

Greatness is a two-faced coin—and its reverse is humility.

—MARGUERITE STEEN

# The Illuminator

No one grows old by living—only by losing interest in living.

—MARIE RAY

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## Employee Donates Four Times In Blood Program

Many employees of the three companies are donating blood to the American Red Cross Blood program. An outstanding example of this fact is Robert N. Lowman, a Roanoke district groundman.



Mr. Lowman

Bob not only has a rare blood type which is urgently needed, but his trips to the Roanoke Blood Center are as frequent as blood can be taken from any donor. Since January of this year, Bob has made four trips to the Center and has inquired about his appointment for the fifth.

When asked what prompted his unusual response, he replied, "The first trip I guess I thought I owed it to the boys who are doing the fighting."

"Later," he said, "I read an article about a Korean vet who had required 74 blood transfusions. It saved his life and was the same type as mine—RH negative. That article made me feel how lucky I am. That veteran lost his blood and will never be able to get it back. With me, it's different. I can give blood every eight weeks and it never bothers me. It's the least I can do."

Bob recalled, "It's a funny thing, but whenever I go to the Center I always find a large number of small women giving blood when they look like they couldn't spare it themselves. More men ought to become donors, the way I see it."

Bob, a former Marine, is married and the father of two children. He has been an employee of the company since June, 1950.

## Philip Sporn Men Are Elected To Club Posts

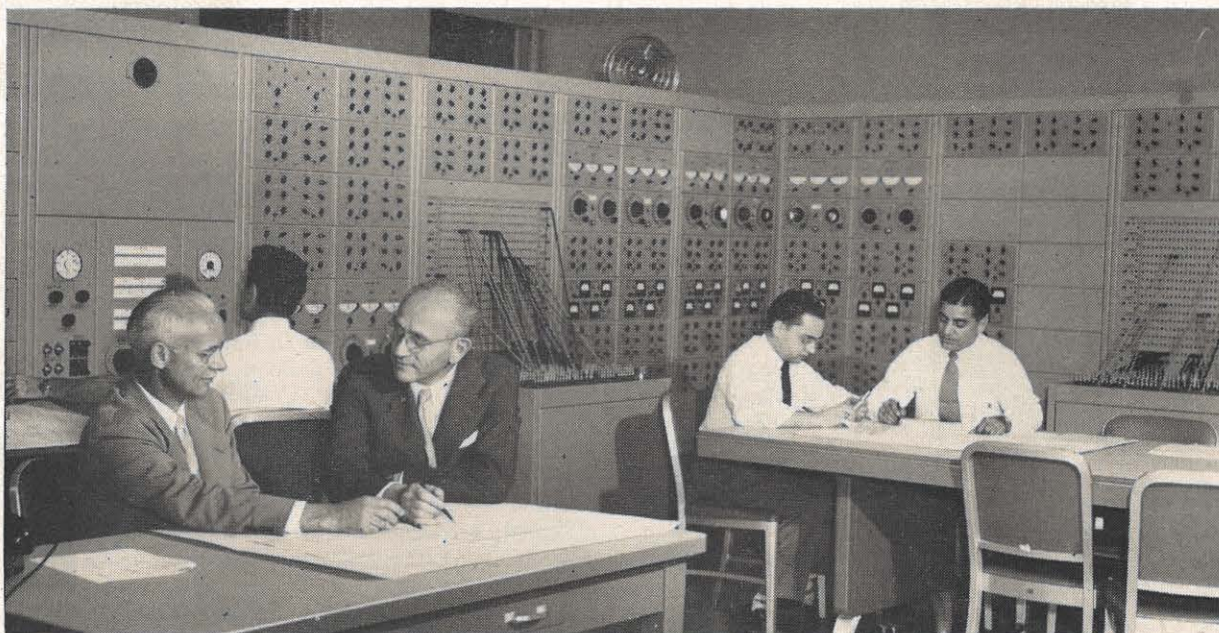
Harry H. Hoffman, Philip Sporn Plant labor supervisor, was recently elected president of the New Haven, W. Va., Boosters Club. Other plant employees elected to club posts were: John Dawson, secretary and treasurer; James Harreld and Keith Arnold, directors.

The New Haven Boosters Club has been responsible for the completion of a number of projects which included the installation of playground equipment, a public address system and free roller skating parties and dances for teen-agers. The Philip Sporn plant also donated three oil heating stoves for use in the community building.

Under Mr. Hoffman's guidance, the club is now planning to recondition and equip a community building and a swimming pool.



Mr. Hoffman



This photo shows the new AC network analyzer recently purchased and put in operation in the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation office in New York. This machine can arrive at answers to complicated problems in

one hour which used to take months. In the photo left to right are H. P. St. Clair, assistant planning and operating engineer, F. H. Howell, President Philip Sporn, H. K. Amchin and C. A. Imburgia.

## Answers To Our Operating And Planning Problems Require Short Time With New Network Analyzer

The AC Network Analyzer, recently acquired by our company, makes possible accurate and almost immediate answers on problems that previously took months to figure mathematically. Built by General Electric and costing nearly a quarter of a million dollars the analyzer is set up in the offices of our Service Corporation in New York for the benefit of all A. G. & E. operating companies.

One of a few of its kind in this country, the analyzer was purchased for the use of our planning and operating engineers. It will help them in their future plans for the system and in the day-to-day problems involved in keeping the power going where it is needed and in the right amounts.

### Can Set System

Our engineers can set up in less than a day the equivalent of the entire A. G. & E. System—all major power plants, over 7,000 miles of transmission lines, substations, the whole business stretching from Lake Michigan to the North Carolina border. Once having set up the system, they can solve a variety of problems applying to it—one hour on the board representing weeks of work by skilled engineers. In one room, then, they can determine quickly what size transformer is needed here, the power factor for a transmission line there, what happens when lightning strikes over yonder, or what plants should help carry the load when a 150,000-kw unit goes down for repairs and a hundred other things that are vital to our service.

Currently under construction is the first section of our 330,000-volt grid, destined to become America's highest transmission voltage. The planning for fitting this higher transmission voltage into our present 132-kv system was done entirely on network analyzers similar to ours.

The analyzer looks about like a bunch of instrument panels from our air force bombers with a couple of telephone switchboards thrown in. It's a maze of dials and switches backed up by miles of wiring, tubes, condensers and other electrical devices. It works on the principle that all electrical equipment—generators,

transmission lines, circuit breakers, transformers—can be represented in miniature. These circuits on the analyzer act just like their physical counterparts on our present system or any system set up on the "board."

### Used Others

Back in the twenties when power systems were becoming larger and interconnection was the keynote, solving system problems with mathematics was becoming increasingly difficult and many times an almost hopeless task—months were spent on single problems. The first analyzer was built in about 1930 at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and our engineers had a hand in developing its uses. In 1940, we helped in the further expansion of the M.I.T. analyzer.

## System Peak Hits All-Time High In July To Double That Of 1941

Peak load on the Southern Properties' system hit a new high of 1,011,000 kilowatts on July 17.

Since December, 1946, the load on the Southern Properties has increased by more than 50 per cent. Each successive year since the end of World War II has seen a steady increase in the system load. In fact the new peak reached on July 17 is more than double that of December, 1941.

Why this great increase in load?

### Industrial Growth

One of the important factors has been the increase in industrial development which has occurred in our area. Since 1946 there has been an increase of more than 235,000 kilowatts in the industrial load on our system. This has been due not only to new plants and industries, but also to the expansion of existing industrial plants in the area.

### Rural Electrification

Our rural electrification program has been another major factor in the increase of our load. Since 1946 we have extended our lines throughout the system until today electricity is available to 98 per cent of the people in our four state service area. This line extension program is largely responsible for the addition of 194,735 customers until we are now serving 529,368 customers.

Later an analyzer was installed at Purdue University which we and several other utilities helped to finance. We had been using both of these analyzers on a part-time basis by virtue of our contributions in development and financing.

With our own analyzer we enjoy many advantages in addition to time and money saved in travel. There being relatively few network analyzers in existence, we could not have full time use of any one board. Our great expansion program of 1,400,000 kw of additional capacity from 1951 to 1953, represents increased planning and operating problems. We must use this device more and more in our efforts toward efficient and economical service for our customers.

The third major factor has been the load-building program carried on by our commercial departments. Some indication of the load building is shown in the number of ranges and water heaters installed on our system. There were 46,835 ranges and water heaters put in service by our customers in 1950 compared to 6,223 units in 1946. A total of 135,891 new ranges and water heaters have been installed by our customers in the last five years.

Here are the records of two other cases which show the increased use of electricity. In 1950 the sales of air-conditioning load were more than four times greater than those of 1946. A five-times increase was noted in the sales of commercial cooking load in the same period. The aggressive load building program has been largely responsible for these increases.

### Facilities Enlarged

Along with this tremendous increase in load a construction program has been carried out on the Southern Properties to meet these demands. New generating units have been installed and others are under construction. New transmission lines, new substations and additions to existing substations have been built. It is this type of long-range planning which enables us to keep ahead of our customers' demands for electricity.

## New Low Set As Three Men Enter Military Service



Mr. Swann

Mr. Darnell

Marking a new low of employees entering the military service, only three men were reported last month. They were James W. Swann, H. E. Darnell and George Boothe, Jr.

Swann, Huntington district meter department, reported to Ft. Meade, Md., for basic training. He had three years service with the company.

Darnell, system substation department, was recalled to the Air Corps where he had three years service during World War II. He was employed by the company in June of 1948.

Captain George Boothe, Jr., Williamson district meter department, was recalled to active duty in the Air Corps. He was employed in November of 1938.

## Daughter Of Bluefield Man Wins Scholastic Achievement Award



Miss Woods

Willie Sue Woods, 12-year-old daughter of Frank H. Woods, Bluefield distribution department, was recently awarded a bronze plaque for scholastic achievements. Willie Sue won recognition for having the highest scholastic record during the past three years. The presentation was made upon her graduation from Preston Street Elementary School in Bluefield.

In addition to her scholastic achievements, Willie Sue was captain of the school patrol last year, and president of her class. She also is a member of the First Christian Church choir and one of its soloists. She is active in social, dramatic and sporting events for her age group and has won Bible and Patrol certificates.

Willie Sue is a member of the Fairview Junior Debs, a second-class scout, and secretary of her scout troop.



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## Our National Headache

For several months we have been hearing many arguments for and against more drastic controls. We have witnessed a growing dissension among many people over the question of how to best curb the rising cost of living. There are many who claim that only complete price controls will avert the disaster of inflation. There are perhaps as many other people, if not more, who believe that controls, which to be effective must apply to wages as well as prices, are not in the best interest of the country.

It would be difficult to imagine anyone who is not concerned with rising costs, and who would not want to see some practical solution adopted. However, it is also difficult to understand how government controls alone can solve this problem.

We are told that controls are necessary to curb the spending of the surplus money in the country. However, little is said about the fact that this excess money, more than one hundred billion dollars, got into our economic system through what is called "deficit spending" or "monetizing public debt."

Let's suppose that we get controls on prices of the things we must buy, together with controls on the wages we earn.

What about the cost of government, which many advocates in government are now trying to drastically increase without any real effort to affect any economy?

It would seem that a sensible approach to this question of inflation might be for governments to stop unnecessary waste and spending, get on a business-like pay-as-we-go basis; and stop flooding our country with "deficit" or paper money.

The dilemma in which we find ourselves is largely the result of several years of waste and extravagance in government. We should not become too optimistic in expecting an early solution.

## Rumors

It seems to be the normal thing to have a certain amount of rumors flying around here and there in our daily lives. This is so, regardless of whether it is in our social life, in politics, or on the job.

Most of us like to get the "inside information" on almost everything happening about us. This naturally leads to rumors that are often made up of ten per cent truth and ninety per cent of someone's vivid imagination.

The fault with rumors is that they often cause trouble for a lot of human beings. A half-true story spread around foolishly can cause much anxiety and many hard feelings. Rumors spread around in a business organization can cause actual harm to the company and hurt our jobs as well.

When we hear some gossip around the office or plant we will be helping a great deal if we'll get the facts first before passing it along. We'll be helping to prevent a lot of trouble and embarrassment, too.

# Your Opinion

What three events in your life do you consider the most important?

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**J. E. McCLAIN, turbine operator, Cabin Creek Plant:**



The most outstanding event in my life was the night I decided to give my life to God. Although I have not lived a perfect life, I have had no desire to turn to the worldly things of this life for pleasure and comfort. I have found great joy in going to Him for daily guidance.

The next most outstanding event in my life was when I realized I must come to a decision as to whether I would return to my hometown and teach school or remain in Kanawha County and continue working for an industrial plant. Perhaps, meeting the red-haired girl, who later became my wife, had something to do with my decision. Anyway, I am still living here in Chelyan, W. Va., and am very happy with my present employment with the Appalachian Electric Power Company.

After I had been with the A.E.P. Company for several years I decided to study horology. Even as a boy I always enjoyed tinkering with old watches and clocks, so I found this to be a very fascinating hobby and this hobby has grown into a very profitable business, in which I have spent many happy hours.

I believe the secret of lasting happiness is found in living every day as you believe God would have you live and I think every individual should have a hobby. This stimulates the mind when a person reaches the age of retirement, he still has something of interest to occupy his time and mind and will enable him to go on living a happy and normal life.

**MRS. FLORENCE MURPHY, accounting department, Williamson:**



When asked to write about the three most important events in my life I at first thought it would be easy. However, after careful consideration, it is not so easy to decide the most important. Life itself is an event that can not be measured by importance. The fact that I was born in a country where we enjoy freedom, tolerance and God given rights and privileges that are denied to other countries is an important factor in not only my life, but the life of every American.

Probably the second most important event in my life was my wedding day. With that day came the problems with which most young married people are confronted but which eventually give them strength and courage to face the future with confidence.

