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## Fifth Vo-Ag Teacher Training Program Is Ending In Appalachian Territory

The fifth in a series of training programs for vocational agricultural teachers is nearing completion. The most recent program was on the "Care, Operation, Maintenance and Controls of Electric Motors."

The series of programs, begun in 1951, is sponsored jointly by the Virginia Vocational Agriculture Service and Appalachian. Upwards of 250 vocational agricultural teachers have attended each of the sessions. Programs have been held on farmstead wiring, lighting, water systems, electric motors and a refresher course.

The two-day workshop session on electric motors included demonstrations in the making of miniature motors; a discussion of types of motors; selection of proper size motors; making motors portable; and proper maintenance of motors.

Appearing on the programs which were held in Bluefield, Abingdon, Lynchburg and Roanoke were: H. L. Candler, Lynchburg; W. C. Buchanan, Pulaski; and J. M. Peck, Roanoke, all A. E. P. Co. personnel and W. D. Hemker, Westinghouse Electric Corp., Pittsburgh. At each session the area supervisor of vocational agriculture also led discussions.

## Frank Harris Heads Fire Department

Frank Harris, Sporn plant guard, was recently elected Chief of the Mason City Fire Department.



Mr. Harris

A member of the fire department for a number of years, Frank is a graduate of the West Virginia University extension fire training course. He has been instrumental in obtaining two modern fire trucks and equipment.

Frank has been employed at the Sporn plant since April 24, 1951.

## Watts Award Is Won By Appalachian



L. L. Koontz, holding the plaque, presents the Frank Watts Award to M. C. Funk, vice president and general manager of the company. Appalachian won the award for promoting electrical farm equipment as a means of improving agricultural productive efficiency. The presentation of the award was made to Mr. Koontz, system rural sales supervisor, recently in Chicago. Others shown in the above photograph are: Julius Hall, Jr., system commercial manager, extreme left, and A. W. Cook, system agricultural sales engineer, right.

## Williamson Rotary Elects Employees To High Offices

Two Williamson district employees recently were elected to offices in the Williamson Rotary Club. E. E. King, Williamson district superintendent, was elected president while James L. Richmond, electrical engineer, was elected to the board of directors.



Mr. King

During the past year, Mr. King served the club as program chairman. He also has served on the board of directors for several years.

Recently, as a representative of the Williamson club, he attended the State District Rotary Convention at Morgantown, West Virginia.

## Jack Green Rescues Woman Overcome By Smoke From Fire

Jack Green, Welch district meter department, saved the life of Mrs. Hannibal Wells, overcome by smoke from a fire in her apartment on April 8.

Heat from the fire in a downtown apartment building in Welch broke one of the windows and sent glass into the street. While the fire was being put out, Jack and a fireman searched the apartment for the Wells's small daughter, later found in school.

They found Mrs. Wells lying on a bed, badly overcome by smoke. Jack carried her to safety.

She was rushed to the hospital where oxygen was administered. She recovered with only burns on one hand.

Jack has been with the company since October 1, 1948.

## Sporn Plant Betters Fuel Efficiency Mark

Philip Sporn plant has established a new fuel efficiency record for a one-year period.

In 1951 the plant set an all-time record low of .8512 pound of coal per kilowatt-hour of electricity generated. The previous year, when the plant led the nation in fuel efficiency of steam electric generating stations, the record was .8532 pound per kwh.

Plant ratings for the nation's steam plants have not been announced for 1951. Sporn plant also achieved a new low last year of 9,374 BTU per kwh of generation, compared with 9,378 BTU the previous year when it also led the nation.

Tanners Creek plant of the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company operated in 1951 with a fuel efficiency rating of .79 pound of coal per kwh and 9,354 BTU per kwh. However, the plant has been in operation only since March 21.

## Glen Lyn-Hancock Transmission Line Construction Begun

The construction of the new Glen Lyn-Hancock 132-kv transmission line is well under way. To date, about eighteen one-hundred-foot steel towers have been erected and about twelve miles of right-of-way have been cleared. Work is progressing according to schedule and the entire project is expected to be completed about September 30.

The new transmission facilities will be a double circuit installation. When mile span will link the Glen Lyn plant and the Hancock Station.

## Claytor Lake Lots To Be Sold For Cabin Sites

Between 60 and 75 lots on the Radford side of Claytor Lake are going to be sold for cabin sites.

The land, which belongs to Appalachian, has been turned over to a Roanoke realty firm for sale.

Lots will be about one acre each with about 100-foot frontage along the road and/or lake. Price per lot will range from \$300 to \$750, depending on size and location. The more costly lots will front the lake.

Roads through the property have recently been graded and graveled. They meet State Highway specifications and are 24 feet wide, graveled width of 20 feet and properly drained.

Each buyer must provide a septic tank, comply with building restrictions and state and county sanitation regulations.

To get to the lots, take Virginia Secondary Road 605 from Radford, follow it until it intersects with Secondary Road 663, turn right and follow the road which parallels the shore line of the lake until you see the staked lots.

All inquiries about the lots and terms for payment must be addressed to A. D. Craig, agent for Cassell-Hodges Company, 106 W. Kirk Ave., Roanoke.

## Kentucky Gets Hughes Award



This photo was made at the Edison Electric Institute meeting in Chicago last month. George A. Weatherton, general commercial manager of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, is receiving the George A. Hughes award for the outstanding job of range promotion during 1951. Left to right in the photo are: George E. Whitwell, chairman of the EEL awards committee; Dwight Anneaux of Hotpoint, who donated the Hughes award, and Weatherton.

## L. A. Sharpe Elected '52 Rotary President At Hillsville, Virginia

Louis A. Sharpe, working foreman at Hillsville, Va., has been elected president of the Hillsville Rotary Club.



Mr. Sharpe

In addition to becoming the sixteenth president of the Hillsville organization, Mr. Sharpe is very active in other civic affairs. He is an elder in the Christian Church; secretary of the Hillsville Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Town Council.

Mr. Sharpe was employed by the company in 1936 and worked in Wytheville and Pulaski before being transferred to Hillsville in 1948.

## John E. Faust, K.U.I., Is Elected President Of Kingsport Jaycees

John E. Faust, a Kingsport Utilities power engineer, recently was elected president of the Kingsport Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Faust will serve at the head of the Kingsport organization during the 1952-53 term.



Mr. Faust

Mr. Faust is a native of Hilton, Virginia, and was employed by the Utilities following his graduation from the University of Tennessee in 1948.

As a member of the Jaycees, he has served both the local chapter and the state organization. He has filled Kingsport posts of vice president and chairman of the membership committee. He also is a member of the State board of directors of the Jaycees.

John is married and the Faustus have one son, John, Jr.

## Gate City, Virginia, Office Has Opening



Employees of the Abingdon district served as hosts and guides during the formal opening of the new Gate City, Virginia, office building April 5. More than eight hundred persons toured the new facilities which will house the local accounting office,

stores department, line gang and commercial department employees. Interesting displays were erected in the 50-seat auditorium as well as the various departments. Refreshments also were served the guests visiting the office.

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## The Power Of Your Vote

One morning in 1844, a grain miller in De Kalb County, Indiana, was walking toward his mill. It was election day but he had work to do that would keep him busy all day and he had decided to forego casting his ballot. Before he reached his mill, however, he was stopped by friends who persuaded him to go to the polls. It so happened that the winning candidate for the De Kalb County position in the Indiana Legislature won by just one vote—and the miller had voted for him.

When the Indiana Legislature convened the De Kalb man cast the deciding vote that sent Edward Allen Hannegan to the United States Senate. (Until 1912, the legislatures elected U. S. Senators.) And then in the U. S. Senate the question of statehood for Texas came up for vote. The result was a tie vote. But Senator Hannegan, who was presiding as "President pro tempore" of the Senate, cast the deciding vote from the chair in favor of admitting Texas.

These incidents clearly demonstrate the potential power of a single vote. The miller's act of voting affected the destiny of the whole state of Texas.

—Harding College Letter

## For You To Decide

Will socialism—costly and destructive—be forced on the American people? Or will free enterprise—the force that has made us great—prevail?

The answers to these two questions will in part be supplied by the outcome of two controversies which directly involve our industry.

As the result of treaty changes between the U. S. and Canada, a large amount of potential hydro-electric power is now available for development on the Niagara River. Cost of the project is estimated at \$350 million. The federal government can build it at the expense of all taxpayers. That's the socialistic way. The State of New York can build it at the expense of the taxpayers of that commonwealth. Or it can be built the American way by a group of heavily taxed, publicly regulated New York utility companies who are ready and eager to do the job. Congress must decide in favor of socialism or private enterprise.

Out in Idaho, a business-managed power company has long wanted to build a series of hydro-electric dams on Snake River at a cost of about \$200 million. These would be privately financed and heavily taxed as soon as they were put in operation. But the Federal Power Commission has denied the company a license because the Bureau of Reclamation wants to build one huge dam on the river. The cost to taxpayers would be at least \$357-million. It would be a tax-eater, never a tax-producer.

What can we do about it? Here's what *Pathfinder Magazine* said, "Left for the American people to decide, presumably

# Your Opinion

How and when is the vacation question settled in your family?

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**LAWRENCE K. JOHNSTON, JR., Boiler Operator, Glen Lyn Plant.**



When an employee has a family they have to consider their children because they, too, like a vacation.

I have three sons and, since the oldest one is in school, my wife and I plan our vacation during the school vacation months.

We usually plan a short trip and the remainder of our time is spent at home.

All of my family enjoy outdoor sports, therefore we attend ball games, go fishing, and have family picnics.

A vacation for us is also a good time to catch up on odds and ends around our home that have been neglected from time to time.

We appreciate the fact that we live in a free country and work for a company where a vacation is considered a part of our American Way of Life.

