

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

—LUKE 2: 11

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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

—LUKE 2: 14

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A Thought For Christmas



Children's delight at Christmas toys bring back fond memories of Christmases past—of snow and mistletoe, the Christmas tree and the entire family sharing their joy. So it is that everyone understands the desire in the hearts of these dreamy-eyed youngsters. That little boy is longing for something very real and dear to him as he watches a train speed around the tracks in a store. Perhaps when he finds his gift early Christmas morning it will not be as expensive as other children's presents, but it will be his very own. And it will be a priceless gift for this or any other youngster because his parents understood and gave more than just a present. They gave their love.

Radio Network Nears Completion Throughout Southern Properties

The two-way radio communications network of the three companies of the Southern Properties is practically complete with the beginning of construction of base stations in the Abingdon district.

Only the Point Pleasant district remains to make the network system-wide as Pulaski district's network began operation last month. Delay in getting necessary equipment for a fixed station holds back the completion of the network in the Point Pleasant district.

The two-way communications system of the three companies is one of the most extensive radio networks in operation in the nation by any electric utility. It helps expedite service by quickly dispatching linemen and servicemen from any point in a district to any other point, thus eliminating the expensive practice of having men in the field return to headquarters for assignment to new jobs.

Over 300 mobile units are now in operation throughout the territory served by the three companies. Appalachian Electric Power Company has 23 base stations, Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company has four base stations and Kingsport Utilities has one base station.

The two-way network started in Roanoke in 1939 with an AM system.

Charleston District Employees Set New Mark In 1950 Drive

Charleston district employees shattered records by making their contributions to the 1950 Charleston Community Chest Drive approximately 175 per cent greater than those of 1949, it was announced by Waldo S. LaFon, Charleston's assistant district manager.

Mr. LaFon, who served as "Colonel" for the communications, transportation and utilities sections of the drive, explained the district employees had been commended in three ways for their cooperation. They were awarded a certificate signifying their performance in employee participation, increased pledges and completed reports.

Charleston was equipped in the latter part of the war with an FM system. The network then expanded to Bluefield, Huntington, Beckley, Logan and Lynchburg as district after district began operating in the system. Roanoke's AM system was converted to an FM System soon after the war. Mid-November saw the completion of the Pulaski district's network and the beginning of Abingdon district's communications system.

Another New Peak

Shattering one record after another for the delivery of electricity has become a habit with the production and generating facilities of the Southern Properties.

A new record peak of 955,500 kilowatts for the hour ending at noon, November 14, smashed all previous marks.

The former record of 947,600 kilowatts was set Tuesday, October 24.

Three New 132KV Substations Are Now Being Built

Three new 132,000 volt transmission stations are being built to provide new sources of power supply for widespread parts of Appalachian's territory in West Virginia.

Ground has been broken for the Hopkins station in the Logan district. The 20,000 kva station will give the district an additional power source, making it possible to take care of expected load increases in the future.

Foundations are being built for the Lakin station in the Point Pleasant district. The 7,500 kva station will provide adequate capacity for future district loads and will permit the Rutland 33 kv line across the Ohio River to be used for emergency service.

Grading work has been completed for the Bradley station and some of the construction materials have been received. Providing another source of power for the Charleston division, the 30,000 kva station is in the Beckley district.

M. R. Atkinson Heads Logan Kiwanis Club

Merrill R. Atkinson, rural sales representative in the Logan district, has assumed his duties as president of the Logan Kiwanis Club. He was elected to head the club for the coming year at a regular meeting on November 2.

An employee in Logan since August of 1926, Mr. Atkinson has been an active leader in civic affairs and has helped lead drives in behalf of the Red Cross and the Community Chest.



Mr. Sporn Breaks Ground For New Kanawha Plant



Philip Sporn, president of Appalachian and the American Gas and Electric Company, operates a bulldozer to break ground for the start of construction of the new Kanawha River Plant at Glasgow, West Virginia. Looking on at the ceremonies, held on October 31, are left to right: Mayor Andrews of Charleston; H. A. Kammer, vice president of the A. G. and E. Service Corporation; Mayor Hunderford, of Glasgow; M. C. Funk, vice president and general manager of Appalachian, and D. W. Parsons, A. G. & E. Service Corporation Construction Division Chief.

The contract for the construction of the new plant has been let to the Sollitt Construction Company of South Bend, Indiana, who were the general contractors for the Philip Sporn Plant.

Point Pleasant Linemen Save Life Of Employee's Baby In Fiery House



These men saved an employee's child from a fire at Mason City, West Virginia. Members of a Pt. Pleasant district line crew are, left to right: Harold Schwartz, George Yunker, Thomas Jewell, Otis Hesson, Joseph Jewell and Lawrence Stewart.

Saving the life of an employee's child and his home from going up in flames is not exactly a line crew's usual duties. But a Point Pleasant line crew did just that on November 13, when they happened by Lawrence Roush's home in Mason City.

The driver of the truck, Lawrence Stewart, noticed smoke rolling out of Roush's home as the line crew passed it that morning on their way to a job. He stopped the truck. The men ran to the house where no one answered their shouts.

One lineman called the fire department while Stewart and Harold Schwartz grouped their way through the thick smoke to a room from which they heard a baby crying. They reached the baby, wrapped it in a

blanket and escaped before the flames broke out.

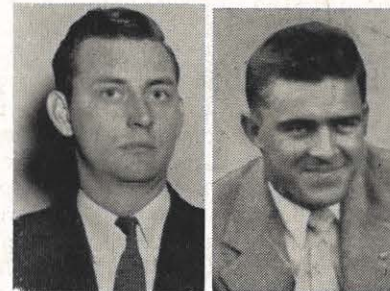
In the meantime George Yunker, Thomas Jewell, Otis Hesson and Joseph Jewell carried furniture out until the fire department came and put out the fire. Actual damage was slight because no furniture was damaged by the water.

However, firemen estimated that a few minutes more would have meant death to the 8-month-old baby boy and total loss of the home.

Mrs. Roush had just stepped out for a few minutes to see a sick neighbor when the line crew discovered the fire. It is believed to have started from a kitchen stove that set fire to a curtain and waste paper basket.

Mr. Roush is also a lineman in the Point Pleasant district.

Thomas And Barlow To Lead County Drives For March Of Dimes



Lewis C. Thomas Gordon E. Barlow

Lewis C. Thomas and Gordon E. Barlow, employees in the Abingdon district, were elected to head the 1951 March of Dimes Campaign in two counties.

Mr. Thomas, Abingdon accounting department, is campaign director for the drive in Washington County. He has been an employee since May, 1948.

Mr. Barlow, an agricultural engineer who was employed in January of 1949, heads the campaign in Scott County.

Both men recently attended a regional meeting in Richmond of the directors and representatives of the March of Dimes.

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Keeping Christmas

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

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

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

Then you can keep Christmas.

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

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

Then you can keep Christmas.

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

But—you can never keep it alone.

From "The Spirit of Christmas."

By DR. HENRY VAN DYKE



QUESTION OF THE MONTH: What changes are needed in our observance of Christmas?

L. M. NEWSOM, distribution department, Pikeville:



Christmas, the anniversary of the birth of our Lord, the greatest event on earth, brings us the most important of all holidays. It should be celebrated in a happy way, but with reverence and respect to Him, and and never in a manner of the world—such as drunken parties and frivolous entertainment.

Today many minds are filled with thoughts of Christmas gifts, "eats," and other material things connected with our modern complex Yuletide season, and everything else is emphasized more than God's great Christmas gift, Jesus, who is the very heart of Christmas.

The spirit of Christmas means unselfishness and love because Jesus came to bring peace on earth and good will toward all men. In the hurry and hustle of the Christmas season, we should be mindful of those less fortunate than us so as to spread our joy and share it with others.

We should remember the real significance of Christmas and find our way to church for worship and praise just as the shepherds did on the first Christmas day.

RELLA SNUFFER, billing department, Huntington:



Let's change Christmas from "Getting" to "Giving." Giving not just gifts to close friends and relatives but giving to those who are for reasons beyond our comprehension far less fortunate than ourselves; giving of ourselves to the meaning of Christmas; and a re-dedication of our thoughts

to tolerance and good will toward men, which is the meaning of Christmas.

At this time of year one's thoughts turn to Christmas and to giving and receiving gifts, which make us all very happy, especially if we can in some small way help someone less fortunate than ourselves. Some of us are likely to forget or neglect to be as thoughtful and reverent as we should at this joyous season.

We should use more spiritualism than commercialism.

C. L. MORRISON, JR., meter department, Kingsport:



There are many changes that are needed in our observance of Christmas. The one major change that would make the Yuletide season more enjoyable is for us as individuals to endeavor with all our power to be better men and women. Thus, we are entering into the true Christian

spirit as well as the Christmas spirit which would eliminate many of our selfish thoughts. By living cleaner and better lives, we are giving our neighbor, our friends and community something to be proud of which will in turn pay great dividends.

We should see to it personally that the people in need are remembered at Christmas. If we are not able to do so, we should get civic-minded people or organizations to assist in making Christmas something more than just another day.

VIRGINIA L. PETTY, system billing office, Roanoke:



We seem to have lost the true observance of Christmas in stressing the commercialization of this wonderful season of the year. Certainly we want to give our gifts but too often we make this such a difficult task that we are exhausted by Christmas Day.

This is a time when families need to be together to celebrate the birthday of the Christ Child and bring closer our relations with our friends. This is a time for being generous to others without thought of return. This is a time for being merry and sharing our happiness. But most of all it is the time of spiritual awakening so that we may truly say "O, holy child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today!"

MRS. GENE BASS, secretarial-stenographer, Bluefield:



We need to change our present custom of exchanging expensive and extravagant gifts at Christmas time.

We need to change our practice of celebrating Christmas with riotous living and lavish parties.

We have allowed ourselves to become so influenced by exaggerated advertising that the real significance of Christmas has been pushed into the background. We think of Christmas almost entirely from a commercial point of view. It is now a season of the year that most of us dread to see approaching because we are slaves to a custom that never should have become a part of the observance of Christmas.

We should observe Christmas simply and make it a memorable occasion for our children and for the needy children in our community.

Christ was born in a lowly manger so our observance of His birth should be simple and reverent.

