The recipe for perpetual ignorance is "Be satisfied with your opinions and content with your knowledge." -Elbert Hubbard

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Falsehoods not only disagree with truths, but usually quarrel among themselves.

-DANIEL WEBSTER

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#### Hogg Is Promoted To System Position



E. W. Hogg, assistant manager of the Bluefield division, has been promoted to a new position in the system offices at Roanoke. Mr. Hogg's promotion was effective June 1.

As executive assistant, he will devote a considerable portion of his time to coordinating the work of the generating plants and to general operating problems in the system.

A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1923, Hogg was employed by Appalachian at Bluefield in that same year. In 1927, he was transferred to Kingsport as superintendent of Kingsport Utilities. Nine years later he was promoted to the managership of the Pulaski district, a position he held until 1947 when he was appointed assistant division manager at Bluefield.

He is married and has two children. He plans to move his family to Roanoke in the near future.

#### Charles C. Weise Is Given Highest Honor At West Virginia U.

Charles C. Weise, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Weise of Cabin Creek,



West Virginia, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the highest national scholarship fraternity.

Charles will be graduated this month as a pre-medicine student and will

enter the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in September. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Epsilon, honorary pre-medical fraternity and Kappa Alpha, social fraternity.

He was graduated with honors from Charleston High School and was valedictorian of his graduating class at Marmet Junior High School. Charles' father is employed at Cabin Creek

#### Lakin Station And New Line In Service

The new Lakin 132 kv station in the Pt. Pleasant district was put in service on May 24. This new 7500 kva capacity station serves the Pt. Pleasant area.

The station is connected to the system by a tap from the newly completed Sporn Plant-Portsmouth 132,-000-volt line. This line went in service on May 23.

# Tanners Creek Plant Is Dedicated Willis Johnson Is Moved To New York

# **President Sporn Outlines Role Of Electric Power**

Another link in the mighty chain of electric power plants serving "the heart of the nation's arsenal" was dedicated May 24.

In dedicating the new Tanners Creek plant of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, President Philip Sporn termed it "a monument to American free enterprise in its best

He told officials of A. G. & E. and its affiliated companies, public officials and newspapermen that electric power will play an important role in raising armor powerful enough and plentiful enough to restrain would-be aggressors or to defeat them if war comes.

He reminded them that the first 160,000 kw unit at Tannercs Creek was a part of the extended expansion program of A. G. & E. which, since World War II, has put two units in operation at Sporn plant at Graham Station. The third unit goes into operation next month and a fourth will follow before the end of the year.

He also noted that a new plant at Glasgow is under construction with a total capacity of 400,000 kw while another 400,000 kw plant is being built on Muskingum River in Ohio.

Mr. Sporn pointed out that we must solve the problem of improving the lot of the average man all over the world if we are to protect our system of freedom. He explained that each person in the United States has 2,500 killowatt-hours per year at his call while in less technologically developed countries the individual has as little as 1/1,000 of this amount.

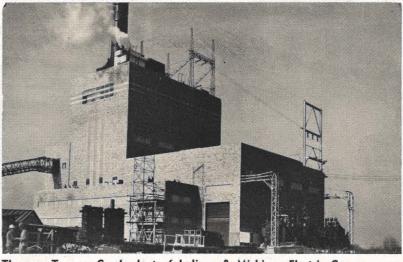
Consequently, he said, in those countries this human being is reduced to a work horse—to the role of an energy producer. He questioned, "How can you keep this human being from accepting any new ideology that promises to improve his miserable lot, as long as you use him primarily as an energy producer?" He noted that the average human being can produce at best something less than one kw-hr in a 12-hour working day.

"These great masses of the human race, whose daily worth has been degraded to less than the heat value of a pound lump of coal, must see an end to the degradation as being beasts of burden or as generators of a killowatthour of energy a day," he said and predicted that this change cannot come except by mechanization.

He believes that it will be necessary to bring up America's productivity and that this can be done by increased use of electric energy.

He forecast that this will be particularly true of the United States which will have to assume a more and more decisive part in helping to raise the level of productivity of the hundreds of millions of human beings in the many countries of the world having a relative primitive level of industrial development.

"May this Tanners Creek plant continue to make us strong in defense, victorious if war should come, more productive and free in time of peace," Mr. Sporn concluded.



The new Tanners Creek plant of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company was dedicated last month at ceremonies at Lawrenceburg, Indiana. The first unit has gone into commercial service while the second is scheduled for service in June of 1952.

# Construction Is Begun On Two New Transmission Stations Near Roanoke

Construction has begun on the John W. Hancock and the Cloverdale transmission stations near Roanoke.

Ralph Mills, Inc., Salem, Virginia, contractors, have already started the grading work at both stations and some concrete work has been started at the Cloverdale station.

The Cloverdale station, which will have a capcity of 30,000 kva, will serve Botetourt County and the area north of Roanoke. It will be supplied from the high voltage system by two 132,000-volt lines.

The Hancock station, located west of Roanoke, will serve not only the Roanoke-Salem Area, including Craig and Franklin counties and parts of Floyd and Montgomery counties, but will also serve as a switching station for the interchange of power in the main transmission system. The Hancock station will have an initial capacity of 45,000 kva and will be connected to the high voltage system by two 132,000-volt lines.

#### Thigpen Promoted To A. G. & E. Post

The assistant manager of the Glen Lyn Plant, C. K. Thigpen, has been promoted to a position with the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation.

In his new position, Knight



will be located in Charleston. W. J. Rude, ment of coal for all of the power plants on the A. G. & E. System.

A graduate of North Carolina State College, he was first employed by Appalachian at the Glen Lyn Plant on April 14, 1914, as a laborer. He rose through the ranks to become a results engineer and later assistant plant manager, a position he has held since January 1, 1947.

Active in community affairs in Giles County, Knight is a former mayor of Glen Lyn, a member of the Giles County Draft Board and has served as secretary of the Narrows Kiwanis Club.

He is married and has one son.

#### Miss Dalton Named Salutatorian At Welch High School

Nancy Dalton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Dalton, of Welch, has been named salutatorian of the 1951 graduating class of Welch High

School. The class has 107 members. In addition

to attaining this high scholastic honor, Nancy was also selected most outstanding member of the Welch High School band and

was honored by being conductor of the band in a recent concert.

Mr. Dalton is line foreman in the Welch district.



Willis M. (Bill) Johnson, system supervising appraisal engineer at Roanoke, has been promoted to the construction division of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation in New York. In his new position, Bill will assist R. C. Miller, who handles electrical construction for the A. G. & E. system.

A graduate of Pennsylvania State College in electrical engineering, Bill was first employed by Appalachian in 1926 at Roanoke. He was assistant engineer on construction. In July, 1930, he was transferred to the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation as valuation engineer with headquarters in Roanoke. In February, 1948, he was named system supervising appraisal engineer.

A native of Laceyville, Pennsylvania, Bill is married and has one daughter, who will be graduated from Smith College this month.

Bill is a member of the official board of the Trinity Methodist Church, a member and past vice president of the Roanoke Optimist Club and a member of the Roanoke Country Club.

He plans to establish his home in New York this fall.

### Mother Of The Year In Martinsville Area Is Mother Of Fieldale Employee

A mother who devoted her life to making her children happy was in turn made happy recently when she was elected "Mother of the Year." Mrs. H. M. Rakes, mother of Lester L. Rakes of the Fieldale accounting office, won the first annual "Mother of the Year" election conducted by Martinsville retail merchants.

The ten-day contest in Martinsville who has charge and the surrounding two-county area of the procure- found Mrs. Rakes leading a field of ten women by over 1,500 votes. At a recent meeting of the Martinsville Retail Merchants Association, Mrs. Rakes was guest of honor and was presented four blouses, six lamps, a bedspread, a certificate for a hat, all sorts of cooking utensils, a \$5.00 bank note, jewelry, lingerie and all kinds of groceries, making a total of 29 different articles.

The "Mother of the Year" in the Martinsville area moved to Henry County from Patrick County in 1918. As a young mother, her first two children died at an early age but she and Mr. Rakes were parents of six more children. When the oldest child was nine years old, Mr. Rakes died.

Mrs. Rakes refused to heed the advice to send her children to an youngest son died suddenly.



Mrs. H. M. Rakes smiles happily at having won the "Mother of the Year" election as her son, Lester, who is employed in the Fieldale accounting office, smiles his approval of the people's

orphanage. Instead she moved to Fieldale and went to work in the Fieldcrest Mills, sending all of her children through school.

Three of her sons fought in World War II. A few months ago her

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# An Important Comparison

The spotlight this month is turned on a most important question—with some excellent opinions expressed on this page. We feel it is appropriate and may be helpful to compare the fundamental principles of Christianity with those of communism.

#### **God's Commandments**

- 1. I am the Lord thy GOD: thou shalt not have any strange gods before me.
- 2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy GOD in vain.
- 3. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day.
- 4. Honor thy father and thy mother.
- 5. Thou shalt not kill.
- 6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 7. Thou shalt not steal.
- 8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- 9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.
- 10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

#### Commandments of Communism

- I. "Lenin is God."-Stalin
- 2. "The very first and wickedest moonshiner is named Jesus Christ."— Besbozhnik
- 3. "Saturday and the Sabbath are suppressed."—Soviet law
- 4. "Children must be taught to hate their parents."—Lenin
- "Dictatorship is a government resting directly on the use of violence."

  —Lenin
- 6. "The family and marriage code abolished the terms 'out of wedlock' and 'illegitimate child'."—Soviet law on marriage
- 7. "All means are justified."—Stalin
- 8. "Adopt all possible tricks, dodges and illegal methods of concealing the truth."—Lenin
- 9. "The freedom of relations between the sexes does not contradict the ideology of Communism."—Mme. Alexandra Kollontay (Soviet official)
- 10. "The confiscation of all property and the denial of all rights to inheritance is the fundamental law of Communism."—Communist Manifesto

# Your Opinion

What are the basic conflicts between Christianity and communism?

# RUBY LOWMAN, commercial department, Pulaski:



Christianity teaches that God created the universe, and that His law is a moral law and must ultimately prevail. Against this ideology are pitted the forces of communism based upon a conflicting belief. First of all, communism is athelism. It teaches that religion is a product of fear

and a flight into fantasy.

Christian personalism is one of the most obvious points of conflict between Christianity and communism. Christianity considers an individual to be of infinite value; and it condemns concentration of power—state or other agency—that endangers the liberties of the individual. Communism does not tolerate individualism and unrestrained self-expression. It teaches that individuals must be subordinate to the communist system; that economic security for the mass is the supreme concern and can be secured by the sacrifice of human freedoms. It works toward a classless society by eliminating all but one class—the proletariat or "working class." Private ownership of property is not allowed.

Christianity involves a government for all individuals, rather than for one class—a government in which all may have a voice. The communist system is an absolute dictatorship, and considers force and violent revolution indispensable in making changes or in the redistribution of political and economic power.

#### H. H. REED, working foreman, Glen Lyn Plant:



Communism is inspired by Satan to pave the road for the future anti-Christ who will be a king of fierce countenance, according to Daniel 8:23. He will lead many nations to fight against Jesus Christ and his armies in the battle of Armageddon—Revelations 16:13, 14, 16.

Christianity is founded upon the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ and His promise to return from Heaven with His glorified saints to make war and destroy the anti-Christ and the wicked people of the earth. "Then shall Christ and his saints rule the world in righteousness forever," Revelations 19:14, 15. "Then shall it come to pass nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Micah 4:3.

# MARIE HICKMAN, accounting department, Kingsport:



To me the basic conflicts between Christianity and communism are to be found in the fundamentals of the two systems. For example, where Christianity is based on faith and belief in a Higher Being whose power and love transcends anything man can approach, communism is

based on the premise that only those things that are material are of any value.

Christianity holds that God is supreme and that all laws of morality and conduct of the individual stem from Him. Communism teaches that all moral and social laws must be designed to further the ideology of rule of the masses.

Communism basically is a philosophy of subservience of all human rights and property to the state while Christianity teaches us that our rights to own property are part of God's bounty.

# R. M. THOMAS, system real estate and right of way department, Roanoke:



Christianity states that man is a spiritual being, created in the image of God and affirms the existence of God.

Christianity claims that the State exists for and by man and believes in individual liberty; also that Christianity is for the welfare of all classes.

Communism claims that man is an economic animal and denies the existence of a God. Their religion is communism itself.

Communism claims that man is a creature of the State and that the cause is for the Proletariat or the worker. They believe in dictatorship, which allows no criticism.

Would you like to live where the individual can think and act of his own volition or where the individual is told what to think and do?

# JANICE CHAMPE, Montgomery office, Charleston district:



There are too many basic conflicts between Christianity and communism to be listed in a short article but there are several basic differences which one can see at a glance. One great difference could be entitled, Love vs. Force.

Christians believe that God is the Supreme Be-

ing and the world with the fullness therein belongs to Him. All followers of Christianity abide or attempt to abide by the Ten Commandments which were given to Moses by God.

