

They fail, and they
alone, who have not
striven.

—THOMAS BAILEY ALDRICH

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tinctions is service to
others.

—KING GEORGE VI

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Kingsport Utilities Gets Trophy



W. B. (Deacon) Jones (left), dealer sales representative for Kingsport Utilities, receives the George A. Hughes award for water heater promotion during 1950. The presentation was made by Edward Taylor, general sales manager of Hotpoint, Inc., donor of the award, at the Edison Electric Institute meeting in Chicago last month.

Qualifies For National Athletic Fraternity



David P. Minichan, Jr., son of D. P. Minichan, Pulaski district manager, has been the only student at V. P. I., Blacksburg, so far this school year to qualify for acceptance into Sigma Delta Psi. The national honorary athletic fraternity recognizes all-around athletic and scholastic proficiency as determined by 15 tests.

Each year about 100 V. P. I. students are candidates for Sigma Delta Psi. Minichan is one of five now attending V. P. I. who have qualified for membership. The other four are all graduate students who passed requirements in previous years.

Requirements for Sigma Delta Psi test the candidates' abilities in a broad scope of athletic achievements. Tests are conducted in the 100 yard swim, 20 foot rope climb, baseball throw, football punt, hand stand, hand spring, hand vault, 100 yard dash, 120 yard hurdle, mile run, shot put, javelin, broad jump and the high jump.

Minichan, a biology major, will be graduated in June and has been accepted for entrance into the University of Virginia School of Medicine. He is a member of the Arnold National Air Society and National Society of Scabbard and Blade. He was graduated from the Andrew Lewis High School at Salem in 1947 and will receive a reserve commission as second lieutenant in the USAF upon graduation at V. P. I.

Keene White Elected To Vice Presidency In Tennessee Jaycees

Keene White, payroll supervisor of Kingsport Utilities, was recently elected vice president of the Tennessee Junior Chamber of Commerce. White, who will represent Region I in his new position, was elected to the vice presidency during the Jaycee convention in Memphis, April 12-14.



White, who has been a member of the Jaycees since 1946, has served the Kingsport chapter in various capacities. He has been a member of the board of directors and served as first vice president. Last year he served as a member of the Tennessee Board of Directors.

John Faust, commercial department, also attended the three-day conference with Mr. White. Mr. Faust is the second vice president of the local organization.

Duke Wright Is Elected Welch Rotary President

Duke C. Wright, Welch district records supervisor, was recently elected president of the Welch Rotary Club. Mr. Wright's election took place at the club's April 3 luncheon meeting and he will assume his new duties July 1.

Mr. Wright has been an employee of the company since June, 1935.



Construction Of Major Projects On System Rushed With Coming Of Good Weather

With the coming of more favorable weather, construction projects throughout the Southern Properties are rapidly being pushed to completion. New substations and transmission lines comprise most of the major projects under way at this time.

Six transmission stations in the system are in varying stages of completion.

Lakin Station

In the Point Pleasant district, the new 132,000 volt Lakin station is expected to be placed in service in the near future. This station has a capacity of 7,500 kva and will be connected to the system by the new Sporn plant-Portsmouth 132,000-volt circuit.

The Lakin station will provide the Point Pleasant district with a new source of supply adequate to take care of any foreseeable future demands.

Leslie 154 kv Station

In the Hazard district, a new 154,000-volt transmission station is under construction. This station will have a capacity of 10,000 kva and will be connected to the system by a tap from the 154,000-volt line from Hazard to Pineville. The transformer has arrived for the station and grading and foundation work are under way.

The Leslie station will provide for the increasing demand in the Leslie county coal fields.

Saltville Station

The capacity of the saltville station in the Pulaski district is being increased by the installation of two 30,000 kva transformers. This additional capacity is expected to be ready for service about June 1. It will provide plenty of power for industrial expansion going on in the area.

Sprigg Station

In the Williamson district, the capacity of the Sprigg station is being more than doubled with the installation of a 20,000 kva bank of transformers and a 6,700 kva unit. The new bank is scheduled to go in service this month, after which the old bank

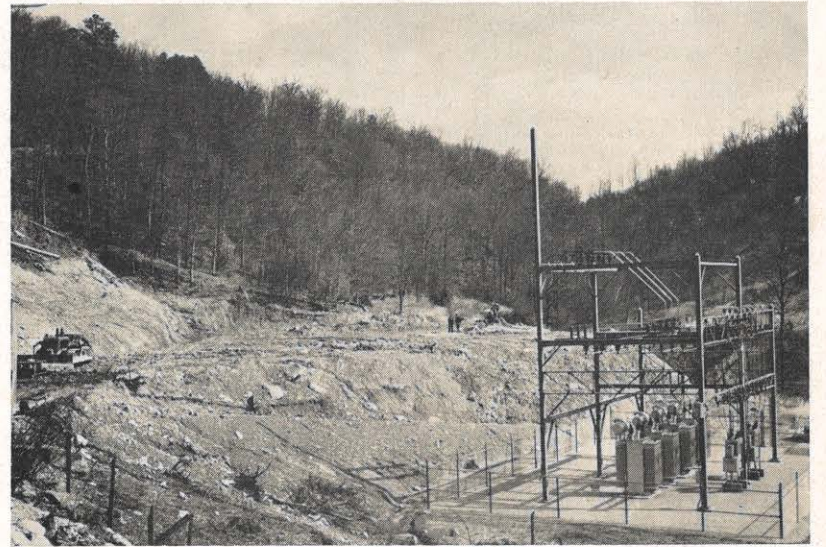
Roy Bates Rescues Small Boy From Being Hit By Speeding Car

Roy Bates, Huntington district survey crew, was working near a busy intersection on the outskirts of Huntington. A small boy ran from the sidewalk into the middle of the street where he became confused by the cars going in two directions.



The employee ran into the street and snatched the child from in front of an onrushing car, saving the little boy from certain injury and maybe death.

The rescued boy was so glad to get back to safety that he went running off, leaving Roy shaking his head and wondering whom he had saved.



This photograph was made at the site of the new Leslie County, Ky. 154,000 volt transmission station. Grading work was underway at the time for the new transmission station. In the foreground is the recently completed Leslie distribution station.

of transformers at the station will be given a complete overhaul.

Bradley Station

At Price's Hill, West Virginia, in the Beckley district, work is being speeded on the new Bradley station. All foundation work is virtually complete and the steel is arriving. A contract for the electrical work has been let to the Eastern Construction Company. This station will have a capacity of 30,000 kva.

Hopkins Station

The 20,000 kva transformer has arrived at the site of new Hopkins station in the Logan district. The foundation work has been completed

at the station and the steel is expected to arrive this month.

The Hopkins station will serve the northern part of the Logan district.

Hancock and Cloverdale

In the Roanoke district, work is slated to begin in the near future on two new 132,000 volt stations. One at Cloverdale will have a capacity of 30,000 kva and will provide an additional source of power for the rapidly developing area north of Roanoke.

The John W. Hancock station, between Roanoke and Salem, will have a capacity of 45,000 kva and will be connected to the system by the new

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Safety Plaque Awarded Kentucky Company



Here is a photograph of the plaque which the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company received from the National Safety Council for winning the public utilities safety contest in 1950.

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A Lesson In Socialism

(Here is the best explanation of this problem that has come to our attention. It is a letter written by Thomas J. Shelley, teacher of economics and history, in Yonkers, N. Y., High School, and first appeared in "Current News," monthly magazine of the Philadelphia Electric Company.)

As a teacher in the public schools, I find that the socialist-communist idea of taking "from each according to his ability" and giving "to each according to his need" is now generally accepted without question by most of our pupils. In an effort to explain the fallacy in this theory, I sometimes try this approach with my pupils:

When one of the brighter or harder-working pupils makes a grade of 95 on a test, I suggest that I take away 20 points and give them to a student who has made only 55 points on his test. Thus each would contribute according to his ability and—since both would have a passing mark—each would receive according to his need. After I have juggled the grades of all the other pupils in this fashion, the result is usually a "common ownership" grade of between 75 and 80—the minimum needed for passing, or for survival. Then I speculate with the pupils as to the probable results if I actually used the socialistic theory for grading papers.

First, the highly productive pupils—and they are always a minority in school as well as in life—would soon lose all incentive for producing. Why strive to make a high grade if part of it is taken from you by "authority" and given to someone else?

Second, the less productive pupils—a majority in school as elsewhere—would, for a time, be relieved of the necessity to study or to produce. This socialist-communist system would continue until the high producers had sunk—or had been driven down—to the level of the low producers. At that point, in order for anyone to survive, the "authority" would have no alternative but to begin a system of compulsory labor and punishments against even the low producers. They, of course, would then complain bitterly, but without understanding.

Finally I return the discussion to the ideas of freedom and enterprise—the market economy—where each person has freedom of choice, and is responsible for his own decisions and welfare.

Gratifyingly enough, most of my pupils then understand what I mean when I explain that socialism—even in a democracy—will eventually result in a living-death for all except the "authorities" and a few of their favorite lackeys.



QUESTION OF THE MONTH: In the Annual Report published in "The Illuminator," which items were of the greatest interest to you?

MARJORIE CRAWFORD, clerk-typist, Cabin Creek:



I enjoyed the article on "How Appalachian Grew" most. It is hard for most people to realize that a company of the capacity of the Appalachian could grow so rapidly in the span of approximately 25 years.

Before I became an employee of the Appalachian Electric Power Company I thought all there was to electricity was the pushing of a button or the turning of a switch to have a well-lighted room. But since my employment I realize that was not even the beginning of electricity.

The reason for my selection of the above article was due to the fact that it tied in with our recent education program in which we learned how the first power plant started, who was the founder, how it grew and on up until the present day.

W. B. BELCHEE, commercial department, Welch:



The item of greatest interest to me in the Annual Report was taxes. The \$11,629,275 which was paid was appalling. Many employees, like myself, were amazed at this figure because we are self-centered in our own district and at times possibly consider the district as the A. E. P.

Company. We work for the district, think district, and generally our scope is principally the circumference of the district or possibly the division. Until we have the opportunity to review the company's Annual Report, we do not fully realize the vastness of our company.

It is my opinion that it would be to the district employees' advantage to be briefed at intervals on the affairs of our company as a whole. As a power engineer, I have questions put to me which oft-times I have difficulty in answering, and I feel that more articles of this nature would be helpful.

LORRAYNE COREA, accounting department, Williamson:



One item of particular interest contained in the 1950 Annual Report was the fact that a new high in the sale of electricity was reached showing an appreciable gain over the previous year.

This not only enabled the company to take care of an increased tax load but also enabled the company to show a nice increase in earnings on common stock.

As I understand it, the above increase was the result of operating economies and increased use of kilowatt hours per customer by promotional means, such as the sale of electric appliances.

Another item of interest which is a direct result of the above is the increased benefits for employees including those entering the military service.

In addition to the above another accomplishment of great interest during 1950 was the fact that the three companies of the Southern Properties completed the year without a fatal accident. This is a very outstanding accomplishment.

R. A. PARRACK, distribution department, Kingsport:



In the Kingsport Annual Report published in THE ILLUMINATOR, the items which interested me most were the increases in the kilowatt hour per residential customer consumed, the amount of money invested per employee and a comparison of taxes versus wages and benefits.

These items indicate to me that the future of the company should be bright since more customers are using more of our product every day which means that they are recognizing the value of our continued service.

The increased investment per employee further indicates that we have the capacity, tools and equipment to provide good service.

It seems out of line to me that the company must pay more to the government for the privilege of operating than it does to its employees for operating the company. Since our product is one commodity that has not increased in price, we certainly must have sound management and I believe the progress indicated by the report will continue in spite of increased governmental taxes and control.

C. A. ZOELLERS, commercial department, Hazard:



One item in the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company's Annual Report of interest to me was the amount of money paid in taxes by our company. In these days of ceilings and allocations I would like to see taxes allocated more evenly and ceilings placed on them.