LOIS WILSON, commercial department, Charleston:



In the blaze of gaily colored lights, the deluge of Christmas paper and ribbons, the round of parties, and the last rush of Christmas purchases for people we had not remembered all year long, we have lost something—the real meaning of Christmas. We have lost the sentiment expressed 1,950 years ago when the wise men brought gifts to Jesus with love as their only motivation. They little thought of what they would get in return, as we are often found guilty of today in the unforeseen commercialized Christmas.

Jesus was born to bring peace on earth, good will toward men at all times—not just the Christmas season. We cannot possibly crowd all the good little things that we should have done the year round into one day of generous giving. To me this day should be one just a little special in which to express our love and thanks—a climax of the year.

Certainly what needs to be changed most in our observance of Christmas is our attitude. Why not turn our hearts and minds back 1,950 years? Instead of "celebrating" Christmas, let's observe it.

W. K. EVANS, assistant chief dispatcher, Cabin Creek Plant:



In the scientific and highly mechanical age which we live we have forgotten the true symbolism of Christmas and turned it into a commercial advertisement of exchanging gifts; thus losing sight of the birthday of our Lord and Savior. This should be celebrated with reverence

and thanks to our Creator for the gift of His Son and the hope of all Christian people throughout the world by believing in the birthday of Christ, following his teachings and endeavoring to show by our conduct that we are trying to make this a better world in which to live. Then we can sing the same song the shepherds sang on the plains of Bethlehem, "Glory to God in the Highest—and on Earth, Peace and Good Will Toward Men."

LEONA M. SMITH, junior time clerk, Glen Lyn Plant:



I think the greater majority of us today misunderstand the true significance of Christmas. We are sometimes guilty of looking forward to Christmas as just another holiday set aside for merry-making and intoxication, forgetting it is the birthday of our Lord and should be observed

as such.

In keeping with the Christmas spirit we should be more considerate toward the less fortunate ones, bearing in mind it is better to give than to receive.

By sharing with the needy in a spirit of Christmas love we help make "Peace On Earth Good Will Toward Men."

ALBERT FUDGE, accounting department, Fieldale:



In my estimation, our observance of Christmas will never be changed! The reason for this is that Christmas means so many different things to various people. To children, it means the time of year for sparkling Christmas trees and jolly ole Santa Claus; to adults, Christmas means exchanging gifts, family reunions, parties, feasts—and a holiday from work!

Through the passing of time, people have lost the true meaning of this Yuletide season and observe it more commercially and less religiously than in the days of old. To me, the Christmas season will always be observed joyously, but in an humble and reverent way.

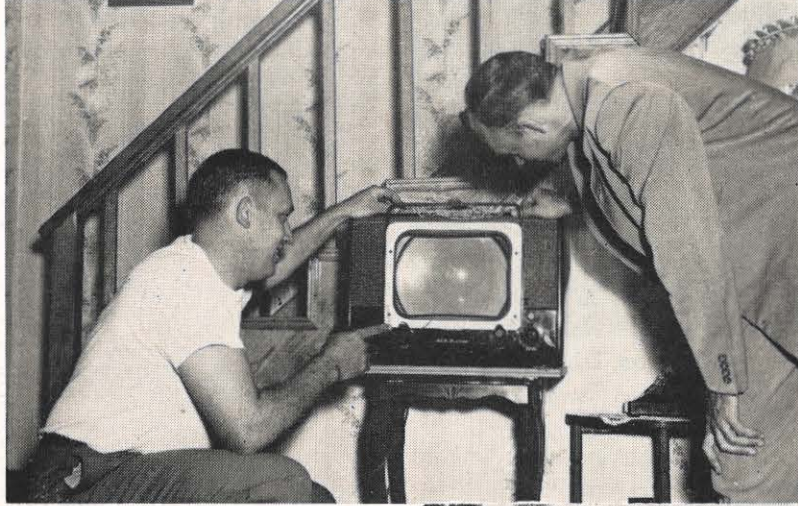
Limits Can Be Wasteful

A forest once caught fire near the boundary of a state. Volunteers went into action to put it out. However, as soon as the fire crossed the state line, they stopped. "Let the other state take care of it," they said. Waste and hard feelings were the result.

Such an attitude on any job leads to the same result, especially in an emergency. No one expects us to do the other fellow's work for him. But every job goes better when we give more attention to the thing to be done than to the exact limits of our effort.

Beats Construction Costs

Kingsport Lineman Builds Own Home In Four Months Of 'Off-Hours' Work



E. R. Barrett, a Kingsport Utilities lineman, is a firm believer in that old expression, "Action speaks louder than words."

Mr. Barrett, after selling his home in Bristol with an agreement to move in 90 days, was not able to find a suitable home in Kingsport.

When it was decided that buying a home seemed out of reason, the resourceful Barretts decided to construct a small garage apartment. The labor was to be contracted but no one could be found to lay the blocks at a reasonable rate. Barrett decided to try his own hand despite his lack of experience. When the building was completed an expert stone mason said, "It's a beautiful job!" "That lone compliment did it," Mr. Barrett recalled. "It worked wonders upon my ego."

Four months later, working between five in the evenings and two in the mornings, the small garage apartment was transformed into a six and one-half room, two-story home. Nearly three-quarters of the work was accomplished after dark with the aid of five 1500-watt lamps.

Looking back over his accomplishments, Mr. Barrett discovered his home had been completed for less than thirty-five hundred dollars. That figure included all materials, landscaping and inspection.

"The hardest job," he made it clear, "was staying on the job. I lost weight, sleep and everything but my wife. She deserves most of the credit, for without her I would have taken



E. R. Barrett, Kingsport, shown above, upper left, explains to Wilson Trumbo a few of the changes he made in order to receive TV programs in the Kingsport area. The home Mr. Barrett constructed in four months of part-time work is shown immediately above.

four years for the job instead of four months. It wasn't easy but it is worth all of the hard work we thought would never end."

When told television reception was out of reason in the Kingsport area, he altered a standard TV set and now enjoys perfect reception in his home each evening. Many friends and fellow employees visit the Barretts to inspect their new home or to watch a favorite TV show.

Barrett said, "It looks as though we'll have plenty of company between now and Christmas. In the past few months, we have had as many as 21 guests in our living room at one time. We enjoy our friends and our home more now than we ever have in our lives."

'Electricity—Public Or Private?'

Preferential Power Contracts Said One Means By Which Government Increases Competition With Private Utilities

(Synopsis—In the last installment of the article, "Electricity—Public Or Private?" which we are reprinting from the National City Bank of New York's publication, the question "Is Public Power Cheaper?" was discussed.

The article points out that the impression is conveyed that the "power trust" stands between the power house and the consumer and takes a "toll," or makes a profit which can be avoided only if the power is supplied by a public agency.

Public power projects are entirely relieved of income taxes while private utilities must pay all taxes. It was pointed out that the tax differential in favor of public power systems is about 16 per cent.)

Effect of "Preferential Power Contracts"

Aside from cases of the Government trying directly to prevent licensing for construction of private generating plants, and aside from building of federal steam-generating plants, there are other means less obvious, but nonetheless effective, by which federal power agencies are increasing the scope of their competition with private companies. The basis is found in "preferential power contracts."

Under Existing law available federal power is sold first to so-called "preferential customers," which include states, counties, municipalities, and non-profit cooperative organizations. Only after their requirements are taken care of may any surplus power be sold to private enterprise, including electric utility companies. Preference contracts are on a long-term basis—usually for 20-year periods. Because the requirements of preference customers, present and future, must be taken care of first, contracts with private enterprise are usually on a short-term basis—from year to year or even for shorter periods.

The damaging effect of this situation on a private utility company is three-fold: (1) the existence of a large government power project in the area makes it increasingly difficult for the private company to raise capital for expansion; (2) faced with this dif-

ficulty the private company becomes dependent on external sources of power or running older equipment at capacity which is very expensive and (3) available excess power for sale is largely in the hands of the government power agency which sells it only on a short term basis.

On top of these factors is the threat of public acquisition of a portion of the electric company's properties or construction of duplicate facilities by a public body to operate in direct competition. Such a public body, of course, is financed by sales of tax-free bonds and qualifies as a preference customer for government power. This is very attractive bait.

It is quite clear that the completion of new government power projects may bring about a further expansion of various public entities formed to qualify as preferential customers. Such expansion has been and will become increasing in direct competition with investor-owner utility companies, ready, willing, and eager to supply power needs of the area.

(Continued Next Month)

Point Pleasant Club Collects Articles For Many Christmas Baskets

Members of the Point Pleasant Appalachian Women's Club intend to help make this a Merry Christmas for the needy. Since November 9, the members have been raising funds and collecting canned goods, toys and clothing.

When Christmas nears, all of the collected articles will be given to Mrs. Ida Stanley, child welfare director, who will distribute the baskets to the needy.

Officers of the club include Mrs. M. C. Clark, president; Mrs. Robert Progler, vice president; Mrs. Frances Darst, secretary; Mrs. W. H. Stricklen, treasurer; Mrs. J. L. Twitty, publicity chairman, and Mrs. Claude Frishette, financial chairman.

A Rural Serviceman's Wife Speaks

The lights go out—
The husband's called,
To see what's taken place,
Do we sit down
In the dark to wait,
With hands enfolding face?

No sir, you're wrong!
Our dishes go,
The baby's change belated,
The men, they leave
To mend the cause,
While we're the ones ill-fated.

The phone—it rings,
Not once or twice,
It seems more like ten dozen:
"Ma'am, can you tell
Us what is wrong?"
We often feel like cussin'!

"Can't see to eat,
Can't tell the time,
I've guests arriving soon."
We'd like to say,
Go take a bulb—
Connect it to the moon.

"Be patient, Sir,
They're on the job,
It takes some time, you know,
You might be able
to find a lamp,
If you go down below." (Cellar,
of course)

The husbands go
And do the job,
The credit goes their way.
We never fret,
Just want it known—
We really earned that pay! !

The poem was sent THE ILLUMINATOR by Mrs. J. B. Rhudy, whose husband is employed by Appalachian at Pineville, West Virginia, in the Welch district.

STOP

YOUR SAFETY . . .

Is a matter of your own personal responsibility.

Is a matter of personal thinking about the hazards facing you.

Is a matter of following rules made for your protection.

Is a matter of not only how safely you work, but also how safely you work with others.

