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# The Illuminator

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KENTUCKY AND WEST VIRGINIA POWER COMPANY

APPALACHIAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

KINGSPORT UTILITIES, INC.

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## Hearings Are Set On Appalachian's First Request For Rate Increase In Its History

For the first time since it was formed in 1926, Appalachian Electric Power Company has been forced to ask for a general increase in rates. Hearings on the company's petitions, which were filed last month, have been set for January 14 by the Virginia State Corporation Commission and for January 28 by the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

The company is asking the rate increase because its earnings have not kept pace with the continued rising costs of doing business.

### Affects All Customers

The increase in rates would affect the company's 433,132 residential, commercial and industrial customers in 30 counties in Virginia and 21 counties in West Virginia. The vast majority of these are residential customers, who are being served on the domestic service rate. The average residential customer paid Appalachian about 14 cents a day during 1950 for all of the electricity he used. The proposed rate would mean an increase of a little less than one and one-half cents a day to this average home user.

The increase would amount to about 9.8 per cent of the revenue now received from customers or approximately \$5,600,000 annually.

### Costs Increasing

Since 1940, the cost of materials has increased at an extraordinary rate. For example, coal costs have more than doubled, copper is up 102 per cent, poles are up 121 per cent and transformers are up 80 per cent.

There are 3,900 experienced men and women working for the company. Their wages, like other peoples, have been increased to help meet the rising cost of living. Wage increases in October, 1950, and September, 1951, alone added more than \$1,558,000 to the annual wage bill.

Taxes are continuing to rise. The company's tax bill in 1940 was \$3,119,887 while its 1951 taxes are estimated at \$13,110,000. On the basis of taxes per dollar of revenue this is an increase of 57 per cent.

### Earnings Down

Electric utilities are only permitted to earn a fair return on the money invested in property devoted to public

service. Federal and state regulatory bodies usually permit the companies to earn a return of between 6 and 7 per cent. Appalachian's return has already declined to a figure far less than that amount.

The proposed over-all increase in rates would produce about \$5,600,000 before taxes. However, because of the new federal income tax, only about half of the increased revenue will be available toward paying a return to stockholders who have invested their savings in the company. With the new rates, it is estimated that the rate of return will be about 6 per cent.

### Company's Rate Record

Appalachian's record, during its 25 years of existence, has been one of continually declining rates. At the time the company was formed the average cost of electricity to residential customers was about 8 cents a kilowatt-hour compared with the present average of 2.93 cents.

Five major rate reductions to residential customers and five major reductions to commercial customers have been made during the 25-year period.



Mr. Gillespie

## Gillespie Named Manager Of Bluefield District

W. J. Gillespie, Jr., has been named manager of the Bluefield district. He succeeds L. W. Bates, who recently was promoted to the assistant managership of the Bluefield division.

Mr. Gillespie had been assistant manager of the Bluefield district since 1948 when he was promoted to that position from the position of rural supervisor in the Pulaski district.

A graduate of V. P. I., Mr. Gillespie was first employed by Appalachian in 1937 as an agricultural engineer in Bluefield. He was transferred to Lebanon in 1938 to work on rural expansion in Russell, Dickenson and Wise Counties. Four years later he was promoted to the position of rural supervisor in the Pulaski district and assisted in developing the rural program in that area.

He is married to the former Miss Madge Fuller of Lebanon and they have two children.

## C. A. Zoellers Elected To Head Two Clubs; Lead March Of Dimes

C. A. Zoellers, commercial manager of the Hazard district, has been named president of two civic organizations and chairman of the annual March of Dimes campaign in Perry County.

Mr. Zoellers was recently elected president of the Hazard Kiwanis Club to serve for 1952. He was also named president of the Perry County 4-H Club advisory council and a life member of the Cowan 4-H Club in Letcher County.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Mr. Zoellers has been employed by the company since 1947.

## Kentucky Firm Wins Hotpoint Sales Campaign

The Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company has won first place among merchandising utilities in a nation-wide sales contest sponsored by Hotpoint, Inc.

The Hotpoint campaign was the "All-American Touchdown Sales Drive." Quotas were assigned by the manufacturer. The Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company had the highest per cent of quota in the utility division.

Winners in the dealer, distributor and utility divisions received trips to some of the outstanding football games in the nation during the season just ended and the Rose and Pineapple Bowl games.

Roger Thompson, residential sales supervisor for the Kentucky company, and his wife, will receive a trip to Honolulu to see the Pineapple Bowl game.

During the campaign several of the Hotpoint dealers in the area served by Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company and Appalachian won trips to the Army-Navy football game.

## Knowledge Of First Aid Proves Valuable To Charleston Man

Charleston employees are proud of one of their fellow workers, Billy E. Blake, a district garage employee.

Blake's fast thinking was credited with saving two accident victims from more serious injuries.

Billy was home when two neighbors, working beneath a car, were pinned under the vehicle when a hoist broke. With the assistance of another neighbor, the victims were freed. Billy exercised every precaution in treating the men because he suspected internal injuries and broken bones from the nature of the accident. He treated for shock, made them comfortable and summoned an ambulance.

Billy's observations proved correct. One of the men had a fractured back and broken ribs. The second suffered internal injuries and broken ribs. Had either been handled, moved or placed into a sitting position, the injuries could have been extremely serious.

Blake said, "I really appreciate my first aid training now. The things I did — came natural."

## Additions To Darrah Station Under Way

Major additions to increase capacities are being made at the A. J. Darrah Station at Huntington. Work began in December.

Proposed additions and alterations will include the installation of a 20,000-kva transformer bank; a 33-kv oil circuit breaker, and the construction of approximately 3.1 miles of 33-kv line.

These increased facilities, when completed, will make it possible for the station to serve proposed industry.

## Foster Named Head Of Lynchburg's Industrial Club

Lynchburg's distribution records supervisor, R. Conner Foster, has been elected president of the Industrial Management Club of Lynchburg.

Mr. Foster has been employed in the Lynchburg district for more than 22 years.

He has been very active in the Industrial Management Club and represented Lynchburg at the national meeting in Pittsburgh last year. He has served as chairman of the nominating committee for the Virginia district of Industrial Management Clubs.

There are over 300 members in the Lynchburg group which includes executives, supervisors and foremen representing many industries in the area.

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## System Load Reaches New All-Time Peak

A new all-time peak of 1,083,965 kilowatts has shattered all previous records on the Southern Properties System for the production of electric power. The new peak was recorded for the hour ending at 11 A. M. on December 4.

The new mark topped the record established just two weeks earlier. On November 20, a peak of 1,077,685 kilowatts was reached.

Since the beginning of World War II, the load on the lines of the Southern Properties has more than doubled.

## Sporn Sees Growth And Costs As Major Factors Affecting Our Industry In 1952

President Philip Sporn in his annual year-end statement, predicts that there will continue to be two major influences on the power industry during 1952. These influences are the dynamic growth pattern of the industry and the upward spiral of costs.

He predicted that 1952 would be another year of a small margin of reserve capacity, but added that there is every reason to believe that it will be the last year of tightness. During this year, 300,000 kilowatts of generating capacity are scheduled for completion, while the estimated increase in demand will be 374,000 kilowatts. However, some 800,000 kilowatts of capacity will be added during 1953 with an expected increase in demand of only 320,000 kilowatts.

### Largest Amount

This total of 1,100,000 kilowatts of generating capacity is now under construction at four locations on the American Gas and Electric System. It is the largest block of capacity scheduled for completion in this two-year period by any privately owned power system in the United States.

On the subject of spiraling costs, Mr. Sporn said, "We are fearful that the cost of almost everything that enters into our business will continue to go up during 1952 and that is particularly going to be the case with steel, aluminum, copper and manufactured items. Escalation, particularly, is going to play a role here beyond what we visualized a few years ago."

He pointed out that for the first time in 25 years one of the subsidiary companies of A. G. & E., Appalachian, had been forced to ask for a rate increase.

### Costs Major Worry

"Unless spiraling costs level out during 1952," he added, "It may be necessary for other operating companies in the system to go to their respective state commissions and appeal for upward rate adjustments."

He foresees a major problem in getting materials throughout the year. However, he says there are indications that the steel situation will ease up along about the middle of the year, but aluminum and copper, particularly copper, may be difficult to obtain longer than that.

"Nevertheless," our president said, "I expect that we will in substance carry out our budgetary construction of approximately \$120,000,000."

Other highlights of Mr. Sporn's statement showed that kilowatt-hour sales for 1951 are estimated at 14.1 billion, an increase of 19 per cent.

The number of customers served by the companies increased by 78,000 during 1951 which includes 24,000 customers of the Central Ohio Light and Power Company merged into the system the early part of 1951. No such increase is anticipated in the coming year.

Average residential consumption during 1951 was up an estimated 200 kilowatt-hours. The cost of electricity to domestic consumers on the system went down from an average of 2.82 cents per kilowatt-hour in October, 1950, to 2.71 cents in October, 1951.



Mr. Foster



Mr. Blake



Mr. Zoellers



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## 1951 In Review

1951 was a busy year for all of us. Many things happened that will play an important part in shaping our course and destiny in 1952. Most of them were good.

As we enter another year, it is wise to look, in retrospect, at last year's accomplishments and shortcomings. We need to evaluate our progress as an organization and as individuals. Thus, we will have the benefit of hindsight to better plan our foresight for 1952.

Such an appraisal might be recorded in the form of a ledger. On the "credit" side would go progressive accomplishments, while our shortcomings and failures would be entered on the "debit" side of the ledger. To our credit we can include such important accomplishments as:

- Inauguration of the Employee Information Program.
- Employees saved at least seven lives—one being a fellow employee.
- Addition of 24,320 new customers.
- Completion of Abingdon and Lynchburg office buildings.
- Completion of third unit at Sporn Plant.
- Completion of 132 kv line from Glen Lyn to Cabin Creek.
- Completion of second circuit on 132 kv line from Switchback to Kingsport.
- Completion of Morehead Station and interconnection with Kentucky Utilities.
- Completion of Lakin, Cloverdale, Bradley and Hopkins Transmission Stations.

The "Debit" side would show many mistakes and failures some of which are sometimes difficult to evaluate. Here are a few we will readily recognize:

- Three employees killed.
- Forty-seven lost-time accidents.
- Friends lost for the company and ourselves due to discourteous treatment or poor service.
- Waste in time and materials through lack of cooperation or poor planning.

Your own appraisal will undoubtedly show that in spite of our failures and mistakes, real progress was made in 1951 throughout our organization. It can well serve as a challenge and a guide for each of us in 1952.

## Our Fight Against Inflation

On December 4, Appalachian Electric Power Company petitioned the Commissions of West Virginia and Virginia for an increase in electric rates. Hearings will be held during this month.

Employees through the years have been proud of the fact that our company, in the face of increased costs on every side, has managed to hold the line with existing rates. We know that such an outstanding accomplishment did not just

# Your Opinion

What type news do you enjoy most and would like to see more of in The Illuminator?

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**D. A. BUCKLAND, Mechanical Maintenance Helper, Glen Lyn Plant.**



There are a number of different type articles which I enjoy reading in THE ILLUMINATOR, but of all, I enjoy the ones pertaining to sports most. Being a sportsman myself, I am partial to those about fishing, hunting, softball, basketball, etc.

Of course, in addition to the sports articles, I am very fond of pictures and stories showing the development and expansion of our company. This proves to me that I am working for a growing concern of which I am very proud.

Also, the historical development of the various areas are very interesting features, since they familiarize us with all of our neighboring communities.

I, for one, would like to see more news items along the above lines.

**C. G. ALLISON, Stores Department, Kingsport.**



I look forward each month to getting my ILLUMINATOR which is always full of interesting and worth-while material. I especially like the Happenings Around the Circuit.

It's like getting a letter from home that brings me up to date on the news and informs me of

the doings of many friends and fellow workers throughout the system. It is always good to hear about their families and their activities. It gives me a feeling of closer personal contact with them. So I would like to suggest that our reporters give us more news from Around the Circuit.

**R. W. FLEMING, Results Clerk, Cabin Creek Plant.**



Actually I like the entire newspaper as it is, because it is a well-prepared publication. It is a little hard to put my finger on any one subject and say I like that the best. However, if I must pin one down, I think the past several items covering the various towns or cities in

which the company operates are very interesting to me.

As for wanting more of that category in THE ILLUMINATOR, I feel that the paper has about the right amount of each subject to satisfy each person's particular liking.

happen. We know that it has been the result of our company utilizing every technological and practical development, together with the aid of progressive customers in their increased use of our service.

It is a record of which every employee can be proud. But we have finally reached the limits of combatting inflationary conditions without asking our customers for some help. This should not be interpreted to mean that we are giving up in our fight against inflation which has been brought about by an unsound economy. It certainly does not mean we shall weaken in our determination to provide economical electric service. The truth is—we have just begun to fight.

**WINIFRED BEAMER, Payroll Department, Pulaski.**



I enjoy most reading the editorials and the opinion poll in THE ILLUMINATOR. These expressed viewpoints of my fellow employees have caused me to stop and think a bit for myself, where otherwise I probably would have been content with the thought that the particular sub-

ject didn't concern me.

The editorials bring to our attention some company, civic or governmental issue of timely character which is certainly worth while. The opinion poll gives me an insight into the thinking of the members of my "company family" and the serious strain and humorous whims there reflected are very refreshing.

I would like to see more news of pertinent and current interest, whether it be of a local or national nature.

**H. W. CERRATO, Engineering Department, Williamson.**



The type of news that I enjoy most and would like to see more of in THE ILLUMINATOR is Happenings Around the Circuit among employees and their families. In my mind this information tends to bring our employees closer together.

Although we do not come in contact with most of the employees personally, I believe everyone of us is interested in each other.

I know that out of the employees of our company that I have had the good fortune to meet in our own and in different districts everyone of them is well trained, courteous, friendly and more than willing to cooperate.

It seems that as the old saying goes "one big happy family" really prevails around the circuit. I say keep informing us of our fellow employees more and more.

**CARL V. SMITH, System Accounting Department, Roanoke.**



Since its inception in October, 1949, THE ILLUMINATOR has been cited on several occasions for outstanding achievement among utility publications.

