men who were present when the transformer was moved from the flat car are, left to right: "Dutch" Rankin, system substation department; Albert Webb, Walter Billiter, Lee Compton, District manager F. M. Baker, Jess Mullins, Homer Helvey, Gratho Williams, Bill Harris, H. M. Eagle, Leonard King, Shirley Ratliff, Auburn Helvey, Jim Lowe, John Hunter, John Raine, Warnie Blackburn, Jesse Collier, Charles Stayton, Glen Whitt, Walter Smith and Ed Marrs.

Ashland Named Host City For 1950 Softball Tourney



Southern Properties Six Best Nines Will Clash In August Event

Ashland, the home of the general offices of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, has been named the host city for the Ninth Annual Southern Properties Softball Tournament, it was announced in Roanoke by Robert N. Hurt, system employee relations supervisor. Play-offs will be held Friday and Saturday, August 18 and 19, in Central Park's modern and well-lighted recreational areas.

Hurt said, approval had been received from Ashland's recreation officials and Central Park had been made available for the occasion.

This year's tournament will be the first to ever be held in Ashland or any of the Kentucky districts. Hurt said that it was hoped the annual tournament could be shifted year to year in order to give the companies and divisions an opportunity to be hosts to tourney play-offs.

Six teams, representing the best in their divisions and companies, will make their bids for tournament laurels. Elimination tournaments will be conducted on a division basis as in past years.

Previous tournaments have been held in Bluefield, Pulaski, Welch, Huntington, and Roanoke.

Winners and runner ups over the tournament years have been as follows: 1938, Logan and Bluefield; 1939, Bluefield and Pulaski; 1940, Huntington and Welch; 1941, Huntington and Bluefield; 1946, Huntington and Roanoke; 1947, Roanoke and Huntington; 1948, Huntington and Roanoke; 1949, Beckley and Huntington. No tournaments were played during the war years.

Kingsport Employee Pilots League Winners



Kathryn Kinkaid, an accounting department employee of Kingsport Utilities, is shown receiving the City Leagues Women's championship bowling trophy. Miss Kinkaid received the award as captain of the F. J. Brownell team, winners of the City Women's race. J. A. Randall, meter superintendent for the utilities and vice president of the Kingsport Industrial Bowling League, presented the trophy to Captain Kinkaid. This was the team's first championship.

Logan Bowler Wins Awards In Women's Division

Mrs. Elinor Hale, Logan district employee, all but made a clean sweep of prizes and awards presented to outstanding bowlers in two leagues.

She won high average individual honors for the 1949-50 season in two different leagues. Mrs. Hale's averages were 166 and 165.

She won the highest single game laurels in one league and tied for the same awards in another bowling loop. Her scores were 226 and 233.

Mrs. Hale's final achievement was announced as she was named the individual bowler scoring the highest three-game series in one of the leagues. Her score winning this prize was 621.

Awards were made at the annual bowling banquet.

Beckley's Softball Team Participates In Dedication Of Local Softball Field

Beckley district's AEP softball team was chosen to participate in the dedication ceremonies of a new softball field at the Pinecrest Sanitarium in Beckley. In this contest, Appalachian defeated Beckley College, 5 to 4.

The clash was dominated by heavy hitting during the first three innings, then settled into a pitcher's duel between Eddie McGinnis, of Beckley College, and "Horsey" Martin of Appalachian.

Beckley Honors Its Bowlers At Banquet

Beckley district's bowling league held its annual banquet and dance May 23 at the Beckley Moose Club. Approximately fifty bowlers and their guests attended. Prizes were awarded the winning team and runner up as well as outstanding players in both the men's and women's divisions.

The "Buckeyes" were credited with the league championship while the "BB's" won the runner up honors. Betty Barker and Russell Miller won individual high single game awards and Peggy Farmer and Freeman Epling gained the high series recognition.

Bluefield Bowlers Receive Trophies And Awards At Banquet

Forty-five members of the two Bluefield district bowling leagues climaxed the 1949-50 season at their annual bowling banquet in the company auditorium, Bluefield, May 10. W. J. Gillespie, assistant district manager, presented the trophies and awards.