The third most important event was the arrival of our son and with him the promise of a brighter future and happiness beyond our fondest dreams.

**MOLLIE E. GRIGSBY, accounting department, Hazard:**



My graduation from high school was a very important event in my life. Then my entry into college, the second most important event, made me realize that the business world offered many opportunities.

After completing my business education, the third most important event was my entering the employ of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, where every day I have the satisfaction of knowing that I am working for a company that is interested in its employees' welfare as well as its own, and that I am part of a splendid organization.

**RUTH CALDWELL, accounting department, Abingdon:**



After much consideration and deliberation on "What three events in my life I consider the most important," I have reached this conclusion:

First in importance is my position with the A.E.P. Company. Being employed with a company such as this, I can look forward to building a future.

Second, a conducted tour of Virginia and Washington, D. C., during my senior year in high school was of great importance to me. Touring the historical places and government buildings of our State proved to be very educational and enjoyable.

Third was the honor of being selected the "Outstanding Girl Scout" of the Abingdon Troop during the year 1945.

**JOE ALLEN STANLEY, meter department, Beckley:**



Looking back over a rather uneventful life, the three outstanding events were my first job, marriage and a visit to the nation's capital.

At the age of 18 years, I accepted a job with the American Express Company working twelve hours per day and seven days per week for a monthly rate of \$75, but anyway I thought I was on my way to fame and fortune.

I was married at the age of 30 and have rounded out 21 years of successful married life. I have raised a son of whom I am very proud and who at present is serving with the First Marine Division in Korea.

The first trip to the nation's capital was made when I was 16 years old and it impressed me very much.

**F. B. DUNCAN, boiler operator, Glen Lyn Plant:**



In my opinion the important events of one's life are the ones that change their future for the better. Not knowing what the future holds, it is difficult to decide what decisions are for the best.

Looking back over the years I find an important event took place when, in January, 1918, I came to Glen Lyn to work for Appalachian Electric Power Company. During my thirty-two years of service I have been burning coal continuously which is an event to me. I would like to see that coal in one big pile.

An important event occurred when I was presented with my thirty-year service pin. I recall many pleasant memories during those thirty years of service. Those events I consider most important in my life.

**VIRGINIA MOTTICE, system operating department, Roanoke:**



It is rather hard to say just what three events in one's life are the most important. So many events that would seem important to one person probably would seem dull and very mediocre to another.

Graduation from high school, I believe, is one important event, as I felt I had reached some particular goal toward which I had been striving.

The second important event, I think, would be the raise received on my first job, giving assurance that I had been able to utilize my education.

The third important event was my transfer to Roanoke, Virginia, from which I have derived new, congenial co-workers and numerous friends.

**RALPH D. TURNER, line department, Roanoke:**



To begin with the mere fact that I was asked to write something for THE ILLUMINATOR is an important event in my life and one that is not in my line, but here goes.

First, my four years army service in World War II proved exciting and unforgettable to say the least. Crossing the Atlantic and invading unknown territory, including the invasion at Normandy Beach, were all new experiences for me.

Second, when I started working for Uncle App I had a little knowledge of the great unseen dangerous power of electricity, but I never understood the real meaning until the day I started working with, and being supervised by, skilled electricians. Later I was able to climb the poles and handle the high voltage wires myself.

Third, last, but not least, my wife would murder me if I did not mention our wedding day as an important event in my life. Changing my title from bachelor to married man was a step which I have never regretted and one which has made me a very happy man.

**DENVER L. RICE, maintenance department, Philip Sporn Plant:**



I had never thought of any event as being very important in my life. But I guess several things have happened which are important to a small town boy, like myself, even though they may be insignificant and uninteresting to others.

First, I would say that my Sunday School days as a boy and later my church membership has had a definite part in my life as I grew up. Don't misunderstand me though, I haven't sprouted wings yet.

Second, I suppose any married man would list his marriage among the important events of his life, especially if his wife reads THE ILLUMINATOR.

Last, but not least, being just plain Dad to our little Bill is just about the most important event that could happen in my life.

**ADELE C. WILLIAMS, accounting department, Kingsport:**



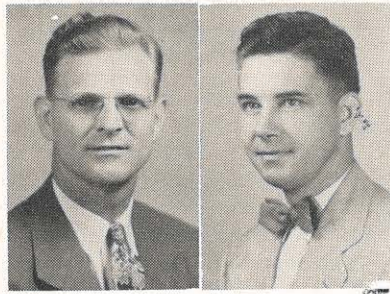
I consider becoming a member of the church in our community the greatest event of my life. The church was built when I was only four years old and I have attended the same church since that time.

Weddings are long remembered and I consider mine one of the great events. We were married shortly after my husband returned from overseas service. His return as well as our marriage made this one of my best days.

The turning point in my life came when I was employed by this company. While in school, I had always thought of work as dull and boring. However, I have found that the work in which I am engaged is very interesting.



### Whitmore, Munday Fulcher Promoted In Roanoke Changes



Mr. Whitmore Mr. Munday

Three changes have been made in the Roanoke commercial department.

J. B. Whitmore has been promoted to Roanoke division commercial manager. E. L. Munday, Jr., has been named commercial manager of the Roanoke district succeeding Whitmore. L. A. Fulcher, power sales supervisor, has been promoted to Munday's old position of district rural and residential supervisor.

Whitmore holds a master of science



Mr. Fulcher

and bachelor of science degree from V. P. I., from which he was graduated in 1934. He was employed by Appalachian at Roanoke in the meter department in 1935. He has worked in the rural department and served as power sales supervisor prior to being named district commercial manager in 1948. Whitmore entered the Army in 1941 and was released in 1945.

Munday, a graduate of V. P. I. in 1936 with a degree in industrial engineering, was employed by the company that year as a groundman. He has worked in power sales and was supervisor of that section prior to being named supervisor of rural and residential sales in 1950. He entered the Army in 1941 and was discharged in 1945.

Fulcher was first employed by Appalachian in 1928 as a meter reader in Roanoke. In 1941 he was named junior power engineer and in 1950 was promoted to the position of power sales supervisor. He attended the University of Virginia.

These changes were effective August 1.

### Pikeville Employee Has Article Published In Operating Notes



Mr. Williamson

Jesse Lee Williamson, a Pikeville district lineman of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, received an award for his recent article appearing in A.G.&E. Monthly Operating Notes.

Mr. Williamson's article, based upon the use of a pay-out reel for handling guy wire, eliminated many hazards. Jesse's reel, which is made from a worn-out automobile tire, will handle a coil of wire with a minimum of risk. It can be safely operated by one person and has the advantages of low cost, portability and adaptability as well as safety.

Each line crew in the Pikeville district is using one of these reels and all find them extremely satisfactory.

## Construction Of Major Substations Proceeds Rapidly

August marks major steps taken toward the completion of many substations on the system.

### Saltville Station

The capacity of the Saltville station in the Pulaski district is being increased by the installation of two 30,000 kva transformers. One of the 30,000 kva banks will be energized during the first week of August and the second about September 3.

In addition, the 132 kva breaker for the second Switchback line will be put in service during the second week of August. The stringing of a second circuit on the Switchback to Saltville 132,000 volt line has been completed. It will be put into service by the middle of this month.

### Bradley Station

Bradley station at Price's Hill in the Beckley district nears completion as all steel work is finished. The 30,000 kva station is expected to be put in service by the middle of this month, pending delivery of a transformer.

### Hopkins Station

Steel structure was completed last week on Hopkins station in the Logan district. All equipment is at the site and the station will be put in service by the end of next month. The new station will serve the northern part of the Logan district.

### Leslie Station

In the Hazard district, steel structure will be erected for the new 154,000 volt Leslie station by the middle of this month. With the receipt of a transformer, practically all equipment is at the site. This station will be connected to the system by a tap from the 154,000 volt line from Hazard to Pineville.

### Hancock and Cloverdale

Concrete foundations are being finished at Hancock station in the Roanoke district. A final concrete pouring on the condenser foundation and pump house foundation is under way.

One transformer has been received with the other three expected this

week. This 45,000 kva station between Roanoke and Salem will be connected to the system by new 132,000 volt lines.

The 30,000 kva Cloverdale station is also progressing with steel for the 33,000 volt station already erected. This part will be energized by the middle of this month. Steel for the 132,000 volt station is expected soon.



Foundation work at Hancock nears completion. In the photo above, workmen ready forms before pouring concrete for the foundation of the 100-ton synchronous condenser.

### Beckley Nine Leads City League's Softball Race

The Beckley district softball team completed the City Softball League's schedule in first place.

With a ten and two record in the six-team loop, the AEP nine completed the season 1 1/2 games ahead of their closest contender, Beckley College.

July 23 the league began its play-offs. The outcome of this series will determine the championship for the 1951 softball season.

### S. J. Ball, System Worker, Dies After Long Illness

S. J. Ball, a member of the system substation department, Charleston, died at his home in Charleston, June 13, following an extended illness.

Mr. Ball had been a member of the transformer branch of the system substation department since his employment with the company in 1941.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cora Ball.

## Senator Ira W. See Speaks At Vinson Day Program



As Legionnaire Hank Dudley, the National Adjutant of the American Legion of Indianapolis, speaks at the "Fred M. Vinson Day" celebration, the dignitaries seated on the speakers' platform listen intently. Among the distinguished guests shown above, left to right, are: Colonel

A Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company employee, State Senator Ira W. See, of Ashland, was one of the principal speakers as thousands of eastern Kentuckians observed "Fred M. Vinson Day" at Louisa.

The celebration, which was sponsored by the Louisa Businessmen's Association, honored United States

Chief Justice Vinson, who was born and raised in Louisa, by dedicating a seven-foot, two-ton monolith near his birthplace.

On hand for the occasion was the governor of Kentucky, supreme court justices, state, county and other dignitaries, as well as Louisa sponsors. A

number of the distinguished guests shared in the dedication program which preceded the unveiling of the granite marker.

Senator See, a member of the real estate and right-of-way department, is state senator representing Boyd, Lawrence and Johnson counties.

### Cloyd, Wood, Whitley Promoted In Changes In Three Districts



Mr. Cloyd Mr. Wood

The Lynchburg and Welch districts have new district commercial managers and Bluefield district has a new power sales engineer.

L. M. "Dink" Cloyd has been promoted from the Welch district commercial managership to Lynchburg as commercial manager. R. J. Wood has been promoted from a position as power sales engineer in Bluefield to Welch commercial manager. E. L. Whitley, power sales engineer at Lynchburg, has been promoted to the Bluefield district commercial department as power sales engineer.

Cloyd was employed by the company



Mr. Whitley

as a meter tester at Logan in 1928. He was promoted to the position of power engineer in Bluefield in 1936, and was named commercial manager at Welch in 1946. He received his engineering education at V. P. I.

Wood began work for the company in 1938 as a groundman following his graduation from Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He was promoted to draftsman and in 1941 was named a distribution engineer. He entered the armed forces in 1941 and was discharged in 1946. He returned to the company as a distribution engineer and was promoted to power sales engineer in 1948.

Whitley, a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, started work for Appalachian at Roanoke in 1934. He was transferred to Lynchburg in July, 1936. He was promoted to junior power engineer in 1938. After serving in the armed forces from 1941 to 1945, he returned to the company as senior power engineer.

### Son Of Bluefield Employee Wins Engineer's Award



Mr. Thornton

Ed Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Prince E. Thornton, Bluefield, was recipient of West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers award for outstanding scholastic achievement. The award was made at commencement exercises at Bluefield College, where Ed finished two years.

While a student at Bluefield College, young Thornton was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, national honor society, and served the local chapter as historian. He also was a member of the student council, college choir and in a number of other campus activities.

Ed is enrolled this summer at V.P.I., Blacksburg, where he will enroll as a junior in the fall.

Mr. Thornton is an Appalachian inspector employed in the Bluefield district.



## Huntington Division

### Williamson District

Vacationers: W. Hubert King, meter department, and family, vacationed in Tennessee; Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Cornelison and son, at Key West and New Orleans; Mrs. Frank Davis, receptionist, and husband, at Youngstown; Mrs. Dayton Eisel, Jr., commercial department, and husband, touring Virginia; Milton Cole, commercial department, and wife, at Detroit; Fred Varney, distribution department, and wife, at Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Beatty, at a cottage on the Ohio River near Huntington; R. B. Waggoner, at Gastonia; Anna Lee Harris, at Daytona Beach; Florence Murphy, at Dayton.

Ann Ardigo, accounting department, has resigned.

Virginia Stafford and Lois Stratton have accepted positions in the accounting department.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ball and family have moved to Sprigg where he will be substation operator.

Billy Beard is a new employee in the meter department and Billy Barbour is a new employee in the commercial department.

### Huntington District

Robert Hale, meter department, is recuperating after a recent illness.

Catherine Twohig is a new employee in the drafting section.

William King, meter department, attended the National Convention of Elks in Chicago.

Vacationers: J. B. Smith, meter department, vacationed at Lakeland, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Mustaine, Jr., and son, at Richmond, Virginia; Reba Hanshaw, at Myrtle Beach; Dorcas Lindsey, at Port Royal and Lexington; Ruth Fisher, at Terre Haute and Buckeye Lake; Marjorie Toney, at Indianapolis and Miami Beach; Gertrude Thresher, at Miami Beach.

Betty Riggs resigned her position in the billing office.

Nancy Richmond Squire is a new employee in the accounting department.

Mrs. Mildred Messer resigned to join her husband who has been transferred.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scites motored to Biloxi to visit their son who is in the Air Corps.

Members of the Joule Club and guests attended a wiener roast in Ritter Park.

Vacationers: Betty Jane Steinert and Mary Ester Fike of the transmission and distribution department vacationed at Cabwaylingo State Park; Harold F. Rozier, district superintendent, in the southern states.

Geraldine Lapool is a new employee in the transmission and distribution department.

