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to do without a neigh-
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—DANISH PROVERB

The Illuminator

The best way to make
your dreams come true
is to wake up.

—J. M. POWER

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Employee Information Program Will Get Underway This Month

Beginning this month a series of employee information programs will be held in each district and plant of the three companies.

The employee information program has been designed to give us all a broader knowledge of the history and development of our companies and the utility industry. Meetings will be held each month and various phases of the companies' business, policies, income and earnings, and the problems facing the companies will be discussed. The program will be carried on for the next several months.

The February session will deal with the following topics: Why power companies came into existence? The early story of electric power. Why the industry has progressed so rapidly. The "making of electricity." The contributions our companies have made to the development of the industry and several other topics.

The hourly sessions will consist of an information period followed by a question and answer period.

Son Of Fieldale Employee Wins State 4-H Honors

Aubrey Bradshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bradshaw of Fieldale, recently was selected the outstanding boy in 4-H Club work in Virginia.



Aubrey, a 4-H Club member for eight years, has won many honors with his club projects. He was elected to membership in the Virginia 4-H All State Chapter in 1949 and to the Henry County 4-H Honor Club in 1946. In 1949 he was awarded a trip to the National 4-H Congress as Virginia's 4-H field crops winner.

He is president of the Henry County 4-H Council and is very active in school affairs.

Aubrey's father is employed in the meter department in Fieldale district.

Grady Coley Is Named President Of Scott Community Chest



Grady Coley, Gate City rural representative, will head the 19-51 Community Chest Drive for Scott County, Virginia. Mr. Coley assumed the post following his selection by the Board of Directors. He succeeds P. W. Collins of Dungannon and will organize the first formal drive for funds by that organization since 1948 in Scott County.

Logan Employees Use Radio To Help Two Injured Boys

Three employees with the help of the two-way radio system in the Logan district recently saved two young boys from prolonged pain from injuries received in an accident.

Two employees, Lester Toler of the Madison office, and Bob Hall, who is division radio engineer, were on the way to check radio interference at Jeffrey. Suddenly they came upon an accident that had happened just a few minutes before.

Two brothers, one 11 and the other 5 years old, were riding on a bicycle and had collided with a car. The older boy's leg was broken and he received injuries about the head.

Hall called the Logan office and W. H. Honaker, engineering department, told him to call the Hunter and Hunter Funeral Home at Madison. After the call, an ambulance arrived in about 10 minutes and took the boys to a Charleston hospital. The younger boy was released after treatment for minor injuries and the older boy has since been released.

Both the boys and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harland Spencer, were very grateful for the help of the employees and for their quick action.

Companies End One of Safest Working Years Since Accident-Prevention Program Began

Appalachian Employees Form Most Of Town Of Glen Lyn's Volunteer Firemen



The members of the town of Glen Lyn, Virginia, volunteer firemen are shown above. Front row, left to right: Willard Blankenship, Dewey Lusk, Raymond Thompson, Ira Wiley, Clarence Meadows, Clyde Davis, Carl Patteson and Rudy Rutan. Second row, left to right: J. R. Shanklin, Shell Knight, Jim Thompson, Basil Vest, Dudley Clemons, Bill Johnson, Bob Foster, Raymond Compton, Jr., Robert E. Johnson, Lake Thompson and Bob Johnson. All are AEP employees except Messrs. Blankenship, Rutan, Shanklin, Foster and Lake Thompson.

Seventy-five per cent of all members of the Glen Lyn Volunteer Fire Department are employees of the Appalachian Electric Power Company. This organization, which was formed in 1941, was the first organized fire department in Giles County. Today there are five such organizations.

The Glen Lyn volunteers have grown from eight to twenty-five active members over these years and have acquired considerable fire-fighting equipment. A new eight hundred gallon tank truck was recently purchased and added to the present well-

equipped unit. The purchase of this latest piece of equipment was made possible through the assistance of the Town of Glen Lyn, Giles County and Appalachian.

The Glen Lyn volunteers have been responsible for a tremendous reduction in property damages from fire. They have also become a major influence in making the general public fire conscious. They hold weekly drills and monthly business sessions. They also helped to organize the five volunteer groups that now serve Giles County.

Ohio Power Company To Build New Steam Plant On Muskingum River

The Ohio Power Company will proceed immediately with the construction of a new 400,000 kilowatt steam-electric generating plant on the Muskingum River. The 108-acre plant site is about 47 miles downstream from Zanesville, Ohio.

The estimated cost of the Muskingum River plant is \$45,000,000. Initially the new plant will consist of two 200,000 kw. units. These units will be among the largest and most efficient generating units in the country, and will provide enough additional power to the American Gas and Electric System to take care of anticipated needs of defense industries in the area.

The Muskingum River plant is the second 400,000 kw. generating plant to be started within six months on the American Gas and Electric System. Appalachian began construction last fall of the Kanawha River plant near Charleston. These two plants alone account for 800,000 kilowatts of capacity on which construction has begun on the A. G. and E. System within the past six months. The authorization of the new plant increases total capacity authorized or under construction on the system from 1,000,000 kilowatts to 1,400,000 kilowatts, all of which is scheduled to be completed by mid-year of 1953. This will bring the system's total generating capability to 3,780,000

kilowatts at that time.

The construction program of the A. G. and E. has been accelerated greatly in recent months to meet anticipated demands for electric power by the steel, aluminum, magnesium, chlorine, titanium and other basic defense metals and other defense industries. The authorization for the construction of the new Muskingum River plant increases A. G. and E.'s expansion budget for 1951-53 to \$296 million.

Foreman's Club Elects R. Conner Foster As First Vice President



R. Conner Foster, Lynchburg distribution record supervisor, has been elected first vice president of the Lynchburg Foreman's Club for 1951. Active in the club for several years, Mr. Foster will serve as program chairman during the year. He completed his twentieth year with Appalachian in 1950.

The Foreman's Club is affiliated with the National Council of Industrial Management Clubs.

No Fatal Accidents; Hazard District Has Best Record In 1950

The employees of the three companies in the Southern Properties in 1950 completed one of the safest working years since the beginning of an organized accident-prevention program over 20 years ago. There were no fatal accidents during the year, a feat that has been duplicated only once before—in 1947. The severity rate in 1950 of .22 was the lowest in history.

Employees of the Hazard district established the year's best safety record with 340,195 accident-free man hours. Three other districts, Ashland, Point Pleasant and Williamson completed the year without a disabling injury.

System departments with clean records for the year included: Substation, transportation, Ashland general office, Huntington centralized billing, Roanoke centralized billing, real estate and right-of-way, accounting and meter.

Notable progress was made in the safety record of the generating plant employees. In 1949 plant employees incurred 16 disabling injuries with a frequency rate of 12.6. In 1950 there were only six injuries and a frequency rate of 4.07, which amounts to a 68 per cent reduction.

The number of disabling injuries in 1950 in all districts and plants on the system totaled 44. This was a reduction of 13 from the 1949 total of 57.

Districts with only one disabling injury during last year were: Welch, Pulaski, Beckley, Lynchburg, Pikeville and Fieldale. Kingsport Utilities had only one disabling injury in 1950.

Kingsport Wins Sporn Trophy In Sales Contest

Kingsport Utilities won top honors in the American Gas and Electric System water heater and range sales campaigns in 1950, as a result of attaining 140.9 per cent of their quota in the water heater campaign. Kingsport will be awarded the Philip Sporn trophy. In addition, M. C. Simpson will receive the H. M. Sawyer award as the winning company's sales supervisor. The Utilities also led all companies in reaching 154.8 per cent of their range quota.

In a letter to all commercial managers in the field, Mr. Sporn wrote:

"As you know I am delighted with the sale of over 104,000 ranges and water heaters in the system during 1950. The most gratifying part of this job was the sale of 41,293 water heaters. Your 1950 sales establishes a new all-time high sales record representing a 43 per cent increase over your 1949 record. I am mighty proud of these load-building results and wish to extend my congratulations to every member of the company who contributed to this outstanding load-building job."

Nickell Wins The Illuminator Award



Dan A. Nickell, Jr. (left), receives the first annual award for having done the best job as correspondent for "The Illuminator" in 1950 from Point Pleasant District Manager John Mann. Dan is correspondent for the Point Pleasant district. The award, which included a \$25 check, was announced at a personnel department meeting in Roanoke. Last year's Lynchburg district correspondent, J. A. Mundy, was second in the ratings and W. R. Witzel, Beckley district correspondent, was third.

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It Pays To Be Cheerful

Do you ever wake up in the morning in a disagreeable mood—and you just wish everybody would leave you alone?

When you come to work with a "grouch on," how far does it usually get you? The person with a "grouch" usually ends up in trouble—getting into arguments—making mistakes—making enemies for himself—and generally having a mighty hard time of it.

Walking around with a grouch on never gets us anywhere—except behind the eight ball. It loses friends—it loses the good will of our customers—it loses the respect of our fellow workers.

Actually, it isn't so hard to be cheerful. When you're down in the dumps or feeling grouchy—as many of us sometimes are—stop and consider the many good things that you have to live for and then you'll want to change that frown into a smile.

In looking around us we will likely find that folks who are cheerful really enjoy their work.

There Are Two Seas

There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh, and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing water. Along its shores the children play.