With this fact in mind, I am extremely hesitant to venture any opinions on the question for this month. However, perhaps the following incident might be indicative of the need for one addition to our paper.

A few years ago, during the system softball tournament in Roanoke, R. E. Hodges, Charleston division manager, met a young ball player in the lobby of the Hotel Roanoke and congratulated him on a well-played game. The boy thanked Mr. Hodges and then asked if he worked for the company.

I would like to see THE ILLUMINATOR introduce, through photographs and a brief personal history, the key personnel throughout the system with whom we correspond and with whom we talk by telephone.

**ROBERTA SISSON, Commercial Department, Charleston.**



I should like to see and read more about Charleston employees, and also human interest stories of employees in our neighboring districts. More pictures of the employees in the various districts and articles on their success with the company would add to the charm of our paper.

Articles on the advantages of different electrical appliances, especially ranges and water heaters, would make good reading. Since THE ILLUMINATOR is read by the families of our employees as well as the employees themselves, I think it would be a good way to get in some silent advertising.

All in all, I think THE ILLUMINATOR is very informative, interesting and appreciated by the employees of the Appalachian Electric Power Company.

**W. S. BURCHETT, Meter Department, Ashland.**



I should like to see more items concerning employees, their families and their jobs in THE ILLUMINATOR.

After twenty-six years of service, I have worked and become friends with many employees. Some of them have been transferred to other districts.

Some have entirely different jobs or have been transferred to other departments. Some, of course, have left the company and some have been promoted to better jobs.

The only contact I have with them is through THE ILLUMINATOR and I read it carefully each month to see if there is anything at all about anyone I used to know and work with here and in Huntington.

**LILLIAN SHANER, Accounting Department, Lynchburg.**



It is difficult to say what type of news I enjoy most in THE ILLUMINATOR, especially when I enjoy it all.

Around the Circuit column is an enjoyable one. We can find out more about our fellow workers, as to what they are doing and where they are.

I would like to see more added to Around the Circuit column, with a little more in detail about the people.

Pictures also add a lot to the paper. We always enjoy looking at pictures of our friends and in my opinion, they lead to reading.

**LEWIS NICHOLL, Accounting Department, Philip Sporn Plant.**



I do not think that there is any one particular type of news that I enjoy most or would like to see more of in THE ILLUMINATOR.

A newspaper of this type, or any newspaper for that matter, must present a "balanced diet" for the consumption of its particular readers, and THE ILLUMINATOR in my opinion fulfills this obligation.



Copper Flows As Baby Grows

Electroplating Baby Shoes Is Unusual Yet Profitable Hobby For Bill Settle



As baby grows, so does Bill Settle's hobby of electroplating that first pair of baby shoes. Bill stands in front of his work area in his Clendenin home. Beside his hand are some shoes before copper coating while to the right are two samples of his handiwork. Although he has had his hobby only a year, Bill believes it is one that he will enjoy for a long time.

Bill Settle's hobby brings in money while he sleeps. Actually, electroplating baby shoes takes a lot more work by the Charleston district troubleman at Clendenin.

Last year Bill noticed an ad in a magazine, inquired about it and purchased some equipment. Starting slowly, he asked some friends if they would supply some baby shoes for him to practice on. Before long he was flooded with baby shoes, making him expand his operations.

Now he almost has a business that operates while he sleeps. Since it takes at least eight hours to complete the job of electroplating, he sets the ma-

chine into operation at night before retiring and takes out the near-finished product the following morning.

However, Bill has to take a few steps before the actual electroplating is started. The shoes are cleaned thoroughly and then sprayed with a copper powder. Next they are immersed in a tank containing a solution of several different chemicals.

The shoes are suspended between two copper plates in the tank. Electrical current flowing from one plate to the other causes a decomposition of the plates due to the chemicals. Thus a solid coat of copper is formed on the shoes, preserving them indefinitely.

Bill then buffs the shoes into shining finished products. He mounts them on brass plates to make book ends as well as on bases or holders of picture frames to make a lasting remembrance of baby's first pair of shoes.

Grapefruit Grows Slowly But Surely For Mrs. Lou Herr

Patience and a "green thumb" enable Mrs. Lou Herr of Kingsport to eat grapefruit from her own tree.

Seven years ago she received a basket of grapefruit from her mother who was visiting in Florida. Liking their flavor, the wife of the chief operator at Holston substation pushed a seed from one of the grapefruit down in an old can filled with dirt.

Since then she has transplanted the tree four times while waiting for the season when she would have a good supply of her favorite breakfast food.

For the past three years the tree has been bearing. The first year the fruit grew to the size of a walnut. Last year they were slightly larger. This year's crop was the size of an orange.

The tree is now ten-feet high and stands in one-half of a 50-gallon drum. Mrs. Herr's patience was justified as she picked 43 grapefruit from her tree this year.



Mrs. Lou Herr, of Kingsport, stands beside the grapefruit tree which she planted seven years ago and which now bears fruit the size of oranges.

A Coincidence

Keeping up with the Smith, Johnson, Brown and Jones families produces facts often stranger than fiction. An example of such an event occurred following the publication of the "Just Counting The Days Till Christmas" photograph which appeared on Page 1 of the December ILLUMINATOR.

Here is a letter to W. S. Jones of Roanoke, father of the youngsters, from C. E. Jones, personnel supervisor at the Glen Lyn Steam Plant.

"In reading my December issue of THE ILLUMINATOR I was surprised very much to see Doug and Billy's picture on the front page. Why? Because it so happens that my family consists of two boys also. You guessed it—Doug, 14 years of age, and Billy, 8.

"That is quite a coincidence but that is not all. I noticed that you live in the 500 block of Walnut Avenue. I live in the 500 block of Walnut Street, Princeton, W. Va.

"Thought you might be interested in knowing there was someone that was 'Keeping Up With The Joneses'."

Hazard District Holds Annual Christmas Party

Employees and guests of the Hazard District of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company observed their annual Christmas parties December 20 and 21 in the company auditorium.

Aside from Christmas entertainment, bingo and other forms of recreation were enjoyed. Fried chicken dinners also were served those attending.

K. B. Crumb's Retirement Elevates Rose, Craig And Finley



Mr. Crumb

K. B. Crumb, treasurer and assistant secretary of the American Gas and Electric Company, retired December 1. Filling vacancies created by his retirement are W. J. Rose, A. E. Craig and H. A. Finley.

Mr. Rose has been elected secretary of the Service Corporation and all of the subsidiary companies. Mr. Craig has been elected treasurer of the A. G. & E. Company, the Service Corporation and all of the subsidiaries. Mr. Finley has been elected assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the A. G. & E. Company, the Service Corporation and all of the subsidiaries.

At retirement, "Kit" Crumb had 43 years of service with the system. He first worked for the Rockford Electric Company in Illinois shortly

after it had been acquired by A. G. & E. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Kit studied engineering and wanted to get into the operating side of the utility business. However, only a clerk's job was open and he settled for that with the promise of an operating post later on. The operating job just never materialized.

From Rockford he moved to the Muncie Electric Company in 1909 as assistant in the chief clerk's office. From Muncie he went to the Licking Light & Power Company in Newark, Ohio.

In 1912 he became traveling auditor for the A. G. & E. and stayed on the road for the next nine years. He was promoted to general auditor, then assistant treasurer of the Service Corporation and finally treasurer and assistant secretary of the American Gas and Electric Company.

Kit plans to continue operating his three-acre "farm" in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, where he does a little gardening. He has a tractor of which he says, "Owning a tractor on a three-acre farm is like a battleship in a bathtub, but I get a kick out of it. Good relaxation, too. Gives a fellow a chance to get off by himself a little and think."

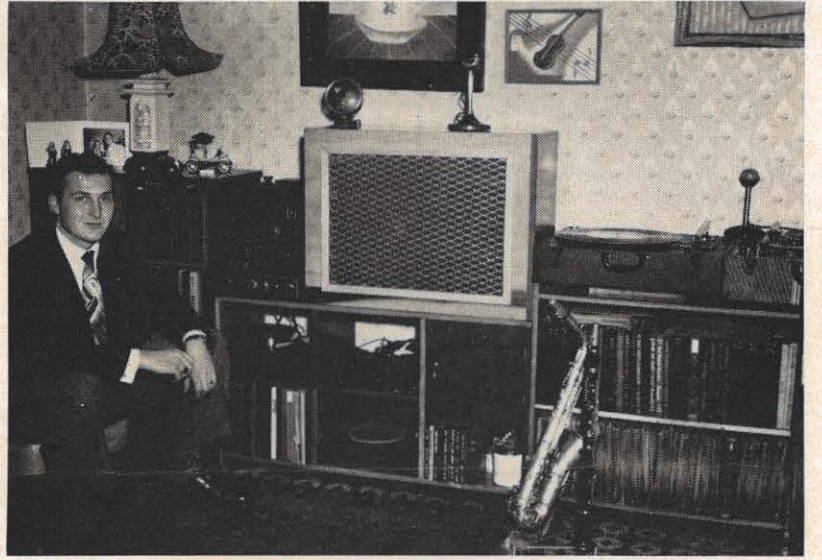
Rose, Craig And Finley

W. J. Rose, who became secretary of the Service Corporation and all affiliates upon Mr. Crumb's retirement, has been secretary of the American Gas and Electric Company since August of 1949.

Mr. Rose has been affiliated with the Harris Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, with George H. Knutson,

Rare Record Collection

Benny Goodman And Dixieland Swing Bring Smiles To Abingdon Hobbyist



Mr. Fleenor listens to a recording in his music room. Several of his paintings and miniature cars can be seen amidst the array of records and recording equipment.

James Fleenor, a member of the Abingdon district meter department, is one hobbyist who rarely has a dull moment. Jim is a musician and plays clarinet and saxophone with a four-piece combo. He enjoys working with all phases of photography; builds miniature model automobiles; does wood working; paints with oils, and owns an unusual phonograph record collection which he has developed over the years.

Collecting records is Jim's favorite pastime. He began this hobby about fifteen years ago. Today, he has over two thousand recordings, many of which are considered collectors' items. The value of these records, alone, would be more than enough to buy a new car. Jim was prompt to point out that he would not consider trading his collection for two cars because some of his material is practically unobtainable.

In making his selections, the title of the song has but little interest for Jim. His chief interests are centered about the lineup of musicians taking part in the recording. Benny Goodman is one of his favorites and he has more than two hundred of the Goodman recordings. They feature both the orchestra and the combo. Among these prize transcriptions are six records Goodman made with his earlier band, the "Rhythm Makers."

Other favorites include the "Dixieland" beats of Eddie Condon and Sharkey Bonano. He also enjoys Muggsy Spanier, Louis Armstrong, Bob Hackett, Jack Teagarden, Barney Bigard, Johnny Hodges, George Auld, Earl Hines, Billy Holliday and Ella Fitzgerald.

Jim also has constructed the equipment that houses his collection. He built four record players and a speaker baffle.

Williamson Has Christmas Parties

Williamson district children and employees had fine times at their Christmas parties.

More than 100 children attended the annual Christmas party which was held on December 22. They saw Christmas movies, had refreshments and later received a gift from Santa Claus.

The employees' party was attended by more than 200 people. Dinner was served in the ballroom of the Mountaineer Hotel. Later dancing and bingo were enjoyed at the Company auditorium.

Sporn Man Is Author Of Article In Magazine

A. L. Smith, Philip Sporn Plant maintenance supervisor, is author of an article which recently appeared in the *Electric Light and Power* magazine.

The original manuscript prepared by Mr. Smith was first published in A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes. The Operating Note's article, familiar to many readers, was entitled, "Removable Hatchway Guard."

Smith's guard was used about open hatches and floor openings and provided a simple means of preventing serious accidents. The device also could be installed and removed in a minimum of time.



Mr. Rose

Mr. Craig

financial engineer, with the Central Public Service Corporation and with Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., of New York. In 1938 he came with the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation.

Alfred E. Craig came with A. G. & E. as office boy. After completing several commercial courses in evening high school, he was transferred to the accounting department. He went on the road as junior auditor in 1919 under Mr. Crumb.

In 1944 he was appointed assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the Service Corporation and in 1945 became assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the associated companies.

Harry A. Finley was employed by A. G. & E. in 1926 at Roanoke as a field accountant. He was transferred to the New York office in 1945 as chief auditor of the general books department and as an aide to Mr. Craig.

He was appointed assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the Service Corporation in November, 1951, and now in addition assumes those duties for the company and its affiliates.



Mr. Smith



## Huntington Division

### Logan District

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Blankenbecker vacationed at Marion. He is employed in the substation department.

Ohley L. Bennett, commercial department, vacationed in Ohio.

Mrs. E. J. Fitzgibbon, accounting department, who was in the hospital with a fractured leg, was allowed a short leave and attended the annual employees' Christmas party on December 15.

Sympathy is extended Dorothy Matthews, maid in the Madison office, on the death of her grandfather.

Mrs. Edith Friend, home economist at Madison, was guest of honor at a recent bridal shower.

Alda Jones, accounting department, has been ill.

In charge of the Christmas decorations in the local office and outside of the building were Edward Wood, commercial department; Helen Lovelace, accounting department; Earl Hill, engineering department, and Margaret Tyler, line department.

E. P. Hager, commercial department, vacationed in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lovelace recently visited her parents in Roanoke. Mrs. Lovelace is employed in the accounting department.

Mary Elizabeth Davis, commercial department, had a leading role in the play, "Darling Dolly," presented December 14 at the Peach Creek Theatre. Paul M. Vannoy, commercial department, appeared as guest soloist on the same program.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Blankenbecker vacationed in Marion. He is line superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Harris recently visited friends in Tennessee and attended the Burley Bowl game.

Samuel A. Lilly and James Con Brady are new employees in the accounting department.

Gilbert Rogers, commercial department, vacationed in Fincastle, Virginia, with his brother and sister.

Virgil Mauck, engineering department, vacationed with his son in Dayton and went hunting in Murray, Ky.

Mrs. Joseph A. Kovich was honored by Mrs. James Bevino, her sister, and Mrs. Frederick Adkins with a shower at the Boy Scout Hall in Slagle. Mr. Kovich is employed in the engineering department.

### Williamson District

Margaret Morris recently visited her parents in Morehead, Kentucky.

