

Be not afraid of life.
Believe that life is worth
living, and your belief
will help create the fact.
—WILLIAM JAMES

The Illuminator

A great many people
think they are thinking
when they are merely re-
arranging their preju-
dices.
—WILLIAM JONES

Sporn Forecasts Trends On A.G.&E. System For New Year

"The defense economy has already had a marked effect on all economic activities in the country as a whole, and particularly so on the area in which the American Gas and Electric Company system operates. It will have an even greater effect in 1951," Philip Sporn, president of A. G. & E. and our companies, predicted in his annual statement entitled, "Looking Ahead in 1951." The following are some of the highlights of his statement:

Increase In Power Requirements

Mr. Sporn foresees a continuing increase during 1951 in the use of power in the A. G. & E. territory, one of the most vital defense areas of the nation. During the last two quarters of 1950 the system experienced a tremendous upsurge in power use owing to the continued increase in the scale of existing industry and to the terrific expansive pressures of increased defense activities. Programs for expanding steel, aluminum, magnesium, chlorine, titanium and many more direct military materials will be accelerated as the year progresses.

Our president said, "All these have one thing in common—they require a great deal of electric power; they add up to more kilowatts. Because there are economic and other reasons for locating many of these basic industry operations in the territory, the affairs of the company have already been influenced and will continue to be influenced to a greater extent over the next several years. These developments will pose additional major problems for the system in meeting its responsibilities of taking care of additional power requirements." Mr. Sporn said, "Kilowatt-hour sales for the system are estimated at 11,800,000,000 for 1950 as compared to 9,905,000,000 in 1949, an increase of 19.1 per cent. On the basis of present trends we estimate that kilowatt-hour sales will reach a figure of close to 13,500,000,000 in 1951."

Construction Program Stepped Up

American Gas and Electric Company has spent \$267 million on its expansion program since 1947 to take care of the growth we are experiencing today. The construction budget for 1951 will be \$82 million, \$5 million more than in 1950. In the three-year period, 1951 to 1953, A. G. & E. will spend \$251 million on plant expansion.

"With the outbreak of the Korean War, the American Gas and Electric system took immediate steps to step up and expand its far-reaching generation expansion program to a total of 1,000,000 kilowatts of capacity to be completed by 1953," Mr. Sporn (See Sporn, page 3)

Correspondent Doing Best Job In 1950 To Be Given Award

The first annual award to the correspondent doing the most outstanding job on *The Illuminator* will be announced in February. Judges are now considering the work of the contributing correspondents during the past year. The award will be based on the volume, the quality and the completeness of material as well as the photographs published in the last twelve issues of *The Illuminator*.

Ficklen To Direct CD In Kanawha; Wildman On Board

W. F. Ficklen, retired vice president of Appalachian, has been elected civilian defense director for Charleston and Kanawha County.



Mr. Ficklen

Mr. Ficklen's election to the post was announced by Sheriff Carson Richards, chairman of the seven-man Civilian Defense Board representing area leaders in industry, agriculture, labor, education, consumer protection, health and welfare, and law enforcement.

Mr. Ficklen's duties as director of civilian defense for Kanawha County will be to organize and establish the full county organization. Director Ficklen served in civilian defense work in World War II in the position of assistant chief of electric utilities for West Virginia.

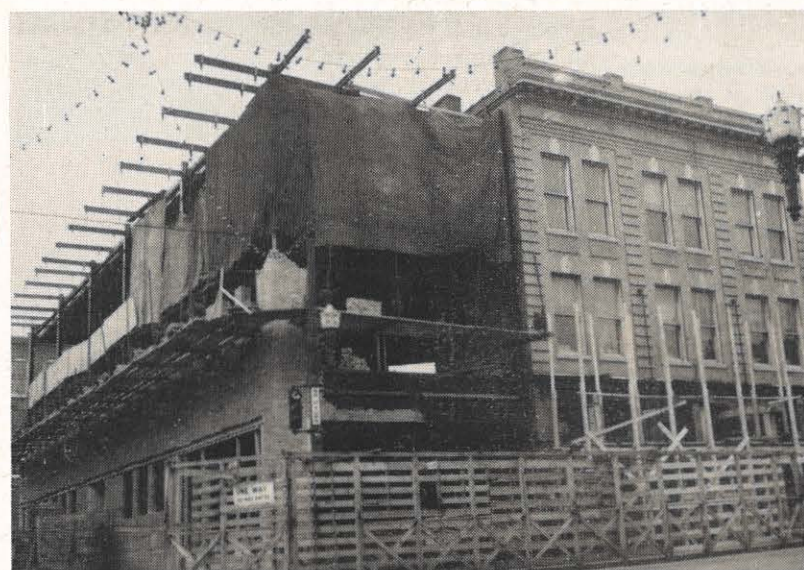


Mr. Wildman

L. A. Wildman, assistant Charleston division manager, was appointed to the Kanawha County Civilian Defense Board. He will serve as head of the consumer protection section of the program.

A 1909 graduate in mechanical engineering from Philadelphia's Drexel Institute, Mr. Ficklen had been with the Appalachian Electric Power Company 31 years before retirement.

Work On Lynchburg Office Progresses



The addition to the Lynchburg district office building is rapidly taking shape. The concrete for all three floors has been poured, the electric wiring and plumbing are well underway and the exterior brick work is about half complete. The new addition is scheduled for completion in the spring of 1951.

Tentative Date Set For Inspection As Abingdon Office Nears Completion



The new Abingdon district office building is virtually complete and tentative plans have been made for the opening.

The public opening of the new Appalachian headquarters in Abingdon is scheduled for January 27. An employee opening is tentatively set for January 26.

The new office building, aside from housing all district offices and departments, includes a 150-seat auditorium,

an electric demonstration kitchen, a commercial kitchen, lobby and cashier's cage and other facilities. These offices and departments have been located in two separate buildings.

In the rear of the new building, the meter and appliance service departments have been assigned shop space. A garage is also included in the district structure.

The new district headquarters will be heated by a heat pump.

Hurt Promoted To A. G. & E. Staff As Mundy, Dougan And Collins Advance In Personnel Positions

With the promotion of R. N. Hurt, Appalachian employee relations supervisor, to the personnel department staff of A. G. & E., J. A. Mundy, Lawrence G. Dougan and Howard J. Collins have been promoted.

Mr. Mundy, Lynchburg district personnel supervisor, was promoted to the position vacated by Mr. Hurt. Mr. Dougan, Logan district personnel supervisor, assumes Mr. Mundy's position. Mr. Collins, Logan plant office supervisor, succeeds Mr. Dougan.

Mr. Hurt becomes assistant to F. G. Lippert, director of personnel of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation in New York. A native Roanoker, Mr. Hurt was employed in the distribution department in 1937. He has been secretary to the Roanoke division manager, Roanoke district safety director and became employee relations supervisor in January, 1950,

after being promoted to the system personnel department in 1947.

An outstanding member of the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce, he is president of the Virginia



Mr. Hurt



Mr. Mundy



Mr. Dougan



Mr. Collins

Junior Chamber of Commerce and has served as director, vice president and president of the local chapter and as a national director.

A graduate of National Business College, Mr. Hurt is married and has one child.

J. A. Mundy, who succeeds Mr. Hurt, is a native of Lynchburg and an employee since 1937, when he started as a draftsman. He has been chief of a survey crew, distribution engineer, district safety director and district personnel supervisor.

A graduate of V. P. I., Mr. Mundy is a member of the Elks Club and second vice president of the Foreman's Club. He has been very active in the Community Chest and Red Cross for which he is an instructor.

(See Hurt, page 12)

Little Boy Saved From Drowning By Welch Serviceman

A five-year-old boy was saved from drowning by the cautious nature of Ralph Q. Cook, a Pineville service man in the Welch district who stopped a company truck when he saw some people crossing a foot log over a swollen stream.

Cook and Paul H. Stewart, meter reader, were driving along a backwoods road on December 9 in the Wolfe Pen section of Wyoming County where they were reading meters.

They stopped to watch a man carrying a baby across a foot log. Cook, afraid the man might slip and plunge into the swollen waters of Indian Creek, opened the truck door in case he might have to go to their aid.



Mr. Cook

Just as the man carrying the baby reached the end of the log, five-year-old Dallas Hall tried to balance his way across. The little boy tipped to one side, slipped and disappeared below the surface of the five-foot deep stream.

Cook was already running when the child fell. He jumped into icy water that surged around his shoulders. He pulled the child out before the force of the water had a chance to carry him downstream.

The drenched child had ceased to struggle when Cook pulled him to the bank but did not require artificial respiration because he was under water such a short time.

As it was bitter cold, Cook left the child with some neighbors and returned to Pineville to get some dry clothes. Although the service man did not know it at the time, the man carrying the baby across the stream had an artificial leg.

Cook also learned later that little Dallas Hall made a wish when he got back home. The boy wished that Santa Claus would bring the man who saved his life a new suit for Christmas.

Bluefield Employee Heads Pocahontas E. and M. Institute

Richard J. Wood, power sales engineer in the Bluefield district commercial department, was recently elected president of the Pocahontas Electrical and Mechanical Institute. This organization is composed of approximately four hundred members from the Pocahontas coal fields.



Mr. Wood, who resides in Bluefield, W. Va., started with the Appalachian in June, 1938, after having graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

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A Big Job Ahead In 1951

As we enter the New Year, we realize what a really big job we have to do in the twelve months just ahead.

The biggest problem we have facing us is combating the forces of communism and dictatorship at work throughout the world. We are being made to realize that these forces, even in our own country, have as their ultimate goal the destruction of our free American Way Of Life.

Our country, and we as citizens, face a big problem—and a big opportunity.

We can solve this problem by building a strong America in every direction—in our business life, in our personal life, in our religious life and in our military life.

Our opportunity lies in the chance we have to build an even better, more prosperous America out of today's problems. That can be done only if we work together in a spirit of true American harmony—no matter what our particular job may be.

Many of us are in disagreement with our politically minded leaders, who we may feel are largely responsible for the terrible mess in which we find ourselves. We need to remember, however, that we have these leaders and our costly mistakes, because the majority of the people, who took the trouble to express themselves, asked for them. That is the way our Democracy works.

Now we are in a national emergency, where our very survival may be at stake. This is a time when you and I, and every good American, must strive for national and local unity. The job is too big to be done any other way. We have no other choice.

New Year Resolutions

At this time of year, we need to again look backwards at the year just ended in order to better map our course for the New Year.

We can feel justly proud of the many contributions for community and company betterment employees have made during the past year. The pages of THE ILLUMINATOR have carried stories of these accomplishments—activities in local governments and civic organizations, participation in drives and campaigns for community chests, hospitals, Red Cross blood donations, work in youth programs and many other worthwhile affairs. These successful endeavors have been good for those who participated, as well as for our communities which were benefited because of our help.

It would not be correct for us to say, however, that we have all done our full share in assuming our responsibilities as citizens. In a few locations, where our record of accomplishment is less bright, some of us have failed in our fair share of support of community work.

This year, we might all place at the top of our resolutions the one to make sure we do not neglect to discharge our responsibilities as good citizens to our local communities. May we suggest this as your resolution for 1951?



QUESTION OF THE MONTH: What do you foresee for 1951?

FELIX E. FISHER, engineering department, Beckley:



From here I can see two possible courses of development for me in 1951. They are, (1) recall to the Army and (2) continuation of my present duties. The first situation is one that can be controlled only by volunteering. Since I choose not to volunteer, I will await a call that may come any time or may never come. The second course for '51 looks gloomy and dismal; that is living in a controlled economy. I believe that my outlook is typical of most Americans. I am selfish to the extent that I want those consumer items that are desirable for comfortable living. In order to expedite our defense effort and protect our economy, it is necessary to control prices, wages and consumption of many items in general demand.

In facing these facts, it may be necessary to shift temporarily from the job and the town we like to one where we can be of more benefit to our country. I look forward to the time when I can live without having these unpleasant possibilities apparent in the immediate future.

MAXINE MANNING, district engineering department, Roanoke:



Our America will probably not be a haven where skies are always blue in 1951. These prospective 12 months, from the decisions that have been made, are destined to be crucial.

Taking an optimistic viewpoint, however, I see no immediate danger of a third World War. We are not, by virtue of our American heritage, destined to become aggressors in future conflicts. Also, events of the postwar years have indicated that foreign powers seek to achieve their goals in the easiest and most economical ways. I feel, therefore, that these powers will continue to try to achieve their objectives by political aggression rather than armed warfare.

While a third World War is not foreseen in 1951, we must, nevertheless, be willing to accept less and do more to preserve this democracy of ours.

THOMAS R. MITCHELL, system accounting office, Roanoke:



During the closing days of 1950 it became apparent that peace could not be obtained except through force. Therefore, during this year we will find ourselves in total mobilization.

We will have all-out wage and price controls, ration of consumer goods, and higher taxes than those of the last war will be imposed due to our "pay as you go" policy.

There will be approximately five million under arms before the year ends, and to accomplish this, fewer deferments will be granted and it will be necessary to recruit large numbers of women for defense production.

We all should do our part without complaining and leave the "quarterbacking" to our industrialists, military men and statesmen to do what is best for our country.

BERTHA VECELLIO, stores department, Welch:



The cost of living will be higher even with price and wage controls in 1951. Taxes will be a good deal higher for individuals and corporations. We will still have a lot more, as a nation, than we had before World War II, and much more than our major European Allies have now. All out preparations to defend ourselves will cause us to experience many dislocations and inconveniences. Defense will be planned on the civilian as well as the military side. Our young men will be compelled to give a precious part of their best years to the armed services. The present crisis in Asia will lead to the rearmament of Western Europe and peace loving nations of the world will become united and mobilized against Communists.

JEANNE CRAWFORD, stenographer, Cabin Creek Plant:



Nine years ago, on December 7, 1941, we were brutally attacked by the Japanese at Pearl Harbor. We had been complacent and were suddenly shocked into the realization that mankind was not ready to live at peace with one another. Since our victory we have been searching for a peace formula. The United Nations has apparently had little success.

