

Not doing more than the average is what keeps the average down.

—WILLIAM WINANS

# The Illuminator

Have patience. All things are difficult before they become easy.

—SAADI

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## Abingdon, Pulaski Districts Will Have Radio Communications Expanded

Two-way radio communications are being expanded in the Abingdon and Pulaski districts of Appalachian. Mobile radio is now being used in the Abingdon district but there are no base stations. The Pulaski district does not yet have radio communications.

In the Abingdon district, four base stations, nine mobile and four portable units will be placed into service. Base stations will be located in Gate City, Clintwood, Cleveland and Abingdon.

Five base stations, together with twenty-five mobile and four portable units, will be used in the Pulaski district. Stations will be located in Pulaski, Wytheville, Galax, Marion and Christiansburg.

In each district, the new equipment will be a means of expediting all phases of electric service and maintenance where many miles of the terrain is extremely rough. Portable units will be used in the areas where miles of lines are accessible only on foot.

Pulaski district maintains more than 3,900 miles of distribution lines serving its 34,000 customers. Abingdon district maintains more than two thousand miles of lines extending service to more than 21,000 customers in its five-county area.

Construction of the two networks is expected to be completed sometime during the fall.

## Sam Woody Is Named To State D.A.V. Post

Sam W. Woody, who is employed at the Logan plant, was elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the West Virginia Department, Disabled American Veterans. Mr. Woody was elected to the post at the recent state convention which was held in Logan.

Mr. Woody, who is a veteran of World War I, is a member of Logan Post Number 20, D.A.V.



Shown above is the Abingdon district office building as it is undergoing an extensive remodeling. The property was formerly owned by the Abingdon Motor Company.

The new office will house all departments which are now in two separate buildings. The new facilities will also be equipped with a modern work kitchen, auditorium and demonstration stage.

## Stuart Employee Heads VFW Post

George W. Turner, a Fieldale district area representative at Stuart, Va., was installed as Commander of Patrick County Post No. 7800, Veterans of Foreign Wars, recently.



Mr. Turner, who is active in civic and veterans' affairs, is a charter member of the Patrick County post. He has served as adjutant and quartermaster as well as a member of several committees.

## Marion Employee Is Elected Mayor Of Troutdale, Va.

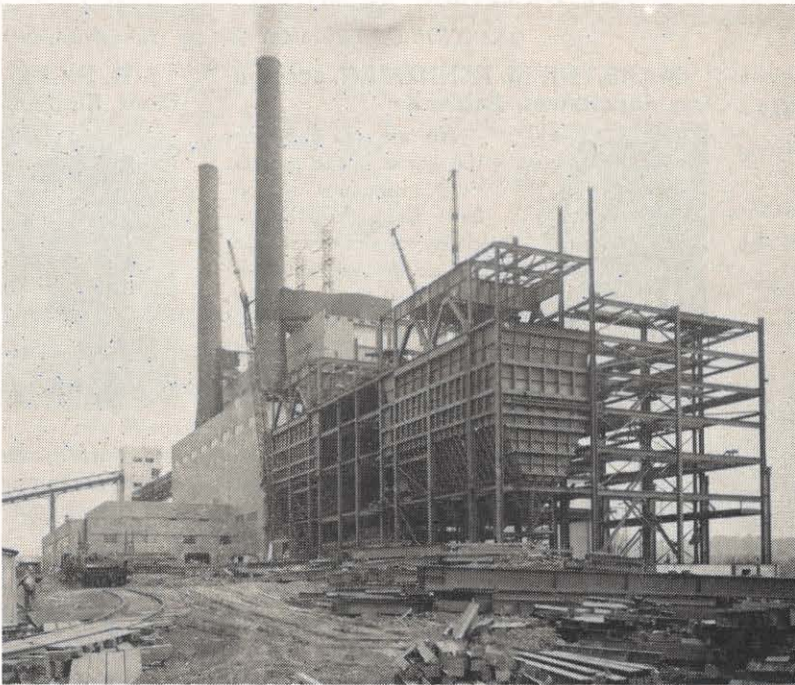
William C. Mitchell, field time and material clerk in the Marion, Va., local office, was elected mayor of Troutdale, Va., in recent town elections. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mitchell of Troutdale, Grayson County. His father formerly owned and operated the Troutdale Power and Light Company.



Bill has been employed in Marion by the company for almost five years. Before he came with the company, he served seven years and eight months in the army. Seven years of this was in the Pacific where he participated in the invasion of Hollandia. He was first sergeant in the Army. He is married and has two children.

He was active in the organization of the Troutdale Wild Life and Game Club and has served as its president since its organization three years ago.

## Governor And Mr. Sporn To Speak At Sporn Plant Dedication On July 27th



This is the way the Philip Sporn Plant looked on June 22. In the right foreground, the steelwork is going up rapidly on units three and four. Dedication ceremonies will be held at the plant this month.

### Three Ties

## Appalachian's Second Interconnection With V.E.P.Co. Is Nearing Completion

The Appalachian Electric Power Company's second interconnection with the Virginia Electric and Power Company is nearing completion. The new 56-mile line, extending from Lynchburg to Brems Bluff, Va., probably will be energized the latter part of this month, however, no schedule has been established.

### Third Link

Meanwhile, construction is under way on a third line which will start at Glen Lyn and bring the two systems together at Hinton, W. Va. The first link was the completion of 12 miles of 132,000-volt line between Reusens and Alta Vista, Va.

On the Brems Bluff interconnection, Appalachian has built a 132-KV steel tower line running from the Reusens Plant at Lynchburg to Brems

Bluff, where the tie will be made with VEPCo. This extension of facilities will bring the two transmission systems together near the site of the Virginia Electric and Power Company's 90,000-kilowatt Brems Steam Plant.

### New 132-KV Station

The Scottsville station, a new 132-44-KV substation, is under construction at Scottsville, Va., on the Reusens-Brems line. The station is to be energized shortly after the Reusens-Brems line has been placed into service.

On the third interconnection, the Glen Lyn-Hinton 132-KV line, the right-of-way has been cleared. Some work leading to the erection of the steel towers has been done. This line extends 22 miles.

## Huntington-Logan Electric Service Club 22 Years Old

One of the oldest employee organizations in the Southern Properties is the Huntington-Logan Electric Service Club. The 22-year-old group was originally formed in Huntington by 221 Huntington employees. Later, a number of Logan employees of a similar club, elected to pool their funds with the Huntington organization. This merger was completed in June of 1942.

Today, more than three hundred employees of the company of the Huntington-Logan districts are active participants in the Electric Service Club. Sixty-five of the charter members have retained their membership over the years.

The club was formed for the relief of employees in cases of severe sickness, disability or death. In those days, social relations and good fellowship was also promoted through parties, picnics, entertainment and banquets. Today, the club activities have reverted to the original objectives of helping members and their families in times of distress and need.

One member of the Board of Directors, the secretary and the treasurer

are three of the charter members holding club offices. Leslie W. Self, who retired five years ago after completing more than 41 years of service with the company, agreed to continue his work as treasurer at the request of the Board of Directors.

Shown above are some of the officers of the club. Seated, left to

## 'Open House' For Public and Employees On July 29 And 30

Formal dedication of the first two units of the Philip Sporn generating plant at Graham Station, W. Va., will be held at the plant on Thursday, July 27.

President Philip Sporn of the A. G. & E. and Appalachian will deliver the principal address. Governor O. L. Patterson, of West Virginia, will make a talk during the dedicatory ceremonies to which approximately 500 guests have been invited.

## 'Open House' For Sporn Employees

Open house will be held at the plant for Sporn Plant employees and their families on Wednesday, July 26, from 2 to 4:30 P. M.

Under construction since 1947, the authorized four-unit plant is now almost half complete. The second 150,000-kilowatt generating unit went into operation on June 14 after extensive tests. Construction of units three and four is moving forward with the steel framework going up rapidly.

At the dedication on July 27, the invited guests will tour the plant in groups. A box luncheon will be served and the ceremonies will be held in a large tent. During the ceremonies a bronze tablet, dedicating the plant to the service and welfare of the people of Ohio and West Virginia and neighboring states will be unveiled. The tablet will be placed in the plant lobby.

Following the dedication on the 27th, the public is being invited to visit the plant on July 29 and 30, 10 to 12 A. M., 2 to 4 P. M. Employees of the company are invited to attend "Open House" on these dates.



right: L. W. Self, treasurer; E. H. Stump, chairman; Dee Worrell, president; Neva Peck, secretary. Standing, members of the Board of Directors, left to right: K. L. Kelly, G. W. Akers, V. L. Thacker, C. E. Hoschar, Jr., and D. F. Johnson. T. L. Henritze, board member, was absent when the picture was made.



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## What Is A Man Worth?

Three brothers left the farm to work in the city. All got jobs in the same company, starting at the same pay. Five years later, one was receiving \$200 a month, the second \$300, and the third \$500.

Their father decided to visit his sons' employer to learn why they were paid on what appeared to be an unfair basis.

"I will let them explain for themselves," said the boss as he pressed a button on his desk. Jim, the lowest paid, answered.

"I understand the Oceanic has just docked," said the employer. "Please go down there and get an inventory of her cargo."

Three minutes later Jim was back. "She carries a cargo of 2,000 seal skins," he reported. "I got the information over the phone."

"Thank you, Jim," said the boss. Then he pressed the button again, and Frank, the \$300 man, reported.

"Frank, I wish you would go down to the dock and get an inventory of the Oceanic's cargo."

An hour later Frank was back with a list showing that the vessel carried 2,000 seal skins, 500 beaver and 1,100 mink pelts.

The employer pressed the button a third time and George, the \$500-man, came in. He was given the same instructions.

George did not return for three hours, but his father and the boss were waiting for him.

"The Oceanic carries 2,000 seal skins," he began. "They were offered at \$5 each and I took a tentative option on them, subject to your approval. I got a bid of \$7 for them from a prospect in St. Louis, and promised to wire him in the morning. I also found 500 beaver, which we normally don't handle, but since I had had an inquiry for some, I bought them and sold them at a \$700 profit. There were 1,100 fine mink pelts, but as you always handle the mink, I took no action on them."

"That is fine," said the boss.

When George had gone, the employer smiled. "You probably noticed," he told the father, "that Jim did not do what he was told to do. Frank did only what he was told to do. But George did more than he was told to do—and in such a way that it will make a profit for the firm!"

—Coronet—July issue

## Keeping Alive

We are continually finding it more difficult to avoid injuries and accidents in this complex age in which we live. Hazards on the job, on the highways and in the home should be constant reminders for us to be alert. Sunburn, poison oak, snake and insect bites are some other things to guard against in our everyday activities.

It's easy to understand why our company and each of us believe in and support our Safety Program.



QUESTION OF THE MONTH: In your opinion, does the husband or the wife have the most influence upon our daily lives?

**MARILYNN M. HENNEMAN, accounting department, Ashland:**



No one will deny that the home is the greatest single influence in our daily lives. Morally, socially, religiously, at work and at play we reflect the environment of our home.

The husband provides the food, shelter and all those tangible physical things which go into the making of a home.

The wife provides that intangible something which turns a place to live into a home. All of the activities of the home center around the wife. Through her efforts the home becomes a good environment spurring us on to whatever goals we achieve.

For this reason I believe the wife has the most influence upon our daily lives.

**C. N. ROBINSON, commercial department, Pulaski:**



In my opinion the husband and the wife play an equal part in the influence of our daily lives. One's example plays an important part in the home, in the shop, on the street or in the church. Little as it may be, the life a husband or a wife lives has a special place in everyone's daily life.

