

Remember how painful it is sometimes to keep money as well as to get it.

—SAMUEL PEPYS

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There is one day that is ours. Thanksgiving Day is the one day that is purely American.

—O. HENRY

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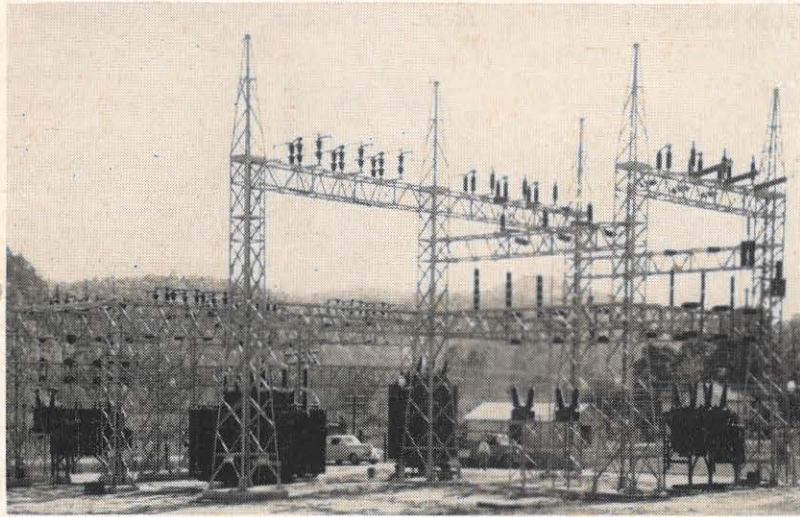
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## New Transmission Station Is Placed In Service At Morehead, Kentucky



The new Morehead transmission station, recently put in service, provides another source of power to four counties in eastern Kentucky.

A new transmission station was recently put in service at Morehead, Kentucky. The station is jointly owned by the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company and Kentucky Utilities. It has a capacity of 20,000 kva.

The station closes a loop in the new interconnection between the Ohio Power Company, through its Hillsboro substation and the Kentucky Utilities Company's Maysville station.

The placing in service of the Morehead station provides additional power sources for the 55 mile 33,-

000-volt line extending from Morehead to Ashland and the Kentucky Utilities' line extending from Morehead to Winchester. The line to Ashland, owned by Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, serves customers in four counties.

## Charleston's New Service Building Is Being Started

The Charleston district will soon have a new service building. The Kuhn Construction Company, of Charleston, recently was awarded a contract to construct the building in north Charleston.

The brick and concrete building will be 218 feet long by 116 feet wide. It will be one-story high with the exception of a two-story office section which will cover approximately one-fourth of the building.

Housed on the ground floor will be the storeroom, garage, repair shop, substation shop and radio repair shop. Personnel facilities will include linemen's rooms, lockers, wash and shower rooms.

The second floor will be devoted entirely to offices, engineering departments, including a drafting room, and a conference room.

In addition to the main building, sheds will be erected for storage space for 128 automobiles.

## Byllesby Hydro Unit Is Overhauled For First Time In 39 Years Of Service



The turbine wheel in the Number One unit at Byllesby Hydro plant gets its first overhauling in 39 years of service.

Thirty-nine years of continuous service is a long time for any piece of equipment to operate. But that's the record of the number one turbine wheel which has been under New River at Byllesby Hydro plant since 1912.

October 1, the number one generator was taken out of service for a major overhaul. After the rotor, head cover and wickets were removed, the turbine wheel was hoisted from the draft tube for the first time since it went in operation. Watching the removal of the wheel was W. M. Carter, a retired employee, who had helped install it in 1912.

Upon inspection it was found that the wheel and shaft showed very little wear. A minimum of welding was necessary to replace metal worn away by the millions of tons of water which have passed through the wheel. The cast iron wheel, rated at 6,000 horsepower, was built by the I. P. Morris Company.

The maintenance crew at Byllesby removed the wheel from the shaft and prepared it for welding. The members of the crew are: Walter Taylor, Tom Weatherman, Earl Shaw, Eathfel Porterfield, Hurley Rotenberry, O. D. Rhudy, Guy Beasley, J. D. Burnette, K. H. Mustard and R. C. Litteral.

## Movie For Each Company Is Being Made



Filming a scene for the company movie

## Fred Bennington Wins Area Man-Of-Month Contest

Fred M. Bennington was named Area Man of the Month in a contest among 63 Appalachian area representatives. The representatives at Galax won an all-expense-paid trip to the Tennessee-North Carolina football game in Chapel Hill on Nov. 3.

Bennington took top honors for his outstanding job in promoting sales of electric water heaters during September. Working closely with Galax and Grayson County dealers and with *The Post Herald*, he was responsible for that paper publishing a special water heater section.

The following week an editorial in *The Post Herald* reported in part:

"Having sold advertising for more than a quarter of a century we are naturally interested in the results obtained. This week the success of the cooperative promotion sponsored by the Appalachian Electric Power Company with twenty Galax-Grayson appliance dealers under the direction of Area Supervisor Fred Bennington has been brought to our attention.

"At the close of business last Saturday, sales reported by the dealers were nearly 50 per cent above those of a year ago for the same period. The success is due to careful planning, the untiring efforts of Fred Bennington, and the whole-hearted cooperation of the participating dealers and the *Post Herald*."



Mr. Bennington

"In Our Part of The Country" is the title of a color motion picture which is being filmed now for each of the companies in the Southern Properties. The movies will show a typical day in the operations of our companies.

The movies are being made to show employees and the public the operations of our companies and important facts about the electric utility industry.

Each movie will be different, though the general theme of the story will be the same. They will be individualized with scenes from the area in which your company operates. You will see familiar scenes of historical landmarks, schools, churches, streets, factories and buildings.

The motion pictures are being produced by Audio Productions, Inc.,

of New York City. Professional actors, for the most part, will play the leading roles but line crews and personnel of the various companies will be shown in several scenes in the movies.

Movies are also being made for The Ohio Power Company, Indiana

and Michigan Electric Company and the Wheeling Electric Company.

The movies will be used for employee meetings, civic clubs, school groups, and other organizations. It is expected that the picture will be ready for showing early next year.

## Abingdon's First Burley Festival Is Headed By Collins

Joe E. Collins, Abingdon district rural and residential sales supervisor, served as chairman of the three-day

Burley Tobacco Festival and Farm Show which was held recently in Abingdon. Other Appalachian employees serving on the committee with Mr. Collins included

Claud K. Kirkland and Paul S. Dunn.

The Burley Festival, which was the first of its kind to ever be held in the Abingdon area, attracted thousands of visitors and many exhibitors. In addition to large numbers of tobacco and agricultural exhibits, a parade, beauty contest, high school football game, college football game, Queen crowning ceremonies, dancing, and other events were organized by Mr. Collins and the members of his committees.



Mr. Collins

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## Your 50-Cent Dollar

All of us know things are getting out of hand when we have to pay \$8.98 for a pair of boy's shoes. Most of us remember the time when that much money would outfit any youngster.

'Course we can't say things were dirt-cheap in the good old days because we weren't making as many dollars as we are now. But something is definitely wrong about the deal. We've made more money, but since 1945 there's no catching up.

At the end of the last war—II, that is—prices were just a jump ahead. Now they seem three jumps ahead and pulling away fast. Oh, for the good old days when our dollar bought a wealth of goods!

But now they talk in terms of the 50-cent dollar. The theory is we get twice as many dollars as we used to. The fact is we get twice as many but prices keep us from getting one-fourth as much.

We've all heard a lot of high-sounding explanations for this inflation business but it looks like a pretty simple case of spending more than you get.

It all started when the government took in \$1 and spent \$2.50. Operating in the red that way, some brain trust came up with the idea of cutting down on the value of the dollar by putting more dollars in circulation than could be backed up in gold at Fort Knox. Then, with more dollars in circulation, the debt could be paid off. So they said.

What you don't have, you don't have. Taking the dollar and cutting it to 50 cents took a little time. Somehow they thought we could catch up with high prices. But we never did.

Let's suppose you were a baker and made a loaf of bread selling for 10 cents. If the value of the dollar went to 50 cents, do you think you could afford to keep on selling that loaf for 10 cents? You know darn well you couldn't because that dime would only be worth a nickel.

Don't try to hoodwink us with that fancy philosophy about easy money. Just give us back our dollar dollar!

## Let's Be Thankful!

As we gather with our families and friends at Thanksgiving dinner this month let's ask ourselves, "Why Should We Be Thankful?"

We don't need to be rich to be thankful. Most of us, by our standards, are not wealthy in material things. Compare our lot with what the rest of the people in the world have.

We live in a nation where we may continue to worship as we please. We have freedom of speech, press and assembly.

We have the privilege of voting for the men of our choice for public office. The right of trial by jury is preserved for us.

We can own property and it cannot be taken from us without due process of law. Our homes cannot be entered or searched without the proper warrants.

Where else in the world are people as blessed as we?

Let us be thankful!

# Your Opinion

What major causes do you think are responsible for our present inflationary condition?

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

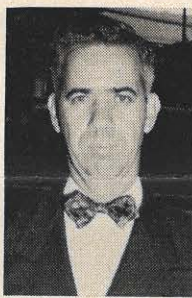
MRS. LOIS K. ROUNION, Commercial Department, Bluefield.



It seems to me that our nation is experiencing its present state of inflation due basically to what I would term a predominating spirit of greed. This can be seen in the leaders of our government with their policies of lending and spending the taxpayers' money in order to enhance their own selfish political gains, and in the labor union's periodic demands for wage increases, unmindful of the inevitable resultant cycle of price increases.

Greed is again seen in the American public's reaction to threatened shortages of consumer goods when they rush out to start a wave of "scare" buying, thoughtless of the common good. We are caught in greed's mad merry-go-round while the value of our dollar shrinks. Tempering our greed with judgment and an application of the Golden Rule might help.

W. P. VICKERS, Turbine Auxiliary Equipment Operator, Cabin Creek Plant.



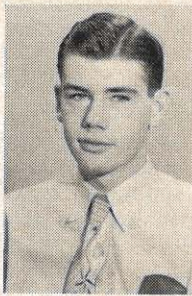
Inflation is brought about by a group economy.

The first major cause is the war which has decreased the essential home goods but increased the wages of labor. When the government released the wartime control measures, the American public generally found its pockets full of money and consumer's goods low. They bid against each other to obtain goods and services which normally increased the price of the commodity. This in turn created a heavy demand for raw materials produced, which in turn made the raw material producer increase his prices.

The farmer and all other food producers, finding that they must pay more for labor and equipment, raised their prices. The laborer having spent his savings finds his salary won't meet the need for everyday demand so he goes through the labor union and demands more money for his services. The professional workers increase the cost of their services.

All of this costs the government more money to operate, which raises taxes, and the infernal cycle of spiraling costs is off again.

JOHN GILBERT, Stores Department, Philip Sporn Plant.



While the wage-price spiral is most often blamed for our present inflation, I believe that the brunt of our abuse should be directed at the government's wild spending programs. Money borrowed by the government from commercial lending houses remains without backing during periods when the government fails to balance its budget and redeem its debts.

This, multiplied by the government's failure to balance its budget during 18 of the past 21 years, accounts for a major portion of the reduced value currency flooding the country today.

If the government would give up some of its socialistic programs, and place its operation on the high efficiency often associated with "big business," I believe the budget could be balanced in spite of the present rearmament program.

J. W. GILLIAM, Transmission and Distribution Department, Kingsport.



I think our present inflationary condition is due to the fact that people bid against each other for products that are scarce. One reason for goods being scarce is that the government is spending a great deal of money for war materials and for overseas relief and unnecessary spending.

The money stays here in this country in circulation but the goods are used up in war or are sent to other countries. Too much money and few products result in price increases, then wage increases, and the cycle starts over again.

As individuals, we can help by not spending our money on unnecessary goods. This will tend to keep prices down.

CLAUDINE M. FOSTER, System Billing Office, Roanoke.



Did you buy something today which you really didn't need just because you had the money?

Did you buy something today which you really didn't need just because you had credit?

If you did, you are very similar to most of us as individuals and as a mechanism known as our government.

Our government, with unlimited cash or credit, is buying both materials and manpower at such a rate as to make most of us think that unless we buy we will be left behind. Government spending gives us more money. Government buying leaves us less to buy.

With less to buy and more to spend, we have inflation.

PAUL E. WOODS, Engineering Department, Williamson.



The primary and root cause of the present inflationary condition in our country is selfishness. This cause springs from the heart and nature of each individual, not only within our own nation, but universally.

Excess government spending in the various branches through which funds are appropriated is the ultimate outcome of the selfish natures that are manifested in some people desiring to rule by power either economic, political or force.

The major excuse for spending is for de-

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RUTH BUTCHER, Plant Record Clerk, Glen Lyn Plant.



One of the main causes of inflation is that the government is spending more than it is taking in and, therefore, has gone in debt, which incidentally puts each of us in debt.

Too, the government buys millions of dollars worth of goods simply to maintain higher prices.

Later these goods, which are not used, must be destroyed, causing prices to rise and there is also a shortage of goods that are locked in

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MARY DOLAN, Commercial Department, Charleston.



The main reason, I think, is the enormous amount of money in circulation in proportion to the amount of goods available. It all goes back to the old economics law that "the supply must meet the demand."

Although the people are being highly taxed, the President is still insisting on new and additional taxes. No thought is given by the administration to reducing government spending, in fact every reduction the present Congress has made has been violently protested and opposed. Nothing would please Russia more than to see our economic system collapse and it will if the recklessness in government finances continues.

It has been shown how the budget could be cut tremendously without any impairment to government functions or defense. I think the elimination of worse-than-wasted dollars would do far more to control prices than any possible amount of price fixing.

W. D. GESLING, Distribution Engineer, Ashland.



While considering causes for our country's present inflationary condition it is interesting to note some figures on increasing costs of food and taxes compiled by Paul S. Willis, president of the Grocery Manufacturers of America. Between 1940 and 1950 food prices advanced

about 300 per cent while taxes went up 450 per cent. American people spend \$4½ billion more for government than for the food they put on their tables.

The inflation which has swept the country and which has contributed to the high cost of living is a direct result of government extravagance and big spending. High taxes have a definite influence on our economic structure, pushing prices upward as they go.

Any return to financial security and sanity must begin with economic government. Everybody expects advances these days but when taxes increase far beyond the proportions of other living expenses, when we know there is government waste, then an inflationary condition is sure to follow.

MRS. AUDREY S. HARLOWE, Accounting Department, Fieldale.



Several things cause inflation—no one factor.

Inflation is born in government, nourished by taxes and maintained by the people.

It comes to life when our government cuts the production of civilian goods to build defenses, thus enabling the average worker to save an extra dollar. This increases the government's expenses and, since taxes are the principal means by which our government pays its indebtedness, taxes are increased.