If not actually my prophecy it is at least my sincere hope that we will at long last find the right place to look. Last month we celebrated the birthday of Christ, who left us a recorded formula in the Bible for everlasting peace—let us pray that we, our statesmen and all peoples of other countries will read and observe that formula in 1951.

B. Q. SHARP, Byllesby hydro plant, Pulaski:



I foresee for 1951 a year of uncertainty and perhaps a great deal of unrest and dissension. The defense program will gain in momentum and many of us may be back in uniform. Some shortages will develop that may affect our comforts a little. Also we are most sure to have to pay more taxes, which is the least we can do for all the things we enjoy in this country.

I have no doubt but that we shall meet the challenge and, by 1952, be on a firm footing and at least know what our future goal is.

F. K. UMBERGER, Jr., accounting department, Kingsport:



There is a familiar line about every cloud having a silver lining which I think has a great deal of truth in it. A cloud is now over not only our country but all the countries of the world in the form of war and threats of war.

You might wonder how this cloud could have a silver lining. To my way of thinking, the fact that steps are being taken to suppress Communist aggression is the silver lining.

For the year 1951 this will probably mean higher taxes, wage control, price control, rationing, etc.

If all this will in any way suppress Communism, I am for it.

PAUL M. VANNOY, power sales engineer, Logan:



Next year promises another challenge to the ability, skill, and imagination of every person in the electrical industry.

The increased production schedule will result in demands for more electric power and better service.

We will meet this challenge. It will take our best efforts, but at a time like this we would not want to do less.

Twelve months from today, we will be able to look back on a year of amazing progress.

Our way of life is apparently going to be restricted in many ways. We would not be worthy of our heritage if we shirked our duty.

"I believe that if you think about disaster, you will get it. Brood about death and you hasten your demise. Think positively and masterfully, with confidence and faith, and life becomes more secure, more fraught with action, richer in achievement and experience."

—CAPTAIN EDDIE RICKENBACKER

"We need above all to learn again to believe in the possibility of nobility of spirit in ourselves."

—EUGENE O'NEILL

A Letter Of Appreciation

November 29, 1950

MR. JOHN V. MANN, Manager
Appalachian Electric Power Co.
Point Pleasant, West Virginia

DEAR MR. MANN:

I wish to take this means to thank you for the use of Power Company equipment and personnel you made available in the snow emergency, Sunday, November 26, 1950.

Carl H. Murray, Jr., your employee, plowed his way by jeep through snow drifts, some four or more feet deep, to open a path for the State Road Commission snow plow. After continuing this operation for some three to four miles, approximately fifty persons were rescued from their snowbound automobiles and farm houses. Food was carried by your equipment for these persons, some of whom had not eaten for hours.

I know that I speak for each of the persons who were marooned when I say THANK YOU.

Very truly yours,

TROOPER ROBERT C. DILLEY
West Virginia State Police
Point Pleasant, West Virginia

Williamson District Employees Cooperate To Reduce Hazardous Conditions By Field Observance Reports

Williamson district has 120 employees who are fast becoming known for their eagle eyes that spot any conditions which may lead to trouble in the district.

Since last April when the district initiated a "Field Observance Report," shown on the right, to locate existing and potential hazardous conditions, almost 700 reports have been turned in by the "inspectors."

O. P. Cornelison, district personnel-safety supervisor, and J. L. Richmond, district engineer, explain in *Operating Notes* of November 30 that the system was initiated to reduce hazardous conditions and minimize customers' complaints.



Mr. Richmond

With some 18,000 customers and 1,000 miles of line, district service men and line crews were limited in their observance. However, the district had 120 employees whose normal work or travel gave them a chance to see company property almost every day.

To train these employees, meetings were held at which non-technical explanation of what to look for was given to the "inspectors." The top part of the pictured report shows what the employee notes. When he turns in copies of the report, they are routed through the departments in order to promptly correct the existing trouble. A copy of the report is then returned to the employee who first observed the faulty condition.



Mr. Cornelison

A few of the conditions revealed include loose meters, trees in line, two houses on one meter, improper clearance over houses, broken lightning arresters, guys needed and low wires over highways.

A. C. Goebel Of Atlantic City Company Dies

Albert C. Goebel, secretary and treasurer of Atlantic City Electric Company, died suddenly on December 10, 1950, while playing golf.

A native of Baltimore, Mr. Goebel was employed as an office boy by the Atlantic City Electric Company shortly after his graduation from Atlantic City High School in 1909. He rose through the ranks of the company to the position of secretary and treasurer. He was a company auditor for several years and, in 1929, became general office manager. He was elected to the board of directors in 1947, and was named secretary and treasurer the latter part of 1948.

Mr. Goebel, who was widely known in the Southern Properties, was very active in civic affairs and held offices in several organizations.

Besides his wife, Mr. Goebels is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Grant Brewin, of Pleasantville, N. J.

Wife of Point Pleasant Employee Dies Recently

Sympathy is extended to Martin Cox, Point Pleasant district draftsman, on the death of his wife, Frances. She died November 27, a few hours after giving birth to a daughter who is reported in good condition. Mrs. Cox was a registered nurse and formerly employed at the Clinic.

FIELD OBSERVANCE REPORT

Date 11-16-50 Emergency Check

Property of: Maynard Roofing Co. (Occupant)

Served from Pole No. 966-54

Exact Location Mouth of Road Fork of Pond Cr.
RELATION TO TOWN, STORE, ETC.

Trouble Observed:
Customers filling in around building and service wires are about 5" off ground, service should be relocated.

Signed Jay Kuyper Dept. Eng. Dept.

COMPLETE ALL BLANKS

Action Taken:
Relocated service drops and extended service entrance

Corrected By A. H. King

Date 11-20-50 **Return To Origin**

As a result of the alertness of these men while making their rounds on their own jobs, these reported conditions and various other jobs have been handled by district troublemen without having to call out other employees on what could have been emergencies.

The value of these reports to the district is evident because not only were existing hazardous conditions corrected, but future troubles elimi-

Stowers Promoted To New Position



Tyler Stowers has been promoted from system stores supervisor to supervisor of purchasing and stores of Appalachian Electric Power Company and Kingsport Utilities.

In a letter announcing the promotion, effective January 1, M. C. Funk, vice president and general manager, said, "This change is being made in order to more fully coordinate the handling of purchases with the operation of our stores department."

J. A. Farr, purchasing agent, will continue in that capacity.

Mr. Stowers began his career in the utility business more than 35 years ago. He was first employed in Bluefield, where he worked 33 years before being transferred to Roanoke.

nated. The program depended upon the cooperation, interest and pride of the employees in the district. Therefore, it is a success.

Sporn . . .

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said. This program includes Sporn plant units 3 and 4; Tanners Creek units 1 and 2, all of 150,000 kw. each and the Kanawha River plant units 1 and 2 of 200,000 kw. each. Work on the last two units at Philip Sporn plant has been speeded to meet a schedule of June, 1951, for unit 3 and December, 1951, for unit 4. The construction schedule on the Tanners Creek plant in southern Indiana has also been accelerated with unit number 1 scheduled to go into operation in February, 1951, and unit number 2, in June, 1952.

Not scheduled for construction until 1953, the starting date of the new Kanawha River plant was moved up and construction is under way. The first unit at Kanawha is expected to go on the line in October, 1952, and the second in March, 1953.

Extra-High Voltage Transmission

"As the system increases its generating capacity and the size of the generating units, it becomes necessary to utilize higher transmission voltages to move the larger blocks of power from one part of the system to another," Mr. Sporn said. That is why American Gas and Electric system is now beginning to construct new transmission lines at voltages unheard of in this country up until now. The designs of these new lines are based on the result of several years of intensive research at the Brilliant, Ohio, experimental station. The voltage will be between 300,000 and 315,000 volts—by far the highest voltage in this country.

Starting early this spring, construction will begin on the first leg of the extra high voltage transmission line—to run a distance of 63 miles—from

Employees Are Officers In Civic Clubs



The seven Point Pleasant district employees pictured above believe in taking an active part in the civic life of their community. In fact, they are all officers of civic clubs.

Sitting from left to right are J. L. Twitty, meter superintendent, who is treasurer of the Kiwanis Club; J. V. Mann, district manager, who is on the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club, and J. D. Spiggle, residential and rural sales supervisor, who is treasurer of the Lions Club. Standing are M. C. Clark, district superintendent, vice president of the Kiwanis Club; P. H. Steenberg, Jr., electrical engineer, vice president of the Rotary Club; W. C. Gilmour, local office manager, Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Club, and C. D. Stalaker, Jr., distribution engineer, "Tail Twister" of the Lions Club.

the Philip Sporn plant, at Graham Station, W. Va., to the new Kanawha River plant, at Glasgow, W. Va.

Millionth Residential Customer

Mr. Sporn pointed out that sometime during the latter part of 1950 "the one millionth residential customer was expected to be served" by the American Gas and Electric system. At the end of 1949, the system was serving 950,977 residential customers, an increase of 50,000 for the year. It was estimated that at the end of 1950 the system would be serving 1,150,000 customers as compared to 1,087,000 at the end of 1949, including all types of customers.

Our president added, "Because of an expected critical condition in the supply of materials and manpower during 1951, it is not expected that growth in number of customers will be as great as in 1950. It should, nevertheless, be substantial, even at a fraction of 1950 growth."

The average annual consumption per residential customer during 1950 was 1,920 kilowatt-hours—an increase of 147 kilowatt-hours over the 1949 figure. Annual consumption in 1940 was 963 kilowatt-hours—half the 1950 figure.

"Even though fewer heavy energy consuming devices will be sold in 1951, it is expected that the figure of utilization will increase to well over 2,000 kilowatt-hours by the end of 1951," Mr. Sporn predicted.

Appliance Sales Rise

Up until the outbreak of the Korean War, the system was promoting electric ranges, water heaters and clothes dryers very aggressively. Our president said, "Largely as a result of this work, electric water heater sales will reach 42,200 units in 1950, compared to 28,282 in 1949. Electric range sales will top 63,000, considerably more than the 44,000 figure for 1949. The clothes dryer is a relatively new appliance which sold more than 5,000 units in 1950. Sales on the electric heat pump have begun to pick up, but the interruption to peacetime development and sales work and production schedules of manufacturers has retarded the development of the heat pump idea among residential customers."

Price Of Electricity Down

The cost of living index has risen from 168.5 in October, 1949, to 174.9 in October, 1950. Meanwhile, the price of electricity continues downward. Mr. Sporn pointed out, "On the American Gas and Electric system the price of electricity to our domestic customers has decreased from an average of 2.91 cents per kw. hr.

in October, 1949, to 2.81 cents per kw. hr. estimated in October, 1950."

Industry's Trend To Small Towns

The trend of industry to decentralize and to move to smaller towns is evident in American Gas and Electric's industrial development figures. Mr. Sporn pointed out that A. G. & E. is a small-town system serving over 2,100 communities, not one of which has more than 150,000 population, their average being close to 2,100. "Thirty-eight new industries moved into the American Gas and Electric system area during the first 10 months of 1950. It is expected that this trend will continue and that more industry will move into the area during 1951, as industrial capacity is expanded and dispersion is carried out," Mr. Sporn said.

Financing Program

The large construction program which American Gas and Electric is carrying forward will require major financing operations. In essence, however, they will not be much different from what the company has been doing during the current year.

During 1950, subsidiaries of the American Gas and Electric Company raised approximately \$70 million of new money. This included sales of \$25 million in first mortgage bonds by the Appalachian Electric Power Company and the sale of \$18 million in common stock to the parent company for a total of \$43 million.

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, another subsidiary, raised \$27 million by the sale of \$20 million first mortgage bonds and \$7 million of common stock to the parent company.

American Gas and Electric Company sold \$27 million in serial notes to redeem the balance of its outstanding preferred stock and to repay a portion of a serial bank loan.

The \$251 million construction program 1951-1953 will require the sale during the same period of approximately \$148 million of securities to the public; the balance of the funds will be obtained from internal sources.

Santa Treats Children At Williamson Party

The annual Christmas party for children of employees in the Williamson-Sprigg district was held for about 100 children in the company auditorium from 2 to 4 p. m. on December 16. The program included movies, games and stories.

Santa Claus presented each of the children a treat. The party was supervised by the K-Appa-Klub.

Four Veterans Get Service Pins



Shown above are employees who received pins for 20 years or more service during December. Left to right, top row: L. L. Koontz, system rural supervisor, Roanoke, 20 years; G. G. Brammer, system operating department, Roanoke, 30 years. Second row: C. J. Bryan, assistant general manager, Kingsport Utilities, 20 years, and C. J. Peery, substation operator in the Welch district, 25 years.

Cabin Creek Plant Employee Is Awarded 35-Year Service Pin



R. E. Williams, Cabin Creek Plant, received his 35-year service pin on December 4. Now shift supervisor at the plant, he has worked under seven chief engineers during his 35 years of service and helped build the Cabin Creek Plant.

He says that he has had only one minor accident during his employment and states that could have been avoided. He is married and lives in Chelyan.

About 200 Attend Williamson Party, Dinner And Dance

About 200 persons from the Williamson and Sprigg districts attended the annual Christmas party and dinner December 15, in the Williamson offices.

Employees and their guests filled the decorated auditorium and lobby. A candlelight dinner at which T. M. Watkins and C. A. Beatty received a gift from employees was followed by a talk by Lant R. Slaven, company legal counsel, who reviewed the history of the company in the Williamson district.

The dinner was prepared by the commercial department under the supervision of L. W. Robinette. The Women's Missionary Society of the Belfry Methodist Church served the food.

The group then adjourned for the evening's entertainment of dancing in the auditorium and games in the lobby. O. P. Cornelison was party chairman. Mrs. Bill Stepp won the door prize.

Henry Elmer Fudge, Welch District, Dies After Long Illness



Henry Elmer Fudge, veteran Welch district employee, died last month after suffering from leukemia for five years. An employee of the company for 30 years, Mr. Fudge was general substation foreman at Switchback for 21 years.

A resident of West Virginia for 27 years, he was a member of the Bramwell Lodge 45, A. F. & A. M., a member and past director of the McDowell County Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the American Red Cross in the Elkhorn district for many years.

A veteran of World War I, he was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, a son, two brothers, a sister and a half-sister.