The Stores Department team won district honors in the men's league with the District Engineers runner-up. The "Hot Rods" won top honors in the women's league.

Individual awards were presented to Thalia Belcher and Ernie Linkous for high season averages, high single games and high three games. Rufus Bondurant received trophies for being runner-up in each event.

For the less serious achievements, Mr. Gillespie was awarded a plaque for absence; Dot Boyd, effort; "Knocky" Swecker, "crying," and Ralph Schussler for trying.

Lynchburg 'Records' Win Crown



Lynchburg "Records," shown above, winners of the district's first bowling race closed the season in the play-offs by sinking the "Local Office," 2,574 to 2,556. The winners, together with members of all bowling teams, were honored with a banquet May 17 at the Virginia Hotel. At that time, the Record department bowlers were awarded a trophy by Howard Layne. Shown above, front row, left to right: Earl Driskill, Ed Rice and David Crews. Back row, left to right: Dick Campbell, Alvin Ferguson and C. P. Minnick.

Qualifications Held For Roanoke-Fieldale Golf Tournament

Sixty-six golfers launched the Annual Roanoke-Fieldale Handicap Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 20, when they competed in the qualifying rounds at the Monterey Golf Club in Roanoke.

The tournament matches will continue through July 10 with the championship, runner up and flight winners receiving awards and prizes at that time. Players were placed in four flights of sixteen golfers each.

Following the qualifying rounds, refreshments were served at the club house. Prizes were awarded by J. L. White, Roanoke district manager. Prize winners were: C. V. Smith, most putts on 18th hole; H. T. Mitchell, least number of putts on holes 2, 4 and 16; C. E. Skeens, most birdies on holes 10, 14 and 15; Roy Burgess, most 3's; M. W. Brown, most 4's; C. R. Hedgecock, most 9's; L. L. Crowell, highest gross score; E. J. Johnston, gross score nearest 82; E. J. Thomas, gross score nearest 92; W. P. Booker, gross score nearest 108; A. R. Main, most strokes on any hole; A. H. Gravely, closest to pin on hole 18; Marshall Griggs, fourth flight winner; Tom Roberts, third flight winner; W. E. Coleman, second flight winner; Roy Burgess, first flight winner; H. T. Mitchell, T. R. Carlton, N. G. Marshall, A. H. Gravely, J. W. Kepner and Ammon Sears, finding tees "planted" around course; J. I. Muncey, finding "lost balls" planted around course; W. E. Coleman, R. L. Mills, N. B. Cox and E. F. Johnston for chipping ball into bucket of water.

Strong Lynchburg Softball Squad Is Winner Of 2 Tilts

As defending champions, the Lynchburg A. E. P. Softball team launched its 1950 pennant drive by winning two of their first three-league tilts. The company representatives are members of an eight-team city-wide Industrial League.

Manager Ernest Layne indicated he was pleased with the entire squad's early showing but predicted one of the hardest seasons the club has ever faced.

Employees of the company forming the Lynchburg squad are: Ray Thomas, Leroy Baker, Joe Wilson, Sam Cheatham, John Wingfield, Earl Driskill, Earl Stahl, Sam Glass, Tom Sandidge, Jack Shelton, Ralph Boze, Jimmy Ferguson, James Dorman, Herbert Figg and Ashton Guill.

The officials of the squad are: Ernest Layne, manager; Warren Sublett, assistant field manager and coach; Jim Mundy, business manager; Randy Lewis, assistant business manager and scorekeeper.

Charleston Keglers Down Beckley In Division Clash

Charleston's three high bowling teams defeated Beckley's three teams 8,654 to 8,177 in an inter-district bowling match in Charleston.

High bowlers for Charleston were: Dick Speas, 200 and 586; Denny Caldwell, 509; Paul Parsons, 568, and L. O. McKinney, 222 and 521.

E. L. Hutchinson, 526 and Eddie Berginnis, 526 were high for Beckley.

Juanita Conway rolled high for the Charleston girls with 178, 177 and 477.

Cabin Creek Plant Plans Area Softball Program

Cabin Creek Plant's first softball meeting was held May 11, and plans were outlined for the formation of an area league. Teams forming the local loop will be both independent and company.

The Sports Committee of the Power Makers' Club extended an invitation to all employees to take an active part in the softball program.