Hardest hit are the industries who increase the prices of products to offset the additional tax imposed on them. Mr. Average Worker feels the pinch when he has to pay more for what he buys. Therefore it is necessary to adjust his salary by a cost of living increase. This completes the cycle of inflation and the dreaded malignancy flourishes on the innocent taxpayer.

## Float In Parade At Bridge Dedication



Judy and Billy Culp represented Elec and Uncle Sam on the Appalachian float at the dedication October 13 of the Narrows Memorial Bridge. They are the children of William C. Culp, Narrows lineman. About 5,000 people attended the dedication parade and ceremony at the \$456,000 bridge spanning New River. The new bridge is a memorial to Giles County veterans of all wars and replaces a bridge built in 1917. Lighting on the bridge and its approaches was designed by James C. Smith, Jr., Bluefield district power sales engineer. Fourteen 6,000 lumen lights serve the bridge while another 14 are mounted 26 feet above the road on the approaches.

## Ralph Gibbs, Great-Grandfather, Also Sporn Team Pitcher

You're as young as you feel. Ralph Gibbs proved that when he became a great-grandfather on the same day he pitched a good game for the Office Nine in the Sporn plant softball tournament.



Mr. Gibbs

This 56-year-old member of the labor department led his team into an extra inning before losing. In addition to his sports interests, Ralph is active in many community affairs. He is water commissioner of New Haven, a member of the Town Council, director of the choir of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, president of the Hartford Tigers, Inc., and secretary of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

## Ten Sporn Veterans Attend Annual Dinner

The Veterans' annual dinner for Philip Sporn Plant employees was held at the Lafayette Hotel, Gallipolis, Ohio, October 26. Ten employees were eligible to attend.

Veterans of the companies attending the dinner were: H. R. Andrews, W. C. Strain, A. L. Smith, F. R. Emmert, C. E. Carroll, H. J. Rader, C. A. Athey, J. H. Grimes, H. S. Morgan and C. R. Tennant.

## Company Float In Abingdon Parade



This float, showing the old way and the modern electric way of cooking, was entered by the Abingdon district in the recent Burley Tobacco Festival parade held at Abingdon. Home Economist Kathryn Dobbins stands before the old wood-burning stove, while Shirley Grubb and Patsy Byars of the rural department stand before a modern electric range and water heater. Riding the back of the truck which was used to pull the float is William McFall, a lineman.

## Right And Wrong Office Procedure Shown In Comedy

Fieldale office employees watched "It Pains To Be Ignorant" at their monthly safety meeting. The comedy showed the right and wrong way to work in an office with Betty Jane Baker directing and reading the dialogue.

The pantomime depicted any office where Miss Blunderbuss, portrayed by Dot Shaw, proceeds to shut the drawer on her fingers, bump her head on the stenographer's tray, skin her shin on an unclosed bottom drawer and sprain her ankle while hurrying in high heels.

She even has Miss Snootypuss, Nancy Kitts, sit down on a pen staff which has been left on a chair and is responsible for the janitor, Leonard Jenkins, cutting his hand.

Jewell Wigginton played the part of Miss Do-It-Right and showed how things should be done safely. Marjorie Prillaman was the nurse who ran in and out to apply bandages to the unfortunate Miss Blunderbuss who finished the pantomime bandaged from head to foot.

Another part of the program featured Nancy Kitts broadcasting over Station SAFE. The script for this part of the meeting was written by Jewell Wigginton with Betty Baker acting as director.

## Camavo Club Names J. Cassell President



Here are the new officers of the Roanoke District's Camavo Club. Left to right they are Nancy Gearhart, secretary, Jean Cassell, president and Willard Sutor, treasurer. Miss Cassell succeeds J. E. Jones as president and Mrs. Gearhart succeeds Evelyn Gillispie as secretary. Mr. Sutor was re-elected treasurer.

## Your Opinion . . .

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### Paul E. Woods Says . . .

fense. However, underneath this blanket excuse there are the selfish political natures at work. These are under various coverings such as relief agencies, government subsidies and others of which we have no knowledge. Defense against communism in the form of the Marshall Plan is also another reason why expenditures have reached gigantic proportions.

The answer to the situation lies in the power of the individual to adopt an unselfish course. By voice and vote, we must exercise our rights as part of our government, to bring this course to materialization in the leaders of our country in the form of good, clean, honest American government.

### Ruth Butcher Says . . .

government warehouses while the money paid for them is still in circulation.

Another factor is the defense program. The money the government spends for equipment for war goes into private pockets, mostly as wages, thus creating the purchasing power of consumers at an enormous rate.

Wasteful and inefficient operation and duplication of government departments help to create inflationary conditions.

## Early B. Johnson, Danville, Retires After Completing 49 Years Of Service

Early B. Johnson, a member of the system operating department at Danville, Virginia, has completed one of the longest continuous periods of employment in the history of the Southern Properties. Mr. Johnson, who retired November 1, completed 49 years of service on October 16. He was stationed at the Danville substation at the time of his retirement.

In 1902, Mr. Johnson began his career on his sixteenth birthday at Marion, Virginia. While employed with the Marion Light and Power Company, he worked as a hydro operator when the town was being served by one small plant.

Later, when that company became a part of the old Appalachian Power Company, he was transferred to the Sagamore substation as an operator. In January of 1913, he was transferred to the Switchback substation as an operator, but later became an engineer in the old Switchback steam plant.

When the system operating and dispatching office was established at Switchback in 1927, Early was made a system operator. He remained at that station until 1947 when he was transferred to the Danville Station. Here he served the company as system operator until his retirement.

During his long association with the company, he became widely known over the entire system. His only absence was during World War I when he served thirty months with an artillery unit of the 80th Division of the A.E.F. Fifteen months of his army life were spent in France.

## Merrill Atkinson Elected To State Kiwanis Post

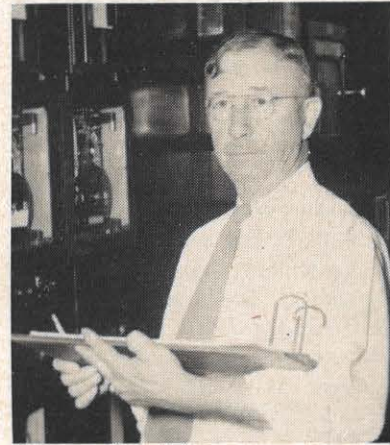
Merrill R. Atkinson, Logan district commercial department, recently was elected lieutenant governor of the third West Virginia district of Kiwanis International. Mr. Atkinson's election to the post was announced at a recent West Virginia meeting in Parkersburg.



Mr. Atkinson

During the past summer, Mr. Atkinson was an official delegate for the Logan Kiwanis Club at the international convention in St. Louis. He also served as president of the Logan Club since last November.

Mr. Atkinson has been an active leader in civic affairs and has helped to lead drives in behalf of the Red Cross and the Community Fund. He has been an employee at Logan since August of 1926.



Mr. Johnson

In his off hours, Early B. is an active individual. During the past year, for example, he painted his home in Danville and built several pieces of furniture. He also is fond of sports and spends many of his leisure hours hunting, fishing, and watching baseball games. During the series, he was a rabid supporter of the New York Giants.

The Johnsons are the parents of four children; two sons and two daughters. Both sons are employees of the company at Switchback. Charmie, the elder daughter, teaches school at Maybeury, West Virginia. The younger daughter makes her home with her parents in Danville.

When Early was asked about his plans for the future, he replied, "The first thing will be a trip to Florida. After that—we may decide to stay in Danville or move to Florida. If we move—I'll do some serious fishing and motor boating."

## Annual Pikeville Picnic Highlighted By Games

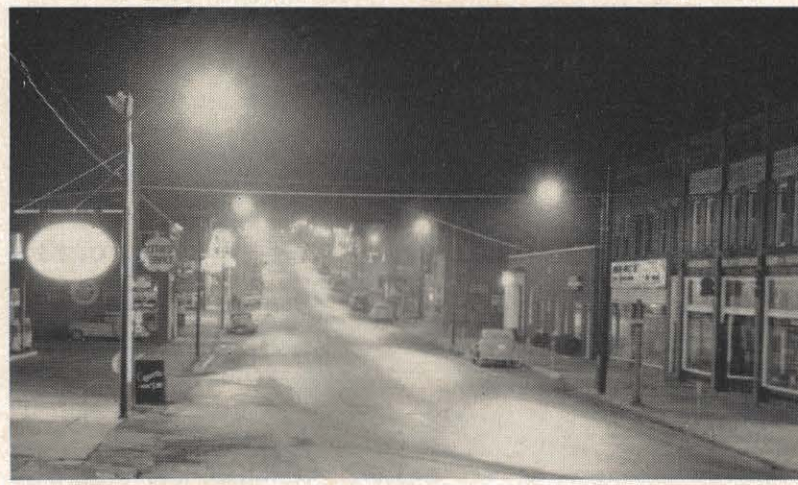
Pikeville district employees picnicked at the Breaks of Sandy on their annual outing on September 22. Families brought baskets of food which were spread together while the company provided drinks, ice cream and watermelon.

The Kappa Pi Omega girls club supervised the children's activities. Jarrett Wood and Chandos Tackett, power engineers, conducted the adult entertainment.

## Hansbarger Is Renamed To Community Chest Post

J. C. Hansbarger, Logan district manager, recently was renamed a member of the board of directors of the Logan County Community Chest. Mr. Hansbarger will serve the organization as initial gifts chairman.

## Marion's Whiteway System Lighted



Marion's new whiteway lighting was turned on October 18, bringing four times more light to the business district. Lighting the 10,000 lumen system climaxed several months' work by linemen under the direction of J. S. Sutphin, local superintendent. The major portion of the new system consists of 28 steel poles with bracket-mounted fixtures 25 feet above the street. Thirty-two old pole standards were replaced.

## Huntington Division

### Logan Plant

Sympathy is extended Richard Avis on the death of his father.

J. E. Gibbs, watchman, has returned to work after an operation.

A. V. Pack is a new employee.

Cpl. N. R. Pridemore, maintenance department employee stationed at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina, recently visited the plant.

Greer Matthews, results department, and wife, visited her parents in Pulaski.

Mrs. A. V. Hannah, wife of the shift supervisor, is recuperating after a recent illness.

J. R. Warren, chief electrician, vacationed with his parents at Rockbridge Baths, Virginia.

Harry Weiss, mechanical maintenance department, and wife, attended several of the World Series games in New York and visited friends in Indiana and Ohio.

### Huntington District

Sympathy is extended A. W. York, stores department, on the death of his father.

New employees in the Huntington district: Thelma E. Patterson, accounting department; Jack A. Powers, transmission and distribution department, and Virginia J. Black, commercial department.

Bill LeSage, transmission and distribution department, completed a two-week training course at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver.

### Williamson District

Vacationers: Jack Akers, substation department, and family, at Patterson, New Jersey; Harold Akers, meter department, hunting in the area.

### Logan District

Sympathy is extended Lester Toler, Madison office, on the death of his sister.

A. O. Edwards, Madison area representative, has been appointed chairman of the Blood-mobile program in Boone County. Mr. Edwards recently accompanied the winner of a sales campaign on a trip to Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Chaney visited Ashland and Portsmouth. Mrs. Chaney is cashier in the Madison office.

Edith Overton, Madison home economist, and mother, recently visited in Roanoke and Martinsville. They also had as guests Miss Overton's fiancé's parents.

P. C. Gosney, Madison office, went squirrel hunting in Doddridge County.

Peggy Edwards, seven-year-old daughter of the area sales representative at Madison, entertained the ladies of the Annual Capitol District Convention of Women's Clubs with a ballet dance at Scott High School.

Ann Valley, daughter of T. F. Valley, who is the local office manager, was in charge of arrangements for the Home-Coming Parade on October 12.

A stork shower honoring Mrs. Billy Tom Johnson was held at the home of Mrs. Gene Leeson, wife of the Logan district stores supervisor. Mr. Johnson is now serving with the Navy and was employed in the accounting department. Mrs. Ohley L. Bennett, whose husband is employed in the commercial department, assisted.

Mary Elizabeth Davis, commercial department, directed the Peach Creek Rhythm Band which entertained the Logan Lions Club on October 10.

M. R. Atkinson, commercial de-



partment, attended a family reunion in Athens.

Craig B. Parsons, Jr., engineering department, recently resigned.

Vacationers: Fred Schwartz, engineering department, in Hinton, where he went hunting; Ed Yeager, engineering department, on a hunting trip to Louisa; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bragg, meter department and engineering department, at Washington, Arlington and Roanoke.

Mrs. Irene Kirchman, commercial department, is chairman for the coming year of the American Home Department of the Logan Woman's Club.

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## Roanoke Division

### Lynchburg District

New employees in the district are: Joan Pettyjohn, personnel department; Lillian Shaner, accounting department; Lawrence Cobbs, commercial department; Raymond O. Witt, accounting department, and Thomas H. Pillow, power department.

Vacationers: Baxter McIntosh, meter superintendent, in Michigan and the New England States; Lawrence Hudson, management department, fishing in Virginia; Kathleen V. Hudson, distribution department, at Old Point Comfort and Richmond, where she attended the fall council meeting of District 11 of Pilot International.

Margaret E. Crews, personnel department, has resigned.

David S. Gourley, Blackwater substation, is recuperating after breaking six ribs and his wrist in a fall from the roof of his home.

Mrs. Ann Kagey, commercial department, has resigned to move to Alabama.

Vacationers: W. D. Almond with relatives in West Virginia; E. B. Pinkard in Martinsville and Reidsville; T. M. Sandidge with relatives at Virginia Beach, in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

### Roanoke District

Jo Anna Cox is a new employee in the local accounting department.

Frances Obenchain, local accounting department, has resigned.

Vacationers: Mary Mills, local accounting department, and Mayce Sanderson, chief PBX operator, in Philadelphia; O. C. Caldwell, local office manager, in West Virginia and Michigan.

### Fieldale District

Vacationers: L. W. Jenkins, commercial department, with his parents at Crewe; Joe Higgins, commercial department, at Akron and Cleveland; John Vaughan, commercial department, and Audrey, at Newport News; Albert Fudge, local accounting department, and Beulah, with his brother in Bristol.

Forde D. Duckworth, meter department, and family, visited his parents at Gassaway, West Virginia.

### System

Sympathy is extended to R. L. Lewis of the system substation de-

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## Kingsport

William A. Russell, son of S. F. Russell of the distribution department, was called back to active duty in the armed forces.

Jack Ford, former employee now employed at the Sporn plant, recently visited in Kingsport.

Cpl. Roy W. Morrison, son of Winston Morrison of the distribution department, has been discharged from the armed forces.

