

Something simple now  
and then,  
Saying just "Good will  
to men."  
—MARGARET FISHBACK

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At Christmas play and  
make good cheer,  
For Christmas comes  
but once a year.  
—THOMAS TUSSEY

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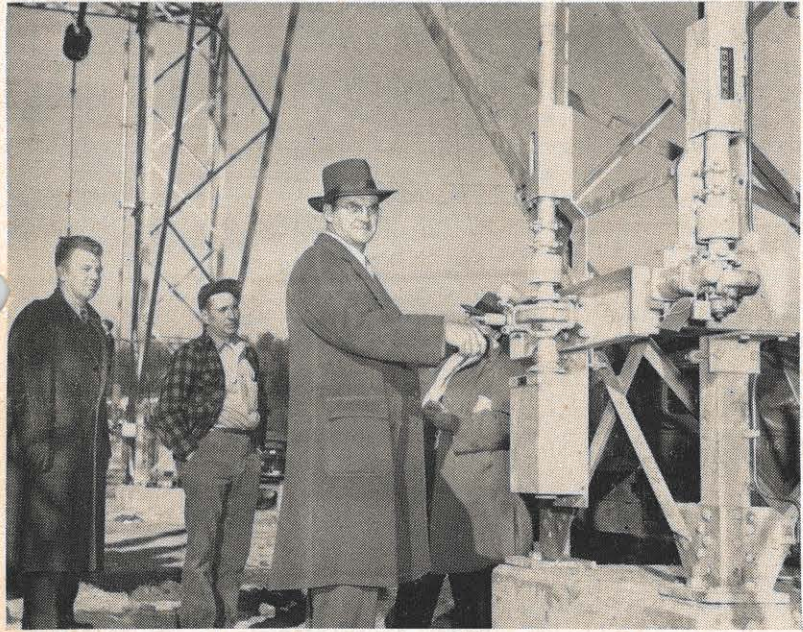
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## Cloverdale Station Placed In Operation In Botetourt County During November



John Horne, chief operator of Roanoke substations, closes the first switch of the Roanoke-Cloverdale 132,000-volt line as the new Cloverdale Station is placed into operation. Observing, left to right, are: E. C. Rankin, system supervising engineer; Bradley Doss, system transmission line department foreman, and John Armstrong, system operating department.

The Cloverdale Station, a new high voltage transmission station near Cloverdale, in Botetourt County, was placed into service last month by Appalachian. Operations at the new 30,000 kva station were begun following carrier current equipment tests.

The completion of the Cloverdale Station will provide a new source of

electricity for a number of rapidly developing sections of Botetourt County and the area north of Roanoke. With the completion of Cloverdale and the Hancock Station, now under construction near Salem, the available capacity to the Roanoke area will be more than doubled what it was a year ago.

The new Cloverdale Station is located on a 23-acre site on U. S. Route 11 about 12 miles north of Roanoke and has a capacity of 30,000 kva. It is supplied by two of the company's 132,000-volt lines.

In the past, the Huntington Court Station, Roanoke, supplied the area now served by the new Cloverdale Station.

## H. K. Shabdue Wins M. C. Funk Award Trip To Chicago

Hubert K. Shabdue, area sales representative at the Montgomery office, attended the 4-H Congress in Chicago as winner of the M. C. Funk Award in West Virginia.

He accompanied Ronald Lee Moore, state winner of the 4-H Club farm and home electric project from Fayette County in the Montgomery area.

Also attending the 4-H Congress in Chicago was the M. C. Funk Award winner from Virginia, Lloyd M. Miller of the Lynchburg district. Like many other area representatives and agricultural engineers, the award winners worked closely with youth and adult groups having electric projects during the past year.

Mr. Shabdue graduated from Montgomery High School and served two years with the Marines. Discharged in 1945, he attended West Virginia Institute of Technology and graduated with a degree in industrial electricity.

He started to work with the company on July 18, 1949. Trained as an area sales representative in Charleston, he was transferred to Montgomery where he and his wife reside. Softball and hunting are two of his favorite pastimes.



Mr. Shabdue

## Kentucky Takes Lead In System Sales Campaign

With a month to go, Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company leads the 1951 Range and Water Heater Campaign on the A. G. & E. System.

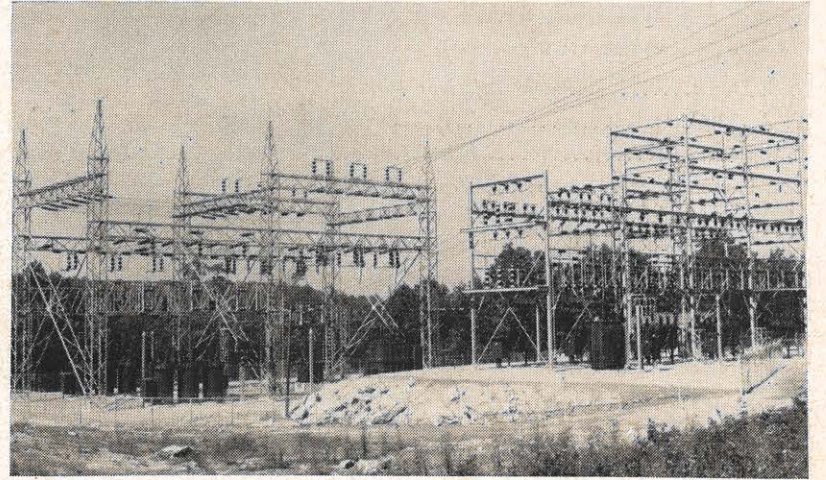
The Kentucky company had 118 per cent of its quota as of November 1. Appalachian was third with 110 per cent of quota at the end of October. Second with 115 per cent was Central Ohio Light and Power Company.

Among the 10 outstanding districts, Sprigg tops all districts in the A. G. & E. System with 138 per cent of quota with Ashland close behind with 129.58 per cent.

Other districts in the Southern Properties among the leaders include: Abingdon, third with 129.11 per cent; Welch, fifth; Hazard, sixth; Bluefield, seventh; Charleston, ninth, and Huntington, tenth.

The Western division of Central Ohio Light and Power Company was in first place for divisional honors at the end of 10 months. Two months' sales may push Bluefield, Roanoke, Huntington or Charleston divisions to the top. Bluefield is second with 116 per cent; Roanoke, third with 109 per cent; Huntington, sixth with 106 per cent, and Charleston, seventh with 102 per cent.

To help push the campaign, various districts in the Southern Properties are having local campaigns among employees. Special contests such as the Big Sales Hunt in Abingdon and Dealer Salesmen Campaigns are under way with prizes to employees turning in the most prospects. With these contests in progress, many districts in the Southern Properties show indications that they will be among the leaders when the campaign ends Dec. 31.



## Bradley Transmission Substation Is Put In Operation In Beckley District

### Earl Wood To Head County Dimes Drive

For the second consecutive year, Earl "Jake" Wood, Welch district rural and residential supervisor, has been named to an executive post for work with the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Last year, Jake was named chairman of the March of Dimes campaign for the City of Welch. In recognition of the success of that campaign, he was given greater duties this year. He will head the drive as chairman for the 1952 March of Dimes Drive for all of McDowell County.

Mr. Wood has been active in a number of Welch's drives and civic organizations. He is a past president of the Welch Lions Club.



Mr. Wood

A new transmission station, located at Bradley, West Virginia, in the Beckley district, has been placed in service. The Bradley station has a capacity of 60,000 kva. It provides an additional source of power to the Beckley district.

The Bradley station is connected to the 132,000-volt transmission system by the recently completed Cabin Creek-Hinton-Glen Lyn lines. It is linked to the main circuits feeding the Beckley area by a double circuit 44,000-volt steel tower line.

Two 30,000 kva transformers and the necessary related equipment are installed at the station.

## Fieldale Employee Wins Scholarship At 4-H Congress

Aubrey Bradshaw's 4-H work brought him national honors last month as the Fieldale district meterman won the 1951 meat animal contest and a \$300 college scholarship. He was selected from among eight sectional winners from all over the nation at the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

He completed 54 projects in his nine years of club work and was State winner in field crops in 1949 and in achievement in 1950.

Since he began his meat program with a purebred Berkshire gilt, he has increased his livestock holdings to 23 beef steers, seven beef heifers and two baby beef steers. Production of grain and forage crops round out the farm operation which he works with his father.

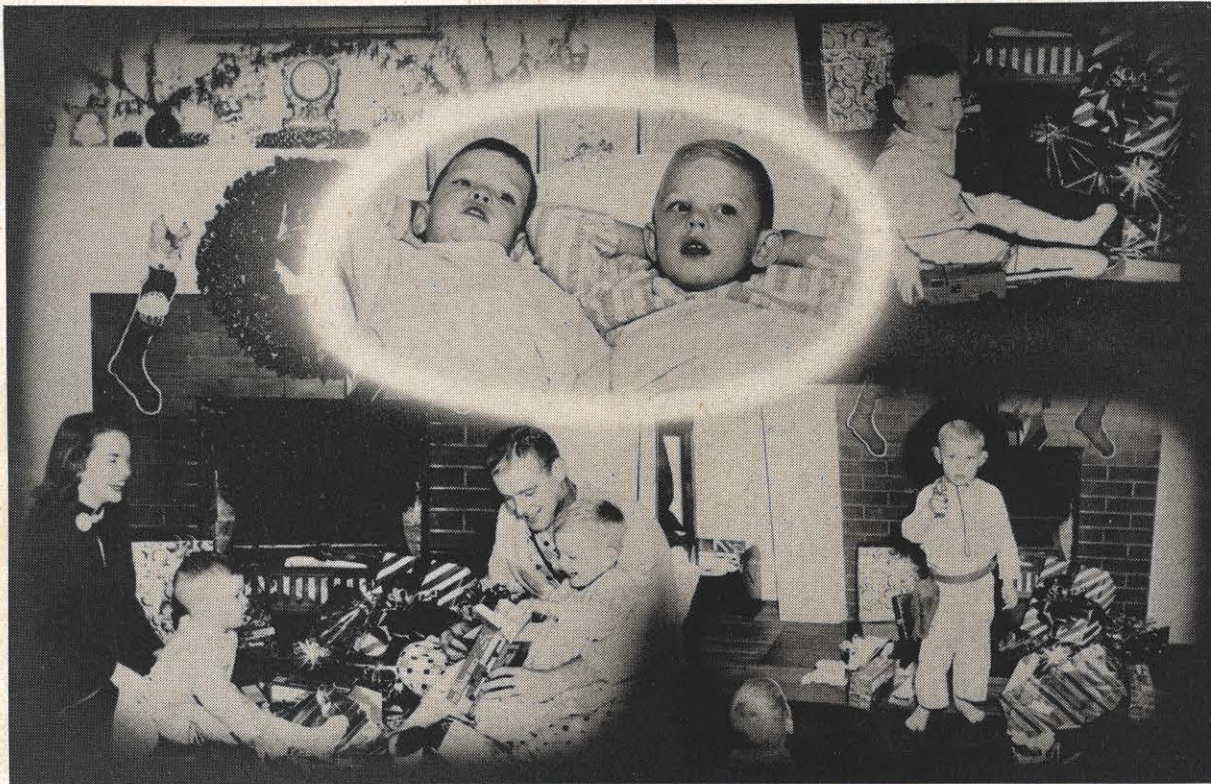
Aubrey has served as junior and assistant leader in his Henry County 4-H Club for five years. Since employed by the company a year ago, he has devoted many afternoons and week ends to caring for his livestock and crops.

Last month THE ILLUMINATOR carried a story about Aubrey's 4-H work growing from a hobby into a business. Now his club work brings him additional awards with an opportunity of his own making for a college education.



Mr. Bradshaw

## Just Counting The Days 'Till Christmas



Like most children this time of year, Doug and Billy Jones are counting the days to Christmas. In the center picture Doug, left, and Billy dream their separate dreams on the same subject—Christmas morning. Two-year-old Doug thinks of that truck he saw in a store window. He can see it in the living room beside him now. Billy, having turned the four-year-old corner, sees himself as bad medicine for outlaws as he enforces law and order with that gun he

hopes St. Nick will leave before going back up the chimney. Like all youngsters jumping out of bed early Christmas morning, their happiest moments are those when they show their discoveries to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jones of 522 Walnut Avenue, S. W., Roanoke. Bill is a maintenance man in the substation department. He and Marilyn know what Santa means to their youngsters. Their real Christmas joy comes from sharing their children's pleasure.

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## Yes, There Is A Santa Claus

*The following editorial by Francis P. Church appeared in the New York Sun in 1897 in answer to a letter from an eight-year-old girl whose friends said there was no Santa Claus and who wanted to know the truth:*

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

# Your Opinion

When a child asks, "Is there a Santa Claus?," what is your reply?

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**MRS. LOIS C. HART, System Real Estate and Right-of-Way Department, Roanoke.**



Santa is a spirit who can cover in a night the whole wide world of darkness, leaving happiness and light; Because he calls on everyone to help unload his pack Of kindness, unselfishness, of thoughtfulness and tact.