Is a matter of teamwork between you and your employer.

Is a matter of serious economic importance to you and your family.

Is a matter of concern to you and the community in which you live.

ALL DEPENDS . . .

On how fully you recognize the fact that the best way is the safe way.

On how much you recognize the hazards of your work.

On how faithfully you use the equipment and guards furnished for your protection.

On how completely you are sold and practice safety.

On how consistently you think and act safely.

On how thoughtful you are of others as well as yourself.

LOOK

IF YOU ARE HURT . . .

Who suffers the physical pain and mental strain?

Who runs the risk of being crippled for life?

Who suffers loss of morale which comes with a disabling injury?

Who loses one-third of his wages even if compensation is paid?

Who has his family conditions changed by reduced income?

Who must regulate his spending to make up this difference?

Who can make a pain-racked person pay when he is confined in bed for an endless chain of days that extend into months?

NO AMOUNT OF MONEY . . .

Can ease your suffering when you are hurt.

Can relieve the grief of your family.

Can erase bitter memories of suffering and sorrow.

Can pay for the loss of an eye, arm or leg.

Can replace the outlook toward life in the job you once had.

Can bring a whistle of joy to your lips when you are suffering the pains of self-inflicted injuries caused by carelessness.

LISTEN

JUST REMEMBER . . .

That the worth-while thing in life is life itself.

That one careless movement may mean a lifetime of regret.

That nature does not provide you with any spare parts.

That no compensation check is big enough to relieve an aching heart.

That it's better for you to be on the pay roll instead of on the compensation roll.

That it is not easy to climb the ladder of success on crutches.

THAT IT TAKES ONLY ONE ACCIDENT TO LOSE AN EYE, AMPUTATE A LIMB OR SNUFF OUT A LIFE.

THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT SAFETY IS BEFORE YOU GET HURT



Safety Sign Keeps Roanokers Informed

	DISTRICT	SYSTEM
Man Hours worked since last lost time Accident	163,999	130,257
Days	94	69
Number lost time Accidents this Year	4	1
Number Days lost this Year	42	4

GREEN LIGHT - NO ACCIDENTS
RED - LOST TIME ACCIDENT

DISTRICT	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
SYSTEM												

Why take Chances - Insure Your Future

"Safety—Your Responsibility," is the theme behind the large hand that is pointing from a sign at the Walnut Avenue Service building in Roanoke. This large safety sign, shown above, was designed by T. A. Kirby, district safety supervisor. The sign keeps employees informed of the record of accidents in the Roanoke district.

Feminine Fancies

11 Couples Exchange Wedding Vows



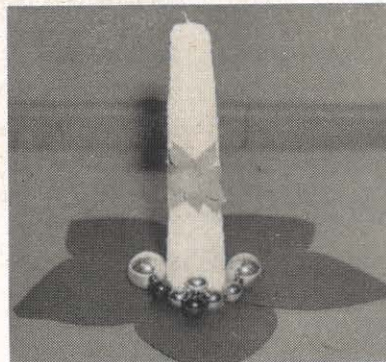
Here are four of the recent brides, left to right, top row: Mrs. Lewis F. Bussey, Roanoke; Mrs. James E. Fleenor, Abingdon. Second row: Mrs. Charles W. Hale, Abingdon, and Mrs. Leslie Curry, Logan.

Smart Dresses For Holiday Parties Of Rich Fabrics

With the festive season so near, every girl will be choosing a dress for holiday parties. For these dresses, fabrics tell the fashion story for both daytime and evening this winter. The loveliest fabrics are taffetas, satins, failles, brocades, velvets and metallic fabrics. There are plenty of lovely colors to choose from—winter white, pastels, black and the patterned fabrics.

Sheers are being used much more in evening dresses for the present social season than they have for many years. The short evening dress is still in fashion, but the long-skirted gown is considered the favorite. If you want one lovely dress that will be worn to a formal ball, a debutante party or any important occasion, you will buy one with a sweeping skirt, with a touch of glitter to spell evening glamour for you.

Employee Tells How To Make An Odd Yule Candle



Mrs. Lorraine Corea gives THE ILLUMINATOR readers the directions for making a novel Christmas candle. Mrs. Corea is an employee in the accounting department in the Williamson office.

As illustrated in the accompanying picture, an attractive candle may be made for use in decorations during the holiday season by utilizing the wax in used or discarded candles. The first step in making this candle is to melt down several old candles, the number to be determined by the size candle you desire. Pour the liquid wax into a mold, a tin can of the desired size will serve this purpose. Allow the wax to become thoroughly hardened and remove from mold. This task may be easily performed by running a small amount of hot water over the bottom of the can or mold. If you desire a taller candle than you have wax for, simply place the wax you have molded on top of a can the desired size.

To camouflage your deception melt enough wax of the color you have chosen for your candle and whip with an ordinary egg beater until frothy. Using a spoon, pour this wax over the molded wax allowing it to run down the molded wax and can. It may be necessary to re-melt your wax should it become cool before you are finished. The result gives an appearance of a solid wax candle.

Make a small hole in the center of the candle with an ice pick or some similar instrument and then force the wick from an old candle or heavy piece of string into the hole.

To supply the holiday motif melt several crayolas and pour into a dinner plate or other shallow container with a glazed finish to get a thickness of approximately one-eighth inch. While still warm, but firm, cut out the desired design, using a sharp pointed knife and place on your candle. This step in the operation has to be accomplished with the utmost speed as the melted crayola hardens very rapidly.

Mince Meat Cupcakes Make A Tasty Treat For Your Christmas Parties



Are you having a party this Christmas? Then you'll want the food you're serving to be as festive as can be. So why not plan on mince meat cupcakes trimmed with holiday frosting?

Of course, you'll use prepared mince meat. There is no sense slaving making your own when top-quality, old-fashioned mix is available in tins at the corner grocery. And for a lot less money, too.

Here's the recipe for the mince meat cupcakes and also the directions for making the holiday frosting.

MINCE MEAT CUPCAKES

- 2 cups sifted cake flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup mince meat
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup buttermilk

Sift flour, baking powder, soda, and salt together. Cream butter, add sugar gradually, and cream together thoroughly. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until fluffy after each addition. Add mince meat and vanilla, then add flour mixture alternately with the milk. Fill greased cupcake pans 2/3 full. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 20 minutes.

HOLIDAY FROSTING

(Seven Minute Frosting)

- 2 egg whites, unbeaten
- 1-1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup water
- Dash salt
- 2 teaspoons white corn syrup or
- 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla, or 3/4
- teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon almond, and
- 1/4 teaspoon orange flavoring

Partially fill base of double boiler with water; cover; bring to boil. In double boiler top (do not place it over water), combine all ingredients but vanilla. Beat with egg beater 1 minute, or until well blended. Then set in place over rapidly boiling water. Beat mixture constantly with egg beater at full speed, while cooking for 7 minutes, or until it hangs in stiff peaks on beater when it is withdrawn. Frequently scrape insides and bottom of double boiler with rubber bowl scraper or spatula. Remove double boiler top from boiling water; add vanilla; beat until thick enough to spread—about 1 to 2 minutes. Don't scrape pan too closely—frosting may sugar. Decorate each frosted cupcake with a cherry poinsetta. Make 5 to 6 cuts in each Maraschino cherry through the pitted end to within 1/8 inch of round end, dividing it into ten or twelve sections. Place flat on paper napkin with outside of cherry up. Press flat in center and separate petals.

Adkins-Curry

Miss Gladys Adkins and Leslie Curry were united in marriage on October 28, at Monaville, W. Va.

Mrs. Curry is employed in the cost records department in Logan.

Crabtree-Hale

Mrs. Beulah Crabtree and Charles W. Hale were married on November 4, in Clintwood.

Mr. Hale is employed in the transmission and distribution department, Clintwood.

Irric-Tibbs

Miss Myrtle Irric was married to Wilson Tibbs on November 3, in Pikeville.

Mr. Tibbs is an employee of the Pikeville engineering department.

Gartin-Boyd

Miss Norma Gartin and Cecil Boyd were united in marriage on November 3.

Mr. Boyd is employed in the line department in Logan.

Schoolcraft-Tatterson

In a wedding ceremony in Walton, W. Va., Miss Mary Schoolcraft and C. Dale Tatterson were wed on October 21.

Mr. Tatterson is an employee of the substation department, Charleston.

James-Fleenor

Miss Doris R. James became the bride of James E. Fleenor on November 25, at the Abingdon Baptist Church.

Mrs. Fleenor is an employee in the managerial department, and Mr. Fleenor is employed in the meter department, both in Abingdon.

Flinchum-Bussey

Miss Mary Frances Flinchum and Lewis Franklin Bussey were married on October 25, at the Melrose Baptist Church in Roanoke.

Mrs. Bussey is employed in the system real estate and right-of-way department.

Yearout-Gullion

The Waverly Place Baptist Church in Roanoke was the scene of the wedding of Miss Mabel Ellen Yearout and James F. Gullion on October 21.

Mrs. Gullion is an employee of the system real estate and right-of-way department.

Ferro-Evans

Miss Gloria Ferro became the bride of Cecil L. Evans on November 3, at the Methodist Church in Fayetteville.

Mr. Evans is an employee of the accounting department in Beckley, who was recalled to military service on November 17.

Costella-Price

Miss Rosemary Costella and Herbert M. Price were united in marriage on November 4, at the St. Andrews Catholic Church, Roanoke.

Mrs. Price is employed in the system accounting office.

Clemons-Fain

Miss Peggy Clemons was married to Charles D. Fain, Jr., on October 21, at the Chattaroy Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Fain is employed in the Williamson engineering department.

New Arrivals . . .

FIELDALE—A son, Harvey B., Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey B. Merriman on November 12. Mr. Merriman is employed in the Stuart office.

LYNCHBURG—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Figg, a daughter, Dolores Lynne, on November 15. Mr. Figg is an employee in the distribution department.

PIKEVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Gene B. Hale are the parents of a son, Gene B., II, who was born on November 7. Mr. Hale is the personnel supervisor.

BLUEFIELD—A daughter, Rosa Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bailey on October 16. Mr. Bailey is a member of the line crew.

MONTGOMERY—Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Altizer are the parents of a daughter, Teresa Lynn, who was born on November 5. Mr. Altizer is employed in the accounting office.