Lynchburg Colored Employees Hold Christmas Dinner

Will Davis served as toastmaster at the annual Christmas dinner party for Lynchburg district's colored employees. The affair was held on December 16 at the Mecca.

In the drawing for door prizes George Grier won a ham, Levi Thornhill an electric clock, and James Pullen an electric iron.

Employees and their guests attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Thornhill, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. James Pullen, Mr. and Mrs. George Grier, Mr. and Mrs. Mammie Everett, and Will Davis and his sister, Lessie.

Bluefield And Princeton Christmas Parties Held

The annual Yule Party for Bluefield employees was held December 15, in the company auditorium.

B. D. Painter, division commercial manager, was master of ceremonies at the dinner served by male employees of the company. The Bluefield College octette sang carols and led the group in singing the old favorites. Santa Claus distributed gifts to the 200 guests. A similar party was held in Princeton.

Service Pin, Retirement Dinner Held For Charleston Employees At Airport



Pictured at the dinner held in their honor are Charleston district employees who received their service pins during the second half of 1950. They are dining at the Kanawha Airport.

A service pin, retirement dinner was held December 6, for all Charleston district employees who received their service pins during the second half of 1950.

S. T. Preston, district manager, was master of ceremonies and R. E. Hodges, division manager, delivered the after-dinner speech at the dinner held at the Kanawha Airport.

Sam Jordan was the only retired employee at the dinner. The former foreman in the substation department

retired July 1, 1950. E. S. Brown, senior electronics engineer, was awarded the senior service pin for the most service of those getting pins during the last half of the year. He has 35 years of service with the company.

In addition to the 35-year pin awarded to Mr. Brown, the following awards were made: two 25-year pins, three 20-year pins, four 15-year pins, two 10-year pins and 32 five-year pins.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Employee	From	To
Beckley District		
Robert W. Martin, Draftsman, Jr.		Engineering Assistant
Logan District		
Frank Stone, Jr.	Huntington District	Accounting Department
System Offices		
Mary H. Hall	System Accounting	Assistant Secretary's Office
Philip Sporn Plant		
R. W. Barton	Laborer	Helper-Maintenance
O. R. Cooke	Laborer	Helper-Maintenance
J. W. Walker	Helper	Instrument Man-Results
R. M. Cooke	Helper	Instrument Man-Results
G. B. Kratz	Auxiliary Equipment Operator	Assistant Unit Operator
C. D. Rice	Helper-Maintenance	Auxiliary Equipment Operator
C. K. Crow	Laborer	Auxiliary Equipment Operator
H. W. Christy	Assistant Unit Operator	Unit Operator
W. G. Baronick	Construction Department	Senior Clerk-Payroll
C. A. Athey	2nd Assistant Shift Operator	Engineer-Operation
J. W. Frey	Unit Operator	2nd Assistant Shift Operator Engineer



Kingsport Utilities

20 YEARS: Clarence J. Bryan, assistant general manager. 10 YEARS: J. E. Ford, meter department. 5 YEARS: Tipton Hatcher and H. L. Powers, distribution department.

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Beckley District

5 YEARS: Paul P. Hancock, E. L. Hutchinson and E. R. Cantley, transmission and distribution department.

Charleston District

5 YEARS: A. I. Bailey, W. L. Salmons, L. W. Price and M. D. Prowse, distribution department; Ida Maye Newkirk, managerial department.

Fieldale District

20 YEARS: W. G. Gourley, managerial department. 5 YEARS: Blondena S. Rorrer, distribution department.

Huntington District

35 YEARS: Neva R. Peck, stores department. 15 YEARS: P. C. Kelsey, transmission and distribution department. 10 YEARS: J. B. Browning and R. E. Preston, Kenova Plant. 5 YEARS: E. L. Bailey and Grace W. Vickers, commercial department.

Roanoke District

5 YEARS: J. E. Fitzgerald, transmission and distribution department; Beatrice S. McCraw and Mary W. Jacobs, local accounting department.

System Offices

30 YEARS: G. G. Brammer, system operation. 25 YEARS: C. L. Vest, system operation and Thelma D. Manning, system accounting. 20 YEARS: L. L. Koontz, system commercial. 10 YEARS: C. B. Dunn, system real estate and right of way and Martha M. Fitzgerald, system billing.

Welch District

30 YEARS: S. P. Bell, transmission and distribution department. 25 YEARS: Carl J. Perry, substation department. 10 YEARS: C. A. Farley and Cecil Crockett, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: Fred Adams and Webster W. Wilson, transmission and distribution department; Steve Dudash, substation department.

Philip Sporn Plant

10 YEARS: J. W. Frey, operation department.

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Pikeville District

5 YEARS: Willie Miller, Chandos Tackett and Ralph Damron.

Found

A pair of glasses was found at the children's Christmas party in Huntington. Will the owner please claim the glasses at the Huntington district personnel office?

His Ambition

"Dad, what was your ambition when you were a kid?"
"To wear long pants, son. And I've got my wish. If there's anybody in this country that wears his pants any longer than I do, I'd like to see him."

Three Employees Sell Tobacco Crops At Growing Abingdon Burley Market

The chant of the tobacco auctioneer is nothing new to three Appalachian employees in the Abingdon district who grow tobacco that is even now being auctioned off.

R. P. Miller of the transportation department and W. H. Callahan and W. V. Miller of the transmission and distribution department report that sales at the Abingdon market are brisk with this year's crop averaging about \$53 per hundredweight, about \$10 per hundredweight higher than last year.

From 1920 when the Abingdon burley tobacco market was started, the market has grown to a position of seventh largest market among the nation's 60 burley markets.

All leading tobacco companies have representatives at the market that opens in late November and closes in late January. Last year, 15,000,000 pounds of tobacco was sold at the market in the eight large warehouses located in the western part of town.



Buyers from the leading tobacco companies are pictured bidding on some of the fine burley tobacco on sale at the Abingdon market.

With so many farmers lining the highways with trucks laden with tobacco and more waiting to get into the warehouses, estimates place the amount of the section's main cash crop at a million pounds above last year's crop.

Retired Employee Enjoys Daily Strolls With His Dog, Timmy



Charles M. Newman, Charleston district employee who retired in 1945, believes that a man's dog is his best friend. Since retiring, he and Timmy, a white and brown fox terrier, take long walks together and are constant companions. In fact, the silver-haired Newman and Timmy are a familiar sight to many Huntington residents who are out early enough to see them taking their daily stroll.

Since his wife died in 1947, Mr. Newman has lived with his son in Huntington. He also has a married daughter living in Asheville, North Carolina.

Before retiring he was a district troubleman who later became a meter reader due to failing health.

C. E. Jones Gets Glen Lyn Plant Personnel Post



C. Edgar Jones has been employed as personnel supervisor of the Glen Lyn Plant.

Previously employed by the company from 1931 to 1946 in the Bluefield and Princeton

offices, he operated an appliance store in Princeton for the past five years.

Mr. Jones is chairman of the Red Cross Blood Bank committee for the Princeton chapter of the American Red Cross, a member of the Mercer County Board of Education, an officer in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a member of the Princeton Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Moose Lodge.

The father of two sons, ages 7 and 13, he and his family will move to Giles County at the end of the school term.

J. C. Hansbarger To Head Logan County Red Cross Chapter

Julian C. Hansbarger, Logan district manager, has been elected chairman of the Logan County chapter of the American Red Cross.



He served as chairman of the Initial Gifts Committee for the Community Chest campaign and is president of the Logan Community Concert Association.

Long active in public affairs, Mr. Hansbarger served as a member of the House of Delegates from McDowell County from 1939 to 1949. He has been employed by Appalachian since 1937.

Mr. Hansbarger was assistant district manager at Welch prior to becoming Logan district manager in 1950.

"Electricity—Public Or Private?"

Need Seen For Public Policy To Dispel Confusion

(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, it was pointed out that preferential contracts are one of the ways in which the government is increasing competition with the private utilities.

Federal power is sold first to so-called "preferential customers." The damaging effect of this situation on a private utility, the article stated, is three-fold: The existence of a large government project in the area makes it difficult for the private company to raise capital for expansion; the private company becomes dependent on external sources of power or running older equipment and available excess power for sale is largely in the hands of the government agency which sells it only on a short-term basis.)

"Exploitation for Private Profit"

Finally, there is the assertion that the energy of our rivers should not be "exploited for private profit." The President says "those benefits . . . must not be diverted for private profit."

This seems indeed strange doctrine to be preached to the American people, brought up as they are in the tradition of free enterprise and the right of every individual to strike out and make what money he can by putting his capital to work. This applies as much to whether he puts his money to work developing the great natural resources of our farms and mines as to whether he invests in transportation, manufacturing, or other forms of profit-seeking activity. Since when has the term "private profit" come to be invidious in this country? With statements in seeming disparagement of this essential characteristic of the free enterprise economy emanating from high places, it is not surprising that many people feel that, wittingly or unwittingly, our leaders are taking us down the road to socialism. To be sure, the position of the private power companies as quasi-monopolies puts them in a different category from the average manufacturing or trading concern subject to keen competition on its doorstep. Here, however, the public interest is protected by the various public regulatory bodies, which prescribe rates to be charged, types and amounts of securities to be issued, and the classes of service to be rendered.

Anyone who thinks these companies are in a position to "exploit" the people and build excessive profits knows little of the situation.

In all the controversy over electric rates there is a tendency to magnify the total cost of electricity in the consumer's budget. People forget that electricity costs less than prewar—one of the few things that does. In 1939, average annual residential usage was 897 Kwh. for which the consumer paid \$35.88 or 4c per Kwh. In 1949, average annual residential usage was 1,655 Kwh, and the bill was \$49.65 or 3c per Kwh. The fact is that American people are getting their electricity at a great bargain.

Need for a Public Power Policy

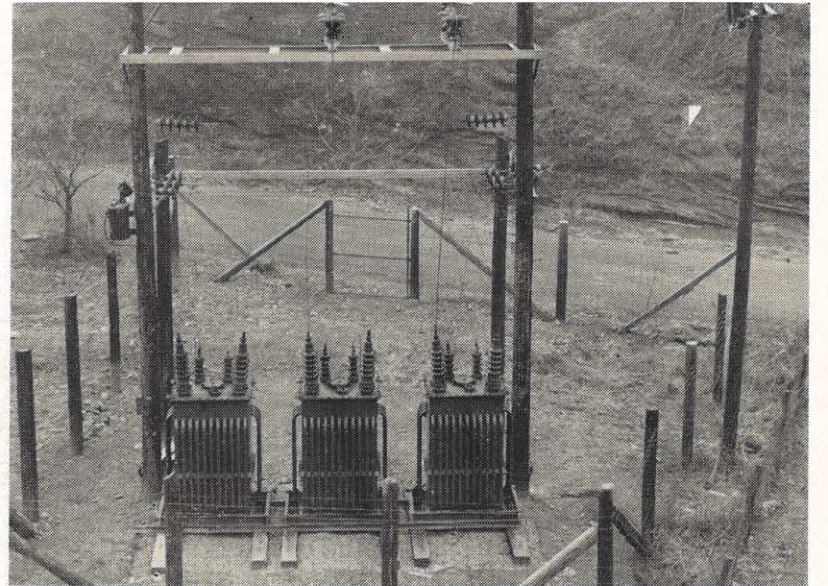
That there is need for a federal power policy that will dispel existing confusion and coordinate activities of the electric utility industry and public power agencies in some sound and workable way is clear.

A first step toward such a policy would be a better public understanding generally of the circumstances under which "private" utility companies operate to the end that references to "power trusts," "special interests," etc., would cease to be made and the entire subject brought under dispassionate review. An excellent statement of the facts appeared in the 1948 Annual Report of the Southern California Edison Company from which we quote:

"Your Company, under public regulation, is required to provide uniform and non-discriminatory public service to all who comply with public rules and regulations. Your Company is not as "private" in the sense of being free from public taxation, regulation and control as are similar properties which are financed directly from the public purse. About the only feature which is "private" about your business is that it is financed by the savings of private citizens and not from the public treasury. From that point on, the entire process of investing the funds, of generating, transmitting and distributing the electricity to the ultimate consumer, the rates and conditions of service, are prescribed by government agencies. Although maximum earnings of your Company are fixed by regulation, there is no guarantee of minimum earnings."

There probably are few people who believe that the Government should

Substation Erected In Five Days



This 44 kv substation which was recently put in service at Draffin, Ky., in the Pikeville district was erected in five days.

One day was used by foreman Ed Marrs' men to set the poles. Foreman Oscar Hamilton's men needed one day for framing the poles and struc-

ture. One day was used by the substation crew under the direction of Foreman M. C. Mutter to ground the station and Mr. Hamilton's and Mr. Mutter's men used another day for final adjustment and putting the station into service.

Neva Peck Has Completed 35 Years Service



Neva Peck, Huntington district stores department, on December 1, became the first woman in the Huntington Division to receive a 35-year service pin.

Miss Peck came to Huntington from Philippi to accept a position with the Consolidated Light, Heat and Power Company on December 1, 1915. She started as cashier in the little office building known as the Electric Shop that served about 3,000 light and power customers from the headquarters at 1043 Fourth Avenue.

Serving as head of the bookkeeping department from 1917 through 1927, she became a secretary in the executive offices in 1928 and was transferred to the stores department in 1942.

The daughter of a Methodist clergyman, Miss Peck is a member of Johnson Memorial Methodist Church and a member of the Philippi Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Although she has no particular hobby, she is a member of the survey team in the company bowling league. At present she is selling her house and moving to smaller quarters.

A. F. Horne, Welch, Elected Chairman Of Boy Scout District

A. F. Horne, Welch district manager, has been elected chairman of the Black Diamond district of the Boy Scouts of America.

The new chairman, long active in the Scout movement, has two sons who are Scouts. He has been in company employment since 1926.

Gifts Pour In For Two Families Who Lose Homes

Money, furniture, clothes and toys have been pouring in from Charleston district employees to the families of two employees whose homes were recently destroyed by fire.

The entire district was saddened to hear that the home of D. G. McCallister, lineman, was razed by fire while he was in the hospital. A gas explosion in the kitchen, on November 30, spread flames throughout the home but Mrs. McCallister and the eight children escaped injury. They were unable to save any of the family possessions.