Santa is the spirit sparking deep in every heart that makes the Christmas time more joyful as each one gives his part. So make your gifts of right and good—you'll help the one who doesn't. Of course, dear, there's a Santa Claus! What made you think there wasn't?

**LOUIS RAY MARTIN, Oak Hill Office, Beckley District.**



Yes, darling, there is a Santa Claus for all good children, regardless of what anyone else will ever tell you.

Santa Claus is a representative of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and just before Christmas time, it is his duty to check up on all good children to see what they have been doing during the year. The good ones will be rewarded with gifts, while the bad ones get a switch and scolding.

I would then read and explain the first and second chapters of St. Matthew and explain that as long as she or he abides by God's rules there will always be a Santa Claus.

**A. M. BEATTY, Stores Department, Roanoke.**



Sure there is a Santa Claus. To me Santa Claus is a personality. Christmas commemorates the birth of a great personality. We celebrate this occasion more widely than any other because His personality stands out above all others. The greatness of His personality was that of sharing.

He gave His time, His talents, His comfort and even His life for others.

Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign there is none. The real things in the world are those that neither children nor men see.

Christmas is the time to inspire children with the thoughts of their fellow man. They that do not believe in Santa Claus are those that believe only what they see.

**MRS. TALMADGE CORNETT, Accounting department, Hazard.**



Is there a Santa Claus? That is a question that all parents must answer one way or another and my way to answer is: Sure, there's a Santa Claus.

All children want to believe, so why discourage their little thoughts. It gives them something to occupy their mind and then think of the hours of enjoyment the parent has reading and telling stories of Santa and the little ones asking, "How many more

days until Santa comes, Mummy?"

The joy of their awakening on Christmas morning is also something to think about. Is there a better way to instill happiness in their little hearts? And then as they grow older you can explain to them the true meaning of Santa Claus. Of course, there will be a certain amount of disappointment but the feeling that they are getting bigger will overcome it. So for me there is a Santa Claus.

**CHARLES WILSON, Results Department, Philip Sporn Plant.**



A child asks "Is there a Santa Claus?" and for a moment we are at a loss for an answer. We then begin to think about Santa Claus and what meaning he has for us and we realize the answer can only be one thing.

We remember the wonderful surprises of Christmas morning, the many new toys, the candy and fruit, the decorated Christmas tree, the family gathered together around the Christmas dinner table and later the fireside, and the singing of carols. All of these are numbered among our fondest memories. We want our children to believe and enjoy these same never to be forgotten moments resulting from or in the expectation of a visit by Santa Claus. Our answer can only be "Yes, there certainly is a Santa Claus."

## A Picture Of St. Nick

The most famous description of Santa Claus was written in December of 1823 by Clement Clarke Moore in his memorable classic, "The Night Before Christmas." He visualized St. Nicholas as follows:

*He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;  
A bundle of Toys he had slung on his back,  
And he looked like a pedlar just opening his pack.*

*His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples,  
how merry!  
His eyes were like roses, his nose like a cherry!*

*His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.*

*The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;*

*He had a broad face and a little round belly,  
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.*

*He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;*

*A wink of his eye and a twist of his head  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.*

*He spoke not a word, but went straight to work,  
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.*

*He sprang to the sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.*

*But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,  
"Happy Christmas to All, and to All a Good Night!"*

**WILLIAM H. COE, Serviceman, Abingdon District.**



It is an old tradition that has been handed down from one generation to another. It makes a child's face beam with happiness to think of Santa's visit. I would not think of ruining a child's pleasant thoughts of Santa by telling him there isn't a Santa Claus.

I would like for children to have the same Christmas joy that I had when I was a child. You can speak of Santa to a child and his first thoughts are of toys of all kinds, fruits, nuts and candles. A child who believes there is a Santa Claus will better understand the true meaning of Christmas, which leads their belief to Jesus Christ.

**PHYLLIS REEDER, Accounting Department, Huntington.**



Is there a Santa Claus? What a familiar question! Every mother has heard it, and every mother, in her own way, has tried to answer it.

Is anything comparable to child-like faith; to the joy of a child on Christmas morning; to the privilege of sharing this great happiness with our

children? Without faith, hope, and love, everything in life would be meaningless, and Santa Claus exists as surely as these. The things we cannot see are the things in which we have the most faith; the things that are real and abiding. We do, however, see the effects of these.

And so, with a thankful heart, my reply to a child would be, "Yes Dear, there will always be a Santa Claus."

**RAY PHILLIPS, auxiliary equipment operator, Logan Plant.**



My answer is, "Yes, there is a Santa Claus because Santa Claus means we will receive gifts for Christmas. He is the spirit of giving."

We should be very careful in our teaching so our children will know the real meaning of Christmas. In our rush of giving and receiving gifts we may fail to stop and explain to the children why we celebrate this important day. They should be told in easy to understand words the story of the first Christmas, then they will understand the spirit of giving.

**MRS. JACQUELINE C. SHIPLEY, Accounting Department, Kingsport.**



The natural answer to a child's question: "Is there a Santa Claus?" is yes. It is a heartwarming experience to see a child's face light up on Christmas morning when he sees the packages he thinks Santa left for him.

To disillusion a child by telling him that there is no Santa Claus is cruel. The memories of our own childhood days when the magic of Christmas filled us with joy should make us want to continue the illusion of Santa Claus. Since most adults forget the real meaning of Christmas, we should try to keep the children happy because they will have to face the realities of life soon enough.

**H. H. Widener Retires In Bluefield District; Completes 24 Years**



Mr. Widener

Hugh Henderson Widener, a Bluefield district employee working at Pocahontas, Virginia, retired November 30 after having completed more than twenty-four years of service with the company.

Mr. Widener was first employed as a meter reader in early 1927. In the first of the thirties, he was transferred to the substation maintenance department. He has served the district as maintenance man and relief operator since that time.

Widener recently purchased a home in Abingdon where he expects to make his home after the first of the year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Widener were raised in the Widener Valley section of Washington County about fifteen miles from Abingdon.

Mr. Widener indicated that he had no immediate plans for the future other than moving into his new home.

**Two Roanoke Servicemen Help Free Wreck Victim**

Two Roanoke meter servicemen were called upon to perform a weight lifting feat when they reached the scene of an accident near New Castle on November 13.

Jack Carper, of New Castle, was pinned under an overturned truck as Rudolph E. Leftwich and Gerald G. Maxey arrived. They and two other men lifted the truck off the victim.

The employees then radioed the Roanoke office where A. J. Good telephoned to New Castle for an ambulance. Hospital examination showed the victim suffered only a bruised side as the result of rapidly being freed of the weight of the truck.

Writing on November 21 to the Roanoke meter department, the victim expressed his appreciation for the aid given by the two employees.

**Unusual Costumes Feature Abingdon Party**



The goblins and the ghosts were loose at the Abingdon district's Halloween party, but they ran a poor second to many of the costumes which employees wore. Shown above are some of the employees in their Halloween costumes. Entertainment at the party included an apple bobbing contest, milk bottle contest, a suitcase relay, bingo and square dancing. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weisfeld won the prize for the best-dressed couple, Mrs. Olen Quillen for the best-dressed lady and Paul Dunn for the best-dressed man. More than 135 employees and their guests attended the party.

**New Look For Roanoke**

**Underground Network System Completed**

December marks the end of Appalachian's three-year program to put electric wires underground in downtown Roanoke.

Along with the underground system, 159 new mercury vapor street lights were installed. They produce 10 times as much light as the old street lights. The first 100 white-way lights were turned on March 18, 1950, in a special ceremony.

Involved in the program covering 36 blocks was the electrical change-over from the old 4,000 volt overhead system to the 12,000 volt underground network.

Roanoke district line crews under the direction of R. G. Amos, foreman, threaded over 22 miles of various sizes of wires and cables through ducts or tubular conduit. About 27 miles of ducts were built to provide for future expansion.

A major part of the three-step program was construction of 55 man-holes and 30 underground vaults, most of which are as large as an average room. These 30 vaults required major street work and house the 90 transformers used to convert high voltage into usable electric energy for the business establishments in the downtown area. Each vault is equipped with a subway oil switch and a network protector.

To supply the underground network, enlargements were made at the Campbell Avenue and Seventh Street substations. Additional line facilities, transformers and switching equipment were added at the stations to insure sufficient power for the future growth of the business section.

Another big part of the program included taking down the overhead wires and removing the old steel poles which held the wires. More than 400 old poles were taken down.

During the three-year program, seven contracting firms laid ducts, installed vaults, removed old poles and wires and put up new street light standards.

**Appaleisure Club Holds Annual Halloween Dance**

The Appaleisure Club, recreational club of the Beckley district employees, held its Halloween Dance on November 2 at Twin Oaks Country Club.

As part of the entertainment, various members were called upon to sing or present some act. Prizes were presented Arline Ables, most original; Mrs. Leo C. Bias and Mrs. Herman Harvey, prettiest, and Leo C. Bias and Herman Harvey, tackiest.

Music for the dance was furnished by Harold Miller and his orchestra.



Roanoke in 1936 at the corner of Jefferson Street and Campbell Avenue had a maze of wires spreading fan-like in every direction. Many of the wires served the old trolleys which passed from the Roanoke scene several years ago. Even those unfamiliar with Roanoke in 1936 will readily recognize in the photo below many changes which have taken place through the years.



Modern Roanoke with the old poles and overhead wires removed stands out sharply in contrast with the picture above. New stores are also evident in the recent picture which was taken from about the same spot as the old photo. One-way traffic on Campbell Avenue is another innovation while traffic signals on the corners also guide pedestrians with "Walk" and "Don't Walk" signs.

**Joe Gills Named To Visitor's Board At Emory And Henry**

Joe P. Gills, manager of the Abingdon District, has been elected to membership on the board of visitors of Emory and Henry College at Emory, Virginia.

The board of visitors is composed of 28 to 32 business and professional leaders of southwest Virginia and upper east Tennessee.

The board makes an annual inspection of the college's

facilities and curricula. Upon completion of its inspection the board makes its recommendations to the administration and the trustees of the college.

**A. H. Jopp Presents Report At Recent Kentucky Meet**

A. H. Jopp, Pikeville district commercial manager, recently presented a report entitled, "Grounding and Lighting Protection for Utility and Mining Distribution Systems," to members of the Kentucky Mining Institute. Jopp's report was made as the group held its annual meeting in Lexington.

Mr. Jopp's material was well received and detailed discussions were held on several points of interest.

The Institute represents the mining industry in Kentucky and has members from the Clinchfield Coal areas of Virginia.

**Glen Lyn Planning Christmas Parties**

A Glen Lyn Plant working committee is completing final arrangements for the Employees Annual Christmas Dinner. Tentative date for the dinner has been set for December 18.

For employees' children, plans also are underway to invite Santa to attend the annual Children's Party. Although no date had been set at this time, arrangements were being made with the Rich Creek Theatre to run a special showing of "Mickey Mouse" films for the children prior to Santa's arrival. Other forms of entertainment are being considered for the youngsters.

The children's party will include all youngsters up to the age of fourteen.

**Logan Plant And District Christmas Parties Planned**

The annual Employees and Guests Christmas Party for both Logan Plant and Logan District personnel will be held December 15. Tentative plans call for beginning the celebration with a dinner at the Masonic Temple at six-thirty and continuing the party with dancing and entertainment at the Town Office auditorium.

All plant and district personnel are entitled to invite one guest for the dinner. For the dance, any employee can bring as many guests as desire.

The annual Children's Christmas Party will be held in the auditorium at the Town Office December 21. The party will be in progress between three-thirty and five and an entertaining program for the youngsters has been planned.

**Dog Gets No Reward From Master For Find**

Melvin Underwood usually rewards his dog when successful on a hunt. There are exceptions, however.

Melvin recently went coon hunting one night with a Red Bone Hound, his pride and joy. Ready for the chase, the Roanoke garage employee turned his dog loose.

First he heard the excited bark, then the chase, then the baying when the animal was treed. Melvin rushed up for the kill, gun ready, sight steady. Down a slanting tree came an animal.

Was it a coon? No, to Melvin's disgust, it was a goat.

So Melvin and his dog went home unrewarded. Melvin didn't get a coon; his dog didn't get a scent.

**Prowse Promoted From Lineman To Foreman**

M. D. Prowse has been promoted to line foreman in the Charleston district. He was employed by the company in 1936 as a lineman.