On the other hand the communist appeal to the masses is hatred, jealousy, fear, sense of injustice, racial animosity and the desire for power. They believe that the State is supreme over everything.

# E. PAUL HAGER, commercial department, Logan:



Christian nations live without conflict with widely different religious groups, yet so called Christian nations cannot live with each other in peace if economic barriers are set up between them. When these barriers serve as a beginning of distrust and jealousy, such grows into a bitterness ultimate-

ly ending in war.

True Christians should not fear communism for should all practice their religion there would not be any communism. Communists are a group bound together by fear and hatred.

If one group believes the other is out to destroy, then the basic issue is to destroy or be destroyed. True Christians wish to do neither, their objective being truth and enlightenment.

# AUDREY J. SYCK, commercial department, Pikeville:



The basic conflicts between Christianity and communism center around the fact that communism is basically atheistic. They recognize no living God. The churches are made to teach and preach communism. They are overshadowed by the state. In communism everything is accom-

plished through scientific efforts of man and of the state.

# IN THE SPOTLICHT

# EARL E. PAINTER, maintenance man, Philip Sporn Plant:



Communism is the rule of the State. It gives no voice to any minority group, whereas Christianity gives liberty, freedom and justice to all.

Communism teaches that might is right. Christianity teaches true strength consists in right living, that morality is more important than

munitions.

Communism insists upon worshiping the state as its God, but Christ said, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve."

Communism lowers the dignity of man by regimentation and regards man as an unknown number. Christianity in turn permits man to be a free moral agent, with an individualistic form of worship.

In conclusion, I believe communism is in direct conflict to Christianity in personal liberty, human freedom and individual justice.

# ARLENE PUGH, distribution department, Roanoke:



Modern communism owes its formulation to Karl Marx, who believed in collective ownership of material goods and social control of the individual's economic life. Communism has had many meanings since its beginning. Many early Christians practiced communism but not as we know it today.

Christianity is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. The basic conflict between Christianity and communism can be found in the Sermon on the Mount in which Jesus taught, saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

Communism as we know it today does not mean peace. It means violent overthrow of the capitalistic system. Its fundamental doctrine is world revolution and its final aim is the abolition of national boundaries, and a rigid dictatorship throughout the world as exists now within the Soviet Union.

# A. G. MEHLMAN, acting assistant plant manager, Cabin Creek Plant:



The basic conflicts between Christianity and communism arise from the difference in the two.

The basis of communism, as we know it in the world today, is the forced abolition of private property in favor of collective, government - controlled ownership through the forceful and unjust over-

throw of the capitalistic system. This is accompanied by an atheistic glorification of the state and its leader and the merciless suppression of all opposition purposely to improve the material benefits of mankind. This philosophy deals only with the FINITE, without regard for the INFINITE.

In contrast, Christianity teaches that all should use their "talents" whatever they may be. Christianity teaches peace and justice instead of force and violence, allegiance to the state but not worship of its leaders, freedom and tolerance instead of suppression and that material benefits are secondary to spiritual satisfaction.

### W. H. Jago Dies While On Trip



W. H. Jago, system superintendent of transportation, died suddenly while on a business trip to Ashland, Ky., on

An employee of the company since September, 1926. Bill was born in Rennsalear Falls, N. Y., on February 6, 1906. He was educated at Mount Herman School in Northfield, Mass., and attended the Detroit Automobile School.

He was first employed by Appalachian as a garage mechanic in Huntington. In 1931, he was promoted to garage foreman and five years later was appointed superintendent of transportation in Huntington.

He had been located in Roanoke since January 1, 1944, when he was promoted to the position of system superintendent of transportation.

Bill was a member of the Roanoke Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce and several fraternal orders including, Williamson Road Lodge No. 163 A. F. and A. M., Kazim Temple and the Elks. He was a member of the Northminister Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, one son, William H. Jago, a sister, Mrs. J. P. Cruickshank and an aunt, Mrs. J. Fred Bradford.

#### Larry Dunn Gets Thirty-Five Year Service Emblem



Larry Dunn, working foreman in the Bluefield district meter department, has completed 35 years service with Appalachian.

It was on May 28, 1916, that Larry was employed by D. M. Bunn, local manager and superintendent of construction of the old Appalachian Power Company in Bluefield. He has served the company in the meter and service departments since that time.

During World War I, Larry served in Europe with the Rainbow Division and the 80th Division Artillery. He also served in the Army of Occupation under Douglas MacArthur.

He is a member of the American Legion, Masons and the Trinity Methodist Church.

# Service Anniversaries

#### Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company Ashland District

30 YEARS: H. S. Scott, assistant general manager, and R. L. Gordon, administrative assistant. 15 YEARS: Gene Moore, transmission and distribution department. 10 YEARS: R. G. Thompson, general residential sales supervisor. 5 YEARS: J. R. Paul, utility clerk.

#### Hazard District

10 YEARS: N. W. Collier, transmission and distribution department, and Adrian Combs, engineering department.

#### Pikeville District

10 YEARS: Craig Fields, commercial department. 5 YEARS: Lloyd Collins, distribution department.

#### Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

15 YEARS: Fred S. LaRue, distribution department. 10 YEARS: J. W. Gilliam, distribution department; W. L. Beeler and S. E. Pierson, meter department; W. G. Hartgrove and Charles P. Mae, steam production department. 5 YEARS: J. V. Carter, distribution department.

#### **Appalachian Electric Power Company** Abingdon District

25 YEARS: W. H. Conner, substation operator. 5 YEARS: J. P. Smith, serviceman.

#### **Beckley District**

20 YEARS: Henry D. Shuck, transmission and distribution department.

#### Bluefield District

25 YEARS: Walter P. Hawkins, stores department, and E. B. Brewer, transmission and distribution department. 20 YEARS: Mrs. E. Burton Wolford, system transmission line department. 15 YEARS: Wade L. Nash, line department. 10 YEARS: Archie Glenn Ferrell, line department, and Ernest W. Linkous, stores department. 5 YEARS: Bernard Mullens, substation department.

#### Cabin Creek Plant

35 YEARS: C. A. Kendell, production department. 20 YEARS: Ed Jarrett, production department. 10 YEARS: E. M. Cale, production de-

#### Charleston District

15 YEARS: C. E. Hawkins, Leroy Goode and J. A. Sutton, all of the line department. 5 YEARS: Billy E. Blake, garage; Delt H. Crozier and A. E. Dodson, line department.

#### **Huntington District**

30 YEARS: E. L. Stein, production department, and E. S. Boyer, meter department. 25 YEARS: A. W. York, stores department. 10 YEARS: R. P. Mallory, commercial department, and E. C. Davis, managerial department. 5 YEARS: H. C. Davis, transmission and distribution department.

#### Logan District

15 YEARS: Lester Toler, meter department. 5 YEARS: W. E. Bivens and E. P. Hager, commercial department.

#### Pulaski District

25 YEARS: K. H. Mustard, hydro plant foreman. 20 YEARS: T. A. Roberts, Jr., stores department. 15 YEARS: M. C. Spangler, transmission and distribution, and F. E. Rotenberry, hydro production department. 10 YEARS: Lee Nance, D. G. Covey, T. D. Smythers, W. M. Taylor and L. J. Ayers, all of hydro production department. 5 YEARS: R. L. Madison, meter department.

#### Roanoke District

25 YEARS: R. M. Foster, commercial department. 15 YEARS: H. D. Veasey, distribution, and L. A. Huff, hydro production department. 5 YEARS: F. A. Harris, meter department, and J. E. Harris, building service.

#### System Offices

35 YEARS: C. E. Patteson, system operation. 30 YEARS: F. H. Lewis, system operation. 25 YEARS: Claudine Foster, system billing. 15 YEARS: G. M. Guill, Jr., system substation; W. A. Irvin, Jr. and R. E. Martin, system real estate and right-of-way. 10 YEARS: C. A. Sweeney, system real estate and right-of-way.

#### Welch District

5 YEARS: Miles Charles and Erle McKinney, transmission and distribution department.

#### Philip Sporn Plant

15 YEARS: P. J. Wolpert, engineer.

#### Our Finances

#### So That You'll Know

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

#### QUESTIONS

- Q. 1. How does preferred stock differ from common stock?
- Q. 2. How are most of our customers indirect investors in our company?
- Q. 3. How much is invested in our company to make the job for each one of us? What is the average amount invested per employee for other in-
  - Q. 4. What was our largest single source of revenue in 1950?
  - Q. 5. What were our three largest items of expense in 1950?
- Q. 6. What is the most important real value in our company that cannot be shown on our balance sheet?

#### Beckley Employee Dies In Hospital

Burleigh E. Styers, collector in the Beckley district, died May 3 in an Oak Hill, West Virginia, hospital after an illness of several months.

Mr. Styers had worked for the company since February, 1945. He is survived by his wife and a son.

#### Kingsport Men Are Named To Club Posts



Several employees of Kingsport Utilities have been elected to positions

in Kingsport civic clubs. R. A. Parrack has been chosen president of the Civitan Club for 1951-52 and C. E. Holyoke was named president of the Optimist Club for the

coming year. Parrack, who is distribution supervisor, has held the offices of director, second vice president and first vice president since becoming a member of the Civitan Club in 1946.

Holyoke, senior distribution engineer, has been a member of the Optimist Club since 1947.

Other Utilities employees who were elected to offices in the civic clubs include: Marvin Simpson, commercial supervisor, secretary of the Lions Club; James T. Duncan, local office manager, secretary of the Kiwanis Club and Wilson Trumbo, personnel supervisor, treasurer of the Civitan Club.

#### J. D. Ryan Completes 38 Years Service At Wytheville



J. D. Ryan, Pulaski district serviceman, retired May 1 after having completed 38 years of service with the company.

Jim's employment began January 1, 1913. At that time, he became the first employee of R. L. Peirce, district manager.

In those early days, Jim not only did all of the service work, but read the meters, collected accounts and assisted in the patrolling of area distribution lines.

In 1924, when the district offices were established in Pulaski, Jim continued his work in the Wytheville area. His entire thirty-eight years of service has been spent assisting customers in the Wytheville area.

April 30, Jim's last working day before his retirement, employees of the Wytheville office presented him with several gifts. Miss Lena Schrader made the presentation for the

#### Sixteen Veterans Get Service Pins



Sixteen employees were awarded service pins during last month for over 20 years service. Receiving 30 year pins were: top row, left to right: E. L. Stein, manager of the Kenova Plant; E. S. Boyer Huntington district; R. L. Gordon, Ashland; F. H. Lewis, Turner Substation, and H. S. Scott, assistant general manager of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, who is the first man on the second row. Twenty-Five year pins were awarded to, beginning with the second picture on the second row: K. H. Mustard, Pulaski district; A. W. York, Huntington district; Claudine Foster, system billing office, Roanoke; and third row, Walter P. Hawkins, Bluefield district; E. P. Brewer, Bluefield district; W. H. Conner, Abingdon district; R. M. Foster, Roanoke district. Fourth row, twenty year pins were awarded to: T. A. Roberts, Jr., Pulaski district; Ed Jarrett, Cabin Creek plant; Mrs. E. Burton Wolford, system transmission line department, Bluefield, and Henry D. Shuck, Beckley district,



Marjorie Bridwell vacationed at Daytona Beach with her aunt and uncle.

Frank Umberger was elected treasurer for the Sullivan County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Mae on the death of her mother.

New employees in the distribution department include James L. Arnold and Charles S. Lingar.

Jake B. Sells has returned to work following a back injury.



#### **Charleston District**

Sylbia Hinchman, home service supervisor, has been elected first vice president of the Charleston Quota Club and will be a delegate to the International Convention at Quebec, Canada, in June.

John R. Ware, accounting department employee of Montgomery on military leave, recently visited his family and friends.

Katherine Ann Jordan, meter department, vacationed in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Betty M. West, transmission and distribution department, has resigned.

D. C. Parsons meter department, vacationed in Cleveland.

Jack Lloyd, Montgomery local office, and family vacationed at Fontana Village, N. C., where he and his brother caught 50 large-mouth bass.

Dorothy Hall, Montgomery commercial department, vacationed at Houston, Texas, where she attended the General Federation Annual Convention. She served as chairman of the Junior Department of the Montgomery Women's Club and was sent by the club.

Mrs. Frances S. Conley, payroll department, has resigned.

Ralph Baughan, Jr., Montgomery meter reader on military leave, recently vacationed with his family at Pratt.

Robert L. Ferrell, Montgomery distribution department employee on military leave, recently visited his family and friends at Pratt.

Rose Ann Smith vacationed in Cincinnati.

Sympathy is extended H. F. Fennel on the death of his aunt.

John D. Bailey, engineering department employee on military leave, recently visited the Charleston office.

Joe and Ethel Donegan, of St. Albans, motored to the State of Washington on vacation.