### Logan Plant

Mrs. Opal P. White replaces Clara Vinci who resigned as stenographer in the plant manager's office.

T. W. Abolin, supervising engineer, recently motored to Evanston, Illinois, to join his family who have been there for several weeks.

Henry A. Ferris, Johnnie Riggio and B. G. Wheatley are new employees in the labor department.

Edwin P. Jones and Charles W. Evans recently resigned.

W. G. Matthews, Jr., is a new employee as junior results engineer.

J. W. Frey, shift supervisor, is recuperating from an extended illness.

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. W. W.



Dalley, at Virginia Beach; R. L. Boyd, at Pulaski; Mr. and Mrs. George Frey, at Detroit and in Canada; B. W. Lanthorne, at Chambersburg, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Bias, in New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. White, at Richlands; J. H. Jones, on his farm near Charleston.

### Logan District

W. E. Bivens, commercial department, spoke on the destruction of school property on the weekly broadcast of the Logan County Junior Deputy Sheriffs League over station WLOG on July 16.

Vacationers: Mrs. H. S. Baker, accounting department, and her husband, vacationed in Dallas; Mrs. Clyde Walker, accounting department. (See Huntington, page 10)

## Charleston Division

### Sporn Plant

Carl Wiles, pay-roll supervisor, has been appointed recorder of New Haven.

Sympathy is extended R. S. Lease, unit operator, on the death of his father.

Earl Q. Teaford, assistant chemist, has been ill.

Vacationers: Doris Beckey, secretary, and Patsy Yester, junior clerk, vacationed at Myrtle Beach; W. G. Baronick, at McConnellsville, Pa.

John Lawrence, unit operator, has been ill.

New employees in the labor department: Kenneth O. Rollins, William C. Gibbs, George A. Wolf, Charles P. Buxton, Fred R. Carsey, Jr., Oscar L. Leonard, Harlan H. Wehrung, Raymond L. Cole and Dwight R. Wallace.

New employees in the yard department: Dallas A. Cadle and Ira R. Mulford.

Robert H. Eason and William R. Johnston are new employees in the results department.

Cadet Howard Andrews, Jr., son of the plant manager, went to the Reserve Officer Training Corps summer encampment at Fort Monmouth, N. J., for the six-week field training course.

### Cabin Creek Plant

J. K. Hall is undergoing treatment at the Cleveland Clinic.

J. K. Hodges is recuperating after an operation at the Charleston General Hospital.

Clarence Petry, Jr., is undergoing examinations at the McMillan Hospital.

J. H. Bradley, boiler maintenance department, is recovering from a broken leg.

A dinner honoring H. C. Skaggs, Jr., was highlighted when the office girls gave him a brief case and the supervisory group gave him a watch.

Vacationers: R. W. Taylor and family vacationed at Ocean View; June Patrick, in Florida; Genevieve Farry, in St. Louis.

### Beckley District

Sympathy is extended C. A. Marshall on the death of his grandfather.

Ernest R. Biggs, storeroom, at-

tended the Army reserve training camp at Fort Knox.

Sympathy is extended Kenneth Lazenby, right-of-way department, on the death of his father.

Maxie C. Dwornick, engineering department, has been elected second vice commander of Raleigh County American Legion Post 32.

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## Kingsport

Bill Trent, meter department, has returned to work following a recent illness.

J. E. Faust, commercial department, attended a board meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at Jackson, Tenn.

Vacationers: W. B. Jones and family vacationed in Kentucky; Phil Nelson and family, at Daytona Beach; Clarence J. Bryan and family, at Nashville and McMinnville, Tenn.

Fred Pierce has returned to work following an extended illness.

M. C. Simpson attended the Lions Club convention in Atlantic City.

Pfc. Paul Carter recently visited his parents while on leave from Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

## Bluefield Division

### Glen Lyn Plant

Larry Dunn and Eugene Weatherly are new employees.

Sympathy is extended Samuel Hill and C. M. Thomas on the death of their sisters.

Mike Dent, turbine operator, is recovering from an accident on July 10 when he fell while repairing his front porch and broke four ribs.

J. C. Thompson, retired employee, was a recent visitor.

C. E. Jones, exalted ruler of the Princeton Elks Lodge, attended the Elks national convention in Chicago.

Vacationers: J. A. Saunders vacationed at Daytona Beach; E. J. Stalker, in the New England states; Ruth Thompson, in Florida.

### Bluefield District

Lina P. Light, managerial department, is recovering from a broken arm received in a fall on the third floor on June 26.

Jane Pritchard and Sarah Turlington are new home economists in Bluefield.

J. M. Cole, Tazewell, has returned to work after a recent illness.

J. E. M. Scott, R. F. Smith and Jessee Collins have resigned.

Vacationers: Mrs. Maude McCulloch vacationed at Fontana Lake, N. C.; Dave Rowe, line foreman, Tazewell, and wife, in Canada; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farley, Jr., at Daytona Beach; District Manager L. W. Bates and family, at Byllesby; Mrs. R. D. Jones, engineering department secretary, and husband, at Virginia Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Yearout and sons, in the Great Smokies of Tennessee.

### Welch District

F. L. Lineberry is recuperating

after an operation on July 16.

New summer employees in the engineering department are Charles Wade St. Clair and Andrew F. Horne.

Elizabeth Ricci visited friends in Charles Town and attended the horse races.

Betty T. Scott, accounting department, has resigned.

Harold Testerman, engineering department, has resigned.

### Abingdon District

Gordon Barlow has returned after two weeks' training with the National Guard at Camp Pickett.

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dunn vacationed at Atlantic Beach, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Holmes, in Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Gills and family, at Nags. (See Bluefield, page 10)

## Kentucky

### Pikeville District

Mrs. Jesse Collier is recuperating at home after an operation. Mr. Collier is a lineman.

William T. McKinney, PBX operator, has resigned.

Thomas Atkins, a student at Pikeville College, has been employed as PBX operator.

Dan Penny is a temporary meter reader until he returns to school this fall.

John Rasnick, rural sales representative, and Leon Huffman, right-of-way agent, were recently awarded a trip to Chicago as the result of a sales campaign conducted by the commercial department.

Craig H. Fields, rural and residential sales supervisor, was installed as first vice president at a recent meeting of the Lions Club.

### Ashland District

Vacationers: Doris Sutton vacationed in Illinois; Don Keyser, in New York where he attended the Shriners Convention; Marie Thomas, in Florida; Charles Pope, in South Carolina and Tennessee; Mary Moore, at Ft. Lauderdale; Bill Holbrook, at Fort Wayne; Herman Taylor, at New York; Bob Bibb, in Ohio; Jerry Osborne, in Miami and through the Smokies.

Tom Layne of the stores department, who is vice commander of the local Legion Post, helped plan the State American Legion Convention held in Ashland.

Ira See has returned to work after a recent illness.

Dorothy Combs is a new employee in the commercial department.

### Hazard District

Vacationers in the meter department: Dennis Cline, Toledo; Amos Nickells, Indiana; James Pendelton, Cincinnati; M. X. Yonts, Breaks of Sandy.

Reba Kinsland is a temporary employee in the commercial department and a student at Berea College.

W. R. Peyton, commercial department, and family, vacationed with their parents in Corbin and Mt. Vernon, Ky.

## Roanoke Division

### Fieldale District

Nancy Kitts, meter department, has returned after a recent illness.

Aubrey and Ruby McBride attended the wedding of her nephew in Washington. Aubrey is employed in the transportation department.

Vacationers: Virginia Hancock, home economist, vacationed at Carolina Beach; Geraldine Lawless, local accounting office, and Ralph, toured Skyline Drive; Carl Gibson, right-of-way department, and family, at Bedford Lake; Ann Eggleston, local accounting department, at Virginia Beach; Jewell Wigginton, transmission and distribution department, and Cecil, at Myrtle Beach.

Lester Rakes, local accounting department, went on a fishing trip to Back Bay.

Joy Tipton, cashier, toured the Smoky Mountains.

Melvin W. Brown, local office manager and president of the Fieldale Service Club, was toastmaster at a banquet recently given by the club in honor of the Fieldale Volunteer Fire Department.

### Lynchburg District

C. E. Jordan, line department, has returned to work after an operation.

The following employees on military leave have returned to work in the line department: H. W. Francis, E. L. Baker, J. W. Wingfield and G. A. Volk, Jr.

Helen Easter, accounting department, has resigned.

J. W. Harris, line department, has returned to work after an illness.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Edith B. Wofford, accounting department, on the death of her brother.

Mrs. Clara Burnett, accounting department, has returned after a recent illness.

Sympathy is extended Wesley Garner, meter department, on the death of his father.

### System

Patricia Brinkley is a new employee in the accounting office.

Joan Wylie, system accounting office, is recovering from an appendectomy.

Vacationers: Virginia Carter vacationed at Virginia Beach; Lauren Himes and family, on the eastern shore; C. G. Price, in Kentucky; T. R. Mitchell, at Eagle Rock, camping; Kathleen Thompson, at Virginia Beach; Beulah Kessler, at Kingsport; Geraldine Sorrels, at Daytona Beach.

Mrs. Lorene Hicks, of the executive office, recently resigned.

H. L. Cushing, system residential sales supervisor, is recuperating after a recent operation.

Vacationers in the system accounting office: Maxine Kitts vacationed at Sandy Cove, Md., where she attended the Presbyterian Bible Conference; Doris Carter, at Nags Head; Juanita Cromer and Lucille Perdue, at Virginia Beach; Ruby Weddington, at Washington, Yorktown and Virginia Beach; Mary Lee Farrier, at Daytona Beach; Frank Woods, at Washington, D. C.; Margaret Carter, Virginia Beach.

Reed Carlton, accounting office, underwent two weeks' training at Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

New employees in the system substation department are F. G. Lippert III, J. S. Jamison, Jr., H. E. Moore, Jr., and H. K. Ebert, Jr.

Vacationers: Elizabeth Bosang, of (See Roanoke, page 9)



# First Mobile Meter Test Laboratory In Service

The first mobile meter testing laboratory in the Southern Properties was put in operation in the Charleston district on June 27.

The laboratory was designed and built by the system meter department under the supervision of M. A. Steckel, system meter superintendent.

The laboratory is equipped with the latest meter testing equipment and makes it possible to provide better testing of all meters more economically. It provides facilities for testing the accuracy of the meters and major maintenance as well as making insulation tests. Until the mobile laboratory was put in service the meters had to be returned to the meter department for major maintenance and insulation tests.

The mobile laboratory is driven to the neighborhood in which the meters are to be tested and set up for the day's work. Here is a picture story, beginning at the right, of a day's operation of the mobile laboratory.



This photograph shows the new mobile meter testing laboratory which was recently put in operation in the Charleston district. The laboratory is shown in front of a customer's home ready to begin cleaning and testing meters in the neighborhood. Four jacks, two of which may be seen under the rear of the truck, are used to level and stabilize the laboratory.



Stewart Foehr of the Charleston meter department pulls the power cable from the truck. The cable will be connected to a special receptacle in the jumper which is placed on the meter socket to maintain service to the home of the customer and the truck.



Stewart fastens the cable to a hook at the top of the truck and then to the pole he is shown putting in the ground. This raises the cable off the sidewalk and enables pedestrians to pass safely.



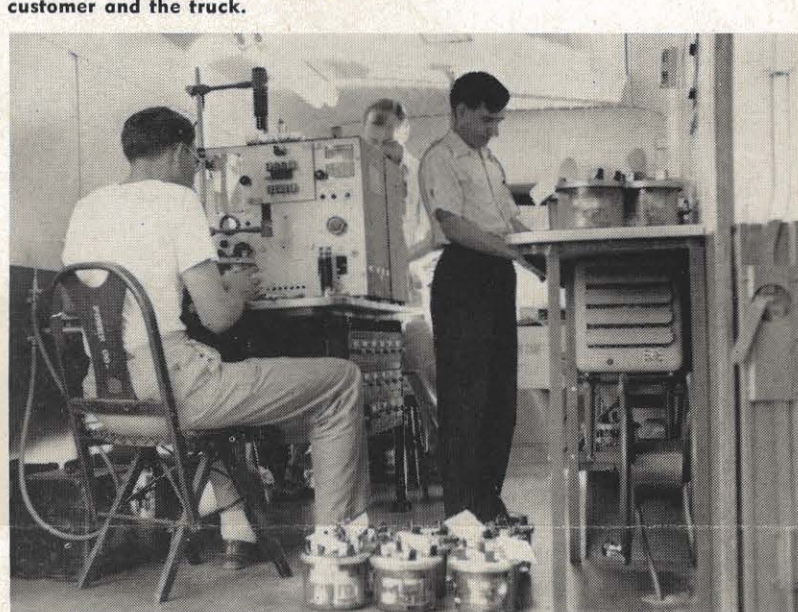
Pulling meters is done by William Smith and here he tells Mrs. Russell Casto, a Nitro, W. Va., customer, that her electric meter will be removed for a test. He assures her that her electric service will be interrupted only momentarily during the time the meter is taken off.



Bill takes a sealing ring loose to remove the meter. He installs a jumper which enables Mrs. Casto to have electricity while the meter is off. Identification tags with the same numbers and the house address are attached to the meter and the jumper.



Bill hands the tagged meters through the window of the laboratory onto the repair table. The meters are carried to the mobile laboratory in special carriers which safely handle one to four meters.



In the laboratory two test tables and a cleaning table are utilized in the testing of the meters. At the right, Guy Pendleton, of the system meter department, cleans the meters and partially fills out the test slips. In the foreground left is Stewart Foehr and in the left background is Jim Pugh working at the test tables. The most modern testing equipment, including an electric eye which counts the revolutions of the meter disk, are used to test the meter for accuracy and to determine its ability to withstand lightning surges. If adjustments or repairs are needed, these are made and the meter is retested. If the meter is satisfactory in all respects, it is returned to the customer's home. If it is defective it is changed.