Another interesting item was the fact that the average number of kilowatt hours used by each residential customer increased over 1949 yet we added approximately six thousand new residential customers during 1950. The average increase of 75 kilowatt hours is even more heartening when we consider that practically all of the new customers were in rural territory and used well below the average.

H. R. MILLER, payroll department, Roanoke:



Customer growth, employee benefits and our safety record were of the greatest interest to me in the Annual Report.

A public utility, in order to continue to grow, must be founded on sound business principles, must have something to offer the public at a reasonable price and must increase the number of its customers.

This continued customer growth is of mutual benefit to our company and to us as employees as is well shown by the additional employee benefits which we have received. As an employee, these benefits are most welcome.

The value our company places on the lives of the employees is exemplified by the time and money that is spent in the continuous promotion of safety. This effort has paid off extra dividends in 1950.

LINDELL N. LITRELL, system accounting office, Roanoke:



The most outstanding item of interest to me was the great expansion program of the company in 1950, a year when our taxes and operating expenses showed a high increase. The success of this program depended largely on the selection of good plant sites and the wise investment made

by our management, who realized that more economy and lower operating costs could be gained by the construction of these larger and more efficient plants.

BILL MACHIR, transmission and distribution department, Point Pleasant:



The items of greatest interest to me were the growth of and accomplishments of our company.

Construction of new distribution lines reaching farther into rural communities, bringing to the farm home the conveniences of living in town or city and the making available of electric service to the farming areas has been one of our company's most important accomplishments.

The construction and placing in operation of additional generating capacity, especially in our local area, has made available unlimited possibilities for present industrial expansion and development of new industry.

DORIS R. BECKEY, secretary, Philip Sporn Plant:



One interesting fact in the Annual Report is the percentage gains of the system's electricity sales and customers during 1950. When comparing these increases with those of the years before 1940, it seems incredible that the company has advanced so greatly. However, along

with these increases came the necessity for expansions. These expansions required a great deal of the revenues taken in as more new construction, skilled manpower, operation costs, etc., were needed. Considering these facts is evidence that as long as the amount taken in increases the amount paid out will increase so as to meet the demand for more power.

A Letter Of Appreciation

The following letter was received by L. E. Turner, Glen Lyn Plant manager, after eighty members of the Bluefield Y. W. C. A. recently toured the Glen Lyn Steam Plant.

"None of us business girls of the Bluefield Y. W. C. A. will soon forget the hospitality of the Glen Lyn plant personnel on our recent visit. We want you to know how deeply we appreciate your many kindnesses in showing us through the plant and in treating us to such a wonderful meal.

"I'm sure that each of us will give more serious thought to the amazing wonders of electricity—looking beyond the light plug and the switch—now that we know from first-hand observation of the complicated process of conversion from coal energy to electric energy."

Yours very sincerely,
JANIE MARIE LAMBERT (sgd.)
Representing the business girls
of the Bluefield Y. W. C. A.

Radio Programs On Rural Electricity Feature Roanoke District Employees



Cold storage of an apple crop was the topic of the program being recorded above for the "Electricity on the Farm" series. From left to right are Albert Cook, a district agricultural engineer at the time this picture was made and now system agricultural engineer; Glen Howell, WSLs farm and home program director; H. F. Murray, owner of the orchard and the cold storage plant shown in the background on his farm in Botetourt County, and Roy Foster, area representative.

Few people have a chance to appear on a radio program, but several Roanoke district employees have been taking part on a radio show almost every week.

The program started when Glen Howell, farm and home program director of Radio Station WSLs, became interested in broadening his regular program. With the help of Appalachian officials, he included a series of programs entitled "Electricity on the Farm."

Agricultural engineers, area representatives and home economists select suitable subjects for interviews and make arrangements with the customer. When all preparations are made, those scheduled to appear on the program and Mr. Howell go to the farm where the program is recorded with actual equipment operating to produce authentic sound effects in the background.

Emphasis is placed on showing the various uses rural people are making of electricity on the farm and in the farm home. Over 15 programs, with topics ranging from electric brooding to electric cooking, have been broadcast on Howell's Farm and Home Program on Fridays from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Employees appearing on the programs have been enthusiastic about its reception in the rural communities.

James H. Moore, executive vice president of Radio Station WSLs, in a letter to Mr. Funk, expresses his opinion of the recorded programs. Mr. Moore wrote in part:

"The cooperation of your area representatives with our Farm and Home Department is proving a substantial aid in giving the rural people of Western Virginia a consistently good service.

"Glen Howell, the WSLs Farm and Home Director, joins me in expressing sincere appreciation to you and others concerned in this most satisfying cooperative effort. Especially, we wish to commend the following: Messrs. Jim Crouch, Jim Hall, Jack Bowers, Roy Foster, Jack Peck, Albert Cook, H. A. Howbert, Lynn Munday, Fred Bowman and Miss Lora Crutchfield. Also our thanks to Mr. Koontz for his assistance and cooperation.

"Services of this nature take much time and effort, but we are thoroughly convinced that such services to the rural, and sometimes isolated people, is most worth while."

Our Company

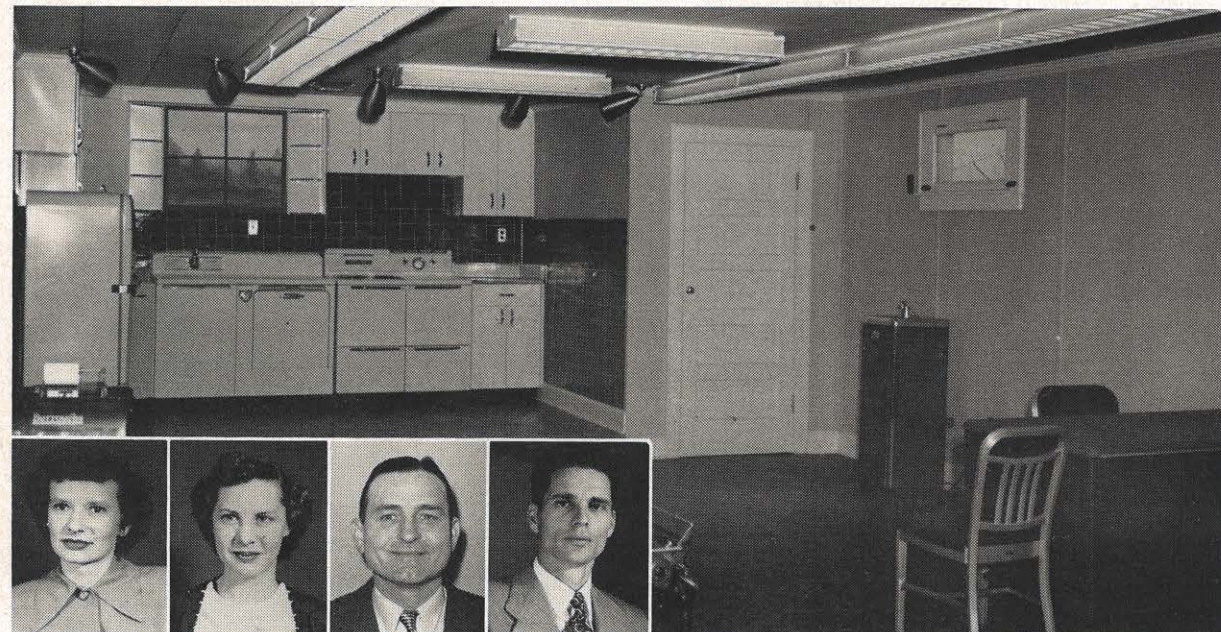
So That You'll Know

These are the questions that were asked on the back page of Booklet Two in the employee information program. Answers appear on Page 8.

Questions

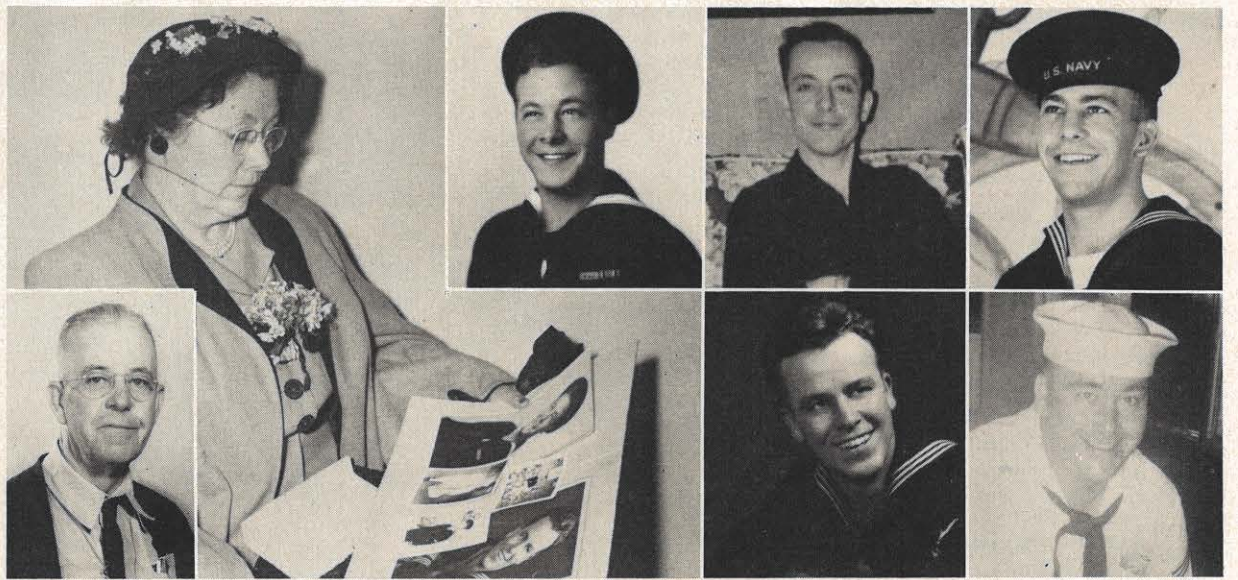
- Q. 1. What were four major problems in the building of our System?
- Q. 2. How many employees serve how many customers in your company?
- Q. 3. What is a parent or holding company?
- Q. 4. What are four major factors that led to the success of your company?
- Q. 5. What are some of the services performed by the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation?

New Wayne Office Is Completed



The new Wayne office in the Huntington district was recently opened. Shown above is the interior of the office, which includes the all-electric demonstration kitchen. In the lower left-hand corner are the personnel of the Wayne office. Left to right: Miss Maggie Watts, cashier clerk; Mrs. Rowena Kelly May, home economist; Joe Fiscus, district representative, and Charles H. Ferguson, area representative.

Mr. And Mrs. Leon Cromer Hoping For Reunion With Five Sons In Navy Before Sixth Enlists



Mrs. Leon Cromer looks at the pictures of her five sons in the Navy. She is the wife of the Welch district civil engineer shown in the inset at bottom left. Top row, left to right: Harlan, chief radioman at the Norfolk air station; John, stationed aboard a troopship, and Leon, Jr., corpsman with the USN hospital staff at Pensacola, Fla. Bottom row: Harold, left, seaman first class serving on a destroyer in the Atlantic, and Edward, seaman first class based in Honolulu.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cromer of Bramwell, W. Va., are looking forward to a real family reunion one of these days, but it seems unlikely to be any time soon. They have five sons in the Navy who have not been together for 11 years, since 1940, when the two oldest boys left home to see the world.

To top it off, the sixth and last son, 17-year-old Donald, is getting anxious to see the sea. Although Donald is attending Bramwell High School at present, his parents fear he will follow the example of three of his brothers and join up before graduating.

Mr. Cromer is employed in the Welch district civil engineering department and recently completed his sixth year with the company.

The five Cromer boys have Navy service totaling 30 years, despite the fact that the oldest son, Harold, is only 31 years old. All intend to be Navy careermen.

Harold, married and the father of

two sons, is a first class seaman serving on a destroyer in the Atlantic. Harlan, 29, a chief radioman at the Norfolk Air Station, has served continuously since 1940.