The second fire destroyed the home of W. J. Burgess, substation maintenance man, while his two children were attending the Charleston district's children's Christmas party on Saturday, December 16. When the Burgess family returned, they found their home a charred ruin. Neighbors had tried to recover some furniture but the flames drove them out. The cause of the fire is not definitely known.

H. B. Cottrell's Son Seriously Wounded In Korean Action

Herbert Cottrell, son of H. B. Cottrell of the Cabin Creek Plant, is recovering in a Texas hospital from wounds received in action in Korea.



The material clerk's son was seriously injured when his jeep struck a land mine in Korea. Reports indicate he is recovering satisfactorily.

Service Club Girls Entertain Bluefield Kiwanians At Lunch

The Girls Service Club of Bluefield made a real hit with the Kiwanis Club at a recent Secretaries' Day Luncheon. Their skit, "Bosses' Time," was a "highlight in entertainment and one of the top programs of the year" according to the *Bluefield Kivonian*, a newspaper published by the club.

Employees taking part in the play included Mrs. Lois Rounion, Mrs. Joanne Yost, Mrs. Sybil Jones, Dorothy Boyd, Charlotte Bowling and Mrs. Anna Beverly. The harried boss was portrayed by P. E. Hilliard while Helen Sue Spangler acted as announcer and director.

Many Kiwanis Club members favored making the Secretaries' Day an annual affair because the first luncheon proved to be such a "bang-up success."

Dryer Demonstration Held At Cabin Creek



Lucky card holders at a recent clothes dryer demonstration for Cabin Creek Plant employees are shown with the electric grills they won. W. M. Cornett, plant personnel supervisor, is shown at the left after awarding the door prizes to Mrs. W. C. Searls, Harry R. Ballard and Mrs. R. C. Kirk in the gymnasium of Chelyan Junior High School.

Compton Gets Recognition In Operating Notes



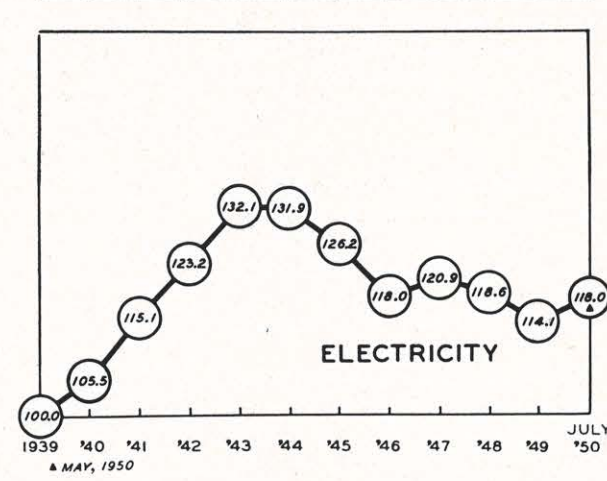
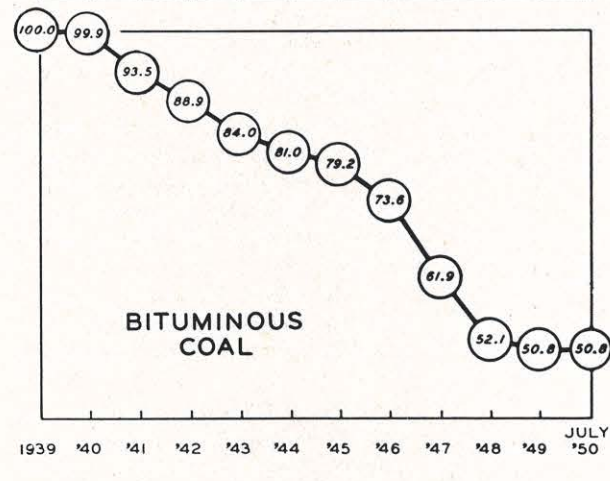
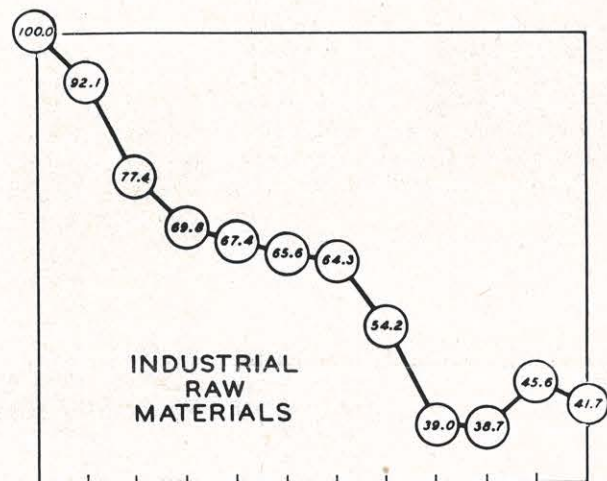
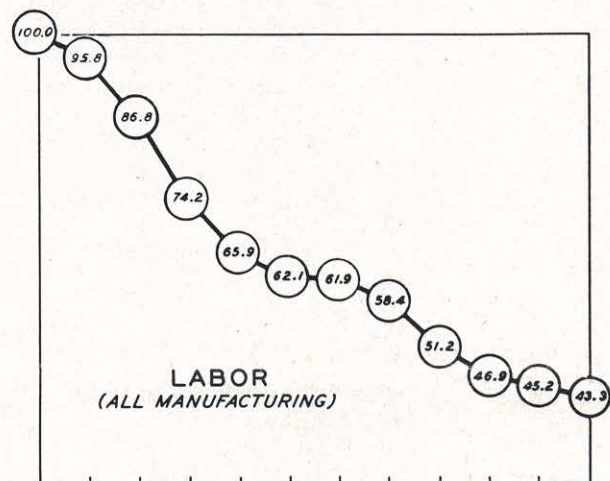
J. W. Compton, superintendent of distribution for the Bluefield division of Appalachian, received recognition in the November A. G. & E. Operating Notes.

Mr. Compton's article, "Mobile Radios Reduce Operating Expense, Improve Service," was based on his discussion at the Southeastern Electric Exchange which was held in Atlanta in September.

Mr. Compton explained how mobile FM radio had reduced operating expenses, improved service to customers and otherwise benefited the division.

Electricity Costs Down

Purchasing Value Of The Manufacturing Dollar Decreases In Most Aspects During Ten Years



During the past ten years we've all heard much about the purchasing power of our dollar. We all know that today it buys less than it did in 1939. Shown graphically above, in charts distributed by The Conference Board, is the story of the Manufacturing Dollar. The sources for this material were the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Moody's Investors Service and Engineering News Record.

Today industry is paying more for labor, raw materials and most of the other items which go into the cost of production. Purchasing power of the dollar spent for labor shrunk from 100 cents in 1939 to 43 cents in July, 1950. The industrial raw materials dollar dropped to 42 cents and the soft coal dollar shrunk to 51 cents. Only the dollar spent for electricity increased in purchasing power during the ten-year period.

C. V. Graham Named To A.G.&E. Board

Philip Sporn, president of the American Gas and Electric Company, has announced that Charles V. Graham, a senior partner of the legal firm of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett has been elected a director of the company.

Graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School, Mr. Graham has been connected with Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett since 1912. He's an authority on public utility law, has handled the legal work of some of the largest companies in the public utility industry and has been of general counsel for American Gas and Electric Company since 1919.

New Transmission Station To Be Built Near Roanoke

Plans for the construction of a new high voltage transmission station near Cloverdale in Botetourt County, Virginia, were recently announced.

The new Cloverdale Station is to be built on a 23-acre site near the junction of highways U. S. 11, and Route 220, and will have a capacity of 30,000 KVA. It will be supplied by two 132,000 volt transmission lines.

The proposed Cloverdale Station will provide an additional source of electricity for the rapidly developing area north of Roanoke and in Botetourt County.

Welch Kiwanians Elevate F. M. Cloyd To Club Presidency



F. M. Cloyd was elected president of the Welch Kiwanis Club in December. He will assume his new duties in January.

Elevated to the presidency of the club after serving as vice president for the past year, Mr. Cloyd is commercial manager of the Welch district. Active in civic affairs, he has served the company since May, 1928.

Typical Soldier's Letter

Civil War Letter Of Hawkins' Ancestor Advises Civilian How To Stay Alive

An atomic attack was undreamed of in 1861, but the great-grandfather of O. A. Hawkins of the system accounting office suggested a preparedness program against such a threat when he wrote to his wife from a Civil War battlefield.

James H. Nihiser, Confederate, wrote from Manassas Junction on July 24, 1861:

"Don't be dissatisfied with staying in the mountain(s) for I think you are in the safest place in the world."

He told his wife of bullets "falling like hail" and men dropping "like corn stalks" while he believed that he would get killed if his outfit again went into action.

The philosophy of war repeats itself in the letter so typical of service letters written by many men in many different wars. Concern about an expected furlough, worry about folks

at home, intent to send money as soon as paid and expressions of love to his children, his mother and his wife make the letter sound as though it were written by a serviceman of today.

His reference to "going to send you a nice chart that I took from the Yankees" also shows that souvenir hunting is an ever-present product of war.

Perhaps the most typical reaction of a serviceman in any war is found in his deep-felt appreciation of his home life after experiencing the horrors and desolation of war. As Nihiser phrased it after that bloody Manassas battle:

"Home will be sweeter to me than ever it was before."

Mr. Hawkins says his great-grandfather survived the war and returned to his home where he died in a short time.

W. B. Jones Elected Secretary Of Shrine In Kingsport

W. B. Jones, dealer sales representative with Kingsport Utilities, was elected secretary of the Kingsport Shrine Club at the December meeting of the club.



The new secretary has been employed by the company since 1934.

One of the outstanding phases of the Kingsport Shrine Club's activities is their work in the rehabilitation of crippled children. Monthly trips are made to the Shrine Hospital in Greenville, S. C., where about 100 children from the Kingsport area receive surgical and hospital care each year through the financial aid of the Kingsport club.

Ashland Credit Union Stockholders To Meet

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Ashland Power Company Credit Union will be held at 7:30 p. m. on January 18, in the company auditorium.

A credit committee, supervisory committee and two new members of the Board of Directors will be elected at this business meeting which every stockholder is requested to attend.

Williamson K-Appa-Klub Holds Christmas Party

The K-Appa-Klub of Williamson held a Christmas party at Stiffler's Restaurant on December 8. After the dinner, gifts revealing K-Appa-Kates for the past year were distributed by "Santa Claus."

Mrs. Florence Murphy, new president, was presented a comical hat by Jeanette Murphy, outgoing president. Christmas carols and games concluded the party.

Almost 500 Persons Attend Ashland Yule Party In Guard Armory

Almost 190 employees and their families attended the Ashland district Christmas party held December 15 in the National Guard Armory.

The 500 persons attending the party were treated to a professional show featuring a magician, a unicycle act, a roller skating act and various acts featuring trained animals.

Santa Claus distributed presents to almost 200 children after the show. The refreshments included candy, popcorn, soft drinks, sandwiches and coffee.

Johnny Olivero and his orchestra furnished the music for the dance.

Twelve New Commandments

We're not trying to improve the original ten, but we do feel that there are twelve commandments we in business should remember. They are:

1. Be alert.
2. Be loyal.
3. Be neat.
4. Be dependable.
5. Be cheerful.
6. Be enthusiastic.
7. Give efficient service.
8. Be courteous.
9. Have poise.
10. Cooperate.
11. Cultivate a pleasing personality.
12. Be tactful.

—From *The Office Economist*

Logan District's History Is Linked With Coal Industry

Atkinson-White Light Company Furnished First Electric Service

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles on the history and development of the districts of the three companies.)

Where Aracoma, an Indian princess, lived, the employees of the Logan district of Appalachian Electric Power Company live and work today. The area amid the rugged mountains of southern West Virginia composes the Logan district, which includes all of Logan County and parts of Boone, Mingo, Wyoming, Wayne and McDowell counties. Rich in coal deposits, this area is also wealthy in historical happenings.

Aracoma Came In 1765

Turning back the pages of time to 1765, we find that Aracoma, beautiful daughter of Shawnee Indian Chief Cornstalk, and her white husband, Boling Baker, settled a tribe on a small island in the Guyandotte River near what today is the business district of the City of Logan, where the district's offices are located. Bad days fell on the tribe—first in a scourge of illness and later in 1780 when the tribe was wiped out in a battle with a troop led by Gen. William Madison. Aracoma died in the battle and at her request was buried at what today is Logan.

The first permanent settlement in Logan County of which there is any record was made by William Dingess in 1799, on a 300-acre tract which covers the present site of Logan.

Logan County was created from parts of Giles, Cabell, Tazewell and Kanawha counties in 1823 and was named for a son of Chief Wingohocking of the Cayugas, who was called Logan. The first name given to the village which was steadily growing near the "Islands of the Guyandotte" was Lawnsville. Later, in 1852, at the behest of Dr. Thomas Dunn English, first mayor of the town, the name was changed to Aracoma, in honor of the Indian Princess. It was known by this name until 1907 when it was incorporated as Logan.

Coal Is Major Industry

Coal mining is the predominating industry in the counties of Appalachian's Logan district. Just who first discovered coal deposits in the area is not known. However, it is thought that Dr. English was one of the first to make known the fuel deposits underneath the soil of what today is Logan County.

Transportation difficulties made the

development of the coal industry slow in the beginning. The Guyandotte Valley Railway Company's first train came into Logan on September 9, 1904. In that year the Gay Coal and Coke Company shipped 500 tons of coal, the only tonnage shipped in 1904.