Cpl. Clarence C. Potts recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Potts, while on furlough.

Mrs. Shirley Dean, PBX operator, has resigned to join her husband who is stationed at Memphis with the Navy.

Erledean Wells, daughter of R. E. Wells of the substation department, is recovering after an appendectomy.

Roy Cloud, Jr., stationed at Norfolk with the Navy, recently visited his parents.

Mrs. Kathryn Kinkaid spent part of her vacation with her husband on a business trip to Nashville.

## Kentucky

### Hazard District

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Brashear, Jr., I. J. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Euric Edger and Hope Francis recently spent the week end fishing at Wolfe Creek Dam.

Carl D. Logan, brother of Glenn, at the Hazard plant, is reported missing in action in Korea.

Newt Mooney, Hazard plant, is recovering after an operation.

Kaye Cornett recently visited her parents in Appalachia, Virginia.

R. P. Adams, district superintendent, and Arlis Napier, distribution department, spent a few days fishing at Norris Lake.

Russell Muncy, engineering department, attended the Kiwanis Kentucky-Tennessee district convention at Louisville.

Elizabeth Grigsby, while in Florida, attended the Miami-Purdue football game.

Nannie Jo Rowell vacationed at Mobile.

Jack Caudill, commercial department, vacationed at Herrington Lake.

Robert Trent and Earl Smith have returned from the armed forces to active service with the company. Mr. Trent is in the engineering department and Mr. Smith in the line department.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scholtens and children recently visited friends in Ohio and Indiana.

Sgt. Fred M. Scaggs has returned to work with the company after military service, eight months of which were spent in Korea with the 5th Medical Corps.

### Pikeville District

Mrs. Allen Blackburn is recuperating after an operation. Mr. Blackburn is an auto mechanic.

Charles Ratliff, Auburn Helvey,

Warnie Blackburn, Arlin Hamilton and Curtis Charles have moved into their new homes. All are employed in the distribution department.

Mrs. Elizabeth Riddle is recuperating after a tonsillectomy.

Perry Cline, meter department employee on military leave, recently spent a furlough with his family in Pikeville.

### Ashland District

Mrs. Annis Ketterer, main office, attended the Eastern Star Convention in Louisville.

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## Bluefield Division

### Abingdon District

W. A. Denny has returned to work after a recent appendectomy.

D. C. Landreth, employee on military leave from the engineering department, recently visited the Abingdon office.

Vacationers: Edith Stevens, commercial department, at Hampton; Mr. and Mrs. Olen Quillen and daughter at St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Jackson at Buchanan and Charley Hefner in West Virginia.

Andy Skeen has been elected president of the Gate City P. T. A.

Mrs. Betty Holmes, accounting department, has resigned.

Bill Lindamood has been elected secretary and treasurer of the newly formed Lions Club in Gate City.

J. S. Barrett has been hospitalized at the Veterans Hospital at Johnson City.

R. E. L. Pierce, retired employee, has been ill.

### Glen Lyn Plant

Sympathy is extended D. L. Garrison on the death of his brother who was killed in Korea.

George Mann has returned to work after an extended illness.

Sympathy is extended A. E. Cecil, retired employee, on the death of his wife.

### Bluefield District

Mrs. D. A. Johnston, Princeton, is recuperating after being hospitalized.

Vacationers: A. R. Grinstead in Tennessee; Paul Parks, commercial department, at Havana and Miami Beach; Jerry Farley, commercial department, in Florida.

Mrs. Billie Bass, district manager's office, has returned to work after a recent operation.

O. R. Taylor, Narrows line crew, is back at work after an illness.

Sympathy is extended A. B. Gregory on the death of his sister.

Elsa Carter, distribution department, has been ill.

C. P. Peterson, retired employee, is recuperating in Bluefield from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Willard Johnson, Princeton, is recuperating from a recent accident.

Vacationers: Helen Sue Spangler, division personnel department, at her

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## Charleston Division

### Cabin Creek Plant

Sympathy is extended Amos Workman and family on the death of his mother-in-law.

Sympathy is extended M. F. Murray and family on the death of Mrs. Edith Murray on October 13.

Sympathy is extended W. R. Brooks and family on the death of his father.

W. A. Garrison was transferred to the General Laboratories of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation at Power, West Virginia. The family will reside at West Liberty.

### Point Pleasant District

Vacationers: Martin Cox, draftsman, in New York and Washington; Clifford D. Stalnaker, distribution engineer, with his parents in Weston.

Tom Jewell, lineman, is recovering from a minor electrical burn.

Sympathy is extended J. A. Ferrell, administrative assistant, on the death of his father.

J. D. Spiggle, rural supervisor, and Jim Darby, agricultural engineer, attended the Buck Wheat Festival in Morgantown.

### Beckley District

Vacationers: Ruth H. Wilson and her mother at Williamsburg and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lawson in Florida.

William W. Ford is a new employee in the commercial department.

Mrs. Nell M. Cody has been ill. Worth Harper is recuperating from an illness.

### Sporn Plant

John A. Carpenter, George W. Durst, Richard S. Barton and Roy Reuter are new employees in the labor department.

Sympathy is extended to Robert Johnson and family on the death of his father-in-law.

Clarence Tennant, first assistant shift operating engineer, has been confined in Ohio Valley Hospital for treatment of an injury.

Sympathy is extended Richard Roush on the death of his father.

Vacationers: Harry Hoffman, labor supervisor, at Miami Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Stephens in Pennsylvania and Canada.

Sympathy is extended Robert Dailey on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is extended W. C. Strain and family on the death of his father-in-law.

Sympathy is extended Leslie Ingles and family on the death of his father-in-law.

### Charleston District

Vacationers: Evelyn Miller, St. Albans cashier, in Virginia; Fred Thompson, Montgomery office janitor, and wife, with friends and relatives in Newport News; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pitchford in Florida; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frost, both employed in the Charleston office, in Kingsport; B. F. Montague in Virginia, and J. P. McCormick and family in Utah, California and Mexico.

Dick Reed, St. Albans meter reader, recently fished in Canada.

Guy Mountse's wife is recuperating after an illness.

Betty Fredrick, payroll department, has resigned to join her husband at Westover Field, Massachusetts.

T. J. O'Conner is recuperating

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Remembers Snow On July 4

## O. C. Keeney, Retired Employee, Still Serves As Bluefield Weather Observer

When O. C. Keeney came to Bluefield 55 years ago, there wasn't any weather calling for the serving of free lemonade as the Chamber of Commerce was forced to do last summer when six times the temperature climbed above 90 degrees.

Instead, this retired employee of the Bluefield district right-of-way department can remember when it snowed on the Fourth of July, justifying Bluefield's claim of being the "Air-Conditioned City."

Long an observer of the weather, Mr. Keeney has worked with the U. S. Weather Bureau for 40 years. It all started when H. E. "Dad" Shedd, superintendent of construction when Mr. Keeney went to work in 1911, bought a rain gauge.

As the danger of interruption of service from floods at Byllesby hydro on New River was an important consideration for the new company, "Dad" Shedd contacted the Weather Bureau, secured the rain gauge and turned it over to Mr. Keeney with instructions to keep a daily record of the weather conditions and water in New River.

Although three weather gauges have worn out since then, Mr. Keeney is proud to say, "I have done that job ever since."

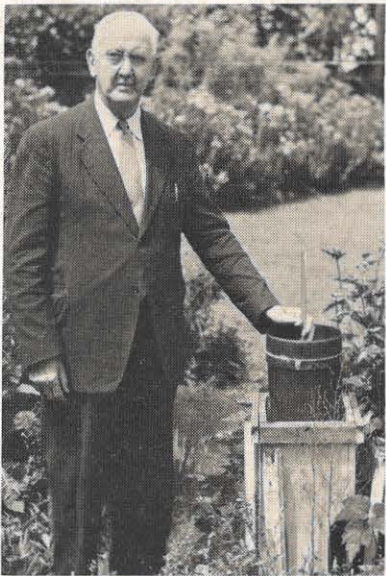
Whenever the rainfall or precipitation amounts to four-tenths of an inch, he reports it by telegram to the Weather Bureau. He keeps a record for each 24-hour period of the amount of precipitation, whether it be snow, rain, hail or anything that comes from the sky measuring one-hundredth of an inch. Each morning before breakfast he sends a post card report to the Weather Bureau at Huntington.

As the rain gauge is in his back yard, he receives many telephone calls after a heavy rain or snow.

Still active, Mr. Keeney recalls those early days when he patrolled lines on foot. He would walk from Bluefield to Bland, Va., with one man, pick up another man there and walk to the Wytheville territory, pick up another man and so on until he covered the property. He estimates that his miles of walking while in company employ would be enough to take him around the world.

He recalled many other stories of the hardships of the early days with the company before telling one of his favorite stories about "Dad" Shedd.

When the company bought a car for Mr. Shedd, the State Highway Commission was just starting to put a white line in the center of roads.



Mr. Keeney

Soon after, Mr. Keeney was riding with Mr. Shedd.

Keeney asked, "What is the white line for?" Shedd answered, "Well, I didn't know the company had such a dumb and ignorant employee. The line is to show you which side you are supposed to drive on."

To which Keeney questioned, "Well, why don't you stay on your own side?" "Dad" Shedd then got so mad that he made Keeney get out and walk the rest of the way.

Mr. Keeney is married, has three children and six grandchildren. Working for the company for 32 years before retiring in 1943, he is a veritable storehouse of information about the development of Appalachian from infancy.

Nothing pleases him more than to have old Appalachian friends drop by and chat with him about those "early days" when a lineman walked the line from end to end and when a rain gauge was an important item to the operation of the company.

## Roanoke Men Have Article In Magazine

F. N. Kellerman and Henry Altieri are co-authors of an article, "Spare Tire Care," which appeared in the September issue of the *Electric Light and Power* magazine.

The original manuscript prepared by Kellerman and Altieri was first published in "A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes."

Both Kellerman and Altieri are employed in the Roanoke district garage.

## C. W. Frishette Finishes Instructors' First Aid

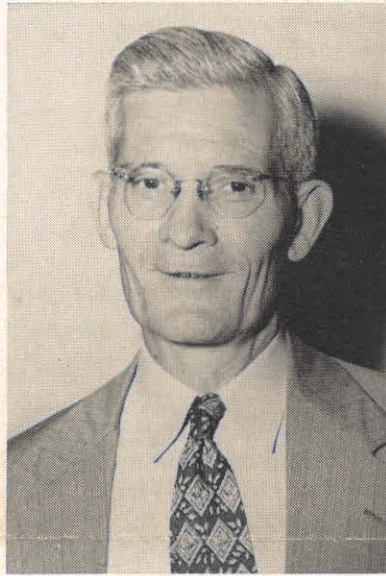
Claude W. Frishette, an employee of the Point Pleasant district, recently completed the prescribed American Red Cross first aid training course for instructors.



In the near future, Mr. Frishette will launch a first aid training program for other district personnel. First aid classes will be offered for those desiring to take part in the program.

Mr. Frishette was formerly employed in the Charleston district and works as a survey party chief.

## Dalles L. Brooks Receives 35-Year Pin In Charleston



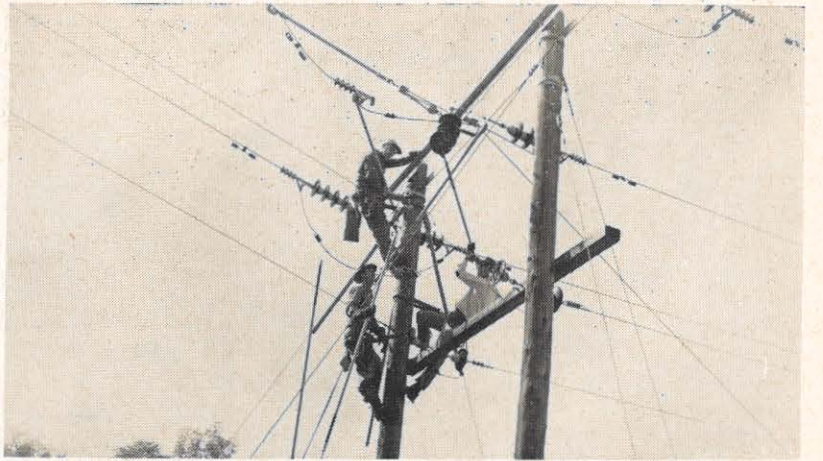
Mr. Brooks

Dalles L. Brooks, senior meter engineer of the system meter department, Charleston, completed 35 years service with the company October 1.

Mr. Brooks began his career in the electrical business in 1916 when he was first employed by the Logan County Light and Power Company. He remained at Logan until he was named meter superintendent in the Charleston district in 1937. In August of 1946, he was promoted to Charleston division meter superintendent.

Mr. Brooks remained at the head of the Charleston division meter department until 1949. At that time, he was transferred to the system meter department and continues to serve the company in that capacity.

## Working Hot Lines Near Paintsville



Jess Collier lowers a damaged string of insulators while Homer Helvey and "Fergy" Ferguson watch as a part of a demonstration of hot line tools and equipment in the Pikeville district. Mr. Ferguson, demonstrator for a manufacturer of hot line tools, went with the crew to Paintsville on October 15 to give an actual demonstration of the use of hot line sticks to replace damaged insulators on an energized 44 kv line. The demonstration was repeated the following day when linemen replaced various types of insulators.

## C. C. Darrah Has Article In The Mining Journal

C. C. Darrah, assistant district manager at Beckley, is the author of an article which was recently published in *The Mining Congress Journal*.

The article is entitled, "The Relationship of Electric Power to Coal Mining." It describes the history and development of coal mining in Southern West Virginia and the part electricity has played in the development of the industry.

## Bluefield . . .

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summer cabin in Bland County; A. C. Dilcher, administrative assistant, and wife, motoring over 5,000 miles to visit relatives in Oklahoma and Tennessee; John F. Nash, division engineer, and wife, with relatives in Texas; Mrs. Lena Moseley, home economist training program director, with her family, in North and South Carolina.

## Welch District

Sympathy is extended Cummings P. Wyatt, Jr., serviceman, on the death of his father.

Lillian Compton, Grundy office cashier, has resigned.

J. B. Rhudy, Bradford B. Porter and John Lane David have returned to work following discharges from the armed services.

Henry E. Farmer, Jr., meter reader, has resigned.

Sank Smith, personnel supervisor, has been appointed chairman of the first aid training for McDowell County Red Cross.

## Cashier's Daughter Wins Honors In Majorette Contest



Miss Westerfield

Jo Ann Westerfield, sixteen-year-old daughter of Bessie M. Westerfield, won second-place honors at the recent Kanawha County Majorette Festival. Miss Westerfield was chosen while competing in a field of over one hundred.