Mr. Prowse was graduated from Charleston High School in 1936 and

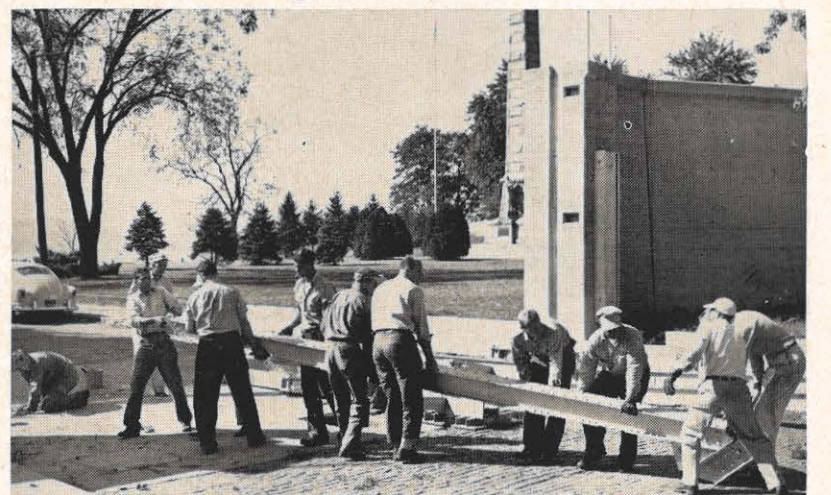
worked for the Du Pont Company a short time before being employed by Appalachian. He served in World War II as an electrician's mate in the Navy.

He is married and with his wife and two children lives in Dunbar.



Mr. Prowse

**Practice Erecting Point Pleasant Flood Gate**



Appalachian employees practice erecting the flood gate in the new flood wall protecting Point Pleasant. Their preparation is part of the program of the Flood Wall Commission which asked various local businesses to be responsible for manning the wall in time of peril. The record flood in the area in 1937 was 38.8 feet above normal river stage. Such a flood crest would be above the head of the stone figure on the Point Pleasant Battle Monument in the background.



### Mirror Device Reduces Time Necessary In Accounting Procedure By 50 Per Cent



Mrs. Beatrice S. McCraw, a member of the Roanoke district accounting department, is shown as she uses the "Gadget" while typing bills. (Inset) The heavy nut holds the card in the old method used for typing bills.

Members of the Roanoke district local accounting office have developed a simple little "gadget" that cuts the amount of work required for one task in half.

The "gadget," which was developed by Roy F. Dowdy, O. C. Caldwell and R. G. Calhoun, speeds up one billing job more than fifty per cent. When typing delinquent notices, it is necessary for the typist to refer to both sides of the ledger record. In order to gather the desired information, name and address, a weight often was placed on the cards so both hands were free for typing.



Mr. Dowdy

The "gadget" puts an end to the turning of the consumers cards and the handling of weights. The desired information is reflected to the typist by a conventional mirror to a second mirror which magnifies the printed matter. The typist arranges her cards so she can gather the information from the front of the card and the mirror reflects the details on the back.

The "gadget" came into existence following a discussion between Caldwell and Calhoun as they attempted to solve this problem. Calhoun had seen something similar but it had not been too satisfactory. Roy Dowdy was consulted on the project and perfected the "gadget."

Dreaming up ideas and making them work is nothing new to Roy. The veteran of more than 38 years of service with the company not only has several inventions of his own, but

has been credited with a number of useful and time-saving ideas now used by the company. He developed the present cash posting machine; an X-ray device for opening and searching envelopes; demonstration boards and maps, lighted signs and emblems, and other devices.

As early as 1915, Roy received recognition for his work. At that time he was singled out as one of the first three winners in a national lamp contest. He is employed as a Roanoke district customer service representative.

### Chamber Of Horror Makes A Big Hit At Pt. Pleasant Party

When members of the Point Pleasant district Whathour Club plan a Halloween Spook Party—anything is apt to happen and it usually does.

The committee for this year's party did not overlook a single chance to startle their friends and families and arranged to hold the outing in proper surroundings. An empty house that had been vacant for about eight years became the party site. The weather-beaten home's dark and damp cellar provided the Horror Chamber and was decorated with well-placed skeletons, snakes, and other sinister creatures.

Of the seventy-five employees and guests attending, all enjoyed the spine-tingling arrangements. Refreshments, music and square dancing also shared the party's entertaining program.

### Hazard Linemen And Metermen Attend Class

A group of Hazard district linemen and metermen have been attending a class on transformers conducted by J. W. Scholtens, district supervising engineer.

The course is furnished by Westinghouse Electric Company and teaches the fundamentals of distribution transformers from the time they are manufactured to their use in the field.

### Storekeeper Has Bugs In Stock

### Dick Presley Likes Growing Flowers With Help Of Homemade Greenhouse



Holding some of the flowers that thrive in the warmth of his greenhouse, Dick is surrounded by specimens of his handiwork. His flowers consist mainly of geraniums, begonias, snapdragons, delphinium, asters, petunias and marigolds.

Now's the time for R. E. "Dick" Presley to come to the aid of his flowers.

Unlike most people, this Beckley district storekeeper does most of his flower growing during the winter. He spends about two hours nightly, three times a week tending flowers in his homemade greenhouse. An avid basketball fan, he takes his radio

with him to listen to the games while working.

Dick traces his hobby back to an idea one day when he "just got to thinking about it and decided to build a greenhouse." With the help of his brother-in-law who lives next door, Dick went to work. He did the plumbing, wiring, glass cutting and cinder-block laying.

Dick says, "My neighbors were foremen on the job." He does not say it ironically but explains that they came up with a lot of good ideas which he put in his building.

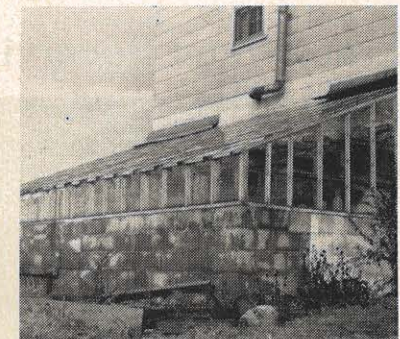
Measuring 13½ by 24 feet, the greenhouse cost Dick about \$175 for materials. The lean-to greenhouse on the back of his garage-apartment has a western exposure, giving flowers the benefit of the evening sun.

Although Dick gives away most of his handiwork, he tries to sell enough flowers to meet expenses. He concentrates mainly on geraniums, begonias, snapdragons, delphinium, asters, petunias and marigolds.

Dick finds that he has his share of troubles just like any other hobbyist. His main complaint is against insects which like the warmth and sunshine of his greenhouse as well as the flavor of his flowers. The storekeeper feels that too many insects loaf around his stockroom of flowers during the winter rather than burrow into the ground until spring.

He has found local florists very cooperative in helping fight the insects and in giving professional advice on flower raising. Dick has never had professional training in his hobby but has read many books and magazines on flowers.

In addition to raising flowers in his yard during the spring and summer, Dick grows enough tomatoes for his and his neighbors' use. He also cultivates a hill or two of cantaloupes while they are in season.



Dick Presley estimates that his greenhouse cost about \$175 but points out that that figure doesn't include his own labor or his friend's good advice.

### ROANOKE DIVISION Continued from page 4 . . .

#### Roanoke District

Gloria Spencer, daughter of R. L. Spencer of the distribution department, recently won a television set in a contest sponsored by a local store.

Sympathy is extended Frances Thurman on the death of her aunt.

L. M. Absher, substation department, has been ill.

J. W. Peery, substation department, went deer hunting in Bath County.

Beatrice Eakin, rural residential sales department, recently visited her sister and family in Kingsport.

Vacationers: Mrs. Pauline Hiner, rural residential sales, in Richmond with her son and his family; John Jett, rural residential sales, in Washington and Philadelphia; T. C. Smith, pay-roll department, and wife in New York City.

Julia Law, elevator operator, recently visited Buckroe Beach with her

club, the "Girl Friends of Virginia."

James Ella Jones, elevator operator, motored to Petersburg to visit Jimmie Callaway who is recuperating from an illness.

Mrs. Jessie Chase is recovering after an appendectomy.

Barbara Campbell, pay-roll department, has resigned.

Jewell Ramsey attended the military funeral services for her brother, Lt. Frederick T. Crouse, who was killed seven years ago in a plane crash in Europe. He was buried in the Zachary Taylor National Cemetery at Louisville.

Roanoke meter department employees sent Christmas packages to the following who are in the service: Tommy Abshire who is in Iceland and Harry Williams and Gordon Brown who are in Korea.

B. L. Henderson, meter department, vacationed in Dayton, Virginia and in North Carolina with friends.

has returned to work after an operation.

Bessie Johnson, accounting department, visited in Washington and Greensboro while on vacation.

Sympathy is extended C. D. McCarthy and C. H. McCarthy, Reusens hydro, on the death of their brother-in-law.

Sympathy is extended Morris Lewis, Reusens hydro, on the death of his sister.

Mrs. Virginia Deaner, power department, recently visited her husband in New York.

Sympathy is extended J. P. McDermott, garage foreman, on the death of his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Campbell, distribution department and home economist, recently visited the Eastern Shore.

Sympathy is extended Ray Davis, stores department, on the death of his sister.

### Safety Behind The Wheel . . . Bluefield Drivers Practice It



Squeeze Play

Here is the beginning of a squeeze play that often results in a disastrous sideswipe. Intent on passing that first car, the driver of the middle vehicle has failed to consider the fact that the driver behind him may have the same idea at the same time. The Safe Driver avoids this situation by checking his rear to make sure it is clear before pulling out to pass around. And to let the driver ahead know he is starting to pass, he signals by a polite toot from the horn. It's just a simple procedure for preventing a lot of trouble.



Skidding

Winter months lie ahead and with them come increased hazards on streets and highways. With ice and snow covered pavement, the danger of skidding is ever present. Making wise use of chains but fully aware of their limitations, the Safe Driver avoids situations that will throw his vehicle into a skid. He drives at greatly reduced speed so he can come to a slow and gradual stop when necessary. But if he does go into a skid, he turns the front wheels in the direction of the skid and applies the brakes with a light, pumping action.



Defensive Driving

Driving along a heavily congested city street presents a real challenge to the skill of any driver. The scene ahead is constantly changing and shifting. There may be a jaywalking pedestrian stepping from between parked vehicles, a driver climbing out of his car on the street side, a parked vehicle suddenly coming to life and pulling away from the curb. Proceeding at reduced speed and with his alert eyes spotting these situations in the making, the Safe Driver is not caught off guard—an example of defensive driving at its best.

### Sporn Veterans Name New Officers



These Philip Sporn Plant veterans of over 20 years service with the company recently held their annual dinner. At the meeting, Scott Morgan was elected president, John Grimes, vice president, and Charles Carroll, secretary and treasurer. The eight men shown above represent more than 200 years of service with the company. Reading left to right are: Clayton Athey, 25 years; W. C. Strain, 28 years; Howard R. Andrews, 22 years; Alfred Smith, 27 years; Howard Rader, 24 years; Scott Morgan, 22 years; Charles Carroll, 28 years, and Frederick Emert, 24 years. Two other members of the veterans group, John Grimes, 29 years, and Clarence Tennant, 28 years, were unable to be present for the meeting.

### LaFon Named Chairman Of County's Camp Drive

Waldo S. LaFon, Beckley district manager, has been named chairman of a Raleigh County fund-raising drive. This drive is being launched in order to solicit funds for the construction of the West Virginia Youth Camp and Conference Center at Ripley, West Virginia.

P. W. Burks, a district commercial department employee, was named assistant to Mr. LaFon in conducting the drive.

The project is being sponsored on a state-wide basis in order to complete the million dollar camp. Its 231-acre tract will offer West Virginia youth clubs one of the finest camps in this region. Already, the West Virginia legislature appropriated in 1951 \$237,000 for the construction of two large dams, a roadway, water and sewage systems.

### Welch District Entered Float In Armistice Parade

A float, representing Appalachian and area appliance dealers, was entered in the Welch Armistice Day Parade. Its composition created considerable interest.

The theme contrasted the old and new cooking methods. Miss Eleanor Dillard, home economist, Grundy, represented the homemaker of the 1890's, and Mrs. Faye Wood, Welch commercial department, represented the modern homemaker. It was fitted with new and old cooking equipment.

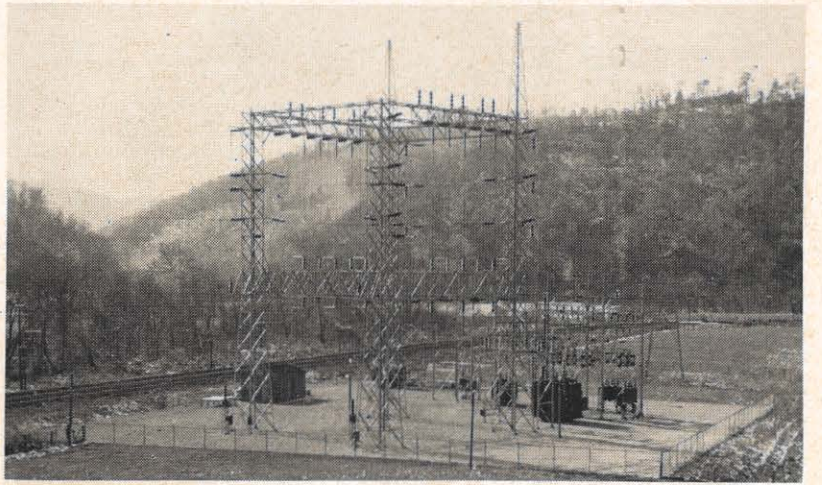
### Point Pleasant Men Find Squirrel Is Troublemaker

Pt. Pleasant district troublemen, Jim Bob Hoffman and Tom Jewell recently investigated an unusual rush call.