First class seaman Edward, 27, was based in Honolulu until he requested a transfer to a troopship where his younger brother, 26-year-old John, is stationed. Mrs. Cromer said that she recently heard that the transfer had been granted. She is happy that at least two of the boys can be together.

Leon, Jr., is a corpsman with the hospital staff at Pensacola, Florida, and

is a veteran of six months' service. He is 22 years old.

As the Bluefield *Sunset News* commented in a recent story on the family, "About the only break the parents have in all this is that they have two daughters, married and raising families. The WAVES are not currently enlisting mothers."

Logan Blood Donors Exceed Quota With Help Of Employees

The Red Cross Mobile blood unit needed 125 pints of blood when it made its first trip to Logan on April 10. It left Logan with 131 pints, 13 per cent of which was donated by Logan district and plant employees.

In addition, Norman Johnson, Jr., Logan plant, and M. H. Stevenson, district meter department, donated some comparatively rare blood in a vain effort to save the life of a lone survivor of an air crash near Charleston on April 8.

Among those donating from the district were H. G. Wilson, W. H. Honaker, H. J. Collins, Caleb White, J. C. Hansbarger, Florence C. Wilks, John J. Friel, W. M. Chatfield, M. R. Atkinson and R. H. Watson.

Blood donors from the Logan plant included W. C. Blankenship, J. H. Jones, Orville Napier, Alvie Napier, G. G. Bias, E. R. Bias and R. L. Kirk.

Construction

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lines originating at the Glen Lyn plant.

Transmission Lines

Two important new links in the 132,000 volt transmission system are nearing completion and a second circuit is being strung on another line.

One is the 50-mile single-circuit Sporn Plant-Portsmouth line which is scheduled for completion in June when Sporn Unit Number Three goes into production.

Another link is the 65-mile double circuit line from Cabin Creek to Glen Lyn. Work on this line is proceeding rapidly with 82 per cent of the right-of-way cleared; 75 per cent of the anchors set and half of the towers erected.

Meanwhile, the stringing of a second circuit on the Switchback to Saltville 132,000-volt line has been started.

Much of this work is being carried out by contractors under the supervision of men from the system substation and system transmission line department. Before summer is over the bulk of the work is expected to be completed.

Kentucky Employee Gets Scout Post

R. A. Macomb, Ashland district commercial manager, has been named a member of the Executive Board of the Tri-State Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Macomb has been active in many phases of youth work and has received several forms of recognition for his service.

He began his scouting in Charles Town, West Virginia. As a scout, he was awarded a U. S. Treasury Liberty Loan Medal for outstanding achievements in the sale of bonds. In Ashland, Mr. Macomb continued his work with the scout movement. Since 1939 he has served as troop committeeman, field commissioner for Cubs, district committee member, chairman of the Boyd district committee and chairman of the Boyd district finance committee.

He was presented the Scouter's Award and the Silver Beaver in recognition of his service.

Mr. Macomb has been an employee of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company for more than twenty-four years.

Ray Plymale Dies At Home In Huntington

Ray Plymale, head contract clerk in the Huntington district, died April 22, at his home in Huntington of a heart attack.

A veteran employee, he started to work with the company in June of 1917 at the age of 16. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, a brother, two sisters and his mother.

Mr. Plymale was a member of Crescent Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Ceredo.

Roanoke Division

Fieldale District

Richard and Edith Youngman spent a short vacation at the home of his parents in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Wallace Joyce has returned after having his foot operated on at the Martinsville hospital.

Nancy C. Kitts is a new employee in the meter department.

Edward S. Schoefield has been employed as janitor.

Lewis Ingram, meter reader, is convalescing at home following a spinal operation.

Lynchburg District

Sympathy is extended to C. H. Morris, accounting department, on the death of his father.

Sam Cheatham, distribution-line department, has returned to work after recuperating from a knee operation.

Sympathy is extended to J. W. McCarthy, accounting department, on the death of his sister.

Bob Curtiss, distribution-engineering department, spent a brief vacation in Maryland.

John S. Wade, Jr., power department, resigned to accept a position with the Murfreesboro Utility Company in Tennessee.

R. Conner Foster, records department, has returned to work after a month's illness.

Mrs. Peggy Carwile has resigned and is making her home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Roanoke District

Jane Walker, cashier, and her husband recently spent a few days with their parents in eastern Ohio and Wheeling.

Jean Cassell, local accounting office, vacationed in Orlando and West Palm Beach with friends and her mother.

Russell Dove, local accounting, is on a month's leave of absence due to illness.

Woodson Phillips, a student at the Medical College of Virginia, visited his mother, Mrs. Nelle Phillips of the local accounting department.

Mrs. Joyce Booth, contract clerk, has resigned.

R. E. Leftwich, meter serviceman, and wife recently visited her mother in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Henry Altieri, Jr., is a new employee in the meter department.

Sympathy is extended F. C. Williams on the death of his brother in Baltimore.

James Crouch, rural-residential sales department, is recuperating from an operation.

Mrs. Marion Marshall, rural-residential sales department, has resigned to make her home in Birmingham.

Fay Livengood, pay roll department, returned to work after an illness.

J. R. Slaughter, distribution department, is recuperating at home after a long illness.

Ann Clayton, distribution office, has returned to work after a recent appendectomy.

System

Sympathy is extended O. A. Hawkins, system accounting office, on the death of his sister-in-law.



James F. Gullion is a new employee in the accounting office. He is a graduate of National Business College.

P. C. Ray vacationed for a week at Champaign, Illinois, and Ashland, Kentucky.

Sympathy is extended to Nancy Cooper, accounting office, on the death of her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dodd accompanied Mr. Dodd's brother and wife on a two weeks' tour of Louisiana, Alabama and Florida.

Sympathy is extended to L. E. Jefferson, accounting office, on the death of his father.

Mary and Richard Peverall vacationed for a week at Miami Beach and attended the annual convention of the Life and Casualty Insurance Company of Tennessee. Mrs. Peverall is an employee in the accounting office.

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Kentucky

Pikeville District

Jess Mullins, groundman, recently underwent an operation.

Bill Barnett, rural sales representative, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Farest Bevins, service man, has returned to work following an accident on May 1, 1950, when he fell from a pole and suffered a fractured ankle.

Hursel Johnson has been reemployed in the commercial department for the summer.

The following employees are attending evening sessions of an electrical course sponsored by Mayo Vocational School: Henry Taylor, Don Bevins, Ked Lowe, Jerry Bartley, Ray Caldwell, Marvin Sword, Harlan Griffith, Glen Potter, Sherlie Hale, Virgil Carter, Curtis McClung, Charles Stayton, Bruce Prater, Corbin Bobbitt, Chester Smith and John G. Raine.

Ashland District

Bonnie Stephen, former employee, returned to work in the purchasing department.

Emmett Walton has been recuperating from a back injury.

Richard T. Nash and D. Bronson Callihan are new employees in the substation department.

R. F. Millikan vacationed in Florida.

Delores Johnson is a new employee in the local accounting office.

Hazard District

May Ison, line department, has been in the hospital.

Charles Gene Igo, distribution department, vacationed in Mississippi.

Sympathy is extended Billie Turner, substation department, on the death of his brother.

Joe Jackson, production department, has been in the hospital.

Charles Watson, engineering department, is recuperating from a long illness in Florida.

Kingsport

J. A. Randall, meter supervisor, and wife, recently visited their son who is stationed at Fort Story, Va.

Clarence Phillips, collector, has resigned.

Tipton Hatcher, distribution department, is recovering after spending two weeks in the hospital.

Kenneth Shipp, draftsman, resigned to accept a position in Huntsville, Alabama.

The mother of E. R. Barrett, Jr., meter department, is recovering from a heart attack.

Cary L. Morrison, meter department, and family, recently visited his parents in Blackstone, Virginia.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. "Jackie" Shipley on the death of her mother-in-law and father-in-law in a traffic accident near Victorville, Calif.

Joreka Rippetoe and Maye Bayless, of the commercial department, vacationed at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Bluefield Division

Abingdon District

Betty Andes, home economist, visited her home in East Bernstadt, Ky.

Sympathy is extended George G. Wood, accounting department, on the death of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Booth and family have returned from their vacation at their home east of Roanoke.

Lloyd B. Lee, district superintendent, is recuperating from a recent appendectomy.

Glen Lyn Plant

A. H. Hare has returned to work after recuperating from a recent illness in Florida.

New employees at the Glen Lyn plant include Raymond A. Elliott, Ralph E. Bowling, Dewey T. Law, Thomas T. Thompson, William H. Dillion, Omar L. Dixon, James L. Pack, Harry S. Lively, Floyd F. Ferguson and Arnold J. Turner.

Welch District

Sympathy is extended Robert A. Gilmore, substation operator at Switchback, on the death of his brother.

Joyce DeBusk, daughter of John S. DeBusk, serviceman, has enrolled in nurse's training school at the Johnson Memorial Hospital in Abingdon.

B. K. Wright, local superintendent at Grundy, resigned and retired to his farm after 23 years' service with the company. At a going away dinner, he was presented fishing tackle.

Lewis Litteral has resigned his position with the accounting department to work at Radford.

Pulaski District

Elizabeth C. Brown, stores department, is recuperating from the flu.

Bently H. Lucas has returned from Florida where he has been recuperating from illness.

Ed Whisman has returned to the survey crew after a brief illness.

R. M. Proffitt, Christiansburg line-man, has returned to work after a long illness.

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Charleston Division

Beckley District

Herman H. Harvey has returned to work in the commercial department after an operation.

New employees in the Beckley district are: Bob Manning, Bob Micks, Percy Stover and Frank Plummer, engineering department; Mrs. Dorothy Hedges and James M. Crane, commercial department, and Jean Brash, accounting department.

Ruth Wilson has returned from Baltimore where she visited relatives.

James Lowery has returned to the meter department after being confined for two weeks with an infected throat.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Maxine Prince on the loss of her brother-in-law.

Sporn Plant

Sympathy is extended Jack Givens, safety supervisor, and Mrs. H. J. Rader, on the recent death of their mother.

C. E. Carroll, first assistant shift operating engineer, has been confined to his home with illness.

A birthday party for Scout Troop 256 of New Haven was held April 2. A five year service pin was awarded Scoutmaster Wallace Stewart, filter plant operator. One year pins were awarded committeemen Russell Senter, results engineer, and H. F. Wagenhals, unit operator. A short meeting was held afterward to inform parents of Scouts of the progress of the troop and to present merit badges. Virgil Weaver, son of Chester Weaver who is a master maintenance man, received his cooking merit badge.

New employees in the labor department include: Denver L. Rice, James H. Ball, Olin D. Boothe, William B. Cremeans and Chester W. Erwin.

Cabin Creek Plant

C. G. Coughlin, plant superintendent, has returned from a trip to Maine for a two weeks' vacation with friends and relatives.

Mrs. H. C. Skaggs, Jr., wife of the acting plant manager, is recovering from a fractured leg caused by a fall in the home of her mother in Montgomery.

Sympathy is extended D. A. Murphy on the death of his brother.

S. M. Pickens vacationed in Florida where he completed negotiations for buying a farm.

Point Pleasant District

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jewell on the death of Mrs. Jewell's father.

Charleston District

Betty and Claude Smith, Nitro employees, recently went to Portsmouth, Ohio, to see Betty's grandmother and grandfather who are both seriously ill in a hospital.

Ida Maye Newkirk was an instructor in the National Secretarial Association meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 13.

Pansy Millard is the new home economist at Clendenin. Before assuming her duties on April 20, she was affiliated with Potomac Edison Company.

Huntington Division

Logan District

Dorsie Glen Drake is a new employee in the engineering department.

William Morris Hill is a new employee in the meter department, replacing Andrew J. Jordan.

R. E. Blankenbeckler, line superintendent, has returned to work after being confined to his home with injuries received in an automobile accident on January 7.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lovelace recently visited Mr. Lovelace's parents in Marion, Va. She is employed in the accounting department.

