

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

—DANIEL WEBSTER

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Happiness is a hard thing because it is achieved only by making others happy.

—STEWART CLOETE

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Bates Promoted To Assistant Manager Of Bluefield Division



Mr. Bates

L. W. Bates, a veteran of 34 years' service with Appalachian, has been promoted to the position of assistant manager of the Bluefield division. He has held the position of manager of the Bluefield district of the company since 1943. The promotion was effective September 1.

Mr. Bates began his career in the electric utility field with the old Appalachian Power Company at Bluefield as a helper in the meter department on July 15, 1917. Later he was promoted to automatic substation inspector and then relay engineer. In 1934 he was moved to the commercial department as a power sales engineer and in 1943 was named district manager.

He is a registered electrical engineer in West Virginia, a member of the West Virginia Mining Institute, the Pocahontas Mechanical and Electrical Institute and the Southeast Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers.

Mr. Bates has been very active in civic affairs. In his new position, he succeeds E. W. Hogg who was transferred to Roanoke recently.

Pulaski Employees Elected Presidents Of Three Civic Groups

Three Pulaski district commercial department employees, Paul V. Kelsey, A. L. Lemons, and Brownie E. Yeager, recently were named to presidential posts in Pulaski civic organizations.

Paul Kelsey, district commercial manager, was elected president of the Pulaski Rotary Club.

A. L. Lemons, who is employed as residential sales representative, was elected president of the Northwood Parent-Teacher Association.

Brownie E. Yeager, a member of the power sales department, was elected president of the Pulaski Business and Professional Women's Club.

Employee's Daughter Singing In Famous Choral Group

Miss Mary Ellen Snider, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. E. O. Snider, is singing this summer in the nationally known Robert Shaw Collegiate Choral Group. The Shaw choral unit is rated as one of the finest group of its kind.



Miss Snider

Since graduating from Baylor, she has been employed as supervisor of music for Jefferson County, West Virginia.

Mr. Snider is employed as Beckley district rural and residential sales supervisor.

Mary Ellen was graduated from Baylor University in 1949 with a degree in music and is now working on her master's degree in the same field.

Huntington Division And District Win Top Honors In 'Sweepstakes' Campaign

Over 22,000 Units Sold During Four Months' Contest

The "Sweepstakes" Sales Campaign is over and the Huntington division and district won top honors in the four months' long contest.

A total of 11,943 ranges, 6,188 water heaters and 4,650 water systems were sold during the campaign. These sales will result in more than \$565,000 in revenue annually to the company.

In a special bulletin to the division and district managers, Julius Hall, Jr., system commercial manager said, "These sales achieved by your dealers, with your aid and assistance are outstanding."

All divisions exceeded their quotas in the campaign which ended July 31. Huntington division had 179 per cent of quota followed by Charleston with 138; Roanoke 120 and Bluefield 116.

In the district race, Huntington topped them all with 216 per cent of quota. In the last week of the campaign Beckley moved into second place with 194 per cent to push Logan into third place with 171 per cent of the quota.

In conjunction with the "Sweepstakes" campaign, a water heater "Derby" was held. The Charleston district finished on top in the sale of water heaters, followed by the Bluefield district.

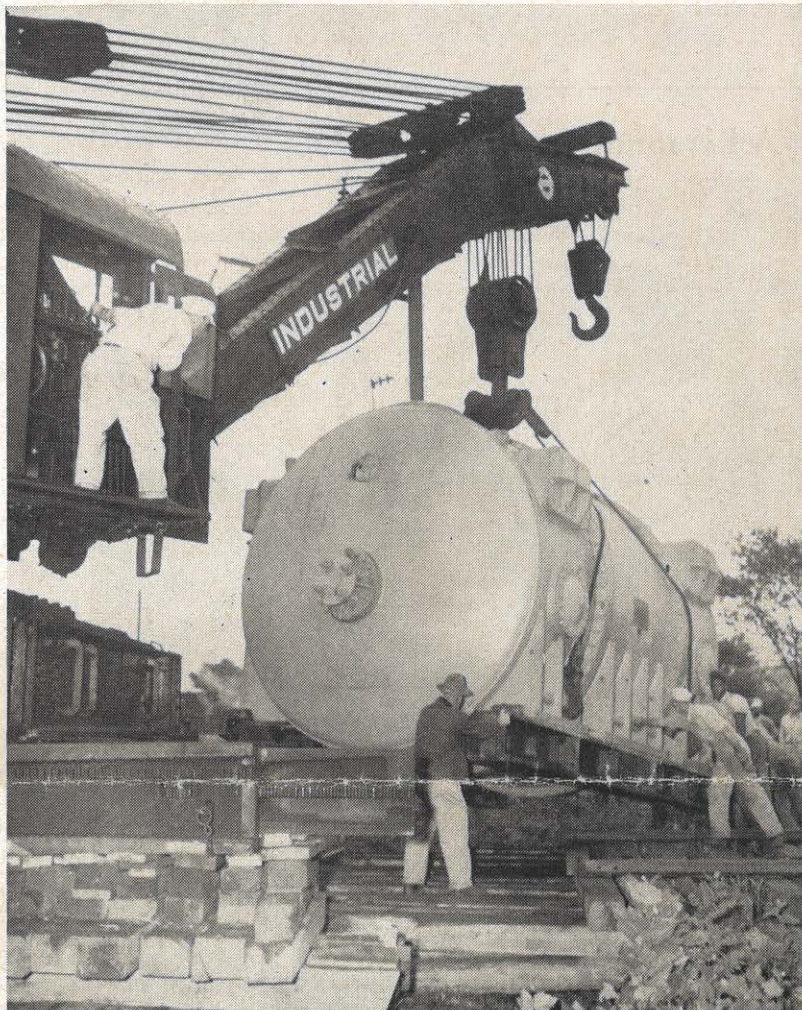
Over half of the ranges, 91 per cent of the water systems and 48 per cent of the water heaters were sold by our dealers in the rural territory served by Appalachian and Kingsport Utilities.

The leading area sales representative

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Required Special Handling

New 102-Ton Synchronous Condenser Arrives At Hancock 132-KV Station



The Virginian Railroad crane operator, Marvin Clark, is photographed as he skillfully swings Hancock Station's 102-ton synchronous condenser from a flatcar to specially constructed cribbing at the substation site. Much of the work was accomplished in rain and was completed without mishap or the interruption of the Virginian's train schedules.

A new 102-ton synchronous condenser has been delivered to the Hancock 132,000-volt station near Roanoke. The massive piece of equipment required a great amount of coordinated effort and planning among representatives of the General Electric Company, The Virginian Railroad, Richardson-Wayland contractors and Appalachian.

The condenser, which was manufactured at General Electric's Schenectady plant was shipped August 1 and arrived in Roanoke August 23. Since the unit stood 16 feet, 3 inches above the rails and was 12 feet, 8 inches wide, it could not be shipped direct and required a special routing.

Monday, August 27, O. C. Farris, car department superintendent, J. R. Keeley, general foreman, and Marvin Clark, the Virginian's crane operator, moved their crews and equipment onto a siding in the Virginian's Roanoke yards. Here, out of the way of scheduled railway traffic, two hours of tests were begun. The railroad's 200-ton capacity crane completed its sling and lift tests and final plans for moving the crane. The special train moved off the Roanoke yards toward Salem.

At the unloading site, all power lines and cables had been cleared in order to avoid contact with the crane's boom. Clark lifted the condenser from the flatcar to the specially constructed cribbing almost tenderly.

This operation consumed two hours and five minutes without interference to Virginian train schedules.

The condenser was skidded clear of the right-of-way on rails by winches operated by Richardson-Wayland personnel. Under the supervision of Charlie Goode, foreman, the massive unit was moved near its permanent location.

Others assisting in the operation included: Jack Flaherty and Jim Bewley, General Electric; Henry Clarke, A. C. Rogers, E. C. Rankin and R. L. Lewis, Appalachian.

Lynchburg Office Opening Attracts 4,000

About 4,000 people attended the public opening on August 18 of the enlarged Lynchburg district office building.

Under construction since May of last year, extensive remodeling of the old building and a three-story addition make the structure appear as a completely new building. The addition was built on the former site of "Old T's Place" and Happy Billy's pre-World War I saloon.

An employee opening was held Friday, August 17, when about 350 employees and their guests toured the building and were served refreshments in the auditorium. Employees served as hosts and hostesses on Saturday when they conducted the public on tours through the building.

Among the officials of A. G. & E. and Appalachian visiting the building were Philip Sporn, Graham Claytor, M. C. Funk, G. L. Furr and W. I. Whitefield.

Although the "open house" for the public was not scheduled to start until 10 a. m. on Saturday, many people started arriving at 8:30 a. m. and were escorted through the building early to prevent crowding. One of the most interesting features of the building to the public was the heat pump in the basement.

Located at the corner of Sixth and



Main streets, the district office is 65 feet wide and 103 feet deep. The 126-seat auditorium and demonstration kitchens are located just off the lobby on the first floor while the commercial and accounting departments occupy the rest of the floor.

Located on the second floor are the

managerial offices, rural department, power sales department and personnel department.

Distribution and engineering departments are on the third floor. The distribution and appliance service offices formerly were in the building across the street.

Red Feather Month Coming

October will be Red Feather month in most of the cities on the Southern Properties. This year the Red Feather represents not only the Community Chest agencies but also the United Defense Fund. The United Defense Fund will provide services to the armed forces and to communities congested because of the defense effort.

The United Red Feather Campaign in your town needs you as a volunteer solicitor in next month's big fund drive.

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A Personal Responsibility



This is Samp Branson. He is a Mechanical Maintenance Man in the Hazard Plant, and the folks in the Hazard District will tell you that he is a good one, too. Samp has two good eyes today, after a piece of steel from a chisel shattered his goggles, because he used good judgment. This particular accident happened before he could think—but Samp thought beforehand and wore his goggles.

It would be rather difficult to find a better illustration of good thinking beforehand—of following good safety practices—pays valuable dividends. But the avoidance of personal injuries and damage to property is becoming more and more a personal responsibility.

There is reason for alarm over our record of accidents and near-accidents this year. We have lost three fellow employees as the result of accidental deaths. Two exceedingly close calls are recorded where errors in switching left the potential for causing several deaths or serious injuries. We have had other close calls where men made accidental contacts with energized lines and equipment.

Several employees have fallen from poles, some of whom have been seriously injured. Others, including office workers, have had falls on stairs because they didn't think to use the hand rail. Still others have fallen to the floor because they didn't take time to carefully sit down on their chairs. Most of these falls, like other accidents, are not peculiar to any special group of employees, but apply to all of us.

We have reason to be concerned with highway accidents. Our own frequency rate of automotive accidents shows an increase this year over the same period last year. These accidents, luckily, have primarily resulted in damaged equipment, but the national trend of highway deaths and injuries is on the increase.

What can be done to stop employees from being killed or injured? What can be done to prevent unnecessary waste through the destruction of property? It becomes increasingly apparent that

Your Opinion

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

What three qualities do you consider most important in an employee?

ELIZABETH K. MATTOX, Engineer-
ing department, Pt. Pleasant:



I consider honesty, neatness and a pleasing personality qualities which are musts in a good employee. An employee who can be trusted with the work and be relied upon at all times to carry it through is invaluable.

Neatness of dress and above all, neatness of work assigned is a quality not to be overlooked in any employee.

Last, but far from least, is a personality that enables the employee to get along in close harmony with his fellow workers. A pleasant, helpful employee has helped many of us iron out rough spots in our daily routine.

O. A. HESSON, Boiler Maintenance
Foreman, Cabin Creek Plant:



There are three qualities I consider most important in an employee.

The first is personality. It expresses character, job attachment, sells the employee, sells his company and its products.

The second is ability. It permits achievement, performance, capability and fulfills the desires of the employee and the company.

The third is cooperation. It is necessary for an employee to operate together with others if he secures the goal which he seeks. The manufacturing of kilowatts for public service requires individual cooperation.

MRS. GLADYS BALLARD, PBX Oper-
ator, Glen Lyn Plant:



Honesty is one of the most outstanding qualities that an employee can possess. Unless one can be trusted by his employer, he cannot be a success. We must be honest with everyone with whom we come in contact.

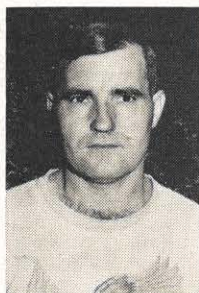
We, as employees, should be loyal to our company by working regularly, assuming all responsibilities willingly and cooperating with company rules at all times. We can each prove our dependability by doing our duties efficiently.

Last, but not least, we should be industrious. Let our motto be "Anything worth doing is worth doing well."

rubber gloves, blankets, hose, safety belts, and all the other safety equipment we have available will not alone stop accidents. Guard rails, goggles, carefully inspected tools and equipment, safety reminders and other precautionary measures, important and necessary as they are, will not alone solve this serious problem. The desire and determination of each of us to prevent accidents is absolutely essential.

No one wants to get hurt or to have a fellow employee injured. But the facts are rather conclusive that many of us have not been sufficiently concerned to do much about it. The prevention of accidents to ourselves and to others is largely an individual and personal responsibility that we cannot honestly fail to assume. An accident is no respecter of persons. It usually brings suffering and expense to the individual and his family. Are you, as an employee, doing your part to stop these accidents?

JAMES L. WARD, Holston Substation,
Kingsport:



Of the three qualities I consider most important in an employee, the first is honesty. If an employee is honest to the company and to himself, a lot of mistakes can be overlooked, but a dishonest employee is always a cause of trouble.

The next is cooperation and safety. By pulling together and working safely, a job will be well done with an enjoyment in our association with our fellow employees.

The third quality is cleanliness of the employee and the area in which he works. It is a real pleasure to go into a shop or an office that is kept neat and orderly and associate with a person who keeps himself and his work area neat and clean. An employee is definitely judged by his appearance and the area in which he works.

A. G. THORNTON, System Substation
department, Roanoke:



The outstanding desirable quality in an employee is a good personality. This is especially true in our type of work—public service. Since our job is to serve the public, we must be able to keep our relations with them friendly.

This leads to the second quality—the ability to assume responsibility. It is our responsibility from the first day on the job to promote well-being with our customers and fellow employees. In each individual job, there are always responsibilities to be assumed.

The third quality looked for in an employee is a good attitude. Without the proper attitude, an employee is of no benefit to the company and obviously the company could not fill the desire of the employee.

JOHN A. BARNS, Supervising Engi-
neer, Welch:



The three qualities which I consider most important in an employee are integrity, a willingness to cooperate and a vital interest in the company's progress.

In order to do a good job in any chosen field a person should certainly be honest and sincere with his employer and his fellow workers.

In a utility business it is necessary for all departments to cooperate and work as a team for efficient operation. It is equally important for each employee to cooperate with fellow employees and the various departments.

An employee who is really interested in the company's progress should be willing to spend the extra minutes it might take to finish a job, rather than feel that his job is just putting in a certain number of hours.

Your Own Corner

There's only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self. So you have to begin there, not outside, not on other people. That comes afterwards, when you've worked on your own corner.—Aldous Huxley.

MRS. NELLE PHILLIPS, Accounting
department, Roanoke:



Other than the usual moral qualities of honesty and character and a neat personal appearance expected of any person, I think an employee should possess the following business qualities:

First, the ability to cooperate with fellow employees, as well as management in completing assignments satisfactorily.

Second, punctuality, being on time for work, in completing reports, etc., should come as a matter of course.

Third, an understanding of what you are doing. Ask questions, know what you are doing and what part your work plays in the final product and the work will become easier and more pleasant.

RALPH H. BRAGG, Meter department,
Logan:



Dependability, interest in his work and a pleasing personality are the three most important qualities in an employee.