ABINGDON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wagner, a daughter, Rebecca Elaine, on November 1. Mr. Wagner is an employee of the commercial department.

FIELDALE—A daughter, Cassandria Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jenkins on October 25. Mr. Jenkins is employed in the commercial department.

CABIN CREEK—Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hoffman are the parents of a daughter, Mary Ida, born on November 14.

BECKLEY—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wood are the parents of a daughter, Pamela, born on November 7. Mr. Wood is employed in the distribution department.

BECKLEY—Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hall, a daughter, Lynda Rose, on October 24. Mr. Hall is an engineer trainee in the Beckley district.

BECKLEY—A son, Richard Paul, was born on October 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Elliott. Mr. Elliott is employed in the meter department.

BECKLEY—Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Keatley are the parents of a daughter, Marsha Diann, born on November 7. Mr. Keatley is an employee of the distribution department.

OAK HILL—A son, Richard Wayne, was born on November 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Honaker. Mr. Honaker is employed in the meter department.

ROANOKE—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Watkins are the parents of a son, Richard Lee, born, on October 28. Mr. Watkins is employed in the service department.

MARION—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barker, a son, William Dennis, on October 20. Mr. Barker is a meter reader.

They're Engaged

WELCH—Miss Mary Kate Stockner to Richard O. St. Clair. Mr. St. Clair is employed in the engineering department.

ASHLAND—Miss Martha Jean Valentine to Robert Leslie Callihan. Miss Valentine is an employee of the local accounting office.

HAZARD—Miss Mildred Elizabeth Gabbard to Enoch Stanley Stone. Miss Gabbard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Gabbard.

Officers Elected For Social Club Organized By Beckley Employees

Officers were elected by Beckley district employees for their newly organized social and recreational club called the Appaleisure Club. Plans are underway for some club activity during the approaching holiday season.

B. V. Kelly was elected president of the club while John M. Gates was chosen vice president and Betty Lee Evans, secretary-treasurer.

A Tragic Christmas

Your Life Is In Danger Throughout Holidays From Christmas Tree Fires

'Twas the night before Christmas. A mother and two children slept peacefully as the father sat in his favorite chair looking at the packages piled beneath the decorated tree.

Absent-mindedly he reached in his shirt pocket and pulled out his cigarettes. Selecting one, he rummaged through his pockets until he found a match. He struck it with his thumbnail.

The resulting fire killed the two children that night. The mother did not die until Christmas day.

Little careless acts, such as sending a burning match head into a Christmas tree, cause many holiday fire tragedies. But tragedy need not strike during the Christmas season if precautions are taken to guard the lives of your loved ones.

For a Merry Christmas:

Make sure to bring the tree in late and to take it out early because the longer it stays, the greater the danger.

Even before decorating the tree,

check the lighting sets for frayed cords or broken sockets.

Remember that you invite disaster when the tree gets dry, so set it in water to slow the drying.

Real sparks come from electric trains, so move the tracks away from the tree and decorate with other articles.

You should turn the lights off before leaving the house unattended and before retiring.

X marks the spot where someone smoked near a tree, so seat guests near ashtrays across the room from the Christmas tree.

Mark these words well: A fireplace screen should always be standard equipment if there's a Christmas tree.

Always have a fire extinguisher or bucket of water within reach of the tree.

Summon the fire department immediately if the fire cannot be put out at once.

Trash Gate Under Construction As New Screens Installed At Niagara



Workmen shown above are working on the trash screens at Niagara plant. The man on the ladder is checking the new screen while the other workman shovels muck away from the base of the screen housing to leave room for another screen.

New trash screens have been installed and a trash gate is being constructed at Niagara, oldest hydro plant in Appalachian system.

A notch about 6 feet deep and over 6 feet wide was cut into the top of the dam on the Roanoke River near Vinton to allow trash to spill through the trash gate without having to wait for high water to wash trash over the top of the dam.

The gate will keep much of the trash out of the new screens which replaced those that had been in service for almost 20 years.

With the aid of a pontoon section stretching across part of the river, logs and debris will be channeled into the trash gate which can be opened at the operator's convenience.

Reign As Royals For 1950 At I.H.S.



Roger Lee Weatherman, left, and Lancy La' Von Goforth, nephew and niece of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Conner, were crowned King and Queen during a recent Ivanhoe High School coronation. Roger and Lancy are shown above following their installation as royals at I.H.S. for 1950. Mr. Conner is employed as a company foreman at Ivanhoe, Virginia.

after a home accident.

Russell Compton vacationed for a few days with his sister, Mrs. Palmer, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Adrian Combs hunted deer near Elkins while on vacation.

Mrs. Louis S. Graef spent her vacation in Charlottesville with her daughter.

Thomas Griffin and Bradley Dixon recently went on a hunting trip to Tennessee.

Huntington . . .

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T. M. Watkins who recently celebrated their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Leonard W. Justice motored to Oteen, N. C., to spend Thanksgiving Day with her husband who is a patient at the Veterans Hospital there.

Otis Salmons and Richard Wilson are new employees in the engineering department.

W. H. Stratton, distribution department, vacationed in Ashland.

Don Hatfield, commercial department, recently received a fractured arm while horseback riding when his horse fell over a creek bank.

Mary Lou Blair is a new employee in the accounting department.

Kentucky . . .

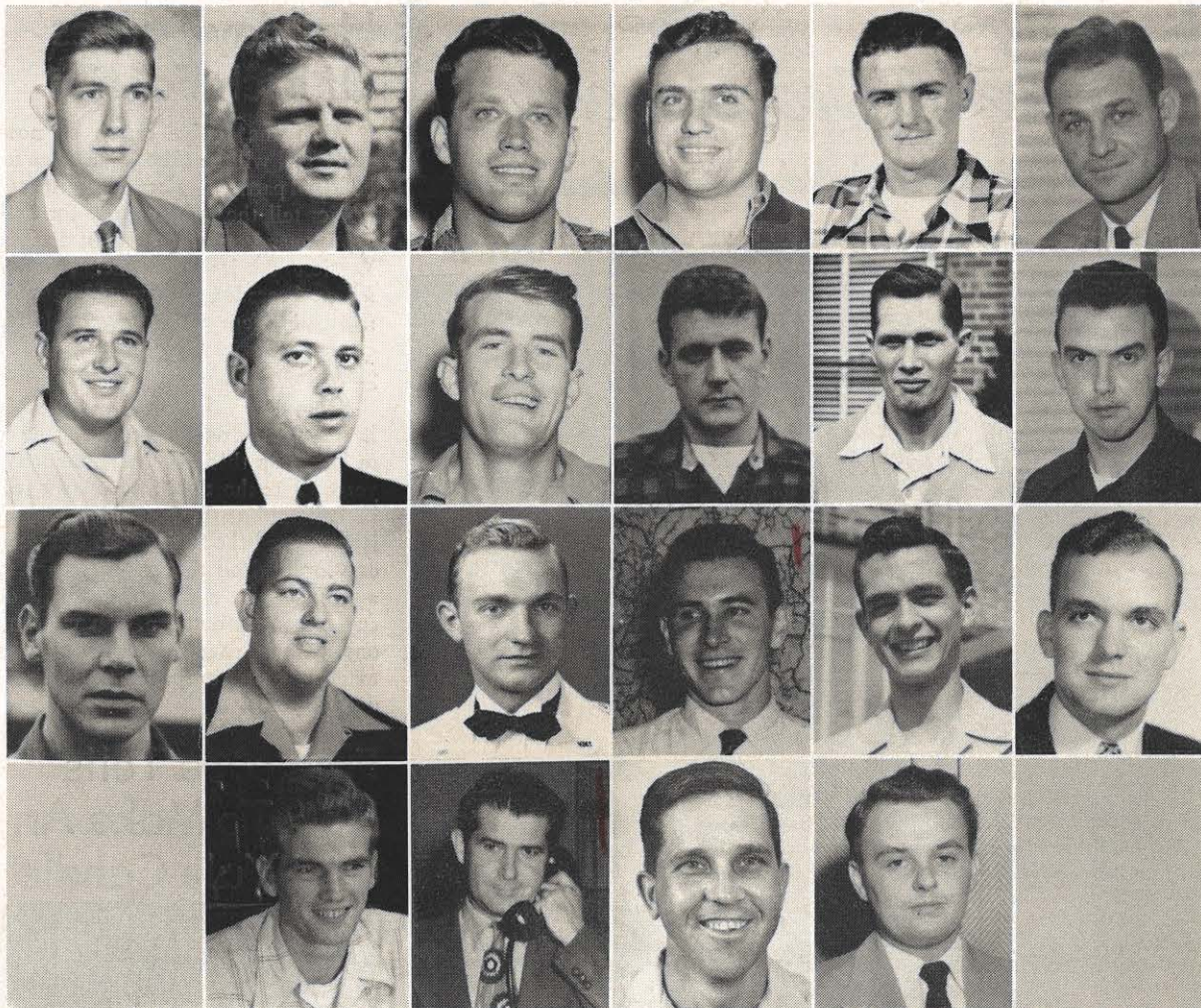
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company auditorium.

Bruce Muncy spent a week's vacation hunting deer in North Carolina.

Clark Hayes is back on the job

Twenty-Nine More Employees Called By Services



Twenty-two of the twenty-nine employees entering the armed services are, top row, left to right: Joe David, Donald C. Landreth, Herbert C. Breeding, C. G. Rhudy, W. G. Cartwright, and Edgar R. Cantley. Second row: J. B. Rhudy, Earl L. Smith, Ralph L. Puckett, C. E. Curry, P. W. Lambert, and Cecil L. Evans. Third row: Sam J. Dunn, David Barton, T. J. Meler, Ralph E. Boze, Malcolm E. Reed, and Bradford B. Porter. Bottom row: Paul E. Carter, James H. Dunkley, Fred M. Scaggs, and Marcellus V. Waid.

More employees of the three companies received orders and reported for active duty in the armed forces during the past month.

Paul E. Carter, Kingsport Utilities draftsman since 1947, reported for duty in the Army at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, on November 20.

Two Lynchburg district employees were called to active duty, both in the Navy. James H. Dunkley, who has been working for the company one year, had previously served in the Navy for more than 19 years. Ralph E. Boze, a draftsman with 4 years of company service, was on active duty with the Navy for 26 months during World War II.