After tracing down the trouble spot, they discovered a large red squirrel had climbed the pole. While resting on the transformer it came into contact with a hot phase wire.

It was believed the squirrel was hiding from hunters but only caused another headache for the trouble shooters.

### New 20,000 KVA Substation Provides Another Power Source In Logan Area



The new 20,000 kva Hopkins substation has been put in service in the Logan district. Construction of the station, which is located near Madison, was begun last January.

The new station is connected to the 132,000-volt transmission system by a tap off the Turner-Logan number one line.

Hopkins station gives the northern end of the Logan district an additional power source and provides capacities for future development in the area.

The station was formally dedicated at ceremonies on November 16. A luncheon was served to the guests at the Madison office community room and a tour of the station followed.

## Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

### Appalachian Electric Power Company

**Abingdon District**—Paul S. Dunn from rural sales representative to acting administrative assistant.

**Fieldale District**—Robert L. Unrue from Roanoke system engineer trainee to Fieldale District Jr. distribution engineer.

**Lynchburg District**—Thelma Spradlin from accounting department to commercial department, Inez M. Hanenkrat from office messenger to junior clerk and Thomas H. Pillow from Roanoke district to power sales engineer Jr.

**Roanoke District**—T. S. Lunsford, Jr., from stores department to system purchasing department.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—Donald E. Tuite from maintenance man to master maintenance man, Robert G. Gilmore from maintenance man to master maintenance man and Russell G. Ellis from maintenance man to master maintenance man.

### Kingsport Utilities

**Kingsport**—Henry Gilreath from boiler operator B to boiler operator A.

### Employees Receiving Pins For 20 Or More Years' Service



Above are 16 employees who recently received pins for 20 or more years of service. Top row, left to right: W. E. Mason, 30 years, Charleston; George Frey, 30 years, Logan plant; E. E. Pitchford, 25 years, Charleston; Raymond Chambers, 25 years, Glen Lyn plant; R. W. Sanderson, 25 years, Roanoke. Second row: Roy E. Doss, 25 years, system transmission line department, Bluefield; L. D. McGraw, 25 years, Beckley; Porter R. Grubb, 25 years, Welch; Bee

Queen, 25 years, Logan plant; Mrs. Mildred V. Marcus, 25 years, Lynchburg. Third row: W. G. Peck, 25 years, Bluefield; L. E. Jefferson, 25 years, system accounting department, Roanoke; Clayton A. Athey, 25 years, Sporn plant; Raleigh N. Wilkinson, 25 years, Glen Lyn plant; G. A. Weatherston, 20 years, Ashland; C. A. Beatty, 20 years, Williamson.

## Service Anniversaries



### Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

**Ashland District**—20 YEARS: G. A. Weatherston, general commercial manager; 5 YEARS: Hargie Conley, substation department

**Hazard District**—5 YEARS: Corbett H. Brashear, transportation department.

**Pikeville District**—15 YEARS: B. P. Bogardus, district supervising engineer.

### Kingsport Utilities

**Kingsport**—5 YEARS: A. G. Pairgin, distribution department.

### Appalachian Electric Power Company

**Abingdon District**—5 YEARS: Ralph L. Carter, transmission and distribution department; Warren L. Smythers, transmission and distribution department.

**Beckley District**—25 YEARS: L. D. McGraw, transmission and distribution department; 15 YEARS: E. A. Berginnis, transmission and distribution department; B. V. Kelly, transmission and distribution department.

**Bluefield District**—25 YEARS: W. G. Peck, credit manager; W. F. "Red" Sage, system transmission man; Roy E. Doss, system transmission general foreman; 5 YEARS: Oscar W. Adams, distribution engineer; James L. Combs, system transmission man; Robert R. Jones, maintenance man; Lamer Shrader, groundman; James O. Taylor, senior meter reader.

**Charleston District**—30 YEARS: W. E. Mason, substation record clerk; 25 YEARS: E. E. Pitchford, draftsman senior; 15 YEARS: W. W. Champe, lineman; 5 YEARS: Elsie H. Walker, customer service clerk.

**Glen Lyn Plant**—25 YEARS: Raymond Chambers, shift supervisor; Raleigh N. Wilkinson, working foreman; 10 YEARS: William M. Collins, maintenance man; John W. Ellison, plant janitor.

**Huntington District**—5 YEARS: Lois Butler, billing department.

**Logan Plant**—30 YEARS: George Frey, maintenance department; 25 YEARS: Bee Queen, operation department.

**Lynchburg District**—25 YEARS: Mrs. Mildred V. Marcus, accounting department.

**Pulaski District**—15 YEARS: S. H. Bryant, transmission and distribution department; R. O. Thomas, transmission and distribution department; 10 YEARS: W. L. Doteon, transmission and distribution department; 5 YEARS: J. J. Cassell, transmission and distribution department; J. T. Kegley, transmission and distribution department.

**Roanoke District**—25 YEARS: R. W. Sanderson, collector accounting department; 15 YEARS: W. W. Krebs, transmission and distribution district superintendent; C. R. Paxton, division engineering; R. J. Siner, meter department; 10 YEARS: St. Elmo Murray, hydro operator; 5 YEARS: I. L. R. Spangler, accounting department; R. C. Simmons, line department.

**System Office**—25 YEARS: L. E. Jefferson, system accounting; 15 YEARS: C. G. Price, Jr., system accounting and Joseph Angell, Senior draftsman; 10 YEARS: F. R. Noe, system operation.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—25 YEARS: Clayton A. Athey, shift operating engineer.

**Welch District**—25 YEARS: Porter R. Grubb, transportation department; 15 YEARS: Helen V. Brinegar, pay-roll department; 10 YEARS: Mark W. Miller, substation operation department; Forrest C. Brown, transmission and distribution department.

**Williamson**—20 YEARS: C. A. Peatty, assistant district manager; 5 YEARS: Alex Doka, transmission and distribution department; Joe Hatfield, transmission and distribution department; Wayne Herald, local accounting; Kyle Freeman, transmission and distribution department; Ernest Bevins, local accounting; Henry Kiser, transmission and distribution department; Thelma Jude, transmission and distribution department; L. W. Justice, meter department.

# Beckley Grows From "Paper Town" To City In A Century

## Rapid Transition Traced To Mining

Friends chided General Alfred Beckley about his "paper town" in 1838. The Town of Beckley existed in name only until 1850 when it was made the county seat of newly formed Raleigh County.

At that time Beckley had less than 100 inhabitants. Today the modern city has a population of 20,000. This is 6,000 more than in 1940, marking Beckley as the second fastest growing city in West Virginia in the past ten years.

But it was not always so. At the turn of the century there were only 260 persons living in Beckley and no paved streets. The growth of the city and the surrounding area is easily traced to the development of the region's multi-million dollar industry—coal mining.

### Early Explorer

Long before anything was known of the vast coal deposits that lay beneath the surface of the area, a survey was made by Dr. Thomas Walker. In 1750 he led five companions through southwest Virginia, northern Tennessee and eastern Kentucky before returning through West Virginia.

Fayette County was formed in 1831 with the county seat at New Haven. In 1837 the county seat was moved to Fayetteville, then called Vandalia for Abraham Vandal who owned the tavern where court was held until public buildings could be completed.

Beckley was originally chartered in 1838 at the request of General Alfred Beckley, its founder who left an Army post in Pittsburgh to come to the area in 1837. His father served as clerk of the House of Representatives during the administrations of the first three presidents and was one of the patentees of a large grant of land in the section.

Beckley became the county seat when Raleigh County was formed in 1850. The new county was practically a wilderness and was inhabited by only 1,765 people. Fayette County's population, in comparison, had grown to over 4,000.

### Railroad Comes

1872 marked the completion of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company's main line through New River Gorge. Branch lines were extended gradually to reach vast timber reserves in the area.

The coming of the C. & O. to Prince in 1872 meant Beckley wagoners would not have to haul perishables and merchandise over rutted roads all the way to and from Marmet and Malden a few miles south of Charleston on the Kanawha River. Instead, the haul was reduced to 10 miles by way of Batoff Mountain. Goods were brought in much cheaper



and faster. As a result, salt dropped from \$10 a barrel to \$2.

By 1880 Beckley had only 144 inhabitants and Raleigh County was still an agricultural area with a population of 7,324. Other counties were also agricultural when the first mine in Raleigh County was developed by the Royal Coal and Coke Company in 1891. It was located just across New River from Prince. Eighty miners produced about 300 tons daily. The output was carried across New River on an aerial cable and dumped into railroad cars on the opposite side.

Development of coal deposits not only led to the extension of C. & O. tracks but brought another railroad, the Virginian, into the area. From then to now, the area's transition from an agricultural to an industrial section is the story of coal. And since the mechanization of coal mining led to further industrial development, it is also the story of electricity.

### First Utility Companies

Beckley Light and Power Company was incorporated in 1904 by J. M. McCreery, J. J. Duffy, Ashton File, T. K. Laing and W. H. Wickham. The original plant which served about 100 customers consisted of two 25 kw steam generators and was located in what is now Mabscott.

Numerous ownership changes led to the Beckley company being acquired in 1930 by the West Virginia

Water Service Company which bought power from Appalachian.

In the meantime, however, Appalachian had acquired several utilities in Fayette County. 1926, when Appalachian Electric Power Company was formed, was a year of expansion in Fayette County. Fayette Utilities Company which served the county seat and Oak Hill became a part of Appalachian in that year as did the Mount Hope Electric Power and Water Company. Additional property was added with the acquisition of the West Virginia Light and Traction Company and the Virginian Power Company.

Appalachian first began distributing electric power in Raleigh County in 1927 in the communities of Coal City and Warden Road. At that time the company had 104 miles of line and 48 customers in the county.

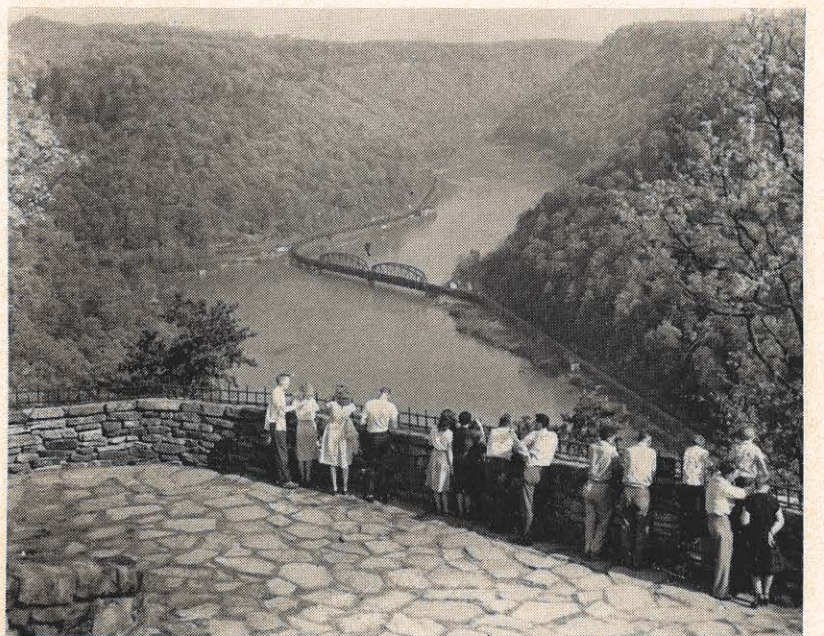
Other companies acquired included the Meadow Creek Power Company at Meadow Bridge, served by a 44 kv line from Appalachian's McClung substation, the company in Thurmond and the Beaver Light and Power Company.

The distribution system of the area was consolidated when Appalachian absorbed the properties at Beckley on September 1, 1934, the date of the formation of the Beckley district.

### Growth of District

When the District was formed, 30 employees served 8,300 customers. Now 188 employees serve almost 40,000 customers in 1,570 square miles. The district area includes most of Raleigh and Fayette Counties and parts of the counties of Greenbrier, Mercer, Wyoming and Nicholas.

Two veteran district employees are A. J. Thomas and J. E. Vickers, both substation operators at Scarbro. Thomas was employed in 1918 as a switchman and became a substation operator in June of 1932. Vickers was employed in July of 1919 as a lineman and served as utility man and district serviceman before becoming operator in 1944.



One of Beckley district's most familiar sights and one of West Virginia's outstanding views is the deep canyon of New River as seen from the overlook at Hawk's Nest. The state park, with its picnic facilities, restaurant and historic museum, is located on U. S. 60 north of Fayetteville near Ansted. Other state parks in the region are Babcock and Grand View.