Pat Eisel spent the Christmas holidays with her parents in Logan.

L. W. Robinette spent the Christmas holidays with his parents in Wayne.

Pvt. Charles Ray Williamson, accounting department employee on military leave, was home on furlough before going to Camp Kilmer.

Jeanette Murphy attended the Governor's inaugural ball in Frankfort.

Juanita McCoy vacationed in Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

Sympathy is extended C. A. Beatty, assistant district manager, on the death of his father.

### Logan Plant

Sympathy is extended George Frey, maintenance supervisor, and J. W. Frey, shift supervisor, on the death of their brother, Edgar.

John W. Saunders is a new employee at the plant.

Louie Barker, boiler auxiliary equipment operator, has been ill.



S. D. Brinegar, coal handling foreman, vacationed in Charleston with relatives.

J. S. McNeely, mechanical maintenance man, has returned to work after a foot operation.

Forest Hodge, mechanical maintenance mechanic, has returned to work after an illness.

Bartlin Montiegel, results engineer, and family vacationed during the holidays with their parents in Wheeling.

J. A. Patterson, plant manager, recently went hunting in Lincoln County.

Glenn Bias, results department, recently visited his brother who is ill in Detroit. His brother was serving with the Army in Korea when he became ill and was sent back to the States for medical attention.

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## Roanoke Division

### Lynchburg District

Jean Pugh, managerial department, vacationed with her parents in Phenix, Va.

June C. Burch, accounting department, is a new employee.

Lloyd Miller and Harry Candler attended the 4-H Congress in Chicago.

G. R. Neubauer, district manager, went duck hunting at Knotts Island, North Carolina.

Sympathy is extended E. F. Lacy, Jr., meter department, on the death of his sister.

Leroy Ramsey, Reusens hydro, is recuperating after a knee operation.

Charlie Lumsden, accounting department, has resigned.

W. L. Brooks, garage, has returned to work after an illness.

B. C. Cook, stores department, has returned to work after a recent accident.

### Fieldale District

Bruce Hogan, substation department, went hunting during Thanksgiving week with about 25 other hunters who bagged three six-point deer and many ducks.

### System

Vacationers in the system accounting office: S. A. Thomas at his home in Charleston; Frances Whitlock in Richmond and Hopewell; Katherine Kerr in New York City and Reba Turner in Greensboro.

Gordon D. Conner, former employee of the system accounting office whose father is an employee of the real estate and right-of-way department, was recently initiated into the Alabama Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He has previously been chosen as representative to Rho Alpha Tau, freshman honorary fraternity, and Philos, a friendliness society.

Katherine Matthews, system accounting department, vacationed in Richmond.

Sympathy is extended Earl King, system supervising appraisal engineer, on the death of his brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shepherd vacationed in Ashland and Winchester, Kentucky. He is employed in the personnel department.

Mr. and Mrs. James DeHart spent the holidays in West Virginia and North Carolina. She is employed in the safety department.

### Roanoke District

Sympathy is extended O. C. Caldwell on the death of his brother.

Mary Lou Wirt recently visited her brother in Richmond.

Evelyn Gillespie vacationed in Baltimore.

Jane Walker spent the Christmas holidays in West Virginia and Ohio.

About 21 members and their guests of the Dist-For-Fun Club of the distribution department attended a Christmas dinner-dance at the Elk's Club.

J. W. Bryant, substation department, has returned to work after an illness.

## Kingsport

Mrs. Kathryn Kinkaid and Thelma Clarke of the accounting department have been ill.

Mrs. Geraldine Deadmore has resigned to join her husband who is in the armed forces.

Herbert H. Benton, distribution department, has returned to work after his discharge from the Air Corps.

K. W. Bradshaw has returned to work after an extended illness.

## Kentucky

### Pikeville District

Perry Cline has returned from the Army to his position in the meter department.

Mrs. Louise Flanary and Mrs. Anita Elswick, former employees of the accounting department, are mothers.

Garnie Edmonds, substation crew, has returned to work following an illness.

Sympathy is extended Bob Flynn, assistant office manager, on the death of his father.

Ray Caldwell, meter department, has resigned.

Melvin C. Mutter, substation foreman, has resigned.

### Hazard District

Thomas Griffin, local office manager, bird hunted in the western part of the state while on vacation.

Fred Barnett, line department, visited friends and relatives during the holidays.

Corbin Breeding, line department, is recovering after an illness.

Kay Cornett, PBX operator, recently visited her parents in Appalachia, Virginia.

Bethel Cornett and Glenn Logan of the production department have returned to work following operations.

Mrs. Louis Smith Graef has returned to work after a brief illness.

### Ashland District

Sympathy is extended C. D. Weight on the death of his father.

"Buddy" Preston and wife vacationed in Florida where he recuperated after an operation.

Tom Watkins, Jr., commercial department, recently returned from Nela Park in Cleveland.

Dorothy Combs, home economist, visited her home in Hazard over the holidays.

Sympathy is extended E. E. Heyl on the death of his father.

Marilynn McWhorter, personnel department, vacationed with her husband in Cincinnati.

Employees of the main accounting office sent Buford Frazier a Christmas box. He is stationed at Camp Breckenridge and on military leave of absence from the company.

C. R. Sanford, local office manager, has returned to work after an illness.

## Bluefield Division

### Abingdon District

Carl Carrico has returned to work after being hospitalized.

W. L. Vineyard and H. M. Booth are recovering after illnesses.

Mrs. Ann Howard vacationed in Sarasota, Florida, with her husband, Pfc. Sam Howard.

John Browder has been ill at his home in Bristol after returning from Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

James Booth, Tom Crabtree, R. Z. Williams, J. C. Lambert and R. C. Childress went deer hunting during their vacation.

The Abingdon line crew recently held a dinner for their wives and other guests in the auditorium.

Jack Wright, employee on military leave, recently visited the office.

The Abingdon Girls Club gave a luncheon for Patsy Byars who resigned to get married.

### Glen Lyn Plant

Sympathy is extended C. M. Smith on the death of his father.

### Bluefield District

Mary Alice Adkins, distribution records department, vacationed in Florida.

Sympathy is extended I. F. Houston of the Tazewell line crew on the death of his mother.

Arthur Bowling, Princeton line crew, has been ill.

Sympathy is extended Howard S. Meadows, distribution engineer, on the death of his mother.

Alice Coalter, Princeton office, has returned to work after an illness.

Harry D. Smith has returned from military service and is back at work with the Tazewell line crew.

### Welch District

Sympathy is extended the family of Bud Lester, Paynesville, upon the death of their infant daughter.

Mary Ann Edwards, accounting department, has resigned.

## Charleston Division

### Phillip Sporn Plant

Sympathy is extended John Bryan on the death of his daughter.

Marvin Roush, auxiliary equipment operator, has returned from military service. He served as fireman on the cruiser *Wooster* and saw action in Korea after being stationed in the Mediterranean area and Japan.

New employees at the Sporn plant: James E. Simpson, Edgar A. Arnett, Paul Icard and Luther R. Tucker, labor department, and Dorothy Jean Russell, accounting department.

Charles Arnold, junior test engineer, was the principal speaker at the New Haven Rotary Club on November 29. He spoke on the Panama Canal and the Canal Zone where he has lived and attended school.

A picture of the Sporn plant is to be the cover on the 1952 calendar which is being published by the Parent-Teacher Association of New Haven. Proceeds from advertising will be used to purchase playground equipment for the school. William J. Buchanan, maintenance foreman, is president with Mrs. Edwin Stein as secretary and Mrs. Keith Arnold as treasurer of the organization.

Sympathy is extended George Jeffers on the death of his father.

### Point Pleasant District

Raleigh Roush attended the funeral of his uncle in Illinois. Mr. Roush is employed in the commercial department.

Joan Stewart, commercial department, has returned to work after an illness.

Charles Oney and Charley Jewell both bagged a deer on recent hunting trips.

### Charleston District

Charlie Jordan and L. M. McKibbin, distribution department, have been ill.

Bill Osborne, Clendenin meter reader, has resigned.

The accounting department held its annual Christmas party at the Eagles Club where gifts were exchanged.

Lorene Martin and Edith Sperry, of the accounting department, have resigned.

Employees of the commercial department held their annual Christmas party at lunch in the home service section where they exchanged gifts.

Martha Grimes is a new employee in the accounting department.

Robert L. Farrell returned to the distribution department at Montgomery after serving 13 months with the Marines.

Ardith Farrell, accounting department at Montgomery, resigned to join her husband who is in the Navy at Sanford, Florida.

Juanita Crewey is a new employee in the Montgomery accounting department.

Leroy Balding, credit manager at the Montgomery office, vacationed with relatives in Roanoke.

Earl Rutherford, Montgomery office accounting department, is recovering after a recent operation.

### Beckley District

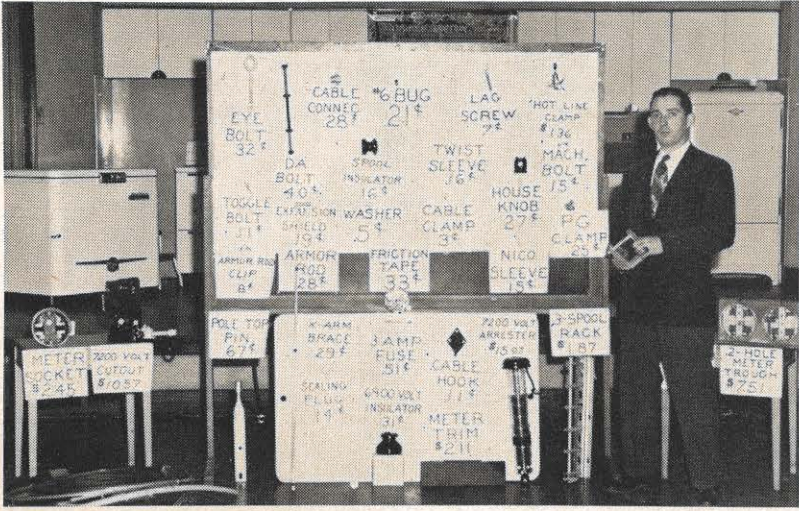
J. R. Lowery, meter department, vacationed at Fort Wayne.

H. E. Seator and family recently visited his relatives at Williamson.

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## Watkins Talks On Material Costs



T. M. Watkins, Jr., Ashland district distribution engineer, presents a talk on material costs to employees of the meter and distribution department. With the cooperation of H. T. Mitchell, stores supervisor, he uses a display board to illustrate his talk. Employees made suggestions how to effect greater economy in handling materials at the end of the talk. They furnished Mr. Watkins material for an article which he is preparing for OPERATING NOTES.

## Jim Hastie Enjoys His Retirement By Visiting England And Touring West

James J. Hastie, a retired system operating department employee of Charleston, is enjoying his leisure by doing those things he often dreamed about.

After retiring April 1, 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Hastie sailed for England on the "Queen Elizabeth" the following June for an extended visit with relatives. While there the Hasties observed their 45th wedding anniversary by visiting the same church in which they were married.

While abroad, they toured various points of interest in England, Scotland, and spent some time in Wales. They returned to this country in November of the same year aboard the "Mauretania."

Last Labor Day, the Hasties started a western tour of the United States and visited with friends and relatives they had not seen in years. Texas, New Mexico, Grand Canyon, Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, California and Mexico were visited by the Hasties during their sixty-five-hundred-mile tour.

While around Los Angeles and Hollywood, Jim spent some time fishing with an old friend L. C. Smith, also a retired AEP employee.

While at home in Charleston, Mr. Hastie spends much of his time working about the house and gardening. He has remained a member of the Charleston district bowling league and maintains a 162-pin average for his season's play on the maple lanes.

Mr. Hastie is always looking to the future. Both he and Mrs. Hastie have already formed plans for another trip to England. They also liked California so well—they plan to sell their home and move to the west coast next year.



Mr. Hastie

## Charleston Employee Receives Recognition In Operating Notes

B. R. "Specs" Currence, Charleston district meterman, received recognition in the November issue of A. G. & E. *Monthly Operating Notes* for his article, "Simple, Effective Way of Reading Damaged Meters."

Mr. Currence's article illustrated how the Charleston district personnel read kilowatt-hour meters after they had been damaged by fire and other causes.

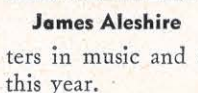
In the past, it was difficult to obtain an accurate reading due to the damaged dial faces.

This problem was overcome by sliding modified dial faces under the hands of the meter and over the damaged faces. This procedure does not disturb the position of the hands and accurate readings are obtained.

## Son Of Roanoker Is Cited For Band Work

James Lee Aleshire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reubin L. Aleshire, Roanoke, was cited for work with the Jefferson Senior High School Band.

The fourteen-year-old trumpet player, a ninth grade student at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, has received two letters in music and will earn his third this year.



James Aleshire

## Hervey Has Article In National Magazine

G. E. Hervey, Charleston, is the author of a recent article appearing in the *Electrical World* magazine. The basic material used by this trade publication initially appeared when it was published under the title, "Preventing Weeds In Station Yards," in A. G. & E. *Monthly Operating Notes*.



G. E. Hervey

When editors of the *Electrical World* scanned *Operating Notes*, Mr. Hervey's article was recognized for its national interest.

Mr. Hervey is supervising engineer for the Charleston district operating department.

# Service Anniversaries



## Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

**Ashland District—25 YEARS:** Virgil L. Brewer, Engineering department. 10 YEARS: George J. Hancock, Distribution and Donald C. Keyser, Main Accounting. 5 YEARS: Walter L. Lemaster, Jr., and Eddie Stewart, Local Accounting; Emil Green, Engineering and Eugene B. Salyer, Distribution.

**Hazard District—25 YEARS:** Joe Jackson, Hazard Plant. 5 YEARS: Roy Napier, Military leave; C. A. Zoellers, commercial department; Carl L. Madden, Meter and Cleo Hatmaker, Accounting.

**Pikeville District—20 YEARS:** F. M. Jennings, stores department. 5 YEARS: Audrey J. Syck, commercial department and John H. Turnley, meter.