Mary Lee Hansbarger, daughter of the district manager, was chosen one of ten students to represent Logan High School in singing at the Annual All-State Concert at Clarksburg on April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Wood recently visited his parents at Clarksburg. He is employed in the commercial department.

Nicholas Roomy, Jr., accounting department, recently had his brother from St. Louis as a guest as well as Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller of Roanoke.

Paul Sammons, meter department recently underwent an operation.

Williamson District

E. E. King, district superintendent, has been receiving medical treatment in Huntington.

W. H. King, meter department, has returned to work following a brief illness.

L. W. Justice, meter department employee receiving treatment in a hospital in North Carolina, recently visited his wife, Mary Lou, of the engineering department.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Waggoner and family on the death of Mrs. Waggoner's mother in Roanoke.

New employees in the Williamson district are James Preece, commercial department, and James E. Miller, meter department.

Logan Plant

Earl J. Dingess is recuperating from an extended illness at the Veterans Hospital in Huntington.

Ray Chapman, utility operator, has resumed his duties after being released from the Army.

S. D. Brinegar, J. H. Jones, R. D. Booker and S. M. Hainor have returned to work after recent illnesses.

Ralph Walker, T. K. Mullens and Solomon Adams have resigned.

Clara Vinci, plant manager's office, has resigned to move to White Plains, New York.

Huntington District

Alton B. Ferguson, customer service representative, is recuperating at his home after an operation.

Joyce Walters is replacing Joan Bass who resigned as cash poster. Joan is moving to Florida.

Mrs. Virginia Geer, cashier, has resigned.

Mrs. Mary Ballard, PBX operator, vacationed in Kansas City, Missouri.

New employees in the Huntington district include: Karl J. Foote, Mildred Messer and Kathryn Alyce Parker, accounting department; Juanita Johnson and Jack K. Butler, billing department; Harvey A. McGowan and Boyd Thompson, Jr., transmission and distribution department, and William H. Staton, Kenova plant.

Sympathy is extended the family of Forrest Fannin, a 25-year employee, on his death on April 6, after a long illness.

Development Of Point Pleasant Area Linked To Rivers

Historic Events Marked Young District's Past

Two rivers, the Ohio and the Kanawha, wind through the Point Pleasant district, on their way to the Mississippi. Like these rivers, the history of this area has been both placid and turbulent, and forever moving forward. Indians named the place where the Ohio and the Kanawha met "Tu-Endie-Wei," the point between two waters. Today that point is a part of Point Pleasant.

When France and England were striving for territorial supremacy in America, this rich river land became an early bone of contention. Explorers from both countries pushed their way west; but Captain Joseph Celeron, a French explorer, buried a leaden plate at the point between the two rivers in 1749, thus marking the land for his country.

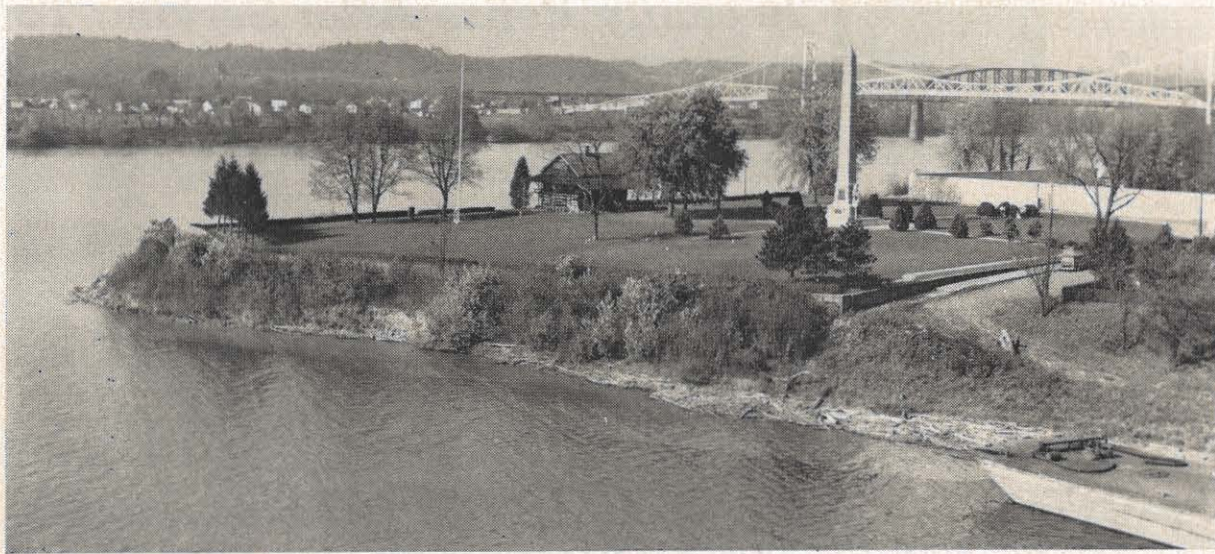
Point Pleasant's place in history is even more firmly marked by the famous Battle of Point Pleasant in 1774, the outstanding engagement of Lord Dunmore's War. It was here on October 10 that more than 1,100 Virginia militiamen, commanded by General Andrew Lewis, defeated an equal number of Indians led by Cornstalk, the Shawnee chieftain.

The result of this battle was a three years' peace in the frontiers along the Ohio and the Kanawha, making it possible for frontiersmen to join American Revolutionary forces and win the great struggle for freedom.

Over 100 years after this famous battle, a granite monument bearing the simple inscription of "Cornstalk" was erected in the court house square at Point Pleasant for the fearless Indian warrior who was killed while on an errand of mercy. Two years and one month after the battle, Cornstalk came to warn his white friends of a planned attack by the Indian tribes. The troopers at the post, however, were so incensed over the slaying of a soldier by a hostile Indian that they shot Cornstalk and his son, despite official command that he was not to be harmed.

Another figure in American history left his mark on this section of West Virginia. Young George Washington surveyed some land grants in this area and in 1772 was awarded a large tract of land on the south side of the Kanawha River for his services in the French and Indian War. Today, Mount Vernon Farms about nine miles east of Point Pleasant makes one think he is seeing Washington's home on the Potomac. For here is Manor House, an exact replica of the Mount Vernon mansion. Mrs. Ethel Shadle and her son live in the Manor House and operate a dairy on 1,400 acres which originally belonged to Washington.

Two counties, Mason and Jackson,



At the point where the Kanawha River, foreground, meets the Ohio River is Tu-Endie-Wei Park, site of the Battle of Point Pleasant. The 84-foot granite shaft pictured in the center of the park is a memorial to courageous soldiers and pioneers. Also located in the two-acre park is the Mansion House, erected in 1796 as a tavern and now used as a museum where priceless relics are kept. The newly built flood wall protecting Point Pleasant can be seen.



When the 1945 flood hit Point Pleasant, "Gone With the Wind" was playing at the State Theatre. As the water rose higher and higher, someone with a sense of humor changed the marquee sign to "Gone With the Flood." Residents termed this flood "mild, flood crest only 50 feet."

now cover this historic area. Mason County was formed in 1804 from the western portion of Kanawha County and named for George Mason, author of the Constitution of Virginia and a member of the convention that framed the Constitution of the United States. The county seat was located at Point Pleasant, named after Camp Point Pleasant which was probably so named because of its location at "a beautiful and pleasant place."

In the 1850's the Bend area about 10 miles above Point Pleasant on the Ohio River became the site of settlements that led to the formation of Hartford, New Haven and Mason City. About 1853 eastern capitalists from Connecticut began the development of salt and mining industries in Hartford which was incorporated in 1868. George W. Moredock, a native of Connecticut, was the first mayor. The fondness of these industrialists for their native New England is evident in the names they gave to the towns. The Liverpool Salt Works is still in operation at Hartford and processes about 40 tons of salt per day.

R. C. M. Lovell, a Charlestonian,

founded Mason City in 1854. He shipped the first boatload of coal to New Orleans and to Cincinnati from Mason City, formerly known as Waggener's Bottoms.

Jackson County, formed in 1831 from parts of Kanawha, Wood and Mason counties, was named for Andrew Jackson, seventh President of the United States. The county seat, Ripley, was chartered in 1832, and named for Harry Ripley, a minister, who drowned in Big Mill Creek in 1830.

Although the farmers along the river banks in Mason and Jackson counties have often feared the rising waters, their fertile valleys are fed by the rivers and have become a part of West Virginia's best dairyland. In Mason County the dairy cattle industry averages more than a million dollars a year while beef cattle bring in almost that much and poultry and eggs account for \$300,000 a year.

Jackson County's 94 dairies sell more than \$3,000,000 worth of whole milk and cream each year. This County is also known for its hundreds of gas wells which bring as much as \$16,000,000 a year into the county.

Another great industry in the area is tobacco raising. About 700 growers in Mason County produced almost \$400,000 worth of burley tobacco in 1949, receiving the highest prices for burley tobacco in the nation.

Point Pleasant, in addition to its importance as an inland port, has the distinction of being home quarters for many of the old showboats. Although the era of the colorful steamboat has been replaced by powerful diesel boats which have increased river tonnage six times greater than that of half a century ago, Point Pleasant residents fondly remember the turn of the century when their town was winter quarters for such renowned showboats as the Cotton Blossom, Water Queen, Sunny South, Goldenrod and Majestic.

And it was here that Captain Billy Bryant and his family of showboat fame wintered and finally settled. They live on 26th Street when not on tour. Captain Billy has been described as "another Mark Twain" and "world's foremost traveler of inland streams with forty historical years of showboating on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers." He and his wife have entertained Appalachian employees at meetings and have been active in radio and television.

The Bryants built their first boat, the "Princess," in 1910 and their better-known showboat, the "Bryants," in 1917.

At a time when the old packets were making their runs up the Ohio and Kanawha rivers, electricity was being introduced in Point Pleasant. Loring and Burnside in 1888 built a plant in which is now the Heslop Machine Shops. In 1890 Dave Snyder

bought the equipment from Loring and Burnside and moved it to what is now the Lee Electric Building at Eleventh Street.

The Point Pleasant Water and Light Company was incorporated in 1899 by T. Stribling, J. C. Spencer, C. C. Bowyer, J. F. McCulloch and Homer Smith. Their plant was in the site of the company's present store-room.

J. B. Posten acquired the company in 1926. He and his father owned the River Counties Power Company and had a small generator in the old Pottery Building in New Haven where the Superior Porcelain Insulator Company is located.

This generator was installed by Joseph W. Jewell, line crew foreman



in the Point Pleasant district, who helped set the first poles in New Haven. He also read the only two meters in the town at the end of the first month. He has

over 26 years' service with Appalachian and its predecessors.

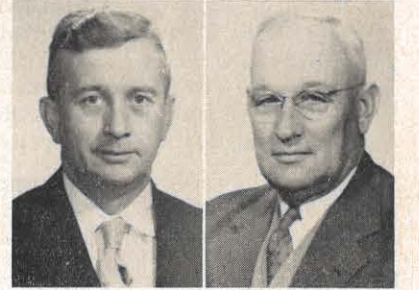
The River Counties Power Company built a substation at Linden and started a line up the river toward Mason and Hartford. When the lines were connected, the generator at New Haven was retired from service.

In 1938 the River Counties Power Company was consolidated with and changed its name to the Point Pleasant Water and Light Company. That same year J. B. Posten sold the company to the Columbus and Southern Ohio Power Company which continued to operate it under its old name.

In September of 1942, Appalachian Electric Power Company acquired the Point Pleasant Water and Light Company from the Columbus and Southern Ohio Power Company.

James Arthur Ferrell, a veteran of 27 years' service with the company, became local superintendent and remained in that capacity until the formation of the Point Pleasant district on January 1, 1949. He was made administrative assistant when John V. Mann became district manager.

Another veteran employee in the district is James Lloyd Twitty, meter superintendent. Transferred to Point Pleasant from Charleston, he has over 26 years' service with the company.



J. L. Twitty

J. A. Ferrell

The district covers 700 square miles in almost all of Mason County and about 70 per cent of Jackson County.