Bill returns to the laboratory and picks up the tested meters to return them to the customers' homes. He identifies them by the tags which bear the customer's address.



Bill loads up his carriers with meters and begins to return them to the customers' homes. In this photo he is on his way to the Casto home and has placed the other meters on the ground.



Bill checks the tags from the meter and the jumper to make sure he has the right meter at the Casto home. The tags are returned to the laboratory and checked with a third section which has been held as a receipt.

## Pulaski Employees Hold Annual Picnic At Claytor

A large number of Pulaski district employees and their families attended the district's annual picnic at Claytor Lake in late June.

The outing, a barbecue picnic, created an unusual amount of interest as most employees helped in all of the pits.

Tours through the Claytor Hydro Plant, fishing, boating and other forms of entertainment were enjoyed by those attending.

## D. C. Duncan Is Speaker At Martinsville Banquet

D. C. Duncan, system safety director, spoke on "Beacons of Service" to the Martinsville Business and Professional Women's Club at their annual Bosses Night Banquet on July 20, at the Club Martiniqne.

Mrs. Virginia Hancock, home economist at Fieldale, was in charge of the meeting attended by 45 club members and their guests.

## Charleston . . .

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Mrs. C. E. Pitsenberger is recuperating after a recent operation.

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hatcher and Archie Riner vacationed in Florida; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Martin, at Myrtle Beach; C. H. Buckland and R. R. Griffith, at Cleveland and Akron; Russell Miller, at Shanklins Ferry as Scoutmaster for Troop 6; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mann, at Baltimore and Washington; H. R. Miller, Ocean City, Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hancock, in Florida.

Mrs. Catherine Thompson is a new employee in the commercial department.

Employees of the meter department and their families attended a picnic at Babcock Park on July 28.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Williams visited Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cox in Melbourne, Florida. Mr. Cox retired as general foreman in the district early this year.

Employees of the engineering department and their guests recently attended a wiener roast at Little Beaver Park.

## Charleston District

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brendel and niece recently visited with relatives in Detroit. He is an employee in the personnel department.

Vacationers: Mary Alice Caudill, executive department, vacationed at a camp on Elk River and in Philadelphia and Asbury Park, New Jersey; Mrs. Paul Lanham, commercial department, and husband, at Grand Lake in Ohio; Mrs. Freda Shipley, commercial department, with her parents, at Rainelle; Harry Silling, commercial department, and wife, at New York; J. C. Burnette, personnel department, and family, in New Jersey.

Bill Collins is recuperating from an operation.

Laura Alice Stone, daughter of Earl Stone of the garage department, is one of 15 young people from the state serving on the Baptist Youth Fellowship Disciplevan for six weeks this summer.

Vacationers: Hettie Bowyer, home economist in the Montgomery office, vacationed with her family at Princeton and Myrtle Beach; Jim Bostic, commercial department, near his home at Talcott; Jane Billheimer, home economist in the Montgomery office, at Miami Beach; O. J. Hundley, Montgomery office serviceman, and family, camping near Spencer; Dorothy Hall, commercial department, at Jacksonville, Daytona Beach and Miami Beach; C. R. Metz, Montgomery office serviceman, fishing in Virginia; Evelyn Miller, St. Albans cashier, at Myrtle Beach; O. L. Williams and family, touring several states.

New employees in the district include: Mary Louetta Hickman, home economist; Julius Paul Hanusi, commercial department; Jeanette Fechner, meter department; Barbara Cummings, pay-roll department, and Okey Hay, distribution department.

Vacationers: S. A. Riggs, system substation department, and family, vacationed in Michigan; W. S. Shepard, system substation department, and wife, in Florida.



# Marriage United Fourteen Couples Last Month

## Stafford-Blankenship

Miss Phyllis Stafford and Robert H. Blankenship were married recently at Bland, Virginia. Mrs. Blankenship is employed as a clerk at the Glen Lyn Plant.

## Darnell-Toman

Miss Patricia Ann Darnell was married to Herman Toman, Jr., on June 29. Mrs. Toman is an employee of the Charleston accounting department.

## Andes-Copenhaver

Miss Betty Marie Andes became the bride of John Alden Copenhaver on July 14 at Abingdon. Mrs. Copenhaver was formerly employed as a home economist at Abingdon.

## Hubbard-Ferrell

Miss Ardith Nell Hubbard was married to Don G. Ferrell on July 8 at the Montgomery Baptist Church in Montgomery. Mrs. Ferrell is employed in the accounting department at Montgomery.

## King-Paylor

Miss Edna Lee King was wed to Earle Whitaker Paylor at the Huntington Court Methodist Church, Roanoke, on June 30. Mrs. Paylor is the daughter of Mr. William Earl King, who is system supervising appraisal engineer in Roanoke.

## Brashear-Ferguson

Miss Joanne Brashear became the bride of John Ferguson on July 2 in Hazard. Mrs. Ferguson is the daughter of K. C. Brashear, Sr., meter department, and Mr. Ferguson is the son of L. B. Ferguson, plant superintendent, all of Hazard.

## Powers-Rasnake

Miss Sammy Lou Powers and Eugene Lawrence Rasnake were wed at the Cleveland Methodist Church, Cleveland, Virginia, on June 30. Mr. Rasnake is an employee of the line department at Clintwood.

## Deitz-Frederick

On July 13, Miss Betty Ann Deitz and Paul S. Frederick were united in marriage at the Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston. Mrs. Frederick is employed in the pay-roll department at Charleston.

## Surratt-Wood

At the Houston Methodist Church, Kimball, West Virginia, on July 21, Miss Faye Surratt was married to Garnet Clark Wood. Mrs. Wood is an employee of the Welch commercial department.



Here are some of the brides and bridal couples who were married last month. Top row, left to right: Mrs. Earle W. Paylor, Roanoke; Mrs. Robert H. Blankenship, Glen Lyn; Mrs. Jay M. Moser, Huntington; Mrs. Garnet C. Wood, Welch. Second row: Mrs. John A. Copenhaver, Abing-

don; Mrs. Eugene L. Rasnake, Abingdon; Mrs. Don G. Ferrell, Montgomery; Mrs. Paul S. Frederick, Charleston. Bottom row: Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson, Hazard; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Thomas, Roanoke.

## McAlexander-Kerr

Miss Nell Gray McAlexander and Wallace Cooper Kerr were united in marriage recently. Mrs. Kerr is an employee of the engineering department in Beckley.

## Minton-Moser

Miss Thelma Faye Minton and Jay Miles Moser were married on June 23 at the Johnson Memorial Methodist Church in Huntington. Mrs. Moser is an employee of the Huntington system billing office.

## Harper-Rupp

Miss Elizabeth Ann Harper and George Rupp were wed on June 22. Mrs. Rupp is the daughter of Worth Harper of the Beckley commercial department.

## E. P. Young's Daughter Stationed In Okinawa

Corporal Catherine D. Young recently arrived in Okinawa with the second contingent of WACs to be assigned there. A member of the Rycom WAC Detachment which is a unit of the Army of Occupation, she is the daughter of Ellis P. Young, boiler maintenance mechanic at the Cabin Creek plant. Corporal Young graduated from East Bank High School in 1949 and



## Miss Waldie Heads Legion Auxiliary

Miss Marjorie Waldie, who has been employed at the Philip Sporn Plant since March, was recently elected president of the Point Pleasant American Legion Auxiliary. Miss Waldie also is past president of the Point Pleasant Junior Woman's Club and a member of the "Trebblers," a group which broadcasts regularly over W S A Z, Huntington. She was employed by the Citizens National Bank of Point Pleasant prior to being employed by the company. enlisted in the WACs in November of that year. She took her basic training at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and Brooke General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, before sailing from the United States on May 11.



Miss Waldie

## Morefield-Hudson

Miss Janice Margaret Morefield and John Rice Hudson were married at the First Methodist Church, Pulaski, Virginia, on July 7. Mr. Hudson is employed in the stores department at Pulaski.

## Goad-Luther

Miss Gladys Goad and James Clinton Luther were united in marriage on June 14 at Hillsville, Virginia. Mr. Luther is employed in the transmission and distribution department in Fieldale.



## Bluefield Girls' Service Club Takes Tour Of Company Property



Members of the Bluefield Girls' Service Club visit one of the company's substations while on tour of some of the company property.

Touring some company property recently gave members of the Bluefield Girls' Service Club a better idea of the scope of their company's job. Members boarded a bus at 11 a.m. and were taken to the West End substation and storeroom on Bluefield Avenue. J. W. Compton, district superintendent, conducted the tour and sketched the operation of the sub-

station. The girls were then shown how repairs are made on transformers, meters and other equipment. The communications system which contacts outside company mobile units was next explained to the group. The storeroom and offices were also visited and refreshments were served before the group ended their tour with a visit to the new South Bluefield station on Cumberland Road.

## New Arrivals . . .

MR. AND MRS. JAMES R. MURDOCK are the parents of a son, Dolphus Lee. Mr. Murdock is an employee at Kingsport. MR. AND MRS. WESLEY YONTS are the parents of a son, Wesley, Jr., born July 13. Mr. Yonts is employed in Hazard. MR. AND MRS. A. J. TURNER are the parents of a daughter. Mr. Turner is an employee at the Glen Lyn Plant. MR. AND MRS. R. E. JOHNSON are the parents of a son. Mr. Johnson is employed at the Glen Lyn Plant. MR. AND MRS. CHARLES E. BAILEY are the parents of a son, Charles E., Jr., born June 27. Mr. Bailey is employed in Abingdon. MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM WALLACE JOYCE are the parents of a daughter, Jennifer Lee, born June 23. Mr. Joyce is employed at Fieldale. MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM CHAFFINS are the parents of a son, Thomas Remine, born June 24. Mr. Chaffins is an employee in Welch. MR. AND MRS. BRADFORD PORTER are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born June 17. Mr. Porter is an employee in the Welch office on military leave. MR. AND MRS. WILLARD HORNE are the parents of a daughter, Karen Zell, born July 4. Mr. Horne is employed in Welch. MR. AND MRS. W. R. ZIMMERMAN are the parents of a son, Barry Ross, born June 26. Mr. Zimmerman is an employee at Roanoke. MR. AND MRS. LLOYD PFOST are the parents of a daughter, Debra Lynn, born June 13. Mr. Pfost is employed in Charleston. MR. AND MRS. E. MASON ABBOTT are the parents of a son, George Kent. Mrs. Abbott is a former employee in Roanoke. MR. AND MRS. DON FUGATE are the parents of a daughter born June 29. Mr. Fugate is employed at Hazard. MR. AND MRS. NOLAN HAYES are the parents of a son, William Scott, born July 12. Mr. Hayes is an employee in Hazard. MR. AND MRS. C. W. RORRER are the parents of a daughter, Cynthia Kay, born July 4. Mrs. Rorrer is a former employee in Fieldale. MR. AND MRS. DEWEY MARTIN are the parents of a son, James Randolph, born July 17. Mrs. Martin is a former employee in Fieldale. MR. AND MRS. L. C. JOHNSON, JR. are the parents of a daughter, Deborah Leigh, born June 22. Mrs. Johnson is a former employee at Roanoke.

## Two Girls Are Ribbon Marshals At Bluefield Show



June Goodloe Billie Lee Bates

Daughters of two employees were ribbon marshals at the Annual Bluefield Kiwanis Club Horse Show on July 6-7. June Goodloe, daughter of William Goodloe of the system transmission line department, was runner-up as queen of the show. Billie Lee Bates, daughter of District Manager L. W. Bates, represented the Graham Kiwanis Club. June, a home economics student at Radford College, was queen of the annual carnival at Beaver High School and held many club positions there. Billie Lee will be a senior at Graham High School this fall. She is president of the Sub Deb Club and corresponding secretary of the Beta Club.

## Bluefield Picnic Set August 25

The annual picnic and square dance for all Bluefield employees will be held at Glen Wood Park, between Princeton and Bluefield, Saturday, August 25. All employees of the district, division and system, who are employed in the area, are invited to attend. Employees may bring one adult guest and reservations can be made by contacting Jerry Farley, commercial department, Bluefield.

## They're Engaged

MISS DOROTHY JOY TIPTON to Bill J. Webster. Miss Tipton is employed at Fieldale. MISS MARJORIE BRIDWELL to Hartsell Doty. Miss Bridwell is an employee at Kingsport. MISS JEAN FRANCES RIDDLE to Coolidge Howlett. Miss Riddle is an employee in Hazard. MISS MARY LUCILLE MITCHELL to Samuel H. Esleeck. Miss Mitchell is employed at Roanoke and is the daughter of H. T. Mitchell, district stores supervisor, Ashland, Ky.



# Abingdon Area Served As Gateway To West



## Electric Companies Gave Early Service

About 100 miles west of the Alleghenies is a gateway through the mountains from east to west . . . an area encompassing about 1,878 square miles and forming the Abingdon district. By its location and natural beauty this historic section has attracted the buffalo, the Indian and finally the white man. Here, then, the history of the west began.

Early trails of buffalo and Indians crossed at what is now Abingdon. Then the white man in 1748-50 came into the region. Dr. Thomas Walker, a distinguished Virginian and explorer, surveyed over 6,000 acres of land in the section.

Ten years later Col. William Byrd commanded a regiment of men which cut and located the great road from Fort Chiswell by way of Abingdon to Kingsport. The road followed an Indian and buffalo trail and later intersected the Wilderness Road cut by Daniel Boone to Kentucky.

### Boone Fights Wolves

Boone, that intrepid explorer, was traveling with Nathaniel Gist in 1760 and struck camp for the night at a spring south of Abingdon. During the night they were attacked by a large pack of wolves which they fought off with the loss of several dogs. The next morning they found the wolves had their den in a cave at the present location of Abingdon.

Boone and his companion thus gave the locality its first name, Wolf Hills. The name was retained until 1776, when a fort was erected on the lands of Joseph Black. The community then took the name of Black's Fort.