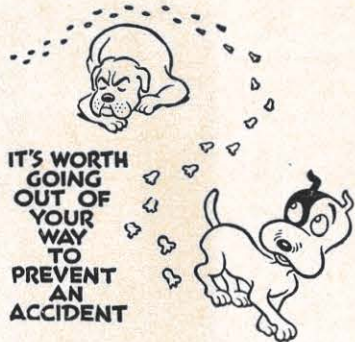
## A Man Once Said

But sir, I have said I do not dread these corporations as instruments of power to destroy this country, because there are a thousand agencies which can regulate, restrain and control them; but there is a corporation we may all dread. That corporation is the Federal Government. From the aggression of this corporation there can be no safety, if it is allowed to go beyond the bounds, the well-defined limits of its power. I dread nothing so much as the exercise of ungranted and doubtful powers by this government. It is, in my opinion, the danger of dangers to the future of this country. Let us be sure we keep it always within its limits.

If this great, ambitious, ever growing corporation becomes oppressive, who shall check it? If it becomes wayward, who shall control it? If it becomes unjust, who shall trust it? As sentinels on the country's watchtower, senators, I beseech you watch and guard with sleepless dread that corporation which can make all property and rights, all states and people, and all liberty and hope, its playthings in an hour and its victims forever.

—SENATOR BENJAMIN HARVEY HILL, in the U. S. Senate, March 27, 1878.

## Safety Pup Says



through national elections, are basic principles: Should the taxpayers have to foot bills for projects private industry could build? Should Government be allowed to thwart development of any area—perhaps yours?"

**BERNICE ROUSH, Accounting Department, Pt. Pleasant.**



For me, my vacation has to be considered three ways—my husband, son, and myself. Almost as soon as one vacation is over we start planning for another one.

We try to arrange our vacation so that it will be educational and enjoyable as well as relaxing to each of us. It is necessary that we arrange it so that it will not be too busy a season for Mr. Roush who owns and operates a large truck, hauling cattle, etc., also our son is in Junior High so it is essential that we go at a time when he is not in school.

**W. H. COMBS, Accounting Department, Hazard.**



This question is settled mainly by a process of elimination. Since we have three children of school age our vacation must come during the summer months. August is too hot and dry for traveling with our six and eight-year-olds, so we have July left. Simple!

It is simple to decide that we want to go and what month to go but where to go with what we have to go on is not so simple. A nice spot with good swimming usually gets preference as we all like the water.

Does anyone have a nice cabin on a pretty lake that he wants occupied for a week in July, say, just to keep the waspers from building nests?

**FRANK STONE, JR., Accounting Department, Logan.**



The vacation question is usually settled by my wife and myself after a short consultation with the children.

Inasmuch as our three children, aged 5, 7 and 9, are still fairly young, their opinions and preferences do not yet play a deciding role in the settlement of this question. However, since two of them are in school, the period of time for our vacation is automatically restricted to conform with the school vacation period.

**C. O. WEISE, Control Operator, Cabin Creek.**



Vacation in our family has always been of great importance, and is usually decided for the next year while we are on vacation this year. We find this gives us the most time to learn about the places we expect to visit, to study the things we expect to do and especially to save the money to do it on.

Yes, it takes a lot of doing to get ready for vacation, but it's worth it.

Some use their vacation to plant potatoes, others to paint the house or kill hogs. I understand there are people that actually waste their vacation hunting or fishing.

As to how the questions are decided. Being democratic, we have a family vote. Of course, my wife and I are usually outvoted, because you see, we have two children.

**CECIL C. McCLELLAN, Transmission and Distribution Department, Kingsport.**



The vacation question in my family must wait until the summer months roll around before we can do any planning. I am the father of 7 children and 2 are too small for long trips. Also, it is too expensive these days traveling very far.

Our vacation is usually working in the garden and around the house; although we go swimming a lot, go on picnics, and visit some in the country. These outings are usually decided the same day or a day in advance by my children, but this is mostly an everyday decision. The best part of a vacation is being all together and enjoying whatever you are doing.

**MRS. O. M. NEWLAND, Engineering Department, Pulaski.**



We don't seriously think about vacations till it starts getting warmer. Then we begin to get "spring fever" and dream of faraway places. We like to travel, so our first problem is trying to agree where to go.

After much arguing, ending in compromise on my part more often than not, we face our biggest obstacle, the arranging of our vacations at the same time. This is done by trying to be the first one in with a vacation schedule since you are most likely to get your choice. Often we have to start the procedure from the beginning when our vacations cannot be arranged together. By the time we get started on our vacation, we are really ready for it.

**MRS. MARION BRATTON, Accounting Department, Roanoke.**



There are several things to be considered when trying to settle the vacation question in our family.

I think that the most important thing is deciding upon a time, which in our case, must be during the summer months when our daughter is not attending school.

Since we all three enjoy the same recreation and the same vacation spots, this part of the question creates no problem.

Of course, the financial problem is one which has to be taken into consideration by most of us, so when vacation time approaches, we plan according to our budget.

Just so we can have a few days of fun and relaxation, whether it is two days or two weeks, everyone is happy until next vacation time.

**G. W. FERNATT, System Substation Department, Roanoke.**



In settling the vacation problem in our family, we never have too much trouble in deciding when to take it.

We usually set aside one week to attend the family reunion which is held each year. The other week is for a trip to the beach or a few days of fishing and traveling around in the open country. It is our plan to see more of our country as vacation times roll by from year to year.

# While Customers Slept, Pikeville Crews Worked On 44 KV Facilities

While customers along a Kentucky 44 kv line slept that Sunday morning, 41 men of the Pikeville district were leaving for work at 4 a. m. They had to be on the job by 5 a. m. for a planned interruption between Gibson and Lackey substations, scheduled to start at six o'clock.

The adjoining photographs show how planning and cooperation meant minimum inconvenience to customers. H. M. Eagle, general foreman, planned the interruption and decided that 1½ hours were needed. Within that time the men were to change out a structure near Gibson station, repair switches on a nearby switching structure, straighten a leaning structure on the line near Lackey substation and repair dead end loops on another structure.

The men needed for the job were selected and assigned duties on the previous Friday. When the men arrived at the job at 5 o'clock that Sunday morning of March 30, tools and equipment were spotted. Men were stationed at the foot of the poles, ready to ground the lines when the signal was received that the line was dead.

At 6 o'clock the line was killed. Work began.

At 7:27 the job was completed and service restored.

Very few customers on the line knew the power was off until sometime during the day when they noticed their electric clocks were one hour and 27 minutes slow.

In the meantime the men who performed the work had left for their homes. They knew the satisfaction of a job well done.

Members of the crews on the job were: C. A. McKinney, H. M. Eagle, John Raine, Amos Christian, Charles Campbell, Chester Smith, Corbin Bobbitt, Denver Layne, James Burke, Laco Tucker, Gratho Williamson, Raymond Scott, Hylton Williamson, Tracy Blackburn, Otto Stratton, Oscar Hamilton, Bill Harris, Jesse Mullins and Ira Smith.

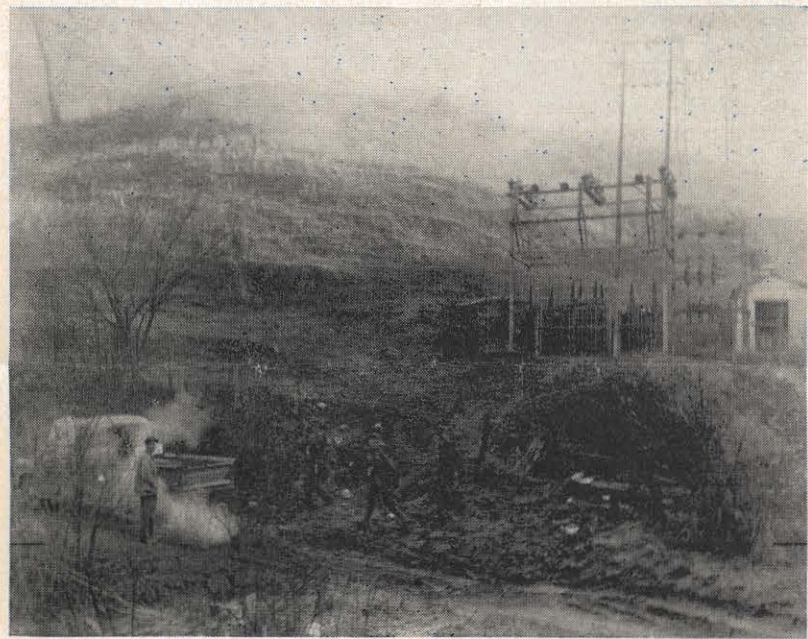
Also Ireland Layne, Auburn Helvey, Charlie Ratliff, Bill Zoellers, Sherlie Ratliff, James Lowe, Curtis Charles, Glen Whitt, Jesse Collier, Homer Helvey, Jesse Williamson, V. A. Syck, Alfred Mercer, J. T. McReynolds, Arlin Hamilton, Henry Weddington, Dennis Clark, Homer Hopkins, Warnie Blackburn, R. C. Anders, Ernie Brashear and Gene Hale.