The festival, which has become an annual event in the Charleston area, was held on the Charleston High School athletic field. Majorettes were chosen for general appearance, poise, and all-around majorette abilities. Judges for this year's contest included the celebrated Zack Mosley, creator of the "Smiling Jack" comic strip; his wife, Betty, together with a staff of county judges.

Jo Ann is a student at the Saint Albans High School and Mrs. Westerfield is head cashier at the Charleston office.

# Safety Behind The Wheel . . . Kingsport And Roanoke Folks Show It

Scotch That Wheel

A Safe Distance

Sharply Alert



When you leave your car or truck parked on a grade, take the necessary precautions to make sure it will be in the same place upon your return. Improperly parked, a driverless vehicle can coast off of its own free will and accord, thereby endangering life and property along its unpredictable path. Just to set the hand brake and leave the vehicle in gear is not enough. The Safe Driver always blocks his front wheel against the curb—turned away from the curb if on an upgrade, towards the curb on downgrade. Spare yourself an unpleasant surprise in the future by always taking this extra precaution.



Many drivers are the red-faced victims of their own booby trap—following too close behind the vehicle ahead. Regardless of such lame excuses as "the road was wet" or "the other driver didn't give a signal," the rear-end collision is the result of the guilty driver short-changing himself on time and distance. The Safe Driver, realizing the fellow up ahead may at any time decide to slow down or stop, keeps a following distance of at least one vehicle length for each 10 m.p.h. he is traveling. And on wet or icy pavement, he doubles this distance. Just a sensible cushioning space in which to think and act.



In rendering service to our thousands of rural customers, much travel is necessary over roads that are a far cry from four-lane highways. These secondary roads are in many instances hardly wide enough for one vehicle and are characterized by sharp curves and steep grades, with sight distances dangerously restricted by brush. For the unwary driver, meeting an oncoming vehicle often results in a head-on collision or sideswipe. The Safe Driver, always expecting to meet other vehicles, moves at a reduced speed and keeps to the extreme right.

### 13 Veterans Get Service Emblems



Shown above are thirteen employees of the companies who received pins for twenty years or more service during October. Top row, left to right: C. T. Older, 30 years, Charleston; J. W. Lindamood, 30 years, Bluefield; E. O. Snider, 30 years, Beckley. Second row: W. W. Hill, 25 years, Bluefield; Victoria W. Dooley, 25 years, Roanoke; Russell M. Fowler, 25 years, Huntington. Third row: C. T. Gills, 25 years, Bluefield; Shirley M. Brown, 20 years, Bluefield; O. C. Caldwell, 20 years, Roanoke. Fourth row: E. T. Gills, 20 years, system transmission line department, Bluefield; C. C. Darrah, 20 years, Beckley; V. D. Rose, 20 years, system civil engineering, Roanoke, and L. H. Carnifax, 20 years, Charleston.



#### Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

**Ashland District**—10 YEARS: C. B. Preston, Jr., meter department. 5 YEARS: Otto H. Russell, Main Accounting office.

**Pikeville District**—5 YEARS: Mont Cline, accounting department and Curtis Wallen, substation department.

#### Kingsport Utilities

**Kingsport**—15 YEARS: Charles G. Allison, stores department. 10 YEARS: William C. Kerley, meter department.

#### Appalachian Electric Power Company

**Abingdon District**—5 YEARS: Harry H. Rasnick, transmission and distribution department.

**Beckley District**—30 YEARS: Earl O. Snider, commercial department. 20 YEARS: C. C. Darrah, assistant district manager. 5 YEARS: Alma Grace Miller.

**Bluefield District**—25 YEARS: C. T. Gills, garage supervisor. 20 YEARS: S. M. Brown, division rural and residential sales supervisor. Edmond T. Gills, system transmission line department. 5 YEARS: Charles B. Yearout, assistant division personnel supervisor; Lenwood Phillips, system transmission line department; Earl A. Thomas, garage and William A. Crotty, engineering department.

**Charleston District**—35 YEARS: D. L. Brooks, system meter department. 30 YEARS: C. T. Older, substation department. 15 YEARS: O. W. Dabney, distribution engineering. R. F. Jones, distribution department and T. M. Fain, meter department. 5 YEARS: E. R. Hoffman, distribution engineering; C. E. Buck, distribution department and Frank Harkins, meter department.

**Cabin Creek Plant**—20 YEARS: L. H. Carnifax, production department.

**Fieldale District**—15 YEARS: Harvey B. Merriman, line foreman.

**Glen Lyn Plant**—25 YEARS: Raymond Chambers. 10 YEARS: Clyde S. Davis, Orice E. Francis, George W. Johnson, Russell E. Mann, Dixie T. Brown and James O. Heslep.

**Huntington District**—25 YEARS: Russell M. Fowler, accounting department. 15 YEARS: T. I. Ward, production department.

**Logan Plant**—15 YEARS: G. W. McAbee, mechanical maintenance department. 5 YEARS: O. E. Thompson, coal handling department.

**Logan District**—5 YEARS: W. E. Burgess, transmission and distribution department.

**Lynchburg District**—25 YEARS: Mildred V. Marcus, accounting department. 5 YEARS: D. J. Thompson, Jr., transmission and distribution department; Frank D. Giles, Jr., accounting department and Jesse L. Ashworth, pay-roll department.

**Pt. Pleasant District**—5 YEARS: William Stricklen, transmission and distribution department.

**Pulaski District**—15 YEARS: M. M. Stambaugh, meter department; A. B. Correll, accounting department. 5 YEARS: L. H. Patton, accounting, E. L. Dalton, meter, T. A. MacLeod, substation and M. D. Sharp, accounting.

**Roanoke District**—25 YEARS: Victoria W. Dooley, accounting department. 20 YEARS: O. C. Caldwell, accounting department. 15 YEARS: E. L. Munday, Jr., district commercial manager; Jessie C. Chase, pay-roll department; 10 YEARS—E. G. Robertson, accounting department; Nancy C. Gearhart, division personnel; L. R. Anthony, Walnut Avenue Plant; D. K. Craft, line department. 5 YEARS: L. A. Philpott and E. B. Ferguson, line department and P. A. Grisso, meter department.

**System Office**—20 YEARS: V. D. Rose, civil engineering. 15 YEARS: Trennie H. Cole, commercial department. 10 YEARS: Virginia G. Welch, accounting department. 5 YEARS: Mary L. Farrier and Ruby Weddington, accounting department; Kathryn H. Bush and Mary M. Hatcher, billing department; J. G. Tapley, substation and W. E. Going, civil engineering.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—10 YEARS: Eslie E. Mossman.

**Welch District**—5 YEARS: William A. Chaffin, accounting department.

### William Mathews Retires After 30 Years Of Service



Mr. Mathews

William E. Mathews, Charleston district employee, retired October 1 after having completed more than thirty years of service with the company. At the time of his retirement, he was an operator at the Slack Street Station.

Bill first became associated in the utility business with the Kanawha Water and Light Company in 1908. In those early days, he was employed at the Slack Street Plant with that company serving Charleston and the surrounding area. Between 1910 and the beginning of World War I, he worked with the same company on two different occasions and also was employed on jobs in Virginia and Kentucky.

Upon being discharged from the army at the close of the war, Mr. Mathews returned to the Slack Street Plant as an operating engineer. He remained at the plant until it was later converted into a substation. He became a substation operator and remained on that assignment until the time of his retirement.

Fellow employees and district friends honored Mr. Mathews with a dinner at the Slack Street Station.

### Huntington . . .

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She presided at a meeting October 15 while Mrs. Ann Pozega, home economist, gave a talk and illustrated party foods and servings on special occasions.

Mrs. Alda H. Jones, accounting department, vacationed with her niece in California.

Bill Bias, commercial department, went on a hunting trip to Pocahontas County while on vacation.

Edward J. Wood, commercial department, killed a wild turkey in Pocahontas County while on a hunting trip.

Ohley L. Bennett, commercial department, vacationed in the panhandle of West Virginia.

Mrs. R. E. Blankenbeckler, wife of the Logan district line superintendent, recently underwent an operation.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Clovis Messinger, cost records department, on the death of her husband.

W. F. Giles, commercial department, and wife, vacationed in Washington, D. C., and Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hayner visited in Huntington while he was on vacation. He is employed in the engineering department.

Town office employees played games and danced at a Halloween party on October 25.

## Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

#### Appalachian Electric Power Company

**Abingdon District**—James Booth, Jr., from local office supervisor to assistant local office manager.

**Beckley District**—Robert L. McGraw from meterman helper to meterman C. Mrs. Katherine Thompson from Junior clerk to junior home economist.

**Roanoke District**—Geraldine Snead from office messenger to clerk typist. Jack F. Meador from switchboard operator to distribution department.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—Ralph Rottgen, Charles W. Grimm, John Reitmire and Carl L. Tennant, all from maintenance helpers to maintenance men.

#### Kingsport Utilities

**Kingsport**—George E. Morrison from meter helper to groundman; Hubert F. Wilhoit from line foreman to general foreman. Enoch Bledsoe from laborer to boiler operator B and Jerry Y. Matlock from laborer to coal and ash equipment operator.

### Kentucky . . .

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Vacationers: A. R. Surbaugh, main office, in Roanoke; Ruth Colley, main office, in Cincinnati, while Virginia Lewis was also visiting the city; Jack Finkbone, main office, in Louisville and Herrington Lake; R. P. Thomas, commercial department, in Virginia, and Miriam Shope, local office, in Columbus and Cincinnati.

J. R. Welch, commercial department, recently attended a wedding in Alabama.

E. E. VanOver, stores department, recently visited in Hamilton.

Vacationers: J. W. Ellis, Jr., engineering department, in Mississippi, where he attended the fiftieth wedding anniversary of his wife's parents; T. M. Watkins, Jr., at Lexington, Louisville and Cumberland Lake.

Sympathy is extended W. C. Conley on the death of his brother-in-law.

Vernon E. Toothman, distribution engineer, has resigned to go to Cleveland.

Sympathy is extended E. C. Cassidy, general power engineer, on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is extended Herman Taylor on the death of his father.

### Fieldale District Has Exhibits At Fairs



The Fieldale district had exhibits at many fairs in its area this year. Shown above is the exhibit at the Martinsville Fair. In addition to this exhibit others were held at Axton and Spencer, Virginia.

# Once Isolated Williamson Now Serves As Trading Center

## Coal Is Economic Backbone Of Area

Hungry and nearly exhausted, members of the Virginia State Militia tramped wearily back toward Virginia. Their mission was a failure. They had to turn back before reaching the Indian's camping ground.

Instead of punishing the Mingo tribe for attacks upon white settlers in the Ohio Valley, they themselves had been punished by the harsh winter. Their food supply gone, the starving soldiers chewed on the tugs or traces of their horses.

Thus was named Tug River which splits the Williamson district and is the boundary line between West Virginia and Kentucky.

### Lay Out Town

Almost 100 years passed before that isolated area could boast an actual settlement. In 1891 Wallace J. Williamson whose father was a pioneer in the region laid out the Town of Williamson. He, Taylor Williamson, a Huntington lawyer, and John Q. Dickinson, a Huntington banker, bought about 3,000 acres for the site of the town. It was incorporated in 1892 while still a part of Logan County.

That same year the Norfolk and Western extended its tracks from the Pocahontas coal fields to Williamson along Tug River and on to Cincinnati and Columbus. Coal mines were developed and people began to concentrate in mining camps and towns along the railway.

Mingo County was formed in 1895 with Williamson made the county seat. The county is the youngest in West Virginia.

Williamson's first newspaper, *The Weekly News*, was responsible for establishing the first electric plant in the area. Thomas B. Garner used a small steam-driven generator in 1891 to publish his paper. The generator changed hands several times before being acquired by the Williamson Light and Ice Company which was organized in 1912. The plant was later enlarged to two 150 kw generators.

### Buy Coal Land

At that time Colonel Edward O'Toole, general superintendent, Howard N. Eavenson, chief engineer, and other men of the United States Coal and Coke Company at Gary purchased and leased large tracts of coal land between Sprigg and Williamson.

In 1913 they organized the Crystal Block and Coke Company and built a 475 kva generating unit at Sprigg to serve the company's operations at Rawl, Gates and Sprigg. Original lines included a 11,000-volt line to two of the mines and a short 2,300-volt line to the third mine.

The small generating unit was quickly overloaded when the company



Left: Williamson, county seat of Mingo County, was founded in 1891 and now has a population of about 9,000. It is the largest town and is the trading center of Tug River Valley. Center: Looking down the main street in Delbarton which is 10 miles east of Williamson. Delbarton was incorporated in 1946



and has about 2,000 population. Right: Making the bend at Matewan which is about 14 miles southeast of Williamson. This town on Tug River with its 3,000 people is largely dependent upon the surrounding coal mining industry.

started serving other mining companies. The Town of Matewan and more mine customers were requesting service, leading officials of the Crystal Block and Coke Company to form the Tug River Power Company in 1914. The Sprigg plant was enlarged and in 1915 a new plant built nearby with a 1,500 kva unit and two 500-hp boilers. A 1,875 kva unit was soon added.

A 11,000-volt line was extended to serve other mines and Matewan. Voltage was raised to 33,000 and lines extended to other mines east of Matewan.

### Company Reorganized

Need for additional capital led to the reorganization of the Tug River Power Company in 1916 into the Tug River Electric Company. Two 3,750 kva units were added as another line was built westward, providing wholesale energy to the Williamson Electric Company which had acquired the Williamson Light and Ice Company. Lines also were built further east and west with a new extension built into Kentucky.

When the Tug River Electric Company became a part of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company in 1919, 24 coal companies and the Towns of Williamson and Matewan were receiving service. The next year a tie line with Logan was built to provide the territory with

its first emergency source of power supply.

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company became a part of the American Gas and Electric Company in 1922. Another source of power supply was provided by a line built from Sprigg plant to the Pond Creek line in Kentucky, thus completing the first loop in the district.

Iaeger substation was built in 1924, connecting the area with the Appalachian Power Company which had headquarters in Bluefield. This made a second source of supply available in addition to the Sprigg plant.

In April of 1926 the American Gas and Electric Company purchased the Appalachian Power Company and some other companies operating in West Virginia and Virginia. These companies were consolidated into the Appalachian Electric Power Company, to which was transferred that part of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company operating in West Virginia. Sprigg district across the Tug River in Kentucky is also operated by Williamson district employees.

The tie line with the Logan plant was rebuilt during 1926 from 44,000 to 132,000 volts. In November the Williamson Electric Company was purchased by Appalachian, marking the final step in the formation of the Williamson district.