Mr. Thomas Mr. Vickers

Primary reason for the area's rapid growth is the continued growth of coal mining. Taking 1948's production as an average during the past nine years, over 13 million tons were mined in Raleigh County alone.

Output from mines like those of McAlpin Coal Company accounts for this high tonnage. In the first six months of this year McAlpin produced 166,226 tons. Reserves in the area have been estimated to last 100 years at the present rate of production.

### Balance Being Restored

But coal mining has grown to such proportions that it has harmed agriculture. The eight counties surrounding Beckley now produce only half of the milk and a fourth of the poultry products consumed in the area. This condition is being changed by the Beckley Area Rural Development Council.

E. O. Snider, rural-residential sales supervisor, heads one of the five commissions of the Rural Development Council.



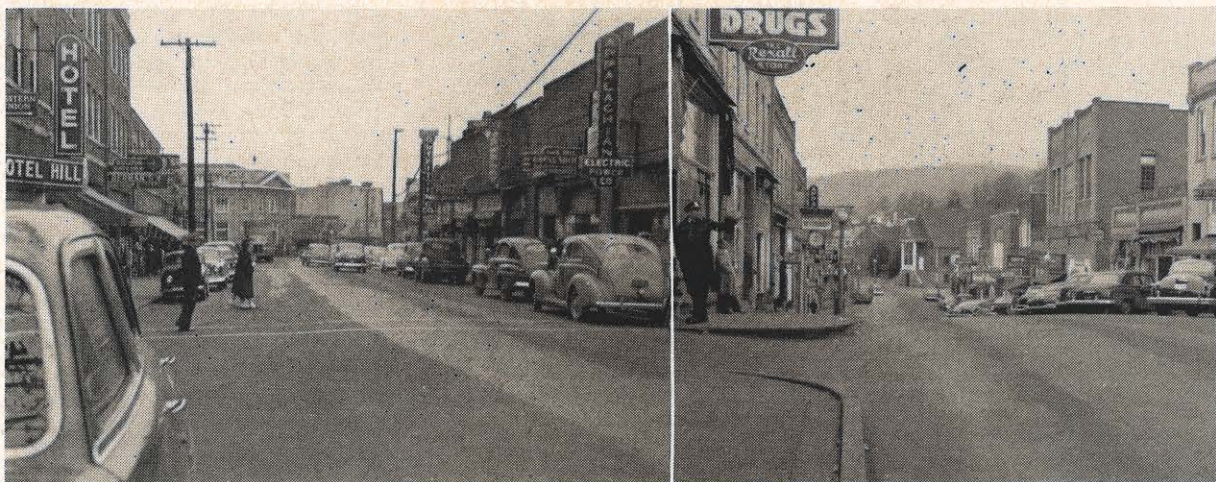
Mr. Snider

Company service for Snider, one of the three oldest employees in the district, dates from October of 1921. He has been a salesman, rural supervisor, right-of-way agent and acted as sales supervisor before assuming the title in 1948.

The Council continues to strive to put more emphasis on the area's farms. Businesses, industries and rural people are nearing the goal to place the coal industry and agriculture in a more rightful balance on the economic scales of the area.

Last year when Raleigh County was observing its 100th anniversary, Roy Lee Harmon wrote a poem about the county, tracing its transition from an agricultural to an industrial section. However, the West Virginia Poet Laureate wrote in summary:

"It's still a land of dreams exceeding fair,  
Where high plateaus are closer Heaven's dome,  
A land that wears the white clouds in her hair,  
A land of faith and peace . . . and hope . . . and home."



LEFT: A view of the main street of Oak Hill which was founded in 1870 and incorporated in 1904 when about 300 persons lived there. It was so named because of its location on a hill near a large white oak tree. Oak Hill, where an Appalachian local office is maintained, has a population of 4,518. RIGHT: A street scene in Mount Hope which was incorporated in 1895. It was named for

its location at the head of a valley where pea vines grew in abundance early in the spring in defiance of the late snows and where settlers brought their cattle to graze before the grass grew. The home of West Virginia Governor Okey L. Patteson is located in Mount Hope which has a population of 2,588. A local office is also situated in Mount Hope.



LEFT: Main Street in Beckley, county seat of Raleigh County. About 20,000 people live in this modern city which has two daily papers, three radio stations, a new airport, a junior college, a 600-patient sanitarium and a 200-bed VA hospital. General Alfred Beckley gave the land for the court house and some building lots in the town site when Beckley was made county seat in 1850. RIGHT: Beckley district office, Appalachian's headquarters for activities in the six-county area. Waldo S. LaFon is manager of the district where the company has over 2,300 miles of transmission and distribution lines serving about 40,000 customers. Some idea of the growth of this district is evident upon comparing the 13,388 residential customers of 1941 with today's 28,950 residential customers. Ten years ago there were 17,350 customers in the district while today there are more than twice that number.



### W. C. Underwood's Formula

## Savings, Good Climate and Light Work Listed As Essentials For Retirement

Save some money. Find a pleasant place to live. Get some light work to occupy your time.

Those three recommendations are given employees planning to retire by W. C. Underwood, retired Scarbro substation man of the Beckley district. Mr. Underwood has followed his own advice and now operates an apartment camp at Fort Myers, Fla.

He started to work with the Virginia Power Company as switchman at Cranberry in January of 1915. After that company was merged with Appalachian in 1926, he became substation attendant at Scarbro.

Retiring in 1936, he first moved to his place at Cranberry where he did some farming and raised chickens and hogs. In May of 1942 he traded his home and filling station at Shady Spring about nine miles southeast of Beckley for the apartment camp.

Speaking of the swap, he says: "I was sure glad to make the trade for I wanted to come to Florida for my health. I could not stand the cold weather."

After taking over the six apartment units, he remembers his first big storm. Here's his account: "I had two grown pine trees in front of my place. I was standing at the front window about 11 o'clock at night when I saw some bushy thing raise up at the edge of the street. Pretty soon that pine came by. The main body went right along side of the house." He had to cut the limbs off the tree before the occupants of number two and three apartments could get out.

But like a true resident of Florida, Mr. Underwood adds that he prefers the storms in Florida to those in West Virginia because "you don't freeze when you are kept out in them."

Winter finds Mr. Underwood mighty busy as the tourists head south for those balmy breezes that sweep Fort Myers which is on the southwest coast of Florida directly across the state from Palm Beach. When the tourists start north again with the approach of summer, he compensates for the loss in potential customers with lower rates.

Mr. Underwood was recently visited by R. W. Sanderson of the Roanoke local office. Although Mr. Sanderson did not know the retired employee, he had been advised to drop by to see him by O. C. Cald-



W. C. Underwood stands in front of his apartment camp in Fort Myers. The retired Beckley district employee has lived there since 1942 when he swapped his home and filling station in West Virginia for the six-unit camp in Florida.

well, local accounting office manager at Roanoke who had worked in Beckley and knew Mr. Underwood. Mr. Underwood reports that he was delighted with the visit because he is always glad to see "members of Uncle App's family."

Both he and his wife, who is an invalid, are over 75 years old. They have six living children, one died this year, and 22 grandchildren. Although he enjoys his work, he plans to sell the camp because "my wife and I are not able to look after the place and it costs more than I can afford to hire someone."

Looking back on his years of retirement, he advises everyone to save some money, select a home in a pleasant climate and do something in your spare time while retired.

He says, "A man who has worked until 60 or 65 is not going to get much out of his last days just sitting around if he is able to do something."

To the questionnaire sent him, Mr. Underwood replied in summary: "This is all I can think of now. I hope it will miss the waste basket. If you come to Fort Myers, be sure to look me up. Wishing you and yours good health and good luck, fraternally yours."

And like the good resident that he is, he added a postscript to his letter that should make any Florida Chamber of Commerce very happy. His final words were: "I don't think anyone would make a mistake by coming to Florida."

## Charleston Blood Donor Is Cited By Area's Red Cross

W. T. Tibbets, a Charleston district employee, was one of seven persons recently honored by the Kanawha-Clay Chapter of the Red Cross for blood donations. The ceremonies were held in the lobby of the Charleston Post Office.

Those honored were cited for donating three pints of blood during the recent drive. All were given timely emblems of gratitude for their participation in the program.

Tibbets, since that time, has donated an additional pint of blood, his fourth of the campaign.

When asked about his active interest in the blood donor program, he replied, "Giving blood requires such a small effort and inconvenience on my part that I can't understand why more people don't take part in the drive."

## Roanoke Employee's Daughter Named In College Who's Who

Miss Rolanda Sydnor, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Sydnor of the Roanoke district building service department, has been included in the 1951-52 edition of "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges."

Miss Sydnor is a senior at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. She is majoring in mathematics with a minor in business administration.

She is president of the Women's Senate; member of the Fisk Oval staff, student council and the faculty committee. Upon graduation, she hopes to enter the teaching profession. She was graduated from Lucy Addison High School, Roanoke, in 1948.

Nominations to "Who's Who" are based upon scholarship, cooperation, leadership, citizenship, extra-curricular activities and the promise of future usefulness.

Mrs. Sydnor's son, Carl, a Miami University student at Oxford, Ohio, also received college recognition. He has been chosen by medical students to represent them on a tour of various colleges to attend medical lectures and laboratory demonstrations. Carl is a sophomore.

## H. P. Grubb Made Local Superintendent

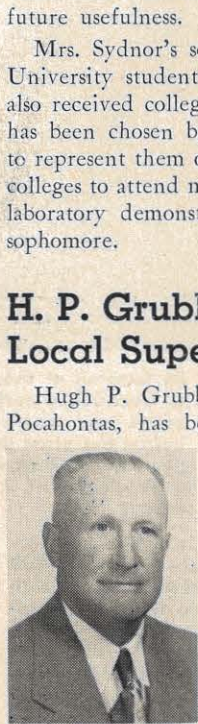
Hugh P. Grubb, line foreman at Pocahontas, has been transferred to Galax as local superintendent. He replaces Raymond S. Fisher, who died September 26.

Mr. Grubb was employed April 1, 1921, by G. C. McCall at Bluefield. He worked at Coalwood and Switchback before transferring to the Welch district line department in 1935. He was moved to Pocahontas in 1939 and became line foreman there in 1940.

He is a member of the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge and takes an active interest in civic affairs. He and Mrs. Grubb will make their home in Galax.

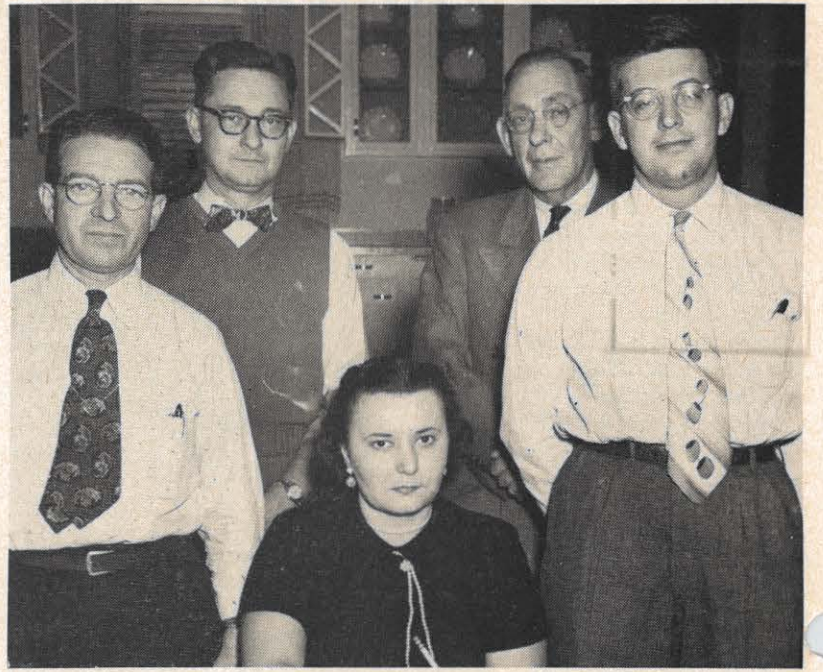


Miss Sydnor



Mr. Grubb

## Bluefield Association Elects Officers



Members of the Bluefield district Employees' Benevolent Association elected the above officers for the coming year. The association was formed in 1934 and directs a systematic method of handling contributions to charitable organizations. It eliminates individual solicitations. Shown, left to right, the new officers are: O. B. Yost, treasurer; Leroy Pothress, director; Larry Dunn, director; Bill Riley, chairman, and Evelyn Simmons, seated, treasurer.

## CHARLESTON DIVISION Continued from page 4

Vero Beach; Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Fennell in Pennsylvania.

Nell Jean Higginbotham, substation department, is recovering from a virus infection.

I. C. Lavender, distribution department, has returned to work after an illness.

New employees are: Mary Ester Fike, engineering department; Charles Ivan Walker, Jr. and Dewell B. Dunlap, commercial department; Martha Lee Grimes and Edith Sperry, accounting department.