Charleston Division Honors Bowling Teams And Players

Nearly two hundred employees and guests attended the annual Charleston division Kilowatt Bowling banquet and dance, Saturday, May 6. The occasion climaxed the 1949-50 bowling season by honoring outstanding teams and individuals. The trophy presentations and entertainment was held in the new ballroom of the Daniel Boone Hotel, Charleston, with division manager, R. E. Hodges, acting as master of ceremonies.

The championship bowling team, the Cabin Creek Pulverizers, captured the spotlight as they received their recognition and trophy. The "Distrioff" bowlers were presented the runner-up award.

Individual trophies were presented Jaunita Conway and Wallace Mason for the season's three high games; Mary Alice Caudill and Denny Caldwell for season's high single game; Helen Porter and R. W. Speas for the season's high averages.

It was also announced at the banquet that during the season two 250-game trophies; ten 225-game



The Cabin Creek Plant's "Pulverizers," winners of the 1949-50 Charleston division bowling championship, are shown following their receiving the trophy which was presented by R. E. Hodges, Charleston division manager. Shown above, left to right, are: J. A. Reffett, R. J. Rader, Lester Marshall, L. O. McKinney, V. K. Casto and H. H. Harrah.

trophies; fifty-one 200-game trophies and two 175-game trophies had been awarded to Charleston division keglers.

Dancing, which followed the banquet, was open for all employees and their guests. Music was supplied by Bill Garten and his orchestra.

Employees Doubtful Of Their Vision

Identical Lazenby Twins Enjoy Daily Laughs And Experiences Of Similarity



Keith and Kenneth Lazenby

Don't become alarmed! Your vision is quite normal. Neither have there been any tricks with the camera. You are being introduced to Charleston division's identical twins, Keith S. and Kenneth L. Lazenby, the third set of twins born to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lazenby of Princeton, W. Va.

The Lazenbys, who began their service with Appalachian twelve years ago, are both employed as right-of-way agents. Keith is assigned to the Charleston district while Kenneth is employed in Beckley.

The twins have enjoyed lives of duplicity from their childhood to their present assignments. They have experienced many laughs not normally made possible in an entire lifetime to the average individual. These experiences have been wide and varied since the twin's voices, mannerisms, looks and clothes are practically identical.

As students, switching dates without being detected was a common practice. In athletic circles, the twins not only attracted considerable attention for their playing abilities at Princeton High School, but kept defensive teams as well as officials in a dither while attempting to identify them.

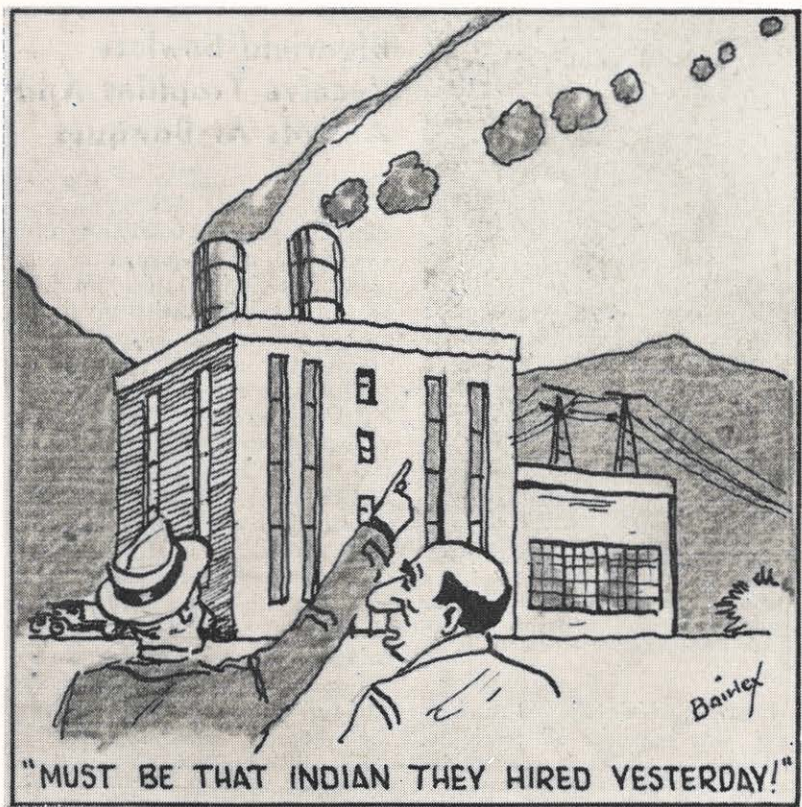
Conflicts often happen, too. Since working in the Charleston-Beckley area, one of the brothers entered a Beckley cafe hurriedly, ordered a sizeable breakfast, ate, scooped up