Sprigg power plant was later dis-



Built of coal in 1933 from the famous Winifred seam, the "Coal House" is one of the most unusual buildings in the nation. About 65 tons of coal were cut to fit as building stone. Varnish is applied periodically to prevent wearing away caused by the weather. This building in the business section houses the Chamber of Commerce, the Junior Chamber, the Credit Bureau and the Area Boy Scout Executive.

mantled and replaced with a 15,000 kva transmission substation. The substation now has a capacity of 40,000 kva.

### Population Growth

At the turn of the century, Williamson had over 600 residents. Today it has over 8,000. As an indication of how the Williamson district has kept abreast of this growth, compare today's 19,589 customers with 6,488 just 10 years ago.

In the Williamson area are 11,791 customers in 528 square miles while in the Sprigg area are 7,798 customers in 631 square miles. Within the district's area in West Virginia are parts of McDowell, Mingo, Wayne and Lincoln Counties while in Kentucky are parts of Lawrence, Martin and Pike Counties.

Employees who have helped the district grow are J. R. Hartzog, W. H. Stratton, Ernest Bailey and Jack Akers. Hartzog, district meter superintendent, was first employed as a laborer in September of 1925. He worked as meterman, assistant meter superintendent, working foreman and meterman A before his promotion to his present job in 1947.

W. H. Stratton, general foreman, worked from 1919 to 1921 in the Pikeville district as a team driver. He was reemployed in the Pikeville district as groundman in 1927 and served as lineman and line foreman before his transfer to the Williamson district in 1943 as line foreman. He became general foreman in 1946.

Ernest Bailey, line foreman, was employed in 1928 as meterman helper, transferred to the line department in 1933, promoted to first-class lineman in 1935 and to line foreman in 1944.

Jack Akers went to work for the company as substation helper at Sprigg in November of 1928. He served as electrician's helper, operator and maintenance man before becoming substation foreman in April of 1950.

### Coal Production

Coal continued to be the economic backbone of the entire Tug River Valley. In Williamson's trading area

live 10,500 miners whose annual wage is over \$35,000,000.

Bituminous coal from the Williamson field is used for railroad and domestic fuel and in producing metals, brick, cement, steam and many by-products. First records show that Mingo County produced 1,627,010 tons in 1907. Last year 14,417,651 tons were produced, about 2.85 per cent of the nation's output.



Headquarters for the district serving parts of seven counties in West Virginia and Kentucky is the Williamson district office building. Here T. M. Watkins, district manager, directs the activities of 120 employees who serve almost 20,000 customers with about 1,200 miles of line.



Mr. Hartzog Mr. Stratton



Mr. Bailey Mr. Akers

Coal reserves in Mingo County are estimated to be over three billion tons which assures the Williamson field of large quantities of coal for over 200 years. Other important industries in the district are natural gas, sawmills producing mine timbers, mine machinery repair businesses, wholesale distributors, railroad shops and a broom handle factory.

Far from being the mountain outpost it was 60 years ago when settlers didn't see a new face for years, Williamson today is a natural trading center for about 75,000 persons. Growth of this modern city is reflected in its churches, schools, parks and recreation facilities, new \$375,000 Field House, 110-bed hospital and many other attractions.



As far as the eye can see are coal cars in the Williamson coal marshalling yard of the N&W which employs about 1,900 men in Williamson. With over 100 miles of track, this is one of the largest coal marshalling yards in West Virginia. Since the railroad extended its tracks into Williamson in 1892, coal mining has been the economic backbone of the entire region. (Photo courtesy of the Norfolk and Western Railway)

## Aubrey Bradshaw's 4-H Work Is Growing From Hobby To Business

As a nine-year-old boy, Aubrey Bradshaw raised a pig for a 4-H project. He and his father later started raising a dairy herd. Now this Fieldale district meterman is co-owner of a herd of prize steers.

Having another year of 4-H Club competition before he reaches 21, Aubrey is hoping to win additional honors with his livestock. Some of the prizes that he has already won include first place in the State contest for livestock production, the district grand championship for one of his steers and being awarded a registered heifer and a Guernsey bull.

While in the fourth grade at Spencer-Penn School, Aubrey took a baby pig to raise as part of the Sears-Roebuck pig project. He was later given one of the little pigs from the first litter. After winning several livestock awards for his 4-H work, he helped his father build a dairy herd until it reached seven cows and 23 steers.

The dairy was discontinued in 1947 because of the labor shortage so he and his father turned to raising beef cattle. During the following years, Aubrey raised six steers which were graded choice and one which was graded good. In addition to winning the district grand championship with one of these steers, he won numerous ribbons.

Aubrey has not only learned about beef through his 4-H work but also about various types of feed. He did such a good job in producing feed for his herd that he won the State contest for field crops and a trip to the 4-H Congress in Chicago in 1949.

A member of the State All-Star Club and the Henry County 4-H Club, Aubrey devotes most of his afternoons and week ends to the care of his herd and crops. He intends to build up his herd until it makes a good down payment on the home he hopes to have one day.

When he does sell his herd, Aubrey will have seen his 4-H Club work grow from an interesting hobby into a profitable part-time business.

### Pvt. Mickey Bree Chosen Best Soldier In Guard

Pvt. Dominick "Mickey" Bree, a collector in the Montgomery office accounting department on military leave, was recently chosen the best soldier in the Regimental Guard Mount at Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

In the airborne infantry at that time, he later visited his family in Smithers before reporting to Fort Benning, Georgia, for duty with a paratrooper outfit.



Aubrey Bradshaw stands beside one of the many steers which he helped raise as a part of his 4-H Club work.

### W. J. Hardman Promoted To New York Assignment

W. J. Hardman, mechanical engineer at Cabin Creek Plant, has been transferred to the engineering department of the A. G. & E. Service Corporation in New York.

He will temporarily assume duties in connection with the design and planning of the new Muskingum River plant, being built by the Ohio Power Company.

Mr. Hardman, a graduate of Duke University with a degree in mechanical engineering, has been employed at Cabin Creek since 1947.

He is married and has one child and plans to move his family to New York.

### Results Department Wins The Sporn Plant Tourney

The Results Department clouters recently hammered out a 9 to 7 decision over the Maintenance Team Number 2 to win the final play-offs of the Philip Sporn Plant softball tournament. Eight plant teams were entered in the tourney.

The following teams played during the inter-plant clashes: Carroll's Team, Rader's Shift, Results Department, Morgan's Shift, Office, Coal Yard, Maintenance One and Maintenance Two.

### Son Of Logan Employee Elected Class President

Gene Edward Leeson, who is a student attending the Bowling Green Business University, has been elected president of the freshman class.

Young Leeson is the son of Gene Leeson, Logan district stores supervisor.

### Camavo Club Has Square Dance



There was plenty of fun at the recent Roanoke Camavo Club Square Dance, and dinner. W. P. Danforth and R. W. Sanderson had charge of the dinner. Following the dinner, J. L. White acted as master of ceremonies for a short program. Shown in the photo above are, left to right: Mrs. Joyce Hancock, Mrs. Curley Paxton, Sam Hancock, Mrs. Leslie Laughon, Harold Chocklett, Mrs. Maxine Lee, Jimmy Lee and Buddy Williams. The Camavo Club is composed of Roanoke district employees.

## Fire Warden School Is Held In Roanoke

Some Roanoke employees have received special instructions as fire wardens. A fire warden school to train personnel in the various types of fire, various types of fire extinguishers and to give assistance to civil defense authorities was held in Roanoke.

The school consisted of a lecture, visual aids, and a study of the various types of extinguishers.

Each warden received a drawing of his respective area. On this drawing was marked the location and types of all fire extinguishers.

L. R. Buchanan, building supervisor, was named coordinator for the fire prevention program in the company in Roanoke.

Conducting the school were: W. S. Kitchen, system safety department, and T. A. Kirby, Roanoke district safety supervisor.

## Roanoke . . .

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partment on the death of his father, W. W. Lewis.

Roy E. Martin, real estate and right-of-way department, is recovering after an appendectomy.

Mrs. Evelyn McTier, real estate and right-of-way department, has been ill.

Betty McKinney, bride elect of William T. Goode, Jr., was honored with a luncheon and china-crystal shower at Bradford's on October 10 by members of the system substation department.

H. L. Gardner is recuperating at home from a recent illness.

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

H. L. Cushing, system residential sales supervisor, vacationed at Williamsburg.

Betty C. Carper, system personnel department, has returned to work after a recent illness.

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hamilton motoring through the Smokies; Mr. and Mrs. Jack White-nack at Nashville; Versal Spencer in Baltimore.

Sympathy is extended Dennis Pendleton on the death of his father.

Betty Old, former employee of the system accounting office, was entertained with a shower by employees of the materials and supplies department on September 27 at the home of Claudine Waldron. Frances Whitlock, Ann Kellerman and Norma Bell assisted the hostess.

Vacationers: Rosemary Price with her parents in Clinton, Indiana; Helen Shanks with relatives in Bristol; M. G. Capasso in Chicago; Tida Long in New York and Canada; Thelma Manning in Florida; M. L. Burdette in Richmond and Parkersburg.

Sympathy is extended Margaret Haley on the death of her uncle.

Nine employees of the materials and supplies department who had birthdays in October were honored with a party on October 27 at the home of Norma Bell.

Sympathy is extended Joyce Griffin on the death of her aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hutton and son have returned from Heidelberg, Germany. Mrs. Hutton is the sister of Margaret Carter.

Vacationers: Eileen Montgomery, Frances Quesenberry and Guyda Hall in New York City where they visited the A. G. & E. office; Lindell Littrell in Florida; Frances Whitlock in New York and Washington; Ann Kellerman in Florida; Jimmy and Elinor Oliver in New York.

## Abingdon Men Study Transformers



Abingdon district employees watch a demonstration of a miniature transformer bank mounted on a miniature pole during a recent transformer instruction course. The course was made available by the Westinghouse Electric Company and was conducted by L. B. Lee, district superintendent. Mr. Lee was assisted by R. A. Sheffey, Jr. Shown above, left to right, L. B. Lee, J. J. Roseberry, V. W. Garrett, F. S. Rosenbaum, W. H. Johnson, T. J. Overby, Wm. McFall, R. C. Childress, W. L. Smythers and H. A. Robinson.

## Employee Wins High State Honors In Art Exhibits With Oil Paintings

Paint brush, palette, easel and canvas enable John W. Griffiee to follow the hobby which brings him much recognition. The Charleston district area sales representative has been drawing and painting pictures since childhood and has won several art show awards.

Although he had cartooned and sketched for publications while attending Bowling Green College of Commerce, John first started using oils when his wife bought him a set in 1940.

While in the Naval Air Corps he was able to study under Felix De-Welden, famous artist and sculptor, who made the bronze statue "Two Jima." Since leaving the service he has continued his studies at the Mason College of Music and Fine Arts in Charleston and has also studied under Rafael Glieshman of the Akron Art Institute.

Entering his paintings in numerous exhibitions, John was awarded first place for the New Members Division of the State Allied Artists Exhibition in 1950 for his canvass "Autumn." With his abstract painting of a city on a rainy night entitled "Nocturnal," he won third prize in the Allied Artists Exhibition this year in competition with the outstanding artists of West Virginia.

In addition to selling many of his pictures and giving some to friends, John has painted men's ties and is quite well known for his ability to blend colors on cloth.



John Griffiee looks pleased as he points to his abstract picture "Autumn" which won first prize in the New Members Division of the Allied Artists Exhibition.

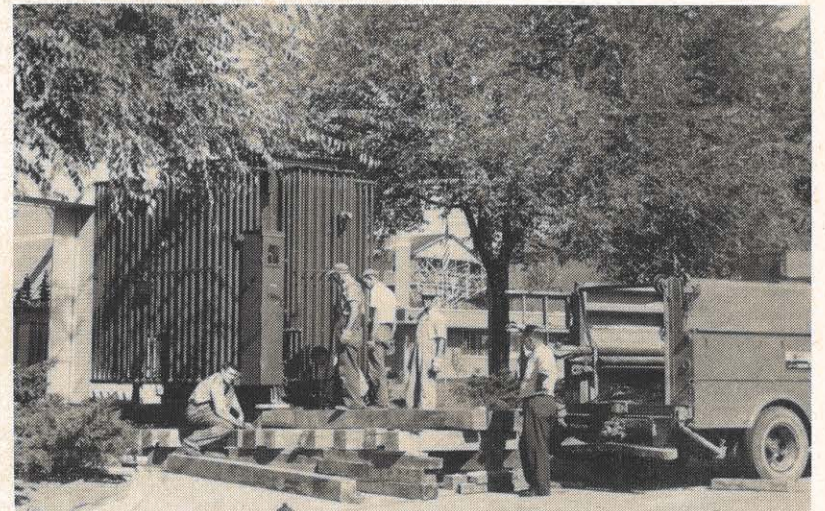
### Trifori Club Names Officers; Plans Dance

C. O. Roberson, administrative assistant, has been elected president of the Trifori employees club, composed of employees on the third and fourth floors in the general office building in Roanoke. Other new officers of the club include Mildred Dowdy, secretary, and Edna Woody, treasurer.

Mr. Roberson succeeds W. A. McClung as president. Other retiring club officers are Mary C. Barnes, secretary, and Dorothy Mitchell, treasurer.

The club plans to hold a square dance on Nov. 2 at the Roanoke County Woman's Club.

## Install New Transformer At Highland



Members of Kingsport Utilities' substation crew install a 6,000 kva transformer at Highland substation to bring capacity to 9,000 kva. Left to right are J. D. Spivey, W. M. Drinnon, C. A. Arnold, W. E. McAmis and R. C. Scarlett. Also helping install the transformer which replaces one of two 3,000 kva banks were R. E. Wells and E. M. Jones. Three 1,000 kva transformers were removed from the station serving northeast Kingsport and installed in parallel with a 2,500 kva bank at Holston substation which serves the area southwest of Kingsport.



## Wedding Rings For Fourteen Brides

### Filipek-Bozo

Miss Rosie Filipek and Daniel S. Bozo were united in marriage on October 6 at Scarbro, West Virginia. Mr. Bozo is employed in Beckley.

### Hutchinson-Abbott

Miss Jane Hutchinson and William Abbott were united in marriage in Charleston on September 23. Mrs. Abbott is employed in the personnel department and Mr. Abbott in the substation department in Charleston.

### Bohon-Grubb

Miss Bertha Mae Bohon and Johnnie Olvin Grubb were married on October 6 at Roanoke. Mrs. Bohon is employed in the system billing office.

### DeGeorge-Turner

Miss Catherine DeGeorge became the bride of Fred Turner on September 18 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Williamson. Mrs. Turner is employed in Williamson.

### McKinney-Goode

Miss Betty Jane McKinney became the bride of William Thomas Goode, Jr., on October 20 in Roanoke. Mrs. Goode is employed in the system substation department in Roanoke.