## Appalachian Electric Power Company

**Abingdon District—15 YEARS:** Claude K. Kirkland, assistant district manager.

**Beckley District—5 YEARS:** Earl J. Wood and Cecil H. Buckland, transmission and distribution department.

**Charleston District—15 YEARS:** J. J. Winter, distribution department. 10 YEARS: J. W. Eldridge, substation. 5 YEARS: W. J. McGucken, H. M. Bailey, Daniel Acela, and G. R. Young, distribution department; Edith Wright, accounting.

**Glen Lyn Plant—10 YEARS:** A. H. Hare.

**Huntington District—25 YEARS:** Fred Preston, accounting department. 15 YEARS: Nolan Campbell, production. 10 YEARS: J. I. Schultz, billing department and C. E. Morrison, transportation. 5 YEARS: R. A. King, commercial department on military leave.

**Logan Plant—10 YEARS:** S. M. Hainor, maintenance department. 5 YEARS: D. C. Brown, chemist.

**Lynchburg District—25 YEARS:** B. L. Burnley, distribution department. 15 YEARS: C. E. Stahl, distribution. 10 YEARS: B. H. Monroe, Jr., meter. 5 YEARS: R. E. Wells and S. L. Drumheller, distribution; C. H. Morris, accounting department and H. W. Francis, distribution department on military leave.

**Pulaski District—25 YEARS:** G. C. Beasley, hydro operator. 15 YEARS: G. K. Sands, distribution record clerk. 10 YEARS: M. K. Thomas, substation operator. 5 YEARS: Virginia L. Gillenwater, accounting department.

**Roanoke District—10 YEARS:** O. S. May, distribution department; A. L. Hall, Jr., and J. G. Hunt, Jr., local accounting. 5 YEARS: Fay H. Livngood, local accounting.

**System Offices—25 YEARS:** E. L. Wirt, system transportation. 15 YEARS: A. W. Cook, system commercial and F. B. Woods, system accounting. 10 YEARS: R. G. Burgess, system operation. 5 YEARS: S. Virginia Carter, system accounting.

**Welch District—25 YEARS:** Robert F. Jackson, serviceman. 10 YEARS: Kermit Widener, distribution. 5 YEARS: Clyde Dangerfield, service department.

# Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

## Appalachian Electric Power Company

**Abingdon District—H. S. Fogleman** from distribution records department to stores department.

**Beckley District—Paul P. Hancock** from troubleman "A" to district troubleman, Mt. Hope, West Virginia.

**Fieldale District—Betty J. Baker** from junior clerk to clerk-typist, Luke E. Fisher from meter helper to meterman "C".

**Logan District—Emil Gore** from accounting department to commercial department.

**Philip Sporn Plant—Darrell C. Hoffman** from Aux. equipment operator to results helper, Richard S. Barton from laborer to coal handler in yard, Floyd H. Capehard from filter plant operator to laboratory tester, Raymond L. Cole from laborer to helper in maintenance department, Dwight R. Wallace from laborer to helper in maintenance department, Harlan H. Wehrung from laborer to helper in maintenance department, John C. Gilbert from junior clerk, stores department to stores attendant, John W. Taylor from laborer to helper in maintenance department, William H. King from laborer to helper in maintenance department, Elroy E. Kaylor from laborer to helper in maintenance department, Dorsal A. Fisher from junior clerk, accounting department, to helper in maintenance department, Paul E. Stewart from laborer to helper in maintenance department, Roy M. Reuter from laborer to helper in maintenance department, George W. Durst from laborer to helper in maintenance department and George A. Burns from laborer to helper in maintenance department.

## Kingsport Utilities

**Kingsport—H. E. Elkins** from system substation operator B to system substation operator A and W. M. Childers from system substation operator B to system substation operator A.

## Bennett Is Promoted To New York Office From Cabin Creek

James A. Bennett, who has been employed at the Cabin Creek Plant for the past fifteen months as a mechanical engineer, recently was promoted to an assignment in the New York engineering office of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation. Later, Mr. Bennett will assume an engineering position at the Kanawha River Plant.



Mr. Bennett

In New York, Mr. Bennett will work in connection with the planning of the new Kanawha Plant. It was estimated he would spend about six months in the New York offices studying equipment and layout of the new generating facilities.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett will make their temporary home with Mr. Bennett's parents at West Hempstead, N. Y.

## Bluefield Man Has Article In A. G. & E. Operating Notes

J. W. Compton, Bluefield district superintendent, gained A. G. & E. system-wide recognition when his article, "Protecting Electric-Blasting Caps," appeared in the November issue of *Monthly Operating Notes*.

Using a war-surplus machinegun ammunition box, Compton designed a container for the safe transportation of electric-blasting caps. The container is lined with cork and the lids are detachable. The box is strong and almost waterproof. It is painted fire-engine red and stenciled.

This simple container was placed into service for about two dollars and fifty cents.



Mr. Compton

## Use Dirt Catcher



Little dirt and less inconvenience is the story of these two workmen drilling holes in the ceiling of the Charleston office building. They use a device suggested by C. B. Talley, district manager, to cut down on dirt while installing fluorescent fixtures in the accounting department during working hours. Applying the principle used in wood-work shops of vacuuming dirt out as it is created, a tank-type vacuum cleaner was placed on the scaffold with the workmen. A small round rubber brush attachment was connected to the vacuum hose. The attachment was pierced to allow for the insertion of the drill used in putting holes in the plaster. With this arrangement, holes were drilled and loose plaster and dust conducted to the vacuum cleaner tank with minimum inconvenience to those working in the room.



### 39 Years Service Comes To Close For John Byrom



Mr. Byrom

An employee of the engineering department in the Huntington district, John Byrom, has ended 39 years of service with Appalachian and its predecessor companies in Huntington. John was retired December 1.

John has some plans to do a lot of hunting and fishing during his retirement from duties which began in 1912.

He first became associated with the utility business in 1912 with the Camden Interstate Railway Company, later the Consolidated Light, Heat and Power Company. His first job with the power company was as a meter helper. Since his earliest job, John has been a lineman, a troubleman and at the time of his retirement was an inspector.

### R. A. Shelton Gives First Aid To Victim

R. A. Shelton, Rocky Mount meter reader, gave first aid to a wreck victim on December 3. He was rounding a curve on U. S. 220 south of Boones Mill when he saw the accident involving a Florida car and a highway road scraper.

The car was occupied by a man, his wife and two children. Only the woman was injured.

Shelton helped remove her from the car, treated her head wounds and used ammonia to help her remain conscious. He then covered her with blankets and made her comfortable until an ambulance arrived.

### Son Of Ashland Man Elected To Honor Group

Paul R. Garnett, son of W. B. Garnett of Ashland, recently was initiated into the Briaerean Honor Society at Georgia Tech.

Election to membership in the Briaerean Society is one of the highest honors a cooperative student may receive at this institution. Selections are made by upperclassmen and are based upon scholastic achievement, leadership, personality, and character.

Mr. Garnett is the general office manager for the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company at Ashland.

### Huntington . . .

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#### Huntington District

Al Merrifield and Andy Gilkerson vacationed for several days at AP's camp on the south branch of the Potomac River in Pendleton County.

Paul C. Kelsey and family recently visited relatives in Scranton.

Fred C. Leap, employee on military leave from the transmission and distribution department, recently wrote that he is busy with his duties in the Navy at Bainbridge and hopes to be assigned to the Seabees.

Captain D. E. Worrell, recalled to duty with the Air Corps, and family are living in San Antonio where he is receiving training as a B-29 pilot.

New employees in the Huntington district: Lucille Arbaugh, Betty Chitwood, George Waldeck and Betty G. Adkins, accounting department; Chas. C. Plumley, commercial department, and Geraldine W. Garretson, transmission and distribution department.

Randall Hogsett, Jr., transferred from the Huntington system billing office to the local accounting office.

A. R. Guthrie, system billing office, and family vacationed in Pocahontas County where he went hunting.

Employees of the system billing office held a party on November 30 in the Club Room of the Fesenmeier Brewing Company. Refreshments were enjoyed by about 40 employees and their guests following a tour of the brewery.

A Christmas tree was decorated by employees of the system billing office for their party on December 21 when gifts were exchanged.

### Bates Appointed Membership On Town's Council

Luke W. Bates, assistant Bluefield division manager, has been appointed a member of the Bluefield, Va., town council. The appointment was made during a council meeting December 23.

Mr. Bates will serve the unexpired term of a Bluefield, Va., physician, who, due to moving about two months ago, submitted his resignation. The new member of the council will serve about half of the four-year term with that body on the current appointment.

Bates is a veteran employee with more than 34 years of service with the company. He began his career in the electrical utility field with the old Appalachian Power Company at Bluefield as a helper in the meter department in 1917. Later, he was promoted to automatic substation inspector and then to relay engineer. In 1934, he was transferred to the commercial department as a power sales engineer and in 1943 became district manager.

### G. C. McCall Dies In Pulaski After Extended Illness



Mr. McCall

Grover C. McCall, 67, a retired employee of the Pulaski district, died December 5 after an extended illness. "Mr. Mac", as he was known to his many friends, was one of the pioneers in the electric utility business in the Bluefield division.

He was first employed by the old Appalachian Power Company in Bluefield as general line foreman in 1911. That was about the time that the Byllesby and Buck hydro plants were under construction.

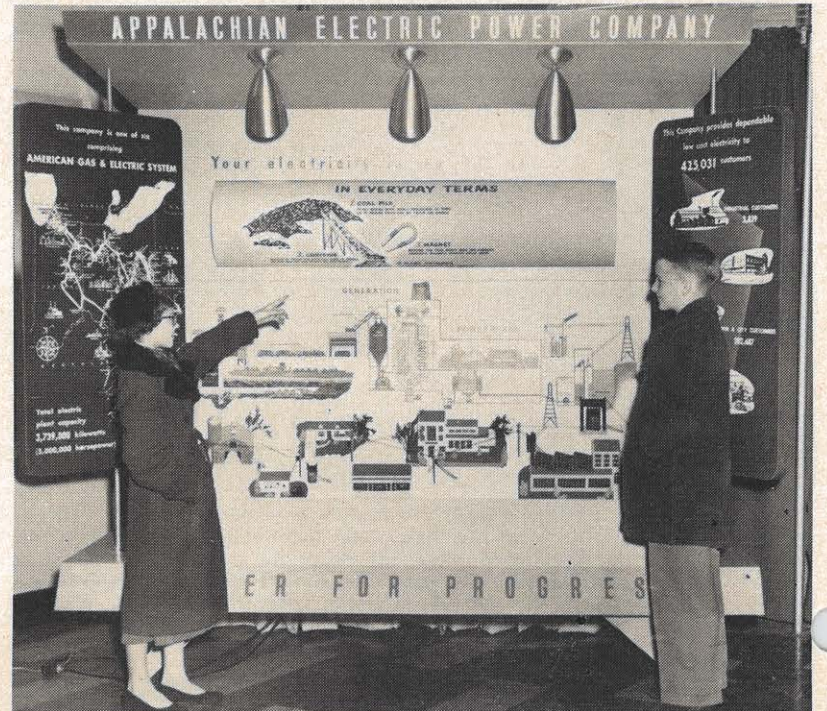
"Mr. Mac" supervised the construction of the first line linking Bluefield to these hydro plants and from then on was actively in charge of many of the early transmission line construction jobs of the company.

O. C. Keeney, a retired Bluefield employee, recalls that "Mr. Mac" spent much of his time repairing the line from Bluefield to Byllesby. "After the line was put in service," Mr. Keeney said, "There were very few weeks that they didn't have trouble on that particular line and Mac was called at any time day or night. There was no transportation except by horseback and this made trouble-shooting extremely difficult. If he couldn't get a horse, he would walk nearly all the way to Byllesby before he got relief."

In January, 1928, "Mr. Mac" was transferred to the Pulaski district and served as general foreman until the time of his retirement in 1949.

Mr. McCall is survived by his widow, two sons, and five daughters.

### Appalachian's Junior Set View Display



Excited expressions of children of Appalachian employees indicate they are equally as interested in the colorful "Power For Progress" display as their parents. While visiting the Roanoke office's display room, Miss Jo Anne Mitchell, left, points out an interesting explanation in the production of electric power to Larry Laughon. Jo Anne is the fourteen-year-old daughter of T. R. Mitchell of the system accounting department. Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Laughon. Both Mr. and Mrs. Laughon are Roanoke district employees. The display has been exhibited in Lynchburg and Roanoke and will be shipped to Welch after the first of the year as it makes its tour of the company.

### Roanoke GI Gets Ideal Christmas Present In Korea

In the mud and snow of Korea, being relieved of a bitterly contested combat post is about the most welcome Christmas gift any GI could hope to receive. Such an event happened to one of our former employees, Pfc. B. H. McKeever, Jr., a front line machinegunner. He recently was relieved at his post and sent to the rear of the combat area for a well-earned rest.

For the twenty-one-year-old McKeever, former system civil engineering department employee and son of B. H. McKeever of Roanoke, Army life was never what you would call dull. From March until October he underwent a rigid training period. After those days, events began to move fast. He sailed from the west coast early in October and arrived in Japan the first of November.

Six days later, McKeever's unit was assigned to the 5th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division and landed in Korea. The same day, McKeever received his baptism in combat as he was assigned to a machinegun position. The machinegun crew of which Private McKeever was a member spent seven consecutive weeks in the thick of the fighting on the central front without relief. They fought around the clock until replacements made it possible for the crew to withdraw for a well-deserved rest.

According to B. H. McKeever, Roanoke district meter superintendent and father of Private McKeever, a recent letter indicated that his son was in excellent physical condition.

### Hazard Volta Club Has Christmas Candy Party

The Volta Club of the Hazard district held their Christmas candy party on the evening of December 18.

Attending were: Nell Buttram, Emma Anderson, Kay Cornett, Elizabeth Grigsby, Leyburn Cody, Cleo Hatmaker, Sue Cary, Doshia Sizemore, Mrs. K. C. Brashear, Jr., and Mrs. E. A. Smith.

Also Mrs. Louis Smith Graef, Mrs. Helen Robertson, LaRedith Pratt, Mary Franks, Coleen Branson, Nannie Jo Rowell, Rita Barket and Mary Jo Gregory.

### Lynchburg Man Retires After 17 Years Service



Mr. Thornhill

More than seventeen years of service have come to an end for Levi M. Thornhill. Levi retired from the stores department in Lynchburg on January 1.