Any success for husband or wife is exactly equivalent to doing his or her best.

The faith, patience and the type of companionship he or she may be, takes place so far beneath the surface of our lives that we do not always become aware of it.

**NOBLE MARSHALL, system accounting office, Roanoke:**



When woman was created from the rib of man, she, by no means, was designed to be subservient to him. Physically, woman is weaker than man, but otherwise she is endowed with many superior virtues.

Years ago, Patrick Henry spoke these immortal words: "Give me liberty or give me death." Today I say, "Give me an understanding wife, and I will give you a successful husband." By successful, I mean morally and spiritually—not just financially.

Wife, to me, stands for those higher things in life such as love, goodness, kindness and patience—all necessary to make life worth living.

**MARJORIE PRILLAMAN, stenographer, Fieldale:**



In my opinion, the influence is pretty well divided. Who ever heard a husband admit his wife had the most influence, or a wife admit that of her husband? In the large issues which arise, it is probable that the husband has the greater influence, while in the smaller issues, the wife

has more influence. However, it seems that so many more little issues come up in our daily lives. Which has the most influence? Depends upon whether you are the husband or the wife!

**J. H. NICKELS, Jr., distribution department, Kingsport:**



It is my opinion that a wife has the most influence. Beginning in childhood, we think of Mother as a daily influence by which we guide ourselves. Consequently, good wives make good mothers.

Generally speaking, a house is made a home by the wife's influence. Love, thoughtfulness, kindness and tender care lead to greatest happiness. Although husbands have the capacity, they do not demonstrate their true feelings as freely as wives.

In every phase of life we find the wife has greater daily influence. In all consideration, it is my sincere belief that a wife's good influence is the key to successful living.

**G. W. UNANGST, meter superintendent, Charleston:**



It is Mother who molds the character of the man who is to be. It is Mother who gives us our moral and religious training—the cornerstone of success—and a successful man influences the lives of all his associates. It is Mother, and so the wife, who has the most influence upon our daily

lives.

A man works primarily for his wife and children. It is the desire to care for and please his wife that drives him on when the going is tough. It is her encouragement that gives him faith to achieve his goal.

**NORMA McCORMICK, clerk-typist, Cabin Creek Plant:**



A marriage is supposed to be fifty-fifty. One is not supposed to have any more influence than the other. But, in my opinion, the wife has the greatest influence. A marriage is something you can either make or break. I think, in most cases of happy marriages, the wife has more influence, both socially and economically. A great number of our divorces is due to the lack of understanding between couples.

When a child is sick or hurt, he will find more love, affection and understanding from his mother than his father. Therefore, the mother will have more influence. And aren't we all still children at heart?

**N. J. JESSEE, shift supervisor, Glen Lyn Plant:**



In my opinion, the wife has the most influence upon our daily life because in the home is where life begins and the wife is, or should be, the head of the house. She is responsible for the training and education of the children.

In this modern age, the wife is equal with the husband in business and politics. She is also the leader in religious and social activities. The wife has also taken an important part in industry, and last, but by no means least, the wife plays an important part in the defense of our country.

**MRS. LOUISE E. BROWN, secretarial-stenographer, Huntington:**



A wife is the most influential thing a man can have—ask the man who has one. The degree of her influence upon our daily lives is determined only by how well her will is sugared with charm and tact, but scratch the surface of every man's daily habits and you'll find a "wom-

an's touch."

The home atmosphere, its physical attractiveness and its moral influence, the social standing of the family and often the degree of a man's success depends more upon a wife's personality, than upon the other governing factors.

Of course, all this influence is tempered by a wife's generous nature and if you question her sometimes confusing ways, you'll find she does it all to please her husband.

## Upside Down View

Occasionally, as the pressman is printing a page he will take up a sheet and look at it to see if the ink is spreading smoothly and cleanly—and he will look at it upside down.

Watch an artist making a pencil portrait. As the major elements of his sketch take form he will pause to look at it—upside down.

If the pressman looks at the page in the usual way the headings, words, phrases—all too familiar to him, probably—will distract from the factors important to him at the time. The artist views his sketch upside down because it enables him to check perspective and relationships that are obscured as he concentrates on detail.

Look at your job upside down occasionally, think of it as one you are about to assume rather than from the already familiar viewpoint. The new viewpoint may reveal several unconsidered angles as to weak points, and suggest better ways the job can be managed and performed.

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## Do You Know That—

UNUSUAL USES OF ELECTRICITY surprise some people. Hawaiian planters use electric lights to keep sugar cane growing at night; moving lights guide fish past penstock intakes and in Oakland, California, beacons are being sold to keep ducks out of rice fields.

*Electrical World Magazine*, February 13, 1950 issue, editorializes thus: "Any power company president who wants to experience an abrupt rise in blood pressure can probably realize his desire by reading about electricity supply in the economics text book studied by his offspring in high school or college. In general, these texts take a dim view of private enterprise in the power business, leaning quite definitely towards government ownership. To a greater or less degree this dim view of the profit motive by the academic eye encompasses all kinds of business." Here is another example where taxpayer money is used to sell socialism, condemn business.

MORE THAN 14 MILLION AMERICAN industrial workers have laid their savings on the line to buy big and little buildings—big and little machines—to turn out literally millions of products. It is your savings and mine, as shareholders in industry, that is building America's production higher and higher.



Twins Graduate

Ashland Employee's Son Graduates At West Point; Daughter From Marshall

Mr. and Mrs. C. Deck Weight, of Ashland, saw their 21-year-old twin son and daughter graduated from college last month.

Deck Weight was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point and Bea Weight received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration at Marshall College in Huntington.

Deck was appointed to West Point in 1946. He has been a manager of the Army football team and also man-



Deck Weight

ager of the academy squash team. He was a lieutenant in the Cadets Corps and in his senior year was active on the duty committee. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force upon graduation and will be stationed at Waco, Texas, for special training.

Bea has accepted a position with the Ashland Oil and Refining Company in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Weight attended the graduation exercises at West Point and Huntington.



Bea Weight

Job Relations Class Held For Personnel In Hazard District

The Hazard district has completed a job-relations program for supervisory personnel. The program was conducted by Joe Hildersheim of the State Department of Economics.

Those attending the meeting were: L. B. Ferguson, Bradley Dixon, G. C. Branson, C. A. Zoellers, A. R. Barber, Thomas Griffin, Morgan Ozee, J. W. Scholtens, Stanley Slone, Charles Smith, Jr., R. B. Muncy, Adrian Combs, Russell Muncy, H. J. Bonta, N. W. Collier, W. H. Combs, James Burdsal, Fred Barnett, Larue Neice, Shade Reynolds, Mosco Blackburn, C. A. McKinney, Farris Erwin, Gaine Stidham, Bill Peyton, Hobart Boling, A. N. Steele and Thomas Bunton.

Ashland Engineers Use Demonstrations In Safety Program

T. M. Watkins, Jr., and E. J. Humphrey, engineers in the Ashland district, presented a recent program for all departments.

This program was designed to demonstrate the safe operation and use of Kyle reclosures, fuse cutouts, sectionalizers, capacitors, transformers and lightning arresters.

Bluefield Employees Are Co-Authors Of Article On "Handie-Talkie" Radio

Two Appalachian employees, W. G. French and R. A. Walk, system transmission department, Bluefield, are co-authors of a recent article published in the Electric Light and Power magazine. The article, "Handie-Talkie Radio Units Facilitate Transmission Construction," was based upon an original manuscript prepared for and printed in the A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes.

By regularly using the "Handie-Talkie" portable radio units for intercommunications between line crew members, the authors pointed out that tremendous savings in time and money have been realized in major line construction. The use of the portable equipment has proved ex-



R. A. Walk, system transmission department uses his "handie-talkie" radio at a high check-point during a conductor-pulling operation.



W. G. French, system transmission department, gives directions with "handie-talkie" radio during sagging operations.

tremely valuable in sagging operations. It has doubled its value in working transmission lines in the mountainous areas served by the companies.

Radio, the authors say, helps to coordinate groups of men engaged in related work and one phrase, "Hold it," can stop all operations, not only at the same time, but at the proper time. This is done, in most cases, where men and equipment are at different locations within a distance of one to three miles.

Summarizing the advantages gained through the use of this technique, it proved radio saved considerable time and money. It also relieved men for other assignments. Radio eliminates confusion and is adaptable for many phases of line construction work.

THE TAX BITE What It Adds to Everyday Living Costs

Grid of 24 items with tax amounts and prices: MILK (8¢ tax, 13¢ price), BREAD (5¢ tax, 10¢ price), CIGARETTES (11¢ tax, 8¢ price), MEAT (20¢ tax, 50¢ price), SOAP (2¢ tax, 5¢ price), BABY POWDER (18¢ tax, 29¢ price), WHISKEY (3¢ tax, \$2 price), MOVIES (20¢ tax, 40¢ price), RECORDS (9¢ tax, 72¢ price), TELEPHONE (\$2 tax, \$4 price), TELEVISION (\$70 tax, \$400 price), CARDS (16¢ tax, 29¢ price), NEW HOUSE (\$3,000 tax, \$7,000 price), RENT (\$20 tax, \$40 price), LIGHT (\$1.75 tax, \$3.25 price), REFRIGERATOR (\$75 tax, \$150 price), COAL (\$7 tax, \$13 price), CLOCK (\$1 tax, \$2 price), AUTO (\$700 tax, \$1,400 price), GASOLINE (11¢ tax, 14¢ price), TIRE (\$3 tax, \$15 price), BATTERY (\$2.36 tax, \$15.59 price), MOWER (\$7 tax, \$14 price), SHOVEL (70¢ tax, \$1.30 price), R.R. TICKET (\$2.25 tax, \$12.75 price), PERFUME (\$2.45 tax, \$9.75 price), HOSIERY (50¢ tax, \$1 price), SHOES (\$3 tax, \$6 price), PURSE (\$5 tax, \$10 price), CAMERA (\$1.77 tax, \$11.23 price).

HEAVY BURDEN . . . From baby's powder to the family car, every item which goes to make up American living standards feels the impact of the tax collector. Some of the taxes are hidden, others appear right on the sales ticket. In either case they are heavy. Often the part of the selling price which goes to supporting government is larger than what is left to pay for the wages, materials and plant used in producing the item. The levies on cigarettes and on alcoholic beverages are outstanding examples of this class. In the case of gasoline and milk the share taken by the tax collector nearly equals what goes to the producers. So long as the tax man takes anywhere from 10 to 60 per cent of what we spend, our enjoyment of a full American living standard must suffer. Those living on fixed incomes already have felt the pinch of the tax collector in reduced purchasing power. Those who are saving for their old age will feel it in years to come unless economy in government halts wild inflation.

(Reprinted from the "New York Journal-American")

'The Illuminator' Gets High Rating In Forbes Magazine

Forbes Magazine of Business, a national publication, has given THE ILLUMINATOR a very high rating.

In its section entitled "Forbes Rates Employee Publications" in the June 15 issue the magazine says this about the May issue of THE ILLUMINATOR: "Interesting 12-page publication nicely mixes employee pats with management huzzahs. Pix are above the average in this well-balanced and readable newspaper. Editorial and 'Report to the Employees' are notable among several good items."

Scores were given in three different classifications with THE ILLUMINATOR being given a final rating of 90 out of a possible 100.