Cabin Creek plant had three more employees called into the armed forces. Paul W. Lambert, who was first employed by the company in 1948, was called back to the Navy on October 30, as a radioman first class. He had previously served in the Navy for six years. A veteran of a year's service in the Marine Corps, Corporal Robert L. Edelman, was recalled to active duty. He has been employed by the company since March of this year. John C. Farry, a temporary employee at Cabin Creek, has enlisted in the Air Force.

Four Welch district employees, two of which were members of the Marine Corps Reserve, have reported for active duty. David Barton and Joe

David have reported for duty with the Marines at Parris Island, S. C. Bradford Porter, an accounting department employee, has reported to Fort Meade, Md., and J. B. Rhudy, a meter reader in the Pineville area, has reported to Camp Lee, Va.

Hazard district has granted military leave to three of the employees in that district. Robert Trent of the engineering department has been called into service. Earl L. Smith and Fred M. Scaggs, both veterans of World War II, have reported for active duty. Smith reported to Fort Knox and Scaggs to Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

From Roanoke, four employees have gone on active duty. M. V. Waid, a distribution department employee who served in the Navy for two years, has been recalled to active duty. Malcolm E. Reed, another distribution department employee, has been recalled to service in the Marine Corps in which he served 3 1/2 years. Second Lieutenant T. J. Meler has reported for duty with the 43d Infantry at Camp Pickett, Va. He previously served in the Army for 17 months. Thomas G. Powers, a garage employee with eight and one-half years service in the Navy, has been recalled as a chief electrician's mate.

A Beckley district lineman and an accounting department employee have been recalled to service. Edgar R.

Cantley, a lineman, was recalled by the Army Air Force and Cecil L. Evans reported for active duty in the Army.

W. G. Cartwright, an employee in the maintenance department at the Philip Sporn plant, has been drafted into the Army.

A Tazewell, Virginia, serviceman, Cecil A. Rhudy has been called to active duty with the Army. Rhudy served for almost two years during World War II.

Three members of Abingdon district's survey crew have entered the Air Force. Herbert C. Breeding and Ralph L. Puckett reported on October 21, and Donald C. Landreth reported October 31.

Two Charleston district employees, Sam J. Dunn and C. E. Curry have reported for duty with the Navy and Army respectively. Dunn has worked for the company three years and Curry over two years.

John R. Chapman, a Logan plant employee, and Bill McGhee, a distribution department employee, have reported for active duty. Chapman, who served three years in the Air Force during World War II, was recalled to active duty and McGhee reported for duty in the Army.

H. E. Van Hoose, a Huntington district accounting department employee, reported for active duty November 27.

Mrs. Murphy Is New President Of Williamson Club

Mrs. Florence Murphy is the new president of the K-Appa Club of the Williamson district. Mrs. Murphy and the other new officers will assume their duties in January. Other officers, elected at a recent meeting, include: Mrs. Alberta DeWese, vice president; Mrs. Anna Lee Harris, secretary; Miss Catherine DeGeorge, treasurer; and Juanita McCoy, photographer.

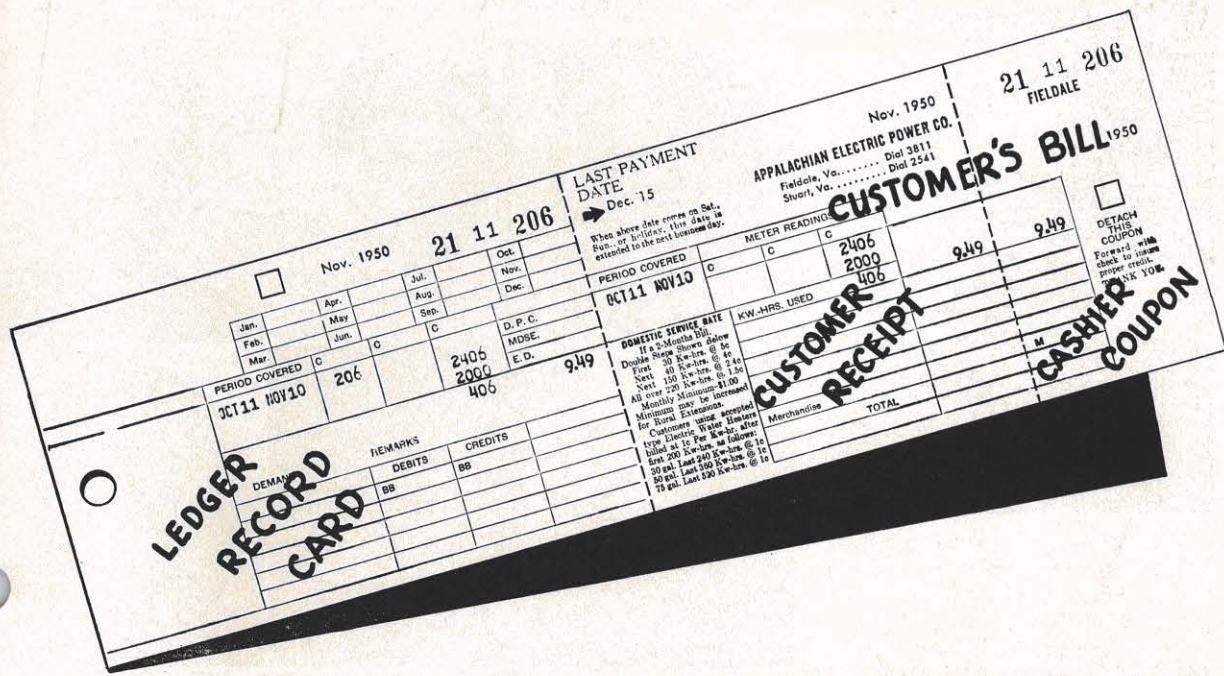
The election meeting also included a dinner which was in charge of Mrs. Anna Lois Blackburn, Mrs. Anna Lee Harris, Miss Maxine Saleeba and Miss Mary Jo Dingess.



Shown above are the new officers of the K-Appa Club of the Williamson district. Left to right they are: Alberta Dewese, vice president; Anna Lee Harris, secretary; Florence Murphy, president; Catherine DeGeorge, treasurer, and Juanita McCoy, photographer.

The Story Of Our Electric Service Bills

Photographs Show Major Steps Taken In Preparing 510,000 Accurate Bills



When you receive your electric bill, do you ever stop to think what it took to get that bill to you? Of course, most of us know one of our fellow employees who is a meter reader, or a clerk who handles the bill, or the cashier to whom we pay our money. But it takes a lot more people, a great deal of time and expense to get the bills out periodically to each of our customers.

The three companies of the Southern Properties today serve over 510,000 customers. Periodically each of those customers receives a bill. Those bills are printed and distributed to the local offices from the centralized billing offices in Huntington and Roanoke. Over 280,000 bills are prepared for customers in the Huntington and Charleston divisions and the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company in Huntington. The centralized billing office in Roanoke prepares over 230,000 bills for customers in the Roanoke and Bluefield divisions and Kingsport Utilities.

However, before any bill can be prepared in Roanoke or Huntington the information from which that bill is to be prepared is gathered by district personnel in the local offices throughout the Southern Properties.

Here, in pictures is the story of "The life of an electric utility bill." For the purposes of this article, the Fieldale district and the Roanoke centralized billing office have been used.



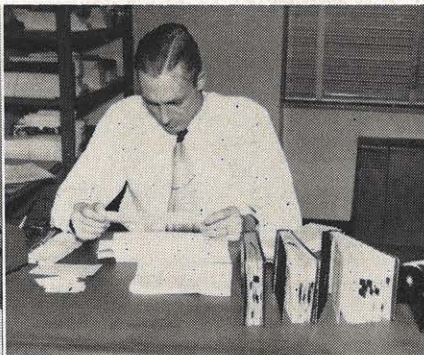
METER READING—L. L. Rakes, Fieldale meter reader, has just finished reading the meter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Ingram in Fieldale and pauses to talk with Mrs. Ingram. In his meter book, Mr. Rakes has subtracted last month's reading from the current reading to get the consumption. He does this on the premises and in the event he thinks there is any discrepancy discusses the matter with the customer.

Meter readers such as Mr. Rakes, perform their jobs according to prearranged schedules and in spite of rain, sleet, snow, mud or other foul weather and biting dogs.

REPORTING—Meter Reader Rakes tells Dot Shaw about a new water heater which he has found at one of the customer's. The meter readers report such things as abnormal usage, new water heaters, customer complaints and any other matters pertaining to the bill or company. Employees like Miss Shaw make out authorizations and orders for changes in rates, such as the water heater rate, and attach them to the meter book and make necessary orders for further investigation of customer requests. After this work is done in the local office, the meter books are shipped to Roanoke or Huntington.

BILL PRINTING—The meter books are checked into the billing office and are worked on a prearranged schedule. Each ledger is readied for printing the bills. The machine shown here punches, perforates, prints, numbers, addresses, and cuts the bill, including the ledger sheet, to size. The individual postmark for each town is put on the bill along with the advertisement. Tom Barnett, operator of the printing machine, is checking a bill to see that the machine is functioning properly. The machine prints an average of 1,800 bills an hour.

METER BOOK IS PREPARED FOR BILLING—Versal Spencer checks all entries made in a meter book since the last billing, as the first step in getting the book ready for billing. He calculates all bills above the chart used by the billing machine operator. All pro-rated bills are calculated by Mr. Spencer and all necessary rubber stamp impressions are put on the bills. Mr. Spencer, one of three employees in the Roanoke billing office doing this type of work, also routes the ledgers and checks in the meter books according to a prearranged work schedule.



BILLING MACHINE OPERATION—The bill begins to take final form in the billing machine room. Mrs. Thelma Hiner copies the readings from the meter book and computes the charges by using a chart on the billing machine. The billing machine also prepares the ledger sheet, a control tape and a distribution tape. The machine is so designed that any error in subtraction will cause it to lock.

PROVING OPERATION—Every effort is made to see that the bills are correct before the customers receive them. After the bills are completed they are proved in blocks by using the control tapes as Miss Claudine Foster is shown doing here. Then the control tape is re-capped and used to make the monthly reports and to furnish the local offices with data.