Sympathy is extended to Denzil Allison, Nitro lineman, on the death of his son, Kenneth, who drowned in the Kanawha River on May 17.

Sympathy is extended to Betty M. Smith, Nitro cashier, on the death of her grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hodges, their daughter, Martha, and son, Steve, vacationed at Daytona Beach.

New employees in the Charleston district include: Tom Martin, Tom Hauldren, Jackie Linville, Leo Thompson and Jim Sydenstricker.

#### **Beckley District**

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cox, of Melbourne, Fla., have been visiting their daughter and son-in-law for several weeks. Mr. Cox is a recently retired employee of the Beckley district.



H. E. Seasor, meter department, recently spent several days in Charleston due to the illness of his father.

Myra Sue Roush attended the annual May Festival of West Virginia Wesleyan College where her sister, Ellen, reigned as queen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hutchison toured Virginia and Maryland where they visited friends and relatives.

Sympathy is extended Alma G. Miller, commercial department, on the recent death of her father.

Mrs. Dorothy Jean Leep is a new employee in the meter department.

Two former employees, Mrs. Betsy Kelly and Mrs. Peggy Farmer, were honored recently with stork showers by the girls in the Beckley office.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Webb vacationed in Miami and Hollywood. (See Charleston, continued on page 10)



#### **Hazard District**

Elizabeth Grigsby vacationed at Key West.

Jay Caudill and wife vacationed in the Carolinas.

Bobby Bruce Muncy, son of Bruce Muncy of the commercial department, recently underwent a tonsillectomy.

The Kilowatts entertained with a wiener roast at Bear Branch and the following attended: Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Brashear, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sloane, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cornett and daughter, Hope Francis, Jeanne Riddle, Janette Spencer, Sue Carey, Elizabeth Grigsby, Cleo Hatmaker, Gay Boyer, LaRedith Pratt, Doshia Sizemore, Mary Jeanette Franks, Virginia Beuris, Leyburn Cody, Dickie Gayhart and J. P. Napier.

#### Pikeville District

New employees in the district are: Sally D. Hatcher, home economist; Clyde Wright, meter reader; Tilden Justice, meter reader, and Bobbie D. Rogers, accounting department.

The following have left company employment: Herbert C. May, Phinis Case, Paul J. Stock, Jr., Nancy L. Foster and Glen S. Layne.

Mrs. C. A. McKinney has been confined to the Cleveland Clinic.

#### **Ashland District**

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Kleykamp vacationed in Middlesboro.

Sympathy is extended E. E. Heyl, main accounting office, on the death of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. John Via spent part of their vacation in Cincinnati.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Waggoner, Jr., on the death of their infant daughter, Deborah Lynn.

The son of W. B. Garnett, general office manager, is now chief baritone soloist of the Georgia Tech Glee Club which has toured Army camps in Germany and Austria and recently entertained the Air Force in Newfoundland, Labrador, Greenland and Bermuda.

# Bluefield Division

#### Glen Lyn Plant

W. S. Wade and E. C. Carter are new employees at the plant.

Sympathy is extended O. S. Knight on the death of his mother-in-law.

#### Pulaski District

Ruby Lowman, rural department, attended the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs Convention at Washington.

Winifred Beamer, payroll department, attended the 47th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star, at Richmond.

The son of Fred Poe, rural sales representative at Marion, was recently home on a furlough from Shepherd Air Force Base in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Lester vacationed in Florida. Mrs. Hunter is employed in the rural department while Mr. Lester is in the meter department.

Thomas Ryan, assistant district manager, is recuperating after being hospitalized. Mrs. Ryan is also recuperating after an illness.

#### Abingdon District

W. H. Conner, substation operator, has returned to work after being hospitalized.

John Elgin, engineering department, has returned to work after a recent illness.

department, has recovered from a tonsillectomy. Stoney W. Jackson, employee on

F. H. Nicewonder, engineering

Stoney W. Jackson, employee on military leave from the meter department, paid the employees a visit.

R. D. Wright, stores department, is recuperating after being in the hospital.

#### Welch District

The following are new employees in the Welch district: Phyllis Henderson and Mrs. Jean Smith, both in the accounting department, and Patricia Parrish, engineering department.

Nancy Parrish resigned her position with the company.

Mrs. Myrtle C. Litteral resigned her position with the company.

Mrs. Raymond Brown was elected president of the Missionary Society of The First Baptist Church.

#### **Bluefield District**

Lola Noel is a new employee in the accounting department.

Vernon Phillips, Princeton office, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. W. J. Gillespie, Jr., on the death of her mother.

Neva Shepherd is a new employee in the Princeton office.

Sympathy is extended Jesse L. Saunders, line crew, on the death of his mother.

Willard Wilson, substation maintenance crew, is recuperating after an appendectomy.

# Roanoke Division

#### Fieldale District

Earl and Bea Bullard spent a short vacation with relatives in Winston-Salem. He is employed in the transmission and distribution department.

Mrs. Virginia Hancock, home economist, vacationed at Palm Beach.

Two employees on military leave, H. L. Agee of the meter department and W. R. Naff of the right-of-way department, recently visited the office.

Alonzo and Helen Beheler vacationed with her brother who is stationed at Atlanta Naval Air Base. Alonzo is an appliance serviceman in the commercial department.

Betty Jane Baker is a new employee in the commercial department.

#### Roanoke District

Teresa Carberry, Roanoke telephone operator, vacationed briefly in Washington where she visited her sister.

Mrs. Margaret Ballowe resigned her position with the power sales department where she had been employed since 1947.

D. M. Rusmisell, rural-residential sales department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Mrs. Pauline Hiner, rural-residential sales department, vacationed in Richmond with her son and his family.

Mrs. Hope Dalton is a new employee in the rural-residential sales department.

W. J. Thrasher, husband of Betty Thrasher, won the Elks Club Golf Tournament on May 16. He also won the tournament last year.

Martha Kirchner, home economist, has been appointed chairman of the food service committe of the Y. W. C. A., making her a member of the board of directors.

#### System

Sympathy is extended W. F. Keehne, system office manager, on the death of his brother.

Leon A. Chatman, real estate and right-of-way department, and wife are recuperating from injuries received in an automobile accident near Lynchburg.

The billing office had a picnic at Fishburne Park on May 14.

Jack Whitenack, billing office, has returned from a Naval Reserve cruise of two weeks to New York and Boston.

C. O. Roberson has returned to work after an illness.

H. L. Gardner has returned to work after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. T. E. Wiley and son of Crozet recently vacationed with her father, T. K. Shepherd of the personnel department.

Sympathy is extended D. C. Duncan, system safety director, on the death of his father.

Tida Long, accounting office, vacationed in Florida.

Elaine Ramsey is a new employee in the accounting office.

(See Roanoke, continued on page 10)

# Huntington Division

#### Logan Plant

John Porter and Jerry Persinger, on military leave from the company, were recent visitors at the plant.

W. W. McKinney, operations department, has resigned to enter ministerial school.

D. F. Brumfield and A. B. Lambert are new employees at Logan plant.

#### Williamson District

Paul Woods, engineering department draftsman, has returned after entering his infant daughter in a Kingsport hospital for treatment.

G. B. Trent has recovered from a short illness.

Betty Blackburn, engineering department, moved into her new home in Sunset Division while on vacation.

A. P. Henry, distribution department, has returned to Iaeger after a week's vacation.

#### Logan District

W. E. Bivens, commercial department, has been elected to the board of directors of the Logan Boosters Club.

Sympathy is extended Merrill Atkinson, commercial department, on the death of his uncle.

Howard J. Collins, personnel department, attended the State Lions Club Convention in Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pozega recently visited her mother in Bristol. Mrs. Pozega is a home economist.

O. F. Toalston, cost records department, spent a week's vacation on his farm at Mill Creek.

Clothier was the site for two wiener roasts as the commercial department held one May 4 with 30 people attending and the accounting department gave one there on May 19 with 25 people attending.

Mary Elizabeth Davis of the com-

mercial department and Billie Dinges and Joy McClellan of the accounting department vacationed at Daytona Beach.

Mrs. Alda Jones, accounting de-

Mrs. Alda Jones, accounting department, was hostess on May 12 during the Ladies' Day events at the Triadelphia Country Club.

Nicholas Roomy, Jr., accounting department, who is scoutmaster of Troop 61, recently led the troop on an overnight hike and camping trip on Big Creek.

Jimmy Grant McCarty is a new employee in the accounting department replacing Billy Tom Johnson.

G. A. Blankenbeckler, substation department, vacationed in Marion where he spent much of his time fishing.

Mrs. Paul Sammons, wife of a meter department employee, was recently feted with a household shower at the home of Mrs. Herman Minton of Wilkinson.

Jason Riggins, whose wife is employed in the accounting department, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Logan Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Boyd Richardson, Jr., son of Logan's district superintendent and an employee of the company last summer, recently visited his parents after having completed boot training at Great Lakes.

Joseph H. Eibling, co-operative student from the University of Cincinnati, is training in the engineering department.

R. D. Blevins, meter department, and family vacationed at Key West. (See Huntington, continued on page 10)

# Death Claims Carl Calvert



Carl C. Calvert, an employee of the company for 30 years, died suddenly at his home at Chelyan, W. Va., on May 18.

Carl was employed by the old Virginian Power Company on February 7, 1921. Later he was put in charge of all commissaries which the company had at that time. In 1926, he was transferred to Charleston and put in charge of obtaining rights-of-way and later was promoted to the position of administrative assistant.

Carl was a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates for five consecutive terms and was appointed to the Kanawha County Court in 1939. He was reelected to the court in 1940 and was serving as a member of the court at the time of his death.

He was educated at Morris-Harvey College, Southern College and West Virginia University, where he won a reputation as an athlete, starring particularly in football and baseball.

A member of the Chelyan Methodist Church, he was also affiliated with the Cabin Creek American Legion Post, the Cabin Creek Rotary Club, Chelyan Lodge No. 158 A. F. and A. M., the Charleston Elks and the Scottish Rite bodies of the Beni Kedem Shrine in Charleston.

#### Home Economist Gets Thanks

(The following letter was received by Mrs. Virginia Hancock, home economist in the Fieldale district.)

Dear Mrs. Hancock:

Just thought I'd drop you a few lines to tell you how much my neighbors and I thoroughly enjoyed the cooking demonstration you put on at my home awhile back. I think it's real nice of the Appalachian Power Company to go through all the trouble of putting on those demonstrations -they really do help a lot!

My husband and I often say how lucky we were to get the Appalachian power in our home (we're always pleased when we see the amount on our bill every other month), because we know the rates are far better than we would have gotten from any other

If you are ever in the neighborhood, stop in to see me.

> Sincerely yours, Margaret Gilbert (signed) Chatham, Virginia

#### C. A. Kendall Gets 35-Year Emblem



Charles A. Kendall, shift supervisor at the Cabin Creek plant, completed 35 years of service on May 1.

Mr. Kendall was first employed as a laborer at the Cabin Creek plant in 1916. He was promoted to turbine room man and to shift supervisor on March 1, 1943.

Mr. Kendall lives at Dry Branch, West Virginia.

# Bluefield Employees Help On 'Operation City Park'







Recently the people of Bluefield pooled their efforts to help ready an area in South Bluefield for a swimming pool and city park. In a three-day effort called "Operation City Park" contractors loaned equipment and men, lumber companies gave materials, oil companies donated fuel and volunteer workers helped to excavate for a swimming pool, build roads, make two picnic areas and build benches and tables.

Appalachian employees were on hand to help in several phases of the project. C. L. Shockey, Leroy Poythress, and C. M. Fletcher manned a first aid station. Lina Light, Jack Boyd and Tom Lockhart made coffee and served it to the workers. Other employees who helped in various ways included Larry Dunn, and R. C. Heldreth. In the photos above, bulldozers and tractors are at work excavating for the swimming pool. In the center picture is the coffee booth and the first aid station is at the right.

