

Reason never has failed men. Only force and oppression have made the wrecks in the world.  
—WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE

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And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.  
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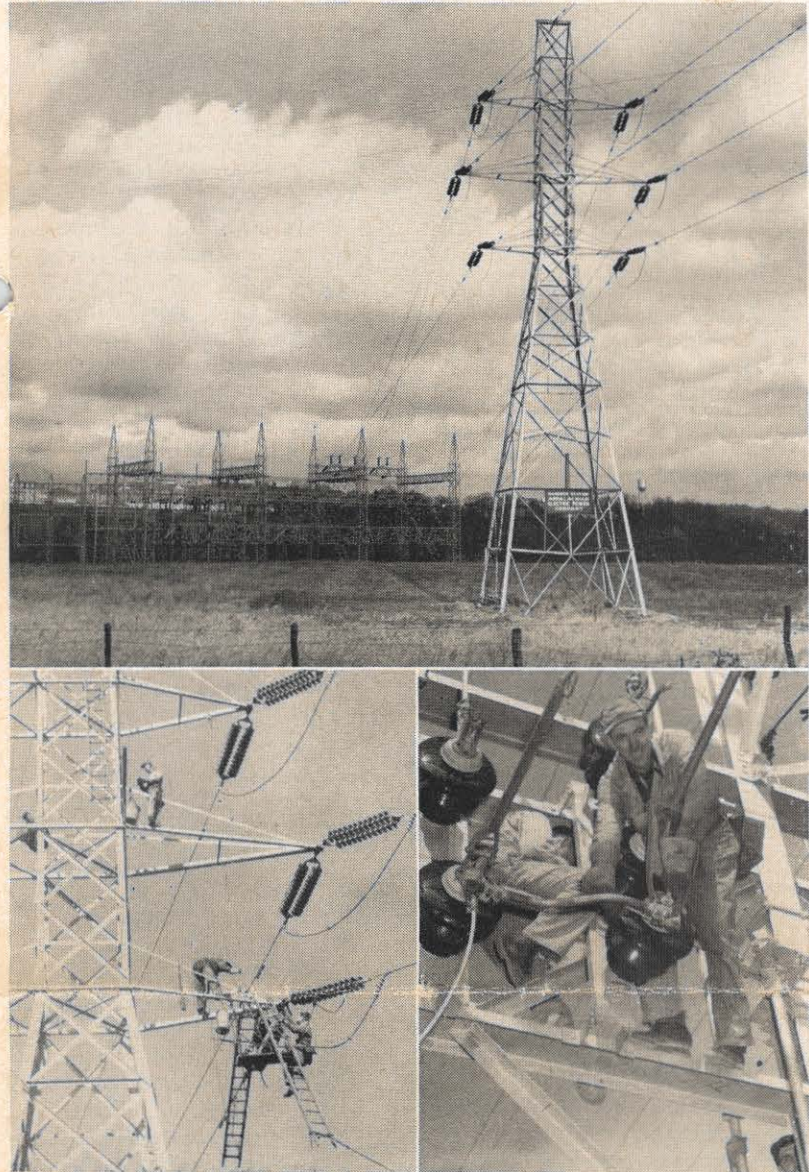
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## Hancock Station Placed Into Service In Roanoke District During February



Top photograph, the new 45,000 KVA Hancock Station. Lower left photograph, members of Roy Doss system transmission department's "hot line" crew of the system transmission line department, work from a lofty tower as they top high-voltage lines from Claytor Dam and Roanoke. Bob Caldwell, left, and E. R. Hill work from the ladders while H. Q. Dove, left, and B. F. Wolford, remove steel from above. Lower right photograph, B. F. Wolford, left, and E. R. Hill adjust disconnects as they make a final inspection and adjustments to Hancock Station switches.

The John Hancock Station, a 45,000 KVA high voltage transmission station, was placed into operation February 21. Hancock Station is located midway between Roanoke and Salem on U. S. Route 11.

This station, together with the Cloverdale Station and the Roanoke Station on Riverland Road, S. W., Roanoke, form a triangle for the delivery of electric power in the Roanoke area. The stations can be operated as independent units or in parallel and make available to the area twice as much electric power as there was a year ago.

The station is connected to the high voltage system by a tap off the Claytor-Roanoke line and a new line is under construction from Glen Lyn plant to Hancock.

Hancock Station was named in honor of John Hancock, Sr., a retired Roanoke Division manager. Mr. Hancock began his career in the electric utility field in 1895 with the old Roanoke Railway and Electric Company. He was secretary of the company by 1901 and in 1926, when Appalachian acquired the property, he was general manager. He became Appalachian's first Roanoke division manager in 1926 and remained at that post until his retirement in 1943.

## Six Employees Awarded For Jaycee Work

Six employees were given awards February 22 at the Annual Award Night dinner meeting of the Ashland Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Schweitzer, commercial department, was named the most valuable man to the Jaycee president and received the Key Man Award.

Cigarette lighters were given Don Wade and Bill Schweitzer, both of the commercial department, for chairmanships of civic and business projects.

A plaque was presented Paul Lumbar, district personnel supervisor, for being chairman of the project of the year.

Scrolls were given Bob Welch, commercial department; Jack Finkbone, main accounting office, and Roy Sallee, engineering department, for outstanding committeemen.

"Exhausted Roosters" were presented Don Wade and Paul Lumbar upon completing their years of service with the Ashland Junior Chamber of Commerce.

## 1951 Safety Award Won By Logan District For No Lost-Time Accidents During Year

### System Departments Given Certificates For Perfect Records

The Logan District completed 1951 without a lost-time accident. It was the only district in the Southern Properties to complete a perfect year. Eight system departments were given certificates for a perfect safety record.

The 125 employees in the Logan district worked a total of 249,648 man-hours during 1951 without a lost-time accident. The last time the district had a lost-time accident was on January 23, 1950.

District Manager J. C. Hansbarger and the district departments were presented the National Safety Council plaque at a dinner meeting held recently at Logan. System safety supervisor D. C. Duncan made the presentation.

The eight system departments which completed the year without a lost-time accident included: System



The Logan District receives the 1951 safety award for a perfect year. Left to right in the photo are Howard J. Collins, district personnel supervisor; R. E. Blanckenbeckler, line superintendent; D. C. Duncan, system safety supervisor; J. C. Hansbarger, district manager, and Boyd Richardson, district superintendent.

Accounting; Real Estate and Right-of-Way; Meter Department; Roanoke Centralized Billing; Huntington Centralized Billing; Ashland General Office; System Operating; and the System Transportation Department. The heads of each of these

departments have been presented certificates for the perfect safety records of the employees.

The employees of these eight departments worked a total of 663,015 man-hours during 1951 without a lost-time accident.

### Icy Swim In Deep Water

## J. B. Eplin Tries To Rescue Trapped Driver

J. B. Eplin made two daring but futile attempts to rescue a truck driver trapped in 30 feet of water near Marmet, West Virginia, on January 30.

The temperature was 18 degrees on that morning the Charleston meter department serviceman heroically tried to hook a tow line on the submerged truck.