CHECK FOR NEATNESS—Before the bill is sent to the local office a final check is made to see that it is neat and that any errors which might have been made during its preparation have been corrected. Harry Mann is shown giving some Fieldale bills the final inspection.

PREPARING THE BILL FOR MAILING TO THE CUSTOMER and the local office consumers' ledger cards. After the bills are prepared in Roanoke or Huntington they are returned to the local offices to be mailed to the customers. Mrs. Audrey Harlow prepares some Fieldale bills for mailing and is inserting the ledger cards into the tray.

PAYING THE BILL—The end of our story about the life of an electric bill shows Mrs. Ingram paying her bill to Mrs. Geraldine Lawless, Fieldale cashier. The cashiers retain the stub and give the customer the receipt. The cashier's stub is then returned to the ledger poster so that the records will show the bill has been paid.

W. J. Gillespie Speaks To Education Conference On Industry's Viewpoint

W. J. Gillespie, assistant Bluefield district manager, addressed the conference on the Fundamentals of Education for Children of Giles County, on November 11.

Speaking on the "Fundamentals of Education from the Viewpoint of Industry," Mr. Gillespie stressed as one of his main points the appreciation of one's place in the American scheme of life.

The Conference was held at Narrows and was sponsored by the Giles County Board of Supervisors and the County Education Association.

A Customer's Thanks

The following letter was received from a customer in the Fieldale district.

Critz, Virginia
November 13, 1950

Appalachian Electric Power Company
Fieldale,
Virginia

Gentlemen:

The check enclosed is for the repairs made on our electric range.

Thank you very much for this service and for the demonstration which you gave my wife the other week. I think both the repair job and the demonstration has improved the meal situation here very much.

Very truly yours,
John W. Bittle (signed)

C. O. Weise's Son Is 'Teen Of The Week' In Charleston Paper

Henry Weise, son of control operator Charles O. Weise of Marmet, was recently chosen "Teen of the Week" by the *Charleston Gazette* which weekly features a teenager who is above average in accomplishment.



A senior with a high scholastic average at Charleston High School, Henry is vice president of the Student Council, president of the Thespians and a member of many other student organizations.

Roanoke . . .

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Chub S. Page is a new employee in the building service department.

Dick Burton, former pay roll clerk in the distribution department, has been elected president of the freshman class of Roanoke College.

Evelyn Hope Frank, former home economist, has sailed for Yokohama, Japan, where she will be a recreational director for the United States Government.

Polly Hiner spent two weeks' vacation with her son at Camp Stewart, Georgia, where he is a major in the field artillery.

Sympathy is extended to D. W. Ayers, power sales department, on the death of his brother on November 19.

J. R. Watkins and E. E. Echols recently spent a week's vacation at Miami and Key West.

Mrs. Mary J. Manning has resigned.

Carroll S. Chapman, right-of-way and records department, is recuperating at home after becoming ill while on a trip to Durham, N. C., where he was hospitalized for a week.

Mary Spangler of the pay roll department toured Florida while on vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Mac Aheron, a former employee of the pay roll department.

R. E. Leftwich, meter department, has returned after having his tonsils removed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rader vacationed briefly in Washington, D. C., where they visited her relatives.

L. R. Thomas has returned to work in the meter department after an extended illness.

Alma Wright, accounting office, has returned to work after an operation.



Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Ashland District

10 YEARS: Fern Gesling, local accounting office. 5 YEARS: Walter Venters, meter department; W. C. Wood and Carl Hopson, Jr., transmission and distribution department.

Hazard District

25 YEARS: R. P. Adams, transmission and distribution department. 20 YEARS: H. C. Branson, production department. 5 YEARS: H. C. Barnett, Earl G. Bellamy, John Kenith Cody and Arnold Bryant, all of the transmission and distribution department; L. C. York, meter department; Homer G. Combs, stores department.

Pikeville District

5 YEARS: Jesse Collier, transmission and distribution department.

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District

5 YEARS: R. R. Gregory, transmission and distribution department.

Bluefield District

15 YEARS: Lena G. Moseley, commercial department. 5 YEARS: Kimber Allen Hayes, system transmission line department.

Charleston District

35 YEARS: E. S. Brown, senior electronics engineer. 15 YEARS: T. F. Jordan, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: C. L. Wilkinson, D. G. McCallister, R. E. Drake and K. P. McCoy, all of the transmission and distribution department. E. D. Dahmer and E. O. Davis, meter department.

Huntington District

25 YEARS: E. C. Rakes, Kenova Plant. 20 YEARS: H. I. Simmons, meter department. 10 YEARS: L. M. Smith, Kenova Plant and C. E. Hoschar, Jr., meter department. 5 YEARS: H. C. Smith, meter department and C. N. Chapman, transportation department.

Logan District

25 YEARS: R. L. Widner, transmission and distribution department. 15 YEARS: H. J. Collins, production department and Hursten Swiney, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: L. H. McDonald, production department and C. E. Yeager, transmission and distribution department.

Lynchburg District

20 YEARS: James H. Haley, Jr., commercial department.

Point Pleasant District

10 YEARS: James Robert Crump, line foreman. 5 YEARS: George Arthur, transmission and distribution department and Raleigh R. Roush, Commercial department.

Pulaski District

10 YEARS: Robert C. Sharp, transmission and distribution department; Kenneth C. Phillips, production department; Posey C. Payne, managerial department. 5 YEARS: T. V. Harrington, C. W. Anderson and B. B. McCall, all of the transmission and distribution department; William Barker, J. D. King, and P. T. Gress, all of the meter department; C. N. Robinson, commercial department.

Roanoke District

25 YEARS: B. P. Gibson, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: C. E. Moore and J. M. Peck, commercial department; W. T. Price, transmission and distribution department.

System Offices

25 YEARS: G. S. Dunn, system public relations director, and Katherine Matthews, system accounting. 20 YEARS: R. T. Adams, system transportation. 15 YEARS: J. A. Ebeling, system operating department, and Thelma H. Hiner, system billing department. 10 YEARS: Charles B. Dunn, system real estate and right-of-way department, and E. W. Woody, system substation department. 5 YEARS: Helen E. Overstreet, system accounting department; R. E. Barkley and T. G. Powers, system transportation.

Welch District

30 YEARS: John L. Horton, substation department. 10 YEARS: Ruth B. Caton, transmission and distribution department.

Kingsport Utilities

10 YEARS: P. S. Nelson, commercial department and M. C. Phillips, accounting department.

Charleston Kilowatts Hold Halloween Dance

Members of the Charleston district Kilowatt Club held their annual Halloween dance at the Eagles Club Ballroom in Charleston.

The dance, a costume ball, was in session from ten until one o'clock. Music was furnished by Frank Milam and his Blue Notes.

Training Course In Practical Electricity Taught In Williamson

A training course in fundamental electricity is being offered for the third year to employees in the Williamson district. The class has an average attendance of 20.

"Fundamentals and Practical Electricity" is a course featuring lectures with demonstrations aimed to teach practical applications of electricity.

E. S. Brown Marks 35 Years' Service With Appalachian



E. S. Brown, who first began work in 1915, as a groundman at Cabin Creek, received his 35-year-service pin on November 1.

"Brownie," as he is known to his friends, is a veteran of both World Wars. In World War I he served in the Marine Corps and returned to Cabin Creek as a lineman, later being transferred to electronics work. Again in 1940, "Brownie" entered the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He returned to the company in 1945, and is now senior electronics engineer in Charleston.

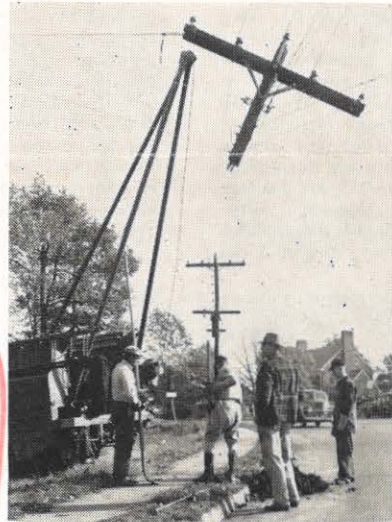
"Brownie" is a member of several civic clubs and is interested in veterans affairs. He is married and the Browns make their home at Chelyan.

Eight Service Pins Awarded Veteran Company Employees



During the month of November, eight veteran employees, shown above, were awarded service pins for having served twenty or more years with the companies. Top row, left to right: R. P. Adams, Hazard, 25 years; James H. Haley, Jr., Lynchburg, 20 years, and G. S. Dunn, Roanoke, 25 years. Center: H. C. Branson, Hazard, 20 years; Harold L. Simmons, Huntington, 20 years, and Katherine Matthews, Roanoke, 25 years. Bottom: Robert L. Widner, Logan, 25 years, and B. P. Gibson, Roanoke, 25 years.

No Interruption



A Lynchburg line crew was called into action on November 10 after a bus had struck a pole and broken it in three places. Shown above, left to right, are: John Ward, Glover Staples, Foreman Hiram Proffith and Aaron Ward. These men set the new pole and transferred the lines without any interruption in service.

Kentucky Family Escapes Serious Injuries In Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boggs, together with their five children, narrowly escaped serious injuries in a recent automobile mishap near Hazard.

The Boggs, while driving from their home on Wooten Creek to Hazard, followed another vehicle for some time. Mr. Boggs swerved his car causing it to go into a ditch in order to avert a collision when the other vehicle was said to have made an unexpected stop.

Mr. Boggs suffered several head wounds while Mrs. Boggs and the children escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

Mr. Boggs is employed as a truck driver-groundman in the Hazard district of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company.

Pulaski Veterans Honored At Service Pin Dinner

The veteran employees of the Pulaski district were entertained at a dinner and service pins were awarded five of them on November 17. The group included all employees of the district who have twenty or more years of service. There are 46 employees of the Pulaski district who are in this group. Their tenures of service range from 41 years to 20 years. Those receiving service pins were: 30 years, R. C. Littreal; 25 years, T. S. Weatherman, A. P. Jones and W. H. Spangler; 20 years, F. L. Carrico.

D. P. Minichan, district manager, served as toastmaster and made the award of the service pins, giving a brief history of the service of each person receiving a pin.

Veteran Roanoke Employees Honored At Service Pin Dinner



Shown above are the veterans of long service in the Roanoke district and general offices who were honored recently at a service pin dinner. G. L. Furr, assistant general manager, was the speaker for the occasion and J. L. White, Roanoke district manager, presided at the affair.