# Familiar Faces EW PLACES

#### **Appalachian Electric Power Company** Abingdon District

Employee	From	To
R. E. Crusenberry		Working Foreman
H. M. Jones		The C
S. J. Grizzle	Groundman	Field Time & Material Clerk
H. A. Robinson	Inspector Ir	Lineman B
W. L. Smythers		
H. S. Taylor		
C. J. Grizzle		
W. A. Denny		
		Jr. Distribution Engineer
Virginia Lester		
Vivian Fuller		
Nona K. Beverly		
	Bluefield District	
Jessee Collins	Bluefield office	Princeton office

	Cabin Creek Plant
Jeanne Crawford	Clerk-StenographerStenographer
C. E. Petry, Jr	LaborerResults Maintenance
	Helper

#### Charleston Disrict

E. W. Russell	Maintenance Man B Maintenance Man A
C. H. Wall	Maintenance Man Maintenance Man C
H. R. Hill	Jr. Meter Reader Meter Helper
Katherine Lancaster	Jr. ClerkClerk-Typist
	Jr. Bookkeeper Sr. Bookkeeper

#### Logan District

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#### Logan Plant

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Arden Garrett	Auxiliary Equipment
	Operator B Turbine Operator B
Ray H. Phillips	Boiler Auxiliary Equip- Auxiliary Equipment
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Louie Barker	Coal Conveyor Boiler Auxiliary Equip-
	Operator ment Operator C
Oscar E. Thompson	Utility Operator A Coal Conveyor Operator
	Laborer Utility Operator B
	Philip Sporn Plant

Dan R. CooperLaborer Utility Operator B
Philip Sporn Plant
C. J. ArnoldJr. Engineer, General  LaboratoryJr. Engineer
D. E. KettlewellJr. Engineer, General LaboratoryJr. Engineer
W. C. StrainConstruction Office  ManagerOffice Manager
Edwin H. Clark Maintenance Man Master Maintenance M
Marvin G. BurtHelper—Maintenance Maintenance Man
Pulaski District
Virginia Scott HunterCommercial Depart- mentAccounting Departmen

#### Williamson District

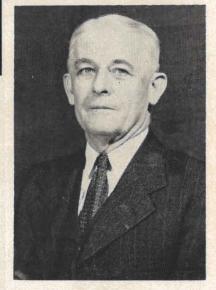
Henry D. Hatfield	Engineering Depart-	
	ment	Commercial Departmen
	Viscous Helliets	

#### Kingsport Utilities

Jacqueline Snipley	Cashier Sr. Cashier
Shirley AndersonJr.	Clerk Jr. PBX Operator
Joyce ParsonsJr.	ClerkClerk-Stenographer

Henry D Hatfield

#### Saunders Has Served 35 Years



Thirty-five years of continuous service in various administrative capacities has been marked by L. H. Saunders, Bluefield division personnel supervisor.

Jack, as he is known to his associates, received his 35-year service pin at a recent foremen's meeting in Bluefield.

He began his career with Appalachian as a private secretary and then successively held the positions of assistant superintendent, assistant to the division manager and administrative assistant.

Jack is one of the early residents of Bluefield. He is married and has four children.

#### Son Of Ashland Man Wins Award For Essay

Niles Sutphin, 17-year-old son of



Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Sutphin of Ashland, has recently won second place in an area Essav Contest. The contest, sponsored by the International Nickel Com-

ington, was open to high school seniors of six counties in the Tri-State area. Prizes were a scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 and two \$100

In winning one of the \$100 prizes, young Niles wrote an essay entitled, "Use of Nickel in our Everyday Life." He expects to use the money when he enters the University of Cincinnati next fall.

In his off-school hours, Niles is employed at the Paramount Theatre. He also is a lieutenant in the high school R. O. T. C.

Mr. Sutphin is material and supplies supervisor for the Ashland district of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company.



Pikeville Transitman Building Home

Finds He Has Many Employee Friends

Dorde Picklesimer and his son stand in front of the home that he built with the help of his fellow employees. Since this picture was taken, the Pikeville district employee has shaped up the lawn and is finishing his basement.

Dorde Picklesimer, transitman in the Pikeville district, recently found out that he has many friends. To start with, he set out to build a house by himself. Within four months ten fellow employees lent a hand to help him get his four-room home finished.

Dorde began building his home on a hill overlooking Pikeville after he bought and contracted the laying of the cement block for the basement. Before long he found more and more of his friends coming around to help him.

Phinas Case and Wilson Tibbs, rodmen, and Leon Huffman, rightof-way agent, were the first to help him get his home under way. Other employees who were soon helping included Oscar Hamilton, line foreman; Auborn Helvey, lineman; Cecil De-Board, groundman; Bill Barnett, rural representative, and Ireland Charles, maintenance man.

Claude Justice, rural sales representative, and Harry Taylor, meter serviceman, did the wiring as the house took shape rapidly. The plastering was contracted.

Then the Picklesimers moved into their new home, scarcely four months after Dorde began the task by himself. Now finishing up the yard and basement, Dorde is grateful for his friends. He knows how valuable they can be in time of need.

# Fifteen Couples Wed Last Month



Shown above are some of the recent brides among employees of the companies. Top row, left to right: Mrs. Stuart Foehr, Charleston and Mrs. George W. Turner, Fieldale. Second row: Mrs. McKinley Cornett, Welch and Mrs. Frederick E. Galbraith, Welch. Third row: Mrs. David Harper, Roanoke and Mrs. James C. Lee, Roanoke.

#### Sexton-Foehr

Miss Irene Sexton and Stuart Foehr were married on May 22 in Charleston, West Virginia.

Mr. Foehr is a meter helper in the Charleston office.

#### Hicks-Harper

Miss Barbara June Hicks became the bride of David Harper on May 5 at Moneta, Virginia.

Mrs. Harper is an employee of the system accounting office in Roanoke.

#### Winter-Street

On May 11, at the Church of Christ, Charleston, West Virginia, Miss Charlene Winter was married to C. R. Street.

Mr. Street is employed in the Charleston substation department.

#### Martin-Campbell

The wedding of Miss Lorene Martin and Kirby A. Campbell was held on May 11 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Charleston, West Virginia.

Mrs. Campbell is an employee in

Mrs. Campbell is an employee in the pay-roll department, Charleston.

#### Byington-Finkbone

In a double ring ceremony performed at the First Presbyterian Church, Ashland, Kentucky, Miss Freda Byington and Jack Finkbone were united in marriage on May 12.

Mr. Finkbone is an employee of the main accounting office in Ashland.

#### Manning-Lee

Miss Maxine Manning became the bride of James Carter Lee at the Red Hill Church of the Brethren, Boones Mill, Virginia, on May 18.

Mrs. Lee is an employee of the division engineering department in Roanoke.

#### Holder-Caldwell

Mrs. Nancy W. Holder was married to Charles E. Caldwell at the West Main Baptist Church, Danville, Virginia, on May 2.

Mr. Caldwell is a substation operator at Jenkinjones, West Virginia.

#### Dobbins-Bowling

Miss Rosalie Dobbins and James O. Bowling were married at the Belmont Baptist Church in Roanoke on April 14.

Mr. Bowling is employed in the Roanoke line department.

#### Painter-Cornette

Miss Mary Helen Painter became the bride of McKinley Cornette, Jr., on April 14, in Sparta, North Carolina.

Mr. Cornette is an electrical engineer at Switchback, West Virginia.

#### **Epperly-Keatts**

Miss Mary Elizabeth Epperly was married to Frank Keatts recently in Danville, Virginia.

Mrs. Keatts is the daughter of Mr. A. G. Epperly, who is a system substation operator at Danville.

#### Get That Suntan But Do It Safely

It's really easy to have fun in the sun with safety. Just keep in mind the following suggestions, and we can promise you a wonderful, wonderful summer.

Apply suntan lotion thoroughly. Remember, no sun screen can help you when it's not there. Make certain you have all-over coverage. Protect all danger points. The more vulnerable parts of your body, such as the nose, knees, shoulders and insteps, need special care. Apply lotion liberally and often. Reapply suntan lotion periodically. After you've had that refreshing swim, or if you perspire heavily, be sure to put on another coating. Watch that clock. That pale winterized skin is terribly tender . . . better time yourself those first few times on a blazing beach. You can't tan in a day, so take it easy. Use a lip pomade. Your lips are especially sensitive to the sun. Use a pomade to relieve fever blisters and sun-cracked lips. Use sun glasses. Don't take chances with your eyes. Always wear sun glasses and prevent any injury to delicate eye tissue. (Courtesy Tartan Suntan Institute.)

#### Recent Bride Honored By Welch Employees

The women employees of the Welch district accounting department recently honored Mrs. James Samuel Scott, Jr., nee Miss Betty Tipton, at a shower.

The party was held at the home of Mrs. John Franklin. Games were enjoyed and refreshments were served to Mesdames Raymond Brown, Lewis Litteral, John Franklin and the Misses Elizabeth Ricci, Reba DeBusk, Guin Mitchell, Frances Lucado, Joyce Romans, Laurina Virgili and Peggy Gray.

Sending gifts were the Misses Grace Hajash, Faye Surratt, Nell Nunnery, Millie Edwards, Pat Christian, Lois Matheson and Barbara Shelton.

#### Musser-Harmon

On April 21, at the Cave Spring Baptist Church, Roanoke, Miss Shirley Ann Musser and Bernis C. Harmon were united in marriage.

Mrs. Harmon is the daughter of I. R. Musser, who is a Roanoke line foreman.

#### Butt-Galbraith

Miss Dollie Luteica Butt and Frederick Eugene Galbraith were wed on April 14 in Tazewell, Virginia.

Mr. Galbraith is employed in the engineering department in Welch.

#### Tatum-Turner

Miss Mary Susan Tatum became the bride of George Walker Turner on May 10 at the First Baptist Church, Martinsville, Virginia.

Mr. Turner is employed in the commercial department at Stuart.

#### Hicks-Harper

Miss Barbara June Hicks and David Harper were united in marriage on May 5 in Moneta, Virginia.

Mrs. Harper is an employee of the system accounting office, Roanoke.

#### Brittain-Simmons

Miss Jeanette Eileen Brittain was married to Pfc. Gordon H. Simmons on May 7 at the First Baptist Church, Roanoke.

Mrs. Simmons is the daughter of Jesse G. Brittain of the Roanoke local accounting office.

# Teminine Tancies

# Wedding Cake For June Brides

For the traditional month of brides it is easy enough to make a three tiered wedding cake like this one, shown above, which Sylbia Hinchman, Charleston home service supervisor, baked and decorated. The important part of it is to have lots of time and patience.

For the top layer use a 7-inch round cake pan and the following recipe once; for the second layer use a 10-inch pan and one and one-half times the recipe; and for the bottom layer use a 13-inch pan and double the recipe.

These pans are three inches deep

#### White Cake

- 1 3/4 cups sugar
- 1 cup butter or shortening
- 1 cup milk
- 3 cups flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 5 egg whites
- 1 teaspoon vanilla (add to milk)

Cream butter and add gradually all the sugar except 1/4 cup. Add 2 egg whites unbeaten, one at a time and beat well. Add flour and milk alternately. Beat 3 egg whites and add 1/4 cup sugar. Fold meringue into cake mixture. Bake 30-35 minutes at 350° for the 7-inch layer; 20 minutes at 325° for 10-inch layer, and 1 hour at 225° for bottom layer.

Now comes the hardest part. A

# Household Hints, Time-Saver Given

The following suggestions were submitted by Mrs. Doris W. Lawrence of the district personnel department in Roanoke.

To prevent slipping on new shoes, sandpaper the soles. This is especially good accident prevention for small children.

It's no trick at all to button a stiff tab collar if you wet the tabs slightly.

Patent leather shoes are best cleaned with a dampened cloth and neutral soap. Vaseline also helps prevent cracking.

Rhinestone pins and buckles turn "brand new" when soaked in gasoline for about fifteen minutes, then rubbed with a flannel cloth.

Rubber boots will last much longer and keep their original shape if the insides are propped up with cardboard when the boots are not in use.

# They're Engaged

LOGAN—Miss Laura Dillon to Dr. August Winter, Jr. Miss Dillon is employed in the personnel department.

HUNTINGTON—Miss Thalma Faye Minton to Jay Miles Moser. Miss Minton is an employee of the centralized billing office.

KINGSPORT—Miss Gladys Reece to Samuel H. Chandler, Jr. Miss Reece is employed in the commercial department and Mr. Chandler in the distribution department.

LOGAN—Miss Mary Alice Wineland to Melvin Fowler. Miss Wineland is employed in the managerial department.

HINTINGTON—Miss Mariorie Van Notten

HUNTINGTON—Miss Marjorie Van Nostran to William D. Toney. Miss Van Nostran is an employee of the centralized billing office.

ROANOKE—Miss Billie Marie Tabor to James F. DeHart. Miss Tabor is employed in the system safety department.

HUNTINGTON—Miss Sallye Jim Plyler to Melvin A. Clark. Miss Plyler is employed in the meter department.

PULASKI—Miss Velma Wirt to R. H. Walton, Jr. Miss Wirt is employed in the Christiansburg local accounting office and Mr. Walton, as a power engineer at the Glen Lyn

CHARLESTON—Miss Jeannie Wilson to Ernest E. Hall. Miss Wilson is an employee in the accounting department.



decorator and a steady hand turn these layers into a beautiful cake for the bride's table. To ice and decorate the cake this recipe must be made five separate times.

#### **Boiled Icing**

- 2 cups sugar
- 6 tablespoons water
- 1/4 cup white corn syrup dash salt
- 2 egg whites
- flavor as desired

Combine everything except egg whites and flavoring and cook until it spins a long thread. Then beat egg whites and pour syrup slowly over egg whites. Beat until it holds peak.

# Aew Arrivals . . .

KINGSPORT—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Carter are the parents of a son, Anthony James, born on May 4

LOGAN PLANT—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Evans on April 24. Mr. Evans is an employee at the plant.