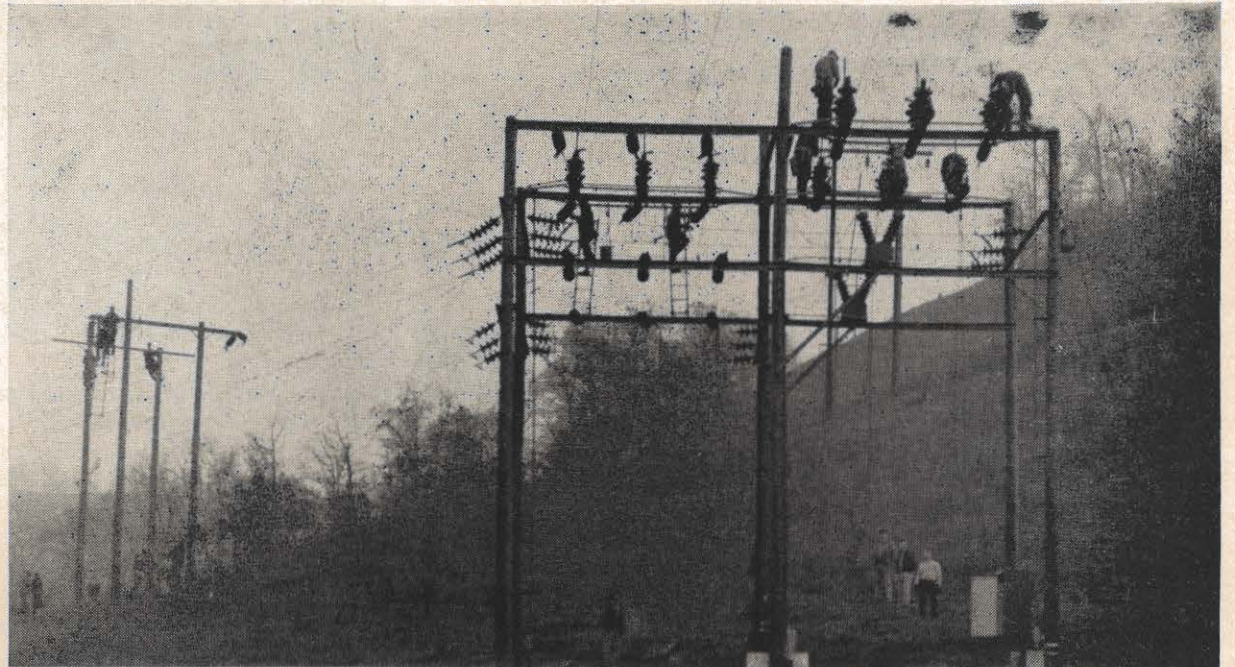
It's still dark when the Pikeville district men arrive at Gibson substation and prepare to unload tools and equipment.



H. M. Eagle uses radio to contact the other two work crews.



Carrying their tools and equipment off the hill as the sun starts rising, the men head for home with pride in a job done well and safely.



As day breaks the job is under way. Seven men work on the switching structure in the foreground while four line-men in the background transfer the arms from the old structure to the new.

## Receive Recognition In Operating Notes



Mr. Nease Mr. Hall

Two employees, Paul D. Nease, Philip Sporn Plant at New Haven, and Robert L. Hall, Jr., Huntington division, recently were recognized for their contributions to the March issue of *A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes*.

Mr. Hall, Huntington division radio engineer, was cited for his article, "Portable TV Tester." Mr. Hall's tester has been found advantageous by TV interference investigators. This small compact unit can be operated from either the customer's house electric supply or the tester's car battery.

Mr. Nease, maintenance helper at the Philip Sporn plant, gained recognition for his article, "Aid To Packing Soot Blowers and Steam Valves." He discussed the use of an inexpensive packing tool. The tool was designed to eliminate the burning and skinning of the packer's hands.

## Dealer Men Get New Ideas At Bluefield Meeting

Appalachian and Kingsport dealer sales representatives recently received some material to help them give more service to dealers in the promoting and selling of electric appliances.

At a three-day conference in Bluefield these men heard speakers outline new ideas and methods of selling and promoting electric appliances.

The program included discussions by: H. Edward Steele, sales promotion director for the Bluefield Supply Company; E. J. Hegarty, director of sales training for Westinghouse; Jack Creasy, display manager, S. H. Heironimus Co., Roanoke; Paul C. Jamison, sales manager, General Department Stores, Huntington; Robert T. Porter, general manager, W. L. Porter and Company, Galax, Virginia, and E. Earl Bibb, president of the Beckley Hardware and Supply Company.

Company personnel on the program included: B. D. Painter, H. L. Cushing, J. B. Whitmore, Frank Board, C. C. Everett, F. P. Styles and S. M. Brown.

At a dinner meeting, climaxing the conference, Hegarty, Julius Hall, Jr., Allan Snider of the A. G. & E. office, and J. P. Gills, Bluefield division manager, appeared on the program.

## Fieldale Men Elected To Civic Club Posts

John W. Vaughan, Harvey B. Merriman and Melvin W. Brown were recently elected to civic club posts in Martinsville, Stuart and Fieldale.

Mr. Vaughan was re-elected director of the Martinsville Rotary Club. He joined the club in 1950 and has been a director since 1951. He is Fieldale district commercial manager.

Mr. Merriman was elected treasurer of the Stuart Rotary Club. He is a line foreman in Stuart.

Mr. Brown was elected for a three-year term to the board of directors of the Fieldale Y. M. C. A. He is local office manager.

## Pulaski Man Heads Band Booster Club

Fred L. Carrico, Pulaski district stores supervisor, is serving his second term as president of the Pulaski Band Booster Club in the past three years.



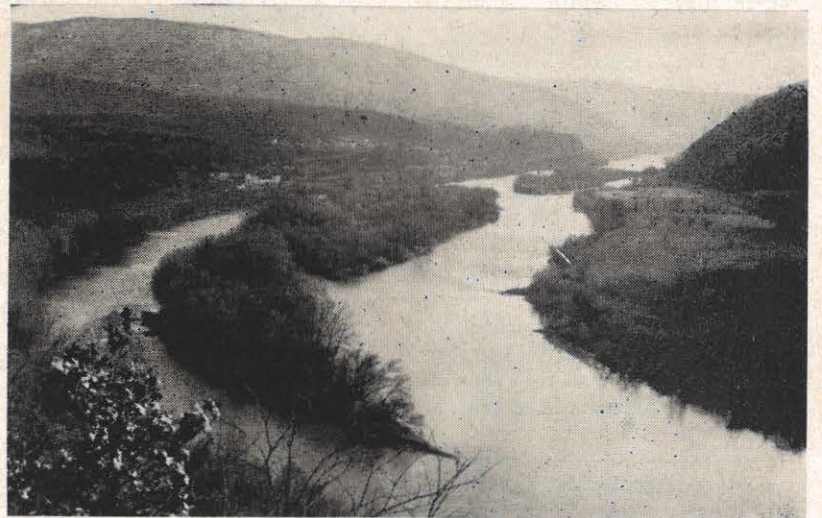
Mr. Carrico

In 1949, when the club was first organized, Mr. Carrico became its first president.

Under Mr. Carrico's supervision, a practice cottage has been constructed; instruments have been purchased, and the band membership has been increased to 60 boys and girls.

The club also sponsors a national music society award, the Arion Award, for outstanding performance in music and academic achievements. The band has participated in Apple Blossom Festivals as well as area and district meets.

## L. E. Turner's Use Of Colored Slides Makes Him Popular Speaker At Civic Club Meetings



Scenes of New River are just some of the many beautiful photographs which L. E. Turner shows with color slides during the talk which he has presented before many civic clubs and service organizations in Giles County.

L. E. Turner is fast becoming the biggest attraction among civic clubs and service organizations in Giles and surrounding counties. The Glen Lyn plant manager has developed a program based on exhibiting colorful local scenes which he photographed.



Mr. Turner

He had his color photographs made into slides. His program consists of about 80 of these slides projected on a 50 x 50 inch screen. Mr. Turner makes a talk while showing the slides.

His program is divided into four

parts. The first features scenes typical of the days of Mary Porter and Captain George Pearis. The second phase of the slides show scenic views in the areas in all seasons. The third group of slides show religious and civic organizations and projects while the fourth tells of the agricultural and industrial development of the area.

Having presented the program to almost all service clubs in Giles County, Mr. Turner is receiving many requests to present his talk outside the county. Much of the popularity of his program can be traced directly to the superior photography which is exhibited on the screen. Mr. Turner is no amateur with a camera and many say "his pictures would do justice to a Hollywood technicolor picture."



### Lynchburgers Belong To Crack Guard Unit



Six Lynchburg district employees are members of the 227th Field Artillery Battalion of the National Guard recently awarded the National Guard's Silver Award. The presentation was made during the City Armory's "Open House" when the unit was cited for training efficiency during 1951. Five of the members of Battery "C," shown above, are left to right, front row: Second Lt. J. F. Wilson, Jr., and First Lt. H. M. Figg, Jr. Back row, left to right: M/Sgt. T. B. Merryman, Sgt. First Class S. P. Cheatham and M/Sgt. G. W. Stone, Jr. First Lt. G. C. Wheeler was absent when the photograph was made. All are employees of the distribution-engineering department except Cheatham. He is a member of the distribution-line department.

Taught By Sick Mother

### Jim Ward Has Enjoyed Unusual Hobby Of Crocheting For Almost 20 Years



Mr. and Mrs. James L. Ward put the finishing touches on some needlework in their home. He estimates that he has crocheted between 300 and 500 odd pieces in addition to 10 bedspreads and 10 table cloths.

About 20 years ago Jim Ward was sitting by his sick mother's bedside. To pass the time, he picked up a partly finished centerpiece his mother was crocheting. Thus was begun the hobby of crocheting for James L. Ward, Holston substation operator in Kingsport. Since then he has completed 10 bedspreads and 10 table cloths. He guesses he has crocheted from 300 to 500 odd pieces. He has found that his hobby pays for itself although he has given away

many pieces of his work. His wife also crochets and he takes the credit for teaching her the finer points of needlework. Jim leaves crocheting when K.U.I. spring softball practice begins. He holds down any position on the club and can be counted on for a hit when the chips are down. His other favorite outdoor sports are fishing and hunting. But with the return of cold weather, Jim is content to sit in the living room and crochet on winter evenings.

### O. A. Keene Is Assistant Fire Chief At Stuart



O. A. Keene, assistant fire chief at Stuart, drives a specially designed jeep on calls with the volunteer fire department. The Fieldale district meter serviceman was elected assistant fire chief in November of 1949 when the fire department was reorganized and two fire trucks were later bought. There are now 40 members of the department. Keene was employed in 1941 as a troubleman. He is married and has two children.

### Huntington Man's Son Plays Lead In Comedy

David Dunlap, son of C. W. Dunlap of Huntington, played a leading role in the three-act comedy, "Smarter and Smoother." In addition to playing the male lead, young Dunlap also acted as master of ceremonies.



David Dunlap

The production was sponsored to assist East Huntington High School raise funds for the purchase of an electric organ.

Mr. Dunlap is Huntington district's meter superintendent.

### Abingdon Engineer Wins An EEI Award

S. E. Gittings, Abingdon district power engineer, recently received a cash award for material published by the Edison Electric Institute.