First settlers, all of whom secured their land from Dr. Thomas Walker, came around 1768-72. They were James Douglas, an elder in the Presbyterian Church who was later killed by Indians in Little Moccasin Gap; Andrew Calvin and Joseph Black, both captains in the Revolutionary Army who fought at the Battle of King's Mountain; Samuel Briggs, James Piper and the Rev. Charles Cummings.

Abingdon itself is a historic land-

mark. When Washington County was formed in 1778 it was the first locality in the world named for the great general of the Revolution. Abingdon was selected as the county seat, the name probably derived from Abingdon Parish, the home of Martha Washington.

Dr. Walker gave the land on which the town was built. Abingdon was the white man's frontier for many years and through this section went emigrants to Kentucky and the west.

### Forts Built

Russell County was formed in 1786 from Washington County and named for General William Russell, pioneer and soldier. An early fort in the section was known as Hamlin's Fort.

Scott County was formed in 1814 from Washington, Russell and Lee counties and named for General Winfield Scott, a commander of the army. In 1771 John Blackmore built a fort on the north bank of Clinch River and this section of the county today is known as Fort Blackmore.

By 1833 there were more than 250 houses in Abingdon and much of the wealth and culture of southwest Virginia was centered there.

Dickenson County, in 1880, was the last county formed in the area and the last and 100th in Virginia. It was named for W. J. Dickenson, a prominent businessman.

### Early Electric Companies

About 1910 John and Eddie Whited built a 250 kw steam generator in Scott County and started serving about 40 customers. C. W. Hoge bought the company in 1914 and built a generator on Big Moccasin Creek. About 1918 E. D. Collins of Bristol bought the company. He built a 2,300-volt line into Gate City after connecting to a line owned by the Penn Dixie Cement Company of Kingsport. Appalachian acquired the company in 1924.

The Abingdon Water and Light Company was formed about 1913 and built a plant consisting of two generators near the present storeroom.

About this time, four Edmondson brothers of Washington County started to construct a dam to supply power to the Abingdon Water and Light Company. D. A. Preston, manager of the Abingdon company, wrote his patrons on September 17, 1914:

"I am pleased, also, to state to those of our patrons who desire the use of day current and electric power that, under the franchise recently granted this company, work is now progressing on the dam of Edmondson Brothers, near Graham's Bridge, on the Middle Fork of the Holston River. This will be completed as early as possible, placing the Company in position to furnish all the day current and electric power that Abingdon will need for the next 100 years."



Upper left: Buyers bid on rich burley tobacco, a major source of income in the district. Upper right: A street scene in Gate City, county seat of Scott County. Lower left: A street scene in Clintwood, county seat of Dickenson County.



Lower right: Martha Washington Inn, built in 1830-32 by General Francis Preston, served as Martha Washington College during the early part of this century and became a hotel in 1937.

In 1916 the company was reorganized and became known as the Abingdon Utilities. It continued to operate the water works and in 1917 started supplying current for day use. J. F. Branson was manager. The first line built out of Abingdon was a 2,300-volt line out the White's Mill Road section to Abingdon Stock Farm.

The Edmondson brothers stopped construction of their dam during the first World War, but finished it in 1921. It consisted of one 250 kw generator. After this dam was completed the Edmondson brothers built lines to Meadowview, Glade Spring and Emory.

In 1924 they bought the Abingdon

about 40 customers. About 1920 a line was built from Appalachian's Moss substation at Clinchco to Clintwood and power was purchased from Appalachian. In 1926 Appalachian acquired the Clintwood Light and Power Company and rebuilt the town distribution system.

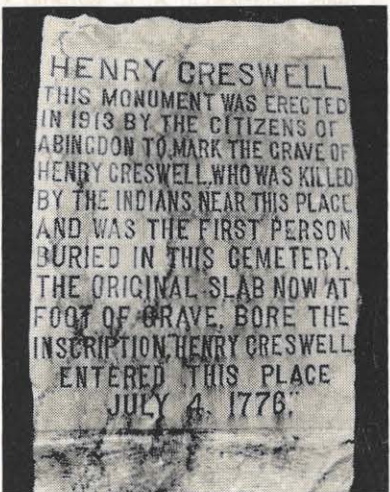
First electric service in Russell County was furnished about 1916 by the Lebanon Light Company. A gasoline driven generator supplied about 25 customers. Appalachian acquired the company in 1926. Prior to 1918 the Clinchfield Coal Corporation built and operated a steam plant at Clinchfield. After Appalachian built a 88 kv line into Elk Garden in 1918-19, the Cleveland Power and Light Company was formed and a line was built from Clinchfield to Cleveland. This company bought power from Appalachian until 1926 when it was acquired by Appalachian.

### District Formed

Prior to the formation of the Abingdon district, the counties of Russell and Dickenson were served by the Bluefield division, Scott County by Kingsport Utilities, Inc., and Washington County by the Pulaski district. When the Abingdon district was formed on July 1, 1948, there were 93 employees compared with today's 153 full-time employees. In addition to the four mentioned counties, a small part of Wise County is served.

Joe P. Gills is manager of the district which serves about 25,000 customers over 2,816 miles of line. Three veteran employees in the district are R. D. Wright, J. D. Russell and J. H. Davis.

"Uncle Dave" Wright, stores department, began his career in the lighting business when he was employed in the town of Damascus to keep about eight oil street lights burning. For his efforts, he received 15 cents a day. His service record with



Singing Spring Cemetery bears a marker commemorating the death of Henry Creswell who died fighting the Indians and was buried on the day the Declaration of Independence was proclaimed.

Utilities and operated their dam along with the steam plant in Abingdon. The company was known as the Edmondson Electric Company which also bought the Damascus Power and Light Company around 1922.

In 1938 the company became known as the Holston River Power Company. It was acquired by Appalachian in 1945 and operated as the Holston River Power Company until the Abingdon district was formed.

The Clintwood Light and Power Company started serving the county seat of Dickenson County about 1915 when C. J. Mullins built a small steam generator. The plant was later moved to another location which is still known as Power House Hollow. In 1917 the steam plant blew up, killing one man. At this time there were

Appalachian and its predecessors dates from July 1, 1909.

J. D. Russell, property records department, was employed in 1919 by the Kentucky River Power Company at Hazard. In 1930 he was transferred to the valuation department of the American Gas and Electric Company. In 1950 he was transferred to the Abingdon district.

"Jim" Davis was employed by the company in January of 1921 at Bluefield as a helper. In 1937 he became line foreman and helped build and maintain many of the lines served out of Bluefield before the Abingdon district was formed. In 1947 he was promoted to general foreman and transferred to Abingdon in 1948.

### Local Industries

The chief industries of Washington, Russell and Scott counties are tobacco and stock raising. The Abingdon Stock Market is the largest in the state. Last year about 93,000 head of stock was sold for almost \$7,000,000. The Abingdon Tobacco Market, with its eight large warehouses having a total floor space of almost 500,000 square feet, is the seventh largest burley market in the United States. In 1949-50 about 15,000,000 pounds of tobacco were sold and brought about \$7,000,000 into the area.

Chief industry of Dickenson County is coal mining. A large part of the Clinchfield Coal operation is in this mountainous county.

Nine miles east of Abingdon at Emory is Emory and Henry College, founded in 1836. Another institution of note is Washington County Technical School on Abingdon's outskirts.

Although many years have passed since ancestors paved the way for hearty pioneers, residents still refer to their area as "the gateway to the west." They say, and justifiably so, that here the history of the west began.



Abingdon District Office Building



R. D. Wright

J. H. Davis

J. D. Russell





**Kingsport Utilities**

**Kingsport**—15 YEARS: J. V. Proffett, meter department. 5 YEARS: George M. Smith, distribution department.

**Appalachian Electric Power Company**

**Abingdon District**—25 YEARS: Van E. Callihan, transmission and distribution department. 10 YEARS: John F. Elgin, miscellaneous department. 5 YEARS: James M. Orr, substation department.

**Beckley District**—15 YEARS: William M. Abbott, substation department, and Harry F. Arnott, local accounting. 5 YEARS: Robert Henry Price and Maxie C. Dwornick, transmission and distribution department.

**Bluefield District**—30 YEARS: A. L. Wellford, Jr., assistant division engineer. 20 YEARS: P. M. Trent, transportation department. 10 YEARS: Eldon W. Meador and Phil H. Fry, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: C. W. Hedrick, transmission and distribution department.

**Charleston District**—30 YEARS: R. M. Kirk, system meter department. 25 YEARS: J. W. Roach, line department. 10 YEARS: D. H. Caldwell, stores department. 5 YEARS: J. C. Frazier, T. P. Hull, L. C. Shaffer and E. L. Spencer, transmission and distribution department; J. G. Powell, substation department, and P. F. Curry, meter department.

**Glen Lyn Plant**—15 YEARS: Rutherford B. McKenzie, Basil J. Vest and Cecil H. Thompson, production department. 10 YEARS: Earlie B. Comer, production. 5 YEARS: Jack J. Neely, production.

**Huntington District**—30 YEARS: Charles Elam, transmission and distribution department. 25 YEARS: A. T. Wilks, managerial department, and A. R. Guthrie, centralized billing. 20 YEARS: Wilma Melrose, centralized billing. 5 YEARS: Ethel Hyldahl, transmission and distribution department.

**Pulaski District**—15 YEARS: B. N. Kidd, transmission and distribution department, and O'Neal Amos, personnel department. 5 YEARS: G. G. Roseberry, stores department; D. B. Smith, district engineering department, and P. L. Sowers, transmission and distribution department.

**Logan District**—15 YEARS: Paul H. Adams and Harold S. Trussell, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: Francis X. Coffey and Thomas J. Hanley, transmission and distribution.

**Roanoke District**—35 YEARS: A. H. Firebaugh, meter department. 25 YEARS: B. E. Burnett, line department, and Verdie E. Linkenhoker, local accounting. 20 YEARS: E. E. Echols, substation department. 10 YEARS: H. Jane Walker, local accounting. 5 YEARS: T. W. Abshire, meter department.

**System Offices**—25 YEARS: Glada B. Fleishman, accounting, and Ben Hoffman, substation. 5 YEARS: Ruth E. Poindexter and Nancy B. Kerfoot, accounting.

**Welch District**—10 YEARS: Elizabeth Ricci, managerial department.

**Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company**

**Ashland District**—25 YEARS: O. F. Sutphin, general accounting department.

**Hazard District**—10 YEARS: B. K. Ewen, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: Lorraine Brashear, local accounting, and Arnett Strong, engineering department.

**Pikeville District**—20 YEARS: F. M. Baker, district manager. 10 YEARS: John Rasnick, commercial department.

**Veterans Honored With Retirement Dinner**

Amos Fields, operator at the Sprigg substation, was honored at a retirement dinner held at the Mingo County Country Club on July 13. A veteran Williamson district employee with 36 years service with Appalachian and its predecessors, he retires in August.

Also honored at the dinner was John Cassell, maintenance man in the substation department, who retired in June after 22 years service.

T. M. Watkins acted as master of ceremonies. The dinner was attended by E. E. King, J. L. Richmond, J. W. Robinette, J. R. Hartzog, J. L. Gilbert, W. H. Stratton, E. J. Clouser, O. P. Cornelison, Jack Akers, Ernest Bailey and Everett Carrico.



John Cassell and Amos Fields, right, try their hands at shuffleboard before attending the retirement dinner held in their honor at the Mingo County Country Club.

**Civic Clubs Choose**

**Three Logan Employees**

Three employees were recently made officers in Logan civic clubs. W. H. Honaker, supervising engineer, was elected vice president of the Rotary Club while J. C. Hansbarger, district manager, was named to the board of directors of the club along with Dr. J. L. Patterson, company doctor.

Paul M. Vannoy, commercial department, was appointed director of the Logan Lions Club.

**Welch Families Enjoy Picnic At Claytor Lake**

Employees of the Welch district and their families attended the district's annual picnic and outing at Claytor Lake recently.

Ideal picnic weather gave the families an opportunity to enjoy a variety of entertainment and a tour through the Claytor hydro plant.

**These Veterans Have 370 Years Service**



These men and women received service pins for 20 or more years of service with the company during July. Top row: left to right, Charles Elam, 30 years, Huntington; A. L. Wellford, Jr., 30 years, Bluefield; R. M. Kirk, 30 years, Charleston; A. R. Guthrie, 25 years, Huntington. Second row: O. F. Sutphin, 25 years, Ashland; Ben Hoffman, 25 years, Roanoke; V. E. Callihan, 25 years,

Abingdon; J. W. Roach, 25 years, Charleston. Third row: Glada B. Fleishman, 25 years, Roanoke; A. T. Wilks, 25 years, Huntington; Verdie E. Linkenhoker, 25 years, Roanoke; F. M. Baker, 20 years, Pikeville. Bottom row: E. E. Echols, 20 years, Roanoke; P. M. Trent, 20 years, Bluefield, and Wilma Melrose, 20 years, Huntington.



**Appalachian Electric Power Company**

**Beckley District**—Alma Miller from clerk-stenographer to senior merchandise order and billing clerk; Frances Jones from junior clerk to clerk-stenographer; Bonnie Evans and Flora Bott from junior cashier-clerk to senior cashier-clerk, and Regina Slayton from junior contract clerk to senior contract clerk.

**Charleston District**—L. D. Balding from assistant credit manager to utility clerk; Dorothy Juanita Hively from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer; Ardith Hubbard from clerk-typist to authorization clerk; D. F. Purvis from engineering clerk to engineering assistant; Kenna Judy from engineering clerk to engineering assistant; R. E. Givens from junior meter reader to senior meter reader, and J. E. Lovejoy from junior meter reader to senior meter reader.

**Fieldale District**—John W. Vaughan from district commercial supervisor to district commercial manager, and H. Earl Bullard from truck driver-groundman to rural sales representative.