Today 60 district employees serve over 8,500 customers and maintain 1,060 pole miles of line in the district. Located within the district is the Philip Sporn plant, jointly owned by Appalachian and The Ohio Power Company. H. R. Andrews is plant manager at Sporn.

This entire area has fertile soil, natural scenic beauty, pleasant climate and good transportation, both by rivers and on the two railway systems, the New York Central and the Baltimore & Ohio. Despite these and other advantages, floods have been a constant threat, particularly to the residents of Point Pleasant.

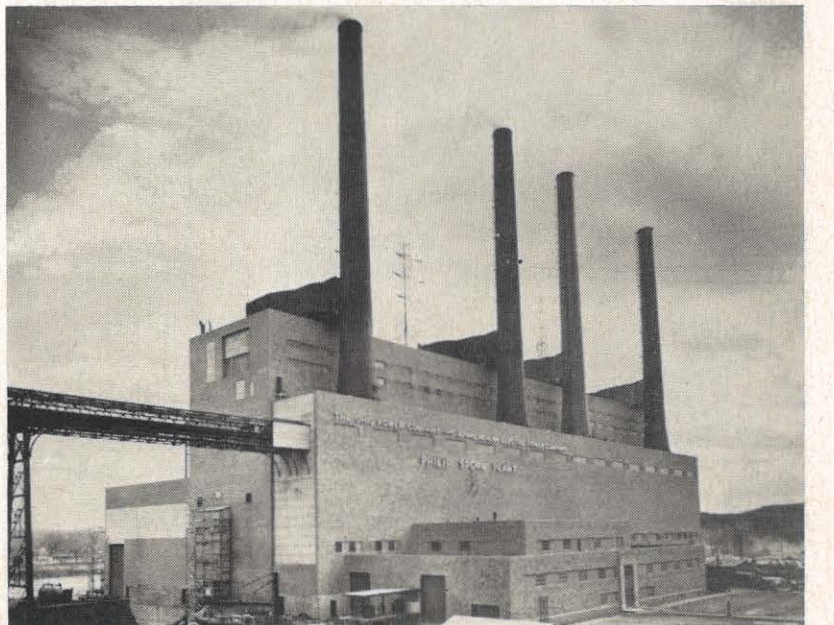
The rampaging Ohio and Kanawha rivers have sent water into Point Pleasant homes more than 70 times in the past 60 years. Damage has twice floated past the \$3,000,000 mark and the flood in 1937 was one of the city's worst.

With the completion of a three-mile long flood wall built by the U. S. Army Engineers, the Ohio and Kanawha rivers are becoming greater friends and benefactors of the people. Costing over \$3,000,000 the wall has a crest of five feet above the highest flood water ever recorded at Point Pleasant, 63 feet.

Citizens of Point Pleasant, like people in other towns of the Bend area, are looking forward to rapid growth since Old Man River is kept in his place. And his place is close to their pocketbooks and dear to their hearts.



Men of the Marietta Manufacturing Company work busily to ready four more ships for service. This ship building yard above Point Pleasant is the only one of its kind on the Appalachian system. In the background are ships under construction, being made ready for launching by sliding sideways down rails into the Ohio River.



Under construction since 1947 at Graham Station, the authorized four-unit Philip Sporn plant is scheduled for completion by the end of this year. The plant was formally dedicated at ceremonies on July 27, 1950, at the completion of the first two 150,000 kilowatt units which are in operation.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District

10 YEARS: Clarence E. Rosenbalm, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: William McFall, Jr., transmission and distribution department.

Bluefield District

25 YEARS: Otto Bressler, commercial department. 20 YEARS: Earl J. Hager, system transmission line department, and Harry J. Swecker, meter department. 5 YEARS: Rhea H. Jennings and Jesse L. Saunders, transmission and distribution department.

Charleston District

35 YEARS: C. R. Eskew, transmission and distribution department. 25 YEARS: I. C. Lavender and C. L. Keeling, transmission and distribution department. 10 YEARS: Guy Pendleton, system meter department, and Golda H. Johnson, local accounting. 5 YEARS: S. E. Reed, transmission and distribution department, and A. H. Young, miscellaneous department.

Huntington District

25 YEARS: Pauline M. Akers, billing department. 5 YEARS: Owen R. Minnich and W. D. LeSage, Jr., transmission and distribution department.

Logan District

25 YEARS: Boyd Richardson, transmission and distribution department.

Pulaski District

25 YEARS: R. L. Sharpe, hydro operator. 10 YEARS: H. H. Sumner, hydro operator, and E. J. Cline, transmission and distribution department.

Roanoke District

10 YEARS: D. E. Trout, managerial department. 5 YEARS: Julia W. Caldwell, meter department, and C. E. Prather, steam production department.

System Offices

15 YEARS: Virginia L. Petty, system billing department.

Welch District

30 YEARS: Hugh P. Grubb, transmission and distribution department. 15 YEARS: Frank E. Wells, transmission and distribution department.

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Hazard District

10 YEARS: N. W. Collier, transmission and distribution department, and Leno Bianchi, production department. 5 YEARS: Everett Bush, transmission and distribution department, and Roy L. Prater, meter department.

Pikeville District

15 YEARS: Hollis R. Flanagan, local accounting department, and G. C. Bevins, substation department. 5 YEARS: Annette Justice, accounting department.

Nine Employees Get Service Pins



Shown above are nine veteran employees who received service pins last month for 20 years or more of service. Left to right, top row: Otto Bressler, Bluefield, 25 years; M. L. May, Huntington, 25 years; Boyd Richardson, Logan, 25 years. Second row: Harry J. Swecker, Bluefield, 20 years; I. C. Lavender, Charleston, 25 years; Pauline Akers, Huntington, 25 years. Third row: R. L. Sharp, Pulaski, 25 years; Opie Jackson, Huntington, 25 years and C. L. Keeling, Charleston, 25 years.

Three Bluefield Commercial Department Employees Recently Retire After Serving Total Of 65 Years



Allen S. Buchanan



Julia E. Lee



Huitt E. Mattox

Three Bluefield commercial department employees with service totaling 65 years recently retired. They are Miss Julia E. Lee, H. E. Mattox and A. S. Buchanan. All three, during their years of service, worked for the late J. B. Mosely, Julius Hall and C. L. Stacey.

Miss Julia Edna Lee, stenographer, retired May 1 after 27 years' service with the company. She graduated from Lebanon College in Pennsylvania and worked for the Pocahontas Coke Company before being employed in the commercial department as a stenographer.

Born at Arnot, Pennsylvania, Miss Lee is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bluefield. She says she plans to take life easy and enjoy her favorite pastimes of reading and radio listening.

Huitt Everett Mattox, dealer sales representative, retired last month after 19 years' service. He came with the company in 1931 as a salesman in the commercial department where he has worked since. Prior to his employment, he was a shoe company representative, an automobile dealer and a salesman.

Born in Rocky Mount, Virginia, he came to Bluefield in 1912. A winner of many awards for selling, he prizes a diamond ring he won in national competition for selling Hot-point appliances in 1937. He has also been awarded a watch for his outstanding sales activities.

He is a member of the Bland Street Methodist Church. Upon retiring, he said that he just plans to "take life easy." Residing on East River Avenue with his wife, he has a son who is attending the Medical

School of Duke University.

Allen Stout Buchanan, power engineer, retired after 19 years' service with the Bluefield commercial department. "Buck," as he is known to friends, worked for the Flat Top Ice and Cold Storage Plant, for the Gilliam Coal and Coke Company and for the Superior Supply Company before coming with Appalachian.

Born in Lexington, Kentucky, he attended school there and graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in electrical engineering. He is also a graduate of Bliss Electrical School in Washington, D. C.

A member of the Christ Episcopal Church of Bluefield, he is married and resides on College Avenue. He has a son who lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico and a daughter who lives in Greenbelt, Maryland.

John Cassell is Retired After 34 Years Of Service



A veteran of more than 34 years of service with Appalachian, John Cassell has been retired at Williamson.

Mr. Cassell first was employed by the company in 1915 and worked at the Sprigg plant until it was shut down in 1926. He returned to the plant in 1929 and later was an operator at the Sprigg substation.

He afterwards was assigned to the substation department in Williamson and was a maintenance man at the time of his retirement.

One of his most interesting experiences, John recalls, occurred when he and some other employees worked constantly for 72 hours to move a steam turbine from the Sprigg plant to a coal company. The turbine was moved and put in operation in the 72-hour period.

John says he's not really going to retire. "I plan to do some carpentry and plumbing and will think about retiring later."

System

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Jo Ann Foster and Sarah Johnson, former employees of the accounting office, were honored with a shower on April 10 at the home of Joyce Griffin where Shirley Quinn and Estelle Stanley also acted as hostesses.

Margaret Carter has been convalescing at home after being discharged from the hospital.

Gordon Powers, system transportation department, has returned to work after being discharged from the Navy. He had been in service since last November and was discharged under a recent directive concerning dependents. Having served over eight years with the Navy before being employed in 1945, he served the recent hitch at the submarine base in New London, Connecticut.

Betty C. Carper, personnel department, recently visited her sister in Baltimore.

Billie Tabor, safety department, has returned to work following a recent appendectomy.

H. L. Gardner, assistant secretary, is recuperating from a recent illness at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

George G. Nicholson, stores auditor, is recuperating at his home after being confined to St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W. Va.

Lucille Mitchell, public relations department, recently visited her parents in Ashland, Kentucky.

Kentucky Employees Given Instruction In Home Lighting

Commercial department employees of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company received some training in home lighting last month.

In Ashland, Hazard and Pikeville representatives of the General Electric Company held one-day training sessions. C. W. McFee and Miss Aileen Page of General Electric showed slides, gave demonstrations and showed movies on proper home lighting.

Markles Enjoying Retirement In Lake Worth, Florida



Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Markle

On a recent trip to Florida, C. C. Darrah, assistant manager of the Beckley district, visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Markle at Lake Worth.

Mr. Markle was retired as manager of the Bluefield division in 1943 after 31 years' service with Appalachian. Since then he and Mrs. Markle have lived in Lake Worth.

Mr. Darrah reports that the Markles are very happy in their home and are in excellent health.

Mr. and Mrs. Markle have developed their hobby of making jewelry from sea shells into a profitable business. They have disposed of a large number of sea shell novelties such as earrings, bracelets and beads to local merchants.

Mr. Darrah says, "The Markles are constantly looking forward to visits from their friends up north." They live at 1301 South Palmway Drive.

Nine Couples Exchange Wedding Vows



Recent brides among employees of the Southern Properties are, top row, left to right: Mrs. Paul F. Sammons, Logan; Mrs. James O. Bowling, Roanoke, and Mrs. Robert L. Brinkley, Beckley. Bottom row: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Callihan, Ashland, and Mrs. Thomas H. Deadmore, Kingsport.

Williamson K-Apka Klub Holds Dinner Meeting

Members of the Williamson district K-Apka Klub recently held their monthly dinner meeting in the company auditorium. Plans were completed for the presentation of a "Stanley Home Demonstration Party" with the K-Apka-Kates as hostesses.

Mrs. Carol Phillips, who recently resigned her position with the company, also was honored at the meeting and presented a farewell gift.

Hostesses for the dinner were: Alberta DeWese, Anna Lee Harris, Mable Kiser and Anna Lois Blackburn.

New Arrivals . . .

HUNTINGTON—A son, William Holland, IV, born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baker on April 10. Mr. Baker is employed in the commercial department.

BECKLEY—Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Kelly are the parents of a son, William Louis, born on March 28. Mr. Kelly is employed in the engineering department and Mrs. Kelly is a former employee of that department.

HUNTINGTON—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hogsett, Jr., on April 18.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Ellis are the parents of a son, Danny Gene, born March 21. Mr. Ellis is a maintenance man.

HAZARD—A son, Kenny Ray, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Esque Combs on March 17.