Mr. Gittings

Mr. Gittings' material was based upon an all-electric kitchen which was installed at the Johnston Memorial Hospital in Abingdon.

### Bluefield . . .

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are recovering from accident injuries. J. C. Thompson, retired employee, has been ill. Orville Whittaker and Gilbert Smith are new employees.

### Welch District

Richard A. Jones, meter department, was elected vice president of the Wyoming County Softball League.

Recently inducted into the National School Honor Society were Miller Porterfield, son of the assistant district manager; Raymond Lee Brown, son of Mrs. Ester Brown of the accounting department, and Jane Ellen Greene, niece of Sank Smith, personnel supervisor.

Guy Albertson vacationed in Van Buren, Arkansas, with his mother who has been ill.

Sympathy is extended Tom Bailey, system operating department at Switchback, on the death of his father.

Sympathy is extended Guy Albertson, serviceman, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Peery Hatmaker, distribution department, has been ill.

J. D. Dalton, line foreman, returned to work after an illness.

Pat Christian, accounting department, vacationed with friends and relatives in Bristol.

Charles W. Sneed, retired Switchback substation operator, recently observed his birthday at a dinner in his honor.

Sympathy is extended Steve Dudash, area serviceman, on the death of his father-in-law.

Carlos E. Phillips, draftsman, resigned to accept employment with the U. S. Steel Company at Gary.

Betty Ruth Hickman, Grundy cashier, is a new employee. She is a former employee of the Pikeville district.

Frank Compton, meter reader, is a new employee. He recently returned from Korea.

### B. B. Corker Family Is Active In Cub Scouting

The B. B. Corker family goes for Cub Scouting in a big way. Mr. Corker is cub master, Mrs. Corker is den mother and their son is a Lion scout.

Mr. Corker, Beckley district supervising engineer, has been cub master for Pack No. 10 of the Episcopal Church for two years. Since being appointed to this position by the Cub Scout Church Committee, he has seen the pack grow to a total of 42 Cub Scouts in four dens.

Mrs. Corker is den mother of Den No. 4 consisting of nine members. She has served as den mother since September.

During this time the Cubs in her den have accomplished many projects. Each boy made and painted an electric lamp from tin cans, made and painted novelties from plaster of paris, made foot stools from nail kegs and did various types of woodwork with a jig saw.

### Kentucky . . .

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runner-up in the Catlettsburg spelling contest.

H. T. Mitchell, district stores supervisor, and his wife visited their daughter, Mary Lucille Esleek, and her husband in Knoxville.

Gene Salyer, distribution department, has returned to work after being in the hospital.

Donald Clay, distribution department, vacationed in New York City.

C. R. Nester, line foreman, vacationed in Cincinnati where he saw the opening game of the baseball season. While there he was advanced from the 14th to the 32d Degree, Scottish Rites Masonry.



Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Corker pose in their Beckley home with their son who is a Lion scout. The arrows on Bernard's shirt indicate the number of elective achievements he has completed.

Bernard, their son, holds the rank of Lion. He has completed more than 12 required achievements as well as many elective achievements.

### Son Of Welch Man Will Be Boys' Camp Counselor



Ralph Hale

Ralph W. Hale, son of Ralph Hale of the Welch district, recently was appointed counselor for a boys' camp during the summer.

Young Hale will serve as Junior Counselor at Camp Greenbrier at Alderson, West Virginia, for the 1952 camping season.

Mr. Hale is employed in the Welch district as a sales representative in the Pineville area.

### Roanoke . . .

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Burnette Caldwell, accounting office, has returned to work after an operation.

Mrs. G. G. Nicholson, wife of the accounting office employee, has been ill.

Sympathy is extended Ruth Wright, billing office, on the death of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hamilton recently visited Carlsbad, New Mexico, to see their new grandson.

Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell, civil engineering department, is recovering after an appendectomy.

J. F. Barnes, system real estate and right-of-way, and family, visited in Washington.

Geraldine Smith, local accounting office, transferred to the real estate and right-of-way department.

Sympathy is extended T. L. Bailey, system substation department employee at Switchback, on the death of his father.

Mrs. Mary Barnes, who recently resigned from the personnel department to join her husband in Birmingham, was honored with a luncheon by the girls of the fourth floor.

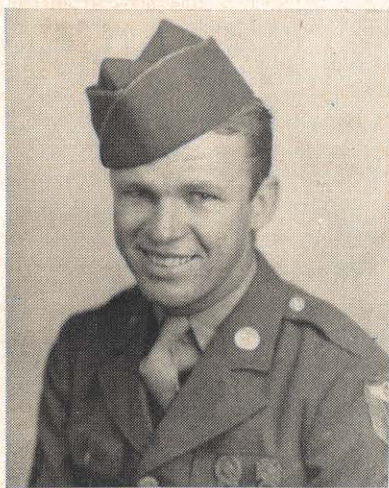
Girls of the fourth floor met with Mrs. Stanley Hall on April 28 for their regular sewing circle meeting. Mrs. Hall is employed in the executive department.

Mrs. Doris W. Lawrence, district personnel department, has transferred to the system safety department.

Mrs. Billie T. DeHart, safety department, has transferred to the system personnel department.

Mrs. Jewell Woolridge, local accounting department, has transferred to the personnel department.

### Wheatley Dies After Accident In Logan District



Ronald H. Wheatley

Ronald H. Wheatley, 30, Logan district lineman, died April 15 as a result of injuries sustained in a recent accident. Five days earlier he had been severely burned when he came in contact with a 12 KV line.

Mr. Wheatley was assisting with the installation of transformers at the time of the accident. He was removed from the pole and the back pressure arm-lift method of artificial respiration restored breathing within three or four minutes. He was then rushed to the hospital where he died.

Ronald had been an employee of the company since November of 1948. He was an active sportsman with a keen interest in baseball. During World War II, he saw service with the U. S. Army Signal Corps.

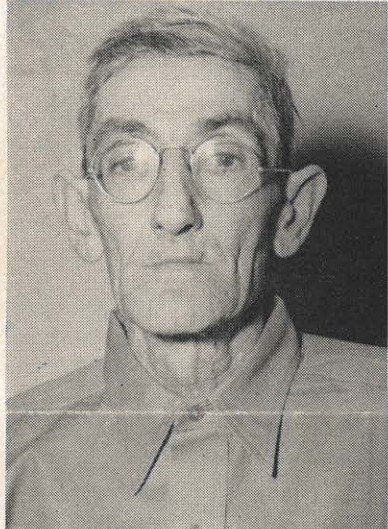
He is survived by his wife, Geraldine, and three children; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wheatley.

## Six 25-Year Veterans Get Pins



These six people received pins during last month for 25 years of service with the company. Top row, left to right: K. R. Kearns, Huntington; Harold F. Rozier, Huntington; F. B. Thompson, Charleston. Second row: Joy J. Nash, Roanoke; L. M. Absher, Roanoke, and R. G. Calhoun, system accounting department, Roanoke.

## J. L. Foster Retires After 16 Years In Charleston District



Mr. Foster

J. Louis Foster, Charleston district groundman, retired April 1 after having completed 16 years service with the company.

Mr. Foster was born in Charleston and has been a life-long resident of the Kanawha Valley. Early in life, he worked at a variety of jobs before being employed by the Barium Reduction Company. After working for that company for about twelve years, he came to work for Appalachian in 1936. He was first assigned as a member of Thurman Reed's crew and later was transferred to work under the supervision of A. P. Reveal.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster are the parents of three sons. One will make his home with the Fosters on a farm on the Poca River while the others are in the service. Both servicemen are now on duty in the Korean Theatre of Operations.

In retirement, Mr. Foster's plans are to work a small garden and to take it easy. He was complimentary of the company's safety program. He felt that management is doing much for the benefit of its employees.

## Welch Employees Named To Woman's Club Posts

At a recent meeting of the McDowell Junior Woman's Club in Welch, Patricia Parrish, engineering department, was elected corresponding secretary and Juanita Lawrence, pay-roll department, was elected treasurer.

Mrs. John Vermillion, wife of the meter department employee, was elected recording secretary. Reba De-Busk, accounting department, was accepted for membership at the meeting.

## Huntington . . .

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visited her sick mother in Bland. He is employed in the results department.

### Huntington District

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stein on the death of her father.

Sympathy is extended Claude Woods on the death of his mother.

Ray Bosworth, transmission and distribution department, resigned to accept employment in Cincinnati.

Jack Powers, drafting section, resigned to accept employment at Oak Ridge.

Sympathy is extended Harold F. Rozier, district superintendent, on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is extended George N. Doggett, engineer, on the death of his father.

Eugene Scites, son of J. M. Scites of the right-of-way department, recently spent a 10-day leave from the Air Corps with his parents.

Lois Butler, system billing office, resigned.

Hunter T. Wilson, retired safety inspection engineer for the Southern Division, is recovering at home from a heart attack.

## Wins Big Trophy



Ched Yearout, son of C. B. Yearout, who is assistant Bluefield division personnel supervisor, holds the trophy he won in a safety poster contest at Mercer Street School in Princeton. The trophy was presented by the Princeton Lions Club. Ched's poster depicted falls due to materials left underfoot in the home.



### Appalachian Electric Power Company

**Abingdon District**—15 YEARS: George G. Wood, local office supervisor.

**Beckley District**—5 YEARS: Homer W. Greene, meter department and Lloyd Humphrey, transmission and distribution department.

**Bluefield District**—15 YEARS: Frank W. Harman, system transmission line department. 10 YEARS: Jay W. Farley, Jr., transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: James Cook, substation maintenance department.

**Charleston District**—35 YEARS: J. E. Mathews, substation department and Lewis Spencer, transmission and distribution department. 25 YEARS: Raymond McCormick, transmission and distribution department and F. B. Thompson, stores department. 15 YEARS: W. J. Blake, engineering department; O. G. Harris, Kanawha Valley Power Co.; and Frances E. Miller, accounting department. 5 YEARS: N. R. Keeling, transmission and distribution department; P. A. Skaff, engineering department; R. O. Stricklen, transmission and distribution department; J. R. Skelton, meter department; F. E. Smith, accounting department; and H. R. Summers, Kanawha Valley Power Company.