Your employer depends on you to perform your duties efficiently, he trusts you with company equipment and expects you to be punctual and to work regularly.

Sincere interest in your job and the company is necessary. An employee should learn all that he can about his job and those indirectly connected to his. He should use good judgment and accept responsibility.

An employee must have a pleasing personality. He must be cooperative and get along well with his fellow employees and with other people he may come in contact with on the job.

PATSY YESTER, Accounting depart-
ment, Philip Sporn Plant:



Three qualities I consider most important in an employee are ability, reliability and the will to do.

Ability is a leading factor. One must have the ability to do his duties if he is of any value to his employer and to those with whom he works.

Reliability is a second factor. One must be reliable in carrying out his assignments. Without this quality his ability could not be depended upon.

The third quality is the will to do, upon this rests the other two. The will to do in an employee is as important as the "spike to the punch," it's the "zip" or the "spirit" with which one does his work and the quality which is needed to make the first two effective.

Possessions

Cultivate fine taste and discrimination in your choice of things. Get a right idea of values. Material possessions that you do not need and cannot use may only be an encumbrance. Let your guiding rule be not how much but how good. A thing you do not want is dear at any price. Avoid surplusage. Choose things that express your own individuality. You must possess your things or they will possess you. Look for quality rather than quantity. Unnecessary possessions bring unnecessary care and responsibility. Excess is waste. Have an occasional stocktaking and eliminate unsparingly.
—Greenville Kleiser.

New 132 KV Line Links Cabin Creek, Glen Lyn Plants

76-Mile Line Built Through Isolated And Rough Terrain

Take a look at the map of the transmission system of the Southern Properties which accompanies this story. Do you notice the dotted line marked "Cabin Creek-Kanawha-Glen Lyn 132 KV Line?" That's one of the most important additions we've made to our transmission system in several years.

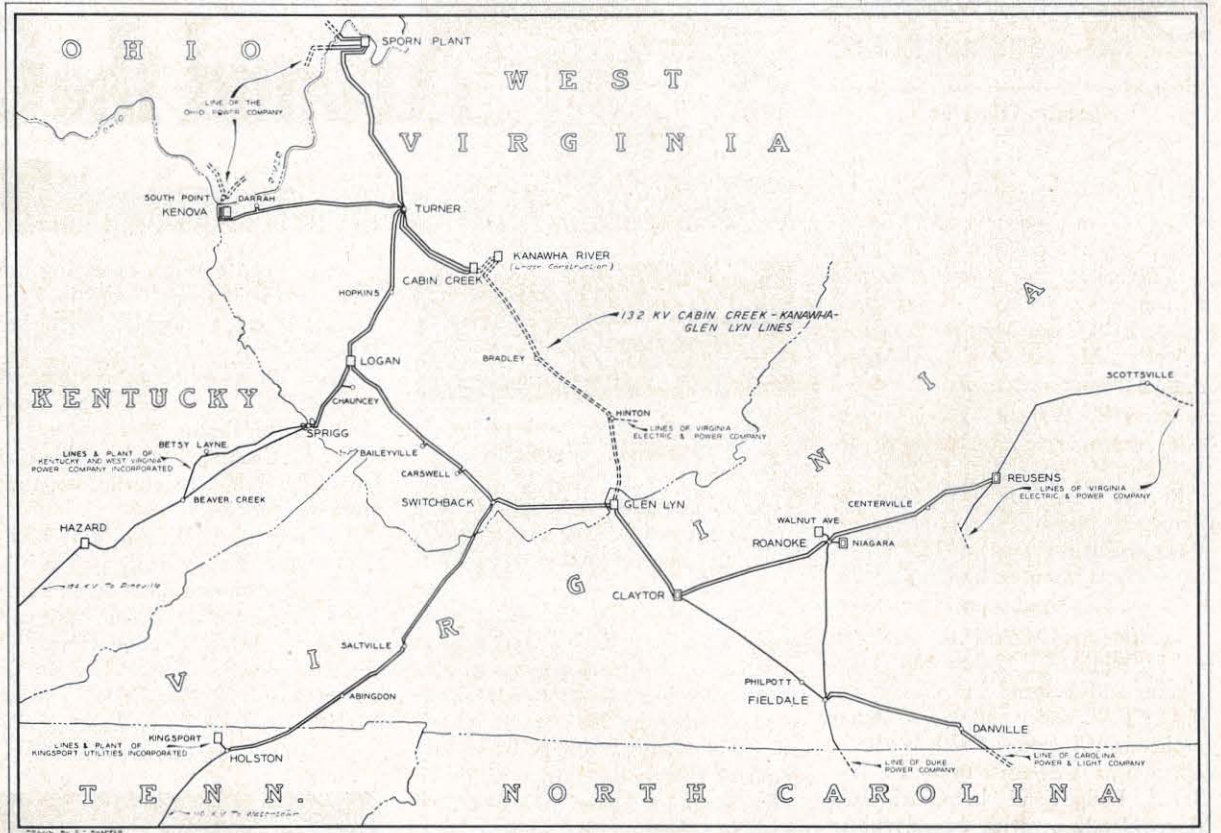
During the past five years the load on our system has more than doubled. To provide additional generating capacities, we have built Sporn Plant and now have under construction the Kanawha River Plant. Along with the construction of additional generating facilities has gone the plans for new transmission lines, like the Cabin Creek-Glen Lyn line.

Recently Put In Service

The Cabin Creek-Hinton portion

of this line was recently put in service. The Hinton-Glen Lyn section was placed in operation last January. This double-circuit 132,000-volt line, which has been in the planning stage for many years, makes available to the southeastern part of the system additional electricity produced at the Philip Sporn Plant and the Cabin Creek plant and will make the electricity to be produced at the Kanawha River Plant available when it is completed. It was built to provide additional transmission line capacity so that the future needs of the rapidly developing southeastern area will be adequately served.

The 76-mile line has a total of 289 steel towers, each weighing an average of about 8 tons. It is a double-circuit line consisting of six conductors and one ground wire. In the construction of the line the longest span was 3,898 feet across Paint Creek. And the second longest was 3,779 feet across the Piney River gorge.



Rough Country

W. A. (Bill) Jefcoat, system transmission engineer, who was inspector on the line, says, "The line was built over some of the roughest country I've ever worked through. It was very isolated and sparsely settled." Bill has been an employee of the company for more than 15 years and 12 of those years have been spent in the system transmission line department.

The Hoosier Engineering Company built the line under the supervision of W. P. Carter, system transmission line superintendent. During the right-of-way cutting and construction as many as 450 men were on the contractor's pay roll at one time.

People Cooperative

Bill said, "The folks in the country through which the line passes were most cooperative in helping us anyway they could and were greatly interested in the construction of the line."

One of the problems during the project was in maintaining privately owned roads which were used to get the materials to the tower sites. Much time was spent in keeping the roads in good condition and in making sure that they were left in good shape.

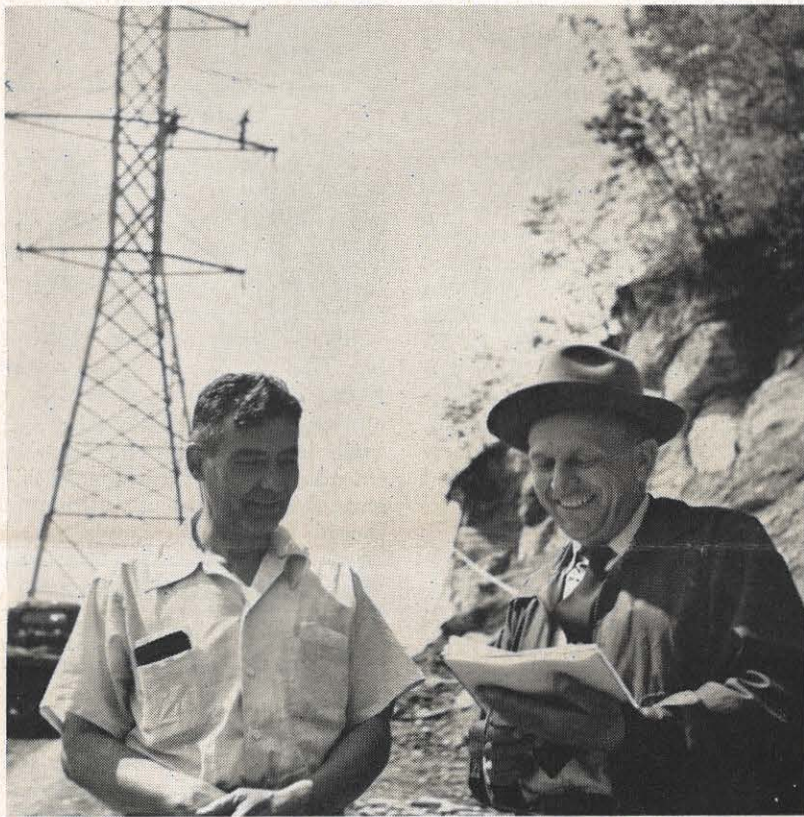
Many of the residents of the area asked questions about the line. Bill recalled a few of the questions, such as: "How are you going to get the stuff up on that mountain and across that gorge?"

Roads Cut

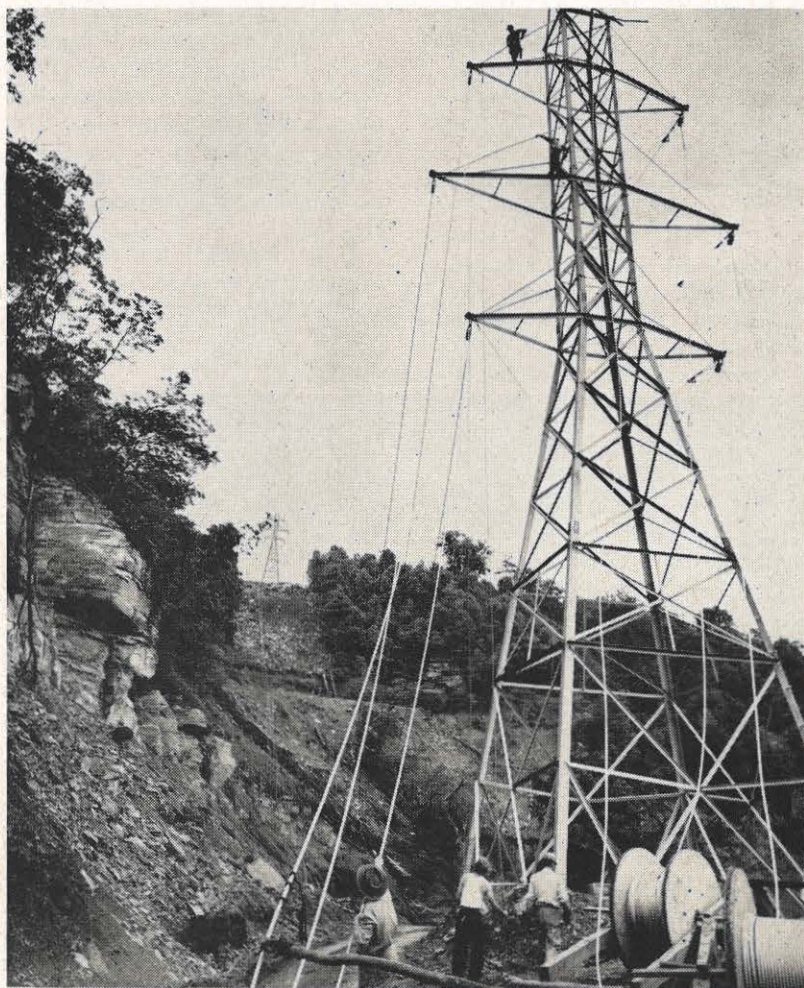
Tractors, caterpillars, winch lines, bulldozers and sleds were used to get the materials to seemingly inaccessible places. In numerous places, roads had to be cut out of hillsides so that the steel could be moved to the tower locations. The work went on in spite of snow, rain, sleet and extremely bad weather during last winter.

Bill recalled one story about a salesman who stopped alongside the road at Grandview in Raleigh County. "He wanted to watch us get the conductor across the Piney River gorge and waited as long as he could. When he had to leave before we could sag in the conductor, he asked one of the men where the next long span would be.

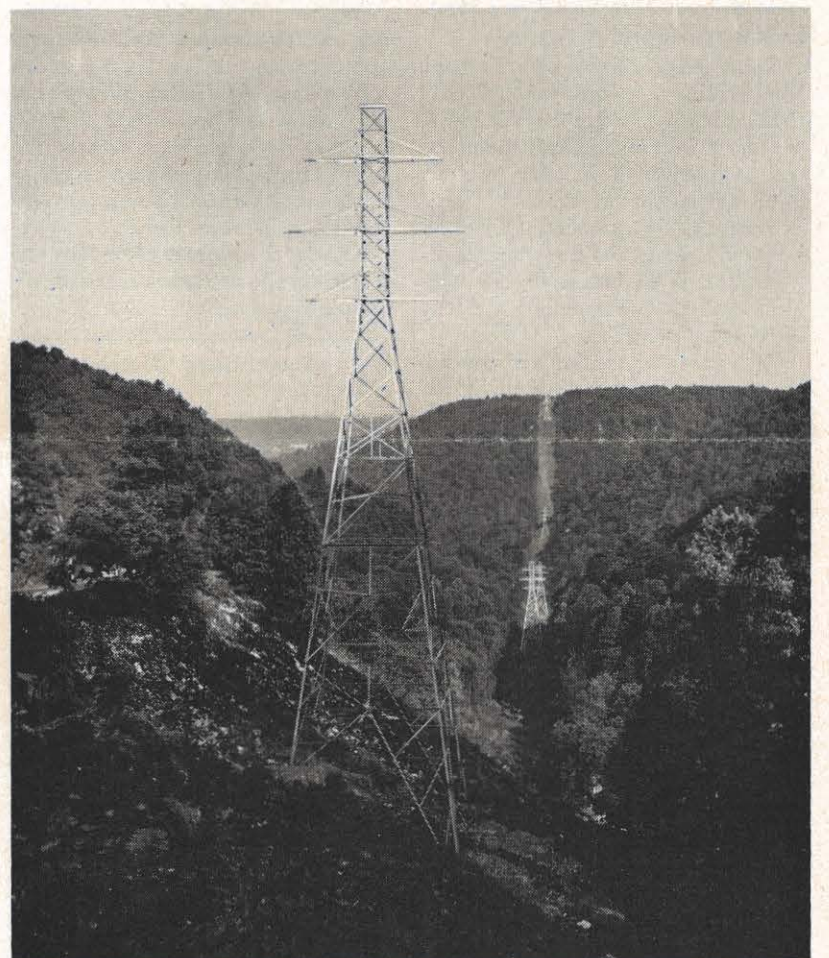
"When the workman answered his question, the salesman said, 'I'm going to arrange my schedule so that I can see it.'"



Bill Jefcoat, left, and W. P. Carter, system transmission line superintendent, discuss some of the construction plans on the line while men on the tower in the background sag-in the conductor.



Sagging operations on one part of the line. In the foreground the workmen are feeding the conductor to the men on the tower. Note that part of the conductor has already been strung to the tower in the background.



Looking down off Bad Off Mountain some six miles from Beckley where the towers had already been built at the time the picture was made.



The sagging of conductor begins across the Piney River Gorge near Grandview in Raleigh County. This span is 3,779 feet long.

Huntington Division

Logan District

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Henritze, Sr., honored Price Blankenbeckler and his fiancée, Ann Woodrum of Kingsport, with a dinner at their home. Mr. Henritze, line foreman, is Mr. Blankenbeckler's uncle. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Blankenbeckler, Mr. and Mrs. Frank White and Thomas Henritze, Jr.