### Roach-Thompson

Miss Vergie E. Roach became the bride of Ervin E. Thompson on October 5. Mr. Thompson is employed at Glen Lyn.

### Musser-Howard

Miss Ann Satterfield Musser became the bride of Samuel Bachman Howard, Jr., on October 19 at Abingdon. Mrs. Howard is employed in Abingdon.

### Layne-Dorman

Miss Frances Ann Layne became the bride of James R. Dorman on October 6 at Lynchburg. Mr. Dorman is employed in Lynchburg.

### Dyer-Johnson

Miss Dorothy Z. Dyer and Ralph H. Johnson were married October 5 in Salem, Virginia. Mr. Johnson is employed in Lynchburg.

### Williams-Keaton

Miss Willia Mae Williams was married to Jack Conrad Keaton on September 29 at Pearisburg, Virginia. Mr. Keaton is employed in Beckley.

### Mitchell-Esleek

Miss Mary Lucille Mitchell became the bride of Samuel H. Esleek on September 19 at the Second Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tenn. Mrs. Esleek was formerly employed in Roanoke and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell is employed in Ashland.

### Combs-Banks

Miss Imogene Combs and Robert L. Banks were united in marriage on October 10 at Lothair, Kentucky. Mr. Banks is employed in Hazard.

### Shaw-Perry

In a double ring ceremony on October 20 at Fieldale, Virginia, Miss Derothadeane Shaw became the bride of James E. Perry. Mrs. Perry is employed in Fieldale.

### Cales-McWhorter

In a double ring ceremony, Miss Nora Cales became the bride of George McWhorter on October 20 in Greenup, Kentucky. Mrs. McWhorter is employed in Ashland.

## Textures Highlight New Fall Accessories

There is big fashion news in hats, bags, shoes, scarves, belts, gloves and jewelry for both daytime and evening wear this season. There are no real accessory rules and that makes choosing accessories for that new suit or dress much more fun.

Texture is the latest interest in each accessory. Satin and velvet are being used for both shoes and hats. Double textures are appearing especially in shoes and belts. There are combinations of calf and patent, suede and patent, and calf and suede. Shoes have softer, more feminine lines. Even the moccasin type shoes have a strap or two added. Lots of little pumps with low heels in two-leather or two-tone combinations are being worn. There are shoes in fabrics such as grey flannel and plaid woolsens.

Very narrow belts in contrasting colors are being worn with skirts. The straight two-inch belt or a high, wide cummerbund belt are also good.

Hats are small with shallow crowns in velours, felt, satin, fur or velvet. Ascot scarves are a natural with coats-dresses and suits.

The newest jewelry note is colored stones of fake sapphires, garnets, topazes and amethysts. Big stones in necklaces, bracelets and earrings give the heavy look to jewelry for daytime wear with suits and separates. Bulky gold jewelry is very good also. Pearls are perennial—the bigger the better.

## They're Engaged

MISS JANETTE SPENCER to Private Paul Begley. Miss Spencer is employed in Hazard.

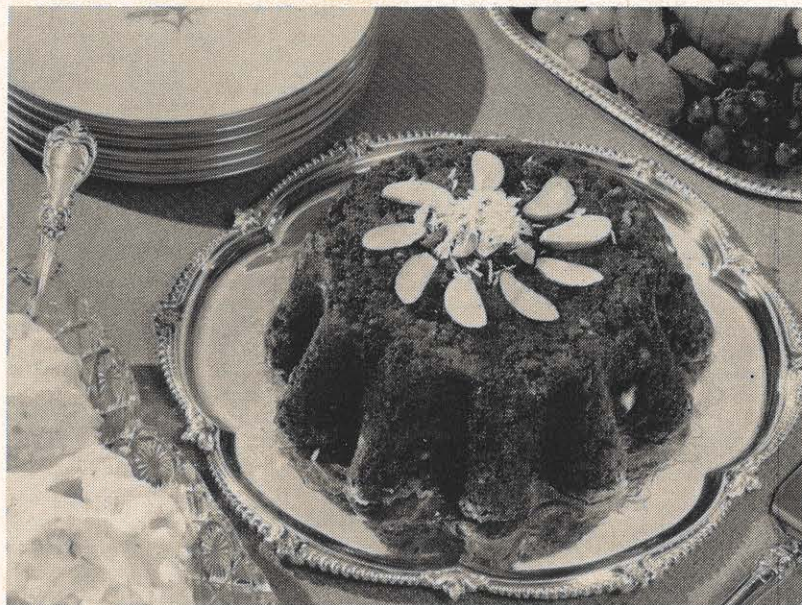
MISS ELLEN LOIS PORTERFIELD to Eugene Page Ott. Mr. Ott is employed at the Logan Plant.

MISS JOYCE WALTERS to John Cranford, Jr. Mrs. Walters is employed in Ashland.

MISS KATHLEEN DUDLEY to Richard Scott Whitlow. Miss Dudley is employed in the system transportation department in Roanoke.

## Feminine Fancies

### Brazil Nut Plum Pudding Will Add Zest To Your Thanksgiving Dinner



### New Arrivals . . .

MR. AND MRS. V. W. GARRETT are the parents of a son, Gary Michael, born September 25. Mr. Garrett is employed at Cleveland, Va.

MR. AND MRS. MASON HILL are the parents of a son born September 24. Mr. Hill is employed at Glen Lyn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS F. CRABTREE are the parents of a son, Thomas Wayne, born October 12. Mr. Crabtree is employed in Abingdon.

MR. AND MRS. GARNETT C. THOMPSON are the parents of a son born September 23. Mr. Thompson is employed at Glen Lyn.

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL C. MORRIS are the parents of a son born October 1. Mr. Morris is employed in Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. D. P. WADE are the parents of a daughter, Debora Kay, born September 29. Mr. Wade is employed in Ashland.

MR. AND MRS. MASON GALLAHER are the parents of a son, Kenneth Arthur, born October 6. Mr. Gallaher is employed in Ashland.

MR. AND MRS. JACK D. HARKER are the parents of a daughter, Laura Ellen, born October 4. Mr. Harker is employed in Lynchburg.

MR. AND MRS. MAURICE E. CAMPBELL are the parents of a son, Calvin Preston, born September 29. Mr. Campbell is employed in Lynchburg.

MR. AND MRS. WARREN PEARSON are the parents of a son, Joseph Warren, born on October 12. Mr. Pearson is employed in Grundy, Va.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM LIVELY are the parents of a daughter, Harriell Lee, born on September 25. Mr. Lively is employed in Beckley.

MR. AND MRS. E. M. JEFFREYS, JR., are the parents of a son born September 19. Mr. Jeffreys is employed at the Logan Plant.

MR. AND MRS. BERNARD WHITTINGTON are the parents of a son, David Bryan, born October 6. Mr. Whittington is employed in Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. G. H. SLACK are the parents of a son, Dale Gregory, born September 21. Mr. Slack is employed at Cabin Creek.

MR. AND MRS. E. L. MITCHELL are the parents of a son, Frederick Michael, born on October 7. Mr. Mitchell is employed at Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. FLOYD CAPEHART are the parents of a daughter, Emily Kathleen, born October 4. Mr. Capehart is employed at Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. H. W. SPENCER are the parents of a son, Thomas Michael, born October 2. Mr. Spencer is employed at Nitro, W. Va.

MR. AND MRS. W. E. BIVENS are the parents of a daughter, Stella, born September 24. Mr. Bivens is employed in Logan.

MR. AND MRS. R. E. GULLEY are the parents of a son, Randal Wayne, born September 27. Mr. Gulley is employed in Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL F. SAMMONS are the parents of a son, Paul F., Jr., born September 23. Mr. Sammons is employed in Logan.

MR. AND MRS. DEWEY SIZEMORE are the parents of a daughter, Robert Carlen, born September 30. Mr. Sizemore is employed in Hazard.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD S. JIMISON are the parents of a son, Larry William, born October 4. Mr. Jimison is employed in Logan.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM LINDAMOOD are the parents of a daughter, Toni Adele, born on October 16. Mr. Lindamood is employed at Gate City, Va.

MR. AND MRS. HENRY KISER, JR., are the parents of a daughter, Deborah Darlene, born on October 5. Mr. Kiser is employed in Williamson.

Are you looking for something a little bit unusual and very tasty to really add zest to your Thanksgiving Day dinner? Here's something we think you'll like. It's "plum full" of goodness. It's a Brazil Nut Plum Pudding. Rich in nuts, spice and fruit this is a steamed pudding to climax your Thanksgiving Day dinner with that special trimming.

Brazil Nut plum pudding may be made a day or a week or so before Thanksgiving Day. It should then be covered and kept in a refrigerator. If you do not have a steam pudding mold with a tight fitting cover, you may use a tube cake pan or casserole dish to hold the pudding and cover it during the steaming period with foil or waxed paper. The pudding may be steamed in any deep kettle or dutch oven.

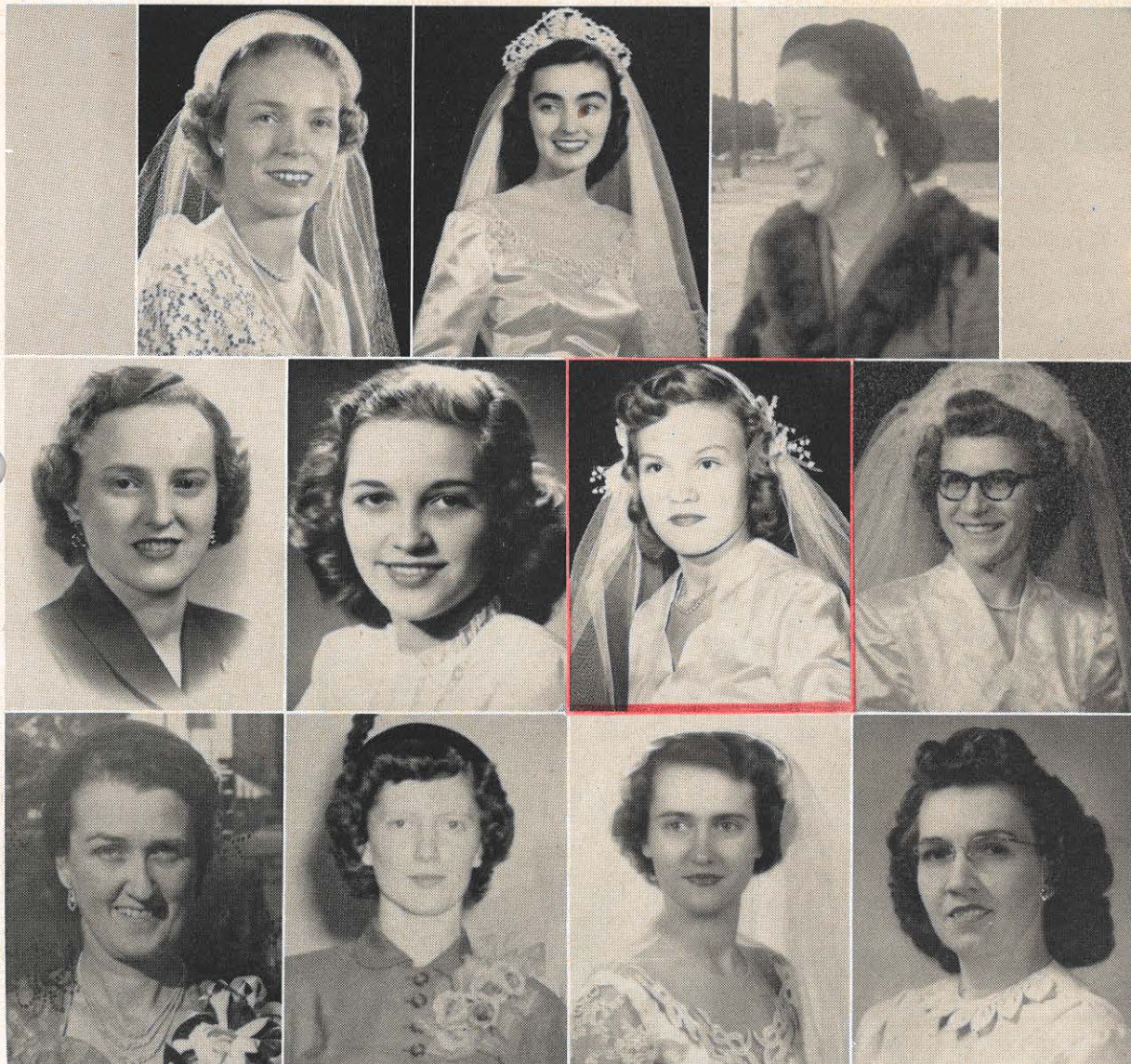
#### Brazil Nut Plum Pudding

- 1/4 pound or 1 cup of ground suet
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs well beaten
- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon mace
- 2 cups seedless raisins
- 1/3 cup finely cut preserved orange peel
- 1/3 cup finely cut preserved lemon peel
- 1/3 cup citron
- 1/2 cup chopped Brazil nuts
- 1 cup soft, day-old bread crumbs

Combine suet, sugar, milk and eggs. Reserve 1/4 cup flour to mix with fruit. Sift together remaining flour with baking soda, salt, nutmeg, cinnamon and mace. Mix raisins, orange peel, lemon peel, citron and Brazil nuts with reserved flour. Add with crumbs and flour mixture to suet mixture, mix well. Turn into greased and floured 2-quart pudding mold with a tight fitting cover. Or cover with aluminum foil or two thicknesses of waxed paper; tie securely. Place on a rack in a deep kettle; pour in boiling water to half the depth of the mold. Cover, and steam three hours, adding more boiling water during steaming if necessary. Serve warm with softened ice cream or pudding sauce.

MR. AND MRS. KYLE FREEMAN are the parents of a son, Kyle Eldridge, born on October 15. Mr. Freeman is employed in Williamson.

MR. AND MRS. WALTER ZIMMERMAN are the parents of a son, Timothy Edward, born on October 13. Mrs. Zimmerman was formerly employed in the system accounting department in Roanoke.



Here are some of the brides who were married during the past month. Top row, left to right: Mrs. William T. Goode, Jr., Roanoke; Mrs. Samuel B. Howard, Jr., Abingdon; Mrs. Jack C. Keaton, Beckley. Second row: Mrs. Samuel H. Esleek, a former Roanoke employee now living in Knoxville; Mrs. George McWhorter, Ashland; Mrs. James B. Dorman, Lynchburg; Mrs. Daniel S. Bozo, Beckley. Third row: Mrs. William Abbott, Charleston; Mrs. Robert L. Banks, Hazard; Mrs. James E. Perry, Fieldale; Mrs. John O. Grubb, Roanoke.