ABINGDON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Gregory a daughter, Mattie Ellen, on April 16. Mr. Gregory is employed in the meter department.

BECKLEY—A son, Bruce Wayne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, Jr., on April 30. Mr. Brown is an employee in the meter department.

BECKLEY—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price are the parents of a daughter, Sharon Kay, born on April 26. Mr. Price is employed in the East Rainelle office.

Rainelle office.

CABIN CREEK PLANT—Mr. and Mrs.
W. E. Kyle are the parents of a son, Michael
Duane, born on April 27. Mr. Kyle is a utility operator.

ASHLAND—Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Sallee are the parents of a son, David Lee, born on April 22. Mr. Sallee is employed in the engineering department.

CABIN CREEK PLANT—A daughter, Charlotte Ann, was born on May 14 to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Clevenger. Mr. Clevenger is an employee of the labor department.

ASHLAND—Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burnett, a son, Ronald Jay, on April 22. Mr. Burnett is employed in the transmission and distribution department.

CHARLESTON—Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Spur-

CHARLESTON—Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Spurlock are the parents of a daughter born on April 16. Mr. Spurlock is employed in the Charleston substation department.

LYNCHBURG—A son, Richard Langhorne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McCarthy on April 30. Mr. McCarthy is employed at the Reusens hydro plant.

WILLIAMSON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Conn a son. Mr. Conn is an employee in the distribution department.

MARION—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James G. Butts on May 15, Mr. Butts is employed in the distribution department.

PRINCETON—A son, Bill Bonham, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Fry on May 8. Mr. Fry is employed as a serviceman.

GLEN LYN—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Jackson on May 15. Mr. Jackson is employed at the Glen Lyn plant.

HAZARD—Mr. and Mrs. Billie Turner are the parents of a son, Billie Edward, born on April 25. Mr. Turner is an employee in the substation department.

ABINGDON—A daughter, Deborah Karen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Conner, Jr., on May r. Mr. Conner is an employee of the line crew in Cleveland.

# Growth Of Lynchburg Area Traced To Tobacco Kingdom

# Quaker Settlers Founded City By James River

In 1786 John Lynch secured a charter to lay out streets and land plots for a town to be built in central Virginia on a hill beside the James River. Today that hilly city has 50,000 residents and is headquarters of the Lynchburg district which serves parts of eight counties.

Lynch, the son of an Irish immigrant, built a ferry in 1757 across the James River at the old ford where an Indian trail crossed. Most of the early settlers in the area were Quakers, including Lynch, and they established the old Quaker Meeting House the same year the ferry was built. Although it was destroyed in 1768, it was rebuilt the following year on its present site.

Settlers built their cabins close to the banks of the river so they could pole their boats down to the falls of the James just above the young Town of Richmond. Even at this early date, tobacco was king from the tidewater to the Blue Ridge. So after Lynch received permission to establish a town, he lost no time in building the Madison Warehouse, the first of the tobacco warehouses that were soon to dot the hills.

As more settlers filled in both sides of the James, tobacco growers brought ever-increasing loads of dark leaf tobacco to Lynchburg for shipment to Richmond on flat boats.

In the early 1800's, William Heald, of Baltimore, discovered that a mixture of licorice and tobacco made a pleasing "chew." Failing to induce some Richmond companies to adopt his process, he was successful in Lynchburg. Before long chewing tobacco was being used in all parts of the world. Fortunes were amassed in Lynchburg from the sale of this new product.

Other contributions of the Lynchburg area to the tobacco industry were the making of granulated smoking tobacco and the manufacture of an early cigarette-making machine. Seven warehouses were handling from 15,000 to 18,000 hogsheads annually, making Lynchburg the largest inspection tobacco market in the world.

It was about this time that Lynchburg and New Bedford, Massashusetts, were said to be the richest towns per capita in the United States—New Bedford for its ships and whaling activities and Lynchburg for its tobacco.

People in the area were early concerned with a swifter mode of transportation than the river and attempted in 1831 to organize the Lynchburg and New River railroad. The attempt failed because the State Legislature did not subscribe to the necessary two-fifths of the stock and nearly 20 years elapsed before their plans for the Virginia and Tennessee railroad were realized.

In 1852 gas was used for lighting houses and gas posts were erected on Main and Church streets. Residents at once agreed that the new lights were responsible for the town being "brilliantly lighted."

By this time most of the Quakers had moved west. Many had freed their slaves and were unable to compete with plantation holders who used many slaves to take care of big fields of crops. Thus passed an era in Lynchburg's history when Quakers were predominant in founding the city. Beside the old Quaker Meeting House lies the grave of John Lynch, who died in 1820 at 80 years of age after seeing his namesake well on its way to becoming a city.

The end of the Civil War found Lynchburgers rebuilding. As an indication, in 1865 the Lynchburg Gaslight Company was furnishing light at six cents a burner a night and one burner was "guaranteed to give more light than 10 candles."

In 1881 the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad was sold, reorganized and called the Norfolk and Western. A few years later, the N. & W. moved its offices and shops south to Roanoke, "a place just started at the junction of that road and the Shenandoah Valley." The Virginia and Tennessee railroad became a part of the Norfolk and Western system.

The Piedmont Electric Illuminating Company, chartered in 1884, be-

H. W. Proffitt

gan furnishing the first electricity for power and light in 1889. The plant consisted of two 75 kw 110-volt Edison d. c. generators driven by water wheels located on the James

River canal near the foot of Eighth Street.

Trollies pulled by horses had been introduced to provide transportation within the growing city. In May of 1891 the "electric car" was put into operation on the hills of Lynchburg and attracted much attention as crowds gathered along the route to see this new marvel.

In 1892 the Lynchburg Electric Company was organized by C. H. Harman, of Charlottesville, who took over the Piedmont company in 1894 and the Lynchburg Street Railway Company which had been operating the street cars since 1882. A steam power house was built at Tenth and Jefferson streets and contained three 75 kw, 500-volt Echmier d. c. generators for supplying the railway and two 40 kw, single phase, 1000-volt Westinghouse generators for supplying the lighting load.

The company also operated a hydro plant just below the present site of Lavino Furnance where it received its power from the James River canal and the Reusens dam.



Typical of the many mineral deposits in the district, this soapstone quarry of the Alberne Stone Corporation helps enrich the area income. Workers manage the cutting machinery which saws the soft mineral into huge blocks at the quarry in the northern part of the district. (Photo by Fred Dudley.)



Metropolitan Lynchburg rises steeply from the banks of the James River flowing past the edge of the city which James Lynch founded in 1786.



Atop a long sloping hill outside the southern corporate limits of Lynchburg stands the old Quaker Meeting House, established in 1757. The building was restored in 1904 with the old stone walls used in the modern building which is the place of worship of the Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church. Lynchburg's founder is buried close to this monument of the historic past.

The Rivermont Street Railway Company was incorporated by a group of local people in 1891 and changed its name to the Lynchburg and Rivermont Street Railway Company in 1892. John P. Pettyjohn, a prominent contractor, was president of the company. This company obtained a legislative franchise to operate an electric light and power business in Lynchburg. In 1895 it entered into a contract with the city to furnish public and private lighting.

Two independent street railway systems were thus operated until 1901 when R. D. Apperson and others consolidated all electric lighting and street railway business into the Rivermont Company which soon became the Lynchburg Traction and Light Company. This company also acquired the gas system.

Reusens hydro plant was constructed in 1904 at the Reusens Dam by the Lynchburg Traction and Light Company. The original plant contained two 750 kw, 13,000-volt G. E. rope-drive machines, the largest ropedrive machines in the world at that time. A 1,000 kw direct connected unit was added in 1913.

When Appalachian Electric Power Company was formed in 1926, it acquired the railway, gas and electric business in Lynchburg. The company soon sold the railway and gas interests.

A 132,000-volt line was brought into Reusens in 1926 from Glen Lyn plant and a second circuit was added to the line from Roanoke to Reusens the following year. In 1926-27 a 44,000-volt line was extended 52 miles to Scottsville to serve a number of industries and small towns in that territory. In 1930-31 the old Reusens plant was completely rebuilt.

When Appalachian started serving Lynchburg, the surrounding area was not being served. The company soon extended its lines into rural territories in the counties of Campbell, Bedford,

Amherst, Nelson, Albermarle, Buckingham, Fluvana and Appomattox.

Today, 177 full-time employees serve about 25,000 customers and maintain 1,645 miles of line in 1,000 square miles of the Lynchburg district. G. R. Neubauer, one of the oldest employees in the district, is district



J. R. Martin

Martin Sally Moore

Among employees in the district who have seen many years of service with Appalachian and its predecessors are: H. W. Proffitt, line foreman whose service dates from February of 1918; Sally Moore, bookkeeper, who has also served since 1918, and J. R. Martin district distribution superintendent, who was employed in September of 1920.

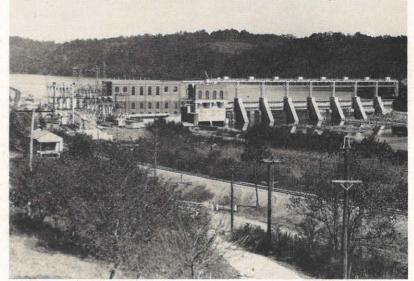
Although tobacco is an important cash crop in the area, manufactured products have accounted for continued growth. Over 100 industries now serve the area and manufacture such products as shoes, cast iron pipe, textiles, hosiery, work clothes and many other articles.

Beef and dairy cattle graze on green fields and orchards dot many of the rolling hills in the district. Timber of many varieties also contribute to area income. The district abounds in minerals, and greenstone, one of the nation's most beautiful building stones, is quarried and processed in Lynchburg.

Within the district are Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg College, Sweet Briar College for women, Virginia Episcopal School for boys and the Virginia Theological Seminary and College for colored. Transportation-conscious Lynchburg has three trunk-line railways serving it: The Southern, the Norfolk and Western and the Chesapeake & Ohio.

Although tobacco is no longer king, the Lynchburg area continues to grow and thrive. As was noted in "The Saga of a City" published by Lynchburg Sesqui-Centennial Association:

"The original means of transportation, the river, that made our City, that has seen so many phases of our life, runs tirelessly down to the sea past the remains of wing dams, past the ruins of canal locks. And in passing, the river still serves; it turns the turbines and the generators that light our streets and houses . . . and keep moving the machinery of our factories."



Reusens hydro plant has a long service record dating back to 1904 when its two units were the largest rope-drive machines in the world. It was built by the Lynchburg Traction and Light Company and rebuilt and enlarged by Apparation 1000 201

# Six Men Enter Armed Forces



Top row, left to right: J. W. Hortenstine, Abingdon district, and R. A. King, Huntington district. Middle row: A. F. Hanning and J. L. Kern, Cabin Creek plant. Bottom: William B. Belchee, Welch district.

Six men were reported entering military service last month. Of these six, two were from Abingdon district, two from the Cabin Creek plant, one from the Huntington district, and one from the Welch district.

John W. Hortenstine, Abingdon engineering department, has been recalled to the Air Corps. A navigator captain in the Air Corps during World War II, he was employed by the company in October of 1948.

R. L. Puckett, Abingdon district rodman, reenlisted in the Air Corps. He was employed in September of

A. F. Hanning, mechanical maintenance helper at the Cabin Creek plant, was recalled by the Navy, having served as machinist mate 1st class from 1942 to 1945. He was employed in April of 1942.

Jack L. Kern, results maintenance helper at Cabin Creek plant, was recalled by the Navy, having served from 1942 to 1946 as a radioman 2nd class. He was employed in September of 1948.

Robert A. King, Huntington commercial department, reported for duty in the Army to Fort Meade, Md. He has been employed by the company since December of 1946.

William B. Belchee, power sales engineer in the Welch district since 1946, was recalled to active duty. A veteran of over three years' service in the Army, 1st Lieut. Belchee had the distinction of leading the First Battalion across the Rhine River and holds a citation for meritorious service.

#### Sporn Employees Begin Using Athletic Field

The 1951 softball season is in full swing at the Philip Sporn Plant. With the completion of the new diamond, inter-departmental games have created an unusual amount of interest in the plant's recreational program.

The Sporn Plant clouters recently played a 3-3 deadlock with the Lakin State Hospital team.

The new athletic field was constructed on plant property and is located near the switchyard control building. Wounded In Korea

# Son Of Mrs. Edith Wofford Awarded AMedal And A Commendation Ribbon

Corporal John H. G. Wofford, U. S. Marines, son of Mrs. Edith B. Wofford, Lynchburg district accounting department, was recently awarded the Purple Heart and Commendation Ribbon for a wound and heroic action in Korea. The presentations were made at Yokosuka, Japan, by Captain W. F. James, USN.