**Lynchburg District**—15 YEARS: T. M. Sandidge, substation department. 10 YEARS: Bernice G. Anderson, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: W. L. Brooks, garage; E. J. Tuggle, transmission and distribution department; and W. B. Spencer, Reusens Hydro.

**Pulaski District**—15 YEARS: D. E. Parks, transmission and distribution department; and G. K. Smythers, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: S. R. Moser, Jr., and G. F. Shrader, Jr., transmission and distribution department.

**Roanoke District**—25 YEARS: L. M. Absher, transmission and distribution department and Joy J. Nash, commercial department. 10 YEARS: James T. Goggin, accounting department.

**System Offices**—25 YEARS: R. G. Calhoun, accounting department. 10 YEARS: Betty L. Sneed, purchasing department. 5 YEARS: C. R. Hedgecock, accounting department and Mary C. Barnes, personnel department.

**Welch District**—15 YEARS: Earl E. Belcher, service department. 5 YEARS: Bobby E. Smith, transmission and distribution department; and Evatte M. Hendrick, service department.

### Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

**Hazard District**—5 YEARS: Dennis Cline and James C. Pendleton, meter department; Edwin Combs and Lee Crawford, production department; Arlas Napier, transmission and distribution department.

**Pikeville District**—15 YEARS: Charlie Wilson, janitor. 10 YEARS: Ked Lowe, service department. 5 YEARS: Glen Potter, meter department.

### Kingsport Utilities

5 YEARS: Jake B. Sells, distribution department.

## Employees Will Speak At Virginia Safety Conference

D. C. Duncan, system safety director, and Paul L. Bailey, Roanoke general foreman, will be speakers at the 18th Annual Virginia Safety Conference May 15-17 in Richmond.

Mr. Bailey will talk on the theme, "Who is Responsible for Safety?"

Mr. Duncan will speak on "Selling Safety."

Both will speak during the public utilities session of the conference.

## Sons Of Bluefield Men Serve City On 'S. G.' Day

Sons of two Bluefield men, Jimmy Gills and John Stacy, Beaver High School seniors, were selected recently as members of Bluefield's governing body on Student Government Day.

Jimmy, son of J. P. Gills, served as city engineer while John, son of C. L. Stacy, served as city attorney.

Student Government Day aids students in becoming familiar with the duties of city officials and stresses the importance of good government and is sponsored by the Jaycees.



### Appalachian Electric Power Company

**Beckley District**—Meta Akers from junior-clerk to clerk-typist, Corrie B. Graff from senior cashier-clerk to senior cashier, Noka J. Carter from accounting department to personnel department.

**Charleston District**—Stuart Foehr and J. P. Gordon from meter helper to meterman C, Joe Kuskey from the Whitesville office to the Charleston office.

**Fieldale District**—James A. Dunham from System Commercial Department to Fieldale.

**Lynchburg District**—Eliza McDaniel from authorization clerk to senior contract clerk.

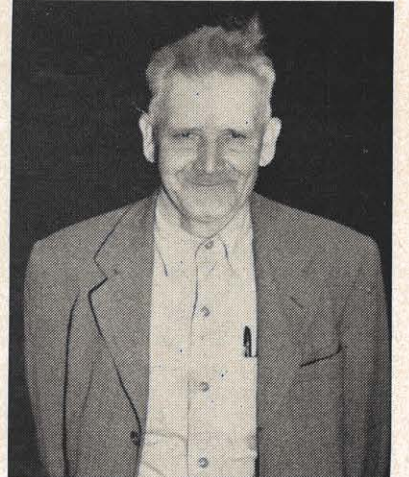
**Point Pleasant District**—E. L. Mitchell from Charleston district to Point Pleasant, C. W. Frishette from chief of party to engineering assistant, and W. M. Pancake from district instrumentman to draftsman.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—David Kettlewell from results department to chemist in chemical department, James H. Bennett from assistant control operator to control operator, William W. Wentzell and Clyde D. Rice from assistant control operator to control operator.

### Kingsport Utilities

Howard O. Wexler from lineman B to lineman A, Forrest W. Isley from rural sales representative to administrative assistant, and Arnold D. Reynolds from plant maintenance man B to serviceman B.

## G. M. McCormick Retires To Farm Near Poca River



Mr. McCormick

G. M. "Matt" McCormick plans to do a lot more gardening on his farm on Rocky Fork of Poca River since retiring.

The Charleston district employee has some other plans, too. He and his wife intend to buy a trailer in order to spend their winters in Florida. Of course, "Matt" plans to return to his farm in time to get those vegetables growing.

"Matt" could tell much of the Charleston district's history as he saw the company progress for almost 35 years. He was employed in 1917 by the West Virginia Water and Light Company, a predecessor of Appalachian. After working in the water division of that company he changed to ground work in the line department.

After holding many jobs with the company, in 1930 he started taking care of the street lights. He worked on the street light truck until his retirement.

## Charleston District Troubleman Receives 35-Year Service Pin



Mr. Spencer

Lewis Spencer, Charleston district troubleman, completed thirty-five years service with the company April 8.

Mr. Spencer was first employed as a groundman by the West Virginia Water and Electric Company. He continued in that capacity until he entered the service in 1918. After a tour of duty in France, he returned to the company in August of 1919. He became a lineman in 1919 and has been working as a troubleman since 1932.

Prior to entering the electrical industry, Lewis worked in a feed store as a youngster. Later, he was employed in a lumber yard, then took up plumbing a short time before coming with the company.

Hunting and fishing share many of Lewis's leisure hours. He caught more than sixty catfish over a recent week end.

# "From Acorn To Oak—That's Roanoke" In Past 70 Years

## Midnight Ride Brings Railroad To Big Lick

Roanoke is an Indian word meaning money. It's a well chosen word because money and enterprise made possible the foundation of Roanoke.

In 1881 the town of Big Lick was only a way station on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, just reorganized from the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad. At that time the Shenandoah Valley Railroad was completing its line southward from Maryland and was considering three other towns as its possible junction point.

At a citizens meeting in June of 1881, a petition was drawn up, promising the railroad a terminal and a subscription to the amount of \$10,000 to pay for rights-of-way. About midnight a rider galloped off to a rendezvous with John C. Moomaw who had stopped to visit a friend near Buchanan before attending a directors meeting of the valley railroad in Lexington the next morning.

The rider met Mr. Moomaw at one o'clock that night. Mr. Moomaw took the valuable papers which he presented to the directors the following morning. The rail executives were impressed. They voted to divert the road to Big Lick.

In June of 1882 the valley railroad was completed into that community.

### Name Changed

In light of the importance of money in founding the city, it is significant to note the name of Big Lick was changed to Roanoke that same year. Roanoke's first industry, the Roanoke Machine Works (now the N. & W. shops) also was located in Roanoke in 1882. The shops, starting with about 1,000 employees, was a tremendous stimulus to the city's development.

In 1883 the general offices of both the Shenandoah Valley and the Norfolk and Western railroads were established in Roanoke.

A building boom followed the railroad development. From a population of about 500 in 1882 when the railroad came, the town grew to 5,000 by 1884 when the town was incorporated as a city.

In 1890 the Shenandoah Valley Railroad became a part of the N. & W. The Roanoke and Southern Railroad between Winston-Salem and Roanoke was completed in 1892. This was another unit which later became a part of the N. & W. In 1896 the Norfolk and Western Railroad was reorganized as the Norfolk and Western Railway.

Today the railway has its largest shops and its general offices in Roanoke and employs almost 7,000 people in the Roanoke area.

### Help City Grow

Other important developments influencing Roanoke's growth was the coming of the American Bridge and

Iron Company in 1889, the Virginian Railroad in 1907 and the American Viscose Corporation in 1917. Industries such as these helped attract the almost 93,000 people who live in Roanoke, now third largest city in Virginia.

Industries in metropolitan Roanoke produce such diverse products as railroad locomotives and cars, rayon, fabricated steel, underclothes and dresses, foundry products, furniture, flour and mill feed, printing, metal and concrete culverts, varnishes, vinegar, beverages, chemicals, automobile locks, flavoring extracts, cosmetics, cement, hosiery, building materials, leather, elevators and coffee.

The 254 industries and 15 utilities in metropolitan Roanoke employ about 30,000 people. Roanoke is the home of two insurance companies, 208 wholesale and distributing houses and 1,247 retail units. The city has two daily papers and three radio stations.

In addition to six local hospitals, a large Veterans Administration Hospital is located between Salem and Roanoke. Two civic landmarks now being completed are the new airport administration building at Woodrum Field and a new library in Elmwood Park.

National Business College, Virginia Southern College and the Cornett School of Business are located in Roanoke while Hollins College for women, north of the city limits, and Roanoke College, at Salem, are nearby.

### Evolution of District

With few exceptions, all these developments took place in the past 70 years, from the time the community took the name of Roanoke. Along with this growth has evolved the Roanoke district of Appalachian Electric Power Company.

In 1888, only six years after the change in name to Roanoke, the first power plant was built at Norfolk Avenue and Henry Street. The Roanoke Electric Light and Power Company's first distribution line, a 110-volt system of six bare copper wires, so terrified the citizens that the original wires were replaced with insulated ones.

The group of men who controlled the company also controlled the Roanoke Street Railway Company. They included J. T. Engleby, S. W. Jamison, P. L. Terry, H. S. Trout, T. T. Fishburne and John Sexton. They purchased the street railway from its



ABOVE: An aerial view of downtown Roanoke. 1. N. & W. passenger station. 2. Hotel Roanoke. 3. N. & W. general offices. 4. The Roanoke Times and World-News building. Across the street is the Court House. 5. Appalachian building. Just 70 years old, Roanoke has a population of about 93,000, making it the third largest city in Virginia. LEFT: The general office building of Appalachian which also houses system offices for the three companies in the Southern Properties. Occupied in 1949, the building is located at the corner of Franklin Road and First Street. The first two floors are occupied by Roanoke district and division personnel while system departments are located on the remaining four floors. The pent house on top houses the heat pump equipment. On the left is the Medical Arts Building. The street light standards and traffic signals are fed by the underground distribution network which was completed in downtown Roanoke last year.

original builders, J. Fleming Christian and associates.