his change and left. In less than five minutes, the second twin bolted into the same establishment, ordered an identical breakfast from the same stool. He complained that he was running late and urged the waitress to hurry.

The perplexed girl behind the counter believed the order to be a hoax and refused to budge, "I just fed you!" she stormed. "You can't be that hungry!" Finally, by paying in advance, the twin convinced the waitress he was both serious and hungry.

The twin's only major separation came during the war years. Both served in the Pacific and despite their numerous requests were never stationed at the same base. In private life, both were raised to the degree of Master Mason in the Princeton lodge in 1937. Both were candidates of the same class in the Charleston Scottish Rite, then later became Shriners at the same time. Both married business women. Keith was married to Miss Helen Boulton of Princeton in 1940, while Kenneth married Miss Nell Wilson, of Point Pleasant, early last year.

Their similarity is so parallel that few differences can be distinguished even by their closest friends. One Charleston employee remarked, "I've got 'em figured out now. One has a very small mole on his lip. That's right—but great guns!" he exploded. "Which one has the mole?"



Miss Hudson Is Named President Of Lynchburg Club

Miss Kay Hudson, an employee in the distribution department at Lynchburg, has been elected president of the Lynchburg Pilot Club. The Lynchburg chapter of the international women's organization was organized in December of last year. Miss Hudson assumed her duties May 1.



Miss Hudson

Miss Agnes Dillard, Lynchburg accounting department, is a member of board of directors of the club.

Employee's Son Wins Scholarship At West Virginia

Harold P. Crickenberger, Dunbar, W. Va., the son of H. P. Crickenberger of the system operating department, has been awarded a \$200 Kappa Sigma fraternity scholarship leader award at West Virginia University.

A junior, majoring in psychology, Harold was one of the students to whom the national fraternity presented scholarships. The award was made as the result of a scholarship competition which was held at the 120 chapters of the fraternity.



Harold has played an active part in campus activities and is a member of Psi Chi, national psychology honor society; La Tertulia, Spanish students group; Scabbard and Blade, military society and the University Collegiate Academy of Science. He is also a member of the Y. M. C. A., Lutheran Student Association and the Mountaineer Special Events Committee and has been treasurer and house manager for his fraternity.

Harold worked at Turner station at Charleston from the early part of 1946 until he entered the University in 1947.



The booth shown above was the Ashland district's display at the Better Home Show held in Ashland last month. The booth was the vehicle for telling an adequate wiring story. Miss Becky Daugherty, local accounting office, was "Miss Livewire of 1950." Bill Schweitzer, commercial department, shown at the left, was the "barker." Bob Welch, commercial department, also helped in the presentation. The booth was one of 44 in the show which was visited by over 6,500 persons during its three-day run.

Abingdon District Winner Of Water Heater Campaign

There were 3,740 electric water heaters, which is a lot of water heaters, sold in an eight weeks Appalachian wide campaign which was completed April 30.

In the competition among the districts, the Abingdon District was first with 266 per cent of its quota of water heaters for the campaign sold. Kingsport Utilities had a sales percentage of 205 in the campaign. Finishing behind these two in this order were: Pulaski 183; Logan 168; Bluefield 125; Welch 113; Lynchburg 110; Roanoke 109; Williamson 101 and Fieldale 100 per cent. All of these districts equalled their quotas for the campaign or surpassed them.

On a division basis, Bluefield was first, Huntington second, Roanoke third and Charleston fourth.

The campaign was carried out with very close cooperation between company representatives and the dealers.