PULASKI—Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Vassar a son, Charles Edward, on April 3. Mr. Vassar is an agricultural engineer at Christiansburg.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Haley are the parents of a daughter, Mary Susan, born on March 22. Mr. Haley is employed in the labor department.

CABIN CREEK PLANT—A daughter, Regina Faye, was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mooney on March 24. Mr. Mooney is in the labor department.

ABINGDON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold William Cox a son, Harold William, Jr., on April 1. Mr. Cox is an employee in the engineering department.

PIKEVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Ireland Charles are the parents of a daughter. Mr. Charles is employed as a maintenance man.

CABIN CREEK—A son, Larry Willington, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lively on March 31. Mr. Lively is a turbine auxiliary equipment operator.

ABINGDON—Mr. and Mrs. Calvin C. Robins are the parents of a daughter, Francis Clydeane, born on April 8. Mr. Robins is employed in the meter department.

HUNTINGTON—Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Triplett are the parents of a son born on March 28. Mr. Triplett is employed in the transmission and distribution department.

LOGAN—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Hanley, a daughter, Janet Margaret, on March 21. Mr. Hanley is employed in the meter department.

HUNTINGTON—Mr. and Mrs. William R. Keyser are the parents of a son, William R. III, born on March 12. Mr. Keyser is an employee of the commercial department.

CABIN CREEK PLANT—A daughter, Barbara Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Robinson, Jr., on April 14. Mr. Robinson is a mechanical engineer.

ROANOKE—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bryant are the parents of a son, Richard Lee, born on March 19. Mr. Bryant is in the service department.

LOGAN PLANT—A daughter, Peggy Louise, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hamblin on April 9. Mr. Hamblin is coal conveyer operator.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—A son, Rodger Charles, was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Johnson on April 17. Mr. Johnson is a test engineer.

HUNTINGTON—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Hagaman, Jr., on April 11. Mr. Hagaman is employed in the transmission and distribution department.

ROANOKE—A son, Julius, Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hutcherson on April 20. Mr. Hutcherson is employed in the storeroom.

ASHLAND—Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Holbrook are the parents of a son, William McGuire, born on March 20.

Marjorie Prillaman To Be Convention Officer

Marjorie Prillaman, Fieldale managerial department, has been elected general chairman of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority of the State Convention to be held at Hotel Roanoke in September.

The five Roanoke chapters and the Martinsville chapter will be co-hosts at the convention which 350 members are expected to attend.

They're Engaged

ABINGDON—Miss Betty Andes to John Alden Copenhaver. Miss Andes is employed as home economist.

CHARLESTON—Miss Mary Jenkins to William E. Blevins. Miss Jenkins is an employee in the meter department.

ROANOKE—Miss Barbara J. Hicks to Pfc. David T. Harper. Miss Hicks is employed in the system accounting office.



Bluefield Girls Service Club Hears Talk On Life And Customs In Korea

Mrs. Mildred Bacon of Newark, Ohio was a recent guest speaker at a regular meeting of the Girls Service Club at Bluefield. Mrs. Bacon, a house guest of Mrs. L. W. Boykin, spent 14 months in Korea prior to the outbreak of war. She made her home with her son, a banker, in Seoul.

Mrs. Bacon showed the club members a number of colored slides. The slides gave the audience a more complete understanding of Korea and its customs.

In an amusing way, Mrs. Bacon described the life of the country. Her candid photographs gave the Bluefield club members a clear understanding of a day on the streets, in the market place and in the rural areas. Mrs. Bacon also contrasted the life in the congested native quarters to the homes provided government officials and the foreign population working in Korea.

With the towering and rugged mountain scenes, the speaker also brought to the attention of the club how difficult the fighting over such terrain must be. Mrs. Bacon's slides showed a number of localities that have been in the headlines as military objectives.

Mrs. Bacon explained that her son had been permitted to return to Korea under the protection of the United Nations.

Following the brief business session, both Mrs. Lois Rounion, president, and Miss Dorothy Boyd, vice president and program chairman, urged members of the club to donate clothing and postage to assist Mrs. Bacon in her personal missionary work of assisting the Korean needy.

Lynchburg Employee Named To Club Post

Miss Agnes Dillard, a Lynchburg cashier, has been elected second vice president of the Lynchburg chapter of Pilot International. Pilot International is a woman's civic club.

Miss Dillard has been a member of the club for several years and has served on various club committees.



Power Makers Sponsor An Easter Egg Hunt For Cabin Creek Youngsters

A delayed Easter party and egg hunt was held for Cabin Creek Plant employees' children at the Chelyan Junior High School, March 31. The original party was postponed because of bad weather.

The indoor party provided several additional treats for the youngsters. Before the egg hunt began, two interesting movies were shown. Easter candies were also distributed at the door.

Following the hunt, prizes were awarded the children of various age groups for finding the most eggs.

The party was sponsored by members of the Power Makers Club of the Cabin Creek plant.

Mrs. Bass Named To High Quota Club Post

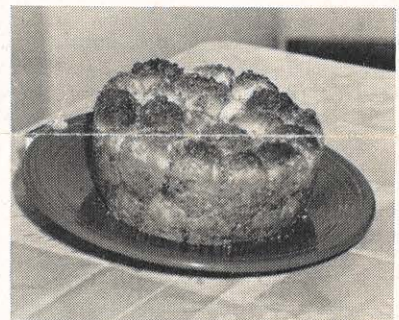
Mrs. Billie B. Bass, a Bluefield district employee, was recently elected first vice president of the Bluefield Quota Club.

In addition to serving as first vice president, Mrs. Bass will be a member of the program committee. A member of the club for seven years, she was secretary in 1944-45 and has served on various committees.

Mrs. Bass is secretary to L. W. Bates, Bluefield district manager.

Recipe Is Given For Crown Loaf

Mrs. Ann Pozega, home economist in Logan, submits the following recipe for THE ILLUMINATOR readers:



Crown Loaf

- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 5 tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 2 cakes compressed yeast (small size)
- 5 cups flour
- 2 eggs
- 4 tablespoons melted butter
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Scald milk in a vessel over medium heat. Add shortening and salt. Cool to lukewarm. Crumble yeast in 3 tablespoons sugar and let stand 5 minutes. Beat eggs, using the electric mixer. Add cooled milk and 1 cup flour. Mix thoroughly, using the electric mixer. Add remaining flour-blend. Place dough in a greased container. Grease surface of dough and cover with a cloth. Let rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk. Punch dough down. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic. Divide dough into approximately 48 pieces. Roll each ball in melted butter and then in sugar mixture. Pile balls of dough in a well-greased, 8-inch tube pan. Let stand in a warm place until well risen. Bake on a rack in a pre-heated oven of 350° F. for 45 minutes. Frost if desired. Serve crown loaf on a platter, breaking off each roll as needed.

Frosting

- 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar
 - 1teaspoon butter
 - 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 teaspoon cream
- Combine all ingredients. Blend thoroughly, using mixer. Frost crown loaf while still warm.

Williamson-Sammons

Miss Eloise Williamson and Paul F. Sammons were united in marriage on March 25 at the Madison Methodist Church, Madison, West Virginia.

Mr. Sammons is employed in the Logan meter department.

Wilson-Queen

Mrs. Ruby Wilson and Zephie Ray Queen were married on March 17 in Wytheville, Virginia.

Mr. Queen is employed in the line department at Logan.

Poe-Bottoms

Miss June Poe became the bride of W. D. Bottoms on March 23.

Mr. Bottoms is employed at Nitro.

Baker-Brinkley

Miss Patricia Ann Baker was married to Robert L. Brinkley on March 23.

Mr. Brinkley is employed in the stores department at Beckley.

Hilton-Deadmore

Miss Geraldine Hilton and Thomas M. Deadmore were wed at the Vermont Methodist Church near Kingsport on April 21.

Mrs. Deadmore is an employee of the accounting department in Kingsport.

Friel-Eisel

The First Presbyterian Church in Logan, West Virginia, was the scene of the wedding of Miss Patricia Ruth Friel and Dayton Erle Eisel, Jr., on March 24.

Mrs. Eisel was employed in the Logan commercial department before being transferred to the Williamson office.

Strawn-Bennett

Miss Lois Strawn and J. A. Bennett, Jr., were married in Lima, Ohio, on April 21.

Mr. Bennett is employed at the Cabin Creek Plant. Mrs. Bennett formerly worked for The Ohio Power Company in Lima.

Valentine-Callihan

In a double ring ceremony performed in the First Baptist Church, Ashland, Miss Martha Valentine and Robert Leslie Callihan were wed on March 27.

Mrs. Callihan is an employee of the accounting office in Ashland.

Whitefield-Heck

Miss Frances Whitefield and Raymond F. Heck were married at the Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, on April 7.

Mrs. Heck is the daughter of W. I. Whitefield, who is the Roanoke division manager.

Employees Present Gifts To Mrs. Abbott



Mrs. Mason Abbott, the former Jean Holcombe, admires the gifts she received at a shower given by the employees of the materials and supplies section of the system accounting office. The shower was given at the home of Nancy Keeler, with Eileen Montgomery and Nancy Kerfoot assisting the hostess.

Serviceman Saves Truck From Flames



Harrold Akers was up a pole when an explosion rocked the Standard Oil Bulk Plant scarcely 200 feet away and resulted in the above pictured \$200,000 blaze. The Williamson meter department serviceman shown in the inset was installing electric service at a home in McAndrews, Ky., with James Miller, meter helper, when he saw the building blown apart by a terrific explosion. Parts of the building struck the truck, breaking the radio antenna and slightly damaging other parts of the truck. Flames spread to the truck, but a changing wind allowed Akers to enter it from the right side. He drove it out of the path of the fire, thus saving it from complete destruction as a few minutes later the area was engulfed in flames shooting several hundred feet in the air. The Post Office was completely destroyed and the blast smashed windows for several hundred feet in all directions.

Our Company

So That You'll Know

Here are the answers to the questions which appeared in the second session of the employee information program. The questions will be found on Page 3.

Answers

A. 1. The acquisition, consolidation and integration of the companies that form our System was successful because the following four problems were overcome:

- (a) Obtaining private capital from the savings of thousands of people.
- (b) Developing long-range planning based on faith in the future uses of electricity and in the development of our great industrial and agricultural area.
- (c) Research with imagination that developed bold new ideas and techniques.
- (d) Enterprise and initiative with the courage necessary to develop our present system from such scattered beginnings.

A. 2. Appalachian has 3,893 full-time employees serving 417,890 customers.

Kentucky and West Virginia has 511 full-time employees serving 83,189 customers.

Kingsport has 125 full-time employees serving 16,982 customers.

A. 3. One which owns common stock of other companies. American Gas and Electric Company holds 100 per cent of the common stock of the operating companies.

A. 4. Long-range planning; aggressive salesmanship; development and research in power generation, transmission and metering; low-cost efficient service.

A. 5. Administration, accounting, statistical, insurance, auditing, commercial and new business, engineering, purchasing and legal service.

System Billing Office In Huntington Receives Certificate Of Merit

Employees of the Huntington system billing office recently received a "Certificate of Merit for Accident Prevention" for their record of no lost time accidents last year. This was the second successive year that they won the certificate.

A dinner honoring this record was held April 10 at the Hotel Frederick. A. R. Guthrie, billing supervisor, presented the certificate to Rella Snuffer who accepted it in behalf of her fellow employees.

Bluefield

(Continued from page 4) Bluefield District

C. L. Shockey, personnel supervisor and Frank Woods, records department and their wives vacationed at Daytona Beach.

Mrs. Lora Sarver, accounting department, resigned to make her home in Radford.

Mary Helen Kirby has been employed as home economist in Giles County to replace Mrs. Grace C. Robertson who resigned.

John F. Nash, division engineer, is recuperating after a recent operation.

Anna Neal Howard, division manager's office, vacationed in Richmond.

H. R. Flanagan Is Named To Pikeville Rotary Club Post

H. R. Flanagan, local office manager in the Pikeville district, has been elected vice president of the Pikeville Rotary Club.