John R. Ware, now stationed at Bainbridge, recently visited his family and friends in Montgomery.

Mrs. Mora Lee Singleton and Dorothy Hale, Montgomery office, attended the Southern-Capital District Convention of Junior Women's Clubs at White Sulphur Springs on November 10.

Ernest Kavinsky has transferred from the accounting department to the commercial department.

### Beckley District

Sympathy is extended C. R. French on the death of his sister-in-law and niece.

Mrs. Nell M. Cody has returned to work after a recent illness.

Worth Harper is recovering from an illness.

Distribution records department had a dinner dance at the 19-21 club.

L. H. Williams, foreman, has been ill.

Myra Sue Roush recently visited

friends in New York City.

J. E. Agee has returned to work after a brief illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Webb vacationed in Florida.

S/Sgt. Edgar R. Cantley, Jr., now serving with the Air Force in the Azores, recently visited his family in Beckley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hammer vacationed with family and friends in several parts of the state.

R. E. Presley has returned to work after an illness.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pitsenberger and daughter, Patty, attended the home-coming celebration at West Virginia University where their son, Bill, is a student.

Mrs. Margaret Webber and daughter spent the Thanksgiving holiday in North Carolina visiting friends and relatives.

W. C. McMahan is temporary chairman of the new chapter of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers which is being formed in the Rainelle area.

J. E. Vickers vacationed at his hunting camp in Hardy County.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sessions visited their daughter and her family in Newark, Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Brashear visited their daughter and her family in Raleigh while on vacation.

Waldo S. LaFon, district manager, and W. E. Mitchell, district superintendent, were solicitors for the Raleigh County Community Chest.

## Veterans Honored At Pulaski District Dinner



Forty Pulaski district employees, each having over 20 years service, attended a dinner November 15 at the Maple Shade Inn where D. P. Minichan, district manager, awarded service pins. Left to right above: Mr. Minichan; T. A. Roberts, Jr., 20 years; O. B. Kidd, 25 years; Miss Shirley R. Miller, 20 years; G. C. Beasley, 25 years, and K. H. Mustard, 25 years. R. L. Sharp received his 25-year service pin. Also attending the dinner were four retired employees, W. M. Carter, W. S. Crawford, C. E. Shepherd and C. E. Dudley.

## Families Enjoy Cabin Creek Halloween Party



About four hundred employees and members of their families attended the Cabin Creek Plant's Halloween party which was held in the gymnasium of the Chelyan Junior High School. Entertainment included round and square dancing, professional acts, refreshments, and the awarding of prizes for costumes in various classifications. As you can judge from the appearance of a few of the above contest winners, both children and adults had the time of their lives.



# Feminine Fancies

## Tangerine Mums For Holiday Dessert



The little zipper-skin fruit from Florida, which is as symbolic of Christmas as Yule trees, should go into the toe of every stocking and also into lots of your holiday meals. Here's an idea for a light dessert to follow the heavy main course.

It's a bowl of nuts and a platter of mums fashioned of tangerines, centered with mint patties for flavor

contrast.

To make the mums, cut the tangerine peel in six sections and peel down halfway but do not remove. Cut sections of peel with scissors into very fine slivers. Spread the sections apart sunburst fashion. Raisins or maple sugar candy may be used in the center in place of the mint patties.

## Six Couples Exchange Wedding Vows



Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith, Jr., cut their wedding cake following ceremonies at Hazard Christian Church. She is employed in the Hazard district commercial department.

### Hart-Sharp

Miss Mary Lou Hart became the bride of Earl W. Sharp on November 17 in Morgantown, W. Va. Mr. Sharp is a step-son of Joe E. Bedinger of the Charleston commercial department.

### Spencer-Begley

Miss Janette Lee Spencer and Paul Begley were united in marriage on October 25 in Hazard. Mrs. Begley was employed in the engineering department in Hazard.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Begley are pictured after their wedding in Hazard. She is a member of the Hazard engineering department.

### Apperson-Hill

Mrs. Savilla Shipe Apperson became the bride of Earl R. Hill at the residence of the Rev. Bruce Peck, of South Charleston, in October. Mrs. Hill is a former employee of the company and Mr. Hill is employed in the engineering department.

### Barns-Gearhart

Miss Betty Jo Barns and Kenneth L. Gearhart exchanged wedding vows on November 9 in Bluefield. Mr. Gearhart is employed in the system transmission line department in Bluefield.

### Talmann-Collins

Mrs. Clyde W. Talmann and John H. Collins were married on November 18 at Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia. Mr. Collins is employed as an engineer on construction at the Kanawha Valley Plant.

### Francis-Smith

Miss Hope Francis became the bride of E. A. Smith, Jr., at ceremonies in the Hazard Christian Church last month. Mrs. Smith is employed in the commercial department in Hazard.

## Miss Mildred Steele Made Day Supervisor

Mildred Steele, daughter of A. N. Steele of the Hazard district production department, has been appointed day supervisor at Mount Mary Hospital in Hazard.



Miss Steele

Attending Hazard schools, Miss Steele recently graduated from St. Elizabeth School of Nursing at Covington, Ky., after three years of training.

## Getting Ready For Christmas

### Mrs. R. T. Phelps Shows How To Make Holiday Candles

Some wax, pieces of twine and a little imagination are all you need to make some unusual candles for your Christmas decorations. That's the advice of Mrs. Ryland T. Phelps, wife of the division civil engineering supervisor at Bluefield.

Mrs. Phelps shows some of her handiwork in the following pictures with a few tips on how you can design your own candles for the Christmas scene. She has been instructor for Hobby Night at the Y.W.C.A. and is often called upon to instruct in the art of candle making for various clubs and schools throughout the Bluefield area.

Caution is advised in taking care not to over-heat the paraffin. With this in mind, follow Mrs. Phelps through several steps in making Christmas candles.



Mrs. Ryland T. Phelps, of Bluefield, stands beside some of her homemade candles which she has used in making the arrangements for decorating her home for Christmas. Few materials are needed to make these and other attractive centerpieces which add much to your home at Christmas time.

## New Arrivals . . .

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM BOGGS, a son, Willis Lee, was born November 5. Mr. Boggs is employed in Hazard.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN BRYAN are the parents of a daughter, Dortha Leona, born October 29. Mr. Bryan is employed at the Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. J. R. SLAUGHTER are the parents of a son, Micheal Lynn, born October 10. Mr. Slaughter is employed in Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT DAILEY are the parents of a son, James Robert, born November 6. Mr. Dailey is employed at the Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. E. M. PUGH are the parents of a daughter, Deborah Faye, born November 5. Mrs. Pugh was formerly employed in Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD S. LEASE are the parents of a daughter, Nancy Lou, born October 23. Mr. Lease is employed at the Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. KELLY ROWLAND are the parents of a daughter, Mary Margaret, born October 24. Mr. Rowland is employed at Clintwood, Va.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE BRADFORD are the parents of a daughter, Brenda Joyce, born November 4. Mr. Bradford is employed at the Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN WRIGHT are the parents of a daughter, Wanda Gay, born October 30. Mr. Wright is employed in Fieldale.

MR. AND MRS. EUGENE JONES, JR., are the parents of a son, Emery Eugene III. Mrs. Jones was formerly employed in the division commercial department in Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. SYDNOR BARKSDALE, JR., are the parents of a son, Sydnor III. Mrs. Barksdale was formerly employed in the stores department in Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. OLIN D. BOOTHE are the parents of a son, Cody Ray, born on November 17. Mr. Boothe is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. E. C. QUESINBERRY are the parents of a daughter, Jean Marie, born November 14. Mr. Quesinberry is employed at the Glen Lyn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. L. D. ADAMS are the parents of a son, Randy Dale, born November 5. Mr. Adams is employed at the Logan Plant.

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD MOSS are the parents of a daughter, Pamela Sue, born November 13. Mr. Moss is employed in Lynchburg.

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR ROTENBERRY are the parents of a son, Lewis Blake, born November 16. Mr. Rotenberry is employed in Welch.

MR. AND MRS. ARLIN HAMILTON are the parents of a daughter born October 22. Mr. Hamilton is employed in Pikeville.

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD H. BURTON are the parents of a son, Edward, Jr., born November 18. Mr. Burton is employed in Welch.

MR. AND MRS. CLAUDE FRISHETTE are the parents of a daughter born October 23. Mr. Frishette is employed in Pt. Pleasant.

MR. AND MRS. L. I. ROUSH are the parents of a daughter born in October. Mr. Roush is employed in Pt. Pleasant.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL C. KELLEY are the parents of a daughter, Maria Elizabeth, born October 24. Mr. Kelley is employed in Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. R. M. MILLER are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Kay, born October 31. Mr. Miller is employed in Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. RONALD E. GIVENS are the parents of a son, James Owen, born October 26. Mr. Givens is employed in Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT H. LOVE are the parents of a son, Dennis Duncan, born November 14. Mr. Love is employed in Pulaski.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES SULLIVAN are the parents of a son, James Marvin, Jr., born November 16. Mr. Sullivan is employed in Logan.

MR. AND MRS. BILLY TOM JOHNSON are the parents of a daughter, Deborah Lynn, born November 19. Mr. Johnson, formerly with the Logan district accounting department, is now serving in the Navy.

## They're Engaged

MISS FLORENCE HAGAN to William W. Zoellers. Miss Hagan is employed in the accounting department and Mr. Zoellers is an engineer at Pikeville.

MISS ANNA RUTH MCKINNEY to Edward F. Pioch, a junior distribution engineer in Beckley.



Making a mold for a Christmas tree candle, Mrs. Phelps rolls a magazine back cover into a cone shape. Don't forget to add the desired color crayon to the wax before pouring into the mold.



Mrs. Phelps shows the various molds she uses around the house to make unusual shapes for her Christmas candles. The glass was the mold for the bell with the clapper made of paraffin in contrasting color. The crayons are added to the molten wax to give the desired color. A common jello mold served as pattern for the floating candle. Square candles were made with four blocks of household wax. Fusing the blocks together with hot paraffin, a wick of ordinary cotton twine was inserted in the center. Paraffin which had been allowed to cool a little was then dripped on the blocks. Small Christmas ornaments like bells, holly or spruce give holiday color while a red or green ribbon adds the final touch.



Pouring wax into cone is illustrated by Mrs. Phelps as a milk bottle holds the mold steady. Cotton twine closes the hole in the bottom and serves as a wick. A popsicle stick or any light piece of material will hold the wick in the center of the base end of the candle mold. Mrs. Phelps advises that you pour only small amounts of wax into the cone and allow each pouring to solidify before the next. After the final pouring, allow the wax to cool and then peel off the magazine cover. With a knife cut small impressions at various places on the cone. Dip red and green birthday candles in wax and fix in the impressions. Then drip wax on the candle and allow to cool. Next apply Grippit with a brush and sift bronze powder over the candle. Mrs. Phelps says a salt shaker is mighty handy for the sifting. Then add bits of Christmas color for final touches and you have your Christmas candle in a natural setting.

## Miss Spangler Named Quota Club Officer For First District

Miss Helen Sue Spangler, who is employed in the Bluefield Division personnel office, has been named secretary-treasurer of the First District of Quota International. The first district includes all of the Quota Clubs in West Virginia.

Miss Spangler is a past president of the Bluefield Girls' Service Club, secretary of the Bluefield Community Concert Association, social sponsor of Xi Zeta Sorority of Beta Sigma Phi, a member of Bland Street Methodist Church and its choir, secretary of the Iris Garden Club, member of the speaker's bureau of the Chamber of Commerce Clean-up Committee, emergency driver for the Red Cross Motor Corps and past president of the Bluefield Quota Club.

Miss Spangler

Miss Spangler has been employed in Bluefield since 1929.

## Beckley Christmas Party Will Be Held Dec. 21st

According to J. E. Hammer, general chairman, the Beckley district Christmas Party will be held December 21.

Members of the 1952 committee are: Mildred Webb, C. R. French, H. R. Miller, L. W. Thorn, Emma Jean Turner, Arline Ables, Ruth Wilson, Myra Sue Roush, Dorothy Barker and Mr. Hammer.

## Abingdon Girls' Club Holds Election



This photo was made at a luncheon of the Abingdon District Girls' club at which time officers for the coming year were elected. The new officers are: President Ruth Caldwell, Vice President Shirley Grubb, Secretary Ann M. Howard and Treasurer Audrey Haga. Shown in the picture left to right are: Kathryn Dobbins, Katherine Thomas, Patsy Byars, Shirley Grubb, Ruth Dolinger, Edith Stevens, Betty Holmes, Doris Fleenor, Ann Howard, Viladeane Winstead, Virginia Lester, Audrey Haga and Ruth Caldwell.

## Safety Skit Presented At Pikeville Meeting

Personal safety was brought home to Pikeville district employees at a recent meeting when a skit was presented on the frequency of accidents.