He first started work with the company in the line department where he was employed for eight years. He was transferred to the stores department about nine years ago.

Levi says "I'm retiring from Appalachian, but I'm going to go right on working." He has several trades, including plastering, painting, cement work and carpentry and plans to do some work in one or all of those trades.

Levi is married and has two children. He served in the United States Army from 1907 to 1931. He was in Mexico in 1916 with the Punitive Expedition Force under General Pershing and also served in the Philippines from 1907 through 1910. His son is now in the Air Force, stationed somewhere in Germany as a jet plane pilot with the 326th Fighter-Bomber Group.

### Logan Engineers Elect Paul Vannoy President

Paul M. Vannoy, Logan commercial department, is the new president of the Logan Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers.

Joseph A. Kovich, engineering department, was elected secretary-treasurer at the meeting of the chapter on November 27.

### Six Veterans Of Long Service Get Pins



Shown above are six veteran employees who received their service pins during December for 20 or more years of service. Top row left to right: Virgil L. Brewer, Ashland, 25 years; F. M. Jennings, 20 years, Pikeville; Robert F. Jackson, 25 years, Welch. Second row: G. C. Beasley, 25 Years, Pulaski; Joe Jackson, 25 years, Hazard Plant and Fred Preston, 25 years, Huntington.



# Ashland District — Eastern Kentucky's Shining Beacon

## Iron Industry Paved Way For Progress

Ashland district shines as an industrial beacon for eastern Kentucky, lighting the way for that section's progress. Iron, steel, oil, chemical, railroad, brick, coal and clay are principal industries in this area served by the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company.

Fire brick producers like Harbison Walker Refractories, General Refractories and North American Refractories are renowned for their high quality brick. Clay mines dot the district and much lumber is produced, including thousands of barrel staves and railroad ties.

The chemical industry is represented by Grasselli Chemical, Allied Chemical-Solvay Division, Carbide and Carbon Chemical and King Powder Company, one of the few remaining black powder producers in the country. The A. C. Lawrence Leather Company is the largest producer of sole leather in the nation.

Armco Steel, the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, Ashland Oil and Refining Company, many wholesale and retail outlets, all add to the wealth of the district.

### Explore Land

But this intense activity and industrialization today is a far cry from the wilderness it represented to the Poage family who were to make the first permanent settlement at what was to become Ashland. In 1786 Col. George Poage and some male members of his family left their home near Staunton, Virginia. They set out to explore the 5,000 acres they had secured in Kentucky and to make plans for possession of the land.

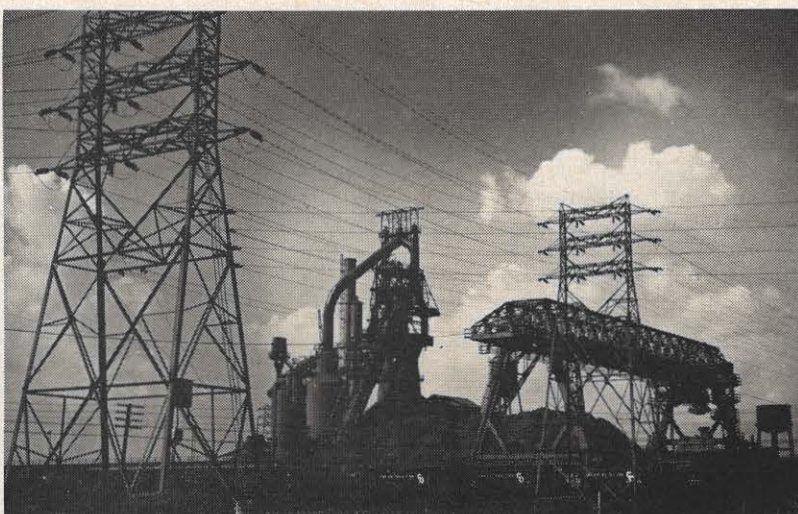
So it was in 1790 that the Poage family moved to Kentucky and started living at what became Poage Settlement. Other families moved into the section but the settlement remained a farming community for many years.

However, the iron industry was to provide the key that unlocked the chest of the area's natural wealth. The first furnace for smelting iron ore was built in 1818 in Greenup County and soon smoke from charcoal pits was filling the air. Coal and clay mining, brick making and the railroad followed after iron paved the way.

### Railroad Organized

By 1850 the iron industry was foremost in the region. The following year the legislature passed an act incorporating the Lexington and Big Sandy Railroad which was to run from Lexington to Catlettsburg, missing Poage Settlement.

Local people were determined that Poage Settlement be put on the line of the railroad in order that their town would have a future. They sold their land cheap so that the railroad



Steel, transportation and power work together for greater Ashland, where coal meets iron. The giant rolling mill of Armco Steel Corporation forms a backdrop in the above photo for two organizations serving it, the C. & O. Railroad and the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company. It was here in 1923 that the first continuous rolling mill was developed. Armco Steel now employs about 3,000 people in their Ashland division.



Looking west on Winchester Avenue in modern Ashland shows the foresight of M. T. Hilton, an engineer who was hired almost 100 years ago to lay out the town. His planning for broad streets and wide avenues paid off as about 34,000 people now live in Ashland, largest city in eastern Kentucky.

could get right of way to come by way of the settlement and thence to Catlettsburg.

### Name Chosen

When it was learned the railroad was coming, local men decided it was time for their settlement to become a town. Ashland, the name of Henry Clay's home in Lexington, was suggested at a meeting in 1854 by an admirer of Clay. The name was approved and it was voted that Poage Settlement be called Ashland.

A land company was formed and an engineer, M. T. Hilton, was secured to lay out the town. Long, wide avenues crossed at right angles with commodious streets testify to his ability and to the ambitious plans the city fathers had for their little settlement.

A land auction was held on June 14, 1854, when people came from many sections of the state to invest in the future of the new town. A brick plant, a hotel, a newspaper, a bank, several churches, many homes and business places appeared in a few years.

### Historical Highlights

1857 was an eventful year for Ashland. It was the year that Ashland was incorporated as a town. It also marked the joining of the tracks of the two railroad divisions at Mt. Sterling, thus enabling trains to come to Ashland. The railroad led to further growth and Ashland was incorporated as a city in 1876.

Chief industries during the latter part of the nineteenth century were the Norton Iron Works, the Ashland Steel Company, the Ashland Firebrick Company, the Rod Mill and the Poage Milling Company. The first issue of the present Ashland *Daily Independent* was published December 17, 1900.

Biggest development since the turn of the century was the coming of the American Rolling Mills Company to Ashland in 1921. When the plant was completed in 1923, a building boom followed and population jumped from 15,000 to over 26,000 in a few years.

Lines of the railroad had been extended to many towns in the district and these and other properties were acquired by the Chesapeake & Ohio which is now the only railroad in the area. One of the largest single railroad yards in the world is operated by the C&O at Russell and an extensive car shop is located at Race-land. Ashland is the junction point of two main divisions of the C&O which brings coal from both the Kentucky and West Virginia fields.

Paralleling this progress and, at the same time, a part of it for the past 65 years has been the development of the electric utility industry. By tracing the growth of these early companies, the evolution of the Ashland district of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company shows how closely the electric industry is tied to the area's progress.

### Early Company

Just four years after the completion of the first electric plant in the nation, a group of local business men formed the Ashland Electric Light and Power Company in 1886. The first plant at 15th and Front Streets furnished power for 50 arc lights.

First residential customers were served in 1893 when carbon filament incandescent lamps were introduced.

Senator Camden of Parkersburg, West Virginia, became interested in the company in 1899 and was responsible for its continued development. Two a. c. generators with a total capacity of 175 kw were installed at this time to provide 50-volt night service to 150 customers.

The plant was rebuilt in 1901 and capacity raised to 1,125 kw with 24-hour service. 1904 saw further expansion with the construction of the Kenova plant serving Ashland and Huntington.

### First Big Customer

In 1911 the Ashland Electric Light and Power Company was purchased by the American Railways Company of Philadelphia and the name changed to the Boyd County Electric Company. The first large industrial customer, England Walton Leather Company which is now the A. C. Lawrence Leather Company, started receiving service for a 500 hp motor in 1912.

The next year the company purchased the Carpenter Electric Light and Power Company of Catlettsburg which had been incorporated in 1891 by D. H. Carpenter and Harlan Wellman. In 1916 a line was built to serve Russell.

Facilities at Greenup were purchased in 1924 and a 33-kv line was built from Ashland which served Greenup, Raceland and Worthington. By 1926 the company was serving 7,500 customers in eight communities as contrasted to 200 customers in one community in 1911.

### Consolidation And Expansion

The Boyd County Electric Company became a part of the American Gas and Electric Company in 1926 and was consolidated with the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company which had been purchased by A. G. & E. in 1922.

In 1926-27 Fullerton and South Portsmouth were purchased from the Portsmouth Public Service Company. The plant of the Grayson Light Company was acquired along with facilities at some brick plants, clay mines and small communities. These were added to the company's new 33-kv line extending 55 miles out of Ashland toward Lexington.

Distribution facilities at Louisa were purchased from the Federal Public Service Company in 1939. Since then the growth of the company has been largely through extension of service to rural areas and additional and expanding industrial customers.



W. B. Garnett  
Office Manager  
31 Years Service

D. V. Lockwood  
District Supt.  
36 Years Service



H. S. Scott  
Asst. Genl. Mgr.  
30 Years Service

R. L. Gordon  
Adminis. Asst.  
30 Years Service

Indicative of that growth is that 10 years ago there were about 15,000 customers in the Ashland district while today there are over 26,000. Power customers in the same period more than doubled. Over 1,500 miles of transmission and distribution lines serve the district.

In addition to the industries and businesses in the district, there are many institutions serving the public. To mention only a few, there are Ashland Junior College, Kentucky Christian College at Grayson and the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

### River Has Dual Role

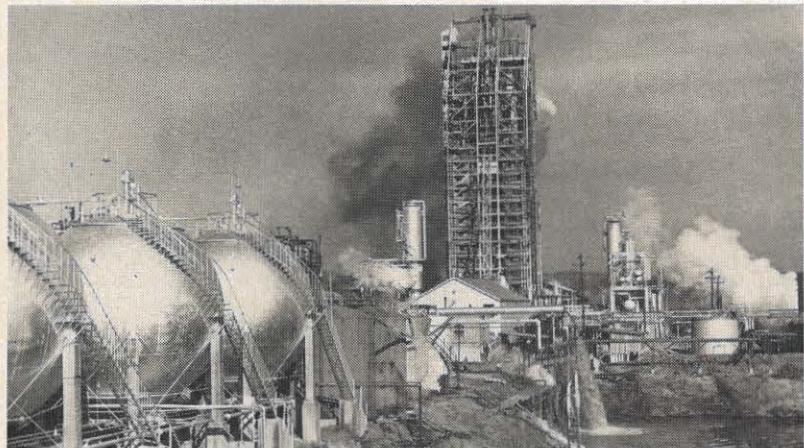
Although many towns in the district are indebted to the Ohio River for their initial settlement and for much of their prosperity, the river has at times proved as much a curse as a boon. Catlettsburg, located on low ground, is especially hard hit when the river rises from its banks. The 1937 flood with a crest of over 71 feet caused more than \$1,500,000 damage there and left 4,000 temporarily homeless. To prevent such damage, a flood wall is being built at Ashland.

But such times of disaster have seen speedy recovery because folks in the Ashland district are busy people, intent upon progress and determined that even Nature shall not interfere.



Felicia Billips  
Utility Clerk  
28 Years Service

J. T. Weidenheller  
Meterman A  
28 Years Service



That oil refining is a major industry in the district is evident from the picture of the Ashland Oil and Refining Company plant near Catlettsburg. Twenty-seven years has seen the company grow from a small local refinery with 25 employees to a healthy young giant with 2,000 employees operating in 15 states and doing an annual business of \$200,000,000.

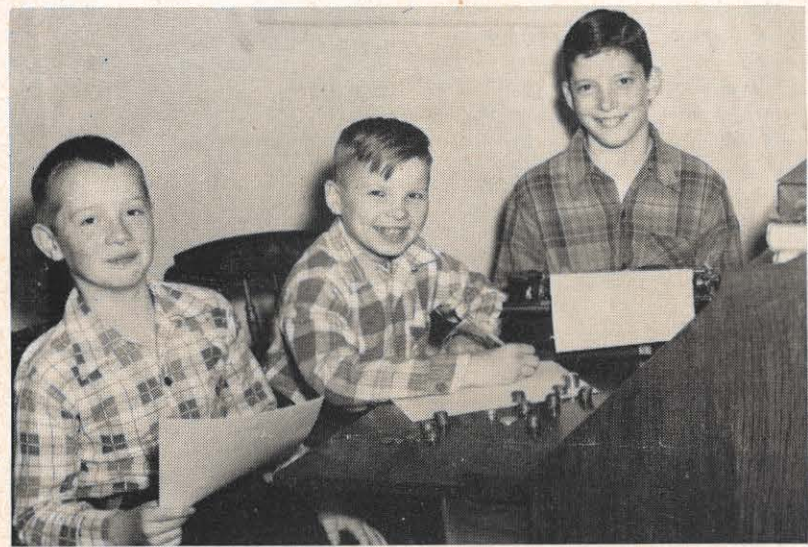


The Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company office in Ashland serves as headquarters for the company and the district. R. E. Doyle, Jr., general manager, and H. S. Scott, assistant general manager, direct the activities of the company's employees. The 177 Ashland district employees serve over 26,000 customers in parts of the counties of Boyd, Greenup, Carter, Lawrence, Rowan, Elliott and Lewis. Behind the office towers the Second National Bank.



Sticks And Stones May . . .

## Boys Stopped From Sending Note To Truant Officer Now Publish Newspaper



Preparing for another issue of *The College Street Journal*, the staff shows pleasure at those profits stacked on the desk. Their mimeographed paper is published weekly in Lynchburg and sells for three cents. From left to right: Neal Thompson, 11-year-old son of Dr. M. W. Thompson; Terrell May, 11-year-old nephew of David Booth of the Reusens plant, and John Candler, 10-year-old son of Harry Candler of the commercial department.