James R. Warren, Jr., is a new summer employee in the stores department.

Recent visitors on leave from the Navy were Boyd Richardson, Jr., son of the district superintendent, and Billy Tom Johnson, accounting department employee on military leave.

Vacationers: Merrill R. Atkinson and his mother in Alaska; Mrs. Jason Riggins and husband in Washington, D. C.; T. F. Valley and wife with her mother in Princeton; Caleb White in Wheeling as a delegate to the Pythian Grand Lodge and in Cincinnati; Mary Goodman with her daughter and family in New York City; H. J. Collins and family at Ashland.

Local office employees honored Mrs. Eunice J. Fitzgibbon, accounting department, with a surprise birthday party in the hospital where she was confined with injuries received in an automobile wreck.

Sympathy is extended Ohley L. Bennett, commercial department, on the death of his brother-in-law who was killed in an automobile accident in Mingo County.

Alda Jones, accounting department, has returned to work after an illness.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Gosney on the death of Mrs. Gosney's mother.

Huntington District

Phyllis Dodrill, Huntington system billing office, is recuperating from a broken leg received in a fall.

Ann Swindler, system billing office, resigned.

Geraldine Lapool is a new employee in the mail and file unit.

Vacationers: Mrs. Ethel L. Hyldahl in Maryland and New York City; Edith L. Shy in Cincinnati and Chicago; A. R. Guthrie and family at Virginia Beach and Marlinton, West Virginia; Margaret Dial in Cincinnati; Willie Mae Hunt at Sharpsburg, Kentucky; J. I. Schultz in New York.

Williamson District

Mrs. Margaret Morris is the new receptionist replacing Tina Davis who resigned to make her home in Youngstown.

Steve Apple has resigned to resume studies at Cincinnati University.

Karen Blackburn, daughter of Betty Blackburn of the engineering department, is recuperating after an operation.

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Watkins at Virginia Beach, Manassas and Alexandria; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hartzog at Washington, New York and Normandy Beach, New Jersey; Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Hatfield and Steve Apple in Florida; Frances Keadle, Mabel Kiser, Lorraine Corea and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilbert at Virginia Beach; J. L. Richmond and family at Kermit; Ace Cerrato and family at Washington, Pittsburgh, Bloomfield and New York; Leroy Hairston at Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York; Mr. and Mrs. Don Hatfield at Cincinnati and Roanoke; Woodrow Holbrook and family in Kentucky.

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Roanoke Division

Fieldale District

Vacationers: Albert Fudge and wife at Washington, D. C., and Lexington, Virginia; Alfred St. Clair and wife at Richmond; Bruce Hogan and wife at Washington, D. C., and Chesapeake Bay; Earl Bullard and wife at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, and in the Smoky Mountains; O. A. Keene near Charleston; Harvey B. Merriam and family at Buggs Island and Buckroe Beach; Bowling A. Cruise at Virginia Beach; Mrs. Lois Sheppard with her daughter in Salem.

William Wallace Joyce, transmission and distribution department, has resigned.

Woodrow W. Hylton, groundman, has returned to work after a tonsillectomy.

William G. Simpson, serviceman, is convalescing from injuries received in a fall.

Charles B. Kellam is a new employee in the transmission and distribution department.

Lynchburg District

Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell, home economist, is recuperating at home after undergoing an operation.

Ralph E. Boze, employee on military leave with the Navy, recently visited the office.

Sympathy is extended C. H. Morris, PBX operator, on the death of his father who was killed by lightning on August 14.

Vacationers: R. D. Curtis in Maryland and Pennsylvania; R. L. Smith at Ocean City, Maryland; Pete Thompson at Washington and Virginia Beach; Jeanne Pugh and Kay Hudson at Old Point Comfort.

Roanoke District

Sympathy is extended Buddy Fulcher, pay-roll department, on the death of his grandfather.

Vacationers: Jessie Chase at Norfolk and Virginia Beach; Bee Eakin with her sisters in Bedford; Louise Lewis at Huntsville, Alabama; H. A. Howbert and family at Pauley's Island, South Carolina; Fred E. Bowman and family at Virginia Beach; J. W. Faucette in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia; B. T. Stone in Washington, D. C.; R. L. Spencer in West Virginia and at Virginia Beach; W. A. Henley at Virginia Beach; Catherine Swain and husband at Washington, D. C.

Sympathy is extended Miss Jimmy Calloway, elevator operator, on the death of her sister.

Elaine Wood is a new employee in the distribution office.

Mrs. Arlene Pugh, distribution office, has resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Laughon attended the State Elks Convention at Norfolk. She is a telephone operator while he is an employee in the rural-residential sales department.

System

Glenna Gay Brammer and Sam T. Hancock are new employees in the system operating department.

Dolly van de Wint, operating department, visited her family in Vancouver, British Columbia, due to her father's illness.

Mrs. Doris Wilhelm, commercial department, has returned to work after a recent illness.

H. L. Cushing, system residential sales supervisor, has returned to work after an operation.

Vacationers: J. W. Smith at Bluefield; Mrs. Stanley Hall at Virginia Beach, Portsmouth and Richmond; Betty C. Carper at Williamsburg and Richmond; Mrs. Shannon Dowdy at Buckroe Beach; Nancy Kerfoot at Ocean View; R. H. Price in West Virginia and at Claytor Lake; Kath-

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Kentucky

Ashland District

Vacationers: Louise Woodie in Paris, Kentucky; Fern Gesling in Colorado; Paul Lumbard in Missouri; Carl Hopson in Washington, D. C.; L. B. Morris and O. O. Henderson in Houston; Bill Holbrook in Kentucky at Wolf Creek Dam.

New employees in the Ashland district are: Martha Hankins, main accounting office; Bill McKinney, distribution department, and Don L. Farmer, Jr., substation department.

Hazard District

The commercial department gave a farewell dinner for Jean Riddle who is to be married to Coolidge Howlett of Lexington. Present were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Zoellers, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cornett, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Peyton, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bonta, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Brashear, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. David Begley, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Fields, Mr. and Mrs. R. B.

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Kingsport

New employees of Kingsport Utilities are James W. Overbey, Howard G. Brooks and T. C. Dorton, Jr., distribution department; Ray Cloud, steam production, and William L. Collins, meter department.

Vacationers: Mrs. Betty Boyer and husband in the Great Smokie Mountains; Frank Umberger and family in the Smokies, at Cherokee Lake and Chattanooga; Mr. and Mrs. James T. Duncan in Scranton; C. E. Holyoke and family in Brewer, Maine; George Smith and wife at Daytona Beach; W. C. Kerley and family at Harri-man, Tennessee; L. M. Safriet and family at Washington, D. C., and China Grove, North Carolina; E. R. Barrett and family at Daytona Beach; J. E. Ford and family at New Haven, West Virginia.

Fred Pierce, distribution department has returned to work following an extended illness.

Mrs. Geraldine Deadmore recently visited her husband, Pvt. Thomas Deadmore, at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

Bluefield Division

Pulaski District

R. J. Blair and L. C. Angle, Jr., have returned after serving with the Reserves at Camp Lee.

Sympathy is extended S. A. Dewey of the power sales department on the death of his mother.

Ann S. Poe, Marion local office, attended the production of "Unto These Hills" while in Cherokee, North Carolina.

Shirley R. Miller, Marion local office supervisor, attended the International Convention of Pilot Clubs in St. Louis.

Glen Lyn Plant

E. A. Painter spent two weeks at Camp Lee as a member of the reserves.

Vacationers: N. J. Jesse and Elbert Jennings in the Smokie Mountains; H. L. Surber at the Beach; H. H. Reed in Canada.

Hunter Dunn is a new employee at the Glen Lyn plant.

A. C. Hollins, A. H. Hare, Harve Clemons, H. G. Pendleton and George Mann have been ill.

Welch District

The commercial department and the department heads presented F. M. "Dink" Cloyd a set of traveling bags at a dinner given in his honor on August 6.

Pvt. Bradford Porter, Lt. W. B. Belchee and Lt. Roy Franklin were recent visitors in Welch.

Estel Crabtree has returned to his job in the Welch line department after serving three years in the Army.

Juanita Lawrence, Mary Dalton and Mrs. Pearl Lawrence vacationed in Canada and the eastern states.

Frances Lucado has resigned. W. T. Lanter is recuperating after an operation.

Abingdon District

Marion M. Miller has returned to work after an attack of pneumonia.

Kathryn Dobbins is a new home economist in Washington County.

Cpl. Russell Fleenor, employee on military leave, recently visited the office.

L. W. Duncan has returned to work after a recent appendectomy.

Mrs. Katherine Thomas, rural and residential department, has resigned.

Jack Leonard has returned to work after a recent illness.

Sympathy is extended J. H. Davis, general foreman, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Rosenbalm in Washington, D. C.; Sylvia Darnell in St. Augustine; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lambert touring the Smokie Mountains; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson in Bluefield; Roy Gregory and family in Gratton; Patsy Byars in Biloxi; Jack B. Frier at Myrtle Beach; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Self in Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smythers in Fries, and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rosenberry and family in Wytheville and Pulaski.

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Charleston Division

Beckley District

Sympathy is extended A. B. Lilly on the death of his brother.

Vacationers: H. F. Arnott and family in Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hancock in Florida; Elizabeth Scott in Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Don Slayton in Baltimore; L. C. Bias and family in the Southern states; Pat Long in Richmond; H. B. White, Jr., and family in Ashland; F. E. Fisher and wife in Cleveland; J. E. deVenny and family in Florida; Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Pauley in Massachusetts; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Marshall at New Orleans and Daytona Beach; J. W. Muir and family at Bowling Green; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McCulloch in Pa.

Among those attending the softball tournament in Kingsport from Beckley were Mr. and Mrs. Waldo LaFon, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hammer, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mollohan, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bias, W. E. Mitchell and L. H. Williams.

Sporn Plant

Marjorie Waldie, junior clerk, attended the State Legion Convention in Charleston. She is president of the Pt. Pleasant Legion Auxiliary.

John W. Lawrence has returned to work after an extended illness.

John W. Taylor, William H. King and Elroy E. Kaylor are new employees in the labor department.

Vacationers: Charles Wilson and family in Ontario; Richard Fisher in Orlando; Howard Christy in Michigan; Don Ohlinger in Michigan; Donald Thompson in Canada.

Cabin Creek Plant

Sympathy is extended Howard A. Bowen on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is extended Mary Curry on the death of her grandmother.

Vacationers: W. L. Wilshire and family at Ocean View; H. A. Bowen and family at Claytor Lake; W. K. Evans and family in the Carolinas; C. O. Weise in New York; Ernest and Norma McCormick at Miami Beach and Key West; Mrs. Dixie Sue Foster in Florida; Owen Wilson and family at Watoga State Park; T. E. Peay and wife at Virginia Beach; John Keffer and family at Ocean View.

J. K. Hodges recently underwent an operation at Charleston General Hospital.

J. B. Reynolds has recuperated from an operation.

H. N. Belcher, retired, and wife took an extended tour through the Southern and Western states.

Charleston District

Commercial department vacationers: Joe Kusky and wife at Wheeling; Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Fulknier and Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Jividen at Atlantic City; E. A. Murray and wife at Myrtle Beach; Ed and Helen Braid at Salem, West Virginia.

K. L. Lowe, pay roll clerk, is recuperating at home from an illness after returning from Saranac Lake, New York.

Vacationers: G. B. Moir, Jr., and family in Virginia and Florida; Henry Grimm and family at Ocean City, New Jersey; George Kapp and family in Florida; Mary Emma Russell at Virginia Beach; Mr. and Mrs. "Red" Zontini at Cincinnati; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McDowell at Daytona and Miami.

Sgt. John Davis, husband of Wanda

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Four Glen Lyn Plant Employees Build Fire Truck At Big Saving To Town



This 800-gallon fire truck was planned and built by Glen Lyn plant employees with a saving to the Town of Glen Lyn of over \$3,000. Shown above from left to right: H. H. Reed and D. A. Buckland who did the actual construction; E. A. Painter who designed the truck, and W. R. Johnson who serves as fire chief for the town.

Some Glen Lyn plant employees, working with the Town of Glen Lyn, have built a fire truck at a saving of over \$3,000.

About three months ago, E. A. Painter, mechanical engineer, prepared drawings and specifications for the 800-gallon truck from the studies made of several other fire trucks. The town ordered the necessary parts through a fire equipment company.

Then H. H. Reed, working foreman, and D. A. Buckland, utility man, started assembling and welding together the various parts. Remaining parts now being installed are booster reels, hose and pump. The truck is scheduled for completion the first of this month.

Another company employee, W. R. Johnson, who is a boiler operator, serves as fire chief for the town. Whitt's Service Station at Kellysville donated the painting on the equipment.

Two Ashland Men Lead Jaycee Drive To Raise Funds For Youth Center

D. P. Wade and R. W. Schweitzer, of the Ashland commercial department, were co-chairmen of the recent Ashland Jaycee Youth Center Drive which surpassed its goal.

The drive was the first of a series to raise funds to build a youth center and about 100 teen-agers sold 5,116 "Jiffy Fences" with a net profit for the club of more than \$500.

Among the youngsters receiving cash awards for being top salesmen in the four-day affair was John Gordon, 16-year-old son of R. L. Gordon who is administrative assistant of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company at Ashland.

Annual Report Gets Honorable Mention

M. C. Funk, vice president and general manager, recently was advised that Appalachian's 1950 Annual Report was awarded an Honorable Mention citation in the eleventh annual survey of annual reports.

The announcement was made by Weston Smith, executive vice president of *Financial World* magazine. The judges were: Dr. Pierre R. Bretey, Elmer C. Walzer, Denny Griswold, Carman G. Blough, and Guy Fry.

The judges reviewed more than five thousand annual reports which were submitted by industrial corporations and financial institutions from every section of the United States.

The survey is being conducted each year by the *Financial World* magazine, an investment and business weekly.

Six Fieldale And Stuart Cashiers Win Dinners

Six Appalachian cashiers of the Fieldale and Stuart offices, for the second month in succession, balanced to the penny every day the offices were open during the month of July. For this accomplishment, the cashiers, both regular and relief, won themselves steak dinners.

The cashiers entertained with steak dinners at the Broad Street Hotel in Martinsville were: Misses Joy Tipton, Dot Shaw, Ann Eggleston and Mrs. Geraldine Lawless. Mrs. Lois Sheppard and George Turner, both of Stuart, were not able to attend.

Son Of Roanoker Attends Boys State

Jimmy Bell, son of James B. Bell, was one of nine boys selected at Jefferson High School, Roanoke, to attend the annual "Old Dominion Boys State" recently held at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. "Boys State," which is in session one week each year, is sponsored by the Virginia Department of the American Legion.



Jimmy Bell

At the conferences, boys from every section of the State attend a series of classes dealing with state and city management and take parts in the actual functioning of mock-civic and court duties. At this year's conferences, Jimmy was elected Clerk of his City; a delegate from his City to the State Convention of the Nationalist Party and also passed the bar examination.

Delegates to "Boys State" are chosen on a basis of scholarship, character, and outstanding work in various school activities.

Mr. Bell is supervisor of the right-of-way and records department in the Roanoke district.

Miss Mitchell Resigns Position With Company

Miss Lucille Mitchell, who for the past three years has been secretary in the public relations department in Roanoke, has resigned.

She was first employed by the company about four years ago in the commercial department of the Roanoke district, where she was a stenographer.



Upon the formation of the public relations department she became secretary in the department. In addition to her stenographic duties, Miss Mitchell has been circulation manager, society editor and typist for THE ILLUMINATOR.