Roanoke Worker And Brother Of Employee Win In Talent Show

Richard K. Burton, an employee in the Roanoke district distribution department, was one of the finalists in the recent Junior Chamber of Commerce Talent Scout Show. He won \$50 for his pantomime of "Spike" Jones' recording of "My Old Flame."

The Talent Scout Show's grand prize winner was Ottawa Pullen, a vocalist, who is a brother of Aubrey S. "Elec" Pullen, a Roanoke district employee. Ottawa received \$150 and an opportunity to audition for Arthur Godfrey's Talent Show.

Pikeville Worker Is Victim Of An Airplane Crash



Robert L. Mullins, Pikeville District employee, was killed June 4 when the plane which he was flying crashed into a mountain near Jenkins, Ky. His wife, Mrs. Vivian S. Mullins, was severely injured, but crawled away from the wreckage and made her way to a farm house nearly two miles away for help. She suffered a fractured spine and ankle.

Robert and his wife had left the Pikeville airport that morning en route to Coeburn, Va., where he had been scheduled to make a parachute jump as part of the program for an air show.

Robert, who served in the Merchant Marine and as a paratrooper during World War II, had been employed as a collector in the Pikeville district since July 15, 1948.



## Kentucky

### Pikeville District

Bob Flynn, assistant office manager, toured Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio and the District of Columbia on his vacation.

Sympathy is extended to Herbert Charles, engineering department, on the recent death of his grandmother.

Perry Cline, meter department, vacationed in Cincinnati.

Inis Dotson, meter department, spent her vacation in Texas and Mexico.

Mrs. Amos Christian has returned home following a confinement in a Louisville hospital. Mr. Christian is employed in the distribution department.

Charlie McKinney, district superintendent, and his sons attended the Memorial Day auto races at Indianapolis.

### Hazard District

Charles Watson, engineering department, is a patient in a local hospital.

Miss Mildred Gabbard, commercial department, was recently admitted to the hospital.

R. P. Adams, district superintendent, is recovering from an illness in the hospital.

Buster Cornett, commercial department, is a patient in the Nichols General Hospital.

The Kilowatt Club held a chicken fry in the power company auditorium. Those present were: Mildred Gabbard, Irene Stout, Cleo Hatmaker, Leyburn Cody, Colene Branson, Lorraine Brashear, Jean Riddle, Rayma Sue Miller, Ella Rae McIntyre, Jean Clutts and Elizabeth Grigsby.

Corbitt H. Brashear has been absent from his work due to a recent illness.

Miss Martha Sue Carey was recently employed as a home economist.

Miss Jean Clutts vacationed in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Branson and family spent their vacation at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

### Ashland District

W. B. Garnett, accounting office manager, has returned from a vacation in central Kentucky.

Miss Milly Lou Pope is a new employee in the main accounting office.

Mrs. Opal Haile, of the main accounting office, has resigned.

Jack Finkbone vacationed recently at Herrington Lake.

Virginia Lewis, main office employee, vacationed in Louisville.

A. R. Surbaugh spent his vacation fishing at Indian Lake, Ohio.

Otto Russell and family vacationed in Columbus.

Jane Scott, daughter of H. S. Scott, assistant general manager, was graduated from Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

Jean Carrithers, a Berea College student, is working in the commercial department during the summer.

Rufus Thomas, commercial department, and his wife, Kathleen, spent a two weeks' vacation in New York.

J. W. Ellis, Jr., engineering department, attended the Indianapolis Speedway Races on May 30.

Don Farmer, Jr., has returned to the company for summer employment in the meter department. Don is a student at Georgia Tech.

Bob Bibb and Bob Welch, commercial department, vacationed in Virginia where they visited Mr. Bibb's parents. They also toured Tennessee and Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Preston, Jr., and daughters, vacationed at Wright's Beach, N. C., during June. "Buddy" is employed in the meter department.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Miller attended the graduation exercises of their son, Harry, in Lexington. Mr.

## Happenings...



# Around the Circuit



... among employees and their families

Miller is a member of commercial department.

Bob Hornbuckle is a new employee in the meter department.

Audrey Ramey, stores department, attended the graduation exercises at Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College in Richmond, Ky. Her husband, Stanley, was among those who were graduated.

Dave Leasure, Jr., engineering department, spent his vacation in Maine and Canada.

Tom Layne, stores department, was in Columbus, Ohio, for the meeting of the 39th Construction Battalion. While attending the convention, he was elected National Vice Commander.

John McClure visited his mother in Richmond, Va., while on vacation. Mrs. McClure is recovering from a recent operation.

Gordon Pelphrey, transportation department, and George Price, troubleman, have been away from their work because of illness.

Dorothy Lee Mordica and Miriam Shope, local accounting office, were co-hostesses at a luncheon given recently for Gloria Bradford, bride-elect of Aaron Lambert. A group of the local accounting office employees attended the linen shower.

## Roanoke Division

### Lynchburg District

Earl Driskill, residential-sales department, vacationed at Virginia Beach.

Betty Jane Minnick has been employed as a home economist in the Lynchburg district.

Peggy Ann Cox, personnel department, vacationed at Virginia Beach.

G. R. Neubauer, district manager, has returned to work following an illness of nine days.

Jean Pugh, payroll department, and Kay Hudson, distribution department, vacationed at Miami Beach.

Mrs. Mildred Marcus vacationed in Staunton and Winston-Salem.

Robert W. Gilbert, son of Saylor S. Gilbert, an operator at the Reusens Hydro Plant, was a member of the 1950 graduating class at V.P.I. Robert received his B.S. degree in dairy husbandry.

### Fieldale District

Elmo DeShazo, line crew, attended the annual auto races while on his vacation at Indianapolis, Ind.

John Vaughan, commercial department, vacationed at his former home in Newport News.

Bowling A. Cruise, Stuart, recently enjoyed three days of his vacation in Washington, D. C.

O. A. Keene, Stuart, is spending his vacation with relatives in Charleston, W. Va.

### Roanoke District

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Neal, Jr., and their family vacationed at Nags Head, N. C. Mr. Neal is employed in the distribution department.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Reed and family vacationed in Middletown, Pa. Mr. Reed is a member of the distribution department.

Irene Ames, Roanoke local accounting office, resigned recently to move to Alexandria, Va.

Mrs. Nelle Phillips and daughter, Helen, attended the commencement exercises at Emory and Henry College on May 30 where Mrs. Phillips' son, Woodson, was graduated.

J. L. Bondurant, retired meter reader, is improving after undergoing an operation at the Lewis-Gale Hospital.

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## Kingsport

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Sympathy is extended to George Smith, distribution department, in the loss of his mother.

Paul Cloud, who is a student at Clemson College, is working in the distribution department during the vacation period.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Arbuta Harvey, accounting department, in the accidental death of her father-in-law, Charles Harvey, Sr.

J. V. Carter, line department, has returned to work following a two months' recovery period from an accident.

E. D. Beals, stores department, is confined to the Holston Valley Community Hospital for major surgery.

Coy Arnold, substation department, has returned to his work following an appendectomy.

## Bluefield Division

### Pulaski District

J. J. Duncan, distribution department, and Mrs. Duncan attended the graduation exercises at V.P.I. Their son, James Donald, received a B. S. degree in metallurgical engineering.

Christine McPeak, payroll department, vacationed in North Wilkesboro, N. C., visiting her father.

S. L. Johnson, distribution superintendent, and Mrs. Johnson vacationed on the Rappahannock River.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sneed vacationed in Raleigh and at North Carolina Beach.

Miss Joann Corell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Corell, of Shawsville, Va., was graduated from Radford College, Women's Division, Virginia Polytechnic Institute. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. Mr. Corell is employed in the accounting office in Christiansburg.

### Bluefield District

Miss Betty C. Jackson is a new employee in the Princeton office.

Miss Violet Mathena has resigned her position with the company.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Farley vacationed in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Carol Shockey is recovering at her home from a recent operation. Miss Lora B. Powers visited in Cleveland on her vacation.

Miss Kathryn Milam is a new employee in the commercial department.

Okey Yost, accounting department, vacationed in the Great Smoky Mountains and the Tennessee Valley.

### Abingdon District

Sympathy is extended to Miss Josephine Pizzuto, accounting office, Clintwood, in the loss of her father.

Walter V. Miller, lineman, is improving at his home after undergoing

an operation at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Abingdon.

Sympathy is extended Dick Summers, accounting department, following the death of his father, John C. Summers, of Abingdon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. McPherson and son are visiting in Washington, D. C., while on vacation. Mr. McPherson is the district commercial manager.

James C. Lambert, Jr., is a new employee in the meter department.

## Charleston Division

### Beckley District

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Agee recently vacationed in Ocean View, Va. Mr. Agee is employed in the engineering department.

Bane Davis and George Rahal are new employees in the Beckley garage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hatcher and children, Mike and Roger, vacationed in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Peterson vacationed in Miami.

John Heslop visited with friends in Michigan recently.

Mrs. John Barker is spending her vacation at Daytona Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Muir and daughter, Kay, are vacationing in Bowling Green, Ky.

Miss Betty Lee Evans vacationed at Hungry Mother Park, Marion, Va. Edward C. Richmond spent two weeks visiting in Nebraska.

Mrs. Viola S. Morgan was presented a gift from the employees in the Beckley office. Mrs. Morgan resigned recently.

### Philip Sporn Plant

New employees at Philip Sporn plant are: Barbara Ann Burdett, secretary; W. D. Cossin, E. C. Layne, C. D. Yeager, J. T. Reitmire, F. R. Carsey and G. L. Wright.

Sympathy is extended to James B. Herrel, plant engineer, whose father died June 16 in Marion, Indiana.

### Charleston District

Miss Jane Billheimer has been employed as a home economist for the Montgomery office.

J. B. Eplin, meter department, has returned from Florida after a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Talley and son, Vincent Chester, have returned from Athens, Ohio, where Mr. Talley attended his 25th class reunion at Ohio University. Vincent, who will do graduate work at the University of Michigan this summer, received a B. S. degree in electrical engineering at Ohio University.

Helen Walker, meter department, has been ill for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Skinner spent a few days of their vacation at Myrtle Beach, S. C. Mr. Skinner is the Charleston division personnel supervisor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lendon R. Jividen have returned from a week's vacation at Daytona Beach. Mr. Jividen is employed in the commercial department.

Miss Patricia Ann O'Connor was recently employed as a home economist in the Clendenin office.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Silling vacationed two weeks in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Guilford C. Smith and son spent a two weeks' vacation (See Charleston, Page 6)

## Huntington Division

### Huntington District

Loma G. Smith, distribution department, resigned on May 31.

R. L. Hooper visited friends in the Huntington office before resigning to live on his farm in Ohio. Bob was employed in the substation section for 20 years.

New employees in the Huntington district are: Commercial department—John R. Matthews, Elliott Ferguson, Wardy Lovely, Guy H. Smith and Ann Martin. Meter department—William E. Sarsfield. Transmission and distribution department—Delbert Pruitt, Jr., Nathaniel Bowen, Edward Winters, Gilbert L. Davis, Wilbur E. Justice, Howard C. Whitekettle, Jr., Thomas H. Bassford, Joanne Forgey and Raymond Bosworth Jr. Accounting department—William T. Locke and Maurice H. Cottle.

Miss Elizabeth Johnston, Huntington billing office, has returned to work after two weeks' trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Miss Virginia Stark spent a week's vacation at Moorefield, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Mustaine, Jr., and son, Sammy, spent a two weeks' vacation in Richmond.