J. B. was returning to Charleston after making a service call that morning. Going through Marmet, he was passed by several ambulances. Someone told him there was a fire. Thinking he might help, he followed.

He arrived at the scene to find a coal truck had gone out of control and plunged into the backwaters of Kanawha River near the bridge crossing Lens Creek. A wreck truck was unable to get its winch line securely fastened on the submerged truck.

J. B. first called J. W. Layne in the Charleston Meter Department by his two-way radio and asked Layne to send additional winch trucks. Talking to bystanders he learned that the truck had been in the water about 30 minutes.

Thinking the driver could survive if brought up, J. B. stripped down to his shorts and dived into the icy water. He made two attempts to fasten the tow line but the brutal cold was too much. Each time down he found the truck but was unable to fasten the tow line on any part strong enough to stand the strain the wreck truck put on it.

The truck driver was recovered two hours after he had gone under. His body was trapped tightly in the cab of his truck. He was 60-year-old B. H. DeLong, of Chesapeake, West Virginia, co-owner of the Mountain Top Coal Company.

While being questioned, J. B. said that he had a good friend who drove a coal truck on that route. Although he did not make the rescue



Returning to shore after two unsuccessful attempts to rescue a driver trapped in his truck below water, J. B. Eplin is helped from the boat by members of the Marmet Fire Department. The temperature was 18 degrees. This photo was made by "Charleston Daily Mail" Photographer Earl Benton.

attempts because it could have been a close friend, he felt that there was a chance for the person in the truck, whoever it might be.

J. B. returned to work the same day but was ill for the following four days as a result of his swim. He lives in Marmet where he is a volunteer fireman as well as the town recorder.

Hardship and exposure are not new to him. After making the initial assault on the beaches of France during World War II, he was captured and held prisoner of the Germans from June 8, 1944, until liberated by the Russians on January 5, 1945.

When the Russians liberated him and 3,000 other prisoners, they were shown the way to go and told to get there the best way they could. It took over three months of walking and hitching rides to get to Poland where they were eventually sent home.

## Carmichael Is Named Red Cross Chairman

Carson Carmichael, an Abingdon district agricultural engineer, recently was appointed chairman of the Russell County, Virginia, 1952 Red Cross Fund Campaign.



Mr. Carmichael

Carmichael, as chairman of the drive, will organize the volunteer workers and direct the campaign during the month's solicitations.

Carmichael was employed by Appalachian in 1948. He holds a degree in agricultural engineering from Clemson College.



### Kentucky 4-H Winners Receive Checks



John Rasnick, Pikeville district rural sales representative, presents a check to the president of the Gulnare 4-H Club during a recent broadcast at Pikeville. The Gulnare Club was named winner of the annual 4-H Club contest. Gulnare won \$10 for first place in Pike County; \$15 for first in the Pikeville district, and \$25 for second place in the territory served by the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company. Burgett 4-H Club, second-place winner, won \$10 for placing first in Magoffin County; \$10 for second place in the Pikeville district, and \$15 for placing third in the company program. The Burgett Club, however, won national recognition for one of its member's accomplishments. Cledith Rowe, 14-year-old Magoffin County 4-H club boy, won the World's Championship in the annual corn contest. His yield of 233.2 bushels on one acre of land surpasses the previous world record of 224.2 bushels which was held by Carroll Brown of Iowa. In addition to Mr. Rasnick and the club members, shown in the above photograph, left to right, are: Harold Dowdy, county agent; C. H. Fields, rural and residential sales supervisor; Bill Barnett, rural representative; Mrs. Cline Burchett, club leader, and Miss Sally Newall, Pike County home demonstration agent.

### Curry Stars On TV Program

Howard Curry, turbine operator at the Cabin Creek plant, has been taking a lot of ribbing from fellow workers since becoming a star in the television field. He became a star last month without the usual fanfare of try-outs, make-up and contract signing.

The Aluminum Corporation of America is developing a television advertising program based on the use of its product in electrical transmission. To round out the story, some shots of electricity in the making were needed.

Therefore, representatives of Wilding Pictures of New York City converged on the plant with a vast array of equipment. For the next few hours the number two turbine room took on aspects of a television studio with batteries of lights all about and the overhead crane providing the camera perch.

A spare 110-volt transformer had to be set up to provide the required current for the equipment. Finally the big moment arrived and the camera started to grind.

Howard Curry was the star with a supporting cast of Roy Trail, Lanty Coulter and Ray Lively. Their act consisted of carrying out the normal functions of operation.

### Close Fit For Hazard District Transformer



It was a close fit to get the 500 kva transformers for Jackson substation in the Hazard district under the bridge pictured above. Loading each transformer on a sled, it cleared the underpass by inches after the primary bushings were removed. Pictured above are: Robert Adams, driving truck; James Burdsal, rear end of truck; Gaine Stidham, standing on bank; Ernest Pennington and Hayes Stidham, walking behind the transformer.

### Thanks And More From A Customer

The following letter was received recently by Bruce Cox, manager of the Fieldale district. The serviceman referred to in the letter is Larry Beheler.

Gentlemen:

When my car came out to the farm for me Monday morning, among other mail, it brought me the enclosed statement from your office.

As to the charge for current, I have no comment, other than to observe that it was, as always, good.

But, as for the \$3.00 service charge for repairing my water heater, well that certainly calls for extended remarks.

Never, in this day of overcharges for every necessity and luxury of life, has so much been given for so little.

And, it bears out my contention of many years that the power utilities of the country give the public more for their money than other syndicate, company or individual in business.

In this day of overcharges, inefficient services, and general frustration, it is indeed a pleasant experience to do business with the A. E. P. Co.

And that chap you sent out to do the job on the water heater is a competent, skillful and experienced workman; also courteous.

Another pleasing rarity. Be sure he is the one sent out when, if ever, I have to send another SOS call.

Cordially yours,  
N. C. Remsen  
Box 296  
Martinsville, Virginia

### Former Employee Gains Recognition In Naval Service



James Larry Dunn, former summer employee and son of Mrs. Patricia Dunn of the Glen Lyn Steam Plant, was named honor man of his company at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. Recognition was announced following his completion of his "boot" training.

James is now rated as an Airman and is stationed at the U. S. Naval Aviation Technical Training Center, Jacksonville, Florida. At Jacksonville, he is being trained for duties in naval aviation.

Prior to his enlistment in the naval service, he was a student at Concord College, Athens, W. Va.



### Dunn Resigns As Public Relations Director To Take Post In Chicago

G. South Dunn has resigned as public relations director. This announcement was made late last month by M. C. Funk, vice president of the companies of the Southern Properties.

In making the announcement, Mr. Funk said, "It is with deep regret that I make this announcement. Mr. Dunn has been associated with our companies for more than 26 years. He was the first public relations director in our system. He formulated much of our public relations program and has been largely responsible for its success. His loss will be felt by all who knew him."

Mr. Dunn has accepted a position as assistant to the president of Curtis Lighting, Incorporated, with headquarters in Chicago. The Curtis Company manufactures industrial and commercial lighting equipment at plants in Chicago and Toronto, Canada.