The River Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs in the sunshine. And men build their houses near to it, and birds their nests; and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

The River Jordan flows on south into another sea. Here is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travelers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs above its waters and neither men nor beast nor fowl will drink.

What makes this mighty difference in these neighbor seas? Not the River Jordan. It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie; not the country round about.

This is the difference. The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure. The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps. The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. This other sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead.

There are two seas in Palestine. There are two kinds of people in the world. What kind are you?

A Parable by BRUCE BARTON



QUESTION OF THE MONTH: What can I do to help keep business free and America strong?

JOYCE PARSONS, distribution department, Kingsport:



Our nation was founded on the principle of individual efforts directed toward the one goal of freedom. Only the free can be truly strong.

Free business constitutes a strong America and business is made up by the individual citizens with the privilege to exercise their initiative and make their own decisions.

If I help to keep business free and America strong, I consider it my duty to work hard to protect my rights as an individual citizen. Keep well informed on actions that will affect our strength and freedom. Be active in local civic and local government affairs and at all times be conscientious in making decisions while participating in these activities.

AMOS WORKMAN, electrical engineer, Cabin Creek Plant:



Only by being militant on the subject of Americanism, can I keep American business free and my country strong.

By being constantly vigilant and ever ready to support the principles which have made America an enterprise and America great, one may overcome the apathy which exists in so many people today.

If each of us would persuade one other person that it is his responsibility to safeguard American ideals, the majority of the people would not be content with what has come to be known as "security." Instead, they would have pride enough in self and country to attempt to better themselves and their community, rather than expect the community to provide for them. Invite everyone's attention to the program which made this country great. We need never apologize.

E. E. COMER, shift supervisor, Glen Lyn Plant:



Since one of the greatest threats to business is the danger of intervention upon the part of government, either through excessive taxation, subsidy or direct competition, we must arrive at a proper means of educating our people to the thoughts and practices involved.

One of the great factors to be taken into consideration is the feeling of so many of our people that they are dependent upon someone other than themselves. This leads the thinking toward subsidies and government ownership of business, as so many of these people think of government as some distant gigantic power that can afford to give all a living or subsistence. These people, in so thinking, forget that any help given them through employment by a governmental body, or any assistance received therefrom, must be repaid by the distribution of wealth through taxes.

The outstanding thing that I can do in this respect is to advocate to my fellow-man, and to my children, that subsistence of the human race must come from the efforts of all able-bodied men and women in our lands, and we must dare not ever look forward to, or expect something for nothing.

LESLIE D. WRIGHT, meter department, Lynchburg:



I can help conserve the American way of free business by impressing and encouraging my neighbors and fellow citizens, when and wherever the opportunity presents itself, just how much our freedom of business really means to our free way of life. I can best help conserve this by voicing my

convictions in community and civic affairs, encouraging my fellow citizens to exercise their right to vote, and to know their candidates' views before supporting them.

I can help to build a stronger America by doing my part to promote brotherhood and by impressing on others its fundamental truth so that its spirit will penetrate our minds and hearts until we are close to that goal set by Him who embodied the supreme spirit of charity and the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God.

EULALIA FOOTO, stores department, Abingdon:



Our country and we as citizens face a big problem. In taking our stand against public ownership of our industry we are moved wholly by our interests in this country as citizens and by our stake in this industry as workers. We can continue to insist that our companies provide adequate and efficient service to the consumer and the best possible working conditions for our members. We must maintain constant surveillance to assure service at the lowest possible cost consistent with good business practices.

Our way of life was won by bitter struggle—on the field of battle, in our scientific laboratories, in our unsurpassed industrial and business work; in education, in religion; in fact, in every significant aspect of our endeavor. It will be preserved and continued only if our efforts are of equal vigor. We must work, strive and sacrifice to keep America strong just as our forefathers did on several occasions when our liberty and freedom were threatened. We must as individuals do our part, no matter what our particular job may be.

MARY ALICE WINELAND, managerial department, Logan:



On first thought I would say that I, as an individual, could do nothing of importance to keep business free and America strong, but that is a defeatist attitude. If every citizen felt that way, we would be easy prey for the subversive forces that wish to overthrow our system of government.

Each of us has a responsibility to our community, our state, our nation, as well as to ourselves, to support the honest politician and the honest businessman. Free enterprise depends on cooperation, a competitive spirit, and freedom of exchange in ideas and methods. If governmental leaders are allowed controls over private business, to the extent that small businesses cannot weather the storm, we will not be free or strong.

BETTY J. McKINNEY, system substation department, Roanoke:



It seems this is the sixty-four-dollar question that all workers in industry should strive to answer. If we in business do not awaken to the fact that we are moving rapidly toward statism we will learn too late that we have lost our free businesses and also our personal freedom.

I believe the best way I can help to prevent this trend is to tell all my friends and associates the devious means by which free business is being undermined. Each time some new control is placed on free business that business becomes less free, therefore weaker.

If I earnestly believe in free enterprise and make my beliefs known, I will help keep business free and America strong, only if her people are allowed free expression in work and play.

G. C. BRANSON, stores department, Hazard:



At an hour when the world as a whole is living in a state of unrest, wondering today what will happen tomorrow, I am asked what I can do to help keep business free and America strong.

Year by year, I can see the socialistic termites eating away the business principles on which America was founded. Government taxing free enterprise and using the money in competition is certainly eating away at the very life of America's free business. In order to keep business free and America strong, we must kill the termites by choosing for our government only men who know and love the original American principles that built the greatest nation on earth.

C. P. PROGLER, transmission and distribution department, Pt. Pleasant:



This is a timely subject. One important thing is to be cooperative. Cooperate completely with the community and its affairs, whether they be great or trivial.

In each field of work, one needs to give his all and promote more acceptable conditions in the business world.

To keep business free and America strong, we must help defend our democracy, help government in attaining peaceful attitudes between foreign countries. This cannot be done by one or a group of persons, it must be practiced by every citizen of our great nation.

Safety Pup Says . . .

CARELESS HABITS SOON PUT YOU IN THE DOG HOUSE



History Of Area In Pulaski District Dates From 1671

Old Virginia District Formed As Buck And Bylesby Hydros Built

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series on the history of the districts of the three companies. The story of Kingsport Utilities is next.)

About 3,000 square miles. . . to some that means as much as the combined area of two states, Delaware and Rhode Island. That area today is the Pulaski district which includes Carroll, Grayson, Smyth, Wythe and Pulaski counties and parts of Floyd, Montgomery, Patrick, Washington and Tazewell counties. But to the pioneers and early settlers of that part of Southwest Virginia it meant a place to carve a future from the wilderness.

Early Exploration

In 1671 an exploring party set out to look for the "South Sea" that many early settlers thought was just beyond the Alleghany Mountains. Finding a river in the region, they named it Wood's River in honor of their sponsor, Col. Abraham Wood. It was later renamed New River.

By 1745 the government of Virginia at Williamsburg supported many land companies to settle the rich river bottoms along the western waters. One of the first areas chosen was that known now as the Claytor Lake region in Pulaski County. It was here that John Buchanan, surveyor for the Woods River Land Company, found a settlement in 1745 of members of the religious Brotherhood of the Euphrates who were called Dunkards. Another pioneer in the area was William Ingles who made the first settlement at what today is Radford.

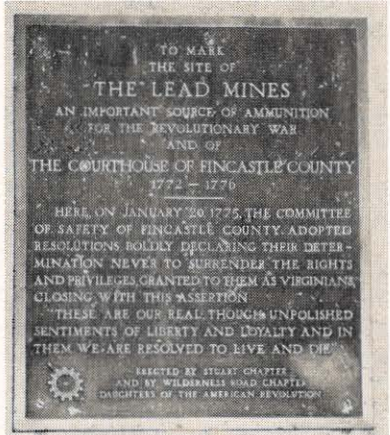
Settlers were not finding their new life easy. In addition to the rigors of frontier life, the settlers were handicapped because they could not get any military support from the mother government, England. The King had ordered all settlers on western waters to give up their lands and move back to the eastern watershed.

As a result, William Christian, master of Dunkards Bottom who led previous troops against the Indians, helped organize a fighting force among the settlers. In a battle at Point Pleasant in 1774 the Ohio Indians were defeated. Embittered by the failure of the English troops to join in the assault and by the refusal to let the Militia cross the Ohio to the Indian towns, the Fincastle frontiersmen drew up their grievances and declaration of defiance of the British government.

Meeting at Lead Mines (present Austinville) on January 20, 1775, William Christian was chosen chairman of the committee that drew up the famous Fincastle Resolutions. Col. Christian was later killed while fighting Indians in Kentucky. Christiansburg, county seat of Montgomery County, is named in honor of this able and courageous patriot.

The Revolution scarcely underway, another believer in the cause of freedom appeared on the scene and was to have his name perpetuated by a county in the area. Count Casimir Pulaski, a young Polish nobleman who

fled his native country rather than live under tyranny, came to America in 1777 to help fight for freedom. While leading a cavalry charge against the British at Savannah, Georgia, he was critically wounded and died



Angered at the proclamation of King George III ordering the settlers to give up their land and move back to the east coast, the pioneers met at Lead Mines (Austinville) and drew up the Fincastle Resolutions at the spot marked by the above plaque. The Resolutions challenged England's right to take their lands and they resolved to defend their property with their lives.

aboard an American ship in the harbor on October 11, 1779. Sixty years later, when a new county was formed in Southwest Virginia, it was named in honor of this man who loved freedom more than life itself.