**Lynchburg District**—G. C. Golladay from troubleman A to troubleman B.

**Logan Plant**—Cora L. Straughan from junior clerk to junior time record clerk; Carl R. Shepherd from plant janitor to laborer; John R. Chapman from utility operator A to boiler auxiliary equipment operator C; C. E. McComas from utility operator B to utility operator A, and Buell Cook from laborer to utility operator B.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—Wallace Y. Stewart from filter plant operator to results helper; Clarence A. Bradford from laborer to filter plant operator and sampler; Norman L. Yauger from coal handler to maintenance helper; W. B. Cremeans from laborer to coal handler; Charles B. Gordon, Denver L. Rice, Sydney P. Fitzgerald, Robert S. Lutton, William L. Will, and Franklin H. Bailey all from laborer to maintenance helper.

**Kingsport Utilities**

**Kingsport**—Andy Skelton from boiler operator B to boiler operator A, and Charles P. Mae from plant maintenance man helper to plant maintenance man B.

**Dr. J. L. Dunlap Has Medicine Trademark**



Getting ready to put his well-known "trademark" around a bottle of medicine, Dr. J. L. Dunlap tears out a page of the Saturday Evening Post. He says, "I've always been a Post reader and found out early that they make good wrapping paper, too." Dr. Dunlap, the subject of an article which recently appeared in the Charleston Daily Mail, is the father of C. W. Dunlap, meter supervisor in the Huntington district. It is estimated that Dr. Dunlap has delivered about 5,000 babies in his 54 years of practicing medicine at Red House, Bancroft and, since 1940, Nitro.

**Power Makers Enjoy Recent Wiener Roast**

About one hundred and fifty members of the Cabin Creek Power Makers' Club attended a recent wiener roast on Cabin Creek Island.

In addition to a variety of foods, a number of entertaining games and contests were enjoyed.



**Nineteen Men Finish First Aid Classes**



A Number of Christiansburg, Virginia, employees of the Pulaski district recently completed the American Red Cross standard first aid course. Instructions were given by W. H. Spangler of Pulaski. Members of the class awarded certificates, shown above, left to right, front row, are: W. H. Spangler, instructor; B. M. Vassar, J. J. Duncan, Ed Grantham and A. P. Jones who is demonstrating artificial respiration upon C. A. Kidd. Standing, left to right: W. M. Gilmore, H. D. Bower, T. F. Lindamood, H. M. Lawrence, R. E. Lawrence, R. W. Ruble, J. M. Custer, R. M. Proffitt, A. B. Correl, E. P. Turman, W. W. Ballinger, C. H. Wirt, F. R. Cecil, and R. D. Byrd.

**Roanoke . . .**

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the executive office, vacated at Virginia Beach; J. W. Smith, commercial department, at Cincinnati; Mrs. Jack Barnes, system personnel department, at Myrtle Beach; A. R. Main, civil engineering department, at Myrtle Beach.

Clyde Skeen, civil engineering department, has recuperated from a sprained ankle received while playing softball for the A.E.P. Maroons.

**Roanoke District**

Vacationers: W. C. Reynolds, meter department, and family, vacated at Knoxville; P. A. Grisso, meter department, and family, at Gatesville and Virginia Beach; R. E. Leftwich, meter department, and family and W. E. Webb, at Nags Head; Mrs. Leslie T. Laughon, PBX operator, in West Virginia.

B. H. McKeever and family visited B. H. McKeever, Jr., at Fort Knox. He returned with them for a six-day leave before returning to attend leadership school.

Bobby Saul is a new employee in the supply room.

Eunice Pillow, telephone operator, is a new employee replacing Teresa Carberry who resigned.

M. A. Nester, Rocky Mount lineman, is recuperating from a back injury.

Vacationers: A. J. Lambert, rural representative at Rocky Mount, and family, vacated at Lansdale, Pa.; Mrs. George Reid, Rocky Mount office, and husband, at Daytona Beach; E. W. Holland, Rocky Mount office, and family, at Myrtle Beach; Joyce Hancock, local accounting office,

at Virginia Beach; Lee Roy Spangler, switchboard operator, in Florida; Mary Lou Wirt, cashier, at Washington and in Florida; Bertha Baldwin, mailing department, at Nags Head.

Raymond Williams is a new employee in the local accounting office as mail clerk.

Vacationers: L. H. Price, service department, and family, vacated at Washington, Baltimore and Williamsburg; W. S. Jones, substation department, and family, at Montreat, N. C.; Dewey Henry, stores department, and family, at Peru, Ind.; A. M. Beatty, stores department, and family, at Norfolk and Washington.

Louise Lewis, home economist, has returned to work following an appendectomy.

Vacationers: W. S. Shanks, substation department, vacated in Florida; J. W. Peery, service department, and wife, and C. I. Dixon, meter department, and wife, toured six states; H. R. Miller, pay-roll department, and family, at Hungry Mother Park; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Willis, at Martinsville; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Jacobs, at Virginia Beach; Mary Spangler, pay-roll department, at Daytona Beach.

Vacationers: P. A. Hartman, service department, and family, vacated at Ocean View; D. M. Rumsell, rural-residential sales department, at Chicago where he attended the Elks' Convention as a delegate from the Roanoke lodge; Mrs. Louise Snyder, in the New England States and Canada; John P. Jett, at Morehead City; Mrs. Betty Thrasher and husband, at Hot Springs where he participated in the State Amateur Golf Tournament; Joy and Harry Nash, at Daytona Beach and Miami; Martha Kirchner, at Myrtle Beach.

**Ashland "Old-Timers" Hold Picnic**



Members and wives of the Ashland Quarter Century Club are shown helping themselves at the annual picnic at Armco Park in Ashland. The "Old-Timers," as they are often called, enjoyed a variety of entertainment. D. V. Lockwood and H. S. Scott won the horseshoe pitching honors over R. L. Gordan and H. T. Mitchell.

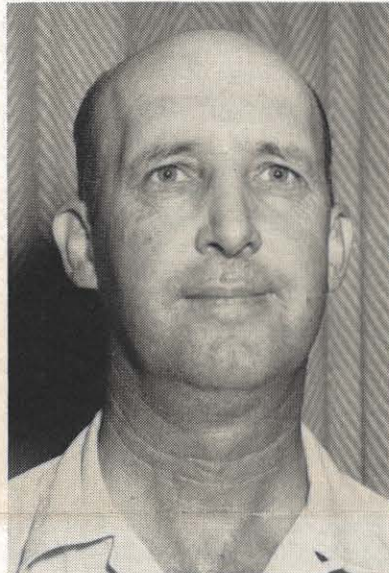
**Furr And Lawrence Elected To Key Posts In Roanoke Scouting**

G. L. Furr and J. D. Lawrence were elected to key posts in the seventeen-county Roanoke Area Council of Boy Scouts of America. The announcement was made by N. W. Kelley, president, following the recent election of officers at the 38th Annual Council Meeting.

Mr. Furr was elected vice president of the council and a member of the area's executive board. He also was appointed a member of the area's finance committee. He is assistant general manager of Appalachian.

Mr. Lawrence was elected a member of the executive council and was appointed chairman of the organization and extension committee. He is assistant Roanoke division manager.

**Alvin H. Firebaugh Completes 35 Years Service At Roanoke**



Mr. Firebaugh

Alvin H. Firebaugh, a serviceman of the Roanoke meter department, completed 35 years of service with the Appalachian Electric Power Company and its predecessors early in July.

Mr. Firebaugh began his career in the electrical industry at the age of eighteen on July 5, 1916. From those early days, he has seen the Roanoke district grow from 6,000 to more than 50,000 customers.

Alvin has rendered practically every type of service that has been assigned to the department and has installed a large number of meters in Roanoke.

Aside from hunting and his work, Mr. Firebaugh's greatest pleasures come from entertaining his three grandchildren, the children of Mr. Firebaugh's two married daughters.

**Thomas Vickers Dies At Cabin Creek Plant**

Twenty-seven-year-old Thomas W. Vickers, a Cabin Creek Plant employee of less than three months, died at work July 7, following a cerebral hemorrhage.

Tommy, who was a nephew of Boiler Operator D. C. Vickers, was born and lived in the vicinity of the Cabin Creek Plant most of his life. In a short time, he had become a popular employee among his fellow workers and was recently elected co-captain of the plant's 1951 softball team. From 1941 to 1947, he served in the U. S. Navy as an aviation hydraulics specialist.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Vickers of Chelyan; Mrs. Sally Belcher of Chelyan, an aunt, and Mr. Vickers.

**'Sugar 'N Spice' Cooking School Held In Bluefield For Twelve Young Girls**



Young students attending Bluefield's recent "Sugar 'N Spice" cooking school are shown above. The young cooks, left to right, are: Willie Sue Woods, Kitty Bostian, Nancy Brown, Anne Giles, instructor, Anne Wolford, Linde McNeer, Carol Hailman, Susan Dodd, Carol White, Lucille Gills, instructor, Kay Mitchell, Marcia McMullin and Nancy Buchanan.

The first session of a series of "Sugar 'N Spice" cooking schools for girls between nine and twelve years of age was recently completed in Bluefield. The first class was composed of six employees' daughters and six of their friends. A second class has already begun.

In the first series, using a Westinghouse cookbook, Anne Giles and Lucille Gills instructed the class. The first day the girls were shown the correct way to use an electric range and prepared a breakfast. Next, they cooked lunch, then made cakes and cookies on the third day. On the fourth and final day, candies and punch were made to complete a menu for a party for their mothers.

Upon completion of the course, the girls were presented certificates of merit, aprons, chef hats and cookbooks.

Employee's daughters taking part in the school were: Kitty Bostian, daughter of Marvin M. Bostian; Nancy Brown, daughter of Shirley M. Brown; Susan Dodd, daughter of J. S. Dodd; Carol White, daughter of J. W. White; Ann Wolford, daughter of J. R. Wolford, and Willie Sue Woods, daughter of Frank Woods.

**Painter Is Chairman Of S.E.E. Committee**

B. D. Painter, Bluefield division commercial manager, was recently appointed chairman of the power sales committee of the Southeastern Electric Exchange. He has been identified with the committee for a number of years and has appeared on the committee's programs on numerous occasions.

The committee consists of representatives of all major power companies of the southeastern section, organized to accumulate and disseminate information of mutual interest relating to the sale of power to industries.

**Griffin, Mitchell Promoted In System Accounting**



Mr. Griffin Mr. Mitchell

G. D. Griffin and Thomas R. Mitchell have been promoted in the system accounting office. Griffin is now stores auditor while Mitchell is assistant department supervisor of the electric plant accounting department.

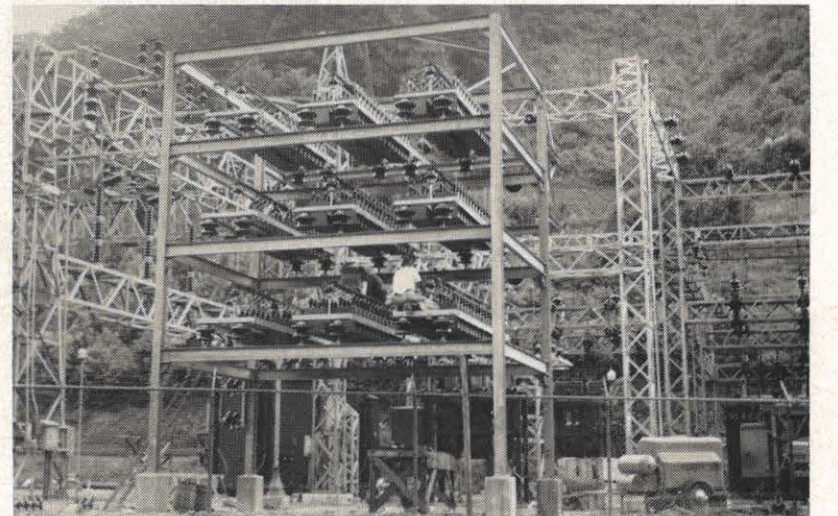
A native of Kentucky, Mr. Griffin was employed in 1930 by the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company in Ashland as storeroom clerk. Transferred to the substation department as station operator, he returned to Ashland as assistant storekeeper and became stores supervisor in 1936.

He was transferred to Appalachian in 1947 as assistant stores auditor at Roanoke. In 1950 he became administrative assistant in the system accounting office.

Thomas R. "Tommy" Mitchell was employed by Appalachian 23 years ago as a messenger and mail boy in the accounting office. He worked in the invoice and accounts payable department before being transferred in 1931 to the electric plant department as a machine operator. In 1948 he became head of the work order section.

Marshall C. Griggs has been promoted to the position vacated by Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Griggs has been an employee since 1938 in the accounting office where he spent most of his service in the work order section of the electric plant department.

**New Equipment Installed At Grundy**



Major additions to increase capacities are being made at the Grundy, Virginia, substation. Shown above, contractor's men are completing the installation of a three-phase, 15,000 kva regulating transformer and a 5,925 kvar capacitor.



## Veteran Appalachian Employee R. T. Phelps Receives 40-Year Pin

When R. T. Phelps received his 40-year service pin he became the employee with the longest record of continuous service with the original Appalachian Power Company. He is the Bluefield division supervising civil engineer.

Graduating in 1910 from Washington and Lee University with a degree in civil engineering, he was employed as a draftsman in Bluefield on July 10, 1911. In 1914 he was transferred to the field where he served as transitman and chief of party. He was later placed in charge of right of way and land surveys and drafting.

Since then he has walked almost every mile of line in the Bluefield and much of the Roanoke divisions. Even today he is known for his brisk pace while walking.

Married and the father of four children, he has a son who has worked with the company for 13 years. Mr. Phelps is a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Bluefield



R. T. Phelps is congratulated before receiving his 40-year service pin from J. P. Gills, Bluefield division manager.

Chamber of Commerce. He is a past officer of the Masonic Blue Lodge and Royal Arch associations in Bluefield and of the Eastern Star.