An employee of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company for 15 years, Mr. Flanagan has been a Rotarian for several years.

Dinner Honors Members Of Logan's Fire Brigade

A dinner, honoring members of the Logan Plant Fire Brigade, was recently held in the company auditorium. The dinner was in recognition of the excellent work of the members of the brigade.

Those attending were: J. J. Pearl, Forest Hodge, W. W. Dalley, E. D. Buskirk, E. T. Hastings, I. M. Turner, Buell Cook, C. E. McComas, J. W. Frey, E. L. Kimmell, O. E. Thompson, L. D. Adams, G. G. Bias, Alvie Napier, H. D. Stillman, J. A. Patterson and T. H. Whited.

Glen Lyn Worker Is Killed In A Conveyor Mishap



Phillip J. Roach, 20-year-old Glen Lyn plant employee, was fatally injured in an accident at the plant on April 5.

Young Roach was caught in the conveyor belt which carries coal to the bunkers.

He had been with the company since June 6, 1950, and was well-liked by all of the employees at the plant.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Roach, Phillip is survived by two brothers and two sisters.

This was the first fatal accident in the Southern Properties since October, 1949.

Doyle Heads Ashland Trade Association

R. E. Doyle, Jr., general manager of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, has been elected president of the Ashland Board of Trade.

A graduate of V. P. I., Mr. Doyle has been associated with the company since 1930 when he was employed in Pikeville as an engineer. He was promoted to the district managership at Pikeville in 1940. In January, 1947, he was moved to Ashland as assistant general manager, becoming general manager in 1948.

He is active in civic and church affairs in Ashland.

Mr. Doyle is married and has two daughters.

Hazard District Has First Accident In Million Man-Hours

On April 10 the Hazard district of Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company had its first disabling accident in over one million man-hours worked.

The employees of the district had worked 1,004,331 man-hours without a lost time accident since May 25, 1948. This feat established an all time record for the districts in the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company.

The accident last month occurred when an employee fell 16 feet from a pole and fractured his right leg. At the time of the accident the employee was inspecting a transformer and his hooks pulled out of the pole causing him to fall. The mishap occurred on an emergency service call.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Kingsport Utilities

Employee	From	To
Marjarie Bridwell	Junior Clerk	Clerk-Typist

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Pikeville District

Phinis Case	Engineering	Meter Department
Wilson Tibbs	Engineering	Distribution Department
Charles Stayton	Distribution	Accounting Department

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Beckley District

R. R. Smith	Print Machine Operator	Meterman Helper
J. A. Barker	Meterman	C. Meterman B
Lloyd Humphrey	Rodman	Engineering Assistant
R. L. McGraw	Jr. Meter Reader	Meterman Helper
D. S. Bozo	Collector	Jr. Contract Clerk
P. E. Pauley	Groundman	Inspector Jr.
E. R. Biggs	Jr. Clerk	Clerk-Stenographer
E. F. Pioch	Draftsman Jr.	Jr. Distribution Engineer
W. C. McMahan	Local Superintendent B	Local Superintendent A
E. Lorraine Marks	Contract & Final Bill Clerk	Jr. Petty Cash Clerk

O. C. Hall	Power Sales Engineer	Jr. Distribution Engineer
Paul Elliott	Jr. Meter Reader	Groundman
Randolph Cooke	Sr. Payroll Clerk	Sr. General Clerk

Bluefield District

Sally Frances Litz	Cashier—Bluefield	Pearisburg Office
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Charleston District

Eugene McGraw	Meter Reader	Collector-Montgomery
Lois Z. Wilson	Clerk-Typist	Clerk-Stenographer
Wanda L. Estep	Clerk-Typist	Clerk-Stenographer
Vernon Costello	Draftsman Jr.	Draftsman Sr.
Win. B. Morrison	Jr. Meter Reader	Collector
Betty M. Smith	Jr. Cashier-Clerk	Sr. Cashier-Clerk
P. M. Harrison	Maintenance Man B	Maintenance A
A. G. Akers	Maintenance Man Helper	Maintenance Man C
R. H. Clark	Maintenance Man Helper	Maintenance Man C

Fieldale District

Geraldine Lawless	Jr. Clerk	Jr. Bookkeeper
Audrey S. Harlowe	Jr. Bookkeeper	Sr. Bookkeeper
Billy C. Harlowe	Lineman B	Lineman A
Aubrey McBride	Auto Mechanic Helper—Roanoke	Auto Mechanic A

Logan District

Emil Gore	Madison Office	Accounting Department
Glen Ball	Accounting Department	Meter Reader—Madison
Eleanor Winter	Accounting Department	Commercial Department

Lynchburg District

B. H. Monroe	Service Man C	Service Man B
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Philip Sporn Plant

Dana E. Hoffman	Laborer	Coal Handler
Norman J. Baxter	Laborer	Coal Handler
Glenith Hensler	Auxiliary Equipment Operator	Assistant Unit Operator
Nelson R. Roush	Laborer	Helper
Harold A. Teaford	Coal Handler	Helper
William F. Fry	Laborer	Helper
Cecil A. Smith	Laborer	Helper
Charles Hoffman	Coal Handler	Auxiliary Equipment Operator
Dayton Phillips	Stores Attendant	Sr. Clerk
Walter Couch	Coal Handler	Helper

System Offices

Jesse C. Thomas	System transmission & Distribution Department	System Transportation Department
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Welch District

Lillian Compton	Distribution Department	Cashier—Grundy
Bob E. Smith	Princeton Office	Lineman-Pineville

Employee Party Is Held By Beckley Club

Members and guests of the Beckley district Appaleisure Club were recently entertained with a party in the company auditorium. Various card games and other forms of entertainment were enjoyed.

High and low prizes were awarded for each of the different games and a door prize was given. Refreshments were served to more than forty-eight members of the club and their guests.

Power Makers Club Holds Spring Dance

A Spring Dance recently entertained members of the Cabin Creek Power Makers Club and their guests. The dance was held at the Eagles Club in Charleston.

Various forms of entertainment and refreshments were enjoyed. Music for dancing was furnished by Ned Guthrie and his "Charlestonians."

1951 Softball Schedules Begin In Several Districts



Shown above are some members of the 1951 Lynchburg district softball team. The Lynchburg squad has already launched its season's schedule in a city-wide industrial league. Front row, left to right: A. H. Guill, L. M. Bledsoe, J. W. Ferguson, C. E. Stahl and R. L. Lewis. Back row, left to right: E. R. Driskill, J. F. Wilson, E. L. Baker (now on military leave), J. W. Harris, D. J. Thompson, Jr., and S. M. Glass. Absent when this photograph was made were: Herbert Figg, Ernest Layne, manager; T. M. Sandidge and J. R. Dorman. L. G. Dougan, another candidate for the team, made the picture.

New Teams Will Enter Annual Race For Tourney Flag

"Play ball!" That familiar cry is being heard in practically all sections of the Southern Properties as 1951 softball schedules get under way.

In some cases, new managers, new teams and hopeful candidates will be making their initial bid for the championship. In all areas, a determined race is anticipated and all managers are putting their candidates through drill sessions. Some of the 1951 squads have reported their progress.

Beckley District

For the third straight year, Beckley's 1949-50 Southern Properties softball champions have entered a team in the City Softball League.

R. E. "Dick" Presley, who was re-elected manager for the 1951 season, expects the champions to be in excellent condition for the league opener and hopes Beckley will be able to defend its title in the 1951 Southern Properties Tournament. Beckley's City League is composed of seven teams.

Pikeville District

Chester Smith was re-elected manager of the Pikeville district softball team at the organizational meeting in April. Bob Weddle was named captain as the Kentucky nine began preparatory workouts to entering the City Softball League. The Pikeville City League is composed of six teams.

Lynchburg District

Seventeen veterans of the Lynchburg district softball team have completed their practice sessions and open their season's schedule about May 1. The Lynchburg AEP nine is entered in the Industrial League. Last year, the Hill City nine had a .750 season record in all league and non-league contests.

Sporn Plant

Charles Wilson, newly elected manager, and Harold Marquis, assistant manager, were well pleased with the initial softball practice sessions at the Sporn Plant. Despite heavy rains and snow, about 40 men attended the drills while attempting to gain a position on the starting nine. A new diamond, which is under construction in the switchyard area, will be completed in the near future.

Glen Lyn Plant

An unusual amount of interest was shown at the Glen Lyn plant's first organizational softball meeting. N. J. Jessee was elected manager for the 1951 season and more than 30 candidates are expected to take part in the practice sessions.



Huntington Employee Is One Of 40 Anglers To Help In State Fishing Survey

Homer Bunn, an employee of the Huntington district right-of-way department, was recently selected as one of forty outstanding fishermen by the West Virginia Conservation Commission. The select "40" were chosen by the state agency to maintain fishing records. Through these reports, the commission hopes to obtain an accurate description of fishing conditions in the state.

Bunn was well pleased to be one of the fishermen selected by the commission and remarked, "I don't know whether you could say I was one of the 40 best fishermen in West Virginia, but I guess I am among the 40 most interested."

Last year, while the project was in its infancy, the survey was limited to 23 men. Mr. Bunn explained the objective, "We'll find out whether there are no fish in the streams, or whether the average fisherman just doesn't catch them."

Mr. Bunn has been a fisherman ever since he was old enough to land



a sunfish and is now considered one of the most capable fishermen in Wayne County. He is president of the Twelve Pole Creek Navy, a sportsmen's club and participates in all sporting activities.

He described some of the bass fishermen's troubles and pointed out, "In most cases, the average angler does his heaviest fishing during July and August. These are the poorest months of the year. Then, too, most anglers fish in the center of the streams while bass are lying around the banks under the willows." Homer recommended March, April, September and October as the best time for area bass fishermen.

Bluefield Bowlers Win Three Matches

Bluefield district bowlers added the final touches to their 1950-51 season with victories over Abingdon district keglers and the teams of the New Jersey Zinc Company of Austinville.

Playing in Bristol, Bluefield edged Abingdon in their first match by 170 pins. Bob Crowder was winner of the high series with a 530 total. In a Bluefield match, Bluefield district bowlers widened their margin of victory to 287 pins. Schussler, Bluefield, won the three-game series honors with 500 pins. Sheffey, Abingdon, rolled 498 for the southwest Virginians.

In the New Jersey Zinc-Bluefield district team matches, Bluefield won all contests. Company bowlers also won the three-game series honors in each match. Linkous rolled a 546; Farris, 499, and Farmer, 454. Wyle, Hoagland and Jenkins were high for the losers.

These matches were played in Bluefield and prior to the contest a buffet supper was served in the company auditorium for all bowlers.

Glen Lyn Employees Set Blood Donation Record

Over one-third of the Glen Lyn plant employees recently set a new high for blood donations to the Red Cross.

According to Roanoke Chapter officials, the percentage of donations from these employees was higher than that received in any other industrial plant. A total of 65 employees and their wives were donors. Most of the blood was sent to Korea with a small amount returned to Giles Memorial Hospital in Pearisburg.

Sears and Turner Elected To Sporting Club Posts

Ammon Sears and George Turner, both Appalachian employees of the Stuart, Va., office, were re-elected president and secretary, respectively, of the Patrick County Game and Fish Club at a recent election.

The Patrick County club has closely supported several changes that have been made in both the trout and bass fishing seasons. They have also worked closely with game wardens and others interested in the state conservation program in the re-stocking of Patrick County streams.



Pulaski Girls Second In League

The Pulaski office girls' bowling team, shown above, was honored at the Pulaski Industrial Bowling League banquet recently. The members of the company team, winners of second place in league competition during 1950-51 season, were presented miniature sterling silver bowling balls for their splendid showing. Polly Gatewood served as league president for the season and Lois Collins acted as team captain. Left to right, team members are: Evelyn Buckland, Polly Gatewood, Hazel Cox, Elizabeth Morris, Lois Collins and Opal Newland. The Pulaski men's team, also entered in the City Industrial League, completed the league race in fifth place. The team paced the loop for a brief period, then was beaten by a second half slump. Team members were: Gerald Roseberry, Warren Childress, Bruce McCall, Henry Morehead, Robert Carson, Adam Dewey and James B. Brillheart, Jr.