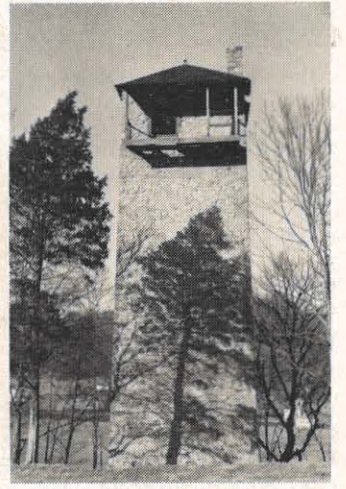
Post-Revolution days found settlers flooding into the region and laying the foundation of the district's economic wealth. Although farming was important, it soon became second-place to livestock raising because of the rolling hills and the abundance of rich blue grass in the region. In fact, the first cattle reportedly every shipped across the Atlantic to England were "Pulaski Beef" which rated top prices on the foreign market.



J. D. Ryan
Bristol, the area was opened for ship-



Main Street of Pulaski is shown in the picture on the left. The district office is the white building at the far left of the photo. On the right is the old shot tower built in 1820 at Jackson's Ferry. Metal was melted in the top of the tower and screened to form drops which became round pellets as they fell the length of the tower into a large vat of water that solidified the hot metal.



ping products. Besides farm products, the railroad carried iron ore which was smelted in big stone furnaces, the remains of which can still be seen in many parts of the Pulaski district. This railroad in 1881 became a part of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company which was reorganized in 1896 as the Norfolk and Western Railway Company.

First Electric Service

The turn of the century saw a fledgling industry making progress in several Southwest Virginia towns. The generation of electricity for street lighting led many enterprising businessmen to get into the field that was to replace the familiar figure of the old lamp lighter. First generation in the area dates from a steam plant at the Wytheville municipal building in 1896. The generator had a capacity of 100 kva. The Stone Electric Light and Power Company built a plant in 1902 on Reed Creek which had a generator of 100 kva.

R. L. Peirce, who was later to become Virginia District manager of Appalachian, was manager of the Wytheville company and recalls that there were about 180 customers in Pulaski who used electricity for lighting. The town operated a steam plant and lights were on a flat rate basis depending upon the number and type of lights, 16 or 32-candlepower. In Wytheville the rate was optional. That is, the customer



Lena Shrader

could take the flat rate or the meter rate.

A similar development was taking place at Marion where the Marion Light and Power Company was organized in 1900. A 30 kilowatt generator was operated at Copenhaver Mill on the Holston River but increased demand led to putting in a 100 kilowatt generator further down the river. About 15 carbon arc lights were used for street lighting and had to be cleaned weekly.

Later a 75 kilowatt generator was put in the Middle Fork of Holston River to supply more electricity for the people of Marion who wanted more power for home lighting.

W. S. "Uncle Bill" Johnson, who retired in 1947 as local foreman of the Marion office and still lives in Marion, recalls when he and his brother, Early, were the only employees in charge of the installation and maintenance of the system in Marion. Uncle Bill refers to his operations as a "wheelbarrow outfit." It seems that he would load a coil of wire, a transformer and whatever tools he needed in his wheelbarrow and go out to install a new line.

First Hydros Built

Similar electrical generating developments were under way at Christiansburg and other towns. The Appalachian Power Company started construction in 1911 of two power plants, Buck and Bylesby, to develop the water power of New River and distribute it by electric transmission throughout southwest Virginia and southern West Virginia. Appalachian acquired the facilities at Wytheville and Pulaski, the initial Virginia District. Service grew as small electric plants were purchased at Marion, Christiansburg and other towns.

The first 88,000 volt transmission line was put in service from Bylesby to Bluefield in 1912. This line ran through Wytheville, the first town in the old Virginia District to receive service from the new plants. As high tension transmission was still in its infancy, first lines were aluminum and strung on wooden poles which were replaced, starting in 1922, with steel tower high lines. With the coming of electricity on a 24-hour basis, meters soon replaced the flat rate as more homes and businesses found additional uses for electricity. The first appliance that made any practical use of electricity in the daylight hours was the electric iron.

When R. L. Peirce resigned as district manager in 1924 to go into a business of his own, A. L. Wellford became district manager and district headquarters were transferred from Wytheville to Pulaski. The Appalachian Electric Power Company was organized in 1926. Construction was started on Claytor Dam



C. A. Dudley

Growth Of Industry

As the electric utility business grew in the district, so did industry even though livestock raising and the dairy industry continued to be first place in the region. Textiles are produced at plants at Pulaski, Independence, Fries, Galax, Hillsville, Dublin, Christiansburg, Wytheville, Radford and Mari-



Buck Hydro



Bylesby Hydro

on. Furniture factories are located at Galax, Pulaski and Christiansburg while chemicals are produced at Saltville, Radford, Austinville, Pulaski and Galax. Minerals are mined and processed at Ivanhoe and Austinville.



W. S. Johnson

Radford is also where the Norfolk and Western Railway has its big railroad tie-processing plant and where the Lynchburg Foundry Company has a plant. Located within the district are two of Virginia's foremost educational institutions, Radford College for women and Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg.

D. P. Minichan is manager of the district which today serves 42,000 customers by 4,195 miles of line. In addition to the district headquarters at Pulaski, local offices are maintained at Hillsville, Marion, Galax, Wytheville and Christiansburg. With such a large territory, 2,995 square miles, and with three hydro plants to operate, there are more employees in the field than at the district headquarters. The district is served by 273 full-time employees. Three veteran employees in the district are J. D. Ryan, Wytheville service man, 37 years' service; Lena Shrader, Wytheville accounting office, 33 years, and C. A. Dudley, Bylesby hydro operator, 33 years.

A part of the region's many natural beauties are located at Claytor Lake State Park three miles above the dam. The State Conservation Commission acquired 320 of its 497 acres from Appalachian. The company gave 90 acres of land bordering on the lake to Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1947.

Many a visitor who enjoys the special events at Claytor Lake or many a tourist passing through this part of Southwest Virginia would agree with what Lord Henry Hamilton wrote when he stopped at Ingles Ferry in 1779. He reported: "The scenery . . . was romantic to a degree. The river was beautiful, the hills well wooded, the low grounds well improved and well stocked." Such could be said of the Pulaski district today.



One of the unusual courthouses in the Pulaski district is the above-pictured Grayson County Courthouse at Independence. Although unusual in appearance, the statue honoring Confederate veterans of the Civil War is typical of many in the area.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District

30 YEARS: James H. Davis, general foreman. 5 YEARS: John L. Osborne and Henry F. Pierce, transmission and distribution department; C. K. Rowland and W. C. Lindamood, local accounting department.

Beckley District

10 YEARS: Claude D. Fitzpatrick, transportation department.

Bluefield District

20 YEARS: James C. Smith, Jr., commercial department. 10 YEARS: Joseph W. Whittaker, Jr., meter department, and John W. Howery, system transmission line department. 5 YEARS: David M. Davis, transmission and distribution department; Cecil A. Kelly, meter department; Lora P. Sarver, local accounting department; Samuel E. Porter, district instrument man.

Charleston District

15 YEARS: A. F. Whaples and H. R. Allison, distribution department. 5 YEARS: R. E. Gulley and J. P. McCormick, distribution department.

Logan District

30 YEARS: Arch Peyton, managerial department. 25 YEARS: Orvie F. Toalston, transmission and distribution department.

Logan Plant

30 YEARS: J. W. Frey, shift supervisor. 15 YEARS: Forest Hodge, mechanical maintenance department. 10 YEARS: Hal Barker, operation department.

Point Pleasant District

5 YEARS: Peter H. Steenbergen, Jr., district engineering department.

Pulaski District

25 YEARS: W. H. Spangler, general foreman. 10 YEARS: N. N. Eskridge, local accounting department, and R. C. Nester, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: R. P. Lawson, H. L. Hawkins and A. S. Poe, accounting department; C. S. Suthers, meter department; W. A. Wilson, E. A. Martin, Christie Hurst and W. F. Childers, transmission and distribution department.

Roanoke District

25 YEARS: James Crouch, commercial department. 5 YEARS: A. L. Stebar, transmission and distribution department, and R. H. Thomas, local accounting department.

System Offices

25 YEARS: M. O. Wilson, personnel director; A. D. Stockton, system substation engineer. 5 YEARS: Mary A. Via and Iona V. Robertson, system billing.

Welch District

10 YEARS: William Hulane and Thomas D. Hankins, distribution department. 5 YEARS: Alonza Hardy, Jr., service department, and H. H. Bivens, stores department.

Kingsport Utilities

5 YEARS: R. E. Casteel and W. Q. Smith, accounting department; M. D. Williams, commercial department; E. J. Ingram, meter department; Dewey Bowman, distribution department.

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Ashland District

20 YEARS: Herbert H. Kincaid, assistant district manager. 10 YEARS: Harry H. Miller, commercial department, and Paul B. Lumbard, personnel department. 5 YEARS: Liew Osborne, transmission and distribution department.

Hazard District

10 YEARS: C. A. McKinney, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: Cruscoe Holliday and Ernest Pennington, transmission and distribution department; Chalmers Buster Cornett, commercial department.