He is also a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers and the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Although he has no hobby by the usual definition, he enjoys working around his home and garden.

## Federal Law Affects Insurance Change For Employees In Service

The company has discontinued reimbursing employees in military service for National Service Life Insurance premiums. This change became effective May 1 after the Servicemen's Indemnity and Insurance Act of 1951 was passed in April.

Under the new law, \$10,000 of life insurance is automatically granted persons entering military service without any cost to them. Therefore, each employee in military service will be covered by insurance, thus carrying out the company's intention for all such employees to have the benefit of life insurance.

Final checks covering reimbursement for the period from January 1, 1951, to May 1, 1951, will be delivered to payees. All other benefits to employees entering military service remain the same.

## Speas's Article Printed In "Electrical World"

R. W. Speas, superintendent of the Kanawha Valley Power Company, was the author of an article appearing in the June issue of the *Electrical World*. Mr. Speas's article, "Puller Removes OCB'S Without Personal Hazard," was based upon his original manuscript which was printed in A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes.

## Employee And Husband Injured In Accident

Mrs. E. J. Fitzgibbon, Logan district accounting department, and her husband were injured in an automobile accident near Madison on July 6.

She suffered a fractured leg and her husband a dislocated and fractured leg. They were sent to Madison General Hospital and later transferred to Logan General Hospital.

## Pikeville Office Manager Spends His Leisure Hours In Woodworking Shop



Hollis Flanagan is shown as he displays several wood-working projects he completed in his hobby shop.

In sharp contrast to his daily duties, Hollis R. Flanagan, who is employed as Pikeville's local office manager, spends many of his leisure hours turning out woodworking projects.

In most cases, Hollis's projects are not too easy. He prefers precision work with cherry and other hard woods. He has completed hundreds of items that range from assorted lawn furniture to picture frames.

Some of his most recent woodworking projects included a modernistic clock, an assortment of lamps, pipe

racks, picture frames and other household furnishings.

Through the years, Hollis has gradually built and equipped his shop until he now has a complete assortment of power tools. His tools include a planer, drill press, bench saw, joiner, jig saw, band saw, emery wheel, lathe, belt sander, mitre saw, hand drill, vibrating sander and other assorted woodworking tools.

Twenty-three 20-inch cherry boards are among his prized possessions.

## Welch Employees Help Plan County's First Fair

Several Welch district employees are helping to plan McDowell County's first county fair. Among those actively engaged in the project are Sank Smith, general chairman; F. M. Cloyd, Earle Wood and Mildred Edwards.

The McDowell County Fair group will encourage exhibits in livestock and agriculture, handicraft, canning, baking and other classifications. The fair will be in progress September 7-8.

The project is sponsored by the newly organized Black Diamond Chapter of the Friends of the Land.

## Huntington . . .

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ment, and her husband, at Norfolk; Robert L. Widner, line department, and family, at Detroit; T. L. Henritze, Sr., line foreman, and family, at Williamsburg and Lynchburg; Mrs. Charles Lovelace, accounting department, and husband, at Baltimore, Washington and Roanoke; Nicholas Roomy, Jr., accounting department, and family, New York, Washington and Lynchburg; Z. R. Queen, line department, at Hungry Mother Park at Marion.

R. D. Blevins, meter department, is recuperating after an appendectomy.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Gladys Curry, cost records department, on the death of her grandmother.

Dorothy H. Browne is the new maid at the Main office.

Vacationers: M. H. Stevenson, meter supervisor, and wife, and Lester Toler, Madison office, and wife, vacationed in Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gosney and Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Wood, at Watoga State Park near Huntersville; Mrs. Clovis Messinger, cost records department, and husband, at Nashville; R. H. Wheatley and family, Cincinnati and Louisville.

Mrs. Faith D. Harris is a new employee in the accounting department. Eddie E. Edmondson is a new employee in the line department replacing Jimmy L. McComas who resigned.

Marshall Stevenson, Jr., son of the meter superintendent, underwent two weeks' training at Dover Air Force Base as a member of the Logan Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

Vacationers: Frances Thompson, cost records department, vacationed at Fort Gay with her sister; Joseph Kovich, engineering department, and wife, at Cabwaylingo Park and Cincinnati; Earl R. Hill, engineering department, at Virginia Beach and Cincinnati; Mrs. Johnny Pozega, home economist, and husband, at Lake Erie and Lake Chataouqua; Paul M. Vannoy, commercial department, and family, Durham and Oak Ridge; June Davis, stores department, and Margaret Tyler, line department, at Myrtle Beach.

John Herbert Evans is a new meter reader replacing William M. Chatfield who resigned.

H. S. Trussell, engineering department, was installed as Post Americanism Officer for Post 19 of the American Legion. O. L. Bennett, commercial department, was named as delegate to the state convention in Charleston with Mr. Trussell as an alternate.

Vacationers: Chester Elkins, commercial department, and wife, vacationed at Denver; Mrs. Edward Slater, accounting department, and husband, at St. Petersburg, Jacksonville and Tampa; Edith Jane Overton, home economist, in Ohio, and attended graduation exercises at Asbury College, her alma mater; Mr. and Mrs. Maywood Williams, at Point Pleasant, Huntington and Milton.

## Roanoke Employee's Sons

## Ronnie Irby Wins 1951 Soap Box Derby While Aubrey Pullen Wins First Heat



Ronnie Irby, extreme right, proudly displays the winner's trophy he won in the 1951 Roanoke Soap Box Derby. Mr. and Mrs. Irby, 18-month-old Julia Ann, and the runner-up, Billy Whitlow, look on approvingly.

Ronnie Irby, 13-year-old son of J. C. Irby, who is employed at the Roanoke garage, won the 1951 Roanoke Soap Box Derby. Ronnie drove his sleek racer down the 1,100-foot slope on Stone Mountain and flashed across the finish line to edge last year's "B" Division champion by a half-length in the final derby heat.

Ronnie covered the distance in 33.4 seconds. The winning time was not the best time of the day nor Ronnie's fastest sprint down the speedway. Young Ronnie's consistent driving resulted in speeds of 33.32 for the first heat, 33.30 for second-round race and the Class "A" finals in 32.91.

### Pullen Wins Heat

In one of the closest races of the derby, Aubrey S. Pullen, Jr., son of Aubrey S. Pullen of the Roanoke distribution department, won his heat. Aubrey nosed a Galax, Va., entry to win the heat in 33.92. As Aubrey crossed the finish line after a nip and tuck race, he glanced over his shoulder and saw that he had won. A big smile of satisfaction crossed his face.

Young Pullen, however, was defeated in the next round by Ronnie.

A number of observers credited Ronnie's victory to his father who had drilled him in driving until he was able to take advantage of every bump and straddled manhole covers with ease. His skillful driving was believed to have been Ronnie's margin over the other finalist who had been Division "B" champion for two consecutive years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Irby were very proud of their son's achievements in winning the southwest Virginia event. Ronnie will represent Roanoke at the National Soap Box Derby in Akron.



Aubrey S. Pullen, Jr., who ran one of the closest races of the derby, is shown seated in his derby racer.

## Bluefield . . .

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Head. Gordon Craig has returned after two weeks' training with the Army reserves at Camp Campbell.

John O. Rasnick, employee on military leave, recently visited employees in Gate City.

Louise Gilmer, home economist, has been transferred to Lebanon from Bluefield.

Lt. Jack M. Carter, son of the serviceman at Lebanon, is temporarily employed by the company before entering V.P.I. this fall. He recently graduated from Hargrave Military Academy with honors.

### Pulaski District

Mrs. Georgie M. Edwards is a new employee in the Christiansburg office replacing Velma Wirt who has resigned.

R. T. Ellett is recovering from flash burns on his arms and hands received while working at the Galax substation.

## New Office Opened In Logan District



A new Logan district office at Man, W. Va., shown above, was formally opened to the public Saturday, July 21. The new quarters, established to serve area customers, is equipped with a large business office, community room and a demonstration kitchen. The new office will be staffed by Paul Jeffrey, area representative; Martha Booth, home economist; A. M. Payton, local representative; Dawna J. Perry, cashier, and Dorothy Browne, maid.

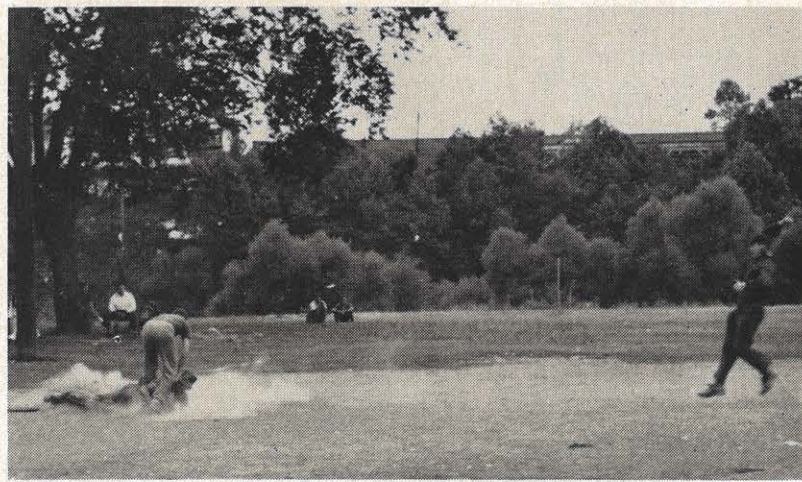




# Pikeville, Huntington, Roanoke, Kingsport Assured Berths in Southern Properties' Softball Tournament

Pikeville, Huntington, Roanoke and Kingsport are assured of berths in the Southern Properties' softball tournament to be played in Kingsport, August 17 and 18. Beckley, the defending champion, and Charleston will play August 4 to determine the Charleston division entry. The Bluefield division tournament will also be played on August 4. Five teams will play for the right to represent the Bluefield division. They are: Welch, Pulaski, Abingdon and Bluefield districts and the Glen Lyn Plant.

## Cabin Creek's Tourney Hopes Blasted



A camera registers a close play in the recent Charleston area softball eliminations. Charleston district's fast thinking third sacker tags a sliding Cabin Creek player for a put out in a cloud of dust. To the right, the umpire indicates the out with a raised arm at the peak of action. Charleston won their games with the Powermakers 18-6 and 12-6.

**Charleston Eliminations**  
Five teams were entered in the Charleston division tournament, which was a best two of three game series elimination. In the first round, teams from Sporn and Cabin Creek plants were eliminated by Beckley and Charleston. In the second round Pt. Pleasant lost a sizzling series to Charleston.

Charleston's Lewis Goeller pitched a no-hitter to win the first contest from Pt. Pleasant 3 to 0 and after faltering in the second game, which Pt. Pleasant won 9 to 2, came back to win the third contest 4 to 3.

In the first round games Beckley won two straight from Sporn by scores of 10 to 0 and 3 to 2. Charleston shattered Cabin Creek's hopes in two straight victories 18 to 6 and 12 to 6.

The Huntington district team to two straight victories in the Huntington division playoffs at Williamson. Baker shut out Williamson 4 to 0. He came back to hurl a 6 to 2 victory over Logan in the finals of the tourney. Rain delayed the first game and the Williamson commercial department provided lunch for all of the ball players.

Neither Kingsport nor Roanoke had to play eliminations, since only one team was active in each area.

## A Hole-In-One



Mr. Bivens

"Making a hole-in-one is a great thrill," declared W. E. Bivens, a Logan district sales representative, after he had accomplished the feat. Bivens, who has been playing golf for 20 years, had, like all golfers,

dreamed of making a hole-in-one. Now, he can speak with authority. He carded his ace while playing near Madison, W. Va., July 14. His foursome included H. A. Whitten and Raymond Corn, both of Logan, and Arbie Edwards, a Madison area representative for the company.

Bivens' fellow golfers explained the event this way, "Bivens selected an eight iron at the number 3 tee and whaled away. The ball hit a little short of the 150-yard green, rolled over the rim to the peg and trickled into the cup."

## Princeton Beats Glen Lyn

In a recent area softball game, the Glen Lyn Steam Plant suffered a 6 to 0 shutout when they were beaten by the Princeton, West Virginia, Presbyterian Church team.

**Kentucky Tournament**  
In Ashland, a two-day double elimination tournament was held with Hazard losing two to Ashland and Ashland losing two contests to Pikeville. Shorty Click pitched Ashland to a 10 to 3 triumph over Hazard in the first game Friday afternoon. In the second contest Friday night, Pikeville's Bob Weddle, who relieved starting pitcher Curt Charles, won 11 to 9 over Ashland. Weddle hit the only home run of the game.

In a Saturday morning encounter, Hazard dropped its second straight to Ashland 13 to 4 with Don Bolner being the winning hurler. In a hard-fought final contest, Chomper Layne provided the clincher for Pikeville in the seventh inning after the bases had been intentionally loaded and with the score tied at nine. Layne's hit drove across the winning run to give Pikeville a 10 to 9 victory and the Kentucky championship.

### Huntington Wins

Huntington's Paul Baker pitched

## Welch Softball Team Holds Second Place In 1951 County League

The Welch district softball team, playing in the Wyoming County Softball League, now holds second place in the championship race.

The Welch nine, playing a two-game-a-week schedule, have given a splendid account of themselves and hope to compete in the league's finals.

District employees playing under the AEP banner are: R. A. Jones, manager; Walter Thomas, captain; R. H. Ruff, Bill Smith, W. B. Belchee, F. W. Richards, Bob Smith, Paul Hall, K. P. Sutherland, H. H. Bivens, Jack Green, Andy Horne, Harold Walters, Millard Gibson, Ralph Cook, Ray Franklin, Pete Hendrick, Perry Hatmaker and Ray Nunnery.