### Sporn Children Members Of Band



Three sons and three daughters of Philip Sporn Plant employees are members of the Wahama High School band at Mason, West Virginia. Shown above, left to right, Tommy Vance, son of Bethel Vance; John Rottgen, son of Earl Rottgen; Betty Tennant, daughter of Clarence Tennant; Jane and Mary Lawrence, daughters of John Lawrence, and in the inset, Ray Ward, son of Frank Ward. Ray was missing when the group photograph was made as the result of an injury. He previously played for two years with the Hazard High School Band and was recently selected to play in the West Virginia All-State "C" band during the State Band Festival.

### Nancy Garrett Is Chapmanville High Home-Coming Queen

Nancy Garrett was crowned home-coming queen of Chapmanville High School at the ceremonies between the half at the football game between Chapmanville and Buffalo High School. The high school senior is the daughter of Arden Garrett who is a turbine operator at the Logan plant.

Nancy is active in many school activities and president of the Beta Club and the Future Teachers of America. She is a member of the National Thespians and has appeared in school plays for the past three years.

Student secretary in the principal's office, Nancy hopes to study to be a teacher after graduation.

### Lineman's One-Night Visit Turns Out To Be A Full-Time Scoutmaster's Job



Members of the Meadowview, Virginia, Troop 76, Boy Scouts of America, are shown above prior to one of their meetings. Not all members of the troop were present at the time the photograph was made. Front row, left to right: Jack Kilgore, Ronnie Wynn, Kirby Lloyd, C. W. Price, and Jean Parris, son of V. R. Parris, an Abingdon district automobile mechanic. Back row, left to right: Arlin Pierce, son of W. L. Pierce of the district substation department; Newell Johnson, Phil Wynn, David Young, Jimmie Jamison, and Scoutmaster Henry F. Pierce.

Henry F. Pierce, an Abingdon district lineman, believes in doing any piece of work thoroughly. Back in 1949, for example, Henry was requested to give first aid instruction to fourteen Boy Scouts of Troop 76, Meadowview, Virginia. They had no scoutmaster and asked Henry to take on the job. Today, and some forty-six scouts later, Henry is still teaching first aid as well as absorbing all of the other duties of scoutmaster.

Since Troop 76 is basically a rural troop, many of the boys have as much as five miles to travel to scout meetings. Pierce's program, however, speaks for itself because the membership doubled and at all meetings there is a good attendance. Today, ten scouts are ready for their next advancement and six youngsters are preparing themselves to enter scouting with troop 76. One scout, Jack Kilgore, is a member of the honorary secret order, the Order of the Arrow.

From a leaderless group, Henry has converted his organization into a community-minded and useful troop. Among the many community services the boys have rendered have been the distribution of food baskets to needy families during the holidays. Some of the baskets were purchased with troop funds. They also assisted in Fire Prevention Week activities; directed traffic during church revivals; assisted elderly persons during Clean-Up

Week, and collected scrap metal and papers in order to finance troop projects.

Troop 76 also is active in its own Council. Since Mr. Pierce became scoutmaster, the boys have attended Jamborees at Kingsport, Jonesboro, and Emory and Henry College. While attending these outings, the troop has won three first-place awards; five second-place awards, and one third.

Also as you might expect, the entire troop holds merit badges for first aid and has also received first aid training for atomic warfare.

### Two-Way Radio Used To Assist Two Wreck Victims Near Hazard

Hazard district's two-way radio network recently prevented prolonged suffering of two wreck victims.

Larue Neice and his line crew of John Cody, L. B. Ferguson, Jr., W. H. Boggs, Clark Hayes and H. C. Barnett arrived at the wreck on Second Creek Hill soon after it happened September 21.

Killed instantly, when the truck in which they were riding overturned, was 58-year-old Mitchell Gay. His son, Pearl and Laurence Begley were injured.

The line crew gave first aid to the two survivors while Neice called Truman Hurt at Hazard by radio. Hurt at line department headquarters in Hazard then called an ambulance which took the victims to the hospital where they received additional treatment for injuries.

### Cabin Creek Club Holds Dance



Members and guests of the Cabin Creek Plant's Power Makers' Club enjoy a recent dance. The event was held at the Sons of Italy Hall in Charleston early last month. Special entertainment was provided by Joe and Jeanne Creasey and Melvin Wingfield. Music for dancing was supplied by Ned Guthrie and his orchestra.

### New Peak

All records were broken for the delivery of electricity on the system of the Southern Properties on October 24 at 11 a. m.

At that time the peak load on the system reached 1,068,000 kilowatts. October 24, over most of the system, was a dark, rainy day and this helped increase the demand for electricity.

### Charleston . . .

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after a recent operation.

L. F. Nichols has returned to work after an operation.

Vacationers: E. L. Spencer and family at Brookneal, Virginia; Mike Shafer and wife at Bancroft, Canada and Niagara Falls; P. E. Thompson and wife at Fort Lauderdale, Florida; B. A. Thaxton and family at Virginia Beach; B. W. Smith and family in Florida; Bill and Elsie Walker on the Great Lakes and in Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Maston in Georgia, North and South Carolina.

O. M. Smith, telephone operator, is recovering from pneumonia.

L. C. Lively, assistant distribution engineer, has resigned to accept a position with the Gulf Power Company in Florida.

Vacationers: Hubert K. Shabdue, commercial department, and wife, at Baltimore; W. G. McGraw, Montgomery office, and family, in Akron; Mrs. and Mrs. A. W. Brendel and niece with relatives in Texas and touring Mexico; H. C. Mathews and B. R. Currence in Florida.

Janice Champe, Peggy Evans, W. H. Zinn and Jane Rutherford are attending night school courses at the West Virginia Institute of Technology.

New employees in the Charleston office are: Sue James and Janelle Johnson, accounting department; and Rose Mary Spurlock and John Tuttle, commercial department.

John D. Walters, assistant local office manager, is recuperating after a recent appendectomy.

Charles H. Young returned as Montgomery office meter reader after his discharge from the Army on September 11.

### Logan Scoutmaster And Troop Awarded A Camporee Ribbon

Nicholas Roomy, Jr., Logan district accounting department, was presented a blue ribbon award for the outstanding work in scoutcraft accomplished by his troop at a spring camporee. The award, made before two hundred scouts and scouters, was presented to Mr. Roomy on a recent camporee near Big Creek, West Va.

Employees' sons, also attending the camporee who are members of Troop 61, were: Donald Stevenson, son of M. H. Stevenson; Bobby Leeson, son of Gene Leeson, and David Roomy, son of Mr. Roomy.

### Raymond Fisher, Galax, Dies As Result Of Fall



Mr. Fisher

Raymond S. Fisher, 55, local superintendent at Galax, died September 26, from injuries sustained in a fall from a ladder September 22.

The accident occurred while members of the Galax Volunteer Fire Department were answering an alarm. Fisher, with other volunteers, was attempting to investigate the report of a fire on the roof of a local bank building. As Fisher and another fireman were climbing the ladder it slipped. Fisher was thrown about twenty feet to an alley. He suffered fractures of the shoulder, wrist and facial bones.

Mr. Fisher was born and spent most of his early life in Wytheville. He began his employment with the Company in Wytheville in 1923 and had spent his entire 28 years of service in the Pulaski district. Aside from earlier assignments at Galax and Wytheville, Mr. Fisher also spent a number of years in Christiansburg. He returned to Galax in 1945 as local foreman. About one year ago, he was promoted to local superintendent. He had a number of outside interests and was extremely active in the Galax Volunteer Fire Department.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ethel Chandler Fisher; one son, C. E. "Buddy" Fisher; one daughter, Mrs. Frances McCoy, of Christiansburg, a brother and two sisters.

### Smith Heads Fund Drive For FFA-FHA \$1,000,000 Camp

Guilford C. Smith, administrative assistant in the Charleston district



Mr. Smith

commercial department, has been named co-chairman of the Kanawha county FFA-FHA fund raising campaign. The drive is to obtain \$250,000 from Kanawha for the \$1,000,000 Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America camp to be built near Ripley, West Virginia.

Guilford has been very active in FFA-FHA work for a number of years and is at present a member of five state-wide committees. He was formerly employed in Ashland.

### A Correction

Last month in THE ILLUMINATOR there was a report of the death of L. V. Wilson, a retired Charleston district employee.

The picture which was used in connection with the article was not that of Mr. Wilson. We regret the error and are publishing Mr. Wilson's picture here.

Mr. Wilson, who died at his home in Poca, West Virginia, had served the company from 1922 to his retirement in 1948. He worked in the Charleston district meter department.

## Bluefield District Opens Bowling To Men And Women

Something has been added to the Bluefield District Bowling League. In the past, the league was strictly an all-male organization. This year, the girls have taken to bowling.

New Officers also were elected for the current season. J. M. Loyd was elected president; Ernie Linkous, vice president; Heber Stafford, treasurer, and Dot Boyd, secretary.

In league competition, the Live Wires, captained by J. R. Munsey, Jr., have taken the lead in a closely fought bowling race for first half honors. The Dead Ends and the Insulators are tied for second place while the Lightning Arrestors and the Generators are deadlocked for fourth. The Constant Currents are sixth.

In the men's group, H. F. Swecker holds the present single-game high honors with 211 pins. Robert Crowder and Ernie Linkous are tied for the three-game series with 553. Dot Boyd holds both girls honors with 178 and 429.

For team bowling, the Constant Currents have the single game honors with 771. The Dead Ends rolled the high series with 2,147 pins for their best three matches.

## Utilities' Bowlers In Second Place

After remaining in the lower bracket of the Kingsport Industrial Bowling League for the past two years, the Kingsport Utilities' Keglers have shown surprising strength this season. With a 17 and 11 record and battling top-flight industrial competition, the Utilities' keggers are now in second place.

Captain J. A. Randall will be leading the KUI team during the 1951-52 season and predicts championship possibilities. Other players

## Daughters Lead Cheers At Logan High



Carol Feiszli and Alice Rose Brinegar

Daughters of two Logan Plant employees, Carol Feiszli and Alice Rose Brinegar, are members of the Logan High School's pep squad. Both girls, as cheerleaders, play important parts in developing enthusiastic support for L.H.S. gridders.

Carol, who is a member of the senior class, takes part in numerous activities other than her duties as cheerleader. She is a member of the Prayer Club, Glee Club, Thespians, Varsity Club, Girl Scouts, and Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Carol expects to enter college next year. She is the daughter of Carl H. Feiszli, assistant maintenance supervisor.



## It's A Whopper



Larry Langford, two-year-old son of Bruce Langford, Ripley, West Virginia, has his hands full holding his father's prize catch. Mr. Langford, a Point Pleasant district lineman, caught the muskie in Mill Creek, a small stream that runs through the Town of Ripley. The muskie weighed ten pounds and was 33½ inches in length. It is one of the largest fish to be taken from that stream during recent years.

## Sporn Plant Is Organizing Ten-Team Bowling League

Sixty-five Philip Sporn Plant employees are forming an intra-plant bowling league. The bowling season for Sporn keggers was delayed due to the construction of new alleys.

Permanent league officers and schedules are expected to be announced sometime this month.

on the team are: H. F. "Cap" Wilhoit, Wilson Trumbo, Junious Rayfield, Sam Chandler, and Jake Sells.

## Welch Softball Season Ends With Trophy Presentation

Members of the Welch district softball team, together with their wives and other guests, were entertained recently at a dinner. The celebration climaxed one of the best seasons the club has experienced since it was first organized.

Following the dinner, C. B. Year-out of the Bluefield division personnel office, presented the Bluefield Division Softball Trophy to Dick Jones, manager of the 1951 Welch team. Jones then presented A. F. Horne, district manager, with the division prize. He also presented Mr. Horne with the Guyan Valley Trophy which was won by the team in an area softball league.

The celebration was closed with group singing and other entertainment.

## Tom Kats Lead In Cabin Creek's Four Team Bowling Loop

The Tom Kats, with an 11 and 7 season's record, hold the lead in the Power Makers' Club four-team bowling league at the Cabin Creek Plant. The "Kats," an all-male team, is composed of players representing the Kanawha Valley hydro plants.

The Handy Kappers, a mixed team with four girl members, is in second place. During the first month of league play, the Kappers led the league bowlers.

For individual honors, the "King of the Week" title was won by G. L. Loveday for three consecutive weeks. Loveday is a member of the Tom Kats team. Jim Britt, a reserve, topped Loveday during the past few weeks and won the title with a high single game of 203.

Jeanne Creasey claims the "Queen of the Week" crown with her single high game of 155.

## Cutouts Leading In Tight Williamson Bowling League

In the six-team Williamson District Bowling League, upsets are apt to happen—and they usually do. At this time the entire standing could be altered within two games.

The Cutouts, with a 9 and 3 standing, currently lead the hard-fought race but are closely followed by the Amps and the Circuit Breakers. These two teams are tied for second place with seven and five records for their season's play. To make the league's standing even more uncertain, the Kilowatts and the Ohms are deadlocked for fourth place. They have accounted for 5 victories and 7 set-backs. The Short Circuits, winning only three of twelve games, round out the league standings in sixth place.

With eleven weeks remaining to be played during the first half of League competition, Sonny Runyon retains the high individual average with 145.8. Allen Cross won the highest individual game honors with his 205. Jack Maynard's 505 three-game series is the league's highest mark while the Kilowatts won the team series with 2,136 pins.

## Sons Of Sporn Men



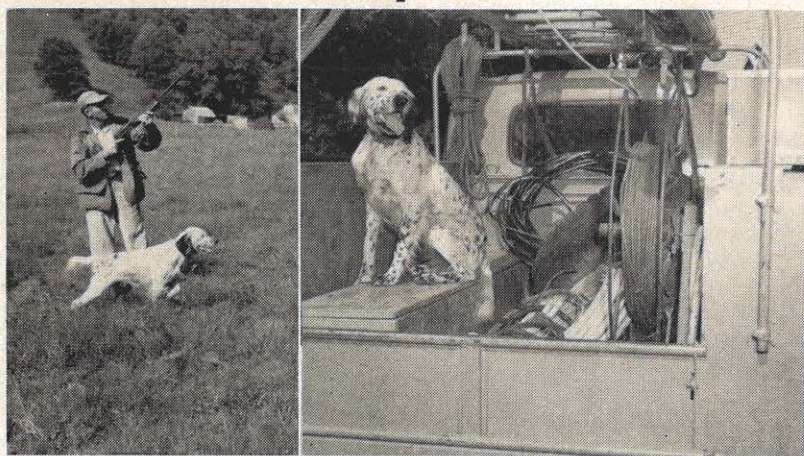
Sons of two Philip Sporn Plant employees are members of the 1951 Wahama High School, Mason, West Virginia, football squad. Tom Scally, number 34, left, heaves a pass during a recent practice session. Tom, son of Paul E. Scally, alternates in the quarterback and halfback positions. He plays safetyman on the defense. Dick Athey, number 44, son of C. A. Athey, is a glue-fingered pass receiver and plays end for the White Falcons. Both Tom and Dick are juniors at Wahama.