Front row, left to right, are: J. G. Brittain, W. F. Keehne, Katherine Matthews, Margaret Haley, Katherine Kerr, Lucy Hill, P. C. Ray, G. S. Dunn and F. C. Williams. Second row: Frank Wells, F. E. Bowman, M. L. Burdette, Benjamin Fink, H. A. Clarke, B. H. McKeever, M. C. Funk, G. D. Griffin, John F. Barnes, J. T. Tilson, Julius Hall and G. L. Furr. Back row: J. M. Brown, Oscar Patterson, R. H. Price, L. E. Hopper, J. B. Ragland, Tyler Stowers, C. T. Smith, B. P. Gibson, I. R. Musser, W. S. Shanks, D. W. Plaine, G. D. K. Conner, E. A. Stalker, D. W. Ayers, R. O. Dennis, V. W. Brust and Joe Butler. A total of more than 1,245 years of service is represented by the people in the picture.

Employee's Son Enjoys Many School Activities Despite Chain Of Accidents



Lowell Jewell, shown in bed, smiles for Charles Butler's camera as he attends a Point Pleasant High School grid contest. His bed was rigged on the back of his father's pick-up truck.

Lowell Jewell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jewell, Route 2, Point Pleasant, is a staunch supporter of the belief that a student should always support his school at all scheduled athletic events. He does not consider being confined to a bed sufficient reason for missing a football contest. He attended all of the P. P. H. S. "Big Blacks" home games and watches them from an ambulance cot rolled into position on the back of his father's pick-up truck.

Lowell, who is a 15-year-old high school junior, has experienced an unusual run of hard luck. His first injury, a dislocated hip, was experienced while practicing basketball about eight months ago. This fall caused him to be placed into a cast for more than three months.

Following the removal of the cast and the day before he was to discard his crutches, Lowell fell a second time while on his way to watch football practice. This accident resulted in the same type of injury to the other hip and caused him to be placed in another cast.

The second cast has now been removed and he will soon be using his crutches during the final stages of his recovery. In about another year, an operation to remove the pins from his hips will be required.

Young Jewell's only regret is the fact that he has missed a year of his school work. He is anxious to resume his studies.

Being confined to a hospital bed has not proved too much of a handicap to Lowell as fellow students and interested citizens have made it possible for him to enjoy many forms of entertainment. Lowell's father, Tom, is a member of the Point Pleasant district's distribution department and a veteran of more than 22 years of service with the company.

Hazard Kilowatts Are Tied For Second Place In City Women's League

The Hazard district's women's bowling team, the Kilowatts, are tied for the second place slot in the City All-Girls' League. The Kilowatts, who are deadlocked with Radio Station WKIC, have won 17 games while losing 13 contests.

Individual scoring for the Kilowatts credits Leburn Cody with 104; Lare-lith Pratt, 101; Betty Adams, 94; Sue Carey, 89; Lorraine Brashear, 82; Doshia Sizemore, 81, and Nell Buttram, 80.

Local Office Leads Bowlers In League For Roanoke Title

Of the ten bowling teams scrambling for the Roanoke district 1950-51 AEP title, the local office team is leading the league with 22 victories as compared to 8 losses. This wide margin gives the Local Office keglers a five game lead over their nearest rival, the Stores department.

Team high single game honors are held by the Substation entry with 591 pins. Their 1614 score also is the team three game high laurels.

Individual single game high 156 is held by Gray of the Local Office. Gregory, a member of the Garage team, rolled 381 for the individual three game high. Gregory's 113 is also the high individual average for the current season.

Teams and their standings are: Local Office, .733; Stores Department, .567; Meter Department, .500; Civil Engineers, .500; Substation, .467; Garage, .467; Real Estate, .467; Distribution, .467; Main Accounting, .433, and System Departments, .400

Bluefield District Engineers Pace Six Team League Play

In the Bluefield district bowling league, the District Engineers moved into the first place slot in mid-November. The Engineers, at that time, held a 14 to 7 game record.

Ernie Linkous, bowling for the Stores Department, continued to set the pace for all individual scoring honors with his season's average of 175, single high game of 247 and high three game series of 664.

The Bluefield league is composed of six teams, the District Engineers who are captained by Earl Maynor; Accounting Department, "Chick" Smith; Meter Department, "Buck" Francisco; Stores Department, Ernie Linkous; Division Engineers, John Munsey, and the Distribution Department captained by Jay Farley.

Storeroom Wins First Third Of Charleston District Bowling Race

The Storeroom keglers of Charleston district's Kilowatt Bowling League lead the circuit as all teams round out their first third of league play.

During the first eleven weeks of the 1950-51 season, the Storeroom's five-man team has accounted for twenty-four victories while submitting to six widely scattered contests. Competition has proved extremely keen in all phases of play.

Season high bowlers in the company loop are: Harry Miller, team captain of the Kanawha Valley Power Company's "Generators," whose 248 is high score for the men's single game honors. Carl Murray accounted for a 574 three game series for the "Dimensioneers"; Suzanne Seese rolled a 182 single game high for the "Polecats," and Mary Alice Caudill, also representing the "Polecats," collected 467 for the three game high series in the women's leagues.

Pt. Pleasant Hunter Does His Shooting The Unusual Way

J. A. Ferrell, Point Pleasant district administrative assistant, is at least one area employee who has a knack for accomplishing tasks in a most unusual way.

According to D. A. Nickell, Jr., district correspondent, Mr. Ferrell established somewhat of a local record for 1950, on a recent hunting trip. Among the game bagged by Ferrell during the hunt were two squirrels that were killed with the same shot.

This feat, itself, is not too uncommon as numerous localities year after year report similar experiences. In most cases, however, the game was bagged on the ground.

Mr. Ferrell did his shooting the hard way. Both squirrels bagged by this AEP nimrod were scrambling about in a tree.

Charleston Kegler Gives Bowling Tips

By Denny Caldwell

Etiquette in bowling is much the same as etiquette in anything. It makes you welcome in most any group you may contact.



To begin this series of articles on bowling, it is probably fitting to begin with some of the "Don'ts" of bowling etiquette. Perhaps, we should begin with the most annoying of

them. Don't ridicule a beginning bowler. Don't be late for league games. Don't put chalk on bowling shoes. Don't bend over to pick up your ball from the rack just as a bowler on the other side of the rack is ready or is delivering his ball.

Don't stand at the foul line or the return rack after completing your deliveries.

Don't jump up and down after delivering your bowling ball.

Don't be somewhere else when your time comes to bowl.

(Editor's Note) This article is the first of a series on bowling prepared by Denny Caldwell for the companies' bowling enthusiasts. Mr. Caldwell is one of the leading bowlers in and around the Charleston area and was a member of one of the six Charleston teams to ever attend the American Bowling Congress. Mr. Caldwell has attended two sessions of the congress.

Kingsport Bowlers Among Four Teams Tied In Loop Race

The Kingsport Utilities men's bowling team is tied in the upper bracket of the Kingsport Industrial League for second quarter honors. The keglers, battling under the Utilities' banner, are deadlocked with three other teams for the first place position in the loop.

In this hard-fought league race, all four teams have registered six victories against the same number of defeats. All teams are composed of veteran league bowlers.

M. C. Simpson's outstanding scoring has been one of the deciding factors in helping to keep the Utilities' keglers in the ranking bracket.

Substation Team Maintains Edge In Pikeville League

The Pikeville district Substation bowlers have moved into first place of the four team league with a 14 to 4 record. The Substation team leads the league with a .710 percentage.

The Engineers, with a .691 rating, hold a slight margin over the Meter Department's .686. The Line Department is but one percentage point behind the meter bowlers.

In this highly contested league, the Engineers are credited with the single and three game team scoring honors.

For individual scoring laurels, Auburn Helvey, Line, and Bob Weddle, of the Engineers, share the three game series honors with a score of 472 pins each. Phinis Case, also of the Engineers, holds the individual single game first place with his 198 pins. Season high averages list Bob Weddle, Engineers, 143; Curtis Charles, Substation, 130; Bruce Prater, Meter, 129, and Bill McKinney, Substation at 127.

Pikeville district bowlers are: Substation: Ernie Brashear, captain; Curtis Charles, Garnie Edmonds, Bill McKinney, Paul Stock and Gene Hale. Line: Charles Stayton, captain; Jess Collier, Auburn Helvey, Bill Barnett, Bill Harris, Bob Flynn and F. E. Phillips. Engineering: Herbert Charles, captain; Leon Huffman, Phinis Case, Lawrence Newsom, "Jim" Bogardus, Bob Weddle, F. M. Baker and John Raine. Meter: Corbin Bobbitt, captain; Curtis McClung, Troy Lee, Virgil Carter, Harlan Griffith, Perry Cline, A. H. Jopp, Bruce Prater and Chester Smith.

Fieldale Keglers Enter Industrial Bowling Loop

Employees of the Fieldale district have entered one bowling team in the Martinsville Industrial Recreation Bowling League for the 1950-51 season. The industrial entries provide one of the fastest circuits of bowling competition in the Martinsville area.

Christmas Party Set For Lynchburg District

The annual Christmas Party for Lynchburg district employees will be held at the Oakwood Country Club on Friday night, December 22.

A committee composed of Eliza McDaniel, Ralph Johnson, Ann Kidd, Nick Langhorne, Bob Hooper, Betty J. Minnick and Waddie Crouch are working with J. A. Munday to make arrangements for the party.

Williamson District Employees Provide Manpower For Relighting Athletic Field



Twenty determined Williamson district employees have expressed their sports appreciation in a most unusual way. After sensing the poor lighting of the athletic field, which made it difficult for spectators to observe action on the field, this group did something about it. By donating their time, working on off-hours and on week ends, the group installed 120 new lights, reflectors and poles to give Williamson one of the best-lighted fields in the state. The work accomplished by the company employees would amount to a donation of more than three thousand dollars. The above photograph shows the Memorial Field lighting in use.

Cabin Creek Hunters Bag Squirrel Limit



Three Cabin Creek mechanical maintenance department employees, Owen Wilson, Basil Jarrett and Herman Hale, all veteran hunters, opened the 1950 squirrel season with their annual hunt. Although the number of squirrels they killed is not known, all were said to have had their limit. Owen Wilson, shown above, displays a part of the trio's work following their first day in the woods.