The Logan district of Appalachian had its beginnings in 1904. George W. Atkinson formed the Atkinson-White Light Company and began furnishing electricity. Another company was organized in 1911 by S. B. Robertson and Naaman Jackson and was called the Logan Electric Company. In Logan, as elsewhere, elec-



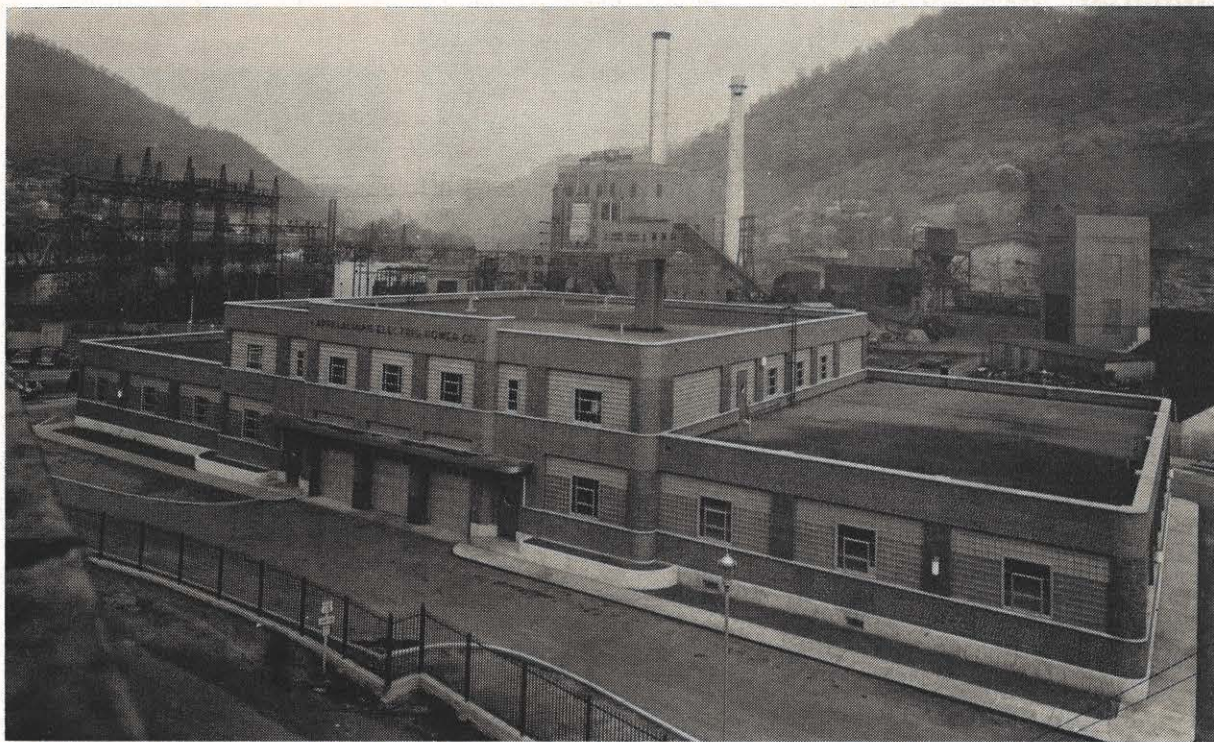
tricity was first sold for lighting only. The rate in Logan was originally 50c per month for each 16 candle-power lamp burning from sundown until 10 p. m. After meters were adopted a rate of 10c per kwh was established.

First Electric Plant

The first plant of the Atkinson-White Light Company was located in the old ice plant next to where the Logan Hardware and Supply Company is located. The electricity sold by the Logan Electric Company was purchased from the Aracoma Coal Company and was generated by it at a plant close to the Aracoma tippie.

Both of these companies operated in Logan with duplication of lines on the principal streets until 1913, when Godfrey M. S. Tait consolidated the two systems and prepared to enlarge the facilities to take care of the power business he saw coming in the coal fields. A year later the Logan Electric Company was sold to the Logan County Light and Power Company which had just been incorporated with an authorized capital of \$1,500,000 to build a plant and transmission line to supply the coal field.

Construction of the original plant



Located just on the edge of Logan is Appalachian's service building and the steam plant

of 8,000 kilowatts capacity began in January, 1915. It was expected that the 8,000 kilowatt plant would take care of any conceivable demand that might be made. However, the immediate acceptance of the service by coal operators caused the company to install a third 4,000 kw. unit.



Earliest available records show that, in 1916, the plant had an output of 8,628,400 kilowatts with a peak of 3,900 kw. There were 465 meters in service at that time.

By 1919, when the Logan County Light and Power Company became a unit of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, there were 1,080 meters in service.

Arthur J. Darrah, retired vice president of Appalachian, went to Logan in 1919 as manager of the company. It was a time of unrest in the Logan coal fields and newcomers were met at the trains and required to state their business and prove their identity. Coal production had jumped from 500 tons in 1904 to almost 10,000,000 tons in 1919.

In spite of the troubled times in the area, coal production continued on the increase and the demand for electricity grew by leaps and bounds.

In 1921 construction was begun on

an addition of 15,000 kilowatts of capacity to the generating plant. This turbine had scarcely been placed in operation when the load increase justified a second 15,000 kw. turbine. By 1922 the plant output was 68,365,985 kilowatts and there were 1,712 meters in service in what today is the Logan district.

In 1922 the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company became a part of the American Gas and Electric System.

Construction Difficulties

At the end of 1919 there was not a foot of road in Logan County that was surfaced except 1½ miles of street in the City of Logan. At this time the Logan district distribution system consisted of 84½ miles of 44,000-volt line. Substation facilities were very limited and at the Logan plant the entire transformer capacity consisted of two 5,250 kw. transformer banks. There were only two circuits extending from the plant to the consumers located in the different parts of the field.

During 1920 an 88,000-volt line was built between the Logan and Sprigg plants. All traveling in connection with the line was done on horseback and all of the material was transported by ox teams, which were hitched to wooden sleds and used creek beds for roads. At one point of the line it was only three miles to the railroad, but it was necessary to drag the construction material for this particular section of the line 17 miles.

Repairing breakdowns at substations or on lines was extremely difficult in these early days. At times it was necessary to charter special trains from the railroads. A good illustration of some of these difficulties occurred when two large transformers burned out at the Omar substation. It was necessary to charter a special train consisting of an engine, caboose, box car, flat car and railroad wrecking crane. This train, along with the line crew, several mules and necessary equipment was in service constantly for three nights and three days.

Old-timers among the employees such as R. E. Blankenbeckler, who was employed in May, 1918, S. D. Brinegar, who has been employed at the Logan plant since 1918 and Frank Drenner, who came with the company in 1921, recall vividly many of the trials and tribulations of those early days.

Extension Of Service

Prior to 1920 the Logan district's lines extended from Logan to Whiteman, over Blair Mountain to Valco; to Craneco; to Omar and Mallory. Since then service has been extended to Madison and Danville in Boone County and much of the rural area in

(See Logan, page 8)



Shown in the Hatfield Cemetery about 13 miles from Logan is the grave of "Devil Anse" Hatfield, one of the leaders in the bitter Hatfield-McCoy feud which occurred in Logan and Mingo Counties and Pike County, Kentucky, area. A statue of "Devil Anse" stands in the cemetery. The statue was made in Italy and imported at a cost of \$3,000.



Lower Stratton Street, one of the principal business streets in Logan, looking southeast from Dingess Street



This photograph, made in 1932, shows some of the employees at Logan at that time. Left to right they are: G. S. Nease, now pay-roll supervisor in Huntington; Gay Hinchman, now Mrs. W. E. Gardner of Logan; S. G. Hoensch, retired chief clerk, now living in Cincinnati; M. R. Atkinson, now administrative assistant in Logan District; H. D. Stillman, now Huntington division manager, and Jake Bromfield, who now operates a business of his own in Huntington.

Edna King, Daughter Of System Employee, Honored At College

Edna Lee King, daughter of Earl King of the system plant record and appraisal department, has been chosen one of the 18 Madison College students to be recognized in the 1950 edition of *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges*.

A graduate of William Fleming High School of Roanoke, Miss King is president of the Madison College chapter of Pi Omega Pi, a national honorary business fraternity. She is also a member of Kappa Delta Pi and is or has been a member of the Business Club, Modern Dance and Stratford Dramatic Clubs, and the Wesley cabinet and council. Serving as chief typist, she was also sports editor for one of the school's publications.

Another honor recently bestowed upon Miss King was that of being chosen "most likely to succeed" by the graduating class of 1951.

Logan . . .

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that county; to Big Creek and over to Iaeger in McDowell County.

Local offices are maintained at Man in Logan County and Madison in Boone County.

Madison is the county seat of Boone County which was formed in 1847 from parts of Kanawha, Cabell and Logan counties and named for Daniel Boone, whose home was in the great Kanawha Valley from 1789 to 1795.

Today, the Logan district of Appalachian serves one of the richest coal-field areas in the nation. The coal fields of Logan district have a tonnage rating of 139,000 tons a day based on the number of railroad cars to be furnished daily. In Boone County, alone, there are still an estimated 107,000,000 tons of coal to be mined, making it the county with the most coal reserves in West Virginia. Coal operations have progressed a long way since the 500-ton production of 1904.

Along with this development of the coal industry, Appalachian and the predecessor companies have continually expanded electric service.

Manager Julian Hansbarger, the 120 district employees and the 111 employees at the Logan plant provide electric service to more than 21,000 customers in the district today. The district's distribution network of 905 miles of line extends through these principal communities: Holden, Man, Sharples, Gilbert, Mallory, Danville, Chapmansville and many other mining communities.

The Logan district today serves 120 mine accounts, among which is the Island Creek Coal Company, the largest coal customer receiving service at one metering point on the Appalachian system.

The Logan district of today is far advanced from what those early pioneers who installed an initial 8,000 kilowatt plant to produce electricity for the area ever dreamed it would be. The plant now has a capacity of 87,000 kw.

The city of Logan, located almost equidistant from Charleston and Huntington, is one of the most industrious and progressive towns in the coal fields of West Virginia. Aracoma and her Indians little realized that when they settled on the island in the Guyandotte River that some day a city would spring up there and be the center of a rich coal-producing area.

Armed Forces Call Sixteen Employees To Active Duty During Past Month

Although fewer employees were called to the armed services than in previous months, 16 men from the three companies of the Southern Properties reported for active duty in December.

In the Charleston district Sam Dunn and Ben Thomas were called to military service. Dunn, Nitro line-man, reported to Norfolk, on December 4, for service with the Navy while Thomas, area representative at Nitro, left for duty with the Sea Bees.

Four men from the Logan Plant have entered the service. Jerry L. Persinger, electrical maintenance man, entered the Navy; C. H. Meadows, laborer, and W. J. Deskins, utility operator, entered the Air Force and J. R. Chapman, utility operator, entered the Army.

The Abingdon district sent two men to Army service last month. Thomas Russell Fleenor, distribution department, and Stoney W. Jackson, meter department, were inducted December 7, at Bristol. Fleenor has been employed by the company for two years while Jackson has been in company employment since March 16, 1950.

Robert Lee Trent, John M. Stubblefield and James Lethgo have entered the service from the Hazard district. Trent, a clerk with two years' service with the company, entered Camp Campbell, Kentucky, for training with the tank corps. He was a tank commander while serving for 17 months in the Army in World War II. Stubblefield, groundman with 11 months' service with the company, entered the Air Corps and is stationed at San Antonio, Texas. James Lethgo, a laborer in the transmission and distribution department with nine months' service with the company, is stationed at Fort Knox with the infantry.

Two men from Philip Sporn Plant have been called to active duty. Clyde T. Clark, coal handler, is stationed at Fort Knox in the Army while Russell A. Fields, unit operator, was recalled to service with the Navy and is stationed at the Naval hospital at Portsmouth, Virginia.

William David Crews, clerk in the Lynchburg district distribution and records department, entered the Navy on December 18, after two years and nine months of service with the company.

Roscoe C. Compton, clerk in the Ashland district commercial department, was recalled, December 1, to active service with the Navy. He came to work for the company in March of

Blacksmith Work Is Keeping W. E. Bostic Busy Since Retiring

W. E. Bostic, retired Charleston district employee, is kept busy doing blacksmith work for people who know the quality of the work produced by the retired maintenance helper.

Retired in 1945 after 31 years of service with the company, he and his wife live with their son, Edward, in Charleston.

Mr. Bostic also enjoys hunting and fishing but finds plenty of time to take his young grandson on walks and to the movies.



Shown above are some of the employees who reported for active duty in the military service last month. Top row, left to right: Stoney W. Jackson, Abingdon, and W. D. Crews, Lynchburg. Second row: James Lethgo, Hazard and Clyde T. Clark, Sporn Plant. Third row: Robert L. Trent, Hazard and R. L. Franklin, Welch. Fourth row: Roscoe C. Compton, Ashland, and Thomas R. Fleenor, Abingdon. Fifth row: John W. Stubblefield, Hazard.

1949, after serving 23 months in the Navy in the last war.

Roy L. Franklin, Welch district engineering department, reported to Fort Knox for active duty. Now a Lieutenant, Franklin served two years in the Pacific theatre before attending West Virginia University where he was commissioned in January of 1950, when he graduated.

Two Employees Are Credited With Saving New Home From Fire

Two Huntington district employees, Opie Jackson and William Sarsfield, saved a new home from complete destruction by fire because of their fast thinking and action.

While working a routine meter relocation, Jackson and Sarsfield noticed smoke coming from a nearby house. They managed to enter the unoccupied house by crawling through a window.

They discovered the floor about the furnace was burning. The two men carried water and extinguished the blaze. Then one stayed in the house while the other found the property owner.

The house was being used to store a large amount of new lumber and other construction materials.

Yule Party Held For Employees Of Abingdon District

Christmas parties for Abingdon district employees, their guests and children were held throughout the days preceding Christmas.

Almost 250 persons attended the big Abingdon district Christmas party on the evening of December 15 in the new office building which was attractively decorated. A buffet supper of turkey, ham, potato salad, slaw, rolls, coffee and cake was served.

Entertainment at the adult party included bingo, bridge, checkers, canasta and dancing. Prizes were awarded for bingo and dancing.

Christmas parties for employees' children were held by sections. Abingdon children had their party on Friday afternoon, December 15, with parties in Scott County, December 19, Russell County, December 20, and Dickenson County, December 21.

Two Businesses Served By Appalachian Merit Feature For Interiors

Two businesses in Appalachian's territory were featured in the December issue of *Today's Business* for outstanding use of lighting in interior decoration.