J. G. Windle, accounting department, is much improved following an operation in Cleveland.

Miss June Davis is recovering from an illness. Her sister, Mrs. Pearl Callahan, of Miami, is visiting Miss Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Maynard spent a two weeks' vacation in the South. He is employed in the accounting department.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Van Hoose have returned from a two weeks' vacation on the East Coast. Mr. Van Hoose is employed in the accounting department.

George Hall is recovering at his home from a knee injury.

### Williamson District

Miss Juanita Perry, accounting department, attended June Week at the Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Mrs. Eloise Diamond spent her vacation at Carolina Beach, N. C.

The K-Appa-Klub held its annual picnic at the Mingo County Country Club on June 17.

Jack Gilbert, local office manager, won second-place honors in the annual Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce golf tournament.

New employees in the Williamson district are: Walter May, distribution; Billie Rose Fitzgerald, commercial, and Miss Nancy Baldwin, home economist.

Employees for the summer vacation period include: Thomas Vernon, commercial; Bennett Smith, meter; Richard Flippen, engineering; Walter Oakes, commercial, and Ann Arديو, accounting.

At the regular monthly dinner meeting of the K-Appa-K's, a gift was presented to Mrs. Paulyne Rector who left June 30 to join her husband in Washington, D. C.

Thelma Jude, engineering department, spent her vacation attending a meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association at Asheville, N. C.

G. B. Trent, engineering department, vacationed in Greenbrier County, W. Va.

Rush Fields, former Williamson district employee, son of Amos Fields, is recovering in a Newark, Ohio, hospital from an occupational injury received while employed in southern Ohio.

### Logan District

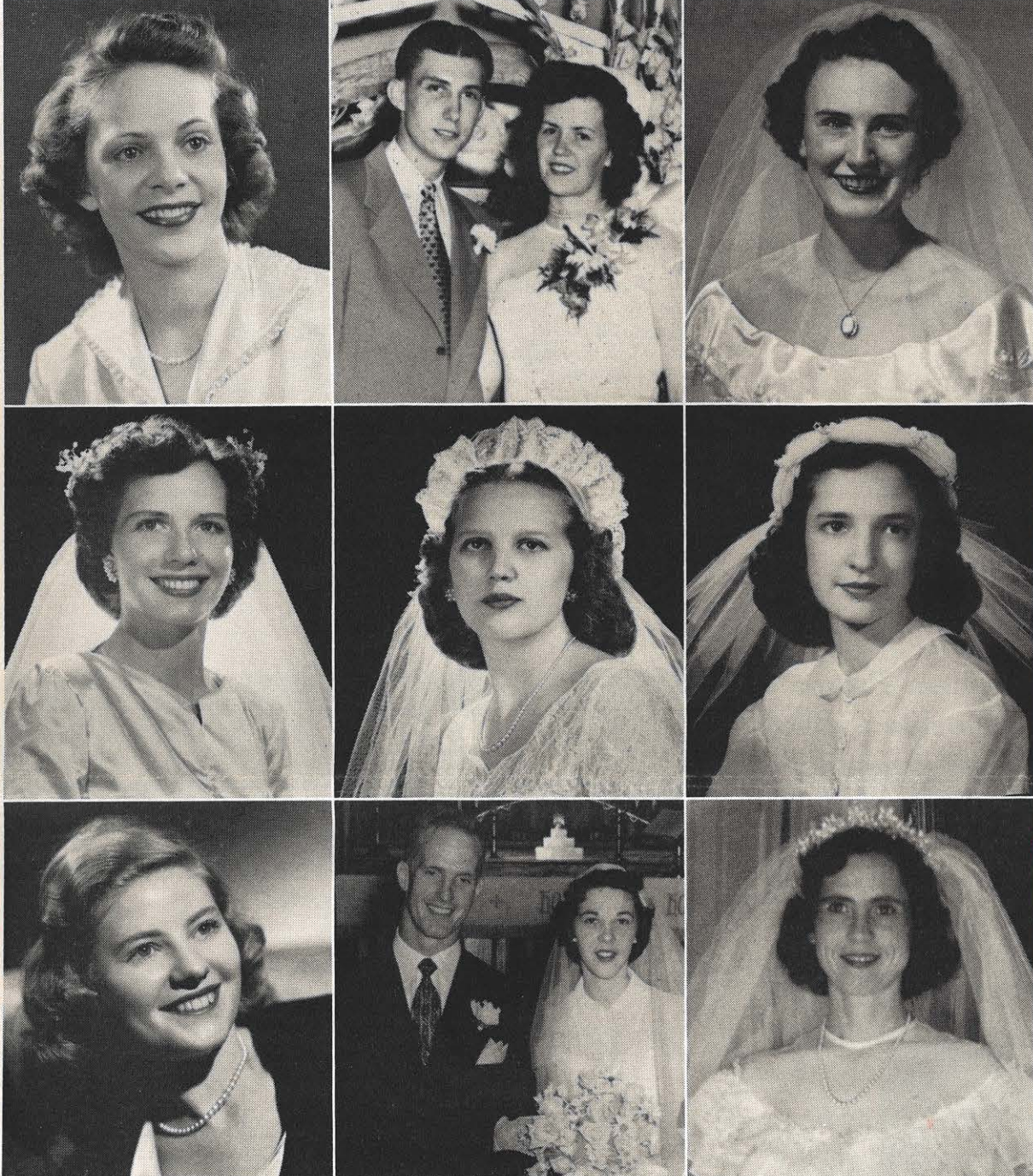
G. A. Blankenbeckler, substation department, is convalescing at his home in Logan. Mr. Blankenbeckler suffered a dislocated knee.

Howard J. Collins, president of (See Huntington, Page 8)



# Feminine Fancies

## Seventeen June Brides Among Employees



Among those married in June, shown above, left to right, first row, were: Mrs. John R. Munsey, Bluefield; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Lee O'Kelly, Logan; and Mrs. Robert Woolwine, Jr., Roanoke. Second row: Mrs. T. J. Meler, Roanoke; Mrs. Kenneth Whitlock, Roanoke; and Mrs. Robert Cromer, Roanoke. Bottom row: Mrs. Frank D. Giles, Jr., Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McWhorter, Ashland; and Mrs. Carlton W. Kidd, of Lynchburg.

### McCoy-Fowler

Miss Elizabeth Jo McCoy was married to George Cornell Fowler on May 26 at the parsonage of the Methodist Church in Apple Grove, W. Va. Mr. Fowler is a lineman in the Point Pleasant district.

### Reynolds-Scott

Miss Helen Reynolds and Jenkins Scott were married on June 10 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bluefield. Mr. Scott is an employee in the Bluefield district engineering department.

### Vickers-Groves

Miss Maysel Vickers became the bride of Clyde Groves on June 3 at the Bream Memorial Church in Charleston. Mrs. Groves was receptionist in the Charleston office.

### Lockhart-Munsey

Miss Elizabeth Lockhart and John R. Munsey, Jr., were united in marriage on May 19. Mr. and Mrs. Munsey are both employees in the Bluefield office.

### Williams-Woolwine

The Greene Memorial Church in Roanoke was the scene of the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Williams and Dr. Robert Woolwine, Jr., on June 10. Mrs. Woolwine is the daughter of F. C. Williams, who is the Roanoke district stores supervisor.

### Bradford-Lambert

Wedding vows were exchanged by Gloria Bradford and Aaron Lambert at the First Baptist Church in Ashland, Ky., on June 16. Mrs. Lambert is an employee of the local accounting office, Ashland.

### Powell-Whitlock

The wedding of Miss Frances Powell and Kenneth Whitlock was performed on June 8 at the First Baptist Church in Roanoke. Mrs. Whitlock is an employee in the system accounting office, Roanoke.

### Miller-Kegley

Miss Louise Miller and James Kegley were united in marriage on June 9. Mr. Kegley is a lineman in the Pulaski distribution department.

### Allman-Hawkins

Miss Mary Louise Allman became the Bride of Roy R. Hawkins on June 9 at Tazewell, Va. Mr. Hawkins is employed in the Bluefield office.

### Moore-Kidd

The double-ring ceremony performed at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Lynchburg united in marriage Miss Anne Marion Moore and Carlton W. Kidd, Jr., on July 1. Mrs. Kidd is a stenographer in the drafting room of the Lynchburg office.

### Ferguson-Cromer

Miss Mildred Louise Ferguson and Robert Mosby Cromer were wed on June 17 at the Ninth Street Church of the Brethren in Roanoke. Mr. Cromer is an employee in the Roanoke storeroom.

### Guy-Giles

Miss Robbie Jeanette Guy and Frank D. Giles, Jr., were married on June 10. The ceremony was performed in the parsonage of the West Lynchburg Baptist Church. Mr. Giles is credit manager in the Lynchburg office.

### Wyatt-Meador

Miss Jeanette Wyatt was married to Robert O. Meador at the First Christian Church in Beckley, West Virginia, on May 26. Mr. Meador is an employee in the engineering department at Beckley.

### Fuller-Mitchell

Miss Willie Sue Fuller was married to Walter Homer Mitchell, Jr., at the West End Methodist Church, Wytheville, Va., on May 27. Mrs. Mitchell is an employee in the Wytheville office, while Mr. Mitchell is a member of the survey crew in Pulaski.

### Mason-Meler

Miss Shirley Frances Mason and Thaddeus John Meler were married on June 18 at the St. Andrews Catholic Church, Roanoke. Both Mr. and Mrs. Meler are employed in the Roanoke district.

### Blevins-McWhorter

The double-ring ceremony performed at the Calvary Episcopal Church, Ashland, Ky., united in marriage Miss Marilyn Blevins and John William McWhorter on June 3. Mrs. McWhorter is employed in the personnel department in Ashland.

### McNeely-O'Kelly

Miss Anna Rose McNeely and Gilbert Lee O'Kelly were married at a double-ring ceremony performed at the Church of Christ in Logan, W. Va., on May 21. Mrs. O'Kelly is employed in the Logan engineering department.

## They're Engaged

ROANOKE—Miss Arlene Reed to Edward M. Pugh. Miss Reed is a stenographer in the distribution department.  
KINGSPORT—Miss Betty Lyon to Charles Boyer. Miss Lyon is an employee of the accounting department.  
HAZARD—Miss Jeanette Combs to G. B. Horton. Miss Combs is employed in the accounting department.  
ABINGDON—Miss Nancy Jane Cross to John Walter Browder. Mr. Browder is an employee of the engineering department.  
BLUEFIELD—Miss Lora B. Powers to Thomas L. Sarver. Miss Powers is an employee of the accounting department.  
HAZARD—Miss Rayma Sue Miller to Jack G. West. Miss Miller is employed in the accounting department.

## Wives Of Kingsport Employees Win Awards In Spring Flower Show

Wives of three Kingsport Utilities employees won prizes in the annual spring flower show sponsored by the Federation of Garden Clubs. Winning awards were: Mrs. E. D. Beals, Mrs. J. A. Randall and Mrs. Frank Umberger.

Mrs. Beals won a gold star for an outstanding arrangement of black Calla lilies and a red ribbon in the poppy arrangement class. Mrs. Umberger won blue ribbons for an iris arrangement and twin arrangements of gaillardias, a yellow ribbon for an arrangement of roses and an honorable mention for an arrangement of snap dragons. Mrs. Randall was the winner in "The Best Foot Forward" class for biennials and perennials.