In 1892 a new power plant was built where the N. & W. freight station is located. At that time customers used the old Edison chemical meters which had zinc plates in a solution through which the customer's current flowed. "Reading" the meter was a matter of weighing the plates. The old meters were replaced with induction type meters in 1894.

Financial difficulties led to the sale of the property of both the railway system and the power company to the Roanoke Railway & Electric Company in 1899. Shortly thereafter J. B. Fishburne and associates acquired all the common stock of that company before selling the property in 1903 to a Philadelphia syndicate.

In 1903 there were only 36 residential electric customers in Roanoke and the first electric motor of any size was installed that year by *The Roanoke Times*. However, in 1906 the Roanoke Railway & Electric Company built the Walnut Avenue steam plant which is in use today.



D. W. Plaine  
Production Dept.  
42 Years

Also in 1906 the Roanoke Water Power Company was organized and built a 2,500 hp hydro-electric plant on Roanoke River near Vinton. It competed with the other company until being bought by the Roanoke Railway & Electric Company in 1908. Niagara hydro is still in service.

In 1910 the Roanoke property was bought by the American Railways Company of Philadelphia. In 1912 the first transmission line was extended to Roanoke from Appalachian Power Company's new hydros, Buck and Byllesby, on New River between Wytheville and Galax. It was a 50-mile, 88-kv line.

In 1915 the American Railways Company was consolidated with other utility interests under the name of the American Electric Power Company of Philadelphia. That year an intensive house-wiring campaign was started in Roanoke and 1,200 homes were wired during the year. Customers were given 12 months to pay for the wiring costs. By this time there were almost 7,000 customers.

By 1925, when the American Gas and Electric Company of New York acquired the American Electric Power

Company, customers in Roanoke had about doubled to 14,000. After A. G. & E. acquired the Roanoke property, construction was started on a 132,000-volt, double circuit line from the Glen Lyn plant. The line went into service in 1926.

When Appalachian Electric Power Company was formed in April of 1926, there were 115 Roanoke district employees serving about 16,000 customers. Today 341 employees serve about 64,000 customers in 1,476 square miles in the counties of Roanoke, Franklin, Botetourt, Craig and Bedford. There are now 2,732 miles of transmission and distribution lines in the district.

### System Headquarters

An almost equal number of system employees work in Roanoke. Since 1943 the general offices of Appalachian and system offices of the Southern Properties have been located in Roanoke.

The new general office building at the corner of Franklin Road and First Street was begun in 1947 and occupied in 1949. It serves as headquarters for W. P. Booker, district manager, W. I. Whitefield, division manager, M. C. Funk, vice president of the three companies of the Southern Properties, and for system department heads.

Thus the Roanoke district evolved from pioneering predecessors. In contrast with the bare copper wires in 1889, there are no wires in downtown Roanoke today as the underground distribution system was completed last year.

The growth in 70 years from a town of 500 to a city of about 93,000 has given Roanoke the title of "The Magic City." A familiar slogan is "From acorn to oak—that's Roanoke."

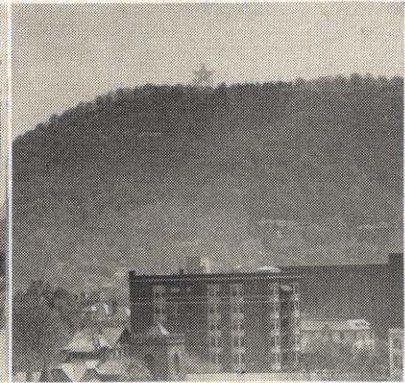
Another name promoted for Roanoke is "Star City of the South." The 88-foot electric star atop Mill Mountain in the city limits proves that Roanokers are still as enterprising as their forefathers who brought the valley railroad to Roanoke and helped build a city.



LEFT: Roanoke shops of the Norfolk and Western Railway date from 1882 when it was known as the Roanoke Machine Works, the city's first big industry. For many years Roanoke was primarily a "railroad town" but continued industrial development helped the city grow and produce a variety of products. CENTER: Main Street in Rocky Mount, county seat of Franklin County. A local office is maintained in Rocky Mount. In addition to large industries like Bald Knob Furniture Company, Angle Silk Mills and R. O. W. Distributors, the



county is enriched by tobacco and dairy industries. When the Rocky Mount distribution system was acquired in 1925, a 150 kw hydro plant on Pigg River near the town was taken over and is still operating. RIGHT: The 88-foot electric star atop Mill Mountain. The star was promoted by merchants and businessmen to advertise Roanoke as the "Star City of the South." It was erected in 1950. Ordinarily white, the star is lighted red on special occasions. This photo was made from the top of the Appalachian building.



## Pikeville Employees Elected To Rotary Club's 1952 Offices

Two Pikeville employees, H. R. Flanagan, local office manager, and F. M. Jennings, district stores supervisor, were elected to offices of the Pikeville Rotary Club.



Mr. Flanagan was elected to serve as the club's president for the coming year. In the past, he has served the local organization as vice president and sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Jennings was elected to the board of directors. He served the club as sergeant-at-arms last year.

## Kingsport Worker Fatally Burned In Accident



Mr. Carter

James V. Carter, Kingsport Utilities lineman, was fatally burned in an accident on April 4.

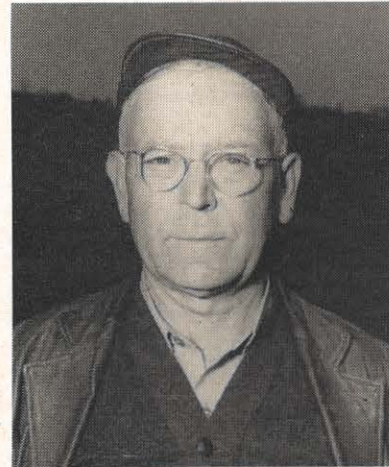
Carter was working with members of Foreman Winston Morrison's line crew, who were installing an automatic oil switch at the Holston Valley Community Hospital. The accident occurred when Carter came in contact with a 4,000 volt line.

Howard Wexler, a crew member who was working on another pole, was the first to reach Carter and began giving pole-top resuscitation. Carter was removed from the pole and given artificial respiration by other crew members.

"J. V.," as he was known to his co-workers, was manager of the Utilities softball team last year. He was a member and Sunday School superintendent of the Vernon Heights Presbyterian Church. He served three years with the Seabees in the South Pacific during World War II and was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife and two sons.

## James E. Mathews Gets 35-Year Pin



Mr. Mathews

James E. Mathews, foreman employed in the Charleston district substation department, recently completed 35 years of service with the company.

Mr. Mathews began his employment in the utility business with the Virginian Power Company at the Cabin Creek plant in April of 1917. He remained at the plant until 1930 constructing substations and lines from Cabin Creek.

In 1930 Mr. Mathews was transferred to the Charleston substation department. In 1939 he was promoted to foreman.

Mr. Mathews has established a reputation as an outstanding squirrel hunter.

Mr. Mathews makes his home at Marmet, West Virginia, and is a member of the Marmet Baptist Church.

## Bi-Monthly Billing In Use Throughout Two-Company Area

Last month saw the extension of bi-monthly billing to the last Appalachian district, Roanoke, since the procedure was initiated three years ago.

Started in the Pulaski district in May of 1949, bi-monthly billing has helped check increased operating costs while providing an added convenience to customers.

The Roanoke district changeover brings all districts in Appalachian and Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company under bi-monthly billing. It was introduced in Kentucky in the Pikeville district in June of 1950, in Sprigg district in November of 1950, in Hazard district in February of 1951 and in Ashland district in September of 1951.

Estimated saving to the company as a result of bi-monthly billing is approximately 85 cents per customer a year. This saving results from reduced materials and supplies and reduced transportation costs. There are also labor savings for meter reading, addressograph and billing, bookkeeping and office credit and collection, field collecting and miscellaneous clerical.

Under bi-monthly billing, any customer wishing to make monthly payments on his account may continue to do so as his payment is credited on the following bi-monthly bill. However, results have shown that less than two per cent of all customers usually make monthly payments after the bi-monthly plan goes into effect.

## W. S. Buxton Dies At Charleston

Walter S. Buxton, Charleston district employee, died March 24 at a Charleston hospital. Mr. Buxton had been ill for the past four months.

He was a native of Mason County, West Virginia, but had spent the past forty years in the Charleston area. He was graduated from Point Pleasant High School and Eastman College at Poughkeepsie, New York. Prior to coming to Charleston, Mr. Buxton was employed at the Merchants National Bank at Point Pleasant.

Mr. Buxton was employed by the company in August of 1935 as a bookkeeper. In 1941 he was promoted to supervisor in the Charleston office. Later, he was transferred to the commercial department and remained in that work until the time of his death.

Before coming with Appalachian, Mr. Buxton was chief of the utilities and assessment division of the state tax commissioner's office. While associated with the commission, he assisted in writing the state's present tax law.

## Delt Crosier, Retired Line Foreman, Dies

Delt H. Crosier, 68-year-old retired Charleston line foreman, died April 3 at his home on Tyler Mountain Road.

Mr. Crosier had been with the company from August of 1923 until his retirement in March of 1949. He was made foreman shortly after coming with the company and held that position until retiring.

Mr. Crosier was a member of the Tyler Mountain First Baptist Church and of the Knights of Columbus at Anstead.

## 'Bob' Layne Receives Award In Korea



Harry R. "Bob" Layne, maintenance helper at Sporn plant on military leave, is shown receiving the commendation ribbon and medal for meritorious service with the 17th Infantry Division in Korea. The citation for his work as intelligence clerk read in part: "In the absence of his superiors, Pfc. Layne on numerous occasions received from higher and lower headquarters vital enemy information and disseminated this information to the proper units. He worked constantly to obtain maps and distribute these maps to the units within the regiment. The untiring efforts and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc. Layne reflects great credit on himself and the military service."