She is spending a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Mitchell, in Ashland and plans to be married in September to Samuel H. Esleek, of Norfolk, Va., who is employed by the General Electric Company.

Two Turner Operators Escape Injury As Big Alcohol Tank Explodes Near By



C. L. Vest, seated, and F. H. Rouse tell W. R. Witzel what they were doing when lightning struck an alcohol tank at the near-by Institute plant of Carbide and Carbon. The explosion knocked down the two lights in the foreground, the one on the left hit the floor at the edge of the chair mat while the other fell on top of the desk.

The blast was terrific just 150 yards from the explosion. Windows shattered, glass flew, fixtures fell. But two Turner substation operators miraculously escaped injury.

C. L. Vest, system operator, and F. H. Rouse, station operator, were on duty the night of July 28 when lightning struck a tank containing over a million gallons of ethyl alcohol at the near-by Institute plant of Carbide and Carbon. The tank exploded with a roar heard for miles and throwing flames 300 feet into the air.

Vest was talking on the telephone to F. H. Lewis, chief operator, when the lightning bolt struck. The blast knocked the phone from his hand. Looking around, he saw Rouse burying his head in his arms to keep from being cut by the glass which was flying through the room.

Rouse had just finished taking hourly readings from the various power plants on the panel and had turned around to say something about the severity of the lightning storm. He says that he did not hear an explosion or feel any concussion, only a very bright light and glass flying. He first thought lightning had struck the switch yard and it had blown up.

Two overhead lighting fixtures were jarred loose by the explosion and fell near the men. When they realized the lightning had hit the alcohol storage tank, they got tarps to cover the openings left by the explosion which ripped out three plate glass windows in Turner substation.

Joe Campolio, station operator who was off duty but lives right outside the plant yard, ran over to help put the

wet tarps over the windows, keeping out the rain and the terrific heat coming from the fire.

No major power interruption resulted from the blast. The only damage to company property, with the exception of the glass broken, was to some poles on a 4 kv line about 100 yards from the blazing tank. They caught fire, causing a limited outage to that section of the line.

As there was danger that the burning tank would ignite another near-by storage tank and the resulting explosion would cause further damage, plans were made to take care of the emergency in the event the substation should be lost.

However, firemen prevented the fire from spreading. Estimates put the loss for Carbide and Carbon at well over a million dollars.

Charleston's Picnickers See Added Attraction

As a rule, when members of the Charleston Kilowatt Club plan family entertainment, it goes off with a bang. This year, while the club's family picnic was in progress at the Dunbar 4-H Fairgrounds, they got more than they had bargained for. They were but a short distance away when the tank of the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation exploded and caught fire.

In addition to seeing the most severe fire Charleston has experienced in a number of years, the picnickers enjoyed swimming, horseshoe pitching, and various other forms of entertainment followed by a dance at the recreation center.

Safety Behind The Wheel . . . Ashland Folks Show It In Action

Caution



Many motor vehicle accidents occur at street and highway intersections. The Safe Driver approaches and crosses every intersection with caution. He takes nothing for granted, having more confidence in the right way than the right-of-way. Although he knows other drivers may ignore stop signs, the Safe Driver accepts the sign at its face value. To him it does not mean merely to slow down, take a quick glance to see if the way is clear and then keep going. He knows the sign means exactly what it says—STOP.

Courtesy



The Safe Driver is always a Courteous Driver. Courtesy behind the wheel is a habit with him because he recognizes the fact that the street or highway is not for his use alone but that other people have rights, too. He is considerate of pedestrians and is always willing to give the other driver a break. He is always alert and avoids those situations that would involve him in an accident. He has discovered that every little act of courtesy rewards him with a deep feeling of personal satisfaction.

Cooperation



When the Safe Driver intends to stop or change the course of the vehicle he's driving he does not keep it a secret. He lets the other fellow know by giving the proper arm signals. This advance tip off of his intentions permits the other driver to adjust his own actions in plenty of time. The development of sudden and unexpected situations is the cause of many accidents on the highways. The Safe Driver minimizes such possibilities by using the correct arm signals at every opportunity. Ashland District personnel are operating the vehicles in the photographs.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Kingsport Utilities

Kingsport—Rhea H. Jennings from Appalachian Electric Power Company at Welch to Kingsport; Wayne Matthews from auxiliary equipment operator to collector; Rudolph Lyons from laborer to groundman; Joseph B. Baker, Jr., from junior meter reader to junior helper; Monroe Lynch from laborer to boiler operator B; J. W. Johnson from groundman to lineman C.

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—Viladene P. Winstead from junior clerk to junior PBX operator; Gladys M. Reed from junior cashier clerk to junior cashier; Harry M. Rasnick from meter department to transmission and distribution department; Elbert J. Sanders from transmission and distribution department to meter department; Fred S. Rosenbaum from transmission and distribution department to substation department.

Charleston District—J. R. Skelton from serviceman C to serviceman B; E. O. Davis from meterman C to meterman B; H. M. Coutz from meter helper to serviceman C; Margaret J. Evans from junior clerk to junior cashier; Rosie Sanders from clerk-typist to cash poster; F. E. Smith from junior bookkeeper to senior bookkeeper; R. W. Palmer from maintenance man helper to maintenance man C; Graham H. Summerson, Jr., from meter department to area sales representative; Walter H. Minsker, serviceman A to senior merchandise order and billing clerk.

Fieldale District—Derwood G. Merriman from meter serviceman B to substation maintenance man B; J. W. Eanes from meter serviceman B to meter serviceman A; W. G. Simpson from meter service helper to meter serviceman C.

Huntington District—Thelma Jeffers from system billing to the local accounting department.

Logan Plant—L. D. Adams from utility operator B to utility operator A; E. L. Kimmell from laborer to utility operator B.

Lynchburg District—G. C. Gollady, Jr., from lineman B to troubleman A; Charles D. Mattox from senior PBX operator to customer service clerk; Jesse L. Ashworth from senior petty cash clerk to senior pay-roll clerk; Charles W. Hogan from junior meter record clerk to senior petty cash clerk.

Williamson District—Betty Lee Roach from accounting department to meter department.

System Offices—Vernon D. Willis from Roanoke local accounting department to system accounting; Mary A. Via from system billing department to local accounting department; Albert E. Dodson from Charleston district to system operating department; Mildred S. Dowdy from hydro production department to executive office.

Bradley Station Transformer Arrives



This 30,000 kva transformer has been installed at the Bradley transmission station near Beckley. The Bradley station is rapidly nearing completion and will be put in service soon. It will provide an additional source of electricity to the Beckley area. It is connected to the system by the new 132,000-volt Hinton-Kanawha-Glen Lyn Line.

Kentucky

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Muncy, Hope Francis Jack Caudill and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Barber.

Kay Cornett is a new employee in the commercial department.

Mrs. Helen Robertson, home economist, recently spent some time with her mother who underwent an operation in Lexington.

Vacationers: Bruce Muncy, Mac Smith, Dewey Parks and Paul Muncy fishing in Canada; L. B. Ferguson and family in Rome, Ga.; Thomas Bunton in Columbus visiting his father; Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Brashear, Jr., in Canada.

Ann Weatheron of Ashland, daughter of G. A. Weatheron, recently visited friends in Hazard.

Newt Money recently underwent an operation.

Pikeville District

Sympathy is extended Bill Harris, distribution department, on the death of his step-father.

Jarrett M. Wood and Bill Barnett recently trained with the reserves at Fort Campbell. Both are captains in the airborne infantry reserve unit in Pikeville.

Sympathy is extended Homer and Auburn Helvey, linemen, on the death of their mother.

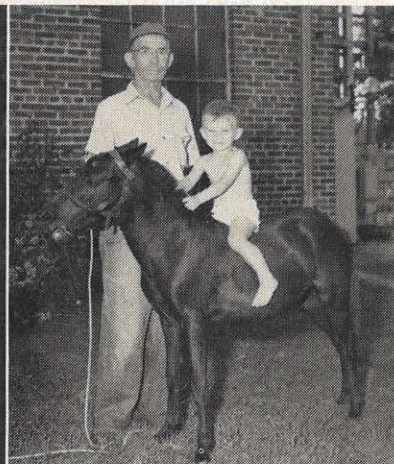
Dan Allen Penny, meter reader, has returned to school.

Raymond Caldwell, serviceman, is recuperating after breaking his foot in a recent fall.

New employees in the Pikeville district include: William Zoellers, engineer; Mary Lou Stapleton, home economist; Lois J. Rankin and Charles R. Robinette, accounting department.

Better Than A Dog's Life

Abingdon District Pets Attract Attention



Have you ever heard of a skunk named White Shoulders, of a pony named Champ, of a parakeet named Shanghai, of goats named Woody and Blatz or of a lamb named Tony? If you knew any or all of them, then you know some Abingdon district employees who own these unusual pets.

The pet skunk belongs to Doris and James Fleenor. Doris is employed in the managerial department and James in the meter department. James always wanted a pet skunk and while working in a rural area of Scott County he bought one for \$1.50 from a boy who had captured it.

Bringing it back to Abingdon, he gave it to Doris as a gift. They agreed that the first thing to be done was to have it deodorized. As the veterinarian charged \$7 for such dangerous work, Jim had a friend in Rural Retreat perform the operation.

The name "White Shoulders" was given the skunk not only because of the two white streaks across its shoulders but also because that is the name of Jim's favorite perfume. Jim built the pet a pen with a screened porch and sliding door to separate it from a dark space in the back.

White Shoulders, however, prefers to stay in the house where she sleeps in any dark place, usually under the refrigerator. She likes to sleep during the day and prowls at night.

Very particular about her diet, White Shoulders eats scrambled eggs, bacon, jelly on toast and warm milk for breakfast. Cottage cheese, fried chicken and corn on the cob are other favorites along with a nice big bug, which Doris is not too enthusiastic about catching.

A clean pet, nothing pleases the skunk more than a good soapy bath and drying with a big turkish towel. White Shoulders is not too friendly with strangers because she has no way of protecting herself. However, the skunk is making a nice pet for Doris and Jim and a wonderful playmate for their two kittens. Besides—they're fond of the little stinker.

Another unusual pet in the Abingdon district is Champ, a pony owned



Some of the pets owned by Abingdon district employees are shown above. Top row: W. B. Clatterbuck feeds Tony from a bottle. Doris Fleenor tries to keep White Shoulders from being camera shy. Carl Carrico holds Champ for "Ricky" Warden, son of Richard Warden of the engineering department. Bottom row: James L. Q. Moore, Jr., holds young Blatz and old Woody. Mrs. Paul Dunn feeds Shanghai some feed while Paul watches.

by Carl Carrico, maintenance man at Abingdon. Champ was bought from a man in North Carolina and now weighs about 250 pounds.

The three-year-old pony is very fond of candy and biscuits and each morning starts braying for his breakfast about 6 a. m. Champ is such a horsey little fellow that the Carricos have to keep the back screen door closed to keep him from coming right into the kitchen.

Paul Dunn, Abingdon rural department, and his wife fell heirs to a parakeet named Shanghai about two years ago. The parakeet was given Mrs. Dunn by her sister-in-law because it sang so much that it kept her baby awake.

About nine years old, Shanghai is a light blue and white. Not to be outdone, Shanghai sings when the radio starts playing. If hungry at night, Shanghai doesn't hesitate to wake the Duns with singing so that it will be fed.

Goat's milk—that's the order for James L. Q. Moore, Jr. This bookkeeper in the local accounting department at Gate City has two pet nanny goats, Woody and Blatz.

He first bought the 3-year-old Woody to graze the weeds in some

extra lots. Of the Toggenbury breed, she gives a quart of milk per day which James uses for cooking and on breakfast cereals.

Blatz is 5 months old and of the Nubian breed. She is the pet of the two goats and likes to ride in the car. She was bought while very young and James raised her on, of all things, cow's milk.

Although James likes his pets, he believes that two goats is one too many. He plans to sell old Woody after Blatz grows up.

Thrown out of the family circle at an early age, Tony never had it so good. This lamb was one of triplets and his mother would not claim him. Thus W. B. Clatterbuck, lineman at Cleveland, took the "orphan" when he was one day old.

Since Tony became the property of Clatterbuck, he has grown by leaps and bounds. At first kept under an electric lamp to keep him warm, Tony still likes that old childhood habit of being hand-fed from a bottle.

W. B. McGlothlin Cuts Marion Fire Damage

The experience of W. Bates McGlothlin, Pulaski district serviceman, helped prevent extensive damage to electric wires at a fire which recently destroyed the Cornett building in Marion.

Bates, a member of the Marion volunteer fire department, climbed a pole in terrific heat and cut the service wires going into the building. Until the blaze was brought under control, he kept close watch over the 4,000-volt line which was close to the fire to see that no flames spread to the pole.

J. B. Campolio Promoted At Turner Substation

Joseph B. Campolio has been promoted to Chief System Substation Operator at Turner substation at Institute.

Coming to work with the company in May of 1942 as operator at the substation, he served in that capacity until his promotion on August 1.

Glen Lyn Employees Hold Picnic



The children's watermelon eating contest, shown above, together with boating, softball, skeet shooting, horseshoes, bingo and other entertainment, were the highlights of the Glen Lyn Steam Plant's family picnic. The 1951 outing was recently held at McKenzie's Lake with more than four hundred employees and their guests attending. It was considered the plant's most successful picnic in a number of years.

Welch District's History Parallels Coal Development

Blacksmith's Fuel Attracted Settlers

When the stranger with a wagon arrived about 1870, "Aunt Betsy" Thompson rushed across the fields and down the hill. She told the men at the blacksmith shop that he must not be permitted to take away a full wagon of coal. She protested that such exports would soon exhaust the supply. Since then, over 40 million tons of coal have been taken from the original Pocahontas mine in the Welch district.

Any story of the history and development of this district which covers parts of Tazewell, McDowell, Buchanan, Wyoming and Mercer counties must necessarily parallel the development of coal. The earliest mention of this section prior to the discovery of coal was the Indian massacre of the Moore family in 1786.

Note Coal Deposits

About 1840 the Rogers brothers, English geologists, made extensive studies of the Appalachian coal measures in Pennsylvania and carried their examinations to the section then belonging to Virginia. They made the first record, so far as is known, of the rich coal measures on Laurel Branch in what is now the Pocahontas coal field.

When Jordan Nelson in 1867 acquired a 1,000 acre tract of land where Pocahontas is now situated, he began using in his blacksmith shop the rich coal cropping to the surface of his property. As fame of the new fuel spread, other smiths traveled far to see the wondrous fuel and to carry some back in their saddle bags. Finally, they started coming for coal with wagons drawn by oxen. It was at this point that "Aunt Betsy" who lived on an adjoining farm to Nelson made her protest against selling all the fuel.

Fame of the fuel spread even further and the New River Railroad, a predecessor of the N. & W., changed its plans and started building tracks to Pocahontas instead of to Hinton. At the same time the Southwest Virginia Development Company was organized and developed the mine until they were ready to ship coal when the Norfolk and Western extended its tracks to Pocahontas in 1883. That same year the first car of coal was shipped to the Honorable William Lamb, mayor of Norfolk.

The Southwest Virginia Improvement Company was succeeded by the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Company, later the Pocahontas Fuel Company Inc.

Tracks Extended

As a result of the efforts of Major Jed Hotchkiss, a capitalist and promoter of Staunton, Virginia, and Captain Isaiah A. Welch, a prospector who explored the coal deposits in McDowell County, others were interested in the development of this region. Railroad tracks were extended in 1892 through the Elkhorn Tunnel, down Elkhorn Creek to Tug River

where the Town of Welch was founded in 1893.

The beginning of the electric industry in this area was the construction of small plants by the various coal mining companies. The largest of these plants was the Pocahontas Fuel Company plant at Switchback which was connected to the power house at Pocahontas by a 13.2 kv line.