## New Arrivals . . .

LYNCHBURG—Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hudson on June 7 a daughter, Laura Lynn. Mr. Hudson is employed in the managerial department.  
LOGAN—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Garrett at Madison, W. Va., on June 5. Mr. Garrett is employed in the Logan meter department.  
PIKEVILLE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Coleman a daughter. Mr. Coleman is employed in the meter department.  
PULASKI—Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Carson are the parents of a daughter, Jane Laughon, who was born on June 13. Mr. Carson is an employee in the distribution department.  
BLUEFIELD—A daughter, Alice Gay, was born on May 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Shrader. Mr. Shrader is a member of the line crew.  
BECKLEY—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Miller a son, Steven Robert, on June 2. Mr. Miller is employed in the meter department.  
HAZARD—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Peyton are the parents of a daughter, Rebecca Susanna, born on June 12.  
CHARLESTON—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Unangst, June 6. Mr. Unangst is district meter superintendent.  
LOGAN—A daughter, Alice Rose, was born on June 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Adams. Mr. Adams is employed in the Logan plant.  
ROANOKE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Nottingham of Baltimore a daughter, Nancy Carroll, on May 29. Mrs. Nottingham is the former Blanche Carper and was employed in the centralized billing office.  
BECKLEY—Mr. and Mrs. Reginald L. Hardy of East Rainelle are the parents of a son, Edward Carl, born on May 22. Mr. Hardy is employed in the Beckley distribution department.  
HAZARD—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Fields on June 12. Mr. Fields is employed in the commercial department.  
PRINCETON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby E. Smith a son, Michael Andrew, on May 18. Mr. Smith is a member of the line crew.  
WELCH—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nunnery are the parents of a daughter, Margaret Ann, who was born on May 18. Mr. Nunnery is employed in the meter department.

## Party Shortcake



Truly a party pie is this sweet biscuit shortcake cut into wedges, then heaped high with raspberries and glorified with whipped cream.

For gala vacation parties during the summer, solve dessert problems with a deluxe shortcake.

- RASPBERRY SHORTCAKE
- 2 cups sifted enriched flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 6 tablespoons shortening
- 3/4 to 1 cup milk
- Sweetened raspberries
- Whipped cream

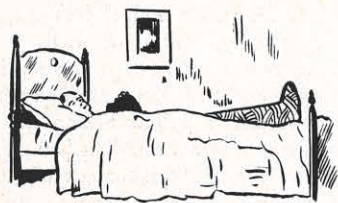
Sift together flour, salt, baking powder and sugar. Cut or rub in short-

ening. Add milk to make a thick batter, stirring only until flour is well moistened. Spread in ungreased 9-inch layer cake pan. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) 20 to 25 minutes. Cut in pie-shaped wedges. Heap with sweetened raspberries. Garnish with whipped cream. Makes one 9-inch shortcake.

Once raspberry shortcake was strictly a summertime treat, but now its refreshing flavor provides a lift all year around, for frozen or canned raspberries make a delectable topping, too.



## Added Employee Compensations Include Many Values



Many of us may be inclined to take for granted the things of value which come to us as a part of our job. This is only natural, since most of them were started by our company many years ago and have been improved and enlarged upon from time to time.

These values are reflected in Insurance, Hospitalization, Pensions, Sick Pay, Vacations, Holidays, and many others which are not reflected in our regular pay checks.

All of us, and particularly older employees, recognize the importance of these "extras" which our company has helped to provide for us. This is true because we realize that employees individually could not obtain these benefits and protections at anywhere near the cost which our company now pays for them.

The following table, showing how much was spent for the various items last year, should be of interest:

### Appalachian Electric Power Company

Amounts Paid By The Company In 1949 For:		Cents Per Hour Per Employee
Vacations .....	\$ 395,868	4.89
Holidays .....	184,190	2.28
Sick Pay .....	170,782	2.11
Life and Hospital Insurance .....	234,865	2.90
Pension Premiums .....	600,565	7.42
Federal Old Age Benefits, Federal and State Compensation Taxes, Unem- ployment Insurance .....	316,004	3.91
Other Benefits (Discount on Electric Bill, Social and Recreation, etc.) .....	149,226	1.84
	<b>\$2,051,500</b>	<b>25.35</b>

**AN AVERAGE OF  
ABOUT \$44 PER MONTH  
OR APPROXIMATELY \$528 A YEAR  
ABOVE YOUR REGULAR PAY**

### Roanoke

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#### System Offices

Miss Claudine Foster, billing office, spent a week's vacation at Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ebeling vacationed at Daytona Beach. Mr. Ebeling is employed in the system operating department.

Mr. Roy Burgess, system operator at Roanoke 132-KV station, is vacationing at his home in Waxsaw, N. C.

Miss Virginia Petty, billing office, vacationed in Miami, Florida.

Robert Shaffer, system real estate and right-of-way department, and Clyde Skeen, system civil engineering department, drove to the Memorial Day races at Indianapolis during their vacation.

Maxine Kitts, system accounting office, spent a week's vacation in New York City.

Harold P. Crickenberger, Jr., son of H. P. Crickenberger, system operating department, is spending six weeks in Newport News, attending the Air Force R.O.T.C. training. Harold is a senior at West Virginia University.

Nancy Keeler, system accounting office, spent a week's vacation at Virginia Beach.

Guyda Hall, system accounting office spent a two weeks' vacation touring New England, Great Lakes and Canada.

Miss Frances Watson, billing department, spent a two weeks' vacation in Texas.

Frances Stockton, system accounting office, spent her vacation in Jacksonville, Fla.

Helen Shanks, system accounting office, vacationed at Virginia Beach.

Katherine Matthews, system accounting office, and her husband, vacationed in Holyoke, Mass.

Reuben Aleshire, system accounting office, vacationed at Virginia Beach.

Norwood Turner, system accounting office, motored with his family to Omaha, Nebraska, on his vacation.

Mark Burdette, system accounting office, and wife visited in Houston, Texas, where he attended the Musicians' Convention.

Jean Ferguson and Morene Turnbull, system accounting office, recently gave a bridal shower for Miss Juanita Rieley, former employee. Miss Rieley was married on June 24.

Mrs. Dorothy Linkous is convalescing at her home following a recent operation. Mrs. Linkous is an employee of the System transportation department.

Mrs. Evelyn Smith, of the System personnel department, recently spent a week's vacation with her husband in New Brunswick, N. J., visiting relatives. Mr. Smith, who is a member of the armed forces, was home on a ten-day leave before embarking for overseas duty.

### Parrack Receives Recognition In A.G.&E. Operating Notes

R. A. "Gus" Parrack, distribution superintendent for Kingsport Utilities, received recognition in the May issue of the A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes for an article about an indoor pole for practicing pole-top resuscitation.

Pole-top resuscitation practice has presented a problem because it generally requires weather which is suitable for line work. Conversely, "unworkable" weather is unsuitable for such practice. Not having any poles protected from the weather,

Gus devised the plan of temporarily installing one in the local office garage for pole-top safety practices.

The pole can be installed and removed in a matter of a very few minutes. The overall expense was approximately seven dollars, using a section of a broken pole which had no salvage value.

The benefits include gainful utilization of time spent "standing by" during inclement weather and more effective pole-top resuscitation practice.

Robert "Bob" Farrell, distribution department, Montgomery, has returned from a week's vacation in Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Zinn and family motored to Jacksonville, Fla., for a week's vacation. Mr. Zinn is local office manager at Montgomery.

Miss Ardith Hubbard, Montgomery office, attended the Baptist Youth Fellowship Retreat at Dunbar 4-H Camp. She was a delegate from the Montgomery Baptist Church.

### Brashear Promoted To Beckley District Commercial Manager

Robert S. Brashear has assumed his duties as commercial manager of the Beckley district. He was promoted to that position from power engineer in the Charleston division effective June 1.

Mr. Brashear began his electric utility career with the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company in Hazard in 1920 and served there until 1928 when he left the company. In 1933 he returned to Hazard for nine more years before being transferred to the Charleston division in 1942 as a distribution engineer. He later was made a power engineer in the commercial department.



### Charleston

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Mr. Smith is employed in the residential sales department.

Mrs. Alice Waters, Montgomery accounting department, has returned from a two weeks' training period at Norfolk. She served in the Navy during World War II and now holds a rating in the Naval Reserve.

Robert "Bob" Farrell, distribution department, Montgomery, has returned from a week's vacation in Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Zinn and family motored to Jacksonville, Fla., for a week's vacation. Mr. Zinn is local office manager at Montgomery.

Miss Ardith Hubbard, Montgomery office, attended the Baptist Youth Fellowship Retreat at Dunbar 4-H Camp. She was a delegate from the Montgomery Baptist Church.

### Graduate With Honors

## Daughters Of Mr. & Mrs. John Kauffman Get Degrees From West Virginia Colleges



Helen Kauffman



Betty Kauffman

Helen and Betty Kauffman, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Kauffman, were graduated from two different colleges in West Virginia last month. Mr. Kauffman is general foreman of the substation department in Charleston.

Helen Kauffman was graduated with high honors from Morris-Harvey College at Charleston and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. Betty Kauffman was graduated from West Liberty College at Wheeling, upon completion of a course in dental hygiene.

Helen was secretary of Chi Beta Phi, honorary science fraternity, student council secretary-treasurer, state secretary of the West Virginia Academy of Science, a member of Phi

Lambda Tau social sorority, secretary-treasurer of the junior class and was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. In addition to these honors, Helen was a May Court attendant in 1949 and 1950, Miss Harveyan 1949-50 and Miss Junior Class during her junior year.

Betty was a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, honorary scholastic fraternity, the Pan-Hellenic Council and Iota Psi Alpha, social sorority. She was married on June 3 to Richard Flanagan, who also graduated from West Liberty and is now working on his Master's degree at West Virginia University.

Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman attended the graduation exercises at both colleges.

## Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

### KINGSFORT UTILITIES

Employee	From	To
M. C. Simpson.....	Acting District Commercial Manager.....	District Commercial Supervisor
W. B. Jones.....	Residential Sales Representative, Sr.....	Dealer Sales Representative, Sr.
A. W. Stair.....	Commercial Sales Representative.....	Power Sales Engineer
J. E. Faust.....	Commercial Sales Representative.....	Power Sales Engineer

### KENTUCKY AND WEST VIRGINIA POWER COMPANY

#### Ashland District

John D. Walters.....	Assistant Local Office Manager.....	Asst. Local Office Manager, Charleston, W. Va.
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### APPALACHIAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

#### Beckley District

Wilbur C. McMahan...	Power Engineer.....	Local Superintendent, East Rainelle, W. Va.
William Brown, Jr....	Meterman Helper.....	Meterman "C"

#### Logan District

Doris Atkins.....	Cost Records.....	Meter Department
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#### Roanoke District

Louise Snyder.....	Local Accounting Office.....	Commercial Department
Thomas G. Powers....	Auto Mechanic Helper.....	System Transportation Material Clerk
E. E. Ratcliffe.....	Groundman.....	Truck Driver-Groundman

#### Philip Sporn Plant

J. W. Lawrence.....	Asst. Control Operator..	Unit Operator
J. W. Frey.....	Asst. Control Operator..	Unit Operator
H. C. Johnson.....	Asst. Control Operator..	Unit Operator
H. F. Wagenhals.....	Asst. Control Operator..	Unit Operator
R. S. Lease.....	Aux. Equipment Op....	Asst. Unit Operator
F. M. Ward.....	Aux. Equipment Op....	Asst. Unit Operator
R. A. Fields.....	Aux. Equipment Op....	Asst. Unit Operator
E. E. Mossman.....	Aux. Equipment Op....	Asst. Unit Operator
W. F. Chadwell.....	Maintenance Man.....	Master Main. Man
F. E. Titus.....	Maintenance Man.....	Master Main. Man



**Veteran Employee Dies At Welch**



Ed Matheson, who had been employed by Appalachian in the Welch district for 27 years, died June 14 in a Welch hospital. He had been ill for about two weeks.