Jarrett Wood and Chandos Tackett portrayed assistants to the Grim Reaper and chalked up accidents every five minutes while discussing the causes and effects of accidents.

Between the five-minute periods, a record made prior to the meeting was played. Representing a disc-jockey radio program, a local radio announcer's voice interrupted the music from time to time to announce the death of some employee as the result of an accident.

A movie, "Summer Storm," was shown and refreshments were served. F. M. Baker presided at the meeting and recognized those who had received service pins since the previous general safety meeting.

## Miss Charlie Lumsden Is Elected President Of Lynchburg Spinster Club

Miss Charlie Lumsden, Lynchburg district employee, recently was elected president of the Spinsters German Club of Lynchburg. She formerly served as secretary of the organization.



Miss Lumsden

Miss Lumsden also is active in the Junior League and the Junior Woman's Club.

She has been a member of the Lynchburg accounting department for eight years.

The Spinsters German Club of Lynchburg is a social organization and entertains with seasonal parties and dances. Its members are single girls living in Lynchburg.

## Christmas Parties Are Scheduled For Roanoke Employees

Hotel Roanoke is the site for the annual Christmas party of Roanoke's white employees on December 19. The program will be similar to those of the past two years with professional entertainment, refreshments and a cabaret dance with music by Freddie Lee's orchestra.

Negro employees and their guests will have their party at the Hotel Dumas on December 22 when a buffet supper will be followed by a program and dancing.

Parties for children will be held in the company auditorium at 3 p.m. Negro employees' children will be entertained December 20 with movies, singing and a visit from St. Nick while white employees' children will be entertained similarly the following afternoon.

Final arrangements for the parties are being made by employee committees.

## Eight-Year-Old Set Back Game Going Strong



Continuing their eight-year-old set back game which threatens to set some kind of record, four Cabin Creek employees get ready to play their noon-time game. Leonard Carnifax and Owen Wilson compete against Donald Murphy and Arthur McCoy as lunchers look on. When the back-to-work whistle blows at 12:30, they fold the game up just where is and take it up again the next day. Who's winning? They say they cannot tell yet because "it's nip and tuck all the way."

## BLUEFIELD Continued from page 4 . . .

W. G. French, system transmission engineer, and Ralph Hill, system transmission man, hunted deer in the mountains of southwest Virginia while on vacation.

Roy S. Nash, system transmission man, spent part of his vacation butchering his hogs raised on his place in Tazewell County, Virginia.

### Pulaski District

W. S. "Uncle Bill" Johnson, retired employee of Marion, left for a vacation in Florida after voting in the November elections.

Fred R. Poe, rural sales representative at Marion, vacationed at San Antonio where he visited his son who is in the armed service.

Mrs. Jane Griffiths, home economist at Marion, visited her parents in Grafton over Thanksgiving.

W. C. Groseclose, Marion office, hunted while on vacation.

Mrs. Ruth C. Graham, Pulaski pay-roll department, attended the Legion Fall Conference in Richmond on November 24-25.

R. E. Harriman, drafting department, has resigned.

O. B. Kidd, George Chumbley and G. P. Williams went deer hunting.

I. R. Akers, R. N. Burnett and J. E. Wolford have returned to work after recent illnesses.

### Abingdon District

James S. Barrett has returned to work after a recent illness.

Rufus Bondurant and John Hortenstine, employees on military leave from the engineering department, recently had a reunion in Korea.

Joe E. Collins, rural and residential sales supervisor, has been elected vice president of the Abingdon Kiwanis Club.

Deer hunters on vacation: J. M. Orr, Ancel Hutton, Paul Rowe, L. W. Duncan, Dick Warden, L. G. Smith, Paul Lethcoe and Joe Quillen who also hunted for bear and wild boar in Tellico Plains, Tennessee.

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. Clark Peck in Williamsburg and Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dunn in Gatlinburg and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hale in Detroit.

### Glen Lyn Plant

H. L. Surber, Ira Dunn and N. J. Jessee have been ill.

H. L. Clemons is recuperating after a recent illness.

Sympathy is extended Studebaker Pennington on the death of his father.

Roy M. Trent has returned to work after an illness.

A. P. Whitt vacationed in Florida.

Larry Dunn, son of Mrs. Patricia Dunn and a summer employee, has enlisted in the Navy Air Corps and is stationed at the Great Lakes training center.

## Transfer Of Customers Places Pulaski District's Line At County Boundary

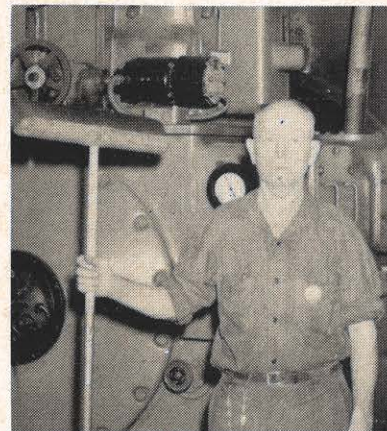
About 768 customers were recently transferred from the Roanoke district to the Pulaski district in a move for greater customer convenience and improved operating conditions.

The Pulaski district line, formerly about 7 miles east of Christiansburg, is now located about 15 miles east of Christiansburg at the Montgomery-Roanoke County line. The line between the districts is about half-way between Roanoke and Christiansburg.

Customers affected are closer to the Christiansburg office where they will pay their service bills. The new Pulaski district customers will also benefit by the improved service time out of Christiansburg because line crews are closer to their area.

Also included in the transfer were 84 miles of line and 285 transformers.

## J. A. Thornton Retires



Leaving things spic and span, John A. Thornton hangs up his broom at the Glen Lyn plant and retires to his nearby farm on his sixty-fifth birthday. Mr. Thornton was employed on October 24, 1944, as plant guard. He served as guard during the remainder of World War II and then transferred to the cleaning crew as janitor.

## Employee's Son Is Student of Month

Jack Lawhorn has been named "Student of the Month" at Stonewall Jackson High School in Charleston. Jack is the son of Mrs. Myrtle V. Lawhorn, who is employed in the Charleston accounting department.



Jack Lawhorn

It is the second time that Jack has received high honors during his school career. While he was in junior high school, he was chosen "Student of the Week," by a Charleston newspaper. He is president of the Student Council at Stonewall Jackson, a member of the Varsity Club and on the staff of the school paper. He was a member of the varsity football team, until he received a broken ankle in the Ashland-Stonewall game recently. He also is manager of the track team. He hopes to be able to continue his athletics by playing basketball again this winter.

## KENTUCKY . . .

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foreman, has returned to work after a recent illness.

James Burke has returned to work following a brief illness.

### Hazard District

K. C. Brashear, Bruce Muncy, David Begley, Adrian Fields and Jack Caudill recently fished at Pigeon Creek.

Hazard Commercial department employees gave Kenny Brashear and David Begley, who are entering the service, leather shaving kits as going away presents at a recent farewell party. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Zoellers, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Muncy, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bonta, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caudill, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Brashear, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. David Begley, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cornett, W. R. Peyton, Mary Franks, Kay Cornett, Faye Cornett, Leyburn Cody, Mrs. Denver Robertson, Sue Carey, Roy Miller and Gay Boyer.

Corbin Breeding, line department, has been a patient in Mount Mary Hospital.

G. C. Branson and wife went on a fishing trip to Wolfe Creek.

Nell Buttram vacationed in Tennessee and Georgia.

## HUNTINGTON Continued from page 4 . . .

The daughter of Frank Stone, accounting department, recently underwent an operation at Logan General Hospital.

E. K. Bias and E. P. Hager attended the Ohio State-Northwestern game as winners of the "Going Places" campaign last summer. They were accompanied by W. F. Giles and J. C. Hansbarger and joined a group from the Huntington district in Columbus.

Mrs. Tom Hanley, wife of the meter department employee, was one of the hostesses at a recent stork shower for Mrs. Lonnie Shortridge.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kirchman and family attended home-coming at West Virginia University.

Margaret Tyler, line department, visited in Huntington.

Appearing in the Madison Lions' Club Benefit Show were: Edith Overton, home economist at Madison; Mrs. Paul C. Gosney, wife of the service man, and Peggy Edwards, daughter of A. O. Edwards, area representative.

Dorothy Matthews, maid in Madison office, had as recent guests her grandmother from Prospect, Tenn., and her aunt from Cincinnati.

Edith Overton, home economist at Madison, recently visited friends in Welch.

Lester Toler, Madison office, went on a rabbit hunting trip in Cabell County.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Maywood Williams

participated in the voice and piano recital at the Appalachian auditorium on November 12. She is employed in the commercial department.

John Shriver, commercial department, recently vacationed at Point Pleasant. He was the guest of Billy Gilmore, manager of Appalachian's Point Pleasant office, who accompanied him on a hunting trip.

Mr and Mrs. C. F. Tyler, parents of Margaret Tyler of the line department, have returned from Los Angeles where they visited their son, Charles, who was formerly employed by the company.

Employees appearing in the Lions' Club Minstrel were W. H. Honaker, engineering department; P. M. Vannoy, commercial department; H. J. Collins, district personnel supervisor, and W. F. Giles, commercial department supervisor. William Kirchman whose wife is employed in the commercial department also appeared in the show.

Richard C. Kuhn is a new employee in the meter department. He was formerly employed during the summer of 1949 and 1950.

W. E. Bivens commercial department, was guest speaker at the November meeting of the Holden 22 Grade School Meeting on November 8.

H. S. Trussell, engineering department, was recently elected Legionnaire of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Cassidy and daughter vacationed with his brother in Fostoria, Ohio. Mr. Cassidy is employed in the meter department.

### Sons Of H. W. Mitchell, Whitesville, Signed With N. Y. Giants' Farm Club



H. W. Mitchell, center, is shown with his sons, Bobby, left, and Billy. The boys recently signed a professional baseball contract with the New York Giants.

Billy and Bobby Mitchell, 19 and 18-year-old sons of H. W. Mitchell, signed contracts to play professional baseball. The brothers were signed by Jimmy West, a Charleston area scout for the New York Giants, and will be assigned to the Springfield, Ohio, club.

Under present arrangements, both boys are scheduled to report to the spring training camp for rookies in Florida early in February. Should they live up to expectations, they will be assigned to Springfield in the fast-stepping Ohio-Indiana League. Springfield is a Class D club but is considered an important step toward the major leagues.

Together, the brothers form a battery. Billy is an able mound prospect while Bobby is considered an outstanding man to have behind the plate.

West indicated that he felt both of the Mitchell boys were good prospects. As a scout, he held high hopes for their future in professional baseball.

Mr. Mitchell, the boy's father, is a Charleston district troubleman assigned to the Whitesville office.

### Bob Muncy Is Named Leading Scorer For The Hazard Bulldogs

Robert "Bob" Muncy, son of Russell Muncy, was named the high scorer of the Hazard Bulldogs' football squad during the past season. In five games, Bob ambled across the markers to account for a total of 51 points.

Bob filled a halfback slot for the Bulldogs and is a four letterman. He also lettered in track and baseball. Although unofficial, Bob's prospects for being named on the All-State eleven are considered good.

He is vice president of the Key Club; active in the Mask and Gavel, Literary Club and Glee Club. He is a senior and hopes to enter the University of Kentucky next year.

Mr. Muncy is a district distribution engineer.



Mr. Muncy

### Charleston Keglers Near End Of First Half Of Competition

With but eight weeks remaining in the first half of the fast-moving Charleston District Bowling League race, five teams are within sight of the title.

The Pinheads are leading the 10-team loop by a narrow margin over the Storeroom bowlers. Turner Substation, Pulverizers, and Distrioff are but a short distance behind and all tied for third place.

For individual honors, the competition is keen. Carl Murray and Chet Talley are tied for high average honors. Each have a 176-pin count. Mary Alice Caudill leads all girl keglers with a 172 single high game; 479, three-game series, and a 141 season average. Dick Speas holds a 603 three-game series score and Paul Parsons claims the high single game honors with 225 pins.

### Eight Sporn Teams Start Bowling Loop

Although the Philip Sporn plant Bowling League got off to a slow start because of the lack of alleys, there is nothing slow or short about their enthusiasm now. Eight well-matched teams have been organized and are playing a full schedule at new alleys in Pomeroy, Ohio.

Morgan's Shift team has taken an early lead in the opening rounds of play and Floyd Capehart copped highest individual average. Floyd has a 162 season's average. Richard Lease accounted for the highest single game with 221 pins.

Officers of the Philip Sporn plant Bowling League are: Jack Givens, secretary and treasurer; Rome Williamson, treasurer; Charles Wilson, president; Harry Davis, Vice president, and Karl Wiles, secretary.

### 'Hard Heads' And 'Tubs' Lead Pikeville's Keglers

The Hard Heads and the Tubs captured the Pikeville bowling spotlight during the past month. Both teams are deadlocked for the league's first place slot with identical records of 10 victories and 5 defeats in league competition.