Corporal Wofford's commendation citation read as follows: "While serving with a Marine mortar company during operations in Korea on November 3, 1950, Pfc Wofford, serving as assistant supply sergeant, displayed great skill, courage and confidence in the performance of his duties. During an enemy counterattack, and while being subjected to direct enemy small arms and machinegun fire, he left his covered position and manned a machinegun when a breakthrough of the defensive perimeter threatened. He made several trips to obtain ammunition for his weapon and for other personnel who were running dangerously low on ammunition, exposing himself to heavy enemy fire. His quick thinking and determination contributed materially to repelling

# Cox Honored On 35th Anniversary



Bruce Cox, manager of the Fieldale district, was honored recently at a surprise dinner by the employees of the district. The occasion was Mr. Cox's 35th anniversary with the company. Roanoke Division Manager W. I. Whitefield presented a 35-year pin to Mr. Cox.

Mr. Cox has been associated with Appalachian since 1916 when he was first employed in Bluefield.

In 1926, Mr. Cox was moved to the Fieldale area and supervised construction of the substation and the beginning of service to that area. He recalls that when he went to Fieldale there was little there but construction shacks. He was later superintendent of operations in Fieldale and when the district was formed in 1949 he was promoted to the managership.

#### John A. Cunningham, Former Charleston Asst. Manager, Dies

John A. Cunningham, former assistant district manager at Charleston, died at his home in Henderson, Ky., May 6.

Mr. Cunningham, who was originally manager of the West Virginia Water Service Company in Beckley, became Beckley district's assistant manager, then later was transferred to Charleston as assistant to S. T. Preston. Mr. Cunningham remained at that post until his retirement in March 1945.



Corporal J. H. G. Wofford is shown receiving a Purple Heart Award from Capt. W. F. James, USN, at Yokosuka, Japan, for wounds received in Korea. The medal was presented to Corporal Wofford prior to his receiving a citation for heroic action.

the enemy attack."

Following Wofford's meritorious conduct in battle which won him his commendation, he was wounded in action on December 6. His recovery from a thigh wound has been sufficient to permit him to return to the United States.

Corporal Wofford is now on leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Wofford of Lynchburg.

#### 70 Persons Attend Logan District Party

More than 70 Logan district employees and their guests attended a party in the Logan service building early last month.

A feature of the social gathering was a quiz show. The jackpot prize was won by H. S. Trussell. Other prizes were won by Mrs. James Friel, Mrs. Frank Stone Jr., Mary Elizabeth Davis, M. R. Atkinson and T. J. Hanley. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kovich won a spelling bee.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the party included: Margaret Tyler, Florence Wilks, Doris Atkins, Berta Browning and Birdie Messinger.

# Beckley Employees Named To Civitan Posts



Ar. White Mr. Witzel

B. H. White, Jr., local office manager, and W. R. Witzel, personnel supervisor of the Beckley district, were recently installed as officers of the Civitan Club.

Mr. White began serving his third term as secretary of the club, while Mr. Witzel was reelected vice president of the club.

#### First Aid Training Program Nears End In Beckley District

More than 200 employees in the Beckley district have completed the American Red Cross standard first aid training program. The classes were started last October and with the exception of a few employees who work on a shift schedule every employee in

the district has received the training.

As a result of the program 14 employees have qualified as instructors and many of these are teaching first aid courses throughout the area under the auspices of the American Red

# Employee's Daughter Plays Daisy Mae Role In Filming Of Sadie Hawkins Day



Shown above, Nancy Dixon, center, and Leon McCoy, left, chat with Al Capp, famous cartoonist, about the filming of Sadie Hawkins Day.

Miss Nancy Dixon, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dixon, was recently chosen to appear as "Daisy Mae" in a film featuring Sadie Hawkins Day. This short subject, which will have Charleston as its setting, is being photographed by the Paramount Studio of New York.

Al Capp, famous cartoonist and creator of the Lil' Abner comic strip, and his brother, Jerome Capp, a producer for the Paramount Studios, came to Charleston to direct the film. The motion picture is expected to be released in about six months.

Scenes will include a parade through downtown Charleston; the annual Sadie Hawkins Day race, and a square dance at Coonskin Park. All of the other Dogpatch characters have parts in the short and are portrayed by students of Morris Harvey College.

Nancy remarked that she was positive she would never want to become a motion picture actress because it always took so long to accomplish anything. She recalled the filming of the dance which lasted about four hours. However, only one minute of that scene will be used in the finished production.

Miss Dixon is a member of the Phi Kappa Sorority at Morris Harvey. Mr. Dixon is assistant meter superintendent for the Charleston district.

Our Finances

# So That You'll Know

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

#### ANSWERS

A. 1. (a) Preferred stock: Dividend fixed, therefore earnings are limited. Full dividend is paid before dividends are paid on common stock.

(b) Common stock: Higher return possible but greater risk because of the possibility that common stock will earn nothing; dividend payment only after interest and preferred stock dividends made; common stockholders have a voice in the management of the company through the board of directors whom they elect annually.

A. 2. Most people have a life insurance policy and pay permiums which the insurance company invests in stocks and bonds of companies. Those with saving account also have their savings invested by banks so that they also are indirect investors. A. G. & E. common stock is owned by about 27,500 individuals and institutions. Thus, the general public in our service area are not only our customers but, for the most part, are indirect or direct investors in our business.

A. 3. Although the average amount invested per employee for other industries is \$10,800, the following investment is necessary for each employee:

(a) \$64,400 per employee of Appalachian

(b) \$63,561 per employee of Kentucky and West Virginia

(c) \$37,220 per employee of Kingsport

A. 4. (a) Appalachian: Industrial customers, \$26,952,242

(b) Kentucky & West Virginia: Industrial customers, \$4,797,925

(c) Kingsport: Residential customers, \$1,003,199

A. 5. (a) Appalachian: Fuel and purchased power, \$14,264,561; wages salaries and benefits, \$12,259,301; taxes, \$11,629,235.

(b) Kentucky and West Virginia: Fuel and purchased power, \$4,058,073; wages, salaries and benefits, \$1,500,609; taxes, \$1,317,002.

(c) Kingsport: Fuel and purchased power, \$1,206,962; taxes, \$330,837; wages, salaries and benefits, \$324,475.

A. 6. Our employees—their knowledge, experience and ability to provide dependable, economical electric service and to maintain customer good will through the years.

For Men Only

### How To Save Money On A Wife's Hats With The Help Of A Good Block Head

Take a few odds and ends of macerial, put them this way and that, and you have a hat. On the other hand, put them that way and this, and you have a nightmare. (Did you expect it to rhyme?)

Now to the point: If you don't like the little woman's chapeau (and even if you do but don't like the bill for what is laughingly referred to as "a hat") make her roll her own.

You immediately shout, "Ha! I'd like to see you . . . " That is the wrong attitude. Don't get discouraged, appeal to her creative nature. Give her the old routine, "You can do it, I just know you can."

Once past this stage, leave pieces of material, a few artificial flowers and bits of flotsam jettisoned around the house. You may even find that buying her a new pair of scissors is enough to start her "creating."

If you thus have her thinking either about the hat or your sanity, then tell her how Rita Marie Schneider, a Charleston home economist, has been making her own hats for five years. (Think of that, men, no hat bills for five years!)

Now for the advice on how the little woman can start "creating." Rita says it started after she had just finished making a three-piece outfit which consisted of an orchid suit and purple coat and decided to try her hand at making a hat out of the extra pieces of material.

Caution note: Proceed carefully at this point lest you lead her astray with the mention of a new outfit and thereby defeat your purpose of saving some of the green stuff for that unallocated account.

Safely past this crisis, tell her that a hat takes just a few hours to complete. You may quote Rita on this point and omit saying that this is the amount of time that it takes Rita to make a hat. You may also choose to gloss over the fact that Rita has had five years' experience in making hats and that she studied about hat making while in her senior year in college.

Here, at long last, is how the wife gets the hat made. "First of all," Rita says, "start with a wooden head block." Now each of you men must not feel self-conscious at this time but go right ahead by telling your wife

#### System Employee's Son Serves As School Principal For A Day

George Brammer, 15-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Brammer of Roanoke, recently realized the dream



of lots of 15year old boys. George was principal for a day at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School. He was elected by the student body to serve as their principal on Student's

Day.

George already had some administrative experience in student affairs before he became principal. During the past year he has served as president of the student body.

In addition to his administrative abilities, George is a tennis player and a basketball player. He is a member of the Hi-Y Club and the Jefferson High School Band.

George, whose father is employed at the Roanoke 132 kv station was recently elected president of a young people's church group.



Offering "proof positive" that your wife can make her own hat, Rita Marie Schneider of Charleston displays some of her own handiwork.

to steam and shape heavy crinoline around the block head to make a frame.

Rita then advises: "If you plan to have a brim, fine wire must be put around the edge to help hold the shape. Now you are ready to start experimenting and ready to use some of your originality before scissors touch the material. A pattern can be used as a guide or you can just elaborate on your own ideas."

To make a straw hat, Rita buys straw by the yard (not by the bale). She wraps it around the frame, stitching and shaping as she goes. Because all straw has a dull finish, she applies a coat of lacquer that gives the hat a glossy finish which makes the straw stay together permanently.

A few flowers, a little ribbon, or veiling and there it is. Easy as pie, any wife can make one. However, if you are oaf enough to chirp wise with "What is it?", then don't look for sympathy. Start digging for 10 bucks as a down payment on a new hat. And she'll probably buy a new suit, too.

On the other hand, if she does make the hat, then she'll insist upon a new dress. So what? The only thing you were promised was a saving on the hat bill. What are you anyway, a tightwad?

# Kentucky Company's Display In Better Homes Show And Employees Who Helped With Event



The Ashland Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored its secand annual Better Homes Show last month and more than 11,000 people attended the three-day event. The Ashland district's display at the show featured electric water heating. The company's booth is shown in the large picture above. Ashland employees, who are members of the Jaycee group, had an important part in the show. In the inset at the left are, left to right, front row: Roy L. Sallee, Paul B. Lumbard, and J. R. Welch. Back row: D. P. Wade, R. G. Thompson, Vernon E. Toothman and R. W. Schweitzer.

#### Warden Trail Dies After Long Illness



Warden Trail, an employee at the Cabin Creek plant for the past eight years, died in a Charleston hospital on April 17. He had been ill for about three months.

# Young Boy Drowns In Attempt To Save Fishing Companion's Life

Trying to save a young friend from drowning, the 12-year-old son of a Charleston district employee died a hero.

Harold Kenneth Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Allison, drowned in the backwater of the Kanawha River at Armour's Creek on May 17 in an attempt to save the life of a young friend who later managed to reach shore safely.

Kenneth and two companions were fishing from the bank of the backwater when one of the boys fell into the water. Kenneth, knowing the boy could not swim, plunged into the swirling water to save him. Young Allison never again appeared on the surface after diving into the river, the third boy said.

James Cook, an Appalachian lineman who had been working with Kenneth's father when the call reached the Nitro office that the boy was drowning, recovered the boy after he had been under water for more than an hour. Cook said the body was held under water by roots and snags.

Burial was in the Ortin Heights Cemetery near his home. Flower boys and girls at the funeral were members of Kenneth's Sunday school class at the Rock Branch Church. His pallbearers were boys of his own age

whom he had known and played with all his life.

Kenneth had just been promoted from the sixth to the seventh grade at the Rock Branch School in Putnam County.

Survivors are his parents; a brother, Carl; a sister, Wanda; and the paternal and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Keffer, of Leon, and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Allison, of Nitro.

His father, Denzil Allison, was employed in June of 1936 and has been a district troubleman for several years, transferring from Montgomery to Nitro about four years ago.

# House-Moving Project Successful As Roanoke Line Crew Lends Assistance





Members of a Roanoke line crew help move wires over the top of the house being moved along U. S. Route 460. Front row: D. N. Sink, F. G. Lloyd and S. R. Ferguson. Back row: W. C. Carper, L. G. Gregory, H. C. Young, L. F. Hogan and S. L. Wood.

"Great guns! That thing in the road is big as the side of a house!" Thus the casual motorist must have been startled when he saw a house moving along U. S. Route 460 in Roanoke.

However, the house-moving was all a part of a well-planned project that succeeded with the help of a Roanoke line crew.

A World War II veteran recently bought an eight-room house but had to move it from the lot on which it was located. His mother gave him a lot and a house-moving concern was contacted to arrange for the big job.

Thus a line crew had to accompany the house so that electric lines could be raised, disconnected, covered with protective equipment or whatever was necessary. During the course of the mile and a half long journey which lasted about six hours, Chafe Carper's line crew had the very minimum of service interruptions. One of the linemen stayed on top of the house, covering up the wires and helping to lift them over the roof.

While moving along the road, the house-moving project attracted a lot of attention among the students of the Washington Heights school. Some were permitted to come out on the front lawn while the house was passing. Those who did not get out of school watched eagerly from the windows

#### Schussler Moved To New York Office

Ralph V. Schussler, who has been employed in the distribution department in Bluefield, has been transferred



to the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation offices in New York. In his new position he will be associated with the operating department.