Mr. Matheson, a member of a Welch district line crew, was a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics and the First Baptist Church. He was a native of North Carolina.

**Service Pin Dinner Honors Charleston District Employees**

An informal dinner, honoring employees of the Charleston district who received service pins for the first half of 1950, was held on June 26.

The service pins were presented to the employees by their department heads. Employees receiving service pins and their years of service were: Accounting department—E. C. Flannery, 15; Mary K. Sacco, 5; Deloris McDowell, 5; and Virginia Wilson, 5. Commercial department—C. B. Talley, 25; H. M. Silling, 15; J. W. Akers, 5; and Helen Porter, 5. Kanawha Valley Power—R. W. Speas, 15, and G. W. Summers, 10. Executive—S. T. Preston, 30, and Jane Hutchinson, 20. Distribution department—B. F. Montague, 30; W. O. Settle, 25; M. A. Goode, 15; O. R. Allen, 15; W. H. Jones, 10; C. R. Metz, 5; John Hull, Jr., 5; and T. K. Rhodes, 5. Storeroom—B. W. Clay, Jr., 30. Substation—G. E. Hervey, 10, and E. W. Russell, 10. Meter department—C. W. Taylor, 30. Cabin Creek Plant—H. N. Belcher, 35; J. W. Massey, 30; M. F. Murray, 25; J. S. Hudson, 20; L. C. Hurst, 20; D. E. Johnson, 20; D. E. Everson, 15; B. D. Nelson, 10; D. E. Hornbeck, 10; O. G. Ellis, 5; J. H. Bradley, 5; W. C. Vealey, 5; J. H. Blankenship, 5; and C. L. Davis, 5.

**First Aid Certificates Are Presented Williamson Men**



Seventeen Williamson district employees, members of two Red Cross First Aid Classes, were honored at a dinner following the completion of their training. T. M. Watkins, district manager, presented the certificates to the group.

Employees awarded certificates were: Kermit Epperly, Ernest Slater,



**APPALACHIAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY**

**Bluefield District**

25 years: W. T. Elswick, substation operator.

**Charleston District**

25 years: C. B. Talley, division commercial manager.

**Glen Lyn Plant**

25 years: James Harold Leist, chemist.

**Huntington District**

40 years: Delbert Pruitt, Kenova Plant.

25 years: C. W. Dunlap, meter department.

10 years: T. R. Smith, Kenova Plant.

5 years: Lucille S. Arbaugh, billing department; Harry Irons, Kenova Plant; and Arlie Chaffins, Kenova Plant.

**Roanoke District**

20 years: J. B. Butler, garage.

**System Offices**

25 years: J. P. Cruickshank, general superintendent, system transmission and distribution department, and Julius Hall, Jr., system commercial manager.

20 years: G. D. Griffin, system accounting department.

**Welch District**

20 years: John A. Barns, district supervising engineer.

15 years: D. C. Wright, distribution records supervisor, and Buford A. Widener, lineman "C."

**Philip Sporn Plant**

10 years: L. E. Peterson, maintenance foreman.

**KINGSPORT UTILITIES**

15 years: J. W. Bolton, assistant meter superintendent.

5 years: Lena Stata, clerk-stenographer.

5 years: Arbuta Harvey, contract entry and final bill clerk.

**KENTUCKY AND WEST VIRGINIA POWER COMPANY**

20 years: R. E. Doyle, Jr., general manager.

**Ashland District**

5 years: Marilyn Henneman and Parnell Crum, Sr., local accounting office.

**Hazard District**

15 years: Walter H. Combs, accounting department.

**Four MIT Students Train At Glen Lyn Steam Plant**

Leonard E. Ceglowski and Ralph H. Thornton, students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, completed their four-months' training period at the Glen Lyn Steam Plant in May.

C. T. Moore and A. C. Hendrickson, also M.I.T. students, began their training in June. They will be employed at the plant throughout the summer term.

While working at the plant, the students are given assignments in various departments.

**H. B. Worsham Dies At Elk Garden, Va.**



Henry Boen Worsham, substation operator at Elk Garden, Virginia, died at his home on June 7. Mr. Worsham began his career with Appalachian in 1927 as a lineman.

**Service Pins Awarded During June**



Shown above are ten veteran employees of the Southern Properties who received service pins during June for having completed 20 years' service or more: Reading left to right, top row: C. W. Dunlap, meter department, Huntington, 25 years; and J. B. Butler, garage, Roanoke, 20 years. Second row, James H. Leist, Glen Lyn plant, 25 years; and Julius Hall, Jr., system commercial manager, Roanoke, 25 years. Third row, G. D. Griffin, system accounting department, Roanoke, 20 years; and R. E. Doyle, general manager of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, Ashland, 20 years. Fourth row, John A. Barns, Welch, 20 years; and W. T. Elswick, substation operator, Bluefield, 25 years. Bottom row, J. P. Cruickshank, general superintendent system transmission and distribution department, Roanoke, 25 years; and C. B. Talley, Charleston division commercial manager, 25 years.

**Charleston District Meter Group Holds Picnic**

Charleston district meter department employees and their families recently enjoyed a picnic and outing at the Kanawha State Forest.

Aside from the wide assortment of picnic foods, softball and other entertaining games were enjoyed.

**Roanoke Billing Office Elects Club Officers**

Versal Spencer was elected president of the Roanoke-Centralized Billing Department's Employees' Club.

Other officers elected were: Kathryn Bush, vice president, and Joe Hubbard, secretary-treasurer.



## Doris Ramsey Is Class Salutatorian At H.H.S. Exercises



Miss Doris Ramsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ramsey, of Huntington, was salutatorian of the graduating class of Huntington High School at commencement exercises held on May 30.

Doris won many honors during her high school years. In her junior year, she made a straight "A" average. As a senior, she was elected a member of "Torch," a national honorary scholastic society and was secretary of her class. She was selected "Student of the Week" and was a member of the Math, Dramatic and Science clubs. She served one term as president of the Science Club.

Doris was a candidate for "Miss Huntingtonian" two times and an attendant to "Miss Pony Express" and the Relay Queen. She was a major-ette for two years and was head major-ette last year.

She is interested in dramatics and has had parts in two plays produced by the Junior League. Doris was also co-reporter on a radio program over WPLH sponsored by the school.

Mr. Ramsey is employed in the Huntington system billing office.

## Safety Publication Is Being Issued In Charleston District

An interesting new safety publication has made its appearance in the Charleston district. The magazine-type publication, which is the idea of J. C. Burnette, district safety supervisor, contains many helpful suggestions to supervisors and employees for carrying out the safety program.

In each issue an employee is asked to write an article on "Safety As It Applies To Me," which is the lead story in the publication. Suggestions for the programs of the monthly safety meetings, reports on the observation plan, a cartoon-type safety message and stories dealing with safety practices and procedures are included in each issue.

The pages of the magazine are reproduced on a ditto machine and the cover, which was designed by William E. Bairley, Cabin Creek Plant, is offset printed.

## Lynchburg Employees Attend Meter School At North Carolina State

William T. Desmond and Robert G. Hooper, Lynchburg meter department, attended the meter school conducted by the Department of Electrical Engineering, North Carolina State College, Morehead City, N. C.

Mr. Hooper attended this school as part of his training program, while Mr. Desmond, who attended last year, is interested in the program and used a part of his vacation to attend this year's classes.

## Huntington

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the Logan Lions Club, attended the State Lions Convention at Wheeling, W. Va. Mr. Collins is plant office supervisor.

W. E. Bivens, accompanied by Ernest Reid and Steve Vankovich, attended the ball games in Cincinnati the week end of May 26. Mr. Reid and Mr. Vankovich were the Madison and Logan area winners in the recent water heater sales contest.

The commercial department welcomes the following new employees: Miss Anne Plants, Mrs. Jeannine Noel, Miss Lajeana Williamson, all of whom will serve as home economists in the Logan district.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Persinger spent a two weeks' vacation at Myrtle Beach, S. C. Mr. Persinger is employed at the Logan plant.

W. W. Brammer, production department, has returned to work following an illness. He spent several months in the Veterans Hospital at Richmond, Va.

S. D. Bringer, plant foreman, has returned to work following an illness of two months.

Sympathy is extended to C. R. Stickler whose father died recently. Mr. Stickler is employed at the Logan plant.

Sympathy is extended to P. M. Hefner whose mother died. Mr. Hefner is employed in the production department.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Eunice Fitzgibbon, of the accounting department, who lost her grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Mae Balsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lovelace and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Riggins vacationed at Myrtle Beach, S. C. Mrs. Lovelace and Mrs. Riggins are employed in the accounting department.

Bob Goff, accounting department, spent a two weeks' vacation visiting relatives in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kirchman spent a recent week end in Charlottesville, Va. They were accompanied by their daughter, Joan, who was returning to the University of Virginia School of Nursing. Mrs. Kirchman is employed in the commercial department.

New summertime employees in the commercial department are Clark Hansbarger, a sophomore at Duke University, and Boyd Richardson, Jr., who will enter West Virginia Wesleyan in the fall. Bill Giles, a University of Virginia student, is employed with the line department.

Samuel Spears and Merle Lanthorne are new employees in the line department.

Sympathy is extended to H. S. Trussell, engineering department, whose father died in June.

Miss June Davis, stores department, has returned home from spending a month with her mother, who was a patient in a Beckley hospital. Mrs. Davis is now convalescing at home.

Miss Patty Atkins has been employed in the cost records department.

## Dunn Speaks To Pikeville Employees At Safety Meeting

A general safety meeting was attended by all Pikeville employees in the company auditorium May 26. G. S. Dunn, system public relations director, Roanoke, was the speaker for the occasion.

F. M. Baker, district manager, opened the program with the presentation of service pins. Recipients of the awards were: Allen Blackburn, 25 years; F. E. Phillips, 15 years, and Robert Leon Huffman, 5 years.

Mr. Dunn discussed the contents and findings of the Hoover Report and the present threat of socialism.

R. F. Millikan, general safety director, Ashland, also spoke briefly at the meeting. Mr. Millikan talked on safety and lost-time accidents.

## It's All-Electric

# Second Largest Railroad Y.M.C.A. Building In Nation Completed At Russell, Ky., By Chesapeake And Ohio



The second largest railroad Y.M.C.A. building in the United States has recently been completed at Russell, Kentucky. Russell, located in Greenup County, and served by the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, is the terminating point of four divisions of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway which maintains one of the largest coal-handling yards in the nation there.

The new Y.M.C.A. building opened on February 22, 1950, and replaced a frame structure which had its beginnings in October, 1896. The modern Y.M.C.A. building has three stories and a basement. One hundred forty-five rooms provide sleeping quarters for 206. Bowling alleys, a barber shop, shower rooms and a television and motion-picture-equipped auditorium provide complete facilities for trainmen and the residents of the community. The building is completely air conditioned.

### Used by 4,000 Daily

This modern structure is presided over by J. A. Wooten, Executive Secretary, and a staff of between 60 and 75 persons. Mr. Wooten has been in



Y.M.C.A. work for many years. Prior to becoming secretary at Russell in 1944, he served as Y.M.C.A. Secretary at Albany, New York, Brewster and Dillonvale, Ohio, and South Brownsville and Altoona, Pennsylvania. Mr. Wooten served with the 313th Field Artillery during World War I and saw service as a captain in the Philippines following the war. His wealth of experience and enthusiasm were valuable assets during the construction and equipping of the building.