The Disconnects with their 9 and 6 record hold a narrow edge over the Short Circuits and the Hot Taps lead the A. C.'s in the six-team league.

The Disconnects hold both the single and series team honors while Prater's 220 is the highest single game score. Brashear's 479 pins claims the three-game series honors for individual bowlers.

### Roanokers Scramble For Top Standings

Standings are apt to change fast in bitterly fought Roanoke District Bowling League matches. The league-leading Substation team strengthened their position by handing second-place Local Office a two out of three defeat.

To further confuse and threaten the leaders, the System Accounting bowlers moved into second place by hammering out a win over the Civil Engineers. The Local Office slid back to third but remain a serious threat to the leaders.

The battle also rages for individual honors. For high average, Tommy Mitchell's 111.71 edges Leroy Gregory's 111.70. Gordon Broyles's 160 gained individual high game honors and Gregory's 380 is the best three-game set. The Local Office won team recognition with 1,679 and 603 pins.

### Deer—John: That's All She Wrote

The State of West Virginia recently had to bury one of its traffic casualties.

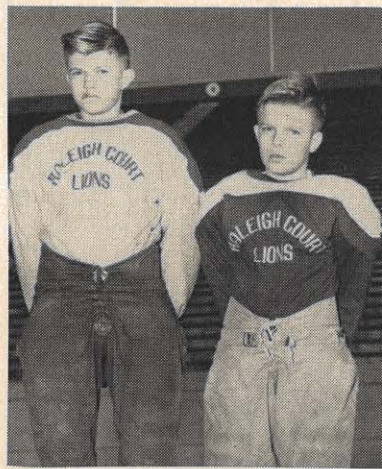
John Frazier, Charleston distribution department, was riding near Crede with a supervisor of the Keystone Construction Company when a doe jumped into the front side of the car. Neither man saw the deer approaching.

Stopping the car, they got out and saw the deer which had a broken neck. They bled the animal.

As the State law forbids removing deer after a highway accident until the State Police have been notified, they called the Troopers who moved the doe to their headquarters where it was dressed.

Usually the deer, after being dressed by the State Police or the Conservation Commission, is given to a local child shelter or some similar charitable organization. However, the meat was judged unsafe because a headlight had been broken and the doe was buried.

### Two Barnes Brothers Playing On Roanoke's Championship Teams



Jack and Doyle Barnes

Jack and Doyle Barnes, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barnes, Roanoke, are members of the Raleigh Court Lions Club's 1951 Sandlot championship football teams. Both boys played through the season's schedule and in the divisional play-offs.

Jack, a ninth grader, has played four years of football and was a member of the club's 115-Pound Division team. He filled an end slot for the Raleigh Court eleven. Doyle, a sixth grader, has played two years in the organized Sandlot League. He plays guard in the 100-Pound Division.

Mr. Barnes is a member of the system real estate and right-of-way department.

### Tibbs Is Winner In Lynchburg Tourney

Roy A. Tibbs, Lynchburg district pay-roll supervisor, recently was named winner of the "Ringer Tournament" which was held at the Oakwood Country Club. The tournament was in progress during the past season from May through October. About 80 Lynchburg golfers participated.

Roy's gross score of 50 was 16 under for the course. The tournament was played on week ends and holidays.



Mr. Tibbs

### Cabin Creek Bowlers In Close Loop Race

In the Cabin Creek Plant Bowling League, the Handy Cappers and the Tom Kats are tied for first-place position. Both teams have won 14 games, lost 12, and tied 1.

The Boiler and Control Room keggers are close on the leaders' heels as one evening of bowling could alter the entire league's standings.

G. L. Loveday, bowling for the Kats, recaptured the "King of the Week" honors. C. O. Weise is a close second and also copped the single game honors in November with 183 pins.

### Hunters Open Season With Kills Of Deer

Marvin E. Lester, Pulaski, and F. W. "Jack" Isley, Kingsport, were among the companies' sportsmen fortunate enough to bag deer on the opening day of hunting season.

Lester, a member of the Pulaski meter department, killed a 160-pound, six-point buck while hunting near Comers Rock in Grayson County, Virginia. Marvin had been hunting but twenty minutes when he shot his deer.

Isley, a KUI employee, was hunting north of Bay City, Michigan. Before 8:20, the opening day, Jack had claimed his deer. The five-point buck weighed about 200 pounds.

### Sporn Softball Teams Are Honored At Dinner

Members of the Philip Sporn plant softball team and players of the Results Department recently were honored with a dinner at the Lafayette Hotel, Gallipolis, Ohio.

Paul Scally, personnel supervisor, acted as master of ceremonies while short talks were made by Paul Schneider, assistant plant manager, and Al Smith.

Others attending were: Harry Hoffman, Keith Arnold, Charles Stanley, Wyatt Chadwell, Robert Gilmore, Robert Cook, Russell Senter, Ralph Warner, William Cremeans, Norman Yauger, Floyd Capehart, Dwight Sayre, Charles Wilson, Robert Johnson, Robert Eason, Richard Fisher, Gene Athey, Gene Ellis, Carl Tennant, Robert Johnston, Gerald LeMasters, and Wallace Stewart.

### Abingdon Team Entered In 'Y' Loop



Ten Abingdon district employees are sweeping the backboards regularly as they represent Appalachian in the Bristol Y. M. C. A. Basketball League. The Abingdon quint plays two games each week and is in competition with teams representing five other southwest Virginia industries. Although the 1951-52 league race has been underway but a short time, the Abingdon cagers are expected to give a good account of themselves. Members of the Abingdon squad shown above are, left to right, front row: Tom Crabtree, Bill McFall, Ed Prater, Bob Sheffey, and Jimmy Lambert. Back row, left to right: Louis Wright, John Orr, V. O. Armentrout, Fred Nicewonder, and Richard Warden.

### Utilities Foreman Experienced Trapper



To Dewey Bowman, Utilities' labor foreman, trapping is not only a good sport but a profitable hobby. He spends many of his early mornings and late evenings running trap lines along streams near Kingsport. Many of his catches are muskrat and mink. His first venture, when a youngster, accounted for a mink and the pelt netted him nine dollars. To a boy of seven, that incentive made him a confirmed trapper and the urge continued over the years. Dewey is shown with recent catches as he skins another "rat." The pelts in the foreground are stretched on drying frames for curing. Dewey recalled one rather unusual experience. He had just skinned a muskrat and stretched its hide on a board. When he turned back, the animal he believed to be dead stood skinless and shivering in the cold winter air.

'Sooner' Keeps Sniffing

**Dog Mascots Lead Abingdon District Employees In Chase For Sporn Award**



Gate City employees pose with "Sooner" who is highly regarded in the Abingdon district for his keen sense of smell that locates sales prospects. Many give "Sooner" a major share of the credit for boosting Abingdon district into third place in the A. G. & E. range and water heater campaign.

The big hunt is on in the Abingdon district.

Four packs bay at the heels of the Sporn Award for range and water heater sales. Quotas are set for each county in the district and packs include every employee.

Each county in the district has its mascot to lead the pack. "Scottie" represents Scott County; "Old Wash" (just plain dawg) helps Washington County; "Rusty" (a dachshund) leads Russell County while "Dick" (a hound) paces Dickenson County.

In addition to the mascots, a special dog named "Sooner" covers the field in the Abingdon district race. Having unusual qualities for sniffing out range and water heater prospects, he is assigned to help the county which has the smallest per cent of its quota each week.

"Sooner" was so named because the sooner the county gets enough range and water heater sales, the sooner that county gets rid of their "helper."

Keen-nosed Abingdon district packs have sniffed their way up to third place in the A. G. & E. race with 129.11 per cent of quota. Baying for all they are worth, they close in on Ashland district's 129.58 per cent and Sprigg's 138.35 per cent.

By November 16, each county except Dickenson had had "Sooner" for one or more weeks. With "Sooner" making the rounds among the counties and sniffing out new prospects, Abingdon district hopes to tree the coveted Sporn Award by the end of December.

**Cabin Creek Youngsters In Majorette Contest**



These youngsters, who are all related to employees at the Cabin Creek plant, took part in a recent majorette contest held at East Bank. Receiving recognition for unusually fine performances were, front row, left to right: Betsy Cornett, Barbara Harris, and Carolyn Smith. Second row: Helen Kunsman, Glenna Douglas, Mary Sue Russell, Shannon Grady, Carolyn Bryant and Barbara Carroll. Many other families were represented in the bands which participated in the festival.

**New Oak Hill Office Under Construction**

A new local office with an auditorium and demonstration kitchen is under construction on Main Street in Oak Hill in the Beckley district.

The new building, 30 by 85 feet, is being built by a local merchant and houses facilities for use by the company and by civic clubs, church groups and other organizations.

Facilities will be provided for the line crew, servicemen and other operating personnel of the company in Oak Hill. Meters and maintenance equipment will be stored in a room at the back of the building.

A display area will be available for use by local electric dealers. These features of the new building will enable personnel at the Oak Hill office to offer additional services to the public which they are unable to do in their present location.

**Miss Goodloe Is Named VPI Queen For Home-Coming**



Miss Goodloe

Miss June Goodloe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Goodloe of Bluefield, recently was elected home-coming queen by students of Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

During the annual event, Miss Goodloe and her attendants were presented to the student assembly, alumni, and friends. She reigned over the festivities of the day which included: A regimental review, a parade, the football classic between VPI and North Carolina State, and the Home-Coming Dance.

Miss Goodloe is a sophomore at Radford College.

Mr. Goodloe is a member of the system transmission department in Bluefield.

**Employee's Daughter Hazard High School Home-Coming Queen**

Jane Helen Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Ferguson, was recently chosen Home-Coming Queen at Hazard High School. She reigned at the high school's recent home-coming day celebration.



Miss Ferguson

Jane, a senior at the school, has taken part in many activities. She is a member of the Mask and Gavel Club, the Glee Club, the Y-Teens, and the Booster Club. She plans to enter the University of Miami next year.

Mr. Ferguson is a maintenance man at the Hazard Plant.

**Eleven Men Report For Military Duty**

Mr. Osburn Mr. Brashear Mr. Begley Mr. Ferguson



Mr. Payne Mr. Davis Mr. Cavendish Mr. Donaldson

Eleven men reported for military duty last month. The Logan and Hazard districts each sent two while one left from Ashland, Pikeville, Huntington, Charleston, Lynchburg, Sporn plant and Cabin Creek plant.

John Herbert Evans, Logan district accounting department, entered the Air Corps. He was employed in July of 1951. Also entering the Air Corps from the Logan district was James D. Moore, engineering department, who was employed in June of this year.

William David Begley, Hazard district commercial department, was called to military service and left November 7 for the West Coast where he will receive training with the Navy. He has been with the company since August of 1950. Also going to the West Coast for Boot Training was K. C. Brashear, Jr., an employee of the Hazard commercial department who had been with the company since May of 1947.

Buford Frazier, Ashland main accounting office, entered the Army on November 22 after being with the company since March of 1949.

In the Pikeville district, Bill Donaldson, who was a meter reader, entered the Navy on November 19. He has been employed by the company since September of 1948.

Lewis Richard Osburn, Huntington district line crew member re-entered the Air Force on November 5 and reported to Camp Atterbury near Columbus, Indiana. An employee since December of last year, he and his wife, Ann, who is an employee in the commercial department, will live in Seymour, Indiana.

Lynn Cavendish, distribution en-

gineer at the Charleston office, returned to service on November 27 and reported to Port Hueneme, California. He served three years with the Sea-Bees in World War II and came with the company in June of 1946.

James William Ferguson, Lynchburg district distribution engineer, entered the Navy on November 16 after serving three years in the Reserve. He was employed by the company in March of 1949.

Wyllis F. Davis, Jr., maintenance helper at Philip Sporn plant, enlisted in the Air Force and is stationed at Sampson Air Base in New York. He started with the company in July of 1949.

Robert Lee Payne, Cabin Creek plant utility operator, reported to the armed forces on November 27. He was employed in August of 1948.

**Ferguson Will Head March Of Dimes Drive In Dickenson County**

W. H. Ferguson has been elected chairman of the 1951 March of Dimes campaign in Dickenson County.

A rural representative in the Abingdon district, Ferguson has been employed by the company since February 1, 1949.

He attended the regional meeting of the March of Dimes in Greensboro recently and has begun to lay plans for the campaign.



Mr. Ferguson

**Lynchburg Men Study First Aid**



Members of the Lynchburg district engineering and distribution departments take their American Red Cross first aid training seriously as they prepare themselves for any emergency. The current Lynchburg program is closely related with the Lynchburg civil defense organization. Employees attending the practice session are: kneeling, foreground to wall, G. C. Wheeler, R. D. Curtis, and R. C. Foster. Prone position, foreground to wall, J. D. Harker, H. M. Figg, Jr., and A. A. Ferguson. Others taking first aid with this class are: J. B. Doss, S. M. Glass, T. B. Merryman, R. L. Smith and G. W. Stone. L. G. Dougan is instructor for the course.