Forty Mason High School Students See Sporn Plant

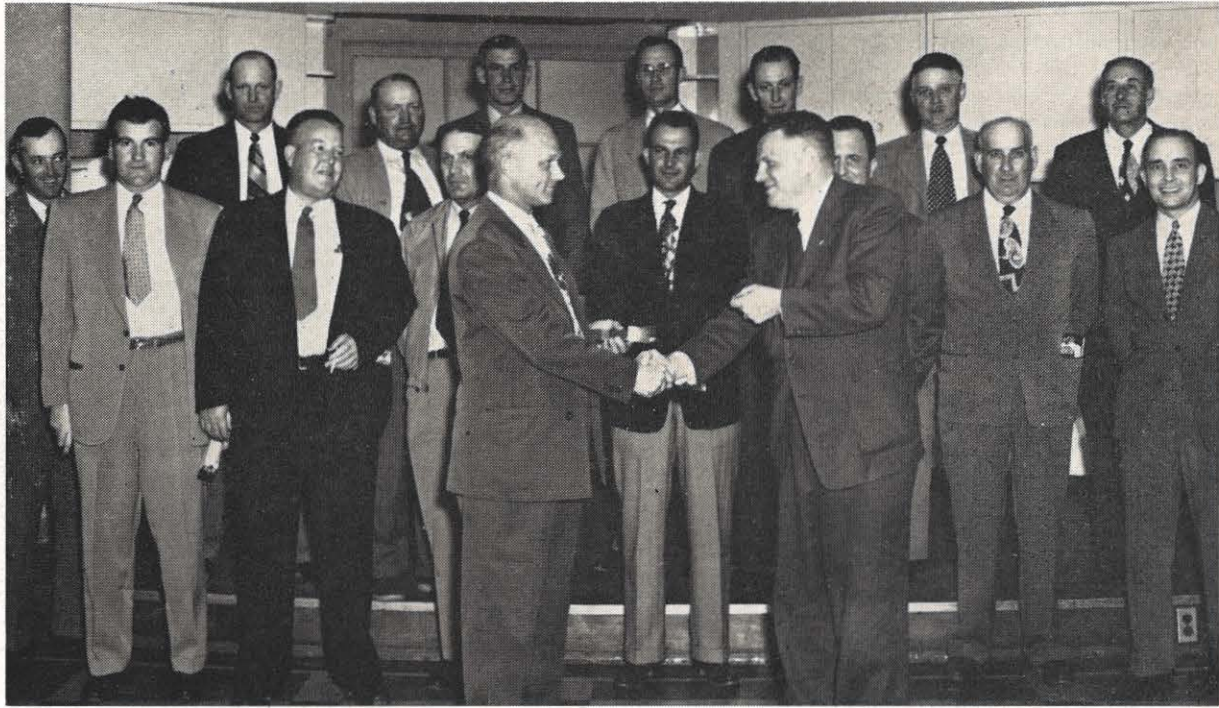
A group of 40 members of the combined science and chemistry classes of Wahama High School, Mason, W. Va., were conducted on a tour of the Philip Sporn Plant recently.

Mrs. Bobby Fisher, a Wahama teacher, was in charge of the group.

Power Makers Club Sponsors Minstrel Show And Dance

The newly organized Power Makers Club at the Cabin Creek Plant entertained the employees and their families with a Minstrel Show and Dance, May 12, at the Chelyan Junior High School Gymnasium. About 200 attended the affair. W. E. Bairley is president of the club and W. G. Day, head of the entertainment committee. This was the first thing to be sponsored by the club and proved to be very successful with quite a number of new members joining the club.

Hazard Department Heads Get Safety Awards



R. F. Millikan, right foreground, safety director for the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, presents a belt and inscribed buckle to A. R. Barber, Hazard district manager, for the district's 1949 perfect safety award. A similar belt and buckle were also presented to the department heads whose departments had a perfect safety record. Left to right, back row, they are: Larue Neice, Gaine Stidham, Fred Barnett, C. A. McKinney, G. C. Branson, J. W. Scholtens, L. B. Ferguson, H. C. Branson, and front row: Mosco Blackburn, R. P. Adams, Bradley Dixon, N. W. Collier, Thomas Griffin, A. N. Steele and C. A. Zoellers.