The new Y.M.C.A. building is used by more than 4,000 people daily and over 120,000 persons a month, Mr. Wooten said. It is rapidly becoming the meeting place of many of the civic clubs in Russell, including the Rotary, Lions, Woman's Club, Boy Scouts and many others.

There is not a gas pipe or a piece of flame-type cooking or heating equipment in the entire building. It is heated from a central heating plant in the roundhouse on the yard.

C. & O. railroaders have long said that the food served at the Russell Y.M.C.A. was the best to be had on the C. & O. system. In the new Y.M.C.A. building provision was made to continue this record of producing good meals.

Harry Miller, power sales engineer for the Ashland District of Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, worked closely with Mr. Wooten



The top photograph shows the second largest railroad Y.M.C.A. building in the United States which is located in Russell, Kentucky. There is not a gas pipe or a piece of flame-type cooking or heating equipment in the entire building. In the center picture, Harry Miller, power sales engineer for the Ashland district, who helped plan the all-electric kitchen and cafeteria stands by the commercial-type electric range in the kitchen. The bottom photograph is a view of the entirely electrically equipped cafeteria where more than 1,500 meals are served daily.

en in planning the modern all-electric kitchen in which the food is prepared. The efficiently operated cafeteria provides fine service to the railroad men and others to whom more than 1,500 meals are served during each twenty-four hours.

### Complete Electric Kitchen

The kitchen is equipped with two heavy-duty electric ranges, a bank of electric ovens, a roll warmer, a thermostat, a dishwasher, a potato peeler, a fry kettle and all of the other electrical appliances which are necessary to equip an all-electric commercial kitchen.

The counter equipment in the cafeteria, which has been described by one of the counter girls as being "as handy as a pocket in a shirt," includes waffle bakers, griddle-grills, coffee-makers and a thermostatically controlled cafeteria food counter. The cooking equipment represents a load of 150 kw. All of the cooking equipment has been in continuous operation since the Y.M.C.A. opened on February 22.

Mr. Wooten said, "We chose electric equipment for our kitchen and cafeteria because of its low operating cost, its cleanliness, its dependability and its coolness. We are more than satisfied with the results and are main-

taining our record of providing the best food on the C. & O. system."

The well-designed lighting provides the level of illumination according to modern standards for each room in the building. The air conditioning system is operated by two 60-horsepower motors and keeps the building cool and comfortable at all times. The total electric load in the building is 385 kw. including the air-conditioning, cooking equipment and lighting.

The modern Russell Y.M.C.A., with its functional architecture and appropriate furnishings, is a great asset to the community and the railroad which it serves.

## J. A. Lyon Is Named Secretary Of Industrial Relations Conference

J. A. Lyon, supervisor of wage and salary administration, Roanoke, has been elected secretary of Region Five's Industrial Relations Conference. Mr. Lyon was elected at the recent conference which was held in Wheeling, W. Va.

Conference members are representatives of fourteen area business-managed utilities.



**Lynchburg Employees Kill Five Poisonous Snakes In One Day**



Tom Sandidge is shown displaying a four-foot rattlesnake's skin.

Four Lynchburg district employees declared war on snakes Memorial Day. While installing an electric fence near the site of a hunting lodge at Monte Bella, the group killed five poisonous snakes.

Gene Henderson, a rural representative, killed two copperheads while Ed Moss, lineman, and Tom Sandidge, substation operator, killed one copperhead each. The prize snake, a four-foot rattler, was killed by Boyd Gray, substation operator.

Sandidge brought the rattlesnake to his home and skinned it. The skin, measuring 44 inches in length, was 5 1/2 inches wide. The rattler carried six rattles and a button.

The fence was being erected about Harry Forsythe's summer home and hunting lodge to maintain a herd of goats. Mr. Forsythe is a former power engineer of the company.

**Pt. Pleasant District Offices Are Moved**

The Point Pleasant district office has been moved into new quarters on Main Street in Point Pleasant. The accounting department remained in the old location. The move was made to consolidate the offices which were in several different buildings.

**Sporn Plant Featured In 'Electrical World'**

The June 5 issue of *Electrical World* magazine features the Philip Sporn plant of Appalachian and The Ohio Power Company.

Throughout the magazine, pictures of the plant and the equipment are shown in various advertisements.

Articles describing the plant have been written by President Philip Sporn, of A. G. & E., Theodore Baumeister, professor of mechanical engineering at Columbia University, and S. N. Fiala, T. T. Frankenberg, F. A. Lane and H. A. Kammer, all A. G. & E. engineering department personnel. The articles are illustrated with photographs and drawings of the plant and equipment.

**Fifteen Hopefuls Angle For Starting Positions On Cabin Creek Team**

Fifteen prospects, five returning veterans and ten new candidates, have been fighting it out for berths on the Cabin Creek softball team's first nine.

Among those wearing the Kelly green and white uniforms will be: L. Brewer, S. Hastings, R. Larabee, C. Mooney, C. O. Patterson, J. Bowen, J. Calbert, C. R. Stone, W. E. Bairley, J. Hamric, A. Frye, J. Trail, L. O. McKinney and A. Mitchell.



Tied For First Place

**Kingsport's Heavy Hitting Softballers Loom As A Major Threat In Tourney**

The Kingsport Utilities softball team, third-place winners in the 1949 Southern Properties tournament, looms as a major contender in the 1950 tournament with its string of outstanding hitters. Four KUI starters boast batting averages over the four and five hundred marks.

The Utilities' hitting power, coupled with Howard Wexler's outstanding hurling, have moved the Kingsport nine into a two-team deadlock for first place in the Kingsport Industrial League. Each team is credited with eight victories and one defeat.

Wexler, who copped the 1949 tournament strike-out honors, has yielded only 33 hits in nine games. He has fanned 76 would-be hitters and is credited with one no-hit, no-run game so far this season.

Paul Cloud, an all-tournament outfielder in 1949, leads the KUI batsmen with a .550 percentage. Junious Rayfield is second with a .441 average. Wilson Trumbo, KUI's player-manager, holds a .428 average while Jim Ward rests on a steady .407. Marvin Simpson ranks fifth among the Kingsport hitters with a .308 average for the season.

In one of KUI's recent contests, Rayfield, in four trips to the plate, rapped out three in-the-park homers

**Four 1950 Softball Teams Are Formed In Charleston District**

Four Charleston district softball teams have launched the 1950 season. Three teams will be battling for interdepartmental laurels, while one team has been entered in the Elk-Kanawha Softball League.

The team entered in the city league is managed by E. C. Flannery. Team members are: Paul Bailey, B. R. Beller, Cam Coffman, Kemp Copenhaver, Vernon Costello, Carl Elkins, Jack Frost, Joe Goehring, Lewis Goeller, J. D. Porter, Frank Scholl, Milo Stevens, Elmo Thaxton, Ralph Woods and Charles Elkins.

**Pikeville District Has Team In City Softball League**

A Pikeville district softball team has been entered in a six-team city league. The same squad will represent the district in the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company eliminations.

Employees battling for berths on the starting nine are: Dave Ratliff, Perry Cline, Bob Weddle, Troy Lee, Virgil Carter, Sherlie Hale, Ottis Blankenship, Craig Fields, Jesse Collier, Ernie Brashear, Herbert Charles, Charlie Ratliff, Raymond Caldwell, Lawrence Newsom, Harlan Griffith, George Donald Venters, Bill Donaldson and Bill Barnett.

and a triple against one of the best pitchers in the league.

Other members of the Utility team fighting to keep their nine in first place for the remainder of the season are: Jake Sells, Jesse Carter, George Smith, James Johnson and Harold Powers.

**Bluefield District Picnic Is July 15**

All district, division and system employees working in the Bluefield area are invited to attend the Bluefield district picnic and square dance. The annual outing will be held at Glenwood Park on July 15.

All employees are entitled to bring one guest. The program will begin at 2 P. M.

Reservations should be mailed as soon as possible to Mrs. Maud McCulloch, in care of Commercial Department, Bluefield district office.

**Six And One Record**

**Ashland's Softball Team Wins First Round In City's Industrial League**

Ashland's 1950 district softball nine, sparked by "Shorty" Click's steady hurling, won the first round of the Ashland Y. M. C. A. Industrial Softball League. The Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company clouters were credited with 6 victories and one defeat.

The seven-team league is said to

**Roanoke District Selects '50 Squad For Tourney Play**

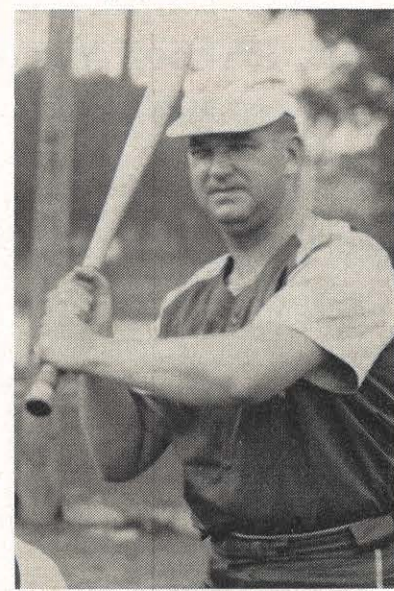
Fourteen softball players, a manager and an official scorer, were selected to represent the Roanoke district in future tournament play at a recent meeting. The selections were made by secret ballot with all members of the district's four teams participating in the selections.

Dewey Henry, stores department, was named Roanoke's player-manager. He was a member of the 1947 All-Tournament Team and is the present co-manager of the Kilowatts.

Players selected for the Roanoke nine were: Tommy Bryant, Bob Dennis, Gene Ferguson, Milton Fulcher, Hassell Hale, Kenneth Hubbard, Rudy Leftwich, Ira Peters, "Seabiscuit" Simmons, Jimmy Thomas, Carl Warrick, Gordon Warrick, Shorty Watkins and Bob Wright.

Richard Reese was elected the official scorekeeper while Howard Roop will serve as the team's equipment manager.

**Hits 3 Home Runs, A Triple In 4 Trips**



Junious Rayfield, one of Kingsport Utilities' outstanding sluggers, is shown as he warms up in a practice session. Rayfield, who is a steady clouter, boasts a .441 batting average for nine league tilts. In a recent contest, while batting against one of the city's leading hurlers, Rayfield hit three home runs and a triple in four trips to the plate.

**Roanoke Golf Tournament Is In Semi-Finals**

The Roanoke Appalachian Electric Power Company handicap golf tournament is nearing the decisive rounds and a new champion is to be crowned. Defending Champion Jimmy Jones was defeated by T. M. Roberts in a first-round match.

Final matches are set in the four flights.

G. S. Dunn defeated E. J. Johnston and M. W. Brown defeated H. S. Spencely in the semi-finals of the first flight. Dunn and Brown will play for the flight title.

The winners of the second, third and fourth flights will be determined in matches between W. E. Coleman and W. F. Keehne, H. P. Dodd and R. A. Armistead, W. S. Mattox and C. R. Hedgecock, respectively.

The winners of flights one and two and of three and four will be matched to decide the finalists for the championship match, which is to be played about the middle of July.

**Hazard Nine Collects Four Victories In Five Softball Loop Clashes**

The Hazard district softball team is not only making its bid for city league honors, but is slanting its efforts for the annual Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company eliminations.

The Hazard clouters have accounted for four victories in five starts in the city competition.

**Beckley's Winners Have Slow Start In City Softball Race**

Beckley's crack 1949 Southern Properties championship softball team got off to a slow start in Beckley's eight-team City League.