'Tuffy' Comes Home

## Ronny Shelton And His Dog Are Together After Months When Only Boy Kept Hoping

Lose your dog? Don't give up hope of finding him.

Take the case of Ronny Shelton, son of Kyle Shelton of the system transmission line department in Bluefield. His cocker spaniel, "Tuffy," disappeared last fall from their home in the Green Valley section east of Bluefield.

After advertising in the Lost and Found column for two weeks and offering a reward, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton gave up hope of ever seeing "Tuffy" again. Not so Ronny—he felt that someday his dog would come home.

Recently a fellow-employee told Mr. Shelton that a dog answering "Tuffy's" description had taken up residence at a neighbor's home. He went to investigate and found the long-lost "Tuffy" who had been gone for five months.

"Tuffy" is now back in Green



Ronny and "Tuffy" are reunited after five months.

Valley with a very happy little boy who never gave up hope that someday "Tuffy" would come home.

## James White And Bob Weistfeld Lead Active Abingdon Cub Scout Movement



James White, Scoutmaster, stands with members of his Cub Pack at one of the monthly meetings in the Appalachian auditorium in Abingdon.

Since James White and Bob Weistfeld took over Cub Scout Pack 22, the Abingdon Cub Scout movement has been very active.

In addition to keeping 30 members in the four-den pack since they reorganized it in November of 1951, another den of eight cubs has been added.

James, Abingdon district power sales engineer, is Cub Scout Master while Bob, dealer sales representative, is assistant Cub Scout Master. Bob's son, Gary, and James' son, Jimmy, are members of the pack. Bob's wife serves as one of the den mothers.

Other Cubs related to employees include: Den Chief Fillmore McPherson III, son of L. F.; Eddy Lethcoe, son of Paul; Joey Collins, son of J. E., and Harry Stevens, brother of Edith.

Monthly pack meetings are held in the Appalachian auditorium where the scouts and their parents and additional leaders meet for a social gathering highlighter by presentation of awards.

## Huntington Billing Office Gets Award

Huntington system billing office employees were presented with the "Certificate of Merit for Accident Prevention" at a dinner at the Hotel Frederick on March 25. The award was for no lost-time accidents in 1951, the third consecutive year that the billing office received the award.

S. R. Pritchard, district manager, presented the certificate to Miss Rella Snuffer who accepted it for her fellow employees.

## Miller Is Elected Ashland's Rotary Club '52 President

Harry H. Miller, Ashland district power sales engineer, recently was elected president of the Ashland Rotary Club for the coming year.

Since becoming a member of the club in 1942, Mr. Miller served as vice president last year and also was a delegate to the Rotary International Convention which was held at Atlantic City.



Mr. Miller

As president of the Ashland organization, he will attend the Rotary International Convention as a delegate at Mexico City, Mexico, this month.

In addition to Rotary activities, Mr. Miller is active in the Boy Scouts. He is chairman of the Camping and Activities Committee for the Tri-State Area Council and also is a past member of the board of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Miller has been an employee of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company since 1941.



### Tinted Meringue Shells Will Please Hostess And Guests As Party Pastry



Eggs get plentiful and cheap just at the time frilly desserts using lots of egg whites taste best. Topping the list of this type dessert, Meringue Shells adapt themselves to practically any filling.

These crisp, delicate shells are real party fare when filled with Strawberry Mousse (as pictured above) and topped with fresh or frozen strawberries. Other fillings equally delicious are caramel ice cream topped with caramel sauce, vanilla ice cream and fresh sliced peaches or a combination of fresh fruits with whipped cream.

Very easy to prepare, the shells may be tinted delicate shades of pink, yellow or green by using several drops of food coloring in the egg whites after they are beaten stiff.

Last, but not least, Meringues are inexpensive and can be prepared a day ahead of time and filled and served at the last minute. The following recipe makes 12 medium meringue shells. Serve with coffee and you will have 12 delighted people.

You'll need:  
6 egg whites (3/4 cup)  
2 cups sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice or vinegar.

Beat egg whites until stiff (holds to a point) and add half of the sugar (1 cup). Gradually beat in remaining cup of sugar alternately with lemon juice or vinegar. Beat until very stiff and glossy. Drop by small spoonfuls in a circle on brown paper on baking sheet, or heap into a high mound and hollow out top with back of spoon. Bake at 275° (slow oven) for one hour. Allow to cool at room temperature.

The shells are ready for filling. If you want the recipe for the Strawberry Mousse filling, write to Mrs. Virginia G. Hancock, Fieldale district home economist who gave the recipe for the shells.

#### Noel-Collins

Miss Lola Noel became the bride of Jessie J. Collins on February 23 at Tazewell, Virginia. Mrs. Collins is an employee at Bluefield.

#### Bishop-Beard

Miss Dorothy Lucille Bishop became the bride of Charles C. Beard, Jr., at Bluefield, Virginia. Mr. Beard is employed at Bluefield.

### Huntington Women In Auxiliary Work

Two Huntington district employees, Mrs. Ethel Hyldahl and Mrs. Betty G. Adkins, recently were elected to offices of the VFW Auxiliary No. 9738. Mrs. Hyldahl was elected president while Mrs. Adkins will serve as treasurer.



Mrs. Hyldahl

Mrs. Hyldahl, a member of the transmission and distribution department, has been very active in the Auxiliary. She is chairman of the Annual Boat Regatta and Steam Boat Race which is sponsored for the Auxiliary's Relief Program. She also is junior vice president of the 8th District and assistant conductress in the Department of West Virginia.



Mrs. Adkins

Mrs. Adkins is a district PBX operator and will serve the Auxiliary as treasurer during the coming term.

### Wife Of Roanoker Is Woman's Club President

Mrs. Otto C. Caldwell, wife of a Roanoke district employee, recently was elected president of the Roanoke Woman's Club.



Mrs. Caldwell

She also was chosen as one of the delegates who represented the Roanoke organization at the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs convention in Richmond.

Mr. Caldwell is the Roanoke local office manager.

### Tazewell Employees Hold Annual Party

Tazewell employees and their guests recently attended their annual banquet at the Tazewell office. Dave Rowe, Tazewell line foreman, served as master of ceremonies.

Following the dinner, five-year service pins were awarded to Harry Smith, Cecil Rhudy, Dewey Barnette, James Kiser and James Harris.

In contests concerning facts about the company, Mrs. Jim Cole won the ladies' prize while James Cassell won the men's contest. Mrs. Irene Peery won the door prize.

### Apelcoes Club Has Dance On April 4

The Lynchburg district Apelcoes Club held a round and square dance at Buck's Place on April 4 for members and guests.

Arrangements for the dance were made by committees headed by Caroline Vaughan, stores department; Ann Kidd, distribution-engineering department, and W. E. Crouch, line department.

### New Arrivals . . .

MR. AND MRS. ROY CHILDRESS are the parents of a daughter, Anna Rose, born March 15. Mr. Childress is employed at Clintwood.

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD S. SCHOEFIELD are the parents of a daughter, Katie G., born April 3. Mr. Schoefield is employed at Fieldale.

MR. AND MRS. BARTLIN MONTIEGEL are the parents of a son, Bartlin Thomas, born April 12. Mr. Montiegel is a Logan Plant employee on military leave.

MR. AND MRS. MARVIN ROUSH are the parents of a son, Marvin Clayton, born February 16. Mr. Roush is employed at Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. DARRELL HOFFMAN are the parents of a son, Donald Wayne, born April 5. Mr. Hoffman is employed at Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN DAWSON are the parents of a son, John Douglas, born March 21. Mr. Dawson is employed at Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES BOYER are the parents of a daughter, Teresa Ann, born April 8. Mrs. Boyer was formerly employed in Kingsport.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. KEATLEY are the parents of a son. Mr. Keatley is employed at Glen Lyn.

MR. AND MRS. TOM POWELL are the parents of a son. Mr. Powell is employed at Glen Lyn.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT EUGENE SMITH are the parents of a son, Robert Eugene II, born March 20. Mr. Smith is employed at Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. E. O. DAVIS are the parents of a daughter, Barbara Jean, born March 15. Mr. Davis is employed at Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM ENRICO are the parents of a son, William Thomas, born April 18. Mrs. Enrico was formerly employed at Huntington. Mr. Enrico is employed at Huntington.

MR. AND MRS. R. E. PRESLEY became the parents of a daughter, Shirley Christian, born April 8. Mr. Presley is employed at Beckley.

## Feminine Fancies

### Women Enjoy Cooking Course



Bluefield office employees prepare their meals during a recent cooking course. Left to right: Marcelle Saunders, Elsie Heifner, Hermeia Lucas, Mary Kersey, Nell Bibb, Emily Cowling, Helen Sue Spangler and Bess Hodges. Callie Jones is at the range in the background.

Women employees of Appalachian's Bluefield office building recently completed a unique cooking course. Every woman employee took the course and cooked her own lunch on separate days under the direction of Mrs. Maude McCulloch and Mrs. Lena Moseley.

Highlights of the program were short cuts in cooking. This was especially interesting to business women who also keep house. Each group cooked lunch on three different occasions and then judged their work by eating the lunches they had prepared.

During the course of instruction, employees were taught the proper use of surface units and ovens in preparing their meals on the first day. The second was devoted to broiler meats while the final period covered deep-well cooking and cakes.

### They're Engaged

MISS JO ANN SHAFFER to Lewis A. Goeller. Mr. Goeller is employed at Charleston.

MISS BOBBIE WOODS to Charles Ivan Walker, Jr. Mr. Walker is employed at Charleston.

MISS EMMA ANDERSON to Norris Noland. Miss Anderson is employed at Hazard.

MISS BETTY SIGMON to Fredrick K. Armstead. Mr. Armstead is employed at the Logan Plant.

MISS JEANETTE BROWN to W. E. Ferrell, Jr. Miss Brown is employed at Bluefield.

MISS EUNICE FARMER to L. H. Gillespie, Jr. Miss Farmer is employed at Bluefield.

MISS BETTY LITZ to George Alberti. Miss Litz is employed at Bluefield.