## Two Roanoke Softball Teams Tied For League Honors



The AEP Roanoke district Maroon and Gold softball teams are shown above. The Maroons, left, front row, left to right, are: R. G. Bible, A. L. Hall, I. B. Peters, C. R. Paxton, T. C. Slugocki and B. L. Saul. Back row, left to right: D. W. Ayers, H. L. Webb, R. F. Howard, J. R. Watkins, G. C. Warrick, and J. W. Whitenack. R. G. Taylor, H. E. Chocklett, C. E. Skeen, R. C. Shaffer, E. T. Thurman and L. A. Chatman are absent from the picture. Gold team



members, left to right, front row, are: W. A. Henley, R. L. Wright, W. E. Webb, and J. W. Thomas, Jr. Back row, left to right: B. F. Shelton, D. W. Henry, R. E. Leftwich, L. M. Fulcher and K. K. Hubbard. Elmer Haga, J. K. Hutcherson, C. P. Williams, C. E. Warrick, Ronnie Taylor, W. F. Keehne, Jr., and R. E. Dennis are absent from this photograph.

Roanoke district softball fans are excited over their prospects of having a championship softball team.

Of the two district teams, the AEP Maroons captured the first half of the City Industrial League's 1951 race. Now, both Appalachian entries are deadlocked for the league's first-place berth.

As they round out the second half, both the Gold and Maroon teams have identical records. Each has accounted for seven victories while losing single games.

Following a recent softball meeting, players elected to the Roanoke district team for the system tournament were: Dewey Henry, manager; Roy

Howard, scorekeeper; Doss Ayers, equipment manager; R. E. Leftwich, J. W. Whitenack, R. C. Simmons, R. E. Bible, E. B. Ferguson, R. L. Wright, C. E. Warrick, K. K. Hubbard, A. L. Hall, B. T. Bryant, J. R. Watkins, G. C. Warrick, I. B. Peters, H. L. Webb and J. W. Thomas.

## 1951 Tournament Pairings

Kingsport Utilities		
Fri. Aug. 17 3:00 P. M. (Game No. 1)		
Roanoke District		
Fri. Aug. 17 7:00 P. M. (Game No. 3)		
Winner of Huntington Division Area	Consolation Game Sat. Aug. 18 6:30 P. M.	Championship Game Sat. Aug. 18 7:30 P. M.
Winner of Ky. & W. Va. Power Co.		
Fri. Aug. 17 8:30 P. M. (Game No. 4)		
Winner of Charleston Division Area		
Fri. Aug. 17 4:30 P. M. (Game No. 2)		
Winner of Bluefield Division Area		

## Kingsport Wins Two Of Three Games

Rolling into the second half of the Kingsport Industrial Softball League's games, the Kingsport Utilities' squad has accounted for two victories in three starts.

Howard Wexler has been carrying the mound assignment with Wilson Trumbo behind the plate. J. V. Carter is at first base; Jim Ward, second; Ralph Morrison, third; J. G. Rayfield, short stop; Carl Riddle, left field; M. C. Simpson, center field, and Wayne Matthews, right field. Other team members are: Jesse Carter, George Smith, Jim Arnold, James Johnson and Rhea Jennings.

## Hartford Tigers Win First Half Of Series

Philip Sporn Plant employees and sons of employees have assisted the Hartford Tigers baseball team in winning the first half of the "Little World Series."

The series games were held after playing-off two tied positions in the league standings.

Plant personnel and their relatives playing with the "Tigers" are: Ralph Gibbs, president of the Hartford Tigers, Inc., Willis Dudding, Carl Tennant, Robert Gilmore, Alfred Smith, Jr., son of A. L. Smith, and Newt Tennant, son of Clarence Tennant.

## Spend Vacation Fishing In Canada



Ed Jarrett, a Cabin Creek Plant employee, is shown above with Mrs. Jarrett as they proudly display an early morning catch while fishing near North Bay, Ontario, Canada. The Jarretts, who were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Humphreys, caught more fish than they could manage. Ninety pounds of dressed fish were brought home while the greater part of the catch was either eaten or given away. Jarrett said, "If you want a real vacation—and an economical one—make it a point to drive to North Bay at the right time of year. You can't miss."



## Pleasure And Economy In Workshop



C. A. Zoellers, Hazard district commercial manager, is shown in the home workshop which he has had for 15 months. His woodworking hobby furnishes enjoyment while he makes home repairs economically. He says that he also enjoys making toys for his children. He has built shelves, tables, screen doors and windows for home use in addition to the tilt saw on the left, excepting the metal parts. He has specifications for the saw if any other woodworking enthusiasts are interested.

## Rural Line Building Figures Are Above Average For The Nation

When National Rural Electrification Week is observed from August 26 to September 1, the rural program of the Southern Properties will be higher than the national average of 95 per cent. In fact, our huge rural line building program will be 99 per cent complete by the end of this year.

By the end of the program, it is estimated that our three companies will be serving 259,642 customers over 30,085 miles of rural line.

At the end of June, 248,417 rural and farm customers were being served over 28,574 miles of rural line in the Southern Properties. Of these, 195,800 were Appalachian customers; 46,866, Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company; 5,751, Kingsport Utilities.

During the first six months of this year, an additional 7,292 rural customers were connected by the three companies. Of these, 5,647 were connected by Appalachian; 1,411 by Kentucky and West Virginia; 234 by Kingsport.

Within this same six-month period, there were 813 miles of rural line energized, 615 of which were built by Appalachian. Kentucky and West

Virginia built 191 miles of rural line while Kingsport added seven.

The average length of rural extension work during the first half of 1951 was slightly over one-tenth of a mile per job. The anticipated program during the last half of the year will be slightly less per job, indicating that the big rural extension program involving long lines and large groups of customers is finished.

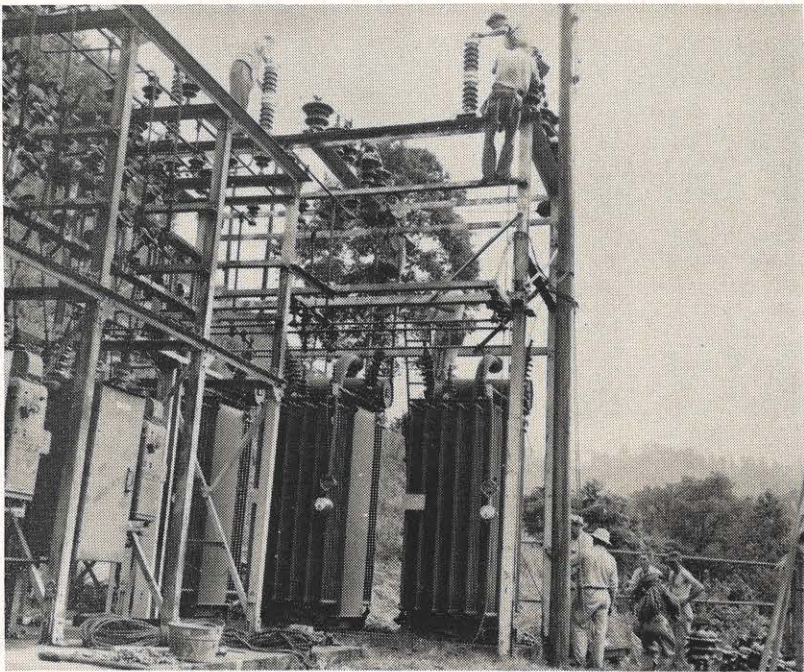
There will continue to be a few customers to be connected along existing lines, some of which did not connect when the original line was built while others have built new homes since the line was constructed. However, the general area coverage plan in the Southern Properties is virtually complete.

### Keehne Named To Post In Southeastern Exchange

W. F. Keehne, system office manager, has been named vice chairman of the accounting section of the Southeastern Electric Exchange.

The appointment was announced recently by J. W. Talley, managing director of Southeastern.

## Substation Work Proceeding Rapidly



Replacement of switches in several 44 kv distribution substations in the Pikeville district has been proceeding at a rapid rate. New switches and arrestors were installed at the Lackey substation, pictured above, in five hours, one hour less than the time planned. Static wire was removed from the 44 kv line between Gibson and Lackey substation concurrent with the switch changing. The work, requiring the station be deenergized, was done on Sunday for the customer's convenience. Shown in the photo are C. A. McKinney, Garnie Edmonds, Corbin Bobbitt, Hylton Williamson, Otto Stratton, Ernie Brashear, R. C. Anders, James Burke, Ireland Charles, H. M. Eagle and Denver Layne.

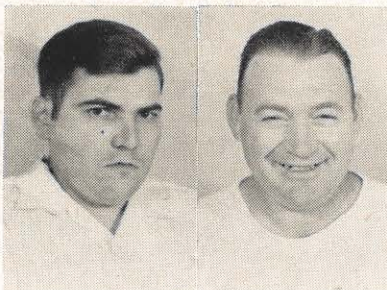
## More Answers Needed

Many answers have been received to the employee information program questionnaires sent last month in THE ILLUMINATOR. However, more replies will make the current study of answers more comprehensive.

If you have not filled in your questionnaire, do so today. Seal it and drop it in the mail. The employee information program is yours, say what you think of it.

A final report of all answers will be made in the September issue of THE ILLUMINATOR.

## Four Sporn Men Are Recognized in A.G.&E. Operating Notes



Mr. Lease

Mr. Arnold



Mr. Clarke

Mr. Smith

Four Philip Sporn Plant employees recently received recognition when their articles appeared in the June issue of A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes. A. L. Smith and E. H. Clarke were co-originators of "Grounding Fan Rotors While Arc Welding" while K. E. Arnold and R. S. Lease were co-authors of an article entitled, "Flashlight Adapted for Fuse Testing."

Smith and Clarke designed and manufactured a grounding device for use while welding fan rotors. The device permits the fan to be rotated without changing the position of the clamp.

Arnold and Lease based their article upon their experiments in designing and using an ordinary flashlight for testing of fuses. One simple modification is all that is required to convert the flashlight into a tester and this change does not sacrifice the primary purpose of the light.

### Ed Stump Answers Victim's Aid Plea

Ed Stump answered three requests on July 4, two usual and one unusual.

This Huntington district transmission and distribution department employee received a trouble call from a customer in West Huntington. The customer asked Stump to take down the wires running through his tree so that he could have the tree removed. Stump took the lines down.

That afternoon Stump was called again to replace the wires. When he arrived, he found a man lying on the ground under the tree. Two men were helping remove the tree from the injured man who was asking for an ambulance.

Stump used his truck radio to call the city ambulance which came to take the man to a hospital where he is recovering from a back injury.

## Who Lowered The Boom?

## Freak Lightning Bolt Strikes Crane, Shocking Three Kingsport Groundmen

The sun was shining, the storm a considerable distance away. Suddenly a freak lightning bolt struck a crane used to erect light poles at a softball diamond. Three Kingsport groundmen received minor shocks.

James Johnson, George Smith and Charles Hand, under the supervision of Jack Morrison, line foreman, were securing temporary down guys to wooden pegs on July 18 when the lightning struck. The bolt hit the top of a boom attached to the crane being used to erect the poles, raced through steel cables to the pole and down the guy wires.

Johnson was rushed to a first aid station where he was treated for severe headache. When asked if he knew what happened, he replied that Howard Wexler had punched him right between the eyes. Wexler is a



James Johnson, center, thought someone had lowered the boom when freak lightning bolt shocked him. George Smith, left, and Charles Hand.

Kingsport lineman and softball pitcher.

### Lynchburg Employees Save Fisherman's Car

Five Lynchburg district employees recently became emergency firemen to save a fisherman's car.

J. G. Giles had parked his car to go fishing above Reusens dam when employees noticed that his car was filled with smoke. M. H. Burgess, C. H. McCarthy, J. A. Porter, W. R. Worley, Jr., and Morris Lewis ran to the car.

They used three extinguishers to put out the fire. The back seat and side upholstery of the fisherman's car were burned but the action of employees saved the car from total loss.

Not being completely upset about the incident and seeing that the emergency firemen had done a good job, Mr. Giles returned to his fishing.

### Williamson Annual Picnic Features Softball Game

About 260 Williamson district employees and their guests attended the annual employee picnic on July 14, at Community Park. A picnic lunch was served prior to the afternoon's activities.

Highlights of the entertainment was the inter-district softball game between Williamson and Logan which the hosts won, 13 to 2. The K-Appa-K, girls club, provided entertainment for the youngsters.

### 100-Year-Old Mother Of Logan Employee Dies

One hundred-year-old Mrs. Charlotte Rogers of Botetourt County, Virginia, died June 29 following a two-week illness. Mrs. Rogers celebrated her 100th birthday Christmas Day.

She is the mother of Gilbert Rogers, a Logan employee.

### Two Men Fatally Injured In Pulaski District Accidents

Glenn Allen Spraker and Harlie D.



Mr. Spraker

Bower, Pulaski district employees, were fatally injured recently in separate accidents.

Spraker, 43-year-old substation department employee, was fatally injured on June 28

while working at the Galax substation. An employee of the company for 13 years, he had been in the substation department since March of 1946.

His home was in Radford where he was active in church affairs as superintendent of the Sunday School and clerk-treasurer of his church. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

Bower, 53-year-old lineman, was



Mr. Bower

fatally injured on July 20 as he was working on a pole. He went to work with the company in September of 1931 when Appalachian acquired the Floyd Electric and Power Company where he was employed.

His home was in Christiansburg. He is survived by his wife and two married daughters.

### Abingdon Holds First Family Picnic



More than two hundred employees and their guests attended Abingdon district's first family picnic. The outing was held at Hungry Mother State Park, Marion, Virginia.

The food was prepared by an area home demonstration club. Swimming, boating, a tug of war, a balloon-blowing contest, sack races, rolling pin throw, softball and bingo were enjoyed by the picnickers. Some of the picnickers are shown at one of the tables.