He became associated with Appalachia at Huntington in 1925 and a year later was transferred to Ashland to become manager of sales for the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company. In 1943, he was promoted to general commercial manager of the company.

While in Ashland, in addition to supervising the commercial department of the company, he devised one of the first employee information programs used on the Southern Properties. He also established an employee publication, *Hi-Power News*, which was started during World War II.



Mr. Dunn

In 1948 he was transferred to Roanoke and became the first public relations director in the Southern Properties. He has formulated much of the public relations program now being carried out by the company and established THE ILLUMINATOR as well as some customer service publications.

Mr. Dunn has always been active in civic affairs and has served on many community projects.

He is married and has one son, a junior at Hampden-Sydney College. He plans to move his family from Roanoke to Chicago about March 15.

### Our Relations With Government

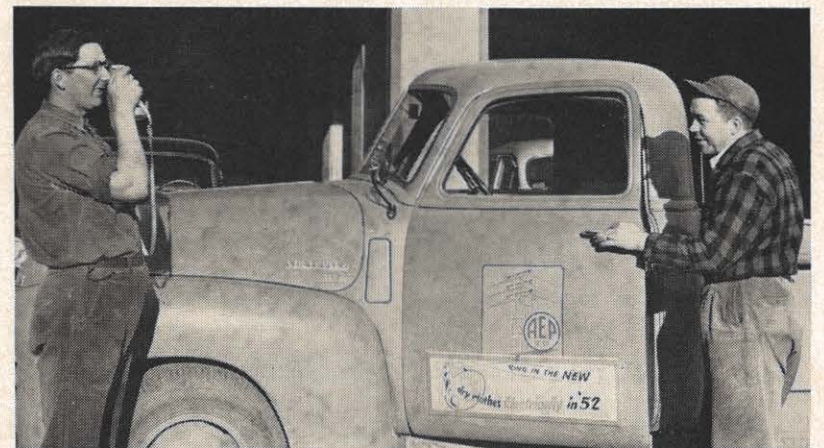
#### So That You'll Know

These are questions asked on the back page of the latest employee information program booklet, "Our Relations With Government." Answers appear on Page 6.

#### QUESTIONS

- Q. 1. What is a fundamental difference between a public utility and any other business?
- Q. 2. Why were early electric companies regulated on a local level?
- Q. 3. What are five phases of our business regulated by state commissions which directly affect customers?
- Q. 4. What are some factors used in determining "a reasonable return"?
- Q. 5. What government agency controls hydro development?

### Lawrence Films Many Activities Of Employees, Company And His Church



R. E. Lawrence takes a picture of R. D. Byrd, Pulaski district meter reader at Christiansburg.

R. E. Lawrence is a popular man at any social gathering. This Christiansburg local office clerk makes 8 millimeter movies in addition to still photographs.

Starting in 1947 with a Ciro-flex camera, he became interested in color film and started using a Bolsey 35 mm. which enables him to have the film mounted for projection.

In 1949 he expanded his hobby to include 8mm. movies. He has used

the camera to make films of employee picnics, pole-top resuscitation, construction of a typical rural line tap and unloading poles from a flat car. He also has made pictures of activities of his church where the films are preserved for the record.

His still pictures include such shots as the Great Smokies, bees, flowers and other colorful objects. He is a member of the Blue Ridge Camera Club of Christiansburg.













## New Versions Of Old Styles Highlight Spring Fashions



A sheer grey and white striped dress with white Peter Pan collar and cuffs. It features the full skirt and is worn over many crinolines.

Dresses are no longer simple basic affairs but important costumes for spring, 1952. The coat dress appears in every type of fabric with new princess lines. Full-skirted versions call for crinolines or stiffened contrasting petticoats. There is also a revival of the redingote as well as the dress and jacket combinations. The Gibson girl shirtwaist dress with full sleeves and skirt and a tiny waist is prominent. There are many little spencer jackets being shown with bare-topped dresses. Knitted dresses maintain high standings.

Sleeves go in for all variations, dolman, raglan, puffed and subtle variations about elbow length. Double or triple tiered collars are appearing with simple buttons and trimmings. Embroidery is being used on both cottons and sheers.

The importance of surface interest carries over from fall to spring fabrics. Texture effects stress slubbed cottons, ribbed fabrics in silk, rayon, cotton, crisp taffetas, shantung, failles, organdies and taffetized cottons. There are many quilted fabrics.

Blue is the newest color and, for a change, navy blue is least important. Beige is also a leading color. There is a great deal of black and white, especially in ribbed, striped or printed fabrics. Periwinkle blue, rosy-red, pale green and lavender are favorite pastels. Prints are more varied than in years with combinations of thick and thin yarns, slubbed effects, stripes, polka dots and warp prints.



A quilted white cotton sateen with scooped out neck and short sleeves. The full skirt is lined with pink sateen.

### Skating Party Held For Power Makers' Families

The Cabin Creek Power Makers' Club entertained members of the club and their families with a roller skating party. The outing was held between one and five at the Cabin Creek Rink, Saturday, February 16.

Prizes, according to Pat Hastings, chairman of the social committee, were awarded to Glen Marshall, best boy skater; Helen Kunsman, best girl skater; Ann Coughlin and Jimmy Lawson best couple; Bonnie Coughlin, youngest skater, and Bobby Ray Brown, most spills.

### Miss Neva Peck, Huntington, Honored In Recognition Of Her Retirement

Miss Neva R. Peck, Huntington district stores department employee, recently was entertained with a luncheon in recognition of her retirement. The luncheon was held in the home of Mrs. Doris Schuster where Miss Peck was presented a lovely gift by ten of her co-workers.

Miss Peck retired March 1 after having completed thirty-six years service. She was first employed as a cashier with the Consolidated Light, Heat and Power Company. With Appalachian, she also worked as book-keeper, secretary in the manager's office, and before her retirement became a member of the stores department.

Neva, the daughter of a Methodist minister, acquired her education in public schools over the state and later attended Morris Harvey College at Barboursville. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star



Miss Peck

and the Johnson Memorial Methodist Church.



The ten employees attending the luncheon given in honor of Miss Peck have rendered more than 258 years of service. Shown above, left to right: Mrs. Ann Kennedy, 21 years; Miss Neva Peck, 36 years; Miss Wilma Melrose, 21 years; Miss Virginia Marrow, 17 years; Miss Edith Shy, 22 years; Miss June Davis, 36 years; Mrs. Iva Nowlan, 28 years; Mrs. Myrtle Tetman, 22 years; Mrs. Blanche Wood, 20 years, and Miss Rella Snuffer, 35 years.

### New Arrivals . . .

MR. AND MRS. JOE R. BURDETTE are the parents of a daughter, Judith Lynn, born January 23. Mr. Burdette is employed in Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. K. A. CAMPBELL are the parents of a son, Ronald Lee, born February 12. Mrs. Campbell was previously employed in Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. G. R. HUMPHREYS became the parents of a son, Dana Gordon, on January 28. Mrs. Humphreys was previously employed in the Clendenin office.

MR. AND MRS. R. B. RATLIFF are the parents of a daughter born February 7. Mr. Ratcliff is employed at Glen Lyn.