A picture of Estee's Ladies Shop in Bluefield is accompanied by a testimonial by proprietor S. J. Tucker who credits modernization with increased business. James C. Smith, Jr., power sales engineer in the Bluefield district, is mentioned for working closely with Architect Alex Mahood, of Bluefield, in planning the illumination and the air conditioning.

The recently remodeled interior of the Colonial-American Bank in Roanoke is pictured in the center fold of the magazine. The firm of Smithey and Boynton acted as architects for designing the new interior. J. W. French, power sales engineer in the Roanoke district, assisted in making arrangements for the lighting and the 50 ton air conditioning unit.

John Wesley Helton Bluefield Foreman Dies At His Home



John Wesley Helton, 47, Bluefield district line foreman, died at his home December 20, after a sudden heart attack. He had been in apparent good health until the time of his death.

Mr. Helton, widely known in the Bluefield area, served more than 17 years with Appalachian as foreman, working in maintenance and new construction. He was very active in employees' affairs.

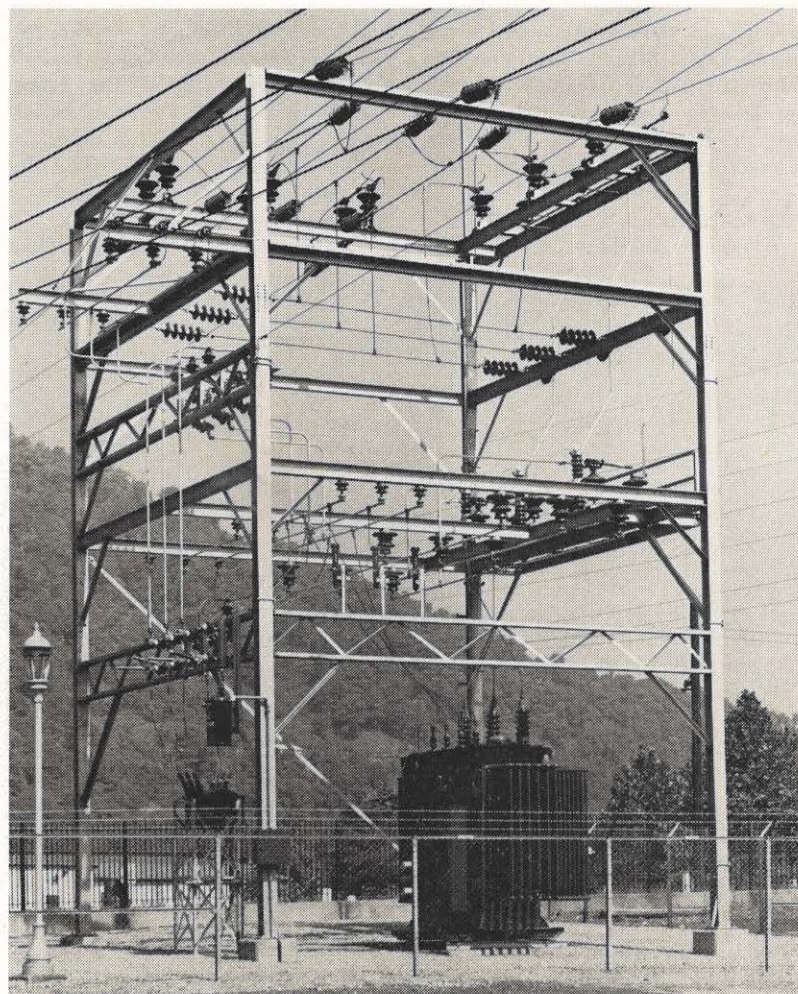
Mr. Helton was born in 1902 at Elk Garden, Virginia. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Helton; his wife, Mrs. Gladys Bourne Helton; a daughter, Harriet; two sons, Robert, now in the Marines stationed at Paris Island, S. C., and John an AEP employee in the Bluefield transmission department, and two brothers.

Power Makers' Club Has Christmas Dance

The Power Makers' Club of Cabin Creek Plant held a Christmas dance in Charleston at the Sons of Italy Club.

Club members and their guests danced to the music of Bill Garten's orchestra.

New Logan District Substation



Shown above is a new 44,000-volt substation which was recently put in service in the Logan district. This station serves customers in the Holden, Whitman's Creek, Mud Fork and Monaville areas in the central part of Logan County.

Recent Nuptial Services Unite Couples



Recent bridal couples pictured above from left to right in the top row are: Mr. and Mrs. William Enrico of Huntington, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Locke of Huntington and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Jones of Charleston. The four brides pictured in the second row are: Mrs. M. C. Simpson, Jr., of Kingsport, Mrs. Marion P. Paitsel of Roanoke, Mrs. James C. Hicks of Roanoke and Mrs. Robert Sheffey, Jr., of Abingdon.

Nichols-Hicks

Miss Lorene Gibbs Nichols and James Callen Hicks were united in marriage on December 8, at the parsonage of the Villa Heights Baptist Church, in Roanoke.

Mrs. Hicks is an employee of the executive department at Roanoke.

Smith-Locke

Miss Doris Lee Smith and William T. Locke were married on November 22, at the Twentieth Street Baptist Church, Huntington.

Mrs. Locke is employed in the accounting department and Mr. Locke is employed in the meter department at Huntington.

Walker-Chaney

At the Madison Methodist Church parsonage, on November 23, Miss Lanna Walker and James R. Chaney were married.

Mrs. Chaney is a cashier-clerk in the Madison office.

Phillips-Kern

On December 4, Miss Lucille Phillips and J. L. Kern were wed in Covington, Va.

Mr. Kern is employed in the results department at Cabin Creek.

Plants-Deem

Miss Elizabeth Anne Plants was married to Howard Deem on November 23, at the parsonage of the Madison Baptist Church.

Mrs. Deem is a home economist at Madison.

Adams-Jones

Miss Phyllis Adams and Robert L. Jones were married on November 22 at the St. Mark's Methodist Church, Charleston.

Mr. Jones is an employee in the Charleston distribution department.

Maxey-Paitsel

Miss Elnora Maxey and Marion P. Paitsel were married on November 22, at the Melrose Christian Church in Roanoke.

Mr. Paitsel is employed in the system real estate and right-of-way department.

Hodge-Curry

Miss Lou Ann Hodge and Billy Eugene Curry were united in marriage on November 13, in Logan.

Mrs. Curry is the daughter of Forrest H. Hodge, who is employed at the Logan plant.

Steuber-Lease

In Greenup, Ky., on November 21, Miss Agnes N. Steuber was married to Richard S. Lease.

Mr. Lease is an employee of the operating department at Philip Sporn Plant.

Burdett-Kehm

In a double ring ceremony performed at the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church on November 22, Miss Barbara A. Burdett and Walter C. Kehm were wed.

Mrs. Kehm was formerly employed as secretary to the plant manager at the Philip Sporn Plant.

Steak Dinner, Dancing Features Of Kingsport Utilities' Yule Party

The Christmas party for the employees of Kingsport Utilities and their guests was held in the company auditorium on December 15. A steak dinner was followed by square dancing.

C. J. Bryan introduced the guests and J. E. Wright gave a short speech and presented service pins.

Professional entertainers presented a comedy show before the dancing which lasted until midnight.

An Employee's Wife

Mrs. Hassell Hale Believes Safety Program Means Much To The Family



Mrs. Hassell A. Hale, wife of Roanoke Substation Maintenance Man Hale, says, "My friends ask me if I don't worry, knowing my husband is doing hazardous work. Of course, I worry as every wife does, but I am proud to know that the company has a fine safety program, supplies the employees with the best equipment available, and advises them in the best possible way to use the equipment."

"I feel the safety program means as much to an employee's family as to the worker himself. It personally makes me feel more secure toward the future for myself and my family."

Lyons-Enrico

The St. Joseph Catholic Church, in Huntington, was the scene of the wedding of Miss Mary Ann Lyons and William Enrico, on November 18.

Mrs. Enrico is employed in the system billing office and Mr. Enrico in the meter department at Huntington.

Lucas-Kovich

The wedding of Miss Virginia Lucas and Joe A. Kovich was performed on December 1, at the First Presbyterian Church, Logan.

Mr. Kovich is employed in the Logan transmission and distribution department.

Edwards-Sheffey

Miss Patricia Ann Edwards became the bride of Robert Sheffey, Jr., on November 23, at the Bland Street Methodist Church in Bluefield.

Mrs. Sheffey is a former employee in the Bluefield office and Mr. Sheffey is an engineer in the Abingdon office.

Huffaker-Simpson

Miss Sarah Huffaker and M. C. Simpson, Jr., were united in marriage, on December 9, at the Broad Street Methodist Church in Kingsport.

Mr. Simpson is commercial supervisor for Kingsport Utilities.

O'Connor-Jones

Miss Patricia O'Connor became the bride of Ernest Lewis Jones on November 18, at the Sacred Heart Church, in Charleston.

Mrs. Jones is a home economist at Charleston.

Feminine Fancies

Two Recent Brides Honored By Bluefield Girls' Service Club

Mrs. Robert Sheffey, Jr., and Mrs. Robert Baker were honored at a recent tea given by the Bluefield Girls' Service Club. The recent brides were presented corsages at the tea in the company auditorium.

Guests were greeted by Helen Sue Spangler, president, Betty Litz, secretary, and Mrs. Lois Runion, treasurer. Refreshments were served after the honorees cut identical cakes.

Piano music was furnished by Mrs. Eugene Jones. Zelda Alderson presided at the coffee service while Mrs. Donald Kersey was assisted in the hospitalities by Elsa Carter, Jeannette Brown, Kathryn Milam and Mrs. Callie Jones.

Why You Should Eat Breakfast Every Morning

Skipping out of the house without breakfast is easy enough, but did you ever stop to think that it's a pretty lop sided way of doing things?

Look at it this way. You're probably ahead 10 or 12 minutes on your sleeping time. You are undoubtedly getting to work on time. But as the hours pass, you hit a mid-morning slump. You're not only hungry, but you're not as quick on the draw. Also, you aren't able to turn out as much work. We know from recent scientific studies that if you take the time to eat a good breakfast, you'll do better during the morning. And you'll feel better, too.

For most people a good breakfast is one that gives you about 1/4 to 1/3 of the food you need to eat every day. Here's a pattern for a basic breakfast that gives you about 1/4 to 1/3 of the day's needs for most people. This is a breakfast of fruit, cereal, milk, bread and butter. This list of foods can serve as a pattern for the morning meal; if your daily work involves heavy physical labor, you'll want to increase the portions of these foods, or add foods such as eggs, breakfast meats, waffles, or pancakes to this suggested list.

Most people can eat this basic breakfast in about 12 minutes; if you are fixing your own breakfast, you can do it in the time it takes to make coffee. That's a small part of the morning when you consider the advantages of eating a good breakfast. If giving up the few extra winks of sleep in the morning seems difficult, try getting to bed that much earlier.

New Arrivals . . .

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—James Bruce, son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Harrel, was born on December 12. Mr. Harrel is the supervisor of operation.

HAZARD—A son, John, was born on November 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Watkins.

LYNCHBURG—Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Morris a son, Thomas Moore, on December 12. Mr. Morris is employed as a meter reader.

GLEN LYN—Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Buckland are the parents of a son, Donald Eugene.

HAZARD—James Burt Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, was born on November 23.

ABINGDON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leonard a daughter, Bonnie Rose, recently. Mr. Leonard is a serviceman at Damascus.

GLEN LYN—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ratliff recently. Mr. Ratliff is employed in the plant laboratory.

LYNCHBURG—Mr. and Mrs. G. Carter Wheeler are the parents of a son, Joseph Carter, born on December 2. Mr. Wheeler is employed as a junior distribution engineer.

HAZARD—A daughter, Twilla Dawn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Combs recently.

ROANOKE—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spiers are the parents of a son, Stephen Martin, born December 11. Mrs. Spiers is a former employee of the system accounting office.

KINGSPORT—Mr. and Mrs. John Faust are the parents of a son, John Edward, Jr., born on December 18. Mr. Faust is employed in the Commercial Department.

PIKEVILLE—To Mr. and Mrs. Allen Blackburn, a baby girl, on December 3, 1950. Mr. Blackburn is employed as an auto mechanic.

They're Engaged

ASHLAND—Miss Anne York to Richard Caniff. Miss York is an employee in the purchasing department.

A New Recipe For One-Bowl Brownies



Appetizing news in the dessert field is a new, streamlined recipe for brownies. The new recipe is a one-bowl operation in which the flour, sugar, cocoa, baking powder and salt are sifted together; the shortening, eggs and flavoring added and all the ingredients beaten together. Only two minutes of actual mixing time is required as against seven minutes by regular methods. Here's the recipe for these brownies.

Miracle Brownies

Sift together into mixing bowl 3/4 cup sifted all-purpose flour, 1 cup

sugar, 6 tablespoons cocoa, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, pinch of salt. Now add: 2/3 cup shortening, 2 unbeaten eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 tablespoon corn syrup* (optional). Now comes the "miracle" mixing: Mix the ingredients thoroughly together by beating for two minutes. Stir in: 1 cup nuts, coarsely cut (reserve a few for top of batter). Bake at 350° F. for 40 minutes. Be careful not to overbake or brownies will be less soft and moist.

*Corn syrup makes a more chewy brownie. Either light or dark corn syrup can be used.

Bluefield Division

Pulaski District

Jimmy Butts, Marion line gang, is a patient at the Lee Memorial Hospital.

Bates McGlothlin's son, Bill, left for military service on December 11, and is stationed at Fort Meade, Md.

V. I. Akers, formerly with the Pulaski survey crew, is a meter reader in the Marion territory. He replaces Jim Groseclose who is resigning to operate a farm near Camp, Virginia.

Sympathy is extended to Bates McGlothlin, Marion serviceman, on the recent death of his father-in-law, F. M. Lawrence.

Icky Stambaugh of the Pulaski meter department went deer hunting with Jake Cassell of Marion.

Marion office vacationers: Mrs. Ann Poe visited relatives in Greeneville, Tennessee; Bill Groseclose, at Austinville, Va., visiting relatives, and Richard Byrd, Frank Cecil, and Jack Kidd spent their vacations hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gumm hunted deer at State Park, Pennsylvania, and brought back a 210-pound deer that he bagged.