Pikeville District

5 YEARS: Leonard Blackburn, Alfred Mercer, and Laco Tucker, transmission and distribution department.

Walters Heads Kilowatt Club



J. D. Walters was elected president of the Charleston district Kilowatt Club in a recent election held by the club's board of directors.

Other new officers of the club are: D. H. Caldwell, vice president; A. W. Brendel, secretary; and Vernon Costello, treasurer.

The following department representatives have been named and compose the club's board of directors for 1951: Charles Crawford, garage; Ver-

non Costello, engineering; J. D. Walters, accounting; Herman Summers, Kanawha Valley Power Company; B. C. Martin, line; A. W. Brendel, personnel; J. P. Charlton, system meter; Wilbur West, local meter department; E. S. Brown, substation and D. H. Caldwell, stores.

Shown in the picture above, left to right, are: Vice President Caldwell; Treasurer Costello; Secretary Brendel and President Walters.

Remodeling Of Office Building At Pikeville Is Nearing Completion

Remodeling of the Pikeville office building is nearing completion and several departments have already moved into new quarters.

The meter department has moved into what was formerly the storeroom and the engineering department took over the meter department's old offices. The sales section of the commercial department has moved into the space vacated by the engineering department.

This relocating plus redesigning left the auditorium free for use and also provided a conference room on the second floor.

25 Years' Service Comes To An End For Sam Mingrone



Sam F. Mingrone, who came to the United States in 1905, has retired after 25 years' service at the Logan plant. Sam first became associated with our company in 1925.

He was born in Bocchighiero, Italy, in 1886 and came to this country at the age of 19. He worked for the Norfolk and Western Railway Company during that company's early construction days.

In 1914 just prior to the outbreak of World War I, Sam returned to Italy for a visit. He stayed to fight in the Italian army for over three years and returned to the U. S. in 1921. From then until he was employed at the Logan plant, Sam worked in the coal industry.

Mr. and Mrs. Mingrone have four sons: John, who lives at home; Louis, in Charleston; Jimmie, in Dayton, and Albert, who is studying music at Morris-Harvey College in Charleston.

Sam says his future plans are indefinite.

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the death of his mother-in-law.

Mrs. Betty Chatfield is a new employee in the main accounting office.

Mrs. Marilyn Henneman, a former employee, has been re-employed and is working in the local accounting office.

Mrs. Jim Paul is recuperating from a recent illness. Mr. Paul is an employee in the local accounting office.

Pikeville District

Sympathy is extended to H. M. Eagle and family upon the death of his father and Mrs. Eagle's mother.

Sherlie Hale, meter department, has returned to work following a recent illness.

Pfc. Charles E. Campbell, Marine Corps, is now stationed in Japan. He is an employee on military leave.

H. R. Flanagan, local office manager, has returned to work after an illness.

Eleven Veterans Get Service Pins



These eleven employees of the three companies received service pins in January for 20 years or more service. Top row, left to right: H. H. Kincaid, 20 years, assistant manager Ashland district; James C. Smith, Jr., 20 years, Bluefield district. Second row: James Crouch, 25 years, Roanoke district; Thelma D. Manning, 25 years, system accounting department, Roanoke; M. O. Wilson, 25 years, system personnel director, Roanoke. Third row: Orvie F. Toalston, 25 years, Logan district; James H. Davis, 30 years, Abingdon district; Arch Peyton, 30 years, Logan district. Fourth row: J. W. Frey, 30 years, Logan plant; A. D. Stockton, 25 years, system substation department, Roanoke, and W. H. Spangler, 25 years, Pulaski district.

W. G. Mervine Resigns Post With A. G. & E.

William G. Mervine, assistant to President Philip Sporn and director of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation, has resigned.

Mr. Mervine has been away from his office for about two months because of illness. In a letter to Mr. Sporn, Mr. Mervine said that doctors advised him that a return to full-time work could be done only at considerable risk to his health.

Mr. Sporn said Mr Mervine's resignation was accepted with "considerable regret."

T. R. Justice Dies Of Heart Attack



T. R. "Ted" Justice, a member of the Charleston district engineering department, died January 14 following a heart attack.

Mr. Justice had been an employee of the company for more than thirteen years.

W. D. Cox, Beckley, Honored At Dinner On His Retirement



Wilbur D. Cox, Beckley district general foreman, was guest of honor at a recent dinner given in recognition of his retirement. The dinner was attended by about thirty-five department heads and supervisors. He was presented a watch by Cecil Lowell, district manager, on behalf of his fellow employees.

Following a varied career in the telephone and electrical fields, "Uncle Bill," as he is often called, became associated with the company in September, 1934, as foreman of a line crew. He served in that capacity until 1944, when he was promoted to his present position of general foreman.

Because of ill health, Mr. Cox will move to Florida during the month.

Lemon Snow Pudding Is Suggested For A Valentine Party Dessert



If you are planning a valentine party, a lemon snow pudding ringed with heart shaped cookies is a nice dessert. The recipe for lemon snow pudding is as follows:

- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 3/4 cup boiling water
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 2 egg whites

Soften gelatin in cold water. Add boiling water, sugar and salt and stir until dissolved. Add lemon juice and lemon rind. Chill until mixture is slightly thicker than consistency of unbeaten egg whites. Whip until light. Beat egg whites until stiff; add gelatin mixture. Place the bowl in ice water; continue to beat until mixture begins to hold its shape. Turn into mold which holds 7 cups; chill until firm. Unmold on large serving platter. Yield: 6 servings.

Mrs. C. Campbell Named Huntington Clubwoman Of Week By Program

Mrs. Chester Campbell of Huntington was selected "Clubwoman of the Week" on Borden's "930 Club Calendar" program of January 12 and awarded an orchid for her outstanding work in club and civic affairs. She is the wife of the assistant billing supervisor of the Huntington centralized billing office.

Mrs. Campbell is president of the Past Council's Club of Greater Huntington Council 9, Daughters of America. She has been a member of the organization for 15 years and has held many positions and received many honors.

She is financial secretary of Harmony Grove 73, Supreme Forest Woodman Circle, and holds office in Charity Rebeckah Lodge 39. A member of the White Snow Council, degree of Pocahontas, she is past president of the Miller School Parent-Teachers Association.

In addition to her club activities, Mrs. Campbell devotes a part of her time to Cub Scout work and to hobbies of crocheting, coin collecting and raising tropical fish.



Bluefield Girls Service Club Installs New Officers At Christmas Luncheon



Pictured above are the new officers of the Girls Service Club of Bluefield. From left to right are Mrs. Lois Rounion, president; Dorothy Boyd, vice president; Patsy Mahoney, secretary, and Mrs. Nell Bibb, treasurer.

A Christmas luncheon party was held December 19 by the Girls Service Club of Bluefield in the company assembly room. New officers were installed for the coming year. They are: Mrs. Lois Rounion, president; Dorothy Boyd, vice president; Patsy Mahoney, secretary, and Mrs. Nell Bibb, treasurer. Helen Sue Spangler, past president, expressed her appreciation for the cooperation shown during her term of office.

Marvin Bostian, engineering department, sang several Christmas

solos and the group, accompanied by Mrs. Sybil Jones, sang a Christmas carol. Mrs. Lena Moseley told the story of "The Man Who Owned The Stable."

Table arrangements were made by Mrs. Mary Kersey and committee with the help of Mrs. Kersey's mother, Mrs. Alonzo McCue, who arranged the floral decorations.

At the close of the luncheon, Dorothy Boyd played Santa and presented gifts to club members.

Updike-Justis

Miss Dorothy Updike was married to Pfc. Claude L. Justis, Jr., on December 30 at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Roanoke.

Mrs. Justis is employed in the system real estate and right-of-way department, Roanoke.

Jarrell-Kuskey

On January 6, Miss Patricia Ann Jarrell and Joe Kuskey were united in marriage.

Mr. Kuskey is an area representative in the Whitesville office.

Stockner-St. Clair

Miss Mary Kate Stockner was married to Richard Otis St. Clair at the First Presbyterian Church in Welch on December 29.

Mr. St. Clair is employed in the engineering department, Welch.

Wood-Caldwell

Miss Julia Wood and Robert H. Caldwell were married on December 20 in Vinton, Virginia.

Mrs. Caldwell is employed in the Roanoke meter department.

Hazard Kilowatt Club Holds Dinner Party

The Kilowatt Club of Hazard district gave a dinner in honor of Miss Mildred Gabbard who was married January 20. The bride-to-be was presented an electric iron.

Present were Elizabeth Grigsby, LaRedith Pratt, Doshia Sizemore, Nell Buttram, Sue Carey, Helen Robertson, Leyburn Cody, Gay Boyer, Cleo Hatmaker, Nannie Jo Rowell, Loraine Brashear, Irene Stout, Coleen Branson, Jean Riddle, Betty Adams and Hope Francis.

Irene Stout who is leaving the company was presented a gift.

New Arrivals . . .

KINGSPORT—Mr. and Mrs. James D. Spivey are the parents of a son, George Frank, born on January 1. Mr. Spivey is employed in the substation department.

PULASKI—A son, Bruce Benjamin, Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce B. McCall on January 15. Mr. McCall is employed in the engineering department and Mrs. McCall is a former home economist.