The original franchise for furnishing electricity, water and street railroads in Welch was granted by the town council on April 7, 1902, to D. J. Howell of Alexandria, Virginia. He organized the Welch Water, Light and Power Company of which he was secretary and treasurer.

Turns On Lights

W. H. Gannaway, the district's oldest retired employee, turned on the first lights for about 15 customers on October 25, 1902. They were operated on a monthly rate of 50 cents per 16 candlepower light. Only night service was provided.

The first meter was installed in 1903 in the home of R. B. Bernheim. About 40 street lights provided a major part of the load at the plant which consisted of a 50 kilowatt machine. The boiler was a 100 hp locomotive type which operated the steam-driven pump for the water works as well as the generating equipment.

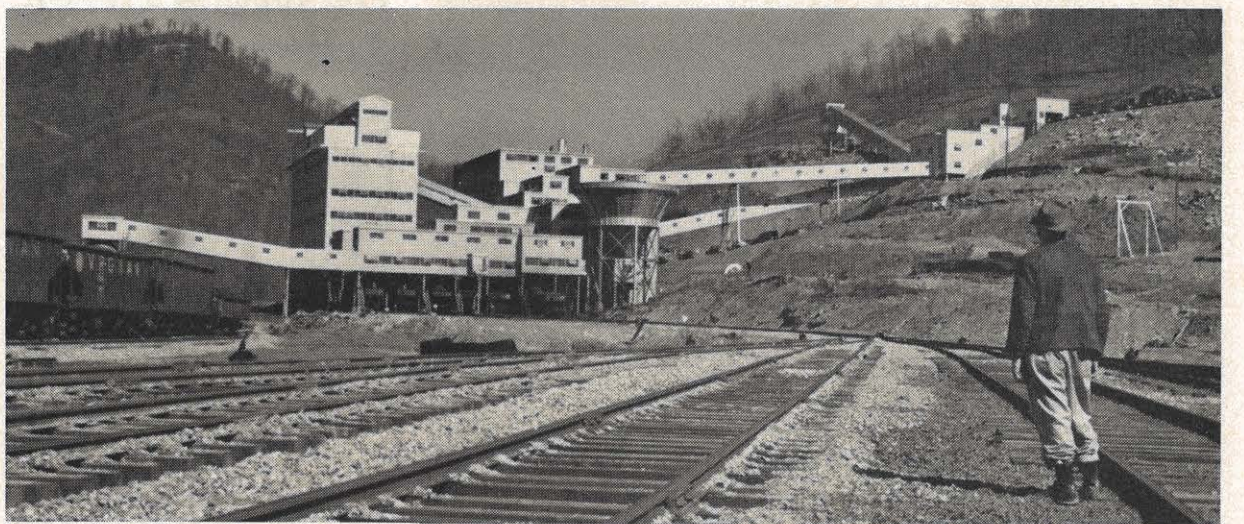
In 1904 an additional 150 kw machine and a 200 hp engine were added. The original boiler was torn out and two boilers formerly used in the United States Senate building were installed.

Contract Signed

At a time when the mines were finding increased use for electric energy for operations, the Appalachian Power Company was organized in 1911 by the H. M. Byllesby and Company and Viele, Blackwell and Buck. A contract of far-reaching significance was signed by Appalachian and the Pocahontas Fuel Company whereby the utility company would supply electric energy for the operation of Pocahontas' mines. Appalachian also purchased the steam plant at Switchback from the fuel company.

The new electric company had what was then an advanced idea for servicing the mines. They were building two hydro plants on New River south of Pulaski and were going to transmit electricity over high voltage lines to the mines. With the completion of Buck and Byllesby hydros, an 88 kv line was built to Switchback and service was extended to other mining companies throughout the area. With a new power source available, more and more mines discontinued using their small plants and started buying power from Appalachian.

In addition, the company started serving small towns which had been served by various coal companies from their mine plants. Both Bramwell and Pocahontas granted Appalachian the franchise to serve them soon after the company started serving the mines.



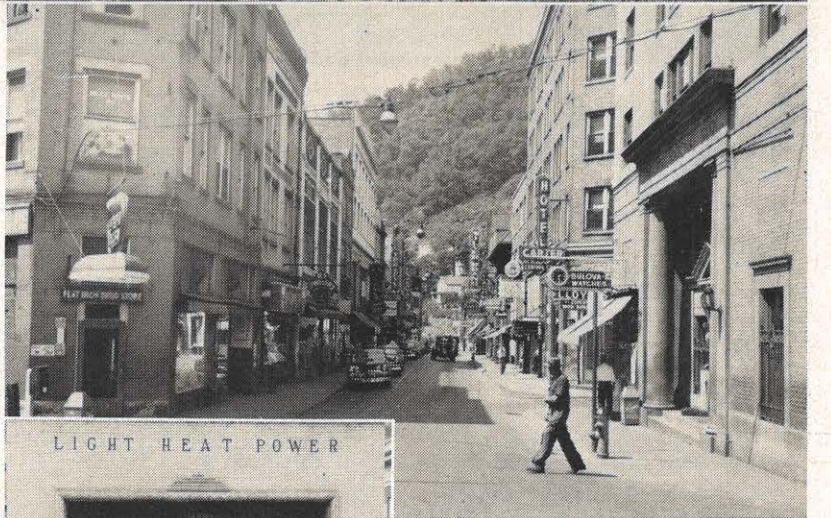
Appalachian Power Company acquired the Welch Water, Light and Power Company on June 18, 1911. Both water and electricity were sold until 1926 when Appalachian became a part of the American Gas and Electric Company.

Mullens, Pineville And Grundy

When the Virginian railroad completed its line into Mullens in Wyoming County early in 1914, the coal industry developed rapidly and created a demand for electricity. Construction of a line was started on June 30, 1914, and rushed to completion that same fall to provide the first electric service for that county.

In 1927, a line was constructed down the Guyandotte River to Pineville, the county seat. This line preceded the railroad and paved highways which followed as the town grew rapidly.

First electric service for Buchanan County was furnished by a small steam plant installed by Harry Johnson about 1914. About 50 families in Grundy were served until 1923 when a committee of citizens presented a



Top: Located in the heart of Wyoming County near Mullens, the new Itmann Colliery of Pocahontas Fuel Company processes 5,000 tons of coal a day. Tall as a ten-story building, Itmann is really two plants in one, a dry-cleaning plant and a heavy media wet process washing plant. (Photo courtesy of Pocahontas Fuel Company). Center: Looking north on McDowell Street in Welch. Left: The Welch district office building.

Three Have Total Of 107 Years' Service



G. W. Steadham

C. C. Belchee

C. C. Caldwell

petition to Appalachian requesting service. The company's Coalwood-Clinchfield 88,000-volt line passed within three miles of Grundy.

As a result of the petition, a transformer station was installed and line constructed to the town in January of 1924. Electric service again preceded the railroads as the Buchanan Branch of the Norfolk and Western Railroad was not completed until 1931 when the Buchanan County coal fields were opened to extensive development.

Although industries in the area or incident to or connected with the dominant coal mine industry, there is considerable farming in the district. Many miners have purchased tracts of land on which they have built their homes and tend their farms after hours.

District's Growth

As an indication of this trend, the district serves over 14,000 rural customers today. About 25,000 customers are being served by the district's 192 employed compared with about 10,000 customers in 1941. A. F. Horne is district manager in the 1,200 square-mile area served by more than 1,800 miles of line.

Three veteran employees in the district are George W. Steadham,

Chester C. Belchee and Charles C. Caldwell who have a total of 107 years of service with the company. Steadham, Pocahontas serviceman, was employed in March of 1912 and has worked as groundman, lineman and substation operator.

Belchee was employed in June of 1916 and worked as groundman, lineman, troubleman, line foreman and service foreman before becoming general line foreman. Caldwell, substation operator, was employed in January of 1918 and has worked his entire length of service as substation

operator, most of the time at Jenkins.

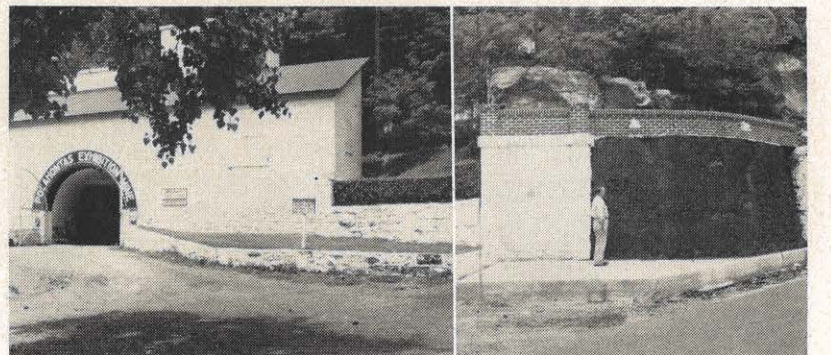
A reminder of the company's original contract with the Pocahontas Fuel Company is the fact that direct current is furnished that company for its mining operations. Indicative of the magnitude of the operations in the Pocahontas field is that all the mines are electrified and have 884 miles of underground electric railway serviced with 27,000 mine cars. Over 200 electric cutting machines are operated and the mines are air-conditioned.

Although "Aunt Betsy" had no way of knowing it in 1870, most of the land in the area is so rich in coal deposits that there are over three acres of coal underground to each acre of surface land. In addition to the 700 million tons of coal mined and shipped from the Pocahontas field since its opening, it is estimated that there are one billion tons to be mined and shipped during the coming years.

Having seen the tremendous growth of coal mining through the years, Welch district residents would have been the first to tell "Aunt Betsy" that she need not have been alarmed. There was plenty of coal to go around—even by the wagon load.

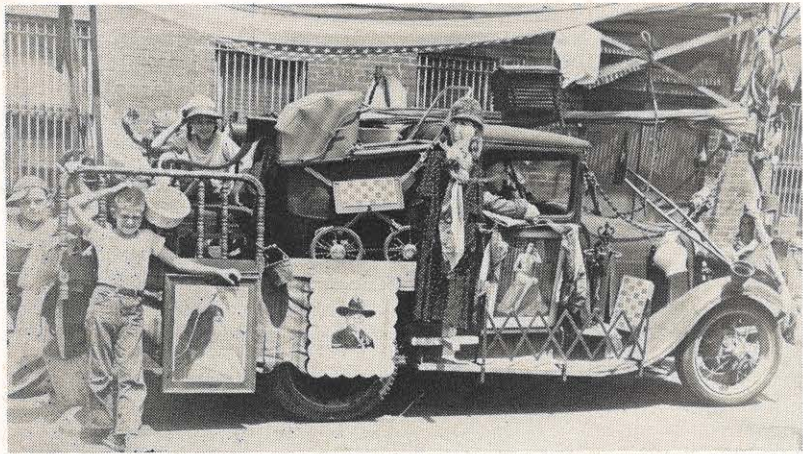


Main Street of Grundy, Virginia, in Buchanan County



Near Pocahontas is the only mine in the world equipped to show sight-seers how coal is mined. A paved road through the mine makes it possible for visitors in their cars to see phases of mining in the various "rooms" cut into the huge coal seam. G. E. Adams, local superintendent at Welch, stands in front of an exposed seam near the exhibition mine entrance.

Bird Cage To Bedstead--A Conglomeration



What is it? That's a good question. The boy scratching his head at the back of the "Indian princess" seems just as puzzled as the rest of us. Appearing in an American Legion Convention parade, this car belonging to George Hancock of the Ashland distribution department is a rolling duplicate of Hancock's Conglomeration Store on Winchester Avenue. Hancock advertises that "we buy and sell anything." From the number and variety of articles on the car, it seems the only thing not on the car is the photographer and his camera.

Joule Club Officers Elected At Meeting

N. B. Kean was recently elected president of the Joule Club, a social group of the Huntington engineering and executive departments. Other officers chosen for the coming year were Edith L. Shy, vice president; Stella Buttrick, treasurer, and Catherine Twohig, secretary.

Committee appointments at the meeting at St. Clouds Commons Clubhouse were C. H. Price, Ethel Hyl-dahl and R. T. Hibner, advisory committee, and Azel McCurdy, Mary E. Fike and C. M. Duke, social committee.

A vote of appreciation was extended to the retiring officers who served and developed the Joule Club during its first year.

Sweepstakes

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tives by districts were: J. M. Wyson, R. H. Smith, Carl Phillips, C. H. Ferguson, K. D. Moore, R. C. Wilton and Paul Baker of Huntington; P. W. Burks, G. C. Covey and J. C. Steele of Beckley; O. L. Bennett, Logan; B. J. Oney, Williamson; H. A. Howbert and J. M. Peck, Roanoke; Ralph Hale, Welch; J. R. Whitehurst, Bluefield; A. L. Graham and J. E. Grantham, Pulaski; W. H. Ferguson, Abingdon; W. E. Henderson, Lynchburg; W. K. McGraw and H. K. Shabdue, Charleston; J. D. Higgins, Fieldale, and S. N. Johnson, Pt. Pleasant. The top men in the water heater derby were O. L. Williams, L. A. Goeller and G. B. Stump all of Charleston.

These men were awarded a trip to Nags Head for their outstanding records in the campaign.

System

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erine Matthews at Cherokee Indian Reservation, North Carolina; Reba J. Turner in Richmond; W. F. Keehne and family at Douthat State Park; Mrs. Cline Bradford at Bath, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. J. Clyde Miller in Florida.

Tyler Stowers has returned to work after an illness.

About 115 members and guests of the system accounting Appa-Mo Club attended an all-day picnic at Bedford State Park on August 11.

Charlotte Key and Mary Ann Grisso are new employees in the accounting office.

Sarah Adams is recuperating after being discharged from the hospital.

Lucille Mitchell, public relations department, was honored with a luncheon at the Patrick Henry Hotel on August 8 by the girls of the fourth floor. Miss Mitchell left the company to spend a month with her parents

A. L. Thurston Of System Office Retires Sept. 1



Mr. Thurston

A. L. Thurston, system accounting office, Roanoke, retired September 1 after having completed more than twenty-seven years of service with the company.

Mr. Thurston was guest of honor at a dinner at the Shenandoah Club. He was presented a watch by L. E. Jefferson on behalf of the employees of the department, and a pen-and-pencil set by Frank Moore, president of the Appa-Mo Club, on behalf of its members.

In rounding out his twenty-seven years of service which began in March, 1924, at Bluefield, Mr. Thurston has remained in one general field of work. He was first employed with the accounting department of the Appalachian Power Company and remained at the Bluefield office until the Appalachian Electric Power Company was formed in 1926. At that time, he was transferred to the Roanoke main accounting office and remained there in various capacities until his retirement.

Mr. Thurston has been a member of the Greene Memorial Methodist Church, Roanoke, for the past twenty-four years where he served as a member of the Board of Stewards. He is the father of two sons, A. L. Thurston, Jr., Hillsboro, Texas, and Carl G. Thurston, Bergenfield, N. J.

When asked about his plans for the future, Mr. Thurston replied, "First, I'm going to take several months' vacation. That's when I'll decide how I'll spend my leisure years."

J. K. Hall Dies At Cabin Creek



Mr. Hall

John K. Hall, 50, a Cabin Creek Plant employee, died at his home August 2 following a prolonged illness.

Mr. Hall had been an employee of Appalachian since July, 1943, and worked as material clerk.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clara Mae Hall and six daughters, Mrs. Mary Lee Ferrell of Miami, W. Va. Mrs. Eleanor Mae Eggleton of Wyandotte, Michigan; Dorothy Jean, Marcella Kay, Clare Layne, and Sue Anne, all living at home. Also one step-son, John Hamilton, Jr., of Kansas City, Mo.