H. M. Lawrence, Christiansburg, went hunting in Bath County for deer.

Truby Lindamood, Christiansburg, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Sympathy is extended to Jimmy Earles, meter reader, on the recent death of his mother.

Vacationers: Easton Lawrence vacationed at Smoky Mt. National Park and Opal and "Red" Newland, Pulaski office, at Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania.

Mal Nester, Wytheville, is a patient at Chitwood-Moore Hospital.

Carl Schmidt, Pulaski office, and family motored to Pittsburgh for Thanksgiving and were stranded for several days before getting away from the big snow storm of 1950.

Don Duncan, son of J. J. Duncan of the distribution records department, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant. He was a summer employee of the company while attending V. P. I.

Ray Lester, Pulaski rural department, and family motored to Kentucky to spend Thanksgiving with relatives.

O. B. Kidd, Pulaski, took a hunting trip to Hot Springs.

Irene Terpening, Pulaski switchboard operator, and husband spent Thanksgiving in Everett, Pennsylvania, and witnessed one of the worst sleet and snow storms seen in western Pennsylvania.

Johnnie R. Kidd, son of O. B. Kidd, has entered military service and is in the Marine Corps. He worked for the company during the summer.

Kelly Buckland, Pulaski office employee, was shot accidentally in the back and head by a member of a hunting party roaming the woods in Carroll County in search of deer. He was hospitalized for a while but is now back at work.

Glen Lyn Plant

A. C. Hollins, J. R. Crittenden and A. H. Hare are recovering from recent illnesses.

L. E. Turner, a member of the Board of Directors of the new Giles Memorial Hospital in Pearisburg, attended the dedication ceremonies on December 4. He and other employees in the district toured the hospital on a scheduled inspection tour.

Sympathy is extended to Johnny



and Louis Ellison on the death of their sister.

Mike Dent and Harvey Clemons are back at work after recent illnesses.

Sympathy is extended to T. H. Brown, control operator, and Dale Brown, maintenance, on the death of their son-in-law and brother-in-law, Clinton Davis, who was one of the hunters lost on Peters Mountain while deer hunting and froze to death.

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Charleston Division

Beckley District

Sympathy is extended to A. J. Thomas, substation department, on the death of his sister.

Vacationers: C. W. Lovell vacationed with friends and relatives at New Orleans during the holidays, and Mrs. Ann L. Koiner, at Washington, D. C., with friends and relatives during the holidays.

Sympathy is extended to J. S. McLain of Oak Hill on the death of his mother.

Mrs. Emma Jean Turner, commercial department, has been confined to her home with an illness.

B. E. Styers, Beckley district collector, is recovering from a recent operation.

New employees in the Beckley district are: Meta Akers, Robert Brinkley and Henry I. Kale, Jr.

C. L. Honaker, Mrs. Vera R. Haynes and June Winner are charter members of the recently instituted Judea White Shrine Organization in Beckley. Mr. Honaker holds the position of Manetho, the Egyptian or First Wise Man of the organization.

Holiday vacationers: Mrs. Eloise Pierce, J. A. Stanley, J. A. Thompson and R. V. West of the meter department and H. K. Evans of the distribution department.

Charleston District

New employees in the Charleston district: J. L. Totten, substation department, and Mary Jenkins, meter department, who replaces Helen Walker who resigned.

Patty Horn, commercial department, has been ill with a throat infection.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo LaFon and daughters spent the holiday season in Roanoke with his family.

Denzil Allison, Nitro troubleshooter, reports that the deer in the section in which he hunted shed their antlers to keep from being shot.

Jimmy Hudson's wife is recuperating at home since being released from the hospital.

Point Pleasant District

Vacationers: W. M. Pancake vacationed at Milton, W. Va., with his family; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts, at her home in Sandyville, W. Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Morrison, at Chicago.

Paul Rairden was confined at home by snow and then high water during the recent storm period.

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Frishette vacationed in Charleston; Mr. and Mrs. Clark and family, at his home in Princeton, and Tom

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Kingsport

J. T. Duncan, local office manager, was elected secretary of the Kiwanis Club for the fifth consecutive year.

Mrs. Arbuda Harvey, accounting department, has returned to work following a brief illness.

Roy Morrison, son of Winston Morrison of the distribution department, is stationed at Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

New employees in the steam plant are: Carl R. Davenport, Wayne Matthews, James R. Murdock, Hoard E. Johnson and Enoch Bledsoe.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McConnell's son, Bobby, vacationed at home with his parents before returning to the school for the blind in Nashville.

Clifton Shipley, husband of Jackie Shipley, of the accounting department, reported to the Naval Base at Norfolk for duty.

Roanoke Division

Lynchburg District

J. P. McDermott has returned to work after being in the hospital for several weeks.

Fred Harrison, employee at Ruessens, has left the company and moved to Missouri.

System Offices

Mary S. Henderlite, system accounting office, is convalescing at home after a recent automobile accident.

Frances S. Burgess, accounting office, is a patient at Catawba Sanatorium.

Kathleen Thompson is a new employee of the system accounting office.

G. D. Griffin, formerly of Ashland, has moved to his new home at 2508 Tenth Street, Williamson Road. He is an employee of the accounting office.

R. H. Price and G. D. Griffin entertained the employees of the materials and supplies department of the accounting office with a Christmas party on Friday evening, December 22, at the home of Mr. Price.

Mrs. Katherine Matthews, accounting office, had as guests over the holidays her daughter, her daughter's husband and son from Richmond.

The father of Reba Jane Turner, accounting office, is improving after a serious operation.

M. L. Burdette, accounting office, was recently appointed director of the Shrine Temple Band and Rajah Dokkie Temple Band.

Edna McNeil, accounting office, has returned to work after an extended illness.

The electric plant department of the accounting office supplied a Christmas basket of food, toys and clothing for a needy family.

Christmas baskets for three needy families were prepared by the material and supplies department of the accounting office.

Marguerite Gregg of the billing

department is recuperating after a recent operation.

The wife of Joseph A. Angell, real estate and right-of-way department is recuperating from a recent operation.

Girls from the fourth floor System Offices held their annual Christmas luncheon party at the Shenandoah Club on Friday, December 22. Christmas gifts were exchanged at the conclusion of the luncheon.

Kentucky

Pikeville District

F. E. Phillips, line foreman, has returned to work following an extended illness.

The KPO Club, an organization of Pikeville office girls, held a dance at the Pike County Country Club.

Clyde Harmon, serviceman at Jenkins, was unable to attend the Christmas party due to illness.

Mr. Truman Clark and Mrs. Robert L. Mullins, wives of deceased employees, attended the Pikeville Christmas party as guests.

Mrs. Anna Stratton, accounting department, has returned to work following a tonsillectomy.

Margaret Alley, former home economist, who is now attending the University of Tennessee, attended the Christmas party.

E. A. Eaton, power engineer, has returned to work following a sinus operation.

Ashland District

Sympathy is extended to Jimmy Simpson, meter department, on the death of his brother who was serving as a chaplain in Korea. Captain Simpson was also a chaplain in World War II.

New employees in the Ashland district are: John Cornette, distribution and transmission department, and Vera R. Ruggles, local accounting office.

Ruth Webb, local accounting office, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended to Bob Welch, commercial department, on the death of his father.

Vacationers: Ruth Colley, accounting office, vacationed in Tennessee, and Bob Bibb, commercial department, in Virginia with his parents.

Sympathy is extended to Harry Matney, meter department, on the death of his father.

Hazard District

Vacationers: R. P. Adams vacationed in Florida; Ferman Berkhead and family, with friends and relatives in Owensboro, Kentucky; Nell Buttram, for a few days with relatives in Tennessee; Thomas Griffin, on a hunting trip to Pulaski County, and Elizabeth Grigsby, at Key West, Florida.

William Henry Boggs is back on the job after a recent automobile accident.

Charles Watson is recuperating from his recent illness.

L. B. Ferguson and family spent Thanksgiving with his relatives in Rome, Georgia.

Chalmer Ferguson's baby is recuperating at home after being confined

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Huntington Division

Williamson District

Robert Carl Riggs, the infant son of Carl Riggs of the stores department, has returned home from the hospital after being confined with pneumonia.

Vacationers: Louise Shultz, commercial department, visited for a few days with her parents in Knoxville; Mrs. Carol Phillips, commercial department, for a few days with her parents near Bowling Green, and Ernest Bailey and Everett Carrico, on a deer-hunting trip in Pocahontas County.

Sgt. John T. Blackburn, formerly of the meter department, attended the annual Christmas party while on leave.

Don E. Hatfield, commercial department, has returned to work after breaking his arm while horseback riding.

Sympathy is extended to Charles Fain, engineering department, on the death of his brother.

Huntington District

Helen Plymale, Huntington system billing office, has been confined to her home since fracturing her ankle in a recent fall.

Madeline Richardson has resigned her position in the system billing office.

New employees in the Huntington district: Donald Russell Curnutte, Doris Jean Murphy, Owen Keith Taylor and Charles D. Jackson, accounting department; John Donathan, commercial department; Lewis Richard Osburn, stores department; Robert Jack Hale, meter department, and Sue Coleman, transmission and distribution department.

Logan District

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. William F. Giles visited with her parents in Roanoke during Thanksgiving and later traveled to Philadelphia where they visited with the Reverend and Mrs. Harry Ingram Fell, former residents of Logan, and saw the Army-Navy football game with their son who is a midshipman at Annapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vannoy and daughters, at Ripley where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riley, and R. E. Blankenbeckler, at Marion, Virginia.

Mrs. C. F. Tyler, mother of Margaret Tyler of the line department, is recovering from a recent illness.

John H. Porter, U. S. Navy, and Naaman R. Pridemore, Army Air Force, visited the office recently.

Vacationers: Virgil Mauck took a hunting trip to western Kentucky; Mrs. Florence Wilks and husband visited her parents in Ironton, Ohio, and Caleb White, in Madison and Charleston.

Reece Browning has taken a position in the accounting department to replace Bob Adkins who resigned.

June Ann Abdoney is a new employee in the office of the Logan Plant. She attended Bowling Green Business University and replaces Mrs. Elinor W. Hale who recently resigned.

Jack Fortune was married, on December 18, in Belfrey, Kentucky, to Nora Marcum of Slagle, West Virginia. He is the son of W. E. Fortune, a Logan district employee.

Ronald Noel, husband of Jeanine Noel, home economist in the Logan district, has been called to active duty in the armed service and has reported to Percy Jones Army Hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan.



Scenic Beauty Combined With Comfort Make Kentucky State Park Popular

"I just had to call you, Mildred, to tell you about our vacation. We went to Carter Caves State Park. You know how Bill is about camping and that sort of thing. Well, I was never so surprised in my life! For once, we had all the comforts of home."

This imaginary telephone conversation may well have been true of any wife who vacationed last summer at the new Kentucky State Park in the Ashland district that provides modern cabins with all-electric equipment.

Each cabin has an electric range, refrigerator and water heater. Even the heat is furnished by four electric space heaters recessed in the knotty pine panel walls.

The 1,000 acre park between Olive Hill and Grayson attracts tourists and vacationers with two large natural caves which are brilliantly illuminated, a natural bridge over a creek and much scenic mountain beauty.

In addition to the 10 vacation cabins, there are five large cabins for youth groups of from 12 to 20 members. Steam electric radiators heat these cabins.

Water for all the cabins is furnished by a pressure system using a central electric pump. A dining room, trading post, director's home and shower room make up the balance of the park's buildings. Plans call for a swimming pool and hotel to be constructed in 1951.

The electrical load of the park requires a bank of three 100 KVA. transformers and a 4 KV. underground distribution system throughout the park.

Original Safety Skit Presented In Roanoke

An original safety skit carrying out the Thanksgiving theme was presented in the general office building, Roanoke, on November 22. The setting was in a Pilgrim home on the day before the first Thanksgiving. The safety theme was emphasized throughout the entire skit, beginning with the Pilgrims and ending with a modern day scene. The progress of science in the 19th Century, particularly in the field of electricity, was ably portrayed by C. A. Farrar, Roanoke district meter department.

The skit was written and produced by Virginia Welch and Noble Marshall of the system accounting department and Mr. Farrar. Those participating in the program were: Narrator, Sam Kitchen; Pilgrim father, Harry Mann; Pilgrim mother, Virginia Welch; newly-weds, Margaret Winn and Marshall Griggs. The Pilgrim child was Nugent Lemon and the little Indian boy was Noble Gerald Marshall, Jr.



Pictured above is one of the vacation cabins at Carter Caves State Park in the Ashland district. The interior is finished in knotty pine panels and heated with electric space heaters. The kitchen is complete with electric range, refrigerator and water heater.

Christmas Party Held For Fieldale District At Club Martinique

Fieldale district employees and their guests held their annual Christmas dinner-dance at the Club Martinique in Martinsville on the evening of December 15.

Preceding the turkey dinner, Carol J. Hewitt delivered the invocation. A toast to the employees was presented by Leonard Jenkins and Juanita Bown responded to the toast.

A variety show supervised by Dot Shaw was presented after the dinner which was planned by Virginia Hancock. A 30-minute program of carols and songs preceded the dancing.

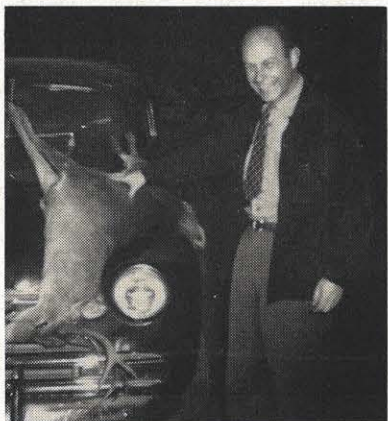
Marjorie Prillaman was general party chairman and Audrey Harlowe was in charge of the decorations which included a huge silver tree decorated with blue lights.

Both Shot Standing

Deer Bagged By Bluefield Employees

Both C. M. Fletcher and Howard Meadows of the Bluefield district went out last month to beat the high cost of steaks. They succeeded as each one brought back a deer for the deep freeze.