MR. AND MRS. K. C. BRASHEAR, SR., are the parents of a daughter, Lenora May, born February 2. Mr. Brashear is employed at Hazard.

MR. AND MRS. CHALMER FERGUSON are the parents of a son, George, born February 4. Mr. Ferguson is employed at Hazard.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE BROWN are the parents of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born February 17. Mr. Brown is employed in the system billing office in Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES ALBERT KIRBY are the parents of a son, James Albert, Jr., born February 16. Mr. Kirby is employed at Beckley.

MR. AND MRS. G. M. GRAY became the parents of a daughter, Nettie Charlene, on February 13. Mr. Gray is employed in Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. IRELAND CHARLES are the parents of a son born January 20. Mr. Charles is employed in Pikeville.

MR. AND MRS. AUBREY NEWELL became the parents of a daughter, Linda Sue Newell, on January 18. Mr. Newell is employed at Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. G. C. EVERETT are the parents of a daughter, Sue Carol, born February 11. Mr. Everett is division residential sales supervisor in Huntington.

MR. AND MRS. HARRY KEITH EVANS became the parents of a son, Harry Keith, Jr., on February 1. Mr. Evans is employed in Beckley.

MR. AND MRS. E. C. ROBERTSON are the parents of a son, Larry Ronald, born January 26. Mr. Robertson is employed in Beckley.

MR. AND MRS. DORMAN M. MILLER are the parents of a son, Joel Phillip, born January 22. Mr. Miller is the Huntington district commercial manager.

MR. AND MRS. NORWOOD TURNER are the parents of a daughter, Amanda Gay, born January 26. Mr. Turner is employed in the system office in Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. H. S. BACK are the parents of a son, James Allen, born January 15. Mr. Back is employed in Huntington.

MR. AND MRS. R. E. MORRISON became the parents of a daughter on February 11. Mr. Morrison is employed in Huntington.

MR. AND MRS. T. W. ABSHIRE are the parents of a daughter born February 9. Mr. Abshire, employee of the Roanoke District, is now serving in the U. S. Navy.

MR. AND MRS. K. K. HUBBARD are the parents of a son, John Robert, born February 8. Mr. Hubbard is employed in the Roanoke distribution department.

MR. AND MRS. M. R. KERFOOT are the parents of a son, Timothy Melvin, born February 15. Mrs. Kerfoot is a former employee of the system accounting department.

MR. AND MRS. R. D. AVIS are the parents of a son, Gerry Lee, born January 23. Mr. Avis is employed at the Logan plant.

MR. AND MRS. D. F. WOOLCOCK are the parents of a daughter, Danetta Kay, born February 2. Mr. Woolcock is employed in Logan.

### They're Engaged

MISS SHIRLEY JOHNSTON to Luther Tucker. Mr. Tucker is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

MISS PATRICIA ANN WILLIAMSON to Gerald Wayne Smith. Miss Williamson is employed in Huntington.

MISS BETTY LOU EWERS to Pat R. Morton. Miss Ewers is employed in Lynchburg.

## Feminine Fancies

### Four Couples Exchange Wedding Vows

#### White-Elswick

Miss Mary Jane White became the bride of Clarence Elswick, February 8 at Charleston, W. Va. Mr. Elswick is employed in Charleston.



Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo C. Safford cut their wedding cake after their marriage in Point Pleasant on February 9. She is employed at Sporn plant.



Mr. and Mrs. Ethiel Wayne Vest are pictured after their wedding at Mc-Alpin on February 8. He is employed in the Beckley district.



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Cordle cut their wedding cake at the reception after their marriage on February 8. He is employed at Ashland.

### System Trifori Club Plans Dinner-Dance

Plans have been completed for a dinner-dance by members of the Trifori Club of the Roanoke general offices. The party will be held at the Roanoke Elks Club, March 28.

Club members in charge of arrangements are: Mrs. Edna Woody, general chairman; Miss Jane Bell, Mrs. Mary Lou Graybill, Miss Frankie Neely, Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell, C. E. Skeen and Johnny Johnson.

### Working Girl Sure To Like Tasty Tarts Tailored For Spring And Simple Filling



With spring just around the corner, it's time to cook lighter, prettier and more refreshing foods.

And can the working girl hope to have time to make pastries as fancy as those pictured above? Why not? They can be as attractive as spring flowers and still be quick and easy to make with pastry mix for the tart shells and semi-sweet chocolate morsels for the filling.

Here are the few ingredients and simple instructions:

- 1/2 package pie crust mix
- 1 package semi-sweet chocolate morsels
- 2/3 cup (1 small can) evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped and sweetened

For preparing pie crust, follow

directions on package. Fit pastry on back of small muffin pans or fit into small tart pans. Prick with tines of fork. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 10 to 12 minutes or until brown.

To prepare filling, reserve 1 tablespoon semi-sweet chocolate morsels to use as garnish; put remaining morsels and evaporated milk in saucepan over low heat.

Cook slowly, stirring until mixture is blended. Bring to a boil and cook, stirring constantly, until mixture is slightly thickened, about three to five minutes.

Fill pastry shells; garnish with whipped cream and a chocolate morsel.

Yield: Filling for 8 to 16 tarts, using one and two tablespoons filling, depending on size of tart shells.

## Clark Peck, Jr., Of Abingdon, Collects About 15,000 Stamps In 13 Years

Most people never notice the stamp on an envelope. But Clark Peck, Jr., always takes a squint to see if he can add it to his collection of 15,000 stamps.

The Abingdon district distribution supervisor started collecting stamps 13 years ago under the guidance of A. W. Alden, then petty cash clerk in the Bluefield office, now retired and living in Florida. Clark believes that stamp collecting must be a non-profit hobby to be enjoyed although many stamps will later increase in value.

He especially enjoys his hobby during the winter months when he mounts purchases made during the year and brings his collection up to date. Clark explains that stamps not only give the owner pride of possession but also broadens his knowledge.

He says a real collector is interested in the reason each stamp is issued and the history connected with it. The result is that the collector becomes familiar with the customs, monetary systems, arts and religions of countries.

To indicate the extent of his collection, Clark has stamps from 90 foreign countries although he specializes in stamps of the United States. He has United States Commemorative stamps complete from the Pan-American Exposition to date. He has a portion of the Columbian and Trans-Mississippi. In the regular issues, he has from No. 1 in 1847 to date with the exception of the most expensive stamps.

His collection and extra United States stamps total about 15,000 stamps, of which 2,800 are numbered plate blocks of four or six U. S. regulars and commemorative issues. He also collects First Day Covers with the assistance of Mrs. Mary Burgess, of Bluefield.

For the beginner interested in stamp collecting as a hobby, Clark advises him to contact friends and ask them to save stamps for him. The next step would be to buy some stamps, when possible through the local Post Office. If the fledgling hobbyist found that he was really interested, then he should contact some collectors who would give him the names of reputable dealers who furnish stamps on approval.

Clark also advises the collector to secure a stamp catalogue, either United States Specialized or one which contained the countries in which he was interested. He would also need the following items: Tongs, magnifying glass, perforation gauge, watermark detector and subscription to some philatelic magazine. One of the most popular of these magazines is "Stamps."