Beckley Keglers Win Inter-District Match

Recovering from an earlier inter-district bowling set-back, Beckley district bowling teams won two of the three contests from the Charleston keglers.

Beckley's Number One team shattered Charleston's hopes with a decisive 527 pin margin in their three-game series. Charleston's Number Two team, however, reversed the tables and downed the host club by 271 pins. Beckley's girls made the victory complete as they managed to edge the visitors by 40 pins.

Elmer Hutchinson, Beckley, walked off with the three-game series honors with a 577 total. Okey Clendenin, Charleston, edged Hutchinson's 221 with a 227 for a single game high. Juanita Hively, Charleston, rolled a 428 and a 156 to capture all honors in the girls' clash.

Roanoke District Bowlers Honored At Banquet



The annual bowling banquet ended Roanoke district's ten-year 1950-51 bowling season. W. P. Booker, district manager, made the award presentations while Owen Hawkins served as master of ceremonies. The Local Office keglers, captained by Doss Ayers and shown above, left, won the AEP league honors with a 54-27 season record. Each team member was awarded a bowling tie clasp. Left to right, members of the Local Office team are: Garland Gray, Jimmy Jones, Curley Paxton, Melvin Waggoner and Ira Peters. Captain D. W. Ayers is kneeling in foreground. Center photograph, Leroy Gregory, a Garage team bowler, won the individual high average with a 113 season average. Winners of the Sweepstakes Tournament are shown right. Phil Ray, system accounting office, won top honors with a 379 set. Lauren Himes finished second and Bob Wright third. Tommy Mitchell and Owen Hawkins tied for the sweepstakes's high single game honors. Left to right, front row, the sweepstakes winners are: Tommy Mitchell and Owen Hawkins. Back row: Lauren Himes, Phil Ray and Bob Wright.

J. B. Harreld Elected Rotary Club President

Two Philip Sporn plant employees have been elected officers in the New Haven Rotary Club for the coming year. James B. Harreld, supervisor of operations, was elected president and R. J. Williamson, supervisor assistant, became secretary and treasurer.



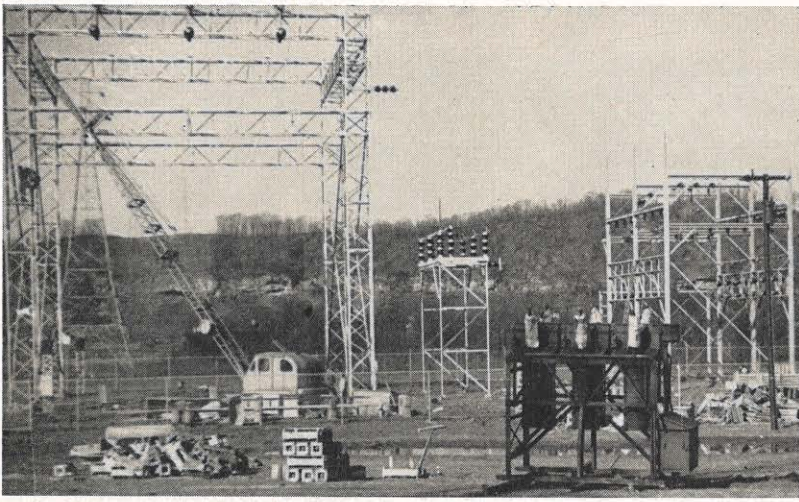
Vice president of the club last year, Mr. Harreld was employed by The Ohio Power Company in 1935. He worked at Marion, Elwood, Muncie and South Bend before coming to the Sporn plant in April of 1949. Prior to his employment by The Ohio Power Company he attended Marion High School, graduated from Purdue University and taught in Indiana Central College.

Found

A ring was found recently in the yard at the Betsey Layne station and is now in the hands of C. Van Meter in the system substation department in Roanoke.

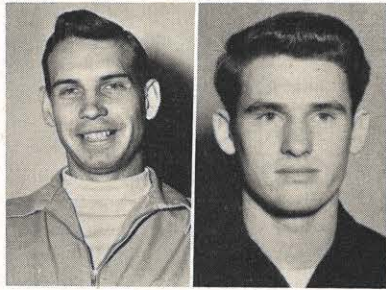
Mr. Van Meter says that the owner of the ring may have it by writing him and giving him the correct initials in the ring.

New Lakin Station



The new Lakin transmission station in the Point Pleasant district is rapidly nearing completion.

New Record Set When Only Five Enter Services



E. L. Dalton Cecil Williamson

During the past month reports of employees entering the services hit a new low. Only five men went into the armed forces during April.

In the Abingdon district, B. H. Puckett enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He worked in the Gate City storeroom and was employed in January of 1949.

Jack Riddle, Williamson engineering department, was inducted in the Army and is stationed at Camp Gordon, Georgia. He had almost a year's service with the company.

At the Logan plant, J. R. Ellis entered the Marine Corps. He was a mechanical maintenance helper and was employed January 7, 1949.

Cecil Williamson of Roanoke, system garage, entered the Air Corps and is stationed at Lackland Field, Texas. He was employed in September of 1950.

E. L. Dalton, Pulaski district meterman, was recalled April 23, to active duty with the Navy as electrician's mate 2d class. He was employed in October of 1946.

Welch Serviceman Has Unusual Hobby Of Knitting Sweaters, Sewing Quilts

S. D. Martin of the Welch district is an accomplished story teller who provides his fellow employees with many merry moments with his "tall tales." So they were skeptical when he showed them a sweater that he claimed he had knitted by himself.

That was over three years ago. Since that time he has knitted over 20 sweaters for himself and friends. And his friends who wear those sweaters are the first to assure the skeptical that he does a mighty good job. In fact, they say he is "second to none."

Although it may seem strange to see a man knitting, this area serviceman also does needlework and has pieced many quilts with such attractive designs that they are the envy of many of the neighboring housewives.

As his wife does not knit, he learned the art of knitting under the tutelage of Mrs. Grover C. Shumate, the wife of another employee who is a neighbor of the Martins.



An old hand with the knitting needles, S. D. Martin is shown knitting a sweater for one of his friends.

In direct contrast to his enjoyment of sewing and knitting, he is a member of the rifle club, the hunt club and enjoys outdoor sports activities.

Roanoke Leads 'Sweepstakes' Sales Campaign At End Of First Three Weeks

Roanoke division is off to a fast start in Appalachian's "Sweepstakes" campaign on water heaters, ranges and water systems.

The report for the first three weeks of the campaign shows Roanoke division has reached 16.18 per cent of its quota. The Huntington division is in second place with 12.78 and only four-tenths of one per cent separates Charleston in third place and Bluefield in fourth.

The Roanoke district is leading in the district race with 18.8 per cent of quota accounted for by the dealer-reported sales of 144 ranges, 20 water systems and 226 water heaters. Lynchburg is in second place with 15.35 per cent and Logan is third with 13.66 per cent of quota.

The total appliances sold during the first three weeks of the campaign were: Ranges, 1,153, water systems, 196 and water heaters, 697. Fifty per cent of the ranges, 94 per cent of the water systems and 48 per cent of the water heaters were sold in rural territory. The campaign began April 1 and will end July 31.

Frank Wells Becomes Senior Counselor Of Commercial Travelers

Frank Wells, Roanoke head contract clerk, was recently elected senior counselor of the Roanoke Council of United Commercial Travelers.

Two other employees were elected to positions at the same annual meeting. Jesse Brittain, local accounting office, was elected chaplain while Albert Cook, system commercial department, became a delegate to the UCT Grand Council to be held May 25-26 at Natural Bridge.



Mr. Wells

Logan District Ham Radio Operator Has Many Friends In Foreign Nations



Spending his spare time on his hobby, W. F. Giles is shown above with the radio apparatus which enables him to talk to friends in many part of the world.

W. F. "Bill" Giles of the Logan district commercial department has hundreds of close friends he knows very well except for one thing. He does not know what they look like because Bill is a ham radio operator. For that reason, he often talks to them but never sees them.

An ardent ham radio operator since he was 12 years old, he remembers when he installed and demonstrated the first radio receiver in Lynchburg in 1919. He continued to tinker with radio for the next 10 years.

In 1929 while in Logan he received his first amateur operator's license. From then on he has been one of the most widely known radio operators in that region.

His call letters, W8ELJ, from Stollings, West Virginia, have been heard almost around the world. Using both

the continental Morse Code and voice communications, he has talked with other operators in Mexico, the Central American countries, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the Barbados Islands, Bermuda, Hawaii and all parts of the United States.

With his extensive experience in communications, he has been appointed Communications Officer of the Logan squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. In this capacity he helps train local youths who may, upon graduation from high school, qualify for aviation cadet training without attending college.

As Bill sat in front of his radio apparatus which looked both complicated and expensive, he said the hobby of amateur radio need not be too costly. He explained that he assembled his present set over a period of years, much of it given to him, some traded and the other purchased at minimum cost.

"For \$50 a person could assemble enough equipment to get on the air and have as much fun as if he spent thousands of dollars," he said.

Ashland Employees Get High Posts In Elks



G. C. Kleykamp, Jr. H. J. Eads

Two Ashland employees have been elected to high posts in the B. P. O. E. Hugh J. Eads was named exalted ruler and Gayheart C. Kleykamp, Jr., is the new esteemed loyal knight of the Ashland lodge. Both are employed in the main accounting office.

Mr. Eads, a member of the Elks since 1931, has been esteemed lecturing knight, esteemed loyal knight, and esteemed leading knight. He is active in many civic affairs in Ashland.

Mr. Kleykamp has been a member of the Elks since 1944 and has held the office of esteemed lecturing knight.

C. R. Sanford, another Ashland employee, is chairman of the house committee.

Glen Lyn Employees Help Produce Show

Seven Glen Lyn Steam Plant employees took parts in a recent minstrel show which was produced by the Rich Creek, Va., Lions Club. The proceeds will be used by the club for charitable purposes.

Employees participating in the program were: James O. Heslop, interlocuter; O. W. Bond, business manager; R. K. McClagherty and O. S. Knight, chorus; E. E. Thompson, musician; E. E. Comer, stage manager and E. A. Painter, president of the club, end man.

Three Employees At The Council Table



"Three out of five" is the story at Cleveland, Virginia, where three Abingdon district employees serve on the town council. Lyman C. Valley, Russell County line foreman, is mayor, while H. S. Fogleman, distribution record clerk, and W. A. Denny, serviceman, are members. Pictured at the council table, left to right, are S. C. Ashbrook, Mr. Fogleman, Mayor Valley, Mr. Denny and J. M. Fraley.

Children Of Employees At Sporn Plant Enter Regional Band Festival

A number of sons and daughters of Philip Sporn plant employees are members of the White Falcon Band of the Wahama High School, Mason, W. Va.

The band recently played its Spring Concert and participated in the Region IV annual Band Festival at Sistersville. Regional winners will compete in the State Festival which will be held in Huntington, May 3-5.

Included among the 52 members of White Falcon Band are: Ray Ward, clarinet, son of F. M. Ward; John Rottgen; Mary Lawrence, percussion and Jane Lawrence, flute, daughters of J. W. Lawrence; Betty Tennant, majorette, daughter of C. R. Tennant; and Tommy Vance, cornet, son of Bethel Vance.

Lynchburg Cashiers Also Balance To Last Penny

Not to be bested by Roanoke and Fieldale cashiers, Lynchburg cashiers balanced to the last penny during March.

E. L. Sutor, local office manager, reports that this was accomplished despite the fact that the cashiers worked behind a temporary counter due to the remodeling of the Lynchburg office and that Bessie Johnson, head cashier, was off duty with a broken shoulder.

Sally Pollock and Agnes Dillard are regular cashiers while Edith Wofford, Ann Kagey and Charlie Lumsden are relief cashiers.