"Tip" Fletcher, general foreman, brought his deer down near Damascus, Virginia, with a 35 Remington at a distance of 100 yards. The deer was standing. A six-point buck, it weighed about 150 pounds.



Howard Meadows holds the four-point buck he killed near Paw Paw, West Virginia.

Payrollers In Lead As Point Pleasant League Nears End

The Pay Roll Keglers of the Philip Sporn Plant continue to dominate the Point Pleasant Appalachian Bowling League that is swinging into the final three weeks of team play.

Enjoying a five-game lead by sweeping three straight games from the distribution department's team in their last outing, the pay roll department's team has a commanding lead in the six-team league.

The 42 games of League play have seen the "Payrollers" hitting the pins for a 155 team average. Karl Wiles, with a 165 game average, leads his mates who are close behind as follows: Johnson, 160; Horner, 150; Pauley, 154; Miller, 149, and McGraw, 142.

The pay roll department's standing is 27 won and 15 lost. Other standings in the league are: Accounting, 22-20; meter, 21-21; distribution, 20-22; construction, 18-24, and engineering, 18-24.

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to a hospital in Lexington.

New employees in the Hazard district: Lewis Craft, Hastle Adams, Marvin Combs, Lawrence Collins, Donald Fugate, Paul Hampton, Wallace Isom, Willie Smith and Hiram Roark.

Arlis Napier has returned to work after a recent operation.

Lynchburg Hunt Club Starts Season By Electing Officers From Employees



Lynchburg employees who are officers of the Lynchburg Hunt Club are pictured above. From left to right are: Charlie Ross, secretary; Ben Cook, treasurer; Morris Lankford, president; Earl Howard, vice president, and Boyd Burnley, member of the club that has its headquarters on the Burnley property.

The Lynchburg Hunt Club started its third hunting season by electing all its officers from Lynchburg district employees. Morris Lankford was chosen president while Earl Howard was elected vice president; Charlie Ross, secretary, and Ben Cook, treasurer.

The club was organized by Appalachian employees three years ago with Emmett C. Dunn, deceased line foreman, serving as the first president. At present, the club leases over a thousand acres of land in Buckingham County from a local lumber company for hunting privileges and has made arrangements with adjacent property owners on a reciprocal basis which makes a total hunting area of almost 3,500 acres.

Although the main emphasis is placed on deer hunting, turkey hunting is allowed occasionally. A cousin of Boyd Burnley, Lynchburg employee, keeps the dogs for the club and the club's headquarters is a cabin on the Burnley property.

In addition to the officers, the following employees are members of the 30-member club: Boyd Burnley, Joe Ludwig, Bill Singleton, Red Harris, J. P. McDermott, Herman Morris, Aaron Ward, Ed Moss and Pete Thompson.

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Stansel, at his home in Fairmont, W. Va.

Cabin Creek District

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Nuhfer spent a few days visiting her family in Cincinnati.

R. L. Warren spent his vacation working on a new home in Marmet.

Margaret Isabelle Coughlin vacationed with her parents over the Christmas holidays before returning to Maine.

Sporn Plant

Marvin T. Roush arrived in Japan just 31 days after being recalled to active duty with the Navy from his position at the plant.

Bowling League Formed In Williamson District

A company bowling league has been formed in the Williamson district since the recent completion of a new bowling alley in Williamson.

About 30 bowlers will start their initial rolls in the new league when the first game is held on January 2. League games will be held each Tuesday at 7 p. m.

One Cabin Creek Hunter Bags Deer As Five Other Employees 'Out Of Luck'

D. E. Everson, Cabin Creek Plant boiler operator, was the only plant employee to bring home a deer this season. Although he was mighty glad to bag the five point, 150 pound buck, he reports the deer gave him plenty of trouble before he was able to get him out of the woods.

Others who were not so lucky were Hobart Harrah, Amos Workman, E. C. Tincher, B. D. Nelson and W. R. Books who spent a week hunting deer in Pendleton County near Franklin.

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Abingdon District

Gerry Hilton, Betty Andes, Eulalia Footo, Edith Stevens and Ann Musser attended a shower and bingo and canasta party in honor of Mrs. James E. Fleenor.

Carl Edison Kilgore is a new employee in the line crew at Gate City.

N. W. Fuller continues to improve at his home in Haysi following an automobile accident.

Welch District

New employees in the Welch district are: William Alfred Perdue, material clerk in the storeroom, and E. M. Mitchell, Jr., Welch meter reader.

Mrs. Opal Ashworth, personnel department stenographer, has resigned.

Bluefield District

June Phipps, Princeton office, has returned to work after a recent illness.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Billie Bass, on the death of her brother.

Lina Light, secretary to the assistant division manager, vacationed in Florida.

Mrs. Arnold Crotty is ill in the Bluefield Sanitarium. She is the wife of Mr. Crotty, an employee in the district engineering department.

Sympathy is extended B. E. Smith, Princeton line crew, on the death of his infant son.

Joanne K. Yost, commercial department, and Eleanor O. Hutchenson, distribution records department, have resigned.

Kirkland Is Elevated To Assistant District Manager In Abingdon With Lee and Bondurant Being Promoted

Three employees have been promoted in the Abingdon district. C. K. Kirkland, district superintendent, was promoted to assistant district manager. L. B. Lee, district engineer, was promoted to district superintendent and Rufus M. Bondurant, Bluefield district engineer, was promoted to fill the position vacated by Mr. Lee.

Mr. Kirkland is a native of Southampton County, Virginia, and graduated from V. P. I. in 1936 with a degree in agricultural engineering. He started working for the Virginia Electric and Power Company before coming to Appalachian in 1937, as rural service engineer at Marion.

In 1945, he was transferred to Abingdon and placed in charge of the rural expansion program. Mr. Kirkland became rural and residential sales supervisor for the district in 1949, and was promoted to district superintendent in 1950. Active in civic affairs, he is a member of the Kiwanis Club, president of the Retail Merchants Association, member of the Methodist Church and member of the Central School Board.

Mr. Lee, who replaces Mr. Kirkland as district superintendent, is a native of Westmoreland County, Virginia and a graduate of V. P. I. with a degree of Electrical Engineer. He started working for the company as timekeeper in the Pulaski district in 1936. In 1937, he was transferred to the engineering department and worked design and construction.

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He is also chairman of the Court of Honor for the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Mundy is married and has two children. He is a vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Lawrence G. Dougan moves from Logan to replace Mr. Mundy. A native of Savannah, he was educated in Roanoke where he attended the Viaud School and the Cornett Business School. Employed in 1945, as secretary to the superintendent of Appalachian's real estate and right-of-way department, he was transferred to the Logan accounting department in 1948. He was promoted to Logan district personnel supervisor in 1949.

Mr. Dougan is chairman of the Logan Lions Club's program and publicity committee, a vestryman and superintendent of the Sunday School of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. He is married and has one child.

Howard J. Collins assumes Mr. Dougan's duties as Logan district personnel supervisor. A native of Ashland, he was employed by the company in 1935. He has served as stores clerk, plant clerk, inspector and plant office supervisor. He attended public schools and the Boothe Business School in Ashland.

Having held many positions in the Logan Lions Club, he served as president for the past year. He is also a member of the American Legion.

A member of the Presbyterian Church, he is married and has one child.

formed in 1948, Mr. Lee was transferred to the district as district engineer. During World War II, he served in the engineering corps in the Pacific theatre. He was discharged in 1946, as a Lieutenant Colonel after entering the service as a Lieutenant in 1941. A member of the Baptist Church, he is an executive officer of the Military Government Training Unit at Bristol.

Mr. Bondurant is a native of Roanoke and attended Bluefield College and V. P. I. where he graduated in 1936, with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He started working for Appalachian in 1938, in the engineering department at Bluefield. He served four years in the Army in World War II, including two years in China. A member of the Methodist Church, he is president of the Bluefield Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association and a member of the 2822 Base Section and Base Headquarter Reserve Training Group. Mr. Bondurant, his wife and daughter will move to Abingdon soon after the first of the year.



Electric Service Club Of Huntington-Logan Elects Seven Officers

S. W. Mustaine, Jr., was elected president for a two-year term of the Electric Service Club, Huntington-Logan division, at an annual meeting held in Huntington on December 8. In addition to the local office manager being chosen president, six directors were chosen for the coming year.

The directors elected and the groups they represent include T. L. Henritze, Logan; D. F. Johnson, Kenova Power Plant; F. C. Leap, line; V. L. Thacker, substation; A. W. York, general service, and R. D. Webster, office.

In a drawing, H. C. Smith and Dee Worrell were awarded turkeys and boxes of candy were given T. S. Ritchie, W. H. Holley and Gertrude Thresher.

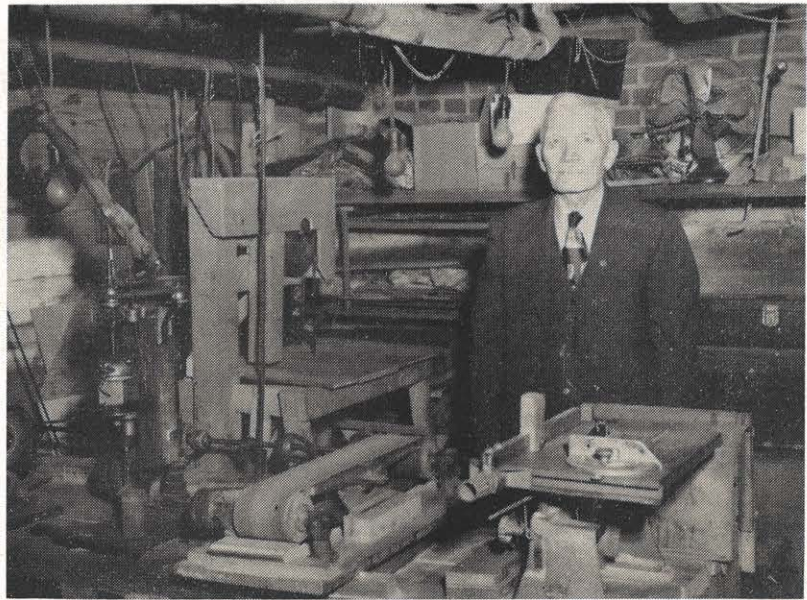
Christmas Party Held By Colored Employees Of Roanoke At Hotel

The colored employees of Roanoke held their annual Christmas party at the Hotel Dumas on December 16.

Otho Williams was master of ceremonies at the buffet dinner. Julia Law and Charles Basham assisted in making all the arrangements for the dinner which was followed by dancing.

Thelma Dixon, Alfred Hendricks and Dunbar Hill received prizes.

Retired Lynchburg Employee Made Woodworking Hobby A Good Business



A. T. Hubbel, retired Lynchburg district employee, has turned a hobby into a profitable business in just eight years. He started a small woodwork shop in 1942, two years before he retired as superintendent of the Blackwater substation, and has since built or bought more tools so that he can handle almost any type of wood-working job.

He has a jig saw, band saw, sander and drill press, all electrically operated and homemade. A line shaft on one motor operates the band saw, sander, cut-off saw and emery wheel, while

a short line shaft on another motor operates a jig saw, small emery wheel and steel brush. The wood-turning lathe has a separate motor. The lathe and cut-off saw were bought.

Mr. Hubbel's woodwork consists of general repairs to all types of furniture. He also has made many bedside tables and corner what-not stands. In addition to upholstering furniture, he has refinished several antique bedroom suites.

Employed by the Lynchburg Gas and Electric Company in March of 1916, he started as general repairman at the old Blackwater Steam Plant.

Christmas Party Pictures



Here are some of the pictures made at the Christmas parties held throughout the Southern Properties last month. Photo One: Bluefield employees enjoying the Christmas dinner which was a part of their party. In Photo Two: The photographer caught some of the dancing at the Charleston district party. Photo Three: Lynchburg colored employees and their guests at the Christmas dinner. Photo Four: Santa Claus is surrounded by a group of Ashland children at the party in the Kentucky city. Photo Five: A Roanoke youngster has an early meeting with Santa Claus during the children's party in Roanoke. Photo Six: The Cabin Creek Powermaker's Club had a Christmas dance in Charleston where this photograph was made. Photo Seven: A group of the Roanoke colored employees shown at their Christmas party. Photo Eight: These Kingsport colored employees had a good time at the Kingsport dinner. Photo Nine: Santa Claus comes down the aisle at the Abingdon Children's party. Photo Ten: Williamson youngsters had their picture made with Santa Claus during their Christmas party.

Christmas Party At Pikeville Is Well Attended

About 210 employees of the Pikeville district and their guests attended the annual Christmas party on December 16, in the garage of the office building which was decorated for the turkey dinner and holiday dance.

Carols were sung by the group under the leadership of Craig Fields, rural sales representative, and the accordion accompaniment of Betty Frazier, accounting department.

Entertainment included a two-act melodrama entitled "The Chilling of Little Nell" under the direction of Jarrett Wood, power engineer, assisted by Perry Cline, Mrs. Audrey Syck, Betty Frazier and "Buddy" Eaton. The cast included A. H. Jopp, Elizabeth Riddle, John Rasnick, "Jake" Lane and Glen Layne.

Games were played while the tables and chairs were removed to allow dancing. B. P. Bogardus, district engineer, was chairman of the games committee and was assisted by Craig Fields, Geraldine Carty, Louise Johnson, Ralph Damron, Chester Smith, Bill Barnett and F. M. Jennings.

Decorations were handled by the committee under the chairmanship of Bob Weddle assisted by Anita Elswick, Inis Dotson, Corbin Bobbitt, Bruce Prater and Billy Syck.

H. M. Eagle was chairman of the table and chairs committee and was assisted by Ed Marrs, John Hunter, Willie Miller, Curtis Charles, Leonard King, Albert Webb, Walter Smith and Lee Compton.

Curtis McClung was chairman of the clean-up committee.

Son Of Charleston Employee Dies

Thomas Michael Shafer, four-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Shafer of Elk Hills died November 26 in a Charleston hospital. Besides his parents, he is survived by a brother, Raymond Lee Shafer, with the U.S. Army.

Mr. Shafer is employed in the Charleston district.