## Pikeville Bowlers Form A Six-Team Company League

Six Pikeville district bowling teams have been entered in the District Bowling League. Company bowlers also have entered a six-team City Bowling League. Members were selected from throughout the district to represent the Power Company. This team is composed of the following members: Ernie Brashear, Curtis McClung, Corbin Bobbitt, Chester Smith, Bruce Prater, Troy Lee and Bill Zoellers.

The girls club, Kappa Pi Omega, also has entered the bowling picture. The club has placed its entry into the Ladies' City League. Members of this team are Jacqulean Newsome, captain; Elizabeth Riddle, Laura Ann Calhoun, Jacqulean Akers, Guialene Smith, Florence Hagan, Dorothy Cardinal and Mary Lou Stapleton.

## 'Joe,' Three-Year-Old Bird Dog, Is Serviceman's Companion On All Calls



Gene Rowe lifts his shotgun as "Joe" points while on a recent hunting trip. On the right, "Joe" beats his master back to the truck and waits to go to the next assignment.

"Joe," a three-year-old bird dog belonging to E. T. "Gene" Rowe of Damascus, Virginia, not only strikes a rigid point in the field, but has a sixth sense for emergency calls. Whether it is hunting or emergency calls, Joe is always on the job and ready to go at a moment's notice.

Since Joe was quite young, he has been the constant companion of his master who is employed in the Abingdon district as a serviceman. When Mr. Rowe responds to a service call, day or night, Joe makes a beeline for the truck. He has a special seat on the back of the truck and can be found there if the truck is about to move.

When Gene arrives at the location where work is to be accomplished,

## Rifle Association Points Out Unsafe Hunting Practices

Everyone is against hunting accidents, but how many hunters do anything but talk about the ways they might have prevented this or that accident? Much of the talk is too late.

Today, with increasing numbers of licensed hunters and stricter demands from game commissions, the need for safer hunting was never greater. By employing sound and logical hunting practices, you may be able to help prevent accidents in your own hunting party.

According to a recent issue of the *American Rifleman* magazine, the National Rifle Association accounted for 832 fatal hunting accidents during 1950 in some thirty-odd states. Much of this loss of life, it was pointed out, could have been prevented if a minimum of caution had been exercised.

To avoid possible accidents within your hunting parties, make it a point to know what you are shooting at under all conditions. When in doubt, it is far safer to miss a shot than to cause an injury. For your own protection it is a wise practice to wear clothing that will offer you the best chance to be seen in the woods or in the open.

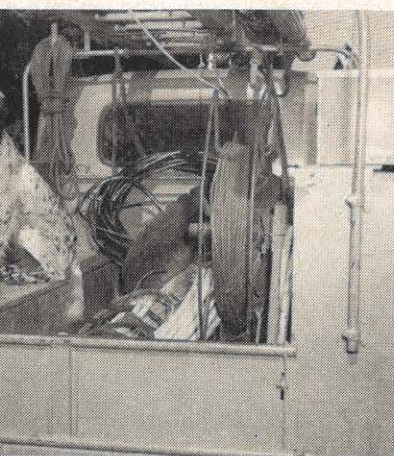
On opening days, avoid hunting with persons who appear over-anxious or have jittery nerves. Frequently, a good hunter is injured by such a person.

In the field, exert extreme caution in heavily wooded sections, dense undergrowth, low limbs, and other obstructions that could possible cause your gun to fire.

Observe every common-sense hunting rule in the loading, unloading, and handling of your gun. Avoid the possibility of accidents resulting from crossing fences; insecure rests for the gun while relaxing, and the striking of game with the gun butt.

Your sound thinking and logical practices will help to reduce the possibilities of future hunting casualties.

## 'Joe,' Three-Year-Old Bird Dog, Is Serviceman's Companion On All Calls



Joe jumps to the ground. When Mr Rowe enters the front seat, Joe jumps to his seat and they are off to the next job. There is never even the slightest delay as Joe anticipates the serviceman's moves.

At night, Joe sleeps on the back porch but is clambering to the back of the truck when there is the slightest indication there is work to be done. On trips he often is left to guard the truck.

In the field, Gene has hunted with Joe for two seasons and thinks Joe is going to become a real hunter. This would be quite natural as Joe is a grandson of the famous field dog, Bo Essick.

### Elected To Head Club At Fieldale



Mrs. Marjorie Prillaman, left; A. L. St. Clair, and Miss Nancy Kitts have been elected to head the AEP Club at Fieldale. St. Clair was elected president; Mrs. Prillaman, vice president, and Miss Kitts, secretary-treasurer. Department representatives named at the meeting were: Dot Shaw, local accounting; Betty Baker, commercial; Aubrey Bradshaw, meter; Jewell Wigginton, distribution; Irene Minter, right-of-way; Alvin Hundley, line; W. L. Nichols, line, and Douglas Martin, managerial.

### 'Uncle Dave' Wright Of Damascus Retires After 42 Years Of Service



Catching up on some of the work around the house since his retirement, "Uncle Dave" repairs a radio in his Damascus home.

With the longest service record in the Abingdon district, Robert Dave Wright retired October 1.

"Uncle Dave," as he is known to most, completed 42 years of service with Appalachian and its predecessors on July 1. He was employed in 1905

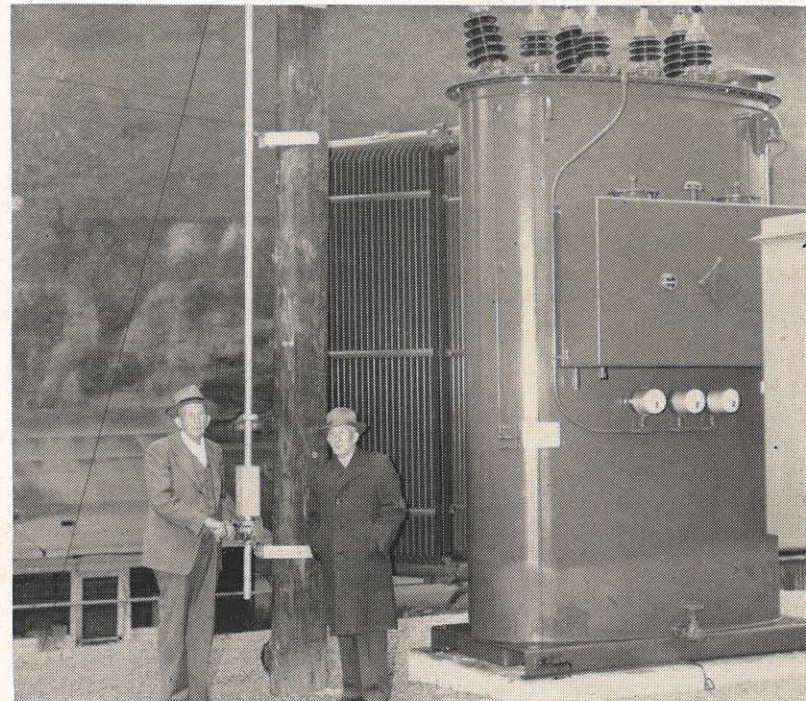
by the Town of Damascus to keep the oil street lights burning and paid 15 cents a day for his efforts.

His father built a small hydro plant and mill near his home on Beaver Dam Creek and called it the Damascus Power and Light Company. Uncle Dave became operator of the plant which supplied electricity only for night lighting.

When the Damascus hydro plant was built in 1924 on the river at Laurel, he became operator. He continued to operate the hydro plant for the Edmondson Electric Company, the Republic Service Company and the Holston River Power Company. The latter company was acquired by Appalachian in 1945 and operated under that name until the Abingdon district was formed in July of 1948.

Uncle Dave operated the hydro plant for almost two more years before being transferred to the stores department in March, 1950. Owing his home in Damascus, he plans to spend his time around the house and visiting his many friends in the area.

### Closes Switch At Station Dedication



Amos Fields, chief operator at Sprigg before his retirement in August of this year, closes the switch at the Williamson district substation named in his honor. T. M. Watkins, district manager on the right, attended the dedication October 19 of the new 4,500 kva station which replaces the old Pigeon Creek station. Equipped with automatic circuit breakers and regulated 12 kv buses, the Amos Field substation is designed so that it is easily adapted for future enlargement.

### Entering Service From Huntington And Charleston

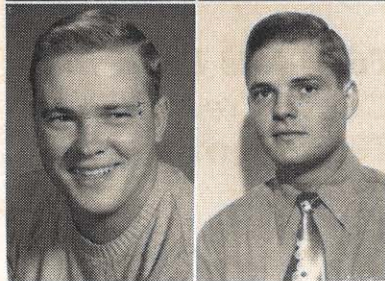
Frederick C. Leap and Dee E. Worrell of the Huntington district and Clifford D. Bannister and Carl Elkins of the Charleston district entered the armed forces last month.

Leap entered the Seabees at Bainbridge, Maryland, on October 24 after serving with the company almost four years. He was employed in the transmission and distribution department.

Captain Worrell has been recalled to active duty with the Air Corps and reports to Randolph Field in Texas on November 5 for B-29 pilot training. An employee in the transmission and distribution department of the Huntington district since July of

Mr. Leap

Mr. Worrell



Mr. Bannister

Mr. Elkins

1939, Captain Worrell had four engine transport experience in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters in World War II. His wife and daughter will accompany him to Texas.

In the Charleston district, Clifford Bannister entered the Army and is stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland. He was in the Montgomery office line crew and was employed in April of 1950.

Elkins, commercial representative at Charleston, enlisted in the Air Corps and reported for duty late in October. He has over three years service with the company.

### Charleston Men Get Thanks From United Carbon

Lawrence Jones and Louie Spencer, two Charleston district employees, have received a letter of appreciation from R. M. Frincke, building superintendent of the United Carbon Company at Charleston. Here is the letter which was addressed to Mr. Jones:

"Upon returning to my office after having been out of the city on vacation, I was informed that we might have had a very serious breakdown in our high voltage electrical service here in our building had it not been for the prompt and efficient emergency service which you and Mr. Louie Spencer gave us in clearing up our trouble.

"Our building engineer, Mr. L. A. Minnich, informed me of your efficient and careful procedure in disconnecting the service as well as providing a battery-operated group of flood lamps to dry out the electrical equipment, which had received a thorough wetting from a break in our air-conditioning system. I understand that service was restored after a careful inspection.

"The United Carbon Company, as well as myself, wishes to thank you for your prompt and efficient handling of this extremely hazardous job."

### Philip Sporn Employees Help Build New Parish Church At Mason, West Virginia



Sporn employees who helped in the construction of the St. Joseph Parish Hall are, left to right: George Jeffers, Jack Frey, Edward Ryan, and Karl Wiles.

Four Philip Sporn Plant employees, together with other church members, originated, designed and constructed the St. Joseph Parish Hall in Mason, West Virginia.

The church, a thirty by fifty-foot building, is constructed of concrete block and steel beams. Work, which was done on the members' spare time, was begun in October of 1950. The building was completed during the

past August at a cost of \$3,162.11 for materials.

The building is not only used for church purposes but serves as a center for numerous civic and community affairs. The kitchen also serves church and community functions and is fully electrified.

The church was dedicated by The Most Rev. Thomas J. McDonnell, D.D., Coadjutor Bishop of Wheeling.

### Beckley Substation Operator Wins High State Honors With His Chickens

C. A. Crosier is happy today with his "Chicken of Tomorrow." He won first prize in the chicken raising contest sponsored by large feed producers and poultry raisers throughout West Virginia.

A trophy given by the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company was presented him September 28 by Ted Hash of the Extension Service of West Virginia University.

Substation operator in the Beckley district, Mr. Crosier started raising 35 chickens as a hobby. This year he plans to raise 4,000 as part of a profitable part-time business.

In the contests he had to have 50 chickens hatch at a certain time during year. They were wing tabbed and raised for 12 weeks. Then they were judged on feather content, quantity and quality of meat.

He lost only one and the average weight of the 49 chickens at the end of the contest was 4.28 pounds. His chickens were two-tenths of a pound larger than the group of chickens which won the national "Chicken of Tomorrow" contest.

A veteran with 28 years' service with the company, Mr. Crosier was presented the award at a dinner at the El Chico Cafe in Beckley.



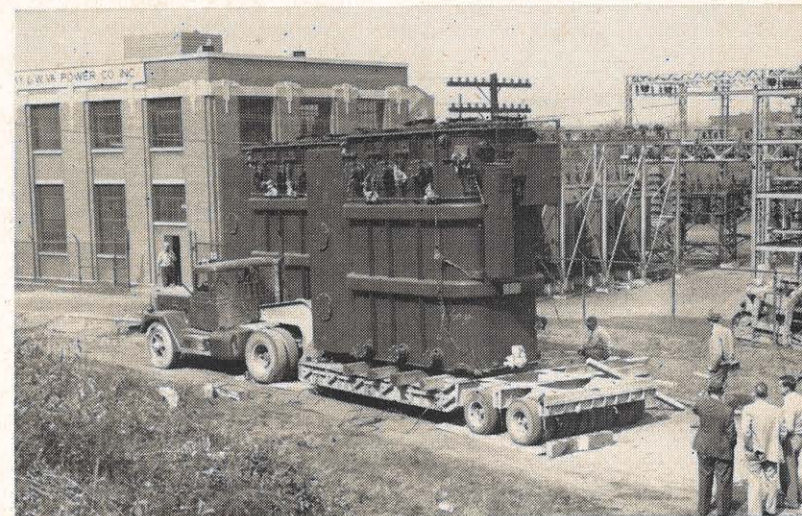
C. A. Crosier holds one of the chickens which helped him win the West Virginia "Chicken of Tomorrow" contest. His 49 entries averaged 4.28 pounds, about two-tenths of a pound heavier than the group of chickens which won the national contest.

### Rain Hampers Outing Of Cabin Creek Employees

Cabin Creek Plant employees recently held an outing and wiener roast on Cabin Creek Island.

Rain marred scheduled plans but the outing was held under shelter. When the weather cleared, several planned games and contests were enjoyed.

### Construction Starts At Bellefonte



Construction is underway on the new 132,000 volt Bellefonte substation at Ashland, Ky. Ground breaking ceremonies were held October 18. The new station will provide the Ashland area with another source of power. Two 45,000 kva transformers, making a total capacity of 90,000 kva available through the station, are being installed along with the necessary switching facilities.

The new station will be connected to the 132,000 volt transmission system by a tap from the Portsmouth-South point line. In the photo workmen prepare to unload the 45,000 kva transformers which will be installed at the new 132,000-volt Bellefonte substation near Ashland.