Credit must be given Harry Candler for starting one of the most unusual newspapers in the nation, *The College Street Journal*. The paper is published weekly in Lynchburg by three sixth graders, Terrell May, Neal Thompson and John Candler, Harry's son.

News of local residents, a few tall tales and advertisements form the body of the mimeographed paper which sells for three cents and features the boys' original language and spelling.

The idea for the paper originated one night when Harry, Lynchburg district commercial department, came upon the boys getting ready to throw a typewritten note on the porch of the local truant officer. He stopped them, put them in his car and drove around the block.

He told them it was foolish to write silly notes when they could be doing something worth while. Then Harry suggested they start a neighborhood newspaper which would enable them to use a typewriter all they wanted.

When the first issue of the paper came out, circulation was 33 papers. Circulation jumped to 120 by the third week. That many copies are still being published despite increased demands.

An editor of a Lynchburg newspaper recently mentioned that *The College Street Journal* was the only paper he knew of that had to limit circulation. A few subscribers live as far away as Georgia and New York.

Paid ads are 10 cents. The boys always collect in advance. They recently had their picture in the Lynchburg paper with Mrs. Candler who serves as secretary and treasurer of the newspaper which grew out of a typewritten note to the truant officer.

## Charleston . . .

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### Cabin Creek Plant

J. D. Poore, watchman, has returned to work after serving with the Marine Corps.

Sympathy is extended W. M. Robinson and family upon the death of his mother-in-law.

Robert Edelman has returned to work after serving with the Marine Corps.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Patterson on the death of their son, Robert David.

Mary Jo, daughter of Joe Hill, was home for the Christmas holidays from Marshall College.

## Ray Cole Fixes Christmas Toys During Vacation



Ray Cole fixes a tricycle front wheel in his home work shop during his vacation when he repaired broken toys for the Salvation Army. He turned out many parts for the toys on his lathe and welded other broken toys which went to poor children at Christmas.

Ray H. Cole helped make Christmas a much happier time for poor children in the Charleston area. He took a week of his vacation to repair discarded and broken toys for the Salvation Army.

The Charleston district garage supervisor repaired toys in his home machine shop where he also has complete welding equipment. The Salvation Army has always had difficulty in getting toys repaired which required welding and skilled machine shop work.

When Ray heard they needed help, he volunteered because he felt he owed it to the community to put his talents to use. During his vacation he repaired scooters, bicycles, tractors and other toys, many of which required making new parts on his lathe.

Some of the toys received were almost beyond recognition and all had broken parts. However, those toys left Ray's shop like new and gladdened the hearts of little children on Christmas morning.

## Hansbarger Heads Men's Association

J. C. Hansbarger, manager of the Logan district, has been elected president of the Logan Business and Professional Men's Association.

The association is composed of business and professional leaders in the Logan area. Mr. Hansbarger succeeds E. H. Howerton as president.

## General Safety Meeting Is Held At Williamson; Service Pins Presented

Dr. A. Henderson, a Williamson physician, was the principal speaker at the district's general safety meeting recently held in the company auditorium. Dr. Henderson spoke on the subject, "Your Heart and Its Care."

Dr. Henderson's discussion was followed by the showing of a film entitled, "Guard Your Heart." C. A. Beatty, assistant district manager, spoke briefly on "The Importance of Thorough Records of Accidents and Accident Analysis." E. E. King spoke on operational problems.

Following the safety discussion, T. M. Watkins, district manager, presented service pins to several company employees. C. A. Beatty was presented a twenty-year pin while five-year awards were made to Harold Akers, W. H. King, R. T. Williams, John B. Harris, Jr., Wayne Herald, Ernest Bevins, Thelma Jude, Henry Kiser, Jr., and L. W. Justice.

## ABC's Of Economics As They Affect You

1. Nothing in our material world can come from nowhere or go nowhere; everything in our economic life has a source and a destination.

2. Government is never a source of goods. Everything produced is produced by the people, and everything that government gives the people it must first take from the people.

3. In our modern exchange economy, all payroll and employment comes from customers, and the only worth-while job security is customer security; if there are no customers, there can be no payroll and no jobs.

4. Customer security can be achieved by the worker only when the "boss" is allowed by the worker to do the things that win and hold customers. Job security, therefore, is a partnership problem.

5. Money, when administered without the spending restrictions placed on government by the gold standard, is no measure of the worker's true welfare.

6. Because wages are the principal cost of everything, wage increases, (without corresponding increases in production) simply increase the cost of the goods and do not improve the welfare of the worker.

7. The greatest good for the greatest number means, in its material sense, the greatest goods for the greatest number, which in turn, means the greatest productivity per worker.

8. All productivity is based on three factors: (1) natural resources, whose form, place and condition are changed by the expenditure of (2) human energy (both muscular and mental), with the aid of (3) tools.

9. Tools are the only one of these three factors that man can increase, and tools come into being in a free society only when there is a reward for the temporary self-denial that people must practice in order to channel part of their earnings away from purchases that produce immediate comfort and pleasure, into new tools of production.

10. The productivity of the tools—that is the efficiency of the human energy applied in connection with their use—is highest in a competitive society in which the economic decisions are made by millions of progress-seeking individuals, rather than in a state-planned society in which those decisions are made by a handful of all-powerful people, regardless of how well-meaning, unselfish, sincere and intelligent those people may be.

From a pamphlet, *The Ten Pillars of Wisdom*, Distributed by The American Economic Foundation.

## Gain Recognition At Same Meeting



Three scouts in the same family. Left to right, this father-and-son team are: Joe Ford, Mr. Ford, and Jack Ford. Joe is a second-class scout while his brother is first class and on his way to Star. Mr. Ford is a troop advisor.

A father and two sons, Kermit Ford, Joe and Jack, recently were honored for outstanding work in the scout movement at the same Court of Honor in New Haven, West Virginia. The young Fords were advanced for their work in scoutcraft while the father was commended by members of the court for his unselfish contributions to area youth.

The Fords have been extremely active in scouting and are members of the New Haven Boy Scout Troop. Mr. Ford is an advisor and has been cited for his work with boys on several occasions. His work, together

with the efforts of other volunteer leaders, has been a major factor in the growth and advancement of the New Haven Troop.

Mr. Ford is employed with Appalachian as a substation operator at Graham Station, West Virginia.

## Loveday Has Article In 'Operating Notes'

G. V. Loveday, hydro-utility operator at the Marmet plant of the Kanawha Valley Power Company, recently had an article in A. G. and E. Monthly "Operating Notes."

Loveday's article was based upon experiments he has been conducting for the past two years on how to combat deterioration of sheet piling in weepage holes around hydro plants.

By welding a piece of wrought iron pipe long enough to carry the weepage away from the piling, and by filling the piece of pipe with stainless steel shavings, the deterioration of the piling has been overcome.

## Jo Ann Rhodes Wins Bicycle In Contest



Jo Ann Rhodes, daughter of Earl Rhodes, a former Cabin Creek Plant employee who died recently, is shown with the bicycle she won in a contest. She entered a prize-winning testimonial telling why she liked a certain cereal in a contest. Jo Ann is 12 years old and in the seventh grade at Chelyan Junior High School.

## E. C. Jordan Retires After Completing 27 Years Service



Mr. Jordan

E. C. Jordan, a member of the system substation department, retired December 31 after having completed more than 27 years of service with the company.

Mr. Jordan was first employed in the Sprigg district of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company as a lineman in August, 1924. He was promoted to line superintendent in 1934 and worked in that capacity until he was promoted to district superintendent in 1936. In April of 1942, he was transferred to the system substation department as a transformer engineer. On this assignment, which he held until the time of his retirement, Ed traveled over the system supervising changes, installations and alterations to large substation transformers.

Mr. Jordan purchased a farm near Dexter, Meigs County, Ohio, and expects to spend his retirement farming. When asked about his immediate plans, Mr. Jordan replied, "I'll do just a little farming—and visit with my old friends."



# Feminine Fancies

## Color Making News In Spring Fashions

The biggest spring fashion news-maker is color and the leading ones are rosy red, blue, black and white, pale beige and pale grey worn together and two shades of pink worn together.

Coats are full, many with a collarless neckline, wide, deeply cuffed sleeves and big buttons. The short fitted coats will be popular also. They go so well with gored or pleated skirts.

Skirts to suits are full and flared. Some suits have crisp white linen cuffs and collar appearing over wool ones.

The latest fabric news for spring appears in the slubbed fabrics. A slub is a thick, uneven place in a yarn. We have seen it in shantung and pongee. This season the slub makes its debut against a whole series of new backgrounds. You will see it in cottons and rayons, as well as woolsens.

Shoes of glowing polished letter will appear with touches of white; for example white kidskin piping on black patent pumps, and heavy white stitching on sunny brown calf.

The summer of 1952 is already taking on meaning in resort clothes. Sun dresses, cotton skirts and jackets are appearing in a multitude of stripes—stripes in all directions, diagonal, down and around. There will be a wave of one-piece bathing suits. Gold and white are a gleaming team in summer clothes for beach wear, daytime and evening wear. This color combination is appearing in dresses, shoes, scarves, hats, playsuits, belts and handbags.

## 325 Attend Logan's Christmas Party

Over 325 Logan district employees and their guests attended the district's annual Christmas dinner on December 15.

Entertainment at the party included a variety talent show and group singing.

Following the dinner, dancing was enjoyed in the auditorium and bingo was played.

## 87-Year-Old Woman, Blind For 15 Years, Can Now See Again

Mrs. Betty Richards can see again after being blind for the past 15 years.

The 87-year-old grandmother of Barbara Stanley of the Roanoke system accounting office regained her sight on December 6 while sitting in her daughter's backyard.

"It seemed like a black cloud rolled across my face, then I could see again," Mrs. Richards explained. She had been told that she would never see clearly again due to a blood clot on the part of her brain that controlled her optic nerves.

During her blindness she recognized her family and friends only by their voices. Now she can again see her five children and 20 grandchildren. One of her greatest pleasures is seeing her 12 great-grandchildren for the first time.



Mrs. Richards

## Dinner Meeting Held For Correspondents

A dinner meeting was held for Huntington district ILLUMINATOR reporters on December 10 in the home service department.

Attending were: Pat Williamson and Hal Burns, commercial department; Gertrude Thresher and Joe Schultz, billing department; Charlie Hoschar, meter department, and Sally Marrow, right-of-way department.

Also Virginia Marrow and Georgia Marcum, transmission and distribution department; June Davis, accounting department; G. W. Holland, substation section; Genny Taylor, personnel department, and Ted McCurdy, district correspondent.

The dinner was prepared and served by Martha Bailey, Jean Ewbank and Mrs. Rose Kellerman, district home economists.

## Ten Couples Exchange Marriage Vows In Recent Weddings



Here are some of the December brides and bridal couples. Top row, left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Friend, Logan; Mrs. Melvin A. Clark, Huntington; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ott, Logan Plant. Second row: Mrs. Richard S. Whitlow, Roanoke; Mrs. Charles S. Noell, Roanoke; Mrs. William E. Martin, Glen Lyn Plant and Mrs. Lawrence Akers, Roanoke.

### Dudley-Whitlow

Miss Kathleen Dudley became the bride of Richard S. Whitlow on December 4 in Rocky Mount, Virginia. Mrs. Whitlow was formerly employed in the system transportation department in Roanoke.

### Smith-Martin

Miss Leona Mae Smith and William E. Martin exchanged wedding vows on November 24 in Narrows, Virginia. Mrs. Martin is employed in the Glen Lyn office.

### Abercrombie-Noell

Miss Margaret Ellen Abercrombie became the bride of Charles S. Noell in Roanoke on December 1. Mrs. Noell is employed in the system real estate and right-of-way department.

### Porterfield-Ott

Miss Ellen Lois Porterfield became the bride of Eugene Page Ott in Bland, Virginia, on November 21. Mr. Ott is employed at the Logan Plant.

### Hundley-Akers

Miss Norma Lee Hundley became the bride of Lawrence Akers, December 7 in Roanoke. Mrs. Akers is employed in the system accounting department in Roanoke.

### Meadows-Drenan

In a ceremony performed December 7, Miss Deloris Meadows became the bride of James Drenan in Huntington. Mr. Drenan is employed in Huntington.

### Hundley-Veasey

Miss Rosie Ellen Hundley and Sherman L. Veasey were united in marriage on November 21. Mr. Veasey is employed at the Cabin Creek Plant.

### Plyler-Clark

Miss Sallye Jim Plyler and Melvin A. Clark were united in marriage in the Johnson Memorial Church in Huntington on December 1. Mrs. Clark is employed in Huntington.

## Williamson's Girls Club Holds Christmas Dinner

Members of the Williamson district's K-Appa-K Girls Club held their annual Christmas party early in December.

In addition to their regular dinner meeting, gifts were exchanged and the secret Katies for the past year were revealed. Club members attending the Christmas dinner were: Frances Keadle, Virginia Stafford, Maxine Saleeba, Mabel Kiser, Patsy Gentile, Anna Lee Harris, Lorraine Core, Dorothy Olson, Catherine Turner, Florence Murphy, Betty Roach, Ada Lois Fitch, Pat Eisel, Jeanette Murphy, Margaret Morris, Alberta DeWese, Doris Dotson, Betty Blackburn, Thelma Jude, Mary Lou Justice, Anna Blackburn, Louise Shultz and Nancy Baldwin.

### Carter-Buchanan

Miss Christine Marie Carter and William C. Buchanan were united in marriage on December 8 in Bedford, Virginia. Mr. Buchanan is an agricultural engineer in Pulaski district at Marion, Virginia.

### Overton-Friend

Miss Edith Overton became the bride of Warren Friend on November 21 at the Methodist Church in Madison, West Virginia. Mrs. Friend is employed as a home economist in the Logan district.

## Bluefield Service Club Entertains Mrs. Begley

Mrs. Jack Begley, the former Miss Elsa Carter, recently was entertained by members of the Bluefield district Girls' Service Club in the company auditorium.

On behalf of members of the club, Miss Mildred Bishop presented Mrs. Begley with an automatic electric coffee maker. Corsages also were presented the honoree and her mother, Mrs. A. S. Carter.