Clark Peck looks over some of his latest stamps. His collection is mounted in nine loose-leaf binders with extra stamps stored in glassine envelopes. Commemorative stamps in his collection are mint while the regular issues are mint and used. He also has many cardboard proofs, postage due, duck, parcel post, special delivery, air mail, and American Military Government stamps.

## Harry E. Guilliams Gets Bronze Star For Battle Action

Sgt. 1/c Harry E. Guilliams, serviceman on military leave from the Roanoke district meter department, has been awarded the Bronze Star for "heroism in action against the enemy in Chisong-Ni, Korea, in July, 1951."

This decoration is added to those he earned in World War II. He already held the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit.

His latest display of bravery involved repairing a communications line. Sgt. Guilliams learned that communications were disrupted and was aware of the importance of repairing the vital line between two fire direction centers.

He voluntarily drove with a wire team to the perimeter of the impact area and found the break in the line in the center of an overhead road crossing. With enemy shells bursting in the immediate area, Sgt. Guilliams stood on a truck bed with another soldier and repaired the line.

He was recalled to active duty in August of 1950. He hopes to return to the United States this month and spend a 30-day leave with his wife and two children at 2711 Fairfield Drive, N. E.



Sgt. Guilliams

## R. Warner Becomes Mason Scoutmaster

Ralph Warner, Philip Sporn Plant test engineer, recently was named scoutmaster of troop 253, Mason, West Virginia.



Mr. Warner's troop has just undergone a reorganization and he began his work in the Scouting program with eleven members.

Ralph, father of two small children, is a graduate of West Virginia University and prior to being transferred to the Philip Sporn Plant was employed in the Logan district.

## Huntington . . .

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recent guest.

Sympathy is extended Billie Dingess, accounting department, on the death of her father.

Mrs. Edith Friend, Madison home economist, and husband recently visited his parents in Terra Alta.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Chaney on the death of his mother. Mrs. Chaney is employed at the Madison office.

Robert Oakley has returned from service with the Army and is back at work in the meter department.

Mrs. Florence Marshall is a new maid at the main office.

Sympathy is extended J. B. Tucker, assistant stores supervisor, on the death of his step-mother.

Sympathy is extended S. D. Spears, line department, on the death of his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Honaker visited her mother who is hospitalized in Roanoke with a broken hip. He is district supervising engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. Maywood Williams visited Mr. and Mrs. John Longworth at Plasterio, Virginia. Mrs. Williams is employed in the commercial department.

Mary Elizabeth Davis, commercial department, had as week-end guests Eulah Matheson, Eloise Lunsford, Mary Ellen Mitchell and Joan Mays.

## Williamson District

Anna Lee Harris, accounting department, recently visited her brother in Charleston.

Sympathy is extended G. B. Trent, engineering department, on the death of his sister-in-law.

Everette Carrico and B. L. Curry, distribution department, have returned to work after extended illnesses.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Cornelison recently visited Huntington.

Kyle Freeman, engineering department, has been transferred to the stores department.

New employees in the district are: Bernadine Hall, accounting department; Herman Mills, meter department; Pat Ooten, stores department, and George James, transportation department.

Russell Shelton, stores department, has resigned.

Ada Lois Fitch, stores department, has resigned to move to Washington, D. C.

LeRoy Hairston, janitor, has returned to work after an extended illness.

E. J. Clouser, stores supervisor, and family vacationed in Detroit.

Girls of the K-Appa-K Club sponsored a bake sale from which profits of \$26.32 were turned over to the March of Dimes.

## Marjorie Waldie Suggests Painting To Anyone Looking For A Hobby

Looking for an interesting hobby? Marjorie Waldie, of Point Pleasant, recommends painting which "anyone with or without so-called talent can dabble with."

Marjorie is a clerk at the Philip Sporn plant and has been painting for several years. She says, "I hope everyone with an opportunity and desire to paint will not hesitate to begin to learn because it really is very relaxing as well as a lot of fun."

She became interested in her hobby when her mother joined an art class taught by a talented Baltimore artist now living in Point Pleasant. Marjorie joined the class in September of 1949.

Twelve members meet in the basement of the instructor's home for five hours each Wednesday. Their first subject was a pitcher and two apples. Marjorie was surprised at the end of her first class to find she had a presentable charcoal sketch.

The class made charcoal drawings for several months before going into pastels. They learned to blend colors, to make lights and shadows before progressing to oils.

Sundays were sketch days with members painting any objects except other pictures. The only picture Marjorie copied was the famous "Saturday Evening Post" cover dog shown at the top right of the photo above.

Marjorie says pictures take various lengths of time to complete. The asters at lower left of the photo took two sessions and some work at home.

Her work has been admired by friends and exhibited at the Junior Woman's Club Convention. Of her own work, Marjorie says: "Art is a most interesting hobby. If the opportunity ever arises, I would like to do portrait work."



Marjorie works on her latest painting surrounded by pictures completed in two and a half years. The dogwood in the top center and the poppies at bottom right are pastels. All others are in oil.

## Three Company Men Recognized In A.G.&E. 'Operating Notes'



Mr. Watkins

Mr. Callicoat

Three employees of the Southern Properties received recognition when their articles appeared in the January issue of A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes.

T. M. Watkins, Jr., an engineer of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, was author of the article, "Emphasizing Cost of Materials and Need of Conservation."

"Dust Nuisance Eliminated in Drilling Cement, Plaster," is an article written by C. B. Talley, Charleston District Manager. Mr. Talley's article told of the use of a tank-type household vacuum cleaner simultaneously with drilling operations.

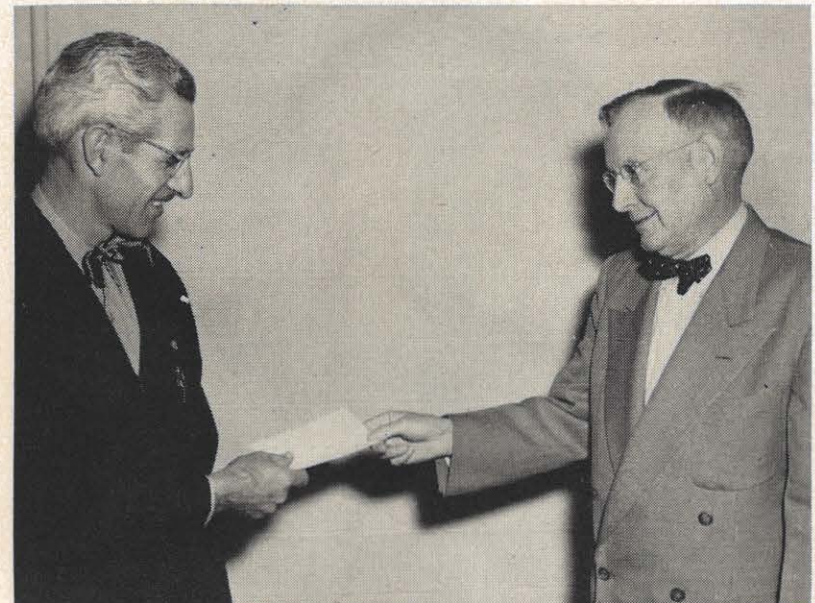
J. R. Callicoat, transportation supervisor, Huntington, received recognition for his article, "Spring Tie-downs Stabilize Truck Ladders."