ROANOKE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rotella, a son, Gary Frank, on December 30. Mrs. Rotella is a former employee of the system accounting office.

TAZEWELL—A daughter, Gail Stowers, was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Nash on January 7. Mr. Nash is an employee of the line crew.

BISHOP—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dudash, a daughter, Nancy Steven, on December 19. Mr. Dudash is employed as a maintenance man.

CHARLESTON—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Flannery are the parents of a boy, Patrick Michael, born on December 30. Mr. Flannery is the Charleston division local office manager.

ROANOKE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard W. Woodahl, a son, John Camden, on December 29. Mr. Woodahl is an employee of the local accounting department.

WELCH—A daughter, Susan Kay, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Jones on December 30. Mr. Jones is employed in the meter department.

ASHLAND—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Barker are the parents of a daughter, Vicki Lynn, born on January 14.

POCAHONTAS—A daughter, Nancy Ruth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Widener on December 30. Mr. Widener is a serviceman.

PIKEVILLE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Burl Hunter, a son, John, Jr., on January 4. Mr. Hunter is employed in the distribution department.

LOGAN—A son, Teddy Ray, was born on January 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Spears. Mr. Spears is employed in the line department.

KENOVA—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lowe are the parents of a son, James Michael.

LYNCHBURG—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Miller, a daughter, Mary Ellen, on December 19. Mr. Miller is an employee of the commercial department.

HAZARD—Mr. and Mrs. Mosco Blackburn are the parents of a daughter, who was born on January 11.

ROANOKE—A son, David Glenn, was born on January 3 to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whitenack. Mr. Whitenack is employed in the system billing department.

LOGAN—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Raper are the parents of a daughter, Beverly Jane, born on December 21. Mr. Raper is an employee of the engineering department.

ABINGDON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Nicewonder, a son, Randy Gene, on January 6. Mr. Nicewonder is a district instrument man.

RIPLEY—A son, Stanley Neale III, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley N. Johnson II, on December 17. Mr. Johnson is employed in the commercial department.

ROANOKE—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Munday, Jr., announce the arrival of Ernest Leonard Munday III, to their family circle on January 20. Mr. Munday is the supervisor of the rural-residential sales department.

Guenther-Richardson

In a double ring ceremony performed in Catlettsburg, Kentucky, Miss Gloria Jean Guenther and James Richard Richardson were united in marriage on January 6.

Mrs. Richardson is employed in the Ashland managerial office.

Powell-Gee

At the Vinton Baptist Church on January 13, Miss Anna Belle Powell was married to Carl James Gee.

Mrs. Gee is an employee of the system real estate and right-of-way department in Roanoke.

Brown-Charles

Miss Marie Brown and William Curtis Charles were united in marriage on December 23.

Mr. Charles is employed in the distribution department at Pikeville.

Avery-Skeen

On December 23, Miss Lois Vivian Avery and Clyde Edward Skeen were wed in the Villa Heights Baptist Church in Roanoke.

Mr. Skeen is an employee of the system civil engineering department, Roanoke.

Patterson-Ballard

Miss Mary C. Patterson and Traynham Ballard were married on December 17 in Greenup, Kentucky.

Mrs. Ballard is a PBX operator in the Huntington office.

Goodwin-Byrum

The wedding of Miss Margaret Marie Goodwin and Paul E. Byrum was performed on December 31 in Edenton, North Carolina.

Mr. Byrum is employed in the Fieldale commercial department.

Marshall-Hudson

Miss Sally Marshall was married to Thomas Lee Hudson on January 3.

Mrs. Hudson is the daughter of C. E. Marshall, who is employed at the Logan plant.

Cooper-Miller

Miss Mary Annette Cooper became the bride of Warren Marshall Miller on December 30 in Haysi, Virginia.

Mrs. Miller is a former employee of the system operating department in Roanoke.

Workman-Smith

The wedding of Miss Juanita Workman and Richard R. Smith was performed on January 6 at Fireco, West Virginia.

Mr. Smith is employed in the Beckley engineering department.

Martin-Snyder

The First Christian Church in Princeton, West Virginia, was the scene of the wedding of Miss Marjorie Martin and Petty Officer Third Class James L. Snyder on December 24.

Mrs. Snyder is an employee of the Princeton office.

Fourteen Couples Exchange Marriage Vows



Shown above are some of the employees who were married during the past month. Top row, left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Caldwell, Roanoke; Mrs. Claude L. Justis, Jr., Roanoke, and Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson, Ashland. Second row: Mrs. Paul E. Byrum, Fieldale; Mrs. James L. Snyder, Princeton; Mrs. T. Ballard, Huntington, and Mrs. Clyde E. Skeen, Roanoke.

Pikeville District 4-H Club Wins Top Honors In Kentucky Company Contest



Shown above are the members of the Gulnare 4-H Club in the Pikeville district who for the second consecutive year won top honors in the 4-H Club Contest sponsored by the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company. The radio-record player combination shown in the photo was purchased with the prize money the club won in 1949.

For the second successive year the Gulnare 4-H Club in Pike County has won top awards in the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company's 4-H Club contest.

For several years the company has sponsored the contest among the 460 4-H clubs in its 18-county eastern Kentucky service area. Monetary awards are made to the best club in the county, the best club in the district and the best club in the company's area. The Gulnare Club won \$60 by being first in all categories.

Runner-up to Gulnare was the East View Club in Boyd County, the

Ashland district winner. Third place was won by Burgett of Magoffin County. The Stillwater Club in Wolfe County was the Hazard district winner.

The top clubs in each county, district and the entire area were selected by State 4-H officials.

John Rasnick, rural sales representative in the Pikeville district, who worked closely with the Gulnare Club, presented the awards to Mrs. Clive Burchett, leader of the club. D. P. Wade, Ashland district, presented the award to the East View Club.

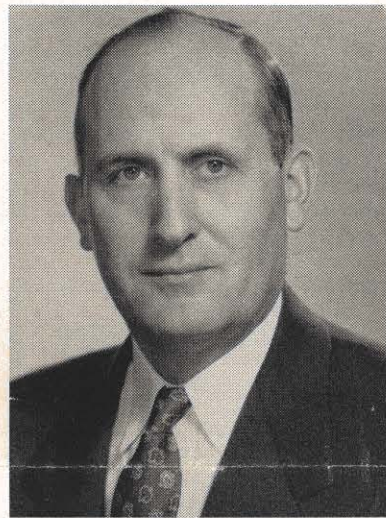
Furr Heads Roanoke Chamber Of Commerce

G. L. Furr, assistant general manager of Appalachian, has been elected president of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Furr was elected to the position on January 26 by the Chamber's board of directors.



Mr. Furr is a veteran of 30 years of service with Appalachian. He began working for the company in Bluefield in September, 1916, after his graduation from V. P. I. In Bluefield he held successively the positions of operating engineer, general superintendent, assistant division manager and division manager. He was promoted to the post of assistant general manager in 1946.

C. R. Settle Named To Welch District's Superintendent Post



C. R. Settle, assistant general substation foreman at Switchback, has been promoted to the position of superintendent of the Welch district.

Mr. Settle, who is a native of Russell County, Virginia, was graduated from Honaker High School. He was a member of the graduating class of 1932 in electrical engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia, and is a veteran of World War II.

Mr. Settle has been an employee of the company for the past five years and prior to that time was associated with the Conoway Coal Company and the West Virginia Armature.

Charleston District Line Crew Praised For Assisting Man Injured In A Fall



A Charleston line crew received high praise from S. C. Hill, general plant supervisor of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, for their action in rendering aid to an injured man.

Shown above are members of the crew, left to right, front row: W. A. Quarrier, H. H. Wills and N. R. Keeling; back row: R. E. Gulley, R. C. Callison and W. W. Champe. Missing from the picture were Foreman L. M. Jordan and K. P. McCoy.

Mr. Hill wrote a letter to Division Manager R. E. Hodges. Mr. Hill's letter follows:

"Dear Mr. Hodges:

"I know that you are keenly interested any time the employees of your company render a service beyond their normal duties. For this reason, I am bringing to your attention an instance that occurred this morning shortly after 8:00 A. M. An employee of the Kanawha County Board of Education, Mr. G. C. Smith, fell on the ice on the South Side Bridge here in Charleston and broke his hip. One of your construction crews stopped and immediately gave excellent assistance. The foreman called for an ambulance using the mobile radio-telephone equipment on the truck. Blankets and inhalants from your truck were used to make the injured man more comfortable. When the ambulance arrived, the men showed their skill in first aid training by using the four-man carry to put the injured on the ambulance cot.

"Instances such as these do a great deal to show that utilities are 'good citizens.' Commendations to your company and to the individuals involved in this specific case."

Very truly yours,

S. C. Hill.

Bluefield . . .

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economist at Marion.

Fred Poe, his son, and Walter Francis, Marion councilman, attended the Tangerine Bowl Football game on New Year's Day at Orlando, Fla.

Bluefield District

Harry J. Swecker has returned to work after a recent illness.

Sympathy is extended W. M. Gordon, Princeton line crew, on the death of his grandfather, John Eagle.

Virginia Howell and Emily Cowling are new employees in the Bluefield office.