Mr. Schussler began his em-

ployment in the A. G. and E. system in 1927. He has served on the system in various capacities and in 1948 was moved to the Bluefield district distribution department.

He has been very active in Masonic work in Bluefield and is worthy patron of the Bluefield Chapter No. 66 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

#### Mollie Sue Koontz Is Member Of May Court



Mollie Sue Koontz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Koontz, was a member of the May Court at Lee Junior High School in Roanoke. Mollie Sue was one of six attendants to the queen. The queen and the attendants were elected by the student body. Mr. Koontz is system rural supervisor.

#### Hazard Manager Gets High Scouting Award



A. R. Barber (right), Hazard district manager, is shown looking at the merit award which was presented to him by Estill McIntyre (left), for outstanding work with the Boy Scouts of America. The presentation was made at the Boy Scout Appreciation dinner at Wheelwright, Ky., with Governor Weatherby of Kentucky as the principal speaker. The award to Mr. Barber is the only one of its kind ever made in the Lonesome Pine Council of the Boy Scouts.

#### Charleston

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#### Sporn Plant

E. Q. Teaford, assistant chemist, vacationed in New York.

James Bennett, auxiliary equipment operator, vacationed in Georgia. Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. John Grimes on the death of her aunt.

New employees at the Sporn plant are: Milford W. Mowrey and Dorsal A. Fisher, accounting department; Samuel E. Holliday, Jr., labor department, and Albert S. Boston, Frank H. Harris, Leslie C. Ingles and Clifford L. Parsons, temporary guards.

Marjorie Waldie, clerk, and Doris R. Beckley, secretary, attended the Jr. Women's Club State Convention held in Beckley on May 4-5. They were accompanied by Mrs. R. S. Lutton, whose husband is employed in the labor department, Mrs. William Allen, whose husband is employed by Appalachian at Point Pleasant, and Mrs. W. W. Smith of Point Pleasant.

#### Cabin Creek Plant

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Evans vacationed in St. Louis where they attended the White Shrine Convention.

Mike Vickers, son of William Vickers, is recovering after a neck opera-

Harrison W. Kirk, laboratory attendant, has returned after an extended illness.

#### Huntington

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#### **Huntington District**

The Joule Club, a social club of the engineering and executive departments, held a spaghetti dinner for 38 members and their guests on the evening of May 10 at Camp Mad Anthony Wayne. Dancing followed the dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Bing vacationed in Kansas City.

Troy Hatfield is a new employee in the meter department.

W. R. Wagner, former engineer trainee, is a new employee of the commercial department.

James Blanchard, a student at Georgia Institute of Technology, has joined the commercial department as a co-operative student.

James Grey is a new employee in the accounting department.

Mrs. Ann Wooddell, accounting department, has resigned.

Norma Louise Bosworth is a new employee in the Huntington billing

Sympathy is extended the family of I. A. Grover, retired employee, on his death on May 18.

#### Roanoke

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Nedra Wade, system accounting office, vacationed with friends in Washington, D. C.

Helen Overstreet, accounting office, vacationed in Florida.

Employees of the materials and supplies section of the accounting office held a picnic at Bell's cabin on May 26.

#### Lynchburg District

E. L. Whitley, power department, vacationed at Ft. George, Md.
Sympathy is extended Mrs. Rose

S. Harvey, accounting department, on the death of her mother-in-law.

R. C. Foster was one of Lynchburg's delegates to the National Convention of the Industrial Management Club held at Pittsburgh on May 10-

A correction: In the May issue of THE ILLUMINATOR we had, "Sympathy is extended to C. H. Morris, accounting department, on the death of his father." This should have been H. L. Morris.

W. E. Metts, line department; H. A. Brooks, commercial department, and R. L. Davis recently received degrees in masonary. Metts and Brooks received their 32d degrees in Scottish Rite bodies, while Dave received degrees in the Royal Arch Chapter.

#### Pikeville Employees Hear Talk On Safety

R. F. Millikan, general safety director of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, was the speaker at a recent general safety meeting held in the Pikeville district. Mr. Millikan spoke on the subject, "Techniques of Playing It Safe."

District Manager F. M. Baker recognized all employees who had received service pins since the last general meeting. A movie entitled, "Last Date" concluded the meeting.

#### Employees' Children Play In Band Winning Two Festival Ratings

The Wahama High School band of Mason, W. Va., of which a number of sons and daughters of Sporn Plant employees are members, won two outstanding ratings at the State High School Band Festival in Huntington.

The White Falcon Band received an Excellence rating in concert competition and a Superior rating in marching and field performance. Ray Ward, clarinet player and son of F. M. Ward, was selected to play in the All-State "C" Band. This band was composed of 125 outstanding musicians from over the entire state.

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

# Apelcoes Club Holds Old-Fashioned Barn Dance

The members of the Lynchburg Apelcoes Club put on their dungarees and blue jeans recently to attend an old-fashioned barn dance. String music enlivened the affair as everyone took part in the square dance.

More than 100 persons attended the dance. Arrangements for the dance were made by committees headed by Elizabeth Campbell, Jane Armistead and L. G. Dougan.

#### Wade and Hopson Are Recognized In Operating Notes





The increase in the number of television receivers in the Ashland district began to present some problems not normally encountered with radio. Two district employees, D. P. Wade, residential rural sales supervisor, and C. D. Hopson, Jr., radio engineer, began a program designed to help TV servicemen of dealers in the area answer some of the questions and solve some of the problems arising from television.

Their discussion on this subject was published in the April issue of the A. G. and E. Monthly Operating Notes.

These two men have devised a program of training servicemen and helping customers solve problems in reception interference. The dealer servicemen will be given demonstrations and training to further help them.

In the photo above Mr. Wade (left) and Mr. Hopson are shown with the portable TV set which has been used in the program.

# Bad Health Led Herman Harvey To Buy A Goat But Profits Help Build Herd



Herman Harvey shows off his herd but the little fellow under his arm does not appear too eager to make his debut either as "a growing kid" or as "chevon."

A stomach disorder may have started it, but Herman H. Harvey is in the goat business to stay. This dealer sales representative in the Beckley district has turned a deficit into an asset.

Some time ago Herman was put on a milk diet to quell a stomach disorder. However, he found that he was unable to digest cow's milk.

While visiting relatives in Alabama, he was persuaded to try goat's milk. Not only was he able to digest it, he found it very tasty. So when he returned to Beckley he tried to buy goat's milk. There was not any to be bought.

Harvey then obtained some books and literature on the care of goats and bought a nanny. Since that time he has expanded his herd and has had as many as seven at one time.

Not only does he get milk for himself and his wife and two children, but he has regular customers who buy the goat's milk for 50 cents a quart. In addition, he makes cheese from any surplus milk on a press which he designed.

Herman says that goat's milk is richer in protein than cow's milk and

#### Williamson District Dinner Honors 14 First Aiders

A dinner honoring those who recently completed Red Cross First Aid classes was held in the Williamson district auditorium.

T. M. Watkins and C. A. Beatty were guests. Mr. Watkins, district manager, spoke to the group on the importance of first aid training both at work and at home.

Those completing the classes included Jack Akers, Willard Foit, Okey Taylor, Truman Smith, Harold Bogar, Willard Davis, Ernest Bailey, Fred Varney, Pete Woods, Walter May, Clyde Runyon, C. L. Miller, Jay Runyon and O. P. Cornelison.

#### Burton Named To Head Mercer School Board

A. G. Burton, Bluefield district residential sales representative, has been named to succeed W. J. Cole as president of the Mercer County Board of Education. Mr. Burton will be



president for about one year and a half, the remainder of Cole's unexpired term. He has been a member of the board of education for the past two and one-half years.

Mr. Burton became an employee of the company in 1934 at Princeton. He served three years in the Army during World Wor H

is "naturally homogenized." It is known as "nature's most perfect milk" and most of his sales are to people who feed the goat's milk to young babies who are unable to digest cow's milk.

He stakes his goats out on vacant lots to graze during the day and supplements this with "goat chow," a dairy feed preparation that costs about 14 cents per day to feed a goat. He also feeds them cabbage leaves and greens when available.

Harvey says that, contrary to popular belief, goats do not eat tin cans and are really very particular about their food. He says that an unwashed apple or one from which a bite has been taken will lie uneaten in the pan while a clean whole apple will be eaten with apparent relish.

Harvey has butchered young goats on occasion and says the meat is very tasty. It is known in the meat-packing trade as "chevon." He has his own food-freezer and keeps a supply of chevon on hand for ready use should guests arrive unexpectedly.

Recent X-ray pictures show a definite improvement in Harvey's condition and he attributes his improved health to his goat's milk.

#### Abingdon Employees Elected Officers In American Legion





Two Abingdon district employees were recently elected to high offices in Post No. 12 of the American Legion in Abingdon.

Edward P. Lethcoe was elected commander of the post and James R. Ward was named adjutant.

Lethcoe was employed on September 1, 1948, and is a distribution engineer in the district.

Warden first began working for Appalachian in Bluefield in June, 1946, and was transferred to Abingdon in 1949 where he is employed as a draftsman.

#### Bluefield Employees Honor Miss Lee

The members of the Bluefield Girls' Service Club recently honored Miss Julia Lee, who retired May 1. Miss Lee was presented a life membership in the club and a gift from the commercial department at a luncheon.

### Charleston Bowlers Receive Trophies Sixty Golfers Play



Shown above are seven Charleston district bowlers who were honored at the annual Kilowatt Bowling League banquet. Left to right: C. B. Talley, C. H. Murray, Sr., Jack Frost, Mary Alice Caudill, Suzanne Seese, Friday Thompson and H. R. Miller.

Trophies and awards were made to outstanding teams and individuals at the Charleston district's Kilowatt Bowling League's annual banquet. The banquet was held at the Eagles' Club with Denny Caldwell, acting chairman of the league, serving as master of ceremonies.

Following the banquet, R. E. Hodges, Charleston division manager, presented the trophies and awards. Trophies were won by: Mary Alice Caudill, high season average for girls; Carl H. Murray, Sr., high season average for men; Juanita Hively, runner-up, high three games for girls; C. B. Talley, high three games for men; Suzanne Seese, runner-up, high single game for girls, and H. R. Mil-

# Sporn Plant Employees Playing In Valley League

A number of Philip Sporn Plant employees and sons of employees have been partially responsible for the placing of the Hartford Tigers in first place of the eight-team Ohio Valley League. The Tigers have won three successive victories in this league.

Members of the team include: Employees Willis Dudding, Carl Tennant, Robert Gilmore and Alfred Smith, Jr., son of Alfred Smith, and Newt Tennant, son of Clarence Tennant.

#### Bluefield Bowling Season Climaxed With Banquet

Members of the Bluefield district AEP Bowling League climaxed the 1950-51 season with a banquet in the company auditorium. James M. Loyd, league president, acted as master of ceremonies and L. W. Bates, district manager, made award presentations.

Entertainment for the banquet was provided by the company quartette which included: Marvin Bostian, Jay Farley, Leroy Pothress and Jenkins Scott. The quartette was accompanied by Mrs. Marvin Bostian.

ler, high single game for men. C. B. Talley, Charleston district manager, made an additional presentation of a gold pin to Mary Alice Caudill for her 201 single game.

Teams sharing the honors were the Storeroom and Distrioff keglers. Captain F. B. Thompson, D. H. Caldwell, E. W. Russell, W. E. Mason, and R. R. Lucas compose the Storeroom team, winners of the championship. The Distrioff team, runner-up in league play, is composed of J. W. Frost, captain, P. H. Parsons, G. B. Moir, Jr., H. J. Grimm, F. C. Young and Luther Botkin.

Following the banquet, a dance was enjoyed by district personnel and outof-town guests.

#### Pikeville Bowlers Defeat Williamson District Teams

Pikeville district bowlers recently downed two teams of the Williamson District Bowling League in an intercompany match. The matches were played in Pikeville.

Pikeville's Number One team, captained by Bob Weddle, won their game 2,165 to 1,934. Corbin Bobbitt's Number Two keglers managed to edge Williamson by six pins. A return match has been scheduled.

# Roanoke District Enters Three Teams In League

Three Roanoke district softball teams launched their season schedules as entries in the Roanoke City Industrial League. The company squads hope to retain the ten-team league's championship which was won by the Short Circuits in 1950.

The three teams are designated as:
AEP Maroon, managed by Jack
Whitenack; AEP Gold, managed by
Bill Henley, and the AEP Green,

managed by Joe Shelor.

The AEP Green clouters are the same players who won the City championship under the banner of the Short Circuits last year.

### Sixty Golfers Play In Opening Round Of Va. Tourney

More than sixty golfers recently teed off in the initial round of the 1951 Roanoke-Fieldale Districts' Golf Tournament at the Monterey Golf Course, Roanoke. This year's event, a departure from previous tournaments, is being conducted on a medalplay, handicap basis. Past events were conducted as match-play.