### Sylbia Hinchman Becomes President Of Quota Club

Sylbia Hinchman was installed as president of the Charleston Quota Club on April 26 in the ballroom of the Daniel Boone Hotel. Miss Hinchman is Charleston district home service supervisor.



Miss Hinchman

She is the Quota representative to the Kanawha Welfare Council and in this capacity is chairman of the personnel committee of the Kanawha County Day Care Center, an establishment for the care of children of working mothers.

The Quota Club's activities in Charleston have mainly been for the aid of the hard-of-hearing.

### Kitchen-Keck

Mrs. Agnes Kitchen became the bride of John J. Keck on April 18 in Logan, West Virginia. Mr. Keck is employed at the Logan Plant.

### Withers-Grubb

Miss Margaret A. Withers became the bride of Paul W. Grubb on April 17 in Lynchburg, Virginia. Mr. Grubb is employed in the Lynchburg District.

### Blevins-Richardson

Miss Catherine Pauline Blevins became the bride of James H. Richardson on March 8 at Salem, Va. Mr. Richardson is employed in the System Substation Department.

## Eight Couples Exchange Wedding Vows

#### Roush-McVey

Miss Myra Sue Roush became the bride of Cpl. James R. McVey on April 19 at Beckley, West Virginia. Both Cpl. and Mrs. McVey are former employees at Beckley.

#### Bowyer-Bower

Miss Hettie Kathryn Bowyer became the bride of Arnold B. Bower, Jr., on April 13. Mrs. Bower is employed at the Montgomery Office in the Charleston District.

#### Stata-Hensley

Miss Lena Stata became the bride of James Hensley, Jr., on April 18 at Kingsport, Tennessee. Mrs. Hensley is employed in the Kingsport office.



Mrs. C. C. Beard, Jr. Bluefield

Mrs. J. R. McVey Beckley

Mrs. Arnold Bower, Jr. Montgomery

Mrs. John J. Keck Logan

Mrs. J. J. Collins Bluefield

Mrs. James Hensley, Jr. Kingsport

Mrs. J. H. Richardson Roanoke

### Graham Wins Bluefield Division Award



A. L. Graham, Jr., Pulaski district agricultural engineer, left, smiles as he accepts a fifty-dollar award from B. D. Painter, Bluefield division commercial manager, for outstanding promotional activities. Graham won the award for having the best promotional program in the division during the late 1951 campaign. Graham's award was based upon his work and cooperation dealing with service, installation of appliances, prospects, decorations, displays and shows.

### James Bell, Jr., Wins Richmond Scholarship



James Bell, Jr., won the Settle Scholarship at the University of Richmond. An honor student at Jefferson High School, he is the son of the Roanoke district right-of-way and records supervisor.

He will receive \$400 for the first session and \$150 for each of his remaining college years.

### Glen Lyn Employee's Son Becomes State Trooper



Jack J. Wilkinson, the son of Raleigh N. Wilkinson of the Glen Lyn Steam Plant, recently was graduated from the Virginia State Police Training School.

Trooper Wilkinson was assigned to active duty in Halifax County, Va. Mr. Wilkinson is employed at the plant as a working foreman.

### Three Sporn Men Will Assume 1952 Bend Rotary Posts

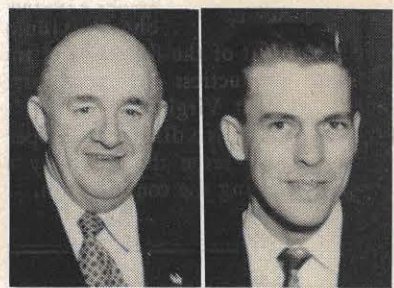
Three Philip Sporn Plant employees will assume posts in the Bend Rotary Club of New Haven for the 1952-53 term.

R. J. Williamson, supervisory assistant, was elected president of the organization and succeeds James Harreld.

Harreld, operations supervisor, will become a director in the club.

Paul Henderson, second assistant shift operating engineer, also was elected to the board of directors.

### Rusmisell And Laughon Elected To Elks Posts



Dave Rusmisell and Harold Laughon, both Roanoke district commercial department employees, recently were elected to offices in the Roanoke Elks. Mr. Rusmisell, a past exalted ruler of the lodge, was re-elected treasurer. Russ is employed in the commercial department.

Mr. Laughon, esteemed lecturing knight in the Roanoke lodge, was elected to the higher office of esteemed loyal knight. Harold is employed with the company as a dealer contact representative.

### Charleston . . .

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Scottsville, Indiana; Mrs. Paul Urwin, accounting department, and husband at Miami; Lloyd Pfost, garage, at Middletown, Ohio; Urwin Rau, accounting department, at Washington; T. J. O'Connor, engineering department, and wife in Florida.

Sympathy is extended Dennis H. Caldwell, storeroom, on the death of his father-in-law.

Sympathy is extended W. W. Webb, substation department, on the death of his brother.

Mrs. Janice Martin, accounting department, has resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Garten have returned from Rochester, Minnesota, where she was a patient at the Mayo Clinic.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Herman Wilkerson, accounting department, on the death of her brother-in-law.

Mrs. Tenna Dillard, maid, recovered from an illness in time to celebrate her birthday and 14th wedding anniversary on the same day.

Jane Rutherford, Montgomery office, was selected "Young Woman of the Week" by the *Montgomery Herald*.

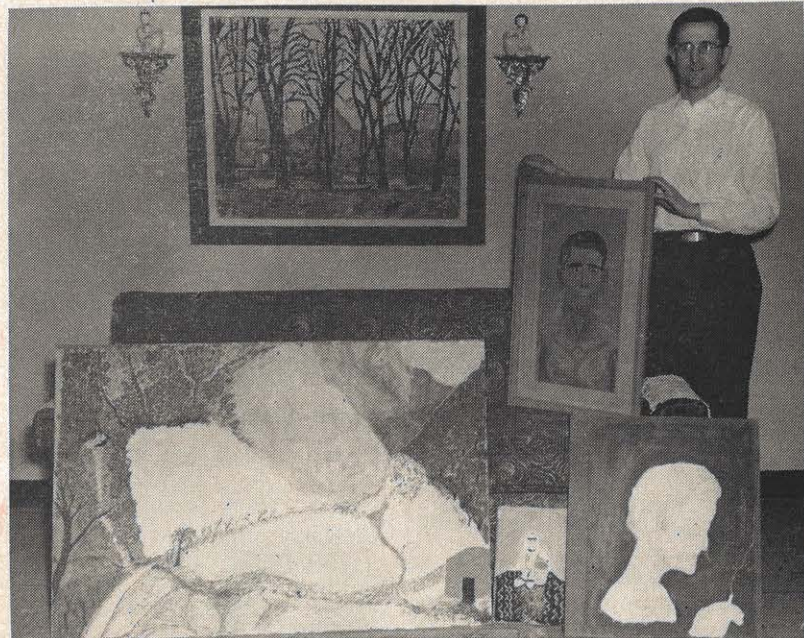
Sympathy is extended Joe R. Burdette, commercial department, on the death of his father.

W. J. McGucken, line department, resigned.

Sympathy is extended Henry C. Mosely, Montgomery office, on the death of his father.

### Like Singing In Tub

### 'Painting Is Fun,' Says John G. Raine After Enjoying Hobby For Six Months



John G. Raine displays his paintings in his Pikeville apartment. He is holding a finished portrait which he says is not a self-portrait although friends have asked if it were. On the wall is a copy of a forest scene by Cezene. The finished Chinese figure on the floor is flanked by two unfinished pictures, a mountain landscape and another portrait.

Since friends persuaded him to attend an art class at Pikeville Junior College, John G. Raine admits those six months have seen his curiosity replaced by pleasure. He has finished three paintings and is working on two more.

Of his painting, the Pikeville district distribution engineer says: "I paint for the fun of it. It's like singing in the bathtub—not for other people or for any other reason. It's

fun and takes up my time." The paintings in the picture above took six months. He averages about four hours a week with his oils and brush.

He likes creating his own work although he has done a copy of a forest scene by Cezene, a French painter of the late nineteenth century. Because John paints for his own pleasure, he has made no effort to exhibit any of his work.

### Dick Ruff Is 'Dad' With House Full Of Boys Since Becoming Cub Master Of Welch Pack



Dick Ruff is surrounded with some of his boys of Cub Pack 36. Left to right, front row: Jimmy Schad, Robert Porterfield, son of an employee, George Sheets and Billy Powell. Back row: Tommy Moore, Pat Grubb and Tommy Mooney, grandsons of employees, Mr. Ruff and his son, Greg, and Mac Gamble.

Dick Ruff is a dad with a house full of boys. In addition to being father of one boy he is "dad" to all the Cubs as Cub Master of Pack 36 of Welch.

An employee in the Welch district distribution engineering department, Dick last Christmas was presented a camera by fathers of the boys in his pack. It was their expression of appreciation for the Cub Scout work that he has been doing.

His work began in May of 1948, when the Parent-Teacher Association decided to sponsor a Cub pack. It began with three dens of 18 boys. At present there are five dens and about 70 boys. During these four years about 200 boys have received training and 50 have gone into Scouting.

Dick spends one meeting a month with the den mothers to plan the month's activities. His wife is mother of one of the dens in the pack.

He also visits many new Cubs and their parents to explain the program.

But Dick is most at home at pack meetings when all the Cubs and their parents meet. He is at his best among the talking, lively boys—presenting awards, receiving new members and putting on programs.

### Sidney William Baker, Retired Pulaski Man, Dies Following Fall

Sidney William Baker, retired Pulaski district employee, died March 27 in a Pulaski hospital. Death came as a result of a stroke following a fall from a hay wagon.

Mr. Baker retired in February of 1950 because of ill health. He was first employed in 1928 and for a number of years was a member of G. C. McCall's line construction crew. At the time of his retirement, he was a member of the local line crew at Pulaski.

Mr. Baker is survived by his widow, Mrs. Baker, and several children.

### L. D. Bolin Builds Home At Saving Of \$4,000 With Help Of Fellow Employees



L. D. Bolin's four-room cottage nears completion as the Beckley district employee is finishing the home he