## Five Employees Have Articles In Magazine

Five Appalachian employees are authors of articles appearing in recent issues of the *Electric Light and Power* magazine. The original manuscripts were first published in "A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes."

The article, "Weepage Drain for Sheet Piling," was written by G. V. Loveday, Kanawha Valley Power Company, Charleston; "Safety During High Voltage Laboratory Test," M. H. Stevenson and Earl R. Hill, Logan; "Simple, Effective Way of Reading Damaged Meters," B. R. Currence, Charleston, and "Easy Revised System Wall Maps" was written by T. M. Roberts, of Roanoke.

## Wins Check For Turning In Prospects



A. B. Beheler, Fieldale district serviceman, left, is being given a check for \$25.00 by Bruce Cox, manager of the Fieldale district. "Larry," as Beheler is known to most of the folks around Fieldale, won the prize for having turned in the greatest number of range and water heater prospects during the recent range-water heater promotion in the district.

## Line Up Before Clintwood Service Building



Lined up in front of the new Clintwood service building are members of the Abingdon district transmission and distribution department. From left to right, are: J. A. Self, S. S. Stevenson, R. C. Childress, J. A. Arrington, L. R. Vaughan, W. H. Coe, J. S. Barrett, C. E. Rosenbalm, R. A. Shaffner, I. H. Mace, C. M. Jackson, C. W. Hale, E. L. Rasnake, W. L. Smythers, C. J. Miller, J. S. Mize, C. C. Self and W. H. Ferguson, rural department. The building is 45 by 90 feet and provides storage space for materials and vehicles as well as housing office space for the foreman, timekeeper and serviceman.

## Morgan's Bowlers Win The First Half Of Sporn Plant Bowling League Race



Members of Morgan's Shift bowling team are shown after winning the first half of the Philip Sporn Plant Bowling League. Front row, left to right: Bill Ribble and Frank Ward. Standing, left to right: Clyde Rice, Keith Arnold, Scott Morgan, and Richard Lease.

Morgan's Shift bowlers, with a 31 and 11 season's record, won the first half of the 1951-52 Philip Sporn Plant Bowling League. Morgan's keglers finished six games ahead of their nearest rival, Rader's Shift.

Rader's Shift won second place with a 25 and 17 record while Maintenance No. 2 and the office team were tied for third with 23 and 19 games. Maintenance No. 1 held a 20-22 season's mark; Results department, 17-25; Carroll's team, 16-21, and the Coal Docks rounded out the eight-team league play with a 13 and 29 record.

## Lynchburg Finishes Second In City Loop Of Sixteen Teams

The Lynchburg district bowling team, entered in the sixteen-team City Industrial League, finished the first half of league play, tied for first place. The A. E. P. keglers dropped a five-game roll-off by 94 pins to finish in second place.

Members of the six-man team are: L. R. Hudson, R. T. Campbell, J. W. Harris, A. A. Ferguson, R. J. Shelton and E. R. Driskill.

## Bluefield Wins Two Of Three Games Over Beckley In Matches

In an inter-district bowling match, Beckley bowed in two of three games to Bluefield teams. The match was held at Beckley.

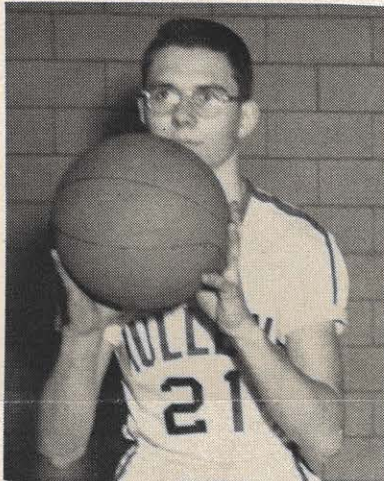
Bluefield's number one team won a narrow 17-pin victory over the Beckley bowlers. The final count gave Bluefield 2,377 pins while Beckley collected 2,360.

In the second contest, Bluefield gained their victory by a wider margin. Bluefield keglers accounted for 2,343 pins while Beckley rolled 2,242.

In the women's game, Beckley reversed the tables and downed the visitors 1,849 to 1,711.

Bluefield bowlers included Munsey, Maynor, C. Hawley, Crowder, Linkous, Fletcher, Poythress, Francisco, Light, Farmer, McCall, Howell, Fotto, Mathena, and Boyd. Beckley: Berginnis, deVenny, Evans, Bias, Wright, Barker, McGinnis, Miller, Dwornick, Epling, Carter, Turner, Ables, Webb, and Troutman.

## Son Of Mullens Man Is Good Basketeer



Billy Mundy

Billy Mundy, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. "Preacher" Mundy, of Mullens, West Virginia, is one of the stars of the Mullens High School's 1952 basketball team. Billy, who is a regular on the MHS quintet, has been an outstanding player for the past two years.

So far this season, Billy has accounted for at least twelve points a game and has helped his team establish a splendid record. To date, the Mullens cagers have won all but two of their games while competing with the major teams in their section of the state.

Last year, Billy played for Mullens at the state tournament at Morgan-town and is looking forward to returning to the tournament this year.

## Roanokers Will Enter State Tourney



Roanoke bowlers who will play in the State Tournament are, left to right: Iona Barbour, system billing; Elizabeth Bosang, executive office; Jane Roberts, system accounting; Frances Stockton, system accounting, and Jean Cassell, power sales. Missing from the photo are Margaret Carter, Adrena Harmon and Virginia Via.

The Roanoke district girls' bowling team will compete in the 1952 State Tournament which will be held in Norfolk, March 15. The Roanoke keglers, after a slow start, are now tied for second place in the City Women's Commercial League.

As well as making a showing in the state tournament, the Roanoke district girls hope to hit their stride in order to clinch a berth in the City League's playoffs. There are but a few weeks of scheduled games remaining to be played.

For individual honors, Elizabeth Bosang leads her teammates with a single high game of 132 pins. Iona Barbour holds the high average for the Roanoke team while Jean Cassell's 310 pins is high for the three-game set.

## Substation Bowlers Lead Roanoke Loop

In the Roanoke District Bowling League, the Substation bowlers have a five-game lead over their nearest rivals. The Substation keglers have racked-up 43 wins as compared to 17 defeats.

Local Office bowlers are in the second-place slot while System Accounting anchors third place. Stores, Distribution, Civil Engineers, Real Estate and Right-of-Way, and the Meter Department round out the remainder of the league.

High averages for the season's bowling are held by Leroy Gregory, 113; Tommy Mitchell, 110, and "Curly" Paxton, 108.