'H-Bombs' Hold Edge In Beckley District's 50-51 Bowling Race

The "H-Bombs" and the "Rockin' Rockets" are living up to their names as they blast their way to the leadership of Beckley district's eight team bowling league.

The "H-Bombs" have set the pace with a record of 20 victories and 10 defeats. The second place "Rockin' Rockets" have an 18 to 12 record.

For individual scoring honors, Betty Lee Evans is credited with a 182 single game high and a 450 count for a three game series in the women's bracket. In the men's league, Elmer Wright holds three honors. He maintains a 167.33 season average, 249 high single game and a 579 score for the three game series.

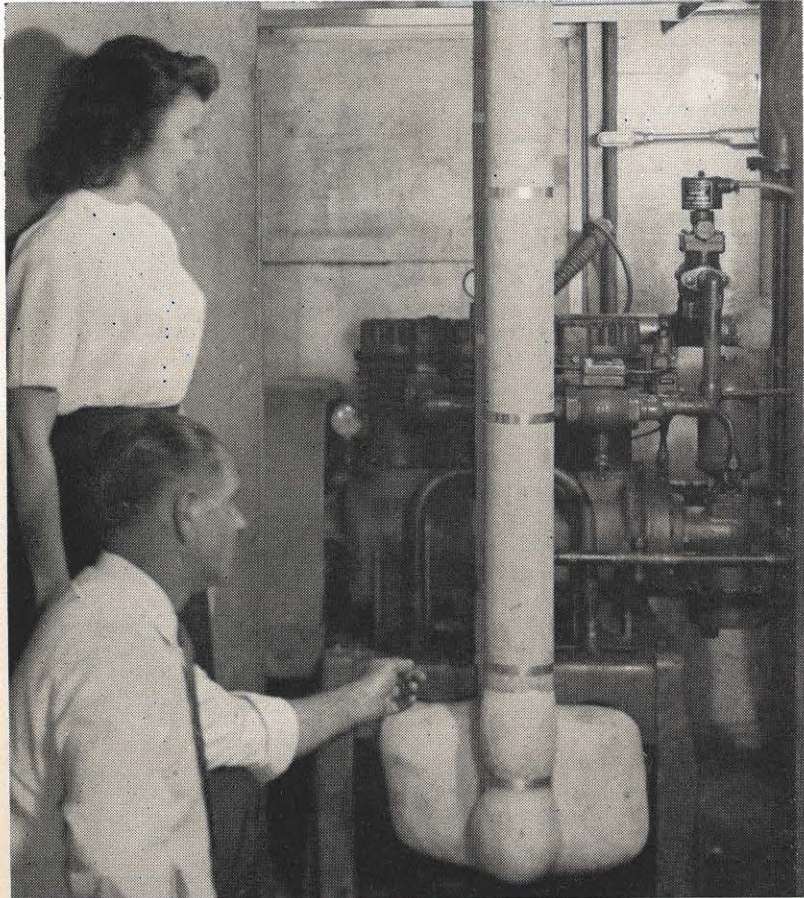
Deer Elude Most Bluefield Hunters But One Is Bagged

Bluefield district employees report varied success in their search for deer even though the State Game Commission said that there was an "excess" of deer.

Howard Meadows of the Bluefield office bagged a deer while hunting near Largent, West Virginia, with C. M. Fletcher, C. F. Mundy and several other employees.

But Chalmers Bailey and F. P. Claytor of the Bluefield office and Eugene Eager of the Charleston office said that even though there was an excess of deer they did not see the first sign while hunting in Hampshire County on November 2, 3 and 4.

Heat Pump Installation Completed In Kingsport Utilities Building



Lena Stata, an employee in the distribution department of Kingsport Utilities, gets some pointers on the new heat pump which has recently been installed in the office building from R. C. Scarlett, substation supervisor for the Utilities.

Spooks Run Wild As Whathour Club Holds Party In Empty House

Chains rattled as screams pierced the eerie darkness of an old deserted house eight miles north of Point Pleasant. Shadows flitted from the spider-webbed corners to the ceiling where the wall paper hung in tatters.

It was the perfect setting for the "Spook Party" as candles and oil lanterns sent flickering beams of light across the masked faces of members of the Whathour Club of the Point Pleasant district.

One of the highlights of the party held by the club on the evening of October 27, was the blindfold procession through the "Spook Rooms" where floors wobbled mysteriously. Members then had to shed their shoes and socks and walk blindfolded over a mixture of tar and feathers which squished between their toes and stuck around their ankles. Blindfolds were removed and feet were washed in a tub of cold water.

Square dancing and group singing were other highlights of the evening. String music was furnished by Wimpy Stricklen, Jim and Bob Hoffman and Otis Hesson, all club members. Sweet cider and hot dogs were served buffet style throughout the party.

Christmas Party Plans Made At Cabin Creek

Plans are practically complete for the Christmas Party for employees of the Cabin Creek Plant. The party will be held as last year in two sections, one for adults and one for children.

The Christmas Party for adults, including children 15 and older, will be held at the Chelyan Junior High School on Thursday, December 21. The children's party will be held at Brown's Theatre from 10 to noon on Friday, December 22.

Harvey B. Merriman Of Fieldale District Will Remember November 12

November 12, was an eventful day for Harvey B. Merriman of the Fieldale district who recently returned from Winston-Salem where he underwent a series of major operations.

At 9 a. m. he became the father of a boy, Harvey B. Merriman, Jr., born at Stuart Hospital and at 11 o'clock the same morning he was ordained as a deacon in the Stuart Baptist Church.

Mr. Merriman is a line foreman in the Fieldale district.

Two-Day Fire School Is Held For Roanoke Division Last Month

A two-day fire school was conducted for Roanoke division employees November 15 and 16. W. M. Mullins, chief of the Roanoke fire department; B. A. Grubbs, assistant superintendent of safety of the Norfolk and Western Railway; C. E. Meador, American Viscose Corporation fire chief, together with fire fighting crews and company representatives, conducted the classroom sessions, lectures and actual fire demonstrations.

W. S. Kitchen, of the system safety department was in charge of the classroom sessions, which included lectures, visual aids and laboratory demonstrations. He also explained the causes of fires, the control of fires and the various types of extinguishers used to combat each classification.

The second day of the school was spent out-of-doors observing actual demonstrations of extinguishing Class A and B fires. All attending were given an opportunity to use the various types of extinguishers in the practical application of fighting a wide assortment of fires. Chief Mullins and his Roanoke crew gave demonstrations with the equipment and explained the proper method of approach to extinguish fires in the fastest and safest manner. During these demonstrations, fog, foam and a steady stream of water were used to extinguish fires.

Following the demonstrations, Chief Mullins introduced Bob Hancock, who discussed some of the fire department's experiences; the methods of reporting fires, and the various types of equipment used by the fire department combating all classes of fire.

Miss Harvey Given Recognition For Church Activities



Miss Molly Harvey, above, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Harvey of Roanoke, was recently given recognition for outstanding work in the Girls' Auxiliary of the Virginia Heights Baptist Church.

At ceremonies held on November 19, Miss Harvey was presented a scepter and given the rank of Queen with Scepter, the "second highest award in the Girls' Auxiliary system. Mr. Harvey is Roanoke division personnel supervisor.

Cabin Creek Halloween Party Keeps Everybody Guessing Who Is Who



Costumes and masks kept everybody guessing who was who at a Halloween party and dance held for Cabin Creek employees and their families on October 27.

Apple dunking, tricks and costume prizes were the main attraction for the youngsters while the Grand March with all the couples parading before the judges was the highlight of the evening for the adults.

June Patrick and her escort, Wilson Saul, were awarded the title of "prettiest." Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson were judged "most original" while Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hodge were acclaimed the "tackiest." Kenny Kirk won the door prize.

Pictured above in the top photograph from left to right are: Mrs. Lee Johnson, Mr. Johnson, June Patrick, Wilson Saul and Jim Hodge. Children winning prizes for their costumes are pictured and include: Gerry Kees, Shannon Grady, Linda Lawson, Creta Creasey and Jerry Ballard.



Chiefs Named For New Divisions In Service Company

Philip Sporn, president of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation, has announced some changes in the corporation's divisions of design, construction and mining which became effective December 1.

E. A. Kammer will be chief of the design division with V. L. Sansted as assistant chief.

D. W. Parsons has been named chief of the construction division and R. C. Miller is assistant chief of the division.

W. J. Rude as been appointed chief of the mining division.

These three divisions will be under the direction of H. A. Kammer, vice president of the Service Corporation.

Prior to the announcement, Mr. E. A. Kammer's duties include supervision of certain phases of both design and construction. Mr. Rude was previously in charge of the mining section. Mr. Parsons was formerly resident engineer of the Philip Sporn and Kanawha River plants.

Employees Enjoy Thanksgiving Dance

The Molo Club sponsored its annual Thanksgiving dance which was held for Ashland district employees on November 25, at the Ventura Hotel Ballroom. Dancing and other forms of entertainment were enjoyed from nine until one o'clock.

H. T. Mitchell Named Stores Supervisor In The Ashland District

H. T. Mitchell has been named stores supervisor in the Ashland district of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company.

Mr. Mitchell, who started working for the company at Logan in 1926, was transferred from the system stores auditing department in Roanoke on October 23.

An Employee's Wife

Mrs. Burchette Says Company Safety Program Helps Make Future Secure

Mrs. Samuel N. Burchette, wife of transmission man Burchette of the system transmission line department in Bluefield, looks on the company's safety program as another help toward security.

She says, "I think the safety program does as much towards insuring a secure future for an employee and his family as any of the other benefits offered by the company."

"My husband is almost daily doing hot line work, but I am greatly relieved of worry knowing of the safety measures taken to protect an employee."

"With the company ever striving to eliminate hazards in working conditions and each employee abiding by the safety rules, both on and off the job, I am certain that we can look forward to an accident-free future."



Saltville's New Whiteway



The Town of Saltville, Virginia, in the Pulaski district, recently had its street lighting system changed. Shown above is the new whiteway. The new street lighting is one of the major steps in a community improvement program which has been underway for the past several years. The new lighting system was installed by Johnny Sutphin, AEP foreman in the area, and his crew.