Social committee members and club officers honoring Mrs. Begley were: Mrs. Lois K. Runion, president; Mrs. Nell R. Bibb, Miss Dorothy Boyd, Miss Nancy Williamson, Miss Ernestine Johnson, Mrs. Callie Jones, Mrs. Hermeia Lucas, Mrs. Lena Moseley, Miss Annie Neal Howard, Miss Zelda Alderson and Miss Eunice Farmer.

## New Arrivals . . .

MR. AND MRS. DON BEVINS are the parents of a son born November 30. Mr. Bevins is employed in Pikeville.

MR. AND MRS. ENOCH BLEDSOE are the parents of a son, Ronnie Darrell, born November 20. Mr. Bledsoe is employed in Kingsport.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID RATLIFF became the parents of a son on December 15. Mr. Ratliff is employed in Pikeville.

MR. AND MRS. ARLIE V. PACK are the parents of a daughter, Romaine, born December 1. Mr. Pack is employed at the Logan Plant.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM DOOLITTLE are the parents of a daughter, Reida Lee, born December 13. Mr. Doolittle is employed at the Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. CECIL BOYD are the parents of a son, Larry, born November 30. Mr. Boyd is employed in Logan.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT JOHNSTON are the parents of a daughter, Vickie Lynn, born December 4. Mr. Johnston is employed at the Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. ERLE MCKINNEY are the parents of a son, Buford Oliver, born December 21. Mr. McKinney is employed in Welch.

MR. AND MRS. J. H. TURNBULL are the parents of a son, Barry Stevens, born December 17. Mrs. Turnbull formerly was employed in the system accounting department in Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. H. C. HALL, JR., are the parents of a son, Barry, born December 5. Mr. Hall is a Lynchburg employee on military leave.

MR. AND MRS. T. R. MITCHELL are the parents of a son, Michael Dale, born November 30. Mr. Mitchell is employed in the system accounting department in Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. O. C. HALL are the parents of a daughter, Catherine Ann, born December 19. Mr. Hall is employed in the Beckley district.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES F. GULLION are the parents of a son, James Kenneth, born November 23. Mr. Gullion is employed in the system accounting department and Mrs. Gullion formerly worked in the real estate and right-of-way department.

MR. AND MRS. F. O. BROWN are the parents of a son, Douglas Barrett, born December 2. Mr. Brown is employed in Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. J. L. BOSTIC are the parents of a daughter, Lynn Kathryn, born December 1. Mr. Bostic is employed at Montgomery.

## Bluefield Club Installs 1952 Officers



Newly installed officers of the Girls' Service Club, Bluefield, map their plans for the coming year. The installation was made in the auditorium at the Bluefield office following the club's Christmas luncheon. Installations were made by Mrs. Lois Rounion, retiring president. Club officers, shown above, left to right, are: Mary Kersey, president; Mildred Bishop, secretary; Nancy Williamson, vice president, and Kathryn Milam, treasurer.

## Beckley Groups Enjoy 1951 Christmas Parties

Employees of the Beckley district and their guests enjoyed their annual Christmas party at the Beckley Elks Club December 21.

Entertainment for the adult group was provided by students of the Emma Beard School of Dancing and was followed by the serving of a turkey dinner and dancing. Door prizes also were awarded a number of those attending the 1951 affair.

This year's Kiddie Party was held in the parish hall of the Heber Street Methodist Church. An entertaining program made a hit with Appalachian's younger set.

## They're Engaged

MISS MARY LOU HASKINS to Paul Trimety. Miss Haskins is a home economist at Galax, Va.



Who Can Defy The Law?

Dollar Steamship Line Case Poses Very Serious Question

By GEORGE S. BENSON  
Harding College President

The owners of the Dollar Steamship Line have discovered that borrowing money from the U. S. government is often helpful but sometimes can be dangerous, too. Getting in debt to the government has cost them one of the most basic of human rights—the right to their own property.

As collateral on a loan from the government they put up the stock and physical assets of their company. Now the principal and interests on their loan has been paid, but the government bureau refuses to return their stock and their steamships.

Upon being informed of what a Federal government bureau has done to the Dollar Line owners, almost any American would exclaim: "Oh no! They can't get away with that in our country!" But the sobering fact is—they have.

The "Dollar Line Case" should be clearly understood by every American. At issue, according to some of the nation's best legal minds, is the question of whether a bureau of the Federal government shall be beyond the reach of constitutional law when it seeks to override basic rights of the citizens.

Criminal Contempt

The U. S. Secretary of Commerce and his bureau, the Maritime Commission, have been ordered by the U. S. Court of Appeals in Washington, second highest in the land, to return the Dollar Line stock and property to the owners.

Secretary Sawyer and the Commission have not obeyed the order—issued last January. So unrelenting has been their defiance of the high court order that, in a unanimous decision, the same court has assessed civil contempt judgments against Commerce Secretary Sawyer and eight other U. S. officials.

But through one of the most amazing series of legalistic blockades on record, they have escaped jail, have refused to sign over the stock as ordered, and they are in possession of the \$68,000,000 steamship line.

It is not my intention to pass judgment on the conflicting claims of the Dollar Line owners and the Maritime Commission bureau. This nation's second highest court has done that, finding the claims of the line's owners to be true and correct—even the U. S. Supreme Court has twice refused to intervene in carrying out of this judgment.

The Background

Here are the bare facts: In 1938 the Dollar Line owed the Maritime Commission \$7,500,000, borrowed to build some of its big fleet of passenger lines. The company accused the Commission of withholding normal mail subsidies due it and otherwise attempting to bankrupt the line and gain control through receivership.

In order to forestall the bankruptcy they felt was being pressed upon them, the owners were obliged to put up 91 per cent of the line's stock as collateral and agree to the Maritime bureau taking over control and operation of the company.

This was in August, 1938. A short time later the nation's defense effort began and then war broke out in the Pacific. The steamship line, a tremendous asset to our nation at war, operated profitably and within five years the \$7,500,000 indebtedness had been paid in full.

The Dollar family asked for the return of their stock and property. The Maritime bureau refused. It

said it would keep the company and stock.

The Dollar family took recourse of the law and went to court six years ago. The final determination was the Court of Appeals' unanimous decision last January ordering the Maritime bureau to return the stock and property to the Dollar family, and the U. S. Supreme Court's refusal, twice, to halt this judgment.

The Question

One of the most stunning aspects of the case was an order from President Truman, without precedent, actually directing Secretary Sawyer to defy the court's judgment.

When Mr. Sawyer obeyed this directive and defied the court, he was in civil contempt and the court said: "Considered upon the plane of high policy and principle, we have the spectacle of a government, which proclaims its adherence to law as a governing force among men, not only refusing for six years to submit to its own courts . . . but endeavoring by every device to thwart and defeat the judgment of those courts after it has been rendered . . ."

In the American freedom system, the laws and the courts which administer them are the citizen's one great

protection of his rights. If they can be defied and thwarted by a powerful individual, or government bureau, or in any manner, freedom cannot exist.

Powerful, well-entrenched government bureaucracy is a constant danger. Will we control it, or will it control us? That is the grave question of this day.

Thirteen Begin First Aid At Kingsport

Thirteen Kingsport Utilities employees are taking part in a new American Red Cross first aid training course. Classes were begun in late November.

Luke Kesterson, a member of the commercial department, is serving as class instructor. He is active in various forms of scouting, first aid training programs and has held his instructor's rating for the past two years. This group is his third class with Utilities personnel.

Employees taking the training program are: Woodrow Smith, C. H. Hurd, George Smith, J. W. Overbey, Blanche Thompson, W. C. Kerley, Fain Leamon, J. G. Rayfield, Dewey Bowman, Earl Wells, Coy Arnold, S. H. Chandler and Wilson Trumbo.

New Stack Being Built At Cabin Creek



This photograph shows the erection of a new steel stack, center, which will soon handle the flue gas from boiler units eight and nine at the Cabin Creek Plant. This new construction will replace the two existing low-level discharge stacks and carry off gases at high velocity about one hundred and fifty feet above the Boiler Room roof. This alteration is an initial step in a program designed to improve the collection of fly ash. The new stack will be placed into operation sometime in February according to current schedules.

Christmas Parties Attended By Many Employees In All Districts



During the past month Christmas parties were held throughout the Southern Properties. Santa Claus paid early visits to employees' youngsters and for the older folks there was entertainment, food and fun at the parties. Here are some of the parties as the photographers saw them. Photo 1. The Roanoke party was a time of fun for all the Roanoke folks. In this photograph some of the dancers can be seen. 2. Lynchburg colored employees were treated to a fine dinner and entertainment. 3. At Pikeville a miniature circus, clowns, a variety dancer and several other professional entertainers preceded the dancing shown in the photo above. 4. Charleston employees and their guests dined and danced at their annual Christmas party held at the Eagles Club. Also in the Charleston district the Whitesville and Montgomery office employees held their Christmas parties and exchanged gifts. 5. Children of Huntington employees not only had a visit from Santa early but also had lots of fun eating ice cream and cake. 6. The Fieldale folks held their annual Christmas party at the Club Martinique in Martinsville. Entertainment included a 45-minute show featuring the Sealtest Variety show. 7. In the Welch district, these children of employees got presents from Santa Claus. This was only one of several Christmas parties held in the Welch area. Others were held for both employees and their

children at Welch, Pocahontas, Switchback, and Grundy. 8. The women of the System Accounting office in Roanoke held their annual Christmas luncheon in the auditorium on December 18 and exchanged gifts. 9. Charleston district children gather round Santa Claus to receive their gifts. 10. This is a group photo of the system billing office made at their annual Christmas party held at the Roanoke Y. W. C. A. 11. This is part of the crowd of 140 employees who attended the Glen Lyn Plant party. Three employees, E. C. Weatherly, E. E. Thompson and A. W. Dunford sang several numbers. 12. The Cabin Creek plant employees had a good time at their Christmas party, which included a dance and refreshments. The children of the employees saw some clown acts, some magical acts and movies at their party. 13. The Ashland district Christmas party had its setting in a Wells Fargo Saloon in 1896. Here is a scene from one of the acts, produced by employees. Members of the cast included Lila Lee Simpson, Beverly Hinze and Lorayne Watson as the Dolly Trio; Tom Cogan as "Tex Shorthorn"; Bill Holbrook, Jerry Osborne, John Moran and Bob Welch, Barbershop Quartet; Isabelle Carroll as Lillian Bustle, Gerry Chinn, as a cowgirl and Bob Hornbuckle. Music for the program was provided by Walter Keeton of the distribution department and his Tennessee Melody Boys, Bobby Cornette and Ray Laney, assisted by June and Harry Taylor.



### Abingdon Cagers Play In Bristol League



Members of the recently organized Abingdon district girls' basketball team are swishing the cords for two-pointers in the Bristol "Y" Industrial League. The Abingdon cagers play two games each week with various teams representing area industries. Members of the Abingdon team are, left to right: Shirley Grubb, Virginia Lester, Ann Howard, Patsy Byars, Ruth Dolinger and Audrey Haga.

### Deer Hunters Claim A Number Of Kills And Unusual Experiences In The Field

During the past month, deer hunting stories have come from here and there but there are few that will top the one from Cabin Creek.

E. C. "Skeeter" Tincher, a retired employee, accompanied C. E. Farley, L. R. Coulter, R. E. Snodgrass, Ed Jarett and Harry Ballard on this year's hunt. Skeeter, however, went along just for the trip and to do the chores about the camp. When the boys were ready to bring home the venison—you guessed it—Skeeter brought back a 9-point, 157-pound buck.

Fellow hunters explained it this way. (Quote) The buck apparently understood that Skeeter was disabled and came down to camp to give himself up. The big fellow—besides coming into camp—jumped about 20 feet in the air and hung himself in a position to be dressed when Skeeter shot him. (Unquote)

Some say there is no reason to doubt such an occurrence, but if you do—one of the party will be glad to explain.

From Williamson, Ernest Bailey, Ford Muncy, John Lusk, Everette Carrico and Jack Akers recently returned from a hunting trip in Pocahontas County, West Virginia. This party claimed three deer.

A number of the Welch district employees indicated they enjoyed the most successful deer hunting season. Kills were made in Tucker County by Walter Thomas, 5-point buck; Bill Smith, 7-point buck; Jenkins Scott, 150-pound doe, and S. D. Martin, a 125-pound doe.

John H. Quillen, Abingdon, bagged a five-pointer at Tellico Plains, Tennessee. Quillen's buck weighed out 90 pounds.

Carter C. Self, a member of the Clintwood line crew in the Abingdon district, killed a seven-point buck while hunting in Wise County, Va.

From Charleston, E. O. Davis, Marshall Fain, M. T. Miller, Charles Kelley, and S. C. Morris claimed deer for their stalking of the woods.

C. L. Mollohan of the Nitro Office did not waste time searching for deer. He claimed his kill before eight o'clock the first morning of hunting season.

From the Montgomery office, Eugene McGraw was one of the fortunate hunters to bag his deer. Bill Winebrenner and Jim Sutton, however, had complications. Both men shot the same deer. Here we go again. Both men were hunting together and fired at the same deer at the same instant. You can imagine the conversation that developed when they discovered there was one hole in one of the deer's sides. After a more thorough examination, they rolled the deer over and discovered two additional holes the bullets had made. It

was finally agreed both hunters hit the deer at the same spot and their bullets crossed from their shooting positions. Both hunters are happier now because they know they either shot or stopped that deer.

At the Philip Sporn Plant, Charles Grimm and Paul Fitzgerald, members of the maintenance department, were successful hunters this season. Both brought home a deer from their recent hunt.

### Tom Kats Leading Race In Cabin Creek Plant's 1951-52 Bowling League

The pin-smashing Tom Kats are leading the pack in the Cabin Creek Plant Bowling League. The Kats have won 26 of their scheduled games while losing but 16.

The Boiler Room keglers hold the second place in this fast intra-plant race with a 21 and 21 record.

For individual honors, Jim Britt holds both the high single game and the three-game series titles for the season's bowling. Jim rolled a 203 pin game for the single honors and 549 for the series. Gil Farthing, R. W. Gwinn, and A. G. Mehlman shared the high single game honors for scheduled bowling during the month of December.

### Charleston Group Plans Hunting Club

Thirty-seven Charleston office employees recently held their first preliminary meeting for the formation of a local hunting and fishing club. Organizational committees were named.