W. L. Nash, Tazewell line crew, has been ill at his home.

New Transformer For Red Onion Substation



A heavy snow and a poor road failed to keep the Clintwood maintenance crew in the Abingdon district from installing a new 3750 kva transformer at the Red Onion substation. The substation is located in Dickenson County on Red Onion Mountain and supplies Clintwood and Pound, Virginia.

Getting the 30,000-pound transformer up the snow-covered mountain presented quite a problem.

Members of the Clintwood crew shown in the picture are C. M. Jackson, E. L. Rasnake, J. S. Barrett and W. L. Smythers. Others in the picture are W. H. Johnson, J. M. Orr and Paul Rowe.

Willie Jones Retires At Hazard After 26 Years In The District



Willie Jones, 65, one of the veteran Hazard district employees, retired January 1 after having completed more than 26 years of service as an employee of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company.

Mr. Jones began his work with the company in 1917 about one year after the formation of the Kentucky River Power Company. He worked on the first transmission line to be constructed in the area and on practically every one since then.

It was recalled that construction crews in those days lived in tents while on various jobs. Willie often entertained the crews with his five-string banjo.

Mr. Jones has served under the supervision of six different district managers.

He will make his home on his Leslie County farm.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Hazard District

Employee	From	To
Gaine Stidham	Substation Foreman	General Foreman— Transmission and Distribution Department

Kingsport Utilities

Woodrow Ball	Groundman	Boiler Operator A
Samuel W. Bellamy	Groundman	Boiler Operator A
William G. Hartgrove	Groundman	Boiler Operator A
Arnold D. Reynolds	Lineman C	Plant Maintenance Man B
George E. Morrison	Groundman	Meter Helper
Jake E. Sells	Meter Helper	Groundman
Hubert C. Greene	Auto Mechanic Helper	Plant Maintenance Man Helper

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Beckley District

O. C. Hall	Engineer Trainee	Power Sales Engineer
W. W. Bennett	Junior Meter Reader	Groundman

Bluefield District

Troy W. Testerman	Working Foreman	Line Foreman
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Charleston District

Mrs. Evelyn Ohlinger	Beckley office	Montgomery office
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Fieldale District

Forde D. Duckworth	Meter Engineer, Roanoke	District Meter Supervisor
Joseph D. Higgins	Engineer Trainee— Roanoke	Area Sales Representative

Logan District

Ray Queen	Accounting Department	Line Department
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Lynchburg District

John M. Bower	Roanoke Commercial Department	Lynchburg Commercial Department
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Roanoke District

Coy L. Peters	Auto Mechanic B	Working Foreman
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System Offices

A. Carlton Strickland	Roanoke District Right of Way Department	System Operating Department
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Welch District

Ralph Slade	Maintenance Man A	Substation Foreman
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More Non-Veterans Enter Services In January Than In Previous Months

For the first time since hostilities began in Korea, employees without military experience outnumbered veterans being called into the armed forces.

In the Roanoke district, one man entered the Navy and two went into the Army. Frank J. Boitnott, office messenger who had been with the company almost three months, entered the Navy. Bernice P. Coley, junior radio engineer, entered the Army. He had been with Appalachian almost a year. Ralph Thomas Henry, meter reader in the Roanoke district, went into the Army after almost 30 months' service with the company. He was a member of the Naval Reserve.

Two system employees, Henry M. Hall and B. N. Smith, entered the service in January. Hall, system substation engineer, went into the Navy after six months' service with the company. Smith, substation operator, joined the Army Air Corps after one year of service with the company.

The Beckley district sent three men to the armed forces during January. I. Bane Davis, transportation department, and Charles S. Varner, engineering department, enlisted in the Army Air Corps. William S. Wiseman, accounting department, enlisted in the Army ground forces.

Willie Ralph Naff, rural sales representative in the Fieldale district, volunteered for active duty with the Army Air Corps after serving in the National Guards. He is a veteran of four years' service in the Infantry where he was a sergeant. He served the company about five and half years.

Two employees from the Williamson district, Claude Smith of the meter department and Teddy Branham of the distribution department, were inducted into the Army.

Abingdon district had three men to enter the service during January. John O. Rasnick, Gate City line crew, enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He had 10 months' service with the company. James W. Callahan, Abingdon lineman, also enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He had two years' service with Appalachian. Verner O. Armentrout, Abingdon engineering department, enlisted in the Marine Corps after almost five years' service with the company.

Everett J. Erwin, Huntington district right-of-way agent, reentered the Army as a sergeant in the Provost Marshall's Office. A veteran of two and a half years with the Army, he has been associated with the company for two years, seven months.

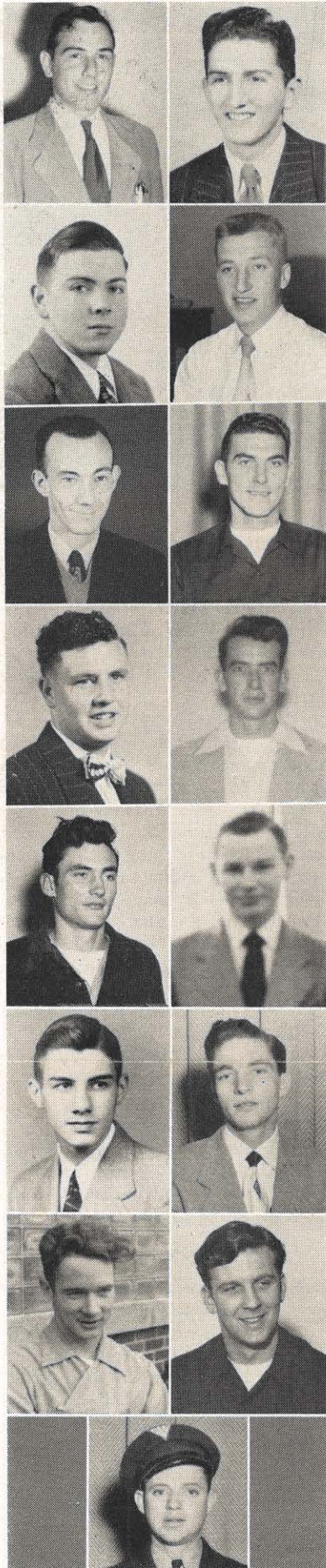
Three men from Charleston district entered the service last month. Frank Scholl, meter department, enlisted in the Air Corps. He was employed in October of 1949. Charles H. Young, meter reader at Montgomery, entered the Army on January 12 after 28 months' service with the company. Ben Thomas, Nitro commercial representative, joined the Seabees. He served in the Marine Corps in the last war and had been a member of the Naval Reserve for a year.

An employee of the system meter department in Charleston, David T. Crickenberger, enlisted in the Air Corps on January 5. He is in San Antonio, Texas. He worked for Appalachian 16 months.

Beckley Employee Is Killed In Road Mishap

Injuries received when he was hit by a bus have proved fatal to Herbert C. Gunter, an employee of the Beckley district.

Mr. Gunter, who lived in Mabscott, W. Va., was struck by a bus on January 20 and died a day later in a hospital.



Here are photos of some of the employees of the three companies who went into the armed services last month. Left to right, top row: Ben Thomas and David T. Crickenberger. Second row: Charles H. Young and I. Bane Davis, Jr. Third row: Everett J. Erwin and Verner O. Armentrout. Fourth row: W. S. Wiseman and James W. Callahan. Fifth row: John O. Rasnick and Henry M. Hall. Sixth row: Charles S. Varner and Frank J. Boitnott. Seventh row: B. N. Smith and Frank Scholl. Eighth row: Ralph T. Henry.

Huntington . . .

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fornia where they attended the Rose Bowl football game.

New employees in the Huntington district are: Jo Anne Bass, accounting department; Charles W. Pannell, engineer trainee, and E. C. Maynard, production.

W. J. Metheny has resigned to go with the International Nickel Company.

Margaret L. Vandall and Winona I. Burns have resigned their positions with the system billing office.

Meter Reader Almost Hit As Bank Guard Shoots At Gunmen

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Five shots . . . all misses. And Charles C. Clendenin, Charleston district meter reader who found himself in the middle of a bank holdup, is mighty glad of it.

Clendenin went to Whitesville on January 19 to read meters. Just as he stepped from the door of the Whitesville office, he found himself in front of "singing bullets." He quickly fell to the pavement.

When the shooting was over, he learned that two gunmen had attempted to hold up the State Bank of Whitesville. The bank guard had upset the robbers' plans when he grabbed one of their guns. After struggling with the guard and trying to shoot him, the two desperadoes fled from the bank and ran past Clendenin to their car.

At this point the bank guard started shooting and yelling, "Catch those guys." The meter reader said that it was then that he "just took off from that spot and hopped over against a wall." The gunmen were caught at a roadblock at Glen Daniel about 35 minutes after they tried to hold up the bank.

Schley Eskins, local superintendent at Whitesville, watched the action from across the street and noted that everyone was moving mighty fast. He added, "Boy! I bet we have a hard time getting Charlie up to Whitesville again."

They're Engaged

FIELDALE—Miss Derothadeane Shaw to James E. Perry. Miss Shaw is employed in the local accounting department.

LYNCHBURG—Miss Peggy A. Cox to Henry H. Carwile. Miss Cox is an employee in the personnel department.

ROANOKE—Miss Jane Gooch to J. W. Thomas. Mr. Thomas is an employee in the distribution department.