## Four Roanokers Play In City Cage Loop



Four Roanoke employees are members of girls basketball teams playing in the Roanoke City "A" League. The four basketees, Frankie Neely, system transportation department; Iona Barbour, Sarah Adams and Patricia Brinkley, all system accounting department, represent three of the league's six teams. All were standouts in their respective high schools. Pat Brinkley, one of Roanoke's outstanding girl athletes, not only fills one of the top team's forward positions, but she was cited for her performance in the city softball league. At fifteen, she was offered an opportunity to play professional ball but preferred to remain in school. The Roanoke cagers, shown above, left to right, are: Iona Barbour, Frankie Neely, Sarah Adams, and Patricia Brinkley.

## Pikeville Girls High In City Playoffs



Members of the Pikeville district's Girls Bowling team pose for a photograph following one of their Pikeville City League encounters. This Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company team is in a three-team deadlock for first place in the city league. All three teams have outdistanced other league competition and have records of 8 victories and 7 losses. Pikeville's team high averages are held by Jackie Newsom, 124, and Elizabeth Riddle, 122. Shown above, left to right, front row: Dorothy Cardinal and Jackie Newsom. Back row, left to right: Jackie Akers, Elizabeth Riddle, and Bobbie Rogers.

## Charleston Downs Beckley Bowlers

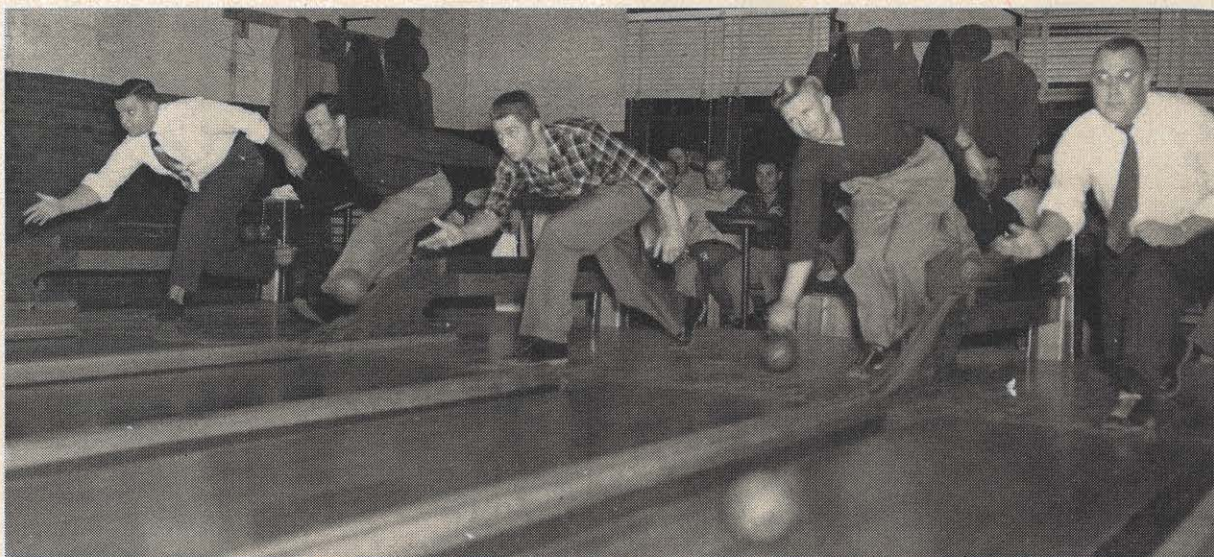
In a recent intra-division bowling match, three Charleston district teams outscored Beckley by 216 pins on the Charleston alleys.

Charleston's No. 1 team dumped Beckley by 151 pins. Beckley's Hutchinsons copped the three-game series while Parsons, of Charleston, rolled a 212 game for the high single honors.

In the second contest, Charleston managed a slim 34 pin edge over the visitors. Epling and LaFon, with 521 pins, split the three-game series honors while Epling's 202 won the individual high score.

In the women's match, Charleston came from behind to gain a 31-pin edge over the Beckley bowlers. Pauline Lanham, Charleston, won the series honors with 402 pins while Noka Carter, Beckley, had a 383-pin count. Pauline's 175 single game also won individual honors.

## Pikeville-Williamson Bowlers Clash



This unusual photograph was made as Pikeville and Williamson bowlers clashed in an inter-district match at Pikeville. Pikeville edged Williamson in four of six games and won the match by an 81-pin margin, 4,109 to 4,028. Corbin Bobbitt, Pikeville, copped the three-game series honors

with 498 pins. Zoeller's 186 won the single-game high. Bowlers rolling during the matches are, left to right: O. P. Cornelison, Williamson; Jack Maynard, Williamson; Ralph Damron, Pikeville; Bill Zoellers, Pikeville, and Jack Gilbert, Williamson.

## Benefit Game Proves Small Benefit To Player

Fincastle Ruritan Club was playing Eagle Rock in a benefit basketball game for the March of Dimes.

While scuffling for the ball, W. C. Reynolds of the Roanoke meter department felt a sharp blow on his head. Although Fincastle won, he still had a headache.

For his benefit, a doctor later took three stitches in his scalp where an Eagle Rock player had planted a tooth.

## Lynchburg District Holds First Softball Meeting

Lynchburg district employees recently held their first softball organizational meeting in the company auditorium. Aside from the general discussion of the coming season, those attending saw a film of the 1951 National League play-offs and a film of the 1951 world series.

Do You Know This Man?

Case Of Mistaken Identity Is Everyday Event In Life Of Andrew F. Mitchell

"But I tell you I saw him. It WAS President Truman!"

Such remarks are often made wherever Andrew F. Mitchell appears. This retired Logan plant watchman is often mistaken for the President because of the remarkable resemblance.

As an indication of this mistaken identity, Mr. Mitchell's photograph was recently displayed in a Logan photographic studio. Hardly had the photo been placed on display before people started asking when and where the President sat for the picture.

Mr. Mitchell tends toward bowties and swift walks, heightening an observer's impression that the President just went by.

One of the first to retire under the company's retirement plan, Mr. Mitchell was born in Scotland in 1876. When he was ten, he came to Pennsylvania with his father, mother and older brother. He worked in the mines as a coal loader from 11 to 18.

He then drove a team and contracted for loading and hauling coal. After working as a miner for 17 years, he became a salesman for a mercantile establishment for about five years.

He was married to Ella Wilson, deceased, in 1898 and they moved in 1903 to Logan where he became mine foreman with the H. T. Wilson Coal Company. In 1936 he became associated with the construction department at the Logan plant. He became watchman at the plant in 1938 and retired in 1941.

Not being satisfied with retirement, he again accepted work with the H. T. Wilson Coal Company as a hoist operator for 10 years. For three and a half years he walked more than 1,500 feet up a steep



H. S. T. or A. F. M.?

mountain slope to reach his working quarters. Arrangements for his transportation to these quarters were made later. However, he retired again at 75 on the advice of his physician.

The Mitchell's had five children: Mrs. Charles H. Chapman, of Logan; Marguerite, deceased; Hugh T. district stores supervisor for the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company at Ashland; William, an engineer associated with General Electric, and Mrs. Brady Vickers, a school teacher. Mr. Mitchell is the grandfather of the former Lucille Mitchell, member of THE ILLUMINATOR staff before her marriage.