Manager Dick Presley said, "It's too early to tell what our team will do this season, but we all know the boys have not hit their stride."

In five starts in the Beckley loop, the champions have suffered two setbacks and are credited with three victories.

**Beckley Honors Winning Team At Banquet**



Shown above is the winning 1950 Beckley Bowling League team as its members and individual bowlers were honored at the district's annual banquet and dance. Approximately fifty bowlers and guests attended the celebration at the Beckley Moose Club. Shown above, front row, left to right, are: C. H. Buckland and E. L. Hutchinson. Back row, left to right, are: R. H. McCullough, R. W. Martin, Lorraine Marks and R. D. Smith.



No Vacation Troubles

**System Employee And Family Built This 19-Foot Vacation House Trailer**



Lawrence E. Ferguson, assistant system billing supervisor, Roanoke, his wife, Beatrice, and son, Eddie, overcame vacation accommodation obstacles by building a 19-foot house trailer. They have enjoyed their trailer so much since its construction that they are now spending their fourth vacation at Douthat State Park.

The Fergusons, who had vacationed along the Virginia-Carolina beaches for fifteen years, found themselves without accommodations two years in a row after reservations had been made. It was after this second experience that Mr. Ferguson declared, "It won't happen to us again! We'll build a trailer."

Mr. Ferguson spent the following winter drawing plans and designing the trailer. Finally, July 4, 1946, the frame of their trailer, "No Vacancy," was welded. The metal-sheathed trailer took shape but consumed nearly a year of spare-time work. July 4, 1947, the Fergusons ate their first breakfast in the trailer at a campsite in Douthat State Park near Clifton Forge.

"No Vacancy," with its generous accommodations for four, gave the Fergusons their most enjoyable vacation in years. The metal trailer is fully equipped, insulated, wired, screened and ventilated for comfort.

Mr. Ferguson explained, "Building our trailer was no snap—but, believe me, it is worth every hour we spent. It's far better on the nerves and gives you a feeling of independence. Another thing, it affords a good vacation at practically no expense as compared to resort prices."

The Fergusons constructed their trailer for approximately \$500.00. Mr. Ferguson said, "I consider it a good investment. We have already



Lawrence Ferguson, top, is shown giving his vacation trailer, "No Vacancy," a final coat of paint before this year's jaunt. Bottom, son, Eddie, Mrs. Ferguson and Lawrence are shown as all three condition their trailer for the trip to Douthat State Park.

saved enough expenses from vacations and week ends to more than pay for the trailer. When we arrive at a campsite, I can level, rig my awnings and am ready to fish in fifteen minutes. We always have everything we need, including bicycles and tents for other guests."

Mr. Ferguson has had no trouble towing "No Vacancy." However, on his first attempt to park the 19-footer, he wedged the trailer between two trees. The limbs had to be cut in order to pull out of the space. He laughed, "I was really embarrassed. You see, I had to get a ranger's okay to move. You can't cut trees in a state park."

**A Retired Employee**

**"Uncle John" Walters Is Taking Things Easy Since Retiring Eight Years Ago**

John Walters, who worked for Appalachian and its predecessors for more than 30 years before his retirement in 1942, has been spending the last eight years arranging his affairs and helping other people.

"Uncle John," as he is known to most of the Charleston area employees, began working for the old Virginian Power Company in 1912. At that time he was purchasing agent and later he came to Charleston as a right-of-way agent.

He is the father of one son, Harry, who owns a farm near Staunton, Virginia.

"Uncle John" says, "Since my retirement I've just been taking things



easy, disposing of my property and trying to get my affairs all arranged."

**H. D. Anderson, A.G. & E. Director, Dies On June 23**

Harold D. Anderson, 63, director of American Gas and Electric Company, died June 23 at his home in Chester, N. J. Mr. Anderson, prominent in accounting and electric utility management circles, was born in East Liverpool, Ohio, and was educated in the public schools there. His entire business career was devoted to public utility work. He served successively as an officer of National Properties Company, Wilmington and Philadelphia Transit Company and American Electric Power Company.

In 1927 he joined the staff of American Gas and Electric Company in New York. In later years he was a director, vice president and secretary of that company and was a director and vice president of all of its subsidiary companies.

Because of illness he resigned his various offices in the group on July 1, 1949, except that he continued as a consultant and a director of American Gas and Electric Company until his death.

**'Dell' Pruitt, Kenova Completes 40 Years Of Service In Plant**

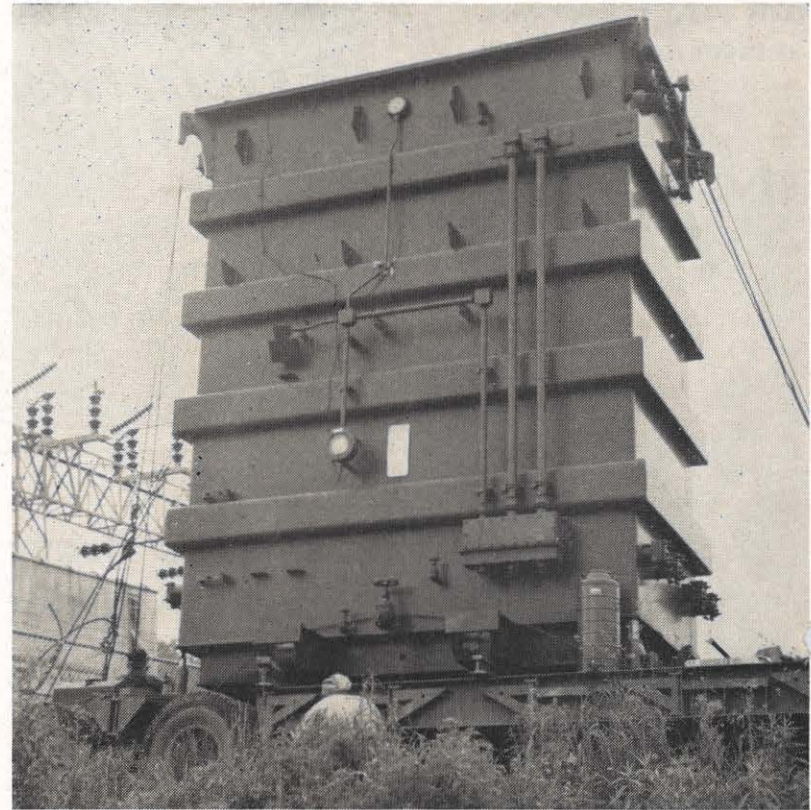


Delbert "Dell" Pruitt completed 40 years' consecutive service with Appalachian Electric Power Company and its predecessors at the Kenova Plant on June 5.

Mr. Pruitt was first employed by the Camden Interstate Railway Company, the previous owner of the Kenova Plant, as janitor. He was promoted to his present job as turbine operator in 1937. Mr. Pruitt has never had an accident since being employed at the Kenova Plant.

He has worked under five general managers and six plant superintendents. "Dell" says he has never been employed by any other company in his life. With four years to complete before retirement, Mr. Pruitt says, "I only hope the next four years will be as happily spent as the last forty."

**New 50-Ton Transformer Installed At Abingdon**



Workmen are shown above unloading a new 99,800-pound transformer which was installed recently at the Abingdon 132,000-volt station.

**Son Of Logan District Employee Is Awarded Voice Scholarship**

Boyd Richardson, Jr., son of Boyd Richardson, Logan district superintendent, was awarded a music scholarship to West Virginia Wesleyan College. Boyd's scholarship is for voice.



He was a recent graduate of the Logan Senior High School and was a member of the Glee Club, Band and National Thespians.

At present, he is studying music under Miss Jeannette C. Sayre. He plans to enter the ministry after he completes his schooling at Wesleyan.

Boyd is employed as a sales trainee in the Logan district commercial department during the summer.

**Logan District Employee Saves Auto From Fire**

The alertness and fast-thinking of Nicholas Roomy, Jr., Logan district accounting department, saved an automobile from destruction by fire.

Roomy noticed the vehicle as it caught fire outside the Logan office. He grabbed a company fire extinguisher and ran to the car and extinguished the blaze.

Little damage was caused by the fire.

**Kingsport Employees Are Named To Jaycee Offices**

Two Kingsport Utilities employees have been elected to offices in the Kingsport Junior Chamber of Commerce.

John Faust, power sales engineer, was elected second vice president and Keene White, payroll supervisor, was named state director by the club.

Faust, who has been employed by the company for two years, has been active in Jaycee work since 1948.

White formerly was first vice president of the club.

**Daughter Of Roanoke Employee Is Awarded College Scholarship**

Doris M. Pullen, a recent graduate of the Lucy Addison High School, Roanoke, received a \$400 scholarship to Morgan State College.

Doris, the daughter of A. S. "Elec"

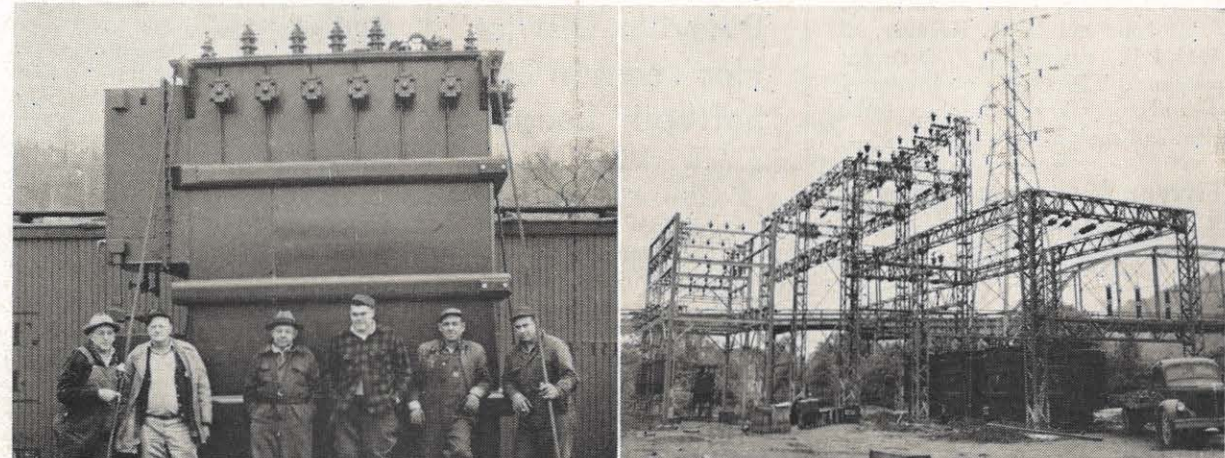


Pullen, Roanoke maintenance man helper, was awarded her scholarship for attaining an outstanding four-year average. She was graduated in a class of

106 students.

She also received the Key of Music from the Lucy Addison Choir for outstanding years of service. She was a member of the dramatic Club, National Honor Society, Drivers Training Club and secretary of the choir.

**Two Distribution Stations Near Completion In Charleston**



Two new distribution stations are nearing completion in Charleston. The new Washington Street station will have a capacity of 7,500 kva and the new Bridge Street station will have a capacity of 6,000 kva. The two stations will be energized in the near future.

In the pictures above at left, the crew which unloaded the 39-ton transformer for the Washington Street station is shown. The members of the crew are, left to right: M. A. Myers, Foreman B. H. Blizzard, C. W. Claterbaugh, J. T. Mitchell, W. J. Burgess and R. W. Hayes. The photo at the right shows the steelwork going up at the Bridge Street station.