Survey Shows Employee Information Program Is Interesting And Helpful

A Good Report

The tenth annual Southern Properties Softball tournament was played on August 17 and 18, but already good reports have been received from Kingsport.

Hotel managers, restaurant operators and others in Kingsport have been high in their praises of all those who attended the softball tournament. In every case hotel people said they would be very happy to have all of the players and fans who attended the tournament to come again.

Everyone conducted themselves in fine fashion and made a very favorable impression, is the word from Kingsport.

Charleston

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in the credit department, was discharged from active reserve duty.

Hobart Ballangee recently had as his guests his sister-in-law and family from Orange, Texas. She is Mrs. W. E. Markham, a former employee of the bookkeeping department.

D. F. Boggess trained for two weeks with the National Guard in Kentucky.

Vacationers: J. W. Layne in Florida; George Litsinger and family at Nags Head; Mrs. Patty Horn and husband at Myrtle Beach; Joe Bedinger and family at camp on Lake Chaweva; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Elkins at Cincinnati; R. G. Skinner and family at Chautauqua Lake in New York; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Eager at Nags Head; L. C. Lively and family at Mobile, Gulf Shores, Gulf Port and Biloxi.

P. O. Bailey trained for two weeks with the Naval Reserve.

Betty Cayer, on leave from the Waves, recently visited the office.

Ralph Baughan, Jr., recently visited his home at Pratt before being transferred to the Naval Air Center at Jacksonville.

Vacationers: E. C. Judy fishing near Tampa; E. C. Flannery and family at Claytor Lake; W. H. Zinn and family at a camp on Greenbrier River near Hinton; Kyle Wilson and wife at Virginia Beach; Mary Louise Hardy at New York City; Ardith Ferrel at Sanford, Florida, with her husband who is stationed at the Naval Air Station.

Kenna Judy's wife is recuperating from typhoid.

L. M. McKibbin has been ill.

I. C. Lavender suffered a heart attack.

S. T. Preston is recuperating after an operation.

F. C. Young is recuperating after an operation.

Nella Higginbotham is recuperating after an operation.

L. F. Nichols is recuperating after being released from St. Francis Hospital.

New employees in the Charleston district: Barbara Cummings, pay-roll department; Garnet Naylor and Clarence Elswick, transportation department; Mrs. Anne Hart, Polly Ann Harris and E. L. Mitchell, commercial department; Anna M. Canterbury, accounting department, and Mrs. Norma D. Amory, personnel department.

The Employee Information Program apparently is well liked by the employees of the three companies. The results of a survey conducted recently, though disappointing in the number of returns, show that those who did return the questionnaire have found the program to be very interesting and helpful. Less than one per cent of 416 questionnaires returned said that the program is not at all interesting.

There were several constructive suggestions made and those preparing the program say they are most helpful. There were also some criticisms which the program planners are taking under consideration and making plans to overcome some of the objections.

Several topics were listed by employees for discussion in future meetings. Topping the list in the number of requests was a discussion of departmental duties and relations. The second high topic was a discussion of insurance, retirement and other employee benefits. All of the topics are being considered for future sessions and the program planners say that they will be given further study and if possible will be given a place in the program.

The program has been in recess for the past two months but will be resumed in October with a discussion of "Our Retirement Plan."

Bluefield

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Bluefield District

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wolford and family in the Great Smokies and Lake Cherokee in Tennessee; Mrs. Mary Archer Murphy in Canada and Niagara Falls, New York.

H. M. Strong, Jr., Princeton local office manager, attended the Elks International Convention in Chicago. He was joined by his wife and spent the remainder of his vacation in Marion and Leesburg, Indiana.

Sympathy is extended T. M. Counts, Tazewell, on the death of his mother.

L. E. Riggs, Matoaka, has returned to work after a recent illness.

Sympathy is extended W. W. Munsey on the death of his father.

R. E. Shipwash, Princeton, and James Loyd, Bluefield accounting department, attended the Imperial Shriners Convention in New York.

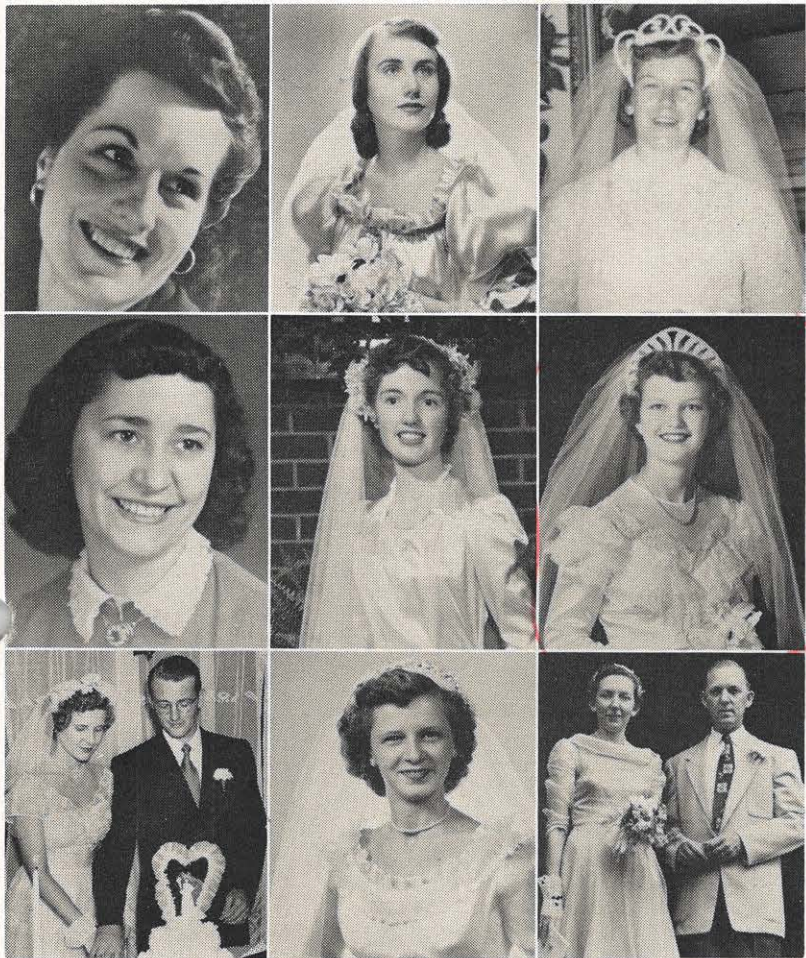
Vacationers: A. G. Ferrell and family at Daytona Beach; Eulalia Footo, Dorothy Boyd and Pauline Hawley at Myrtle Beach; Harry Garber, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Linkous, Elsa Carter and Millie Bishop at Virginia Beach; C. S. Bowling and family at Watoga State Park.

Finish First Aid



Three Philip Sporn Plant employees recently completed a series of three American Red Cross First Aid Courses. Their training included the Standard, Advanced, and Instructors' courses. All three will conduct classes for other plant employees in the near future. The instructors, shown above, left to right, are: Jack Givens, safety supervisor; Robert Johnson, test engineer, and Gerald LeMasters, junior test engineer.

Sixteen Couples United In Marriage Last Month



Here are some of the brides and bridal couples who were married during the past month. Top row, left to right: Mrs. Douglas McTier, Roanoke; Mrs. John L. Shissler, Roanoke; Mrs. J. E. Blaker, Jr., Beckley. Second row: Mrs. Carl R. Shepherd, Logan; Mrs. Robert Dean, Kingsport; Mrs. Henry Spradlin, Lynchburg. Third row: Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Creasey, Cabin Creek; Mrs. James A. Dunham, Roanoke, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester M. Weaver, Sporn plant.

Cromer-Dunham

Miss Lois Cromer and James A. Dunham were married August 4 at the Villa Heights Baptist Church in Roanoke. Mr. Dunham is an engineer trainee in Roanoke.

Thrasher-Weaver

Miss Kathleen Thrasher and Chester M. Weaver exchanged marriage vows recently at the First Methodist Church in Huntington. Mr. Weaver is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

Crawford-Creasey

A double ring ceremony united Miss Jeanne Crawford and Joe E. Creasey in marriage on August 10 in Chelyan, W. Va. Mrs. Creasey is employed at the Cabin Creek Plant.

Thomas-Kibbey

Mrs. Marie F. Thomas and William Kibbey were married at the home of the bride in Ashland on July 28. Mrs. Kibbey is employed in Ashland.

Osborne-Bartley

Miss Neva Mae Osborne became the bride of Jerry Bartley, August 7, at Clintwood, Virginia. Mr. Bartley is employed in Pikeville.

Roberts-Hensler

Miss Eula Roberts became the bride of Glenneth L. Hensler on July 21 in Pomeroy, Ohio. Mr. Hensler is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

Grimstead-Crabtree

Miss Mary Grimstead and Edsel Crabtree were united in marriage recently in Dillon, South Carolina. At the time of the wedding Mr. Crabtree was on military leave, he has since returned to the company at Welch.

Spencer-Spradlin

In a double ring ceremony performed July 21 in Lynchburg, Miss Thelma M. Spencer and Henry Spradlin were united in marriage. Mrs. Spradlin is employed in Lynchburg.

Home Economist Gives Lunch Tips

Mrs. Dorothy M. Barker, Beckley district home economist, has listed a number of timely suggestions for ILLUMINATOR readers who frequently prepare box lunches. Here are some suggestions that may help you to prepare better lunches and have more spare time.

For the well-balanced and wholesome lunch, the most important item to consider is the menu. First, always include a protein food such as meat, fish, cheese or peanut butter. Next, a vegetable and this may be raw, cooked or frozen. Third, a fruit, dessert, fresh, frozen or canned should be included. Fourth, a wholesome serving of a bread. Fifth, a beverage will round out the lunch. As something of a surprise, and this always helps, salted nuts, candy, dates, prunes or something of that nature will always be welcomed.

Persons having home freezers will find these lunches easy to prepare and

easy to store for weeks at a time. Box lunches for the freezer can be prepared in two ways. Lunches may be assembled and ready to use or may be removed and packed later.

Many homemakers find a complete lunch can be prepared in the spare time and taken from the freezer as a unit. If removed in the morning, the lunch will be thawed and ready to eat by noon. Foods also can be packed individually, frozen, and then combined with other foods to complete the lunch. For example, a meat sandwich and a wedge of cake can be removed from the freezer and be combined with celery hearts or fresh fruit from the refrigerator.

A typical menu of a boxed lunch where the entire contents are frozen could include tomato juice, creamed cheese on nut bread or a meat salad sandwich, brownies, potato chips and frozen strawberries.

Johnson-Shissler

Miss Barbara Johnson became the bride of John L. Shissler on July 28 in Roanoke. Mrs. Shissler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Johnson. Mr. Johnson is employed by the A. G. and E. Service Corporation in New York and formerly was located in Roanoke.

Marks-Blaker

Miss Lorraine Marks and J. E. Blaker, Jr., were united in marriage on August 4 at the Maxwell Hill Baptist Church. Mrs. Blaker is employed in Beckley.

Dalton-Smith

Miss Nancy Dalton and Robert Allen Smith were married August 3 in Welch. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Line Foreman John D. Dalton in Welch.

Crislip-Griffitts

Miss Jane Crislip and John P. Griffitts exchanged wedding vows on August 17 at Grafton, W. Va. Mrs. Griffitts is employed in the Marion office.

Shannon-Roberts

Mrs. Charlene B. Shannon became the bride of Donald Roberts in Catlettsburg, Ky., on August 11. Mrs. Roberts is employed in Ashland.

Lambert-Shepherd

Miss Rose Lambert and Carl Ray Shepherd were married recently at the bride's home in Logan. Mr. Shepherd is employed at the Logan Plant.

Cregger-McTier

Miss Evelyn Cregger became the bride of Douglas McTier on July 28 in Roanoke. Mrs. McTier is employed in the system real estate and right of way department in Roanoke.

Anderson-Dean

Miss Shirley Anderson and Robert Dean were united in marriage on July 28 at the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Dean is employed in Kingsport.

Charleston Area Girls Hold Swim



Some of the Charleston and Cabin Creek girls are shown as they enjoy a part of the singing session at their party. Shown above, left to right, are: Virginia Wilson, Golda Johnson, Rose Ann Smith, Jane Rutherford, Phyllis Burns, Mary Dolan, Kathryn Wilkerson, Maxine Urwin, Blanch Frost, Helen Porter and Patricia Toman. Seated, Rita Marie Schneider and Suzanne Seese.

Sixty girls, all Charleston district and Cabin Creek Plant employees, recently enjoyed a swimming party at the Kanawha Country Club. Swimming, outdoor games and contests, dancing and singing, along with chicken and fish dinners, were the highlights of the outing.

Door prizes were awarded to Dolores McDowell, Jean Burford, Golda Johnson, and Margaret Wood. Other



New Fall Coats Appear In Many Textures And Appealing Colors For Casual Look



the bright color of a dress or skirt. Fabrics, too, anticipate the golden season with new appearances of wool coatings. Fabric news focuses on the bulky, face-finished woolens such as the poodle cloth family—including all richly textured wool fabrics of the wonderful roughish looking looped, or nubbled surfaces, the long haired woolens, spongy fleeces, shaggy brushed tweeds and lively ribbed woolens. Important coatings following closely are the silken soft broadcloth and duvetyn types, with covert also receiving special attention.

There are many favored color combinations for coats interpreted in the woolen weaves, such as dark tone plaids, subdued checks and Linten tweeds. Black and honey is a favorite combination. Black comes in for strong interest this season as well as Banker's grey.

You'll be going and becoming in a loose, easy-hanging coat silhouette offered in a wide array of fabrics and in colors as varied as a fall landscape. Such is the fabulously soft, lightweight coat of tangerine wool fleece shown above. The cuffs are deep and designed for interestingly different fore and aft effect. Back of cuff is slit and dotted with a single button. A small shawl collar falls over rounded, seam-detailed yoke; slit pockets at side are banded. This is a coat you can sling on over the smartest suits, team with dresses, wear season after season with complete fashion assurance. It is preferred by the girl-with-a-job because of its casual look.

Fall's entire collection of coats make flattering news from shoulder to hemline. Shoulders are rounded, raglan sleeves boast cuffs that can be turned up or down, many of which are lined in a contrasting color and fabric. Collars are small and buttoned high. Hemlines may stop short to reveal

They're Engaged

MISS JANE HUTCHINSON to William Abbott. Miss Hutchinson is employed in Charleston and Mr. Abbott in Beckley.

MISS ANN MUSSER to Samuel B. Howard, Jr. Miss Musser is employed in Abingdon.

New Arrivals . . .

MR. AND MRS. L. D. BOLIN are the parents of a daughter, Lynda Susan, born on August 5. Mr. Bolin is employed in Beckley.

MR. AND MRS. C. P. MINNICK, JR., are the parents of a son, Gregory Carlton. Mr. Minnick is employed in Lynchburg.

MR. AND MRS. JOEL WILSON are the parents of a son, Joel Thomas, Jr., born on August 17. Mr. Wilson is employed in Fieldale.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES T. FARMER, JR., are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born on July 25. Mrs. Farmer formerly worked for the company in Beckley, where Mr. Farmer is now employed.

MR. AND MRS. J. W. VANDALL are the parents of a son, Stephen Marshall, born on July 20. Mrs. Vandall was formerly employed in Huntington.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES CROW are the parents of a daughter, Susan Crow, born on August 11. Mr. Crow is employed at the Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. JACK K. BUTLER are the parents of a son, Richard Kenneth. Mr. Butler is employed in Huntington.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL JEFFREY are the parents of a son, Timothy Ray, born on July 28. Mr. Jeffrey is employed at Man in the Logan district.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN ORR are the parents of a son, Allen McCann, born July 28. Mr. Orr is employed in Abingdon.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM BONDURANT are the parents of a son born July 24. Mr. Bondurant is an employee of the Charleston division transformer shop stationed at Cabin Creek.