He has an optimistic outlook on life and feels that he has many more years of activity ahead. He enjoys talking to people and is always anxious to visit or be visited. Although his resemblance to the Commander-in-Chief often results in his being jokingly introduced as Mr. Truman, many feel that Mr. Mitchell really enjoys it.

Sandra Lee Kitchen Takes Part In Play At Marshall College



Miss Kitchen as Frosine

Sandra Lee Kitchen, daughter of W. S. Kitchen of the system safety department, recently portrayed Frosine in Molier's "The Miser" at Marshall College at Huntington.

John McClane of the *Huntington Advertiser* said of her performance: "She showed a keen dramatic awareness of her part and should bear watching in the future."

A sophomore honor student at Marshall, she is majoring in journalism and speech. She is a member of Pi Kappa Delta, honorary debate fraternity, and is soon to be initiated into Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatic fraternity.

Last summer she was a member of the Showtimers, Salem Stock Theatre. She had roles in "The Late George Apley" and "My Heart's in the Highlands."

Hodges' Idea Ends Construction Trouble

In the erection of the new steel stack at the Cabin Creek Plant a major difficulty was encountered because of flue gas and heat coming from the old stacks. As the new stack rose above the old ones, it became more difficult for the workmen to complete the job.

J. K. Hodges, labor foreman at the plant, came up with an idea which overcame the difficulty. Jim said, "Why not put an elbow on top of the stack that was causing the trouble, thus sending the heat and fumes off at an angle away from the workmen."

It was found that a relatively lightweight hood could be fabricated and lifted into position on either of the old stacks by the derrick which is used in the erection of the new stack. The elbow can be turned in any direction, depending upon the wind.

Welch District Employees Undergo Instruction In New Respiration Method

Classes in the back pressure-arm lift method of artificial respiration are being held in the Welch district. W. S. Kitchen, system safety department, recently conducted classes in the new method at Grundy, Pocahontas, Switchback, and Welch.



Mr. Hodges

Schweitzer Heads Ashland Homes Show

R. W. Schweitzer, residential sales representative at Ashland, has been appointed general chairman of the Third Annual Better Homes Show to be held April 17-19 in the National Guard Armory by the Jaycees.

Also serving this year are Jack Finkbone, main accounting office, as co-chairman of advertising; Bob Welch, commercial department, booth sales committee, and Roy Sallee, engineering department, engineering advisor in charge of lighting and wiring for the show.

Chairmen at the first two shows were Don Wade, district rural and residential sales supervisor who was chairman in 1950, and Paul Lumbard, district personnel supervisor, 1951 chairman.

The Home Show has proved such a success in the Ashland area that various towns in neighboring counties are considering a similar show.

Military Service Begins For Six More Employees



Mr. Blake

Mr. Tincher

Mr. Elkins

Mr. Brown

Military service began for six more employees in recent weeks. Three men left from Charleston district and one each from Glen Lyn plant, Logan district and Beckley district.

D. L. Blake, Charleston meter department, entered the Army on January 28. He has been an employee in the meter department for four years.

James M. Tincher, Charleston meter department, entered the Army on January 14. He had been with the company since September.

P. E. Thompson, Charleston distribution department, entered the Army on February 24. He had been in the department since February of 1947.

Dale E. Brown, Glen Lyn plant utility man, entered the Army on February 20. He was employed September 25, 1950.

Chester E. Elkins, Logan district range serviceman, was called to active duty in the Army on February 14. He has been with the company since June 9, 1947.

From the Beckley district, Rhonald R. Meador of the stores department reported to Norfolk as a Seaman Apprentice on February 27. He had been in the Navy Reserve since World War II. He was employed in March of 1948.

Will Head Beckley Group For 1952



These officers and departmental representatives recently were elected to head the activities sponsored by the Beckley district Employee Flower and Community Welfare Association for 1952. The association collects funds from employees to cover all national and charitable drives. It also purchases flowers for deceased members of an employee's immediate family. Officers and representatives, shown above, left to right, front row, are: R. H. McCullough, June Winner, Arlene Ables, secretary; and O. C. Hall, the association's president. Back row, left to right: H. F. Thomasson, treasurer; Norman Ferguson, Clyde Marshall, and R. R. Smith.

French Snyder Enjoys Building Things Around Home And Hunting Rabbits Since Retiring

French Snyder has made his one-time fishing camp into a cozy home since retiring. He and his wife live on Elk Creek about five miles from Charleston.

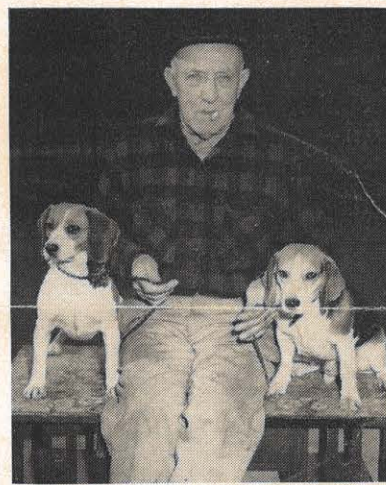
Retired general line foreman of the Charleston district, French now puts most of his time into building things around the house. He has mixed and poured enough concrete to make a patio and concrete steps half-way down to the river's edge.

The rest of the distance to the river is taken up by an unusual 20-foot log with connected steps. By cutting notches in the log about a foot apart and nailing 2 x 10 boards about 18 inches long into place, he has solid steps to the water's edge.

His ingenuity in making the natural stairway has been well tested. Although the river has risen over it on several occasions, the log is well anchored and has not moved.

In addition to his construction projects, French takes great pride in his dogs. He has three Beagles for rabbit hunting and hopes to get a few more. He also has an Airdale-Russian Wolf Hound.

Between his craftsmanship and hunting, French thoroughly enjoys each day.



French holds two of the Beagles, Patsy and Mike, which are prime rabbit runners.

Price Replaces Wilks As Associate Editor For Huntington Division

Clarence H. Price, division personnel supervisor in Huntington, has been named associate editor of THE ILLUMINATOR for the Huntington division. He replaces A. T. Wilks, who has been associate editor since the



Mr. Price

paper was begun almost three years ago. Mr. Wilks has been connected with publications in the A. G. & E. system for many years and served as a correspondent for the old A. G. & E. Bulletin.

Mr. Price will supervise the news-gathering in the Huntington, Logan and Williamson districts where the correspondents are Ted McCurdy at Huntington and O. P. Cornelison and Howard Collins at Williamson and Logan respectively.

Jesse Carter Wins Trophy For Best Acting In Play



Jesse poses with the trophy and picture made of him during the play.

A Kingsport Utilities employee has received an award for his outstanding performance as an actor in a recent play in Kingsport.

Jesse Carter, who is employed in the stores department, has been given the Johnson-Hilliard Cup for his outstanding performance of the comedian's role in the play "Girl Crazy." The cup is presented on an annual basis to the person who gives the best performance in a major home talent play produced in Kingsport. Jesse is the seventh winner of the cup.

The trophy is unique. It is of original design and was fabricated in Kingsport of copper, by the employees of Johnson-Hilliard, Inc.

The presentation is made on the basis of audience reaction in each home talent production.