WILLIAMSON—Miss Tina Justice to Frank J. Davis. Miss Justice is a switchboard operator.

MONTGOMERY—Miss Ardith Nell Hubbard to Donald Gene Ferrell. Miss Hubbard is employed in the local accounting department.

ASHLAND—Miss Lucille Goebel to Grant Sagraves. Miss Goebel is an employee of the purchasing department.

KINGSPORT—Miss Lena Stata to James Hensley, Jr. Miss Stata is employed in the distribution department.

BECKLEY—Miss Ramona M. Kidwell to William S. Wiseman. Miss Kidwell is employed in the Beckley district.

CABIN CREEK—Miss Jeanne Crawford to Joe Creasey. Miss Crawford is a stenographer.

Roanoke . . .

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recently spent their vacation in Miami and Key West.

H. D. Veasey, distribution department, attended the installation of officers for the Fredericksburg Life Saving Crew. He is secretary of the Virginia State Association of Rescue Squads.

Mrs. Mary Lemon, local accounting department, resigned to join her husband stationed at Greenville, S. C.

Mrs. Fay Livengood visited her husband who is in the Marines at Camp Lejeune.

Mrs. Mayce Sanderson entertained the switchboard operators at her home. A canasta party followed the buffet dinner.

Lora Crutchfield, home economist and bride-elect of Kinsley McWhorter, Jr., was recently honored with a bridge-luncheon by Mrs. Betty Thrasher and Miss Martha Kirchner of the home service department.

Mrs. Emma E. Brugh is a new employee in the home service department. She is the former Mary Emma Ellis, assistant home demonstration agent of Franklin County.

Charleston District Transformer Shop Does Record Volume Of Business During 1950



The Charleston district transformer shop made a record during 1950. The employees in the shop repaired, cleaned and tested 745 transformers during the year. Shown above in the shop are left to right: H. J. Spurlock, B. M. Harper, J. O. Bartlett and F. E. Porter.

Miss Lorayne Watson Elected President Of Ashland Molo Club

Miss Lorayne Watson was elected president of the Ashland Molo Club of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, January 15. The election of officers highlighted the club's first meeting during 1951. Miss Watson succeeds Mrs. Marilyn McWhorter.

Mrs. Doris Sutton was elected secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Charlene Shannon, reporter.

At the club's first meeting of the year plans were discussed for the sponsoring of a Valentine dance. Mrs. Mary Beth Duren, a former employee, and Betty Chatfield, a new employee, were special guests. A gift was presented to the retiring president, Mrs. McWhorter.

Jack Taylor Wins 1950 Kiwanis Award

J. E. "Jack" Taylor, local office manager, Bluefield, was presented the "Outstanding Kiwanian Award" at the annual installation meeting of the Bluefield Kiwanis Club in January. Mr. Taylor, who is chairman of the inter-club relations committee, was presented a certificate and plaque by R. J. Cousins, chairman of the Past Presidents' Club.



Mr. Taylor and his committee were cited for their splendid club achievements over the past year. Mr. Taylor has been a member of the Bluefield Kiwanis Club for the past two years.

W. L. Booth, Jr., Is Worshipful Master Of Lynchburg Masons

W. L. Booth, Jr., Lynchburg district distribution engineering department, was recently elected Worshipful Master of Marshall Lodge 39, A. F. and A. M. of Lynchburg. Active in the Lodge since becoming a member in 1946, he has advanced through the different offices before being elected to his present position.



He was employed by Appalachian in 1941 as a draftsman. He is married and the father of two sons.

With the elevation of Mr. Booth, Robert H. Porter, substation foreman, was elected Senior Deacon of the same lodge.

Earl Wood Guided Welch's Dimes Drive

Earl Wood, Welch district rural and residential supervisor, was chairman of the recent March of Dimes campaign for the City of Welch.



Mr. Wood's committee included George Brenn, Al Blake, Arnold Harless, Seldon Alpert, Richard Ruff and Milo Chavez.

Mr. Wood and his committee appeared before various Welch civic clubs and asked their support during the campaign.

Mr. Wood is past president of the Welch Lions Club, the sponsors of the drive.

Pt. Pleasant Wins Praise For Second Safe Working Year

The two-year-old Point Pleasant district of the Appalachian Electric Power Company completed its second consecutive year without a lost-time accident. Upon the completion of their second safe year, district personnel and management also won themselves considerable praise for their achievements in a letter of commendation from M. C. Funk, vice president and general manager.

Mr. Funk praised the excellent cooperation among all employees and cited it as one of the major contributing factors responsible for the unblemished record. In his letter to J. V. Mann, district manager, Mr. Funk said, "Please accept my sincere congratulations for your excellent safety record to date and convey this same appreciation to your employees who made this accomplishment possible."

Lynchburg Service Club Elects Officers



Officers of the Lynchburg service club pictured above, left to right, are Hazel Bell, secretary; Ernest Layne, president, and Bernice Anderson, treasurer.

At a meeting of the Apeloce Club on January 9 in the club room of the Lynchburg district office, officers were elected for 1951. Ernest D. Layne, meter department, was elected president.

Bernice Anderson of the distribution department was elected treasurer while Hazel Bell of the accounting department became the new secretary of the service club.

Three Charleston District Employees Gain Recognition In 'Operating Notes'

Three Charleston district employees received system-wide recognition when their articles were published in the December issue of A. G. & E. Operating Notes. They were among the 150 persons who had contributed more than 190 suggestions during the past two years. Sixty-six of these field suggestors received monthly awards during 1950 and the winners of the annual prizes will be announced in the near future.



Mr. Currence

George W. Unangst and B. R. Currence, both Charleston district meter department employees, were commended in recognition of their development of a remote-control contactor for attachment to a water meter register.

It was developed to record at remote points the amount of water or fluids used in the operation of counters, valves and other purposes.

Mr. Unangst is the Charleston district meter superintendent, and Mr. Currence is a meterman A.



Mr. Unangst

G. E. Hervey, Charleston district substitution superintendent, received recognition for his use of anti-freeze agents for the elimination of frozen locks during winter weather.

Mr. Hervey, who began his experiment in 1947, found that by dipping a key into an undiluted anti-freeze solution and inserting the key in the lock several times frozen locks were eliminated. One application was found to be sufficient for the winter. No injurious effects on the locks were noted.

H. E. Mattox Hurt In Truck Accident

H. E. Mattox, Bluefield district commercial department employee, was seriously hurt on January 23 when he was struck by a truck near his home in Bluefield.

An employee of Appalachian for almost 20 years, Mr. Mattox is a patient in the Bluefield Sanitarium. Attending physicians said Mr. Mattox suffered a brain concussion.

J. R. Crittenden, Glen Lyn Shift Supervisor, Dies Following Illness



Jesse Raymond Crittenden, 61, Glen Lyn Plant shift supervisor, died January 14, following an illness of about four months.

Mr. Crittenden began his employment at the plant, June 21, 1923. He was widely known throughout the entire community.

Mullens Line Crew Gets Second Steak Dinner For No-Lost-Time Accidents



Dinner at the boss's expense was the reward given Mullens, W. Va., line crewmen in recognition of their safety record over the past year without a lost-time accident. For the second consecutive year, C. F. "Preacher" Mundy, Bluefield district line foreman for the Mullens area, treated the members of his crew to a dinner at Mullens Moose Lodge. The Mullens crew worked 25,200 man-hours without a mishap. Mundy ruled the dog bite crewman Earl Gragg suffered while installing a house meter was a case of misunderstanding on the dog's part rather than an accident. He said, "The same offer stands for 1951—a swell feed for a no-accident record." The crew bought "Preacher" a new hat. Last year, they presented him with a leather coat. Shown above at the dinner, left to right, are: S. F. Litterall, "Preacher" Mundy and Glen Ferrell. Standing: left to right, R. A. Runion, J. E. Chapman, R. H. Jennings, O. C. Glover, Bernard Mullens, E. E. Hash, C. S. Bowling, C. L. Farley and E. E. Gragg.



Mr. Hervey is shown demonstrating the use of an anti-freeze solution to prevent locks from freezing.

Sally Frances Litz Is March Of Dimes Drive Chairman Of Bluefield

Sally Frances Litz, Bluefield office cashier, was chosen chairman of the Bluefield, Virginia, March of Dimes Campaign. As chairman of the drive, she is in charge of all solicitation in Bluefield, Virginia.

The drive in Bluefield was sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of which Miss Litz is treasurer.

Some More Christmas Party Pictures



Here are some more pictures made at Christmas parties held throughout the Southern Properties. Photo One: Hazard employees shown enjoying their annual Christmas party. Photo Two: Children were waiting expectantly to talk to Santa Claus at this Kingsport party. Photo Three: Dancing couples at the Lynchburg adults' party. Photo Four: Santa Claus is a welcome guest among the children at the Logan Christmas party. Photo Five: Employees' children of the Cabin Creek plant are awaiting gifts from Santa. Photo Six: Bobo the Clown, played by Claude Frishette, gives away balloons at the Point Pleasant party. Photo Seven: Huntington employees' children take time out for some refreshments at the party. Photo Eight: Welch district employees enjoying the dinner which was a part of their party. Photo Nine: Children at the Switchback party getting some presents. Photo Ten: Santa Claus hands out gifts at the Beckley children's party.