MR. AND MRS. VIRGIL CASTO are the parents of a son born August 5. Mr. Casto is employed in the Charleston division transformer shop at Cabin Creek.

SERGEANT AND MRS. CARL W. SLATER are the parents of a daughter, Sharon Anne, born August 18. Mrs. Slater is a former Charleston employee.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT J. GILPIN are the parents of a son, Robert Lindsey, born August 5. Mr. Gilpin is employed in Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. A. C. STRICKLAND are the parents of a son, Mark Littleton, born July 17. Mr. Strickland is employed in the system operating department in Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. OSCAR FOWLER, JR., are the parents of a daughter, Sandra Sue, born August 10. Mr. Fowler is employed in Huntington.

MR. AND MRS. CARL PATTESON are the parents of a daughter. Mr. Patteson is employed at the Glen Lyn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. W. G. HARTGROVE are the parents of a son, Johnny Lynn, born July 28. Mr. Hartgrove is employed in Kingsport.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN E. MORAN are the parents of a son, William Joseph, born July 28, 1951.

MR. AND MRS. B. L. FOSTER, JR., are the parents of a daughter, Bonnie Sue, born on August 14. Mrs. Foster formerly worked in the system accounting department in Roanoke.

C. W. Allen, Roanoke Chief Operator, Dies



Mr. Allen

Charles William Allen, chief system substation operator at the 132 KV station, Roanoke, died August 1, following a long illness.

Charlie, as he was known to most Roanoke division employees, had completed more than thirty years of service with the company and was active in all employee's affairs. He was a member of Bluefield Lodge Number 85, A. F. & A. M., Bluefield, W. Va.

Mr. Allen is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ola Allen, one step-son, one daughter, one brother, and two grandchildren.

Huntington

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The K-Appa-Klub held a wiener roast on August 2 at the home of Juanita McCoy.

Wallace G. Smith, Jr., resigned to return to school.

Captain George Boothe, Jr., is now stationed in Roanoke where his wife and daughter will join him.

Logan Plant

J. E. Gibbs, watchman, is recuperating from a recent operation.

Robert E. Stone, assistant chemist, has resigned to resume studies at West Virginia University.

F. K. Armstead, Solomon Adams and W. W. Farley are new employees at the plant.

B. G. Wheatley, Johnnie Riggio, Mineral Adkins and E. T. Hastings have resigned.

Vacationers: Cora L. Straughan at Nags Head; Bartlin Montiegel and family at Wheeling; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Feiszli at Fort Wayne, Wheeling and Dayton; Don Brown and



Kingsport Utilities

Kingsport—25 YEARS: J. A. Randall, meter department and J. T. Duncan, accounting department. 10 YEARS: Andy Skelton, steam production department.

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—25 YEARS: Lewis C. Peck, Jr., distribution department. 5 YEARS: Charles C. Self, transmission and distribution department.

Bekley District—15 YEARS: Gilman E. Tucker, distribution department; 10 YEARS: Harry H. Wills, meter department; 5 YEARS: Roy E. Lilly, commercial department, and William F. Epling, accounting department.

Bluefield District—15 YEARS: G. E. Hill, Sr., garage.

Cabin Creek Plant—15 YEARS: R. L. Bias, coal handling utility operator. 10 YEARS: R. W. O'Dell, assistant control operator, and W. R. Brooks, coal conveyor operator.

Fieldale District—5 YEARS: J. D. Puckett, accounting department.

Glen Lyn Plant—10 YEARS: Hunter O. Brookman and Elbert W. Ganoe.

Huntington District—15 YEARS: Willie F. Kates, miscellaneous department. 10 YEARS: C. M. Dunn, commercial department, and L. A. Meador, accounting department. 5 YEARS: Margaret F. Dial and Mary L. Young, system billing department.

Logan District—25 YEARS: Merrill R. Atkinson, commercial department.

Logan Plant—30 YEARS: Elias Adams, operations department. 10 YEARS: Norman Johnson, Jr., mechanical maintenance department.

Lynchburg District—30 YEARS: H. C. Metts, distribution department. 25 YEARS: B. C. Cook, stores department and L. A. Hudson, managerial department. 20 YEARS: R. C. Reynolds, substation. 10 YEARS: C. D. Ross, distribution. 5 YEARS: M. W. Phelps, Jr., distribution.

Pulaski District—15 YEARS: Q. M. Harless, right-of-way department. 10 YEARS: Zelle Phillips, H. L. Vaught and B. G. Frazier, accounting department. 5 YEARS: R. L. Overbay, substation, and R. H. Cornett, transmission and distribution department.

Philip Sporn Plant—15 YEARS: Harold C. Johnson, unit operator.

Roanoke District—25 YEARS: H. W. Dearing, accounting department; J. G. Harvey, division personnel supervisor; D. M. Rusmisell, commercial department and Mary E. Mills, accounting department. 15 YEARS: F. O. Adams, steam production and A. Raymond Martin, Rocky Mount superintendent. 5 YEARS: H. F. Carter, transmission and distribution, and K. D. Cox, distribution department.

System Offices—25 YEARS: C. O. Roberson, executive office. 5 YEARS: Doris E. Carter and H. A. Howell, system accounting department.

Welch District—15 YEARS: Guineine Mitchell, accounting department. 5 YEARS: William C. Sexton, substation and Perry Hatmaker, distribution records department.

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Pikeville District—15 YEARS: Ira Smith, distribution department; C. J. Aders, substation department. 10 YEARS: L. M. Newson, engineering department. 5 YEARS: Jarrett Wood, commercial department.

family in Maine; Roy Kirk at Toledo and in Michigan; Moss Blevins and family at Pontiac; L. A. Singleton and family at Myrtle Beach; E. D. Buskirk and family at Washington; J. R. Beckett and family in Kentucky; Mr. and Mrs. L. H. McDonald at Proctorville, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Napier at Cincinnati.

J. H. Belcher Dies In Pulaski Hospital



James Belcher

James H. Belcher, 55, who had been an employee at the Pulaski office since 1937, died in the Pulaski Hospital August 12.

He was born in Pulaski and was a member of the armed forces in Europe during World War I. He was keenly interested in sports and often made trips with the Pulaski district softball team as official batboy and coach. For several years, he traveled to support his favorite baseball team during the World Series.

He is survived by his wife, Mazie G. Belcher, who also is a district commercial department employee.

Fourteen Veterans Get Service Emblems



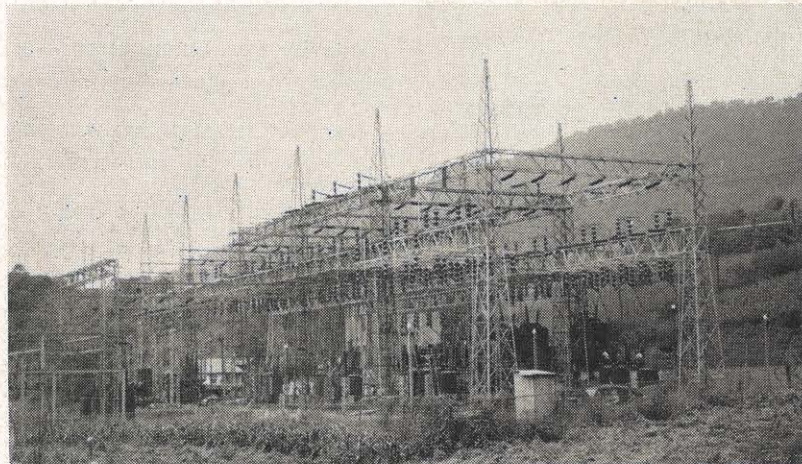
These fourteen people received service pins during the past month for twenty years or more service with the company. Top row, left to right: Elias Adams, 30 years, Logan Plant; T. J. O'Connor, 30 years, Charleston. Second row: Merrill R. Atkinson, 25 years, Logan; J. A. Randall, 25 years, Kingsport; L. R. Hudson, 25 years, Lynchburg. Third row: James T. Duncan, 25 years, Kingsport; Henry Dearing, 25 years, Roanoke; B. C. Cook, 25 years, Lynchburg. Fourth row: Mary E. Mills, 25 years, Roanoke; C. O. Roberson, 25 years, system offices, Roanoke; J. G. Harvey, 25 years, Roanoke. Fifth row: Clark Peck, Jr., 25 years, Abingdon; D. M. Rusmisell, 25 years, Roanoke, and L. C. Lively, 20 years, Charleston.

Employee Manages Legion Team



Leon F. Valley, Honaker, Virginia, serviceman for the Abingdon district, coached and managed the Honaker Junior American Legion baseball team to the Legion's Ninth District Championship. Valley has coached the team for three years and was rewarded as his clouters slugged their way through the southwest Virginia competition. The team is composed of boys ranging from ten to fifteen years of age. Shown above, front row, left to right: Bobby Jones, L. Valley, Jr., and H. T. Sword, Jr., bat boys. Kneeling, left to right, Larry Sykes, Dan Steele, Doc Stovall, Curtis Steele, Gene White, and Ben Valley, Mr. Valley's son. Standing, left to right: Bill Justice, Paul Hughes, Clyde Wilson, Bob Justice, George Bundy, Jr., and Mr. Valley.

Saltville Station Work Near Completion



The Saltville station in the Pulaski district has been undergoing some changes in recent months. Already completed and in service is one 30,000 kva transformer and another is on the site ready to be installed. A 132 kv oil circuit breaker has been installed at the station to take care

of the additional circuit from Switchback. The 132,000-volt second circuit from Switchback is completed to Saltville and will be put in service soon.

In the photograph, the new transformer may be seen at the left near the end of the large steel structure.

Huntington Defeats Beckley To Win Softball Title

Roanoke Finishes In Third Place

Tournament Softball Champions And '51 All-Stars

Huntington district is the softball champion of the Southern Properties. Led by Pitcher Paul Baker, the Huntington softballers defeated Beckley 5 to 2 in the finals at Kingsport to regain the crown they lost to Beckley three years ago. Roanoke won the consolation trophy in the tenth annual tournament.

The showings made by Pikeville and Kingsport were the biggest surprises of the tournament. After defeating Seabiscuit Simmons and Roanoke in the biggest upset, Kingsport went on to lose to Huntington, then defeated Welch and finally lost to Seabiscuit and his Roanokers in the consolation finals 3 to 2.

Pikeville gave the defending champion Beckley club a scare in the second round before bowing 13 to 12, and then in the consolation round fought the Roanoke club to a standstill for eleven innings before losing 4 to 0.

Championship Contest

All of the scoring in the Beckley-Huntington game was confined to two innings. It started out like a pitchers' duel between McGinnis for Beckley and Baker for Huntington. McGinnis ran into trouble in the second inning and Huntington scored five runs on a double by Derbyshire, singles by Webster and Baker combined with two walks and a hit batsman.

Beckley had difficulty solving Baker's pitches as he struck out 12 men. The defending champions scored their only runs in the sixth inning as the result of a single by Farmer, two walks and an error.

Consolation Finals

Pitcher Howard Wexler and his mates from Kingsport took the field for their fourth game in the two-day affair against Seabiscuit Simmons and Roanoke in the consolation finals. The Kingsporters could not turn the same trick the second time and lost to Seabiscuit and his cohorts 3 to 2.

Kingsport took a two-run lead in the second inning on a double by Trumbo and singles by Rayfield and Wexler. Roanoke tied it in the third on singles by Simmons and Hubbard and a double by Bryant. The Virginians added the clincher in the fourth inning when Wright doubled and Simmons singled him home.

Bluefield Bowler Gets ABC Award



Ernie Linkous, an outstanding Bluefield district bowler, recently received an award of merit from the American Bowling Congress for outstanding bowling during the 1950-51 season. The award, a gold belt buckle, was presented to Linkous for his high 268 single game, and his 664 three-game series, which were rolled while competing in the Bluefield City Bowling League. Ernie, an employee of the Bluefield stores department, has participated in various company sports over a period of several years.

First Round

Kingsport's forces swung at the pitches of Seabiscuit Simmons for five innings and couldn't score a run against the Roanokers. They were trailing 3 to 0 going into the sixth as the result of two runs scored by the Virginians in the first inning and a single run in the fifth inning. In the sixth the Utilities nine changed tactics and began bunting. They sent eleven men to the plate and scored six runs.

Beckley's defending champions made short work of a valiant Welch nine in the opening round by defeating them 7 to 1. Horse Martin was on the mound for Beckley and the Welch boys couldn't solve his pitching. Welch tallied once in the fourth on singles by Gibson and Jones. Beckley took a three-run lead in the first inning and added four in the fourth.

Second Round

Huntington's sluggers had an easy time of it in their first appearance in the tournament by shutting out a battling Kingsport nine 12 to 0.

The fireworks came in the Pikeville-Beckley contest. The Beckley-ans got off to a fast start by scoring three times in the first inning. Pikeville scored once in the second and tied it by scoring two in the third. They added two more in the fourth when Brock took over the pitching chores for Beckley to take a 5 to 3 lead. Beckley tied it up in the fifth, but Pikeville came storming back in the fifth to tally six runs by sending ten men to bat against Horse Martin.

The defending champions were not to be beaten, however, and added four runs in the sixth to make it 11 to 9. In the top of the seventh Beckley plated four more runs to take a 13 to 11 lead. Pikeville loaded the bases in their half of the seventh but could only get one run across and the game ended 13 to 12. Evans of Beckley hit the only home run of the tournament in the seventh inning.

Consolation Round

Saturday morning, Pikeville and Roanoke opened the consolation rounds and battled through eleven innings as Seabiscuit Simmons and Curt Charles matched pitches. In the first ten innings each team was able to get only five hits. Charles weakened in the eleventh and gave up three hits including a double by Simmons and singles by Hubbard and Webb, which with two walks accounted for the four runs.