The aim of the club is to obtain facilities which will make it possible for members to enjoy hunting and fishing privileges difficult to obtain as an individual. Committeemen are investigating the possibilities of leasing property and other interests.

Members of the committees were: Rich Donegan, Bob Isner, A. T. Blizzard, L. C. Shaffer, C. L. Mollohan, George Unangst, and Opie Allen. L. A. Goeller served as chairman.

### Meter Reader Doubts Dog's I.Q.

A meter reader stood looking doubtfully at the snarling, barking dog. The lady of the house advised: "Don't be afraid of him. You know the old proverb 'A barking dog never bites'."

"Yeah," said the meter reader. "You know the old proverb, I know the old proverb, but does this damn dog know the old proverb?"



### Beckley District Boys Play With College Quint

Three Beckley district employees are members of the 1951 Beckley College basketball team. The AEP cagers are O. J. Smith, office messenger; Robert Brinkley, material clerk, and Bob Manning, junior clerk.

Smitty fills a guard slot for the Beckley College quint while Brinkley plays the center position. Manning is a forward.

Although the team's record has been marred, Coach Bob Kent says that all three of the boys will give a good account of themselves during the remainder of the 1951-52 season.

### Burdette And Brown Play In Bowl Band At Football Classic

Mark Burdette and Melvin W. Brown were members of the D. O.-K. K. band appearing at the Pythian Bowl in Salisbury, N. C., early in December. The D. O. K. K. band played between halves and following the football bowl game between the California State Teachers College of Pennsylvania and Lenoir-Rhyne College of Hickory, N. C., the North State conference champions.

Mr. Brown is a member of the local accounting department in Fieldale while Mr. Burdette is employed in the system accounting department in Roanoke. Mark is director of the band.

### Modern Robin Hood



Over the system there are many hunters but there are few sportsmen like Morris Langford. Morris stalks the woods armed with only a bow and arrows. In the six years Mr. Langford has been hunting in this manner, he has killed a large number of rabbits and squirrels. He also uses the bow for deer but unfortunately, he has not had the opportunity to be within range to bring down his first deer. The bow, shown above as Mr. Langford takes aim, is a special hunting bow used by archers. Mr. Langford is a Lynchburg district lineman and is a member of the Lynbuck Hunt Club.

### Sportsmen Have Successful Seasons Hunting Deer



Deer season is like a plague to many of our company sportsmen. Their hunting seasons would never be complete if they were unable to stalk the woods for "that" buck. Here are some of the more fortunate hunters from around the system. Photograph number one, shows members of the Lynbuck Hunt Club, of Lynchburg, as they take time out for a snapshot. This active organization has acquired exclusive hunting rights on two tracts of land covering about 3,100 acres. This gives the members excellent hunting opportunities for deer, turkey, and other game. Appalachian personnel, who are members of this club, are: Boyd Burnley, second from left; H. L. Morris, back against door; H. M. T. Garrison, fourth from right; Morris Langford, holding bow; C. W. Singleton, second from right, and B. C. Cook, extreme left. Others are not Appalachian employees. Number two, Ralph Sowers, a member of the Gate City, Virginia line crew, stand with his four-point buck. Ralph made his kill near Mabe in Scott County and the deer weighed 85 pounds when dressed. Number three, C. M. "Tip" Fletcher, Bluefield district general foreman, brought down his 75-pound doe with his Remington .35.

Number four, Edward J. Wood, a member of the Logan district commercial department, claimed his kill while hunting with a party in Tucker County, West Virginia. Number five, Bill Bias, also a Logan district commercial department employee, proudly displays the deer he killed while hunting in Tucker County. Number six, Howard Meadows, an employee of the Bluefield district, bagged his 90-pounder with his .300 Savage. Number seven, Walter Price, second from left, and his son, Bill, third from left, receive congratulations from B. W. Clay, left, and C. W. Lovell, assistant Charleston division manager, upon their return from a successful hunt. Ricky, grandson of Walter, is seated in the car. The Price party made their kills while hunting in Tucker County on the opening day of the season. Walter bagged a six-point buck while Bill accounted for the doe. Number eight, Charles Elam, Huntington district line foreman, brought down a six-pointer while hunting in Pocahontas County, West Virginia. Mr. Elam drove about five hundred miles and was back home with his prize in less than thirty hours. Mr. Elam has been a district employee for the past thirty years.



## Six More Leave For Military Duty

Mr. Moore

Mr. Shinn



Mr. Tipton

Mr. Wright

Six employees from companies of the Southern Properties reported for military duty last month. Two were from Huntington and one each from Ashland, Kingsport, Abingdon and Point Pleasant.

Bernard L. Moore, range service man in the Huntington district, is now serving in the Army. He has been employed in the commercial department since December 1, 1947.

Another Huntington district employee, Keith Rowe of the transmission and distribution department, entered the Air Corps and is stationed at Lackland Air Base at San Antonio. He has been with the company five years.

Jerry Osborne, Ashland office messenger, enlisted in the Air Corps and reported for duty December 28. He was employed in June of 1948.

Robert L. Tipton, meter reader with Kingsport Utilities, enlisted in the Air Corps on December 20. He was employed on April 5, 1945.

In the Abingdon district, Louis E. Wright was recalled to duty with the Navy on December 3. The engineering clerk was employed February 7, 1949.

James Keith Shinn, record clerk in the Point Pleasant district, entered the Army on December 14. He was employed May 1, 1949.

## Sporn Children Have Christmas Party

A children's Christmas party for Philip Sporn Plant employees' youngsters was held at the Haven Theatre in New Haven on December 22.

About 100 children enjoyed a picture show and later received gifts from Santa Claus.

## Widener Honored



Hugh H. Widener, left, smiles as he is presented a complete set of fishing equipment from his fellow employees in the Welch district in recognition of his retirement. Mr. Widener, who retired December 1, was guest of honor at a dinner in the Community Room, Mayberry, W. Va. The dinner was attended by personnel of the substation maintenance department. C. R. Settle, Welch district superintendent, made the presentation to Mr. Widener.

## Jane Rutherford Is Star For A Night With Barter Group

Jane Rutherford thought it was all a joke when someone phoned to ask if she would play the leading role in a Barter Theatre play. Thinking it was some friends kidding about her past experience in acting, she accepted.

Imagine her surprise after accepting to find out that the caller was Woodrow Raomoss, director of the Barter Theatre Group.

The leading lady in the Group had suddenly become ill and the director was looking for someone to take her part when the play was presented that night at the West Virginia Institute of Technology. He had been told by Dean Paul Renton of West Virginia Tech that Jane could handle the part on short notice because of her experience.

Jane turned in a fine performance that night, despite the fact that she had only a few hours to study the part. Much of the credit for the acting success of the Montgomery office clerk is traced to her past experience on the stage.

She was active in school plays in Montgomery High and was chosen the best actress in West Virginia in 1950 in a contest which featured thespians from schools in all parts of the state.

After graduating from high school, Jane attended West Virginia Tech and held roles in two plays that were presented by the college. Her performances in those two plays were the reason Dean Renton recommended her to the director in his hurried search for a leading lady.



Miss Rutherford

## 'Miss Safety' Appeals To Drivers For Caution During Holidays And Throughout New Year

When Betty Jane Steinert became "Miss Safety" at a recent safety meeting of the Huntington district transmission and distribution department, attention increased one hundred fold.

Seriously, Miss Steinert explained that her "Miss Safety" sign proved that she would do anything for a laugh. "But," she pointed out, "safety is no laughing matter." So she changed the sign to read: "Do Not Miss Safety."

Highlights of her talk included the following statements: "While reading safety pamphlets I found that Enthusiasm is the fourth E in the Three E's of Safety. The others are Engineering, Education and Enforcement. That came from *Facts and Figures*.

"And I have one for *Facts and Figures*—the Three D's. That means Double Duty Driving, for yourself and the other fellow.

"The holiday season is with us. We are happy but grim statistics prove that these are our most tragic periods for fatalities.

"Use common sense and caution because the other fellow may not. Help your fellowman not only during this time of warmth and sharing but throughout the coming years."



Betty Jane Steinert poses with the signs she used to introduce her talk on driving at a Huntington district safety meeting.

## Second Circuit Is Completed Joining Saltville-Holston

Two major line construction projects have been completed during the past month. The second circuit on the Saltville-Holston line was put in service November 14 and the Boone Dam-Holston interconnection was placed into operation December 1.

The Saltville-Holston line is a new circuit on the 132,000-volt transmission line extending from Switchback, W. Va., via Saltville, Va., to the Holston Station in Kingsport. This line increases capacities available to sections of southwest Virginia and parts of Tennessee.

The second project, the Holston Station-Boone Dam 132,000-volt interconnection, links our lines with the Tennessee Valley Authority. TVA's Boone Dam Substation was recently completed near the dam site.

## Cabin Creek Club Shares Worker's Family Crisis

Members of the Cabin Creek Plant's Power Makers' Club held a benefit dinner early in December to assist a fellow employee whose wife is suffering from leukemia.

The club, following the dinner, was able to turn over \$182 to A. V. Johnson to help defray some of the expenses arising from the family crisis.

The Johnsons, parents of six children, make their home in East Bank. Mr. Johnson is employed as a janitor.

## Sporn Plant Sets National Record For Efficiency

Philip Sporn Plant had the best fuel conversion efficiency of any steam power plant in the United States during 1950. In addition, the plant's total production expense per kilowatt-hour was the lowest of any power plant which uses coal as a fuel. That's the record from data in the Federal Power Commission report which covers performances of 277 steam power plants during 1950.

Sporn was one of two steam power plants in the nation to produce power with less than 10,000 BTU's per net kilowatt-hour generated. The plant established a national record of 9,378 BTU's during 1950. The fuel efficiency is equal to 13 1/2 ounces of coal per kilowatt-hour. The Schiller Plant of the Public Service Company of New Hampshire, burning oil, produced power with 9,672 BTU's per kilowatt-hour.

Sporn Plant's total production expense per kilowatt-hour, exclusive of fixed charges on investment, was exceeded only by some natural-gas-fired power plants in Alabama, Mississippi and the southwestern states.

Now operating with three 150,000 kilowatt units, a fourth Sporn unit is expected in service during February of this year.

With the four units the plant can theoretically produce more than 5 1/4 billion kilowatt-hours net a year if operated full load continuously. The plant will be operated close to 85 per cent capacity factor, based on capability, during the coming year because of its high economy.

In spite of the fact that coal and labor costs have gone up since 1950, there are indications that the Sporn Plant will maintain or improve its ranking among the 277 plants covered by the FPC report. During 11 months of 1951, it achieved a fuel efficiency of 9,338 BTU's per net kilowatt-hour generated.

## Aubrey Bradshaw Elected President Of Youth Club

Aubrey Bradshaw, Fieldale district meter department, has been elected president of the Spencer Youth Club.

The club was organized in May of last year by 15 young people in the Spencer community for recreation and education. Membership has grown to about 30.

At the November 25 meeting the club became affiliated with the Virginia Federation of Young Men and Women's Clubs.

## Boy And Pony Win Show Ribbons



Ronnie and "Teddy" posed for an admirer when this snapshot was made.

Ronnie L. Brown, eight-year-old son of W. H. Brown, Cleveland, Virginia, won two ribbons at the Russell County Horse Show held recently at Lebanon.

Ronnie and his pony, "Teddy," walked away with the first place blue ribbon in the pony classification and won third in the show's open class.

Mr. Brown is a lineman working out of the Cleveland office of the Abingdon district.

## Bluefield Girl Wins State Oratory Meet To Enter U. S. Contest

Miss Joyce Rounion, fifteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. Lois K. Rounion, Bluefield, was named state winner of the "I Speak For Democracy" oratory contest. The finals for the state-wide meet were held in Martinsburg.

By winning the West Virginia contest, Miss Rounion will represent the Mountain State in national competition when it is conducted at Washington, D. C., in February.

For winning the state contest, Miss Rounion is to be awarded a television set by the West Virginia Broadcasters' Association.

Joyce is a sophomore at Beaver High School and Mrs. Rounion is employed in the Bluefield division commercial department.

## Veteran Employee Honored At Dinner



Early B. Johnson, a member of the system operating department at Danville, Virginia, recently was honored at a dinner held at the Shenandoah Club in Roanoke. Mr. Johnson, who retired November 1, completed one of the longest continuous periods of employment in the history of the Southern Properties. He served more than 49 years with the companies and their predecessors. Among those present were, left to right, seated: A. B. Litteral, C. E. Patteson, Mr. Johnson, M. C. Funk, vice president and general manager. Standing, left to right: H. P. Crickenberger, Benjamin Fink, G. G. Brammer, E. F. Johnson, J. G. Willhide, Virginia Mottice, S. T. Hancock, H. E. McCormack, J. A. Ebeling, G. L. Furr, assistant general manager, J. W. Kepner, Mrs. E. W. Woody, E. B. Johnson Jr., J. F. Horne, Edith McFadden, J. J. Armstrong and Edsel Johnson. Mr. McCormack served as the master of ceremonies and Mr. Funk paid tribute to the veteran employee in a talk.

## Miller And Candler Praised For Helping 4-H National Winner

When Russell Henderson of Nelson County won a college scholarship for his farm and home electric project at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, his success reflected credit upon Lloyd Miller and Harry Candler. These Lynchburg district commercial department employees received high compliments for their assistance.

Russell, in a letter to G. R. Neubauer, district manager, said in part: "I want to thank your company and especially Mr. Lloyd Miller and Mr. Harry Candler for the help they gave me in the electrical schools and the help given me and my club agent while we were preparing my contest entry.

"It was a pleasure to have Mr. Candler and Mr. Miller with me while I was at the Congress."

And John B. Whitehead, Nelson County agent, in a letter to Mr. Neubauer said in part: "To Lloyd and Harry, I want to express my deepest appreciation and highest commendation for the unselfish, most cooperative spirit which was manifested while giving our boys and girls the most up-to-date, technical and at the same time practical instructions and inspiration.

"We are most appreciative of the wonderful award given to Russell Henderson, and we are cognizant of the fact that this could not have been achieved had it not been for the outstanding guidance and encouragement given him by such fine men as Lloyd and Harry."