A. G. & E. Common Stock Offering Is Announced

The American Gas and Electric Company will offer about 340,000 shares of additional common stock to its stockholders on or about March 30, 1951. This announcement was made on January 26 following a meeting of the executive committee of the company.

The offerings to stockholders will be on the basis of one share to each 15 shares held, together with a subscription privilege, subject to allotment for unsubscribed shares.

The financing program will be subject to SEC approval and filings will be made with the commission within 30 days.

Proceeds of the offering will be invested in equities securities of the operating subsidiaries as part of the plan for financing the large construction program which American Gas and Electric Company is carrying forward to meet the demands of defense industries in the area it serves.

W. G. Blevins Dies At Clinchco, Va.



William Glenn Blevins, 61, Abingdon district operator at Moss Substation, Clinchco, Virginia, died at his home, December 29, following a heart attack. He had been in apparent good health until the time of his death.

Mr. Blevins was widely known in the Bluefield division, having worked for the company since August, 1925.

Mr. Blevins was born at Lodi, Washington County, Virginia, on April 10, 1889.

Title Of Outstanding Young Man Of Roanoke Awarded R. N. Hurt

Robert N. Hurt, system employee relations supervisor, who will soon leave to join the personnel staff of the American Gas and Electric Company, was chosen "the outstanding young man of Roanoke for 1950" by the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He was presented the award January 20, at the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce banquet at Hotel Roanoke honoring the "Ten Outstanding Young Men of 1950" in the nation. M. Carl Andrews, editor of the "Roanoke World-News" and chairman of the committee which selected the winner, presented the award.

Moore Heads System Appa-Mo Club For 1951

W. F. Moore of the system accounting office in Roanoke has been elected president of the Appa-Mo Club for 1951.

Other new officers of the employee club are: Maxine Kitts, secretary and Margaret Carter, treasurer. O. A. Hawkins, Margaret Haley and J. C. Oliver are members of the advisory committee.

Storeroom Bowlers Win Charleston's Kilowatt Crown For First Half Play



Members of the Charleston district's storeroom bowling team are shown above. Kneeling, left to right: R. R. "Luke" Lucas and Denny Caldwell. Back row, left to right: Eddie Russell, Friday Thompson and Wallace Mason.

The five-man Storeroom bowling team rolled up a wide margin to win the title in the first half of the 1950-51 Charleston district Kilowatt Bowling League. The Storeroom keglers had 32 victories against 19 defeats. H. R. Miller, captain of the generators, captured the high single game honors with a 248 game.

Mary Alice Caudill, rolling for the Polecats, won individual high game scoring honors in the women's section of the league with a 184 single game and a 504 for the high three-game series. Carl Murray of the Divisioners won the high three-game series in the men's division with a 575.

Local Office Leads Roanoke's Ten-Team Duckpin Bowling Loop

The Local Office and the Stores team are leading the Roanoke district duckpin bowling league. The Local Office, with a 34 to 17 record, holds a one-game edge over the Stores keglers.

In the ten-team league there is not too much of a margin between first and tenth place. Leroy Gregory, a member of the Garage team, holds the individual high game average.

The Local Office bowlers, led by D. W. Ayers, captain, are: G. M. Gray, C. R. Paxton, M. L. Waggoner, and J. E. Jones. Al Beatty is captain of the Stores team and other members are: D. W. Henry, E. J. Haga, E. M. Payne, and J. K. Hutcherson.

Ashland Employees Elect 1951 Officers For Credit Union

Ashland district employees of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company elected ten members to serve as officers of the Ashland Power Company Employees' Credit Union for 1951.

Dora Adkins and Felicia Billips were elected to the board of directors for three-year terms. A. R. Surbaugh, Mary F. Moore and Virgil Brewer became members of the supervisory committee. W. M. Holbrook, D. P. Wade, Hugh Eads, J. T. Weidenheller and Marilyn McWhorter were elected to the credit committee.

In addition to the election of officers, the members of the organization declared a five per cent dividend for all holdings.

Williamson District Forms League For Company Bowlers

L. W. Robinette was recently elected president of the newly formed AEP bowling league in the Williamson district. Other league officials of the four-team loop are: H. D. Hatfield, vice president; J. L. Richmond, secretary, and H. A. Cross, treasurer.

The Commercial and Accounting teams are setting the pace with 6 and 3 season records. The Engineers are third with a 5 and 4 standing while the Distribution keglers are in fourth place with a 1 and 8 record.

Bob Waggoner, an Accounting bowler, holds the individual honors with a 469 series; single high game, 176, and high individual average with a 143. The Commercial keglers captured the high team series with 719 pins.

Bowling in the new Williamson district league are the following: Commercial, L. W. Robinette, captain; Milton Cole, O. P. Cornelison, Donald Bain, John Lusk and H. S. Kiser, Jr. Accounting, Bob Waggoner, captain, J. L. Gilbert, H. A. Cross, Carl Riggs, C. Williamson and Ralph Jackson. Engineering, Dick Wilson, captain, John Scenter, J. E. Runyon, W. Holbrook, Otis Salmons and Blake Oney. Distribution, J. L. Richmond, captain, E. E. King, C. L. Miller, H. D. Hatfield, Fred Varney and P. E. Woods.

Lynchburg Hunter Bags Deer To Save Club From Defeat

Boyd L. Burnley, an employee of the Lynchburg substation department, accomplished one of his New Year's resolutions on the first day of 1951. Burnley had resolved to save face for the 30 members of the Lynbuck Hunt Club who had gone without a kill throughout the season. He bagged a 6-point, 140-pound deer in Buckingham County on New Year's Day.

The Lynbuck Hunt Club's thirty members place emphasis on deer hunting, but unfortunately had not been successful in making their first kill of the 50-51 season. Thirteen of its members are Appalachian employees. Mr. Burnley said, "I had killed three deer previous to this one in past years. I really didn't care too much about shooting that deer, but I certainly didn't want to see our club going down in defeat."

Another deer was claimed by the club before the season came to a close. A 7-point, 150-pound buck was killed on the final day of the season.

William F. Giles Leads March Of Dimes Drive

William F. Giles, Logan commercial department, has been appointed leader of the auction division for the March of Dimes Drive in and around Logan.

Leading Bowlers In Pt. Pleasant League



The Sporn plant Payroll keglers won the first half of 1950-51 Point Pleasant district's AEP bowling league. The Payroll team had 32 victories and 19 defeats. Bob Tillis, a district meter department bowler, won high individual honors with an average of 177. He also rolled the highest single game count with a 254. In the women's bracket, Faye Johnson won high scoring honors with a 138 average. The Accounting bowlers won second place; Meter, third; Distribution, fourth; Engineering, fifth, and Philip Sporn plant Construction, sixth place. Shown above, extreme left, Bob Tillis. Center group, the Sporn plant Payroll keglers are shown after winning their final game. Left to right, J. C. Pauley, F. H. McGraw, W. Johnson, H. Miller and K. Wiles. Extreme right, Faye Johnson.

'H-Bombs' Win First Half Of Beckley's Bowling League



Shown above are the leaders of the Beckley district's AEP bowling league, the "H-Bombs." The "Bombs" won the first half of the 1950-51 league play. Front row, left to right: Robert Biggs, John Thompson, Maxie Dwornick. Back row, left to right: Eugene M. O'Neal, W. R. Witzel, E. F. Pioch and Archie Riner.

The pin smashing "H-Bombs" were winners of the first half of the 1950-51 Beckley district AEP bowling league. The "Bombs" blasted their way through the season with a record of 29 victories against 16 setbacks. The "Rockin' Rockets" captured the second place with 27 victories and 18 defeats.

Beckley District's Credit Union Elects Officers For 1951

Eleven Beckley district employees were elected to posts in the Beckley Electric Credit Union. The announcement was made following the annual meeting of the stockholders which was held January 9.

Officers elected were: Board of directors: H. C. Sessions, H. F. Thomasson, Mrs. Vera R. Haynes, R. E. Presley and W. R. Witzel. Credit committee: C. W. Lovell, C. C. Darrah and B. H. White, Jr. Supervisory committee: W. E. Mitchell, H. F. Arnott and R. D. Smith.

The Beckley Electric Credit Union completed 1950 by making total of \$23,410 in loans, a total membership savings of \$10,599 and a total cash turn-over of \$31,388.

Wright captured high game honors with a 249 and Elmer Hutchinson racked up a record 591 series. The "H-Bombs" came through with a 2339 high series.

Two Hazard Men Hold Golf Club Posts For 1951



Mr. Griffin Mr. Barber

Two employees, A. R. Barber, manager of the Hazard district of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, and Thomas Griffin were appointed to key posts in the Hazard Golf Club. Mr. Barber was named president of the organization while Mr. Griffin was appointed secretary and treasurer. Mr. Griffin is the Hazard local office manager.

Accounting Keglers Edge Engineers In Closest Bluefield Bowling Race



The first half of the Bluefield district's AEP bowling league play ended in one of the closest races in the history of the loop. The Accounting department managed a narrow two-game lead to edge the District Engineers. E. W. Linkous won individual high average with 174. Shown above are the members of the Accounting department team. Seated, left to right, P. C. "Chick" Smith, J. E. Taylor and Kenneth Thomas. Standing, left to right: J. M. Loyd, Heber Stafford and W. J. Gillespie, Jr.