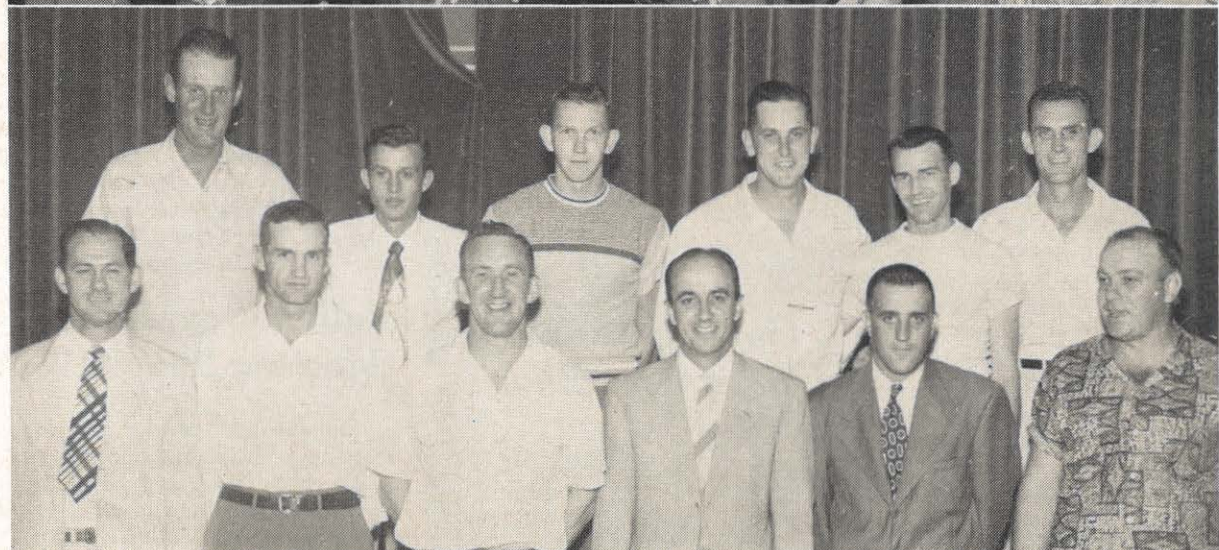
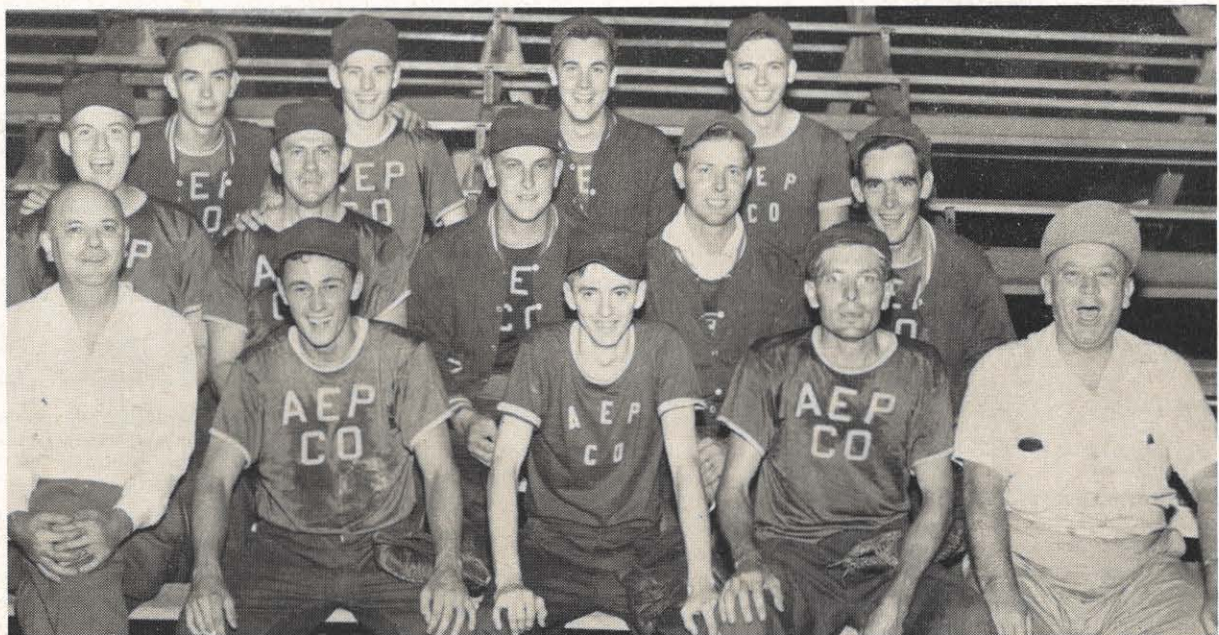
Kingsport trounced Welch 12 to 4 in the second consolation contest as Wexler gave up only five hits while his mates were getting ten off Hall and Walters.

Charleston Keglars Set Schedules For '51-52 10-Team Bowling Loop

Members of the Charleston district bowling committee headed by Denny Caldwell, chairman, completed final plans for the formation of the district's 1951-52 AEP Bowling League.

At the committee's first meeting, ten teams were entered in the first half of the league's race. The schedule will begin September 7 and continue through 36-week split season.

According to Caldwell, the district's bowling program will accommodate about eighty players, sixty regulars and about twenty reserves.



Members of the Huntington district softball squad, winners of the Tenth Annual Southern Properties Softball Tournament, are shown in the top photograph. Front row, left to right, are: Clarence Price, division personnel supervisor, J. Eddy, R. Hoggsett, J. Triplett, and district personnel supervisor, Azel McCurdy, Jr. Middle row, left to right, B. Moore, E. Wellman, Paul Baker, R. Smith, and L. Perkey. Back row, left to right: C. Derbyshire, J. Butler, R. Webster, and D. Keyser. In the lower photograph, members of the All-Tournament team were photographed following their selection. Players were selected on the basis of their tournament performance. Front row, left to right: Earl Wellman, Huntington, second base; Jim McNeish, Beckley, first base; Bennie Kelly, Beckley, catcher; Ira Peters, Roanoke, left field; Tom Bryant, Roanoke, third base, and Maxie Dwornick, Beckley, short stop. Back row, left to right: Seabiscuit Simmons, Roanoke, pitcher; Wayne Mathews, Kingsport, utility outfielder; Bob Brinkley, Beckley, right field; Paul Baker, Huntington, pitcher; Keith Evans, Beckley, utility infielder, and Bob Weddle, Pikeville, center field. Players who were given honorable mention, were: Trumbo, Wexler, and Rayfield, Kingsport; Cook and Hall, Welch; Farmer, Martin, and McGinnis, Beckley; Butcher, Derbyshire, and Smith, Huntington; Hubbard, G. Warrick, and Wright, Roanoke.

Williamson Bowlers Hold First Organizational Meet

About forty members of the Williamson District Bowling League attended the first organizational meeting of the 1951-52 season.

According to present plans, six AEP teams will be entered in this year's league race. It also was expected that several girls' teams will be formed by the time the season schedules have been completed.

Lands Big Bass



Lyman C. Valley, line foreman at Cleveland, Virginia, in the Abingdon district, is shown with a twenty-one inch small mouth bass he pulled from the Clinch River early last month. Lyman, prior to this catch, had caught an eight and one-half pound small mouth bass as well as a six and three-quarter pound pike. All of Mr. Valley's catches have been made in the Clinch River but he did not disclose the location of the lucky hole. He uses live minnows for bait.

One Less Rattler



Bob Smith, left, and Ralph Cook hold the four-foot rattlesnake they killed on July 31. These two Welch district employees were driving along Clear Fork Creek in the course of their service work when they saw the snake lying in the middle of the road. Stopping the car, they killed the snake with rocks. It was a timber rattler of the black species and had 11 rattlers and a button. It measured three and a half inches in diameter.

Beckley Wins City League Playoffs

The Beckley district softball team, Charleston division elimination tournament winners, recently won the Beckley City League Championship by winning two of three contests over Beckley College.

Beckley College managed an early lead in the series by downing the district nine 5 to 3 in the first contest. Appalachian won the next two clashes by scores of 7 to 2 and 9 to 4.

'Stop The Boat'



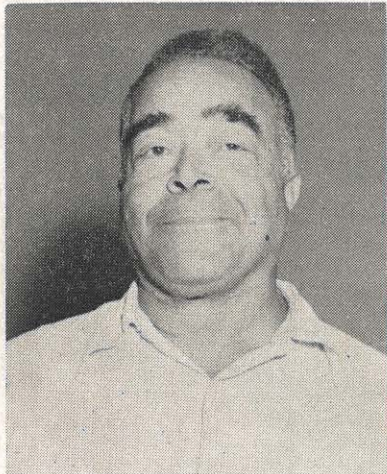
"Stop the boat—I'm hung on the bottom!" yelled Bill White while he was trolling at Cherokee Lake recently. The bottom Bill had hooked turned out to be a twenty-pound catfish it was discovered after a thirty-minute tussle. Bill, a retired Kingsport Utilities employee, spends much of his time fishing. So far this year, he has caught a number of nice fish, but Bill says, "That catfish topped them all!" Mr. White presented C. A. Thornburg, retired general manager of the Utilities, with the overgrown "cat."

Montgomery Employees Hold Wiener Roast

Employees of the Montgomery office and their families recently attended a wiener roast and outing at Hawks Nest State Park.

The program, which was planned by members of the accounting department, included games and contests for every member of the family.

Retiring Employee Will Devote Time To Church Work



Bernard Wood

Bernard Wood, a Lynchburg district employee with more than 23 years of service with the company, retired September 1. Wood was first employed by Appalachian in January of 1928.

In retirement, Bernard plans to continue church work on a full-time basis. He has been extremely active in church functions for more than forty years.

Thirty-seven years ago, he founded and helped to construct the Full Gospel Holiness Church at Clarkstown, and later founded and helped build the Full Gospel Holiness Church at Montvale. He preaches regularly at both churches two times each month with an alternating schedule. It was said, Wood has never accepted a salary for his services.

Aside from his church activities, Wood expects to devote his spare time to the raising of poultry at his home in Campbell county. His present home is located across the road from the site where he was born in 1896.

Possum Stowaway Caught By Machine At Sporn

A coal car stowaway was recently caught by the wheels of progress at the Sporn plant.

Members of the coal handling department were running coal to the plant over a mechanism which separates any foreign matter from the coal. They were surprised when the mechanism caught a stowaway, a possum, which was thrown out the refuse chute.

They were no more surprised than the disgruntled possum, probably awakened from a peaceful nap. After recovering from the rude jolt, it ambled off across the coal storage area. Occasionally the possum glanced over its shoulder and spit, some say at the modern machine that wrecks havoc upon unsuspecting possums.

Hazard District Holds 1951 Picnic



Employees and their families of the Hazard district of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company are shown as they invade the picnic tables during their annual family outing. The 1951 picnic was held at the Hazard Golf Club and various forms of entertainment were made available for persons of all ages. Canasta, croquet, horseshoe pitching, and numerous contests rounded out the day's activities.

Eight Men Authors of Six Operating Notes Articles

Eight employees are authors or co-origina-tors of six articles which were published recently in *A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes*. All received commendations and are automatically entered in the competition for the A. G. & E. annual awards.

From the Welch district, J. W. Vermillion and B. E. Bates were co-authors of the article, "Checking G-9 Demand Meters." The Welch authors constructed a demand meter checking device for which there had been a need for several years.

Mr. Bates is district meter supervisor and Mr. Vermillion is meterman A.

Earl Q. Teaford, assistant chemist at the Philip Sporn Plant, gained recognition for his article, "Ebonizing and Acid-Proofing Laboratory Tables." Teaford's treatment can be applied to table tops, shelves and various surfaces. The application of certain chemicals gives surfaces a lasting and acid-proof finish.

From the Beckley district, C. C. Darrah, assistant district manager, describes a "Distribution Fuse Container for Pole Mounting." Darrah's device provides storage for extra fuses at the pole.

As co-origina-tors in a second Beckley district article, Mr. Darrah and W. D. Cox, retired general foreman, gained recognition for their article,

George Johnston, Glen Lyn, Retires



Mr. Johnston

George C. Johnston, Glen Lyn Steam Plant turbine operator, retired August 1, after having completed more than twenty-eight years of service with the company.

Mr. Johnston, one of the plant's old-timers, has seen the plant expand from a one to a five-unit plant and has progressed through several classifications to turbine operator.

Mr. Johnston expects to make his home on his farm near Kellysville, West Virginia, where he has lived for a number of years.



Appalachian employees having articles published in *A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes* are, top row, left to right: C. C. Darrah, B. E. Bates, T. M. Roberts, and M. H. Stevenson. Bottom, left to right: Earl Teaford, E. R. Hill, J. W. Vermillion, and W. D. Cox.

"Patrol of Multiple Street Light Circuits Aided by Fused Safety Switch." This useful installation helps solve problems encountered in patrolling multiple street lighting circuits and in the detection of short circuit conditions.

T. M. Roberts, system civil engineering department, Roanoke, developed the article, "Easily Revised System Wall Maps." Roberts' wall map consists of two layers. One layer is the conventional base map while the other is a transparent overlay. The overlay permits company lines and

properties to be drawn on its surface and revisions are made by erasing ink or pencil markings with a damp cloth.

Two Logan district employees, M. H. Stevenson and Earl R. Hill, collaborated on their article, "Safety During High-Voltage Laboratory Tests."

Operating Notes described the authors' findings as a safe and fast method for the testing of instrument transformers in meter shops. Mr. Stevenson is district meter supervisor and Mr. Hill is an electrical engineer.

Julius Frey, Retired, Finds Pleasure In Meeting People While Tending Lot

Julius Frey, retired Logan Plant mechanical maintenance man, has met the problem of inactivity by tending a parking lot for the Consolidated Bus Company in Logan.

He said that when he retired in July of 1949 he had never faced a more difficult problem than what to do with the time on his hands. For about three months he helped his son-in-law build a house. Then in November of 1949 he took this job in the parking lot.

However, he does not think of his present occupation as work. The way he looks at it, he meets all kinds of people which gives him a new and enjoyable insight into human nature. He says that he likes to deal with people and has found out that everybody is basically honest.

As a result of his experiences in his present job, he believes that every one should be more trusting and less



Mr. Frey

suspicious. Enjoying life and letting every day take care of itself, Julius Frey expects to see a good many more years of activity.

Only One Employee, Lee Thompson, Enters Service In August

Only one man, Lee Thompson of the Charleston district, was reported entering the military service last month from among employees of our three companies. This set a new low for employees reported entering the armed forces during any one month.

Thompson, 19-year-old Charleston mail room employee, reported for duty with the Air Corps on August 15. He was employed by the company on August 29, 1950.

Mrs. E. C. Funk Dies At Home In Williamson

Mrs. Bessie Funk, wife of E. C. Funk, who is a retired employee, recently died unexpectedly at her home in Williamson.

Children surviving are Eleanor Carpenter, wife of R. L. Carpenter who is a Williamson district employee, and Howard Bowen, an employee at the Cabin Creek plant.

Abingdon Drivers Take Improvement Refresher Course

More than one hundred Abingdon district employees recently completed an automobile driver improvement refresher course.

The training was a streamlined course based upon the driver improvement classes which were conducted on a system-wide basis in 1948 and 1949. The refresher training consisted of a number of tests which included: glare vision, night vision, field of vision, foot reaction time, the Keystone telebinocular visual safety tests, traffic driver knowledge tests, and actual road tests in all types of traffic.

Introductory courses, which were conducted by C. K. Kirkland, assistant district manager, covered such points as economy of operation, stat laws, courtesy, and safe operation.

W. S. Kitchen, system safety department, and C. B. Yearout, Bluefield division, assisted local personnel in the administering of the training program.

Retired Employee Is Named Beckley Draft Board Clerk

E. B. Hawkins, retired Beckley district stores supervisor, has been appointed assistant clerk of Raleigh County Draft Board Number 18.



Mr. Hawkins

Mr. Hawkins retired in September of last year after having completed more than sixteen years of service with the company. He was first employed in the stores department in 1934 and remained in that department until the time of his retirement. Prior to coming to Appalachian, he had worked with the Amere Gas Utilities Company, Bank of Raleigh, and was manager of a local store.

Mr. Hawkins, who was born in Fayetteville in 1885, was graduated from Hampden-Sydney College and later attended West Virginia University.

Fieldale Picnic Held In Rain



Armed with raincoats and umbrellas, a few Fieldale district employees are shown with their families at the annual picnic. Seated on the left, Leonard and Nora Jenkins with their two children. Standing, Melvin Brown; seated, Richard Youngman. On the right are seated Jewel and Gil Faison and Larry Beheler with his two children.

It is not exactly what you would call a habit, but when the Annual Fieldale Picnic dates are set, most district personnel get the feeling that they are assured of holding their annual event in lightning, rain, thunder, mud and all of the trimmings. It happened again this year to make it three in a row. In spite of the rain and bad weather, more than one hundred and fifty employees and their

guests enjoyed a picnic at Fairystone State Park.

As expected, all out-of-doors games, contests and plans were abandoned in favor of sheltered entertainment. Box lunches were served those attending.

Picnic committee members were: Audrey Harlowe, Virginia Hancock, Irene Minter, Nancy Kitts, Marjorie Prillaman, George Turner, Wallace Joyce and Joe Higgins.