The 1951 tournament will be played over the fifty-four hole distance. Eighteen holes were played in May, while the second round will be played June 9. The final eighteen holes are scheduled for June 23 and the golfer with the lowest net score for the fifty-four holes will be declared winner.

Prizes and awards will be presented tournament winners and the committees in charge of arrangements are: General committee, N. G. Marshall, chairman; W. P. Booker, J. G. Harvey and M. L. Waggoner. Rules committee: W. P. Booker, E. F. Johnson and C. G. Price. Food committee: J. G. Harvey, L. R. Buchanan, C. E. Moore and P. C. Ray. Prize committee: M. L. Waggoner, J. E. Jones, H. W. Taylor and M. G. Covey.

#### Kenova Plant Wins Huntington League

The Production bowlers of the Kenova Plant won the Huntington District bowling championship by defeating the Survey team in the playoffs. The Kenova keglers won the match by taking two of three games.

The Kenova team rolled to victory by winning the second half of league play. This victory earned them the opportunity to clash with the Survey team, winners of the first half of the 1950-51 bowling season.

Tom Drenan, Line Department, won the league's single game high score with 267 pins; Kermit Jarrell, Substation, high three-game series, 643. Gertrude Thresher, Billing, won the girl's single game high with 195 pins

The Kenova Production team won both the single and three game series awards with scores of 935 and 2,544.

# Cabin Creek's Softball Schedule Now Underway

Employees of the Cabin Creek Plant recently organized their 1951 softball team. The team has played three scheduled games without suffering a single defeat.

The Cabin Creek team is being managed by Clarence Petry with Thomas Vickers and Arvle Frye serving as captain and co-captain.

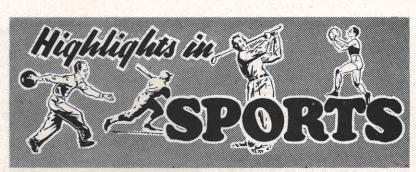
# Logan Bowlers Win Over Huntington Teams

Logan district's bowlers recently defeated Huntington's team in an inter-district match.

Individual high game scoring honors were won by Eleanor Winter, girls, 173, and Gene Leeson, 182 for the men.

Huntington bowlers were: Lois Butler, J. E. LeMaster, Charles Hoschar, A. J. Pflum, Andy Gilkerson, J. O. Triplett, N. B. Kean, Ray T. Hibner, William Enrico, Mary Ann Enrico, J. R. Drenan and George Akers. Logan: Eleanor Winter, Mary Elizabeth Davis, Ruby Henritze, Mary Alice Wineland, Frank Stone, Jr., T. L. Henritze, Margaret Tyler, Doris Atkins, June Abdoney, Lillian E. Straughn, Virginia Leeson and Gene Leeson.

Following the matches, a dinner was served to all players and the



## Abingdon Employee Collects Firearms And Molds Bullets For Them As Hobby



Richard Zane Williams, meter helper in the Abingdon district, is shown displaying his collection of firearms. Mr. Williams started his collection after his discharge from World War II. He collects only usable and serviceable firearms and says his chief interest is in revolvers and rifles. He is extremely interested in precision marksmanship and this interest helped him to qualify as an expert rifleman and sharpshooter pistol shot in the U. S. Marine Corps in 1942.

#### Accounting Bowlers Win 1950-51 Championship In Williamson District Race

The Accounting Department team of the Williamson Appalachian League won the district's 1950-51 bowling championship. The winners completed the season with a seven game margin over their nearest rivals.

The Commercial Department keglers managed to edge the Engineers for the runner-up position while the Distribution team rounded-out the four-team league.

Sonny Runyon, an Engineering bowler, won individual high average with a 147.4 average score. Bob Waggoner, Accounting, won individual high game honors with 220 pins.

Mr. Williams says from purely a novelty standpoint the prize of his collection is a .38 caliber percussion rifle. This rifle is accurate when properly loaded and Mr. Williams has used it three seasons for deer hunting.

At one time Mr. Williams mixed his own powder by using potassium nitrate, charcoal and sulphur. However, at the present time he buys his caps and powder from a supply house. He still melts lead and tin from which he molds his own bullets.

# Ashland Wins Three Of Four Scheduled Games In City League

The Ashland district's 1951 softball team has won three of its four games in a fast industrial league.

The roster of the Kentucky players is about the same as last year's tournament squad. Buddy Preston was reelected manager; Roy Sallee, captain, and Bill Holbrook, business manager. Players include: Clyde Watkins, Shorty Click, Don Bolner, Hillard Lowe, Donald Clay, Bill Holbrook, Bob Barker, Roy Sallee, Bronson Callihan, Bob Hornbuckle, Eddie Stewart, Talmadge Debord, Jessie Centers, Elmer Brown, Jr., Buddy Preston and Vernon Toothman.

#### Meter Bowlers Win Pikeville League



Members of the Meter Department bowling team, shown above, overcame the Engineers to win the Pikeville District Bowling League championship in a photo finish. The Meter bowlers edged their rivals by a one-game margin on their fiftieth victory. The Engineers rolled a 49 to 38 record while the Department Heads won 47 contests. The Line, Foremen and Substation teams rounded out the six-team league. Meter Department bowlers, left to right, are: Virgil Carter, Bruce Prater, Harlan Griffith, Corbin Bobbitt, captain; Chester Smith and Troy G. Lee. Bob Weddle, an Engineer kegler, was awarded an engraved bowling ball for his outstanding bowling. Pocket knives were awarded members of the winning team.

#### Beckley's 1951 Softball Team



Beckley district's Southern Properties softball champions are off to a successful start in the City Softball League's 1951 race. So far in the first half of league play, the champions have won three successive games in as many starts.

Beckley's 1951 championship hopes are placed on the squad shown above. Foreground, mascot and batboy, Howard Mollohan, left, and Butch Witzel, extreme right. Team members, kneeling, left to right: Kelly, Zeigler, O'Neal, Farmer, Martin, Brock and Zopp. Standing, left to right: McGinnis, Dwornick, Evans, Brinkley, Yost, Keatley and Manager Presley.

### Two Exhibits Popular At Kingsport Hobby Show In Civic Auditorium

When Kingsport recently held a city-wide Hobby Show at the civic auditorium, two displays drew crowds. Arthur Stair, commercial department, displayed his two-rail "HO" gauge railroad and Mrs. Frank Umberger, wife of the assistant local office manager for Kingsport Utilities, exhibited her dolls and doll outfits.

Most of the train was made by Arthur from prepared assembling kits, but he spent over 50 hours on the engine alone. The cars were not made from the kits except for the wheels and couplings. Hills and tunnels were made by covering screen wire with "textone" and trees and shrubs with green rubber sponge.

Converting a part of his attic into a train room, Arthur has 130 feet of track with three bridges, three tunnels over five feet long, stations and scenery. Three trains pull the 22 different types of cars.

Mrs. Umberger's doll exhibit



Mrs. Frank Umberger shows her dolls and their outfits at the Hobby Show. Dresses on the dolls in the background are exact copies of those worn at her sister's wedding.

# Logan's 'Tonic Energies' Will Represent District And Plant In '51 League

A softball team, composed of eighteen players representing both the Logan district and the Logan plant, has been entered in the Logan Businessmen's Softball League.

The new squad, playing under the name of "Tonic Energies," is managed by Gene Leeson and captained by Joe Kovich. Bobby Leeson, the manager's son, has been selected as bathor

#### Miss Wolford Has Role In May Festival



Patsy Lee Wolford, part-time employee of the Bluefield system transmission line department office, served as an honor attendant to the May Queen at the annual Bluefield College May Day festival.

Patsy is the daughter of Mrs. Eleanor Wolford, system transmission line department, and will be graduated from Bluefield College June 4.

She is a member of the student Y. W. C. A. and the staff of the college year book. She also was chosen for membership in Gamma Pi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honorary society for outstanding scholarship.



Arthur Stair shows some interested children how his model railroad runs and how the cars were built. He exhibited only a small part of his equipment.

proved especially popular with little girls who had to be led away by anxious mothers who wanted to see all of the exhibits in the auditorium. She began her hobby in 1948, when she received a doll for her six-year-old daughter. Since that time she has made 45 complete outfits. They include bathing suits with caps, all types of sport clothes and evening clothes. She also makes lingerie for each of the outfits.

In addition to all the outfits, Mrs. Umberger made an exact copy of her sister's wedding gown and orchid bouquet. The attendants' gowns were exact even to the flowers carried.

The newest addition to the doll family is a boy. Only attire thus far completed is a cowboy outfit with boots, gun and holster.

#### Four Employees Have Articles In Magazines

Four employees recently had articles published in *Electrical World*, a national magazine. All of the articles had appeared earlier in the A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes.

The employees whose articles were published are: G. W. Unangst and B. R. Currence, co-authors of an article on "Fluid-Meter Attachment Has Various Applications"; R. W. Speas, Kanawha Valley Power Company, author of "Oil Circuit Breaker Puller" and A. L. Smith an article, entitled, "Maintenance Tool Crib On Wheels."

#### Darrah Is Elected Head Of Huntington Chamber Of Commerce

The Huntington Chamber of Commerce has elected A. J. Darrah, retired vice president of Appalachian, to serve as president during 1951-52. Mr. Darrah, who retired as vice president and Huntington division manager in 1950, has been very active in Huntington civic affairs.

Last year he served as vice president of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce and has been a national counselor in the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. He is also serving as head of the Cabell County and Huntington civil defense program.

#### 35 Years Service Is Marked By Patteson



A man who began his utility career by working on Buck and Byllesby hydro plants has completed 35 years of service. He is C. E. Patteson, assistant chief system operator at Turner substation. He received his 35-year pin on May 6.

In 1916, Mr. Patteson was a substation operator in the Pulaski district and later was superintendent of the Reusens hydro plant in the Lynchburg district. He has been located at Turner substation since 1927.

About five years ago, "Pat," as he is known to his associates, says he became interested in woodworking. He now has his own shop at home and has turned out many pieces of fine furniture.

### Transformer Unloaded At Damascus



A number of Abingdon district empolyees are shown about a flatcar as a 3,750 kva Allis-Chalmers transformer is being unloaded at Damascus, Va. The 18-ton transformer will be used in a new substation which will be constructed near Damascus. Employees assisting in the unloading are, Left to right: William McFall, J. M. Orr, R. D. Powell, Paul Rowe, W. H. Johnson, Jack Leonard and J. H. Davis.

#### Sons Of Ashland Man Get College Honors

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Millikan, Ashland, recently received honors in college.

Allan G. Millikan, who has been serving as a



Allan Millikan

ant in chemistry at Purdue University for the past two years, received his Masters Degree in Chemistry. Upon completion of his teaching, he

graduate assist-

will be employed by the Eastman Kodak Company in their Color Film Research Department at Rochester, N. Y.

Roger C., a younger son, was placed on the sophomore honor list at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. The honor list contains only the names of the highest ten per cent of the class.

Mr. Millikan is general safety director of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company.

#### Employee's Daughter Defeats Cousin For Student Body Post

It was cousin against cousin in the race for secretary during the recent

elections at Lynchburg College. Gloria Layne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Layne, was victorious in the race over her cousin, Jackie Layne.

Gloria, who

be a director of religious education, is a member of the Insignia Club and has made the dean's list for academic achievement several times. She is a rising senior. Her father is employed in the Lynchburg meter department.

#### Welch Children In Band Which Gets A Superior Rating

Children of three Welch district employees are members of the Welch High School band which recently received a superior rating in the West Virginia State Band Festival in Huntington. The Welch band was one of two in Southern West Virginia to receive this high rating.

The youngsters are Miller Porterfield, son of Assistant District Manager M. C. Porterfield; Mary Ellen Lanter, daughter of W. T. Lanter of the stores department, and Nancy Dalton, daughter of J. D. Dalton, line foreman.

Young Porterfield, a clarinetist, was chosen to play in the regional band at Bluefield. Nancy Dalton, who also plays a clarinet, is student director of the Welch High School band. The band first received a superior rating at the Bluefield regional contest.

#### Miss Shay Reigns As Troutville May Queen

The student body of Troutville, Va. High School recently elected Kathryn June Shay, May Queen.

Kathryn is the sister of Beulah Shay Kessler, an employee of the system accounting office.

During her senior year, Kathryn has served as secretary-treasurer of the student council; vice president of the Future Homemakers, and a member of the year book staff.

# Mr. Funk Presents Safety Award To Kentucky Officials



Vice president M. C. Funk is shown above as he presented the National Safety Council plaque to R. E. Doyle, Jr., general manager of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company. The employees of the Kentucky company won first place in the National Safety Council contest last year for a record of only one disabling accident and a frequency rate of 1.00.

Present at the ceremony were left to right: F. M. Baker, manager of the Pikeville district; H. S. Scott, assistant general manager of the Kentucky company; A. R. Barber, manager of the Hazard district; Mr. Funk, Mr. Doyle, T. M. Watkins, manager of the Sprigg district and R. F. Millikan, safety director for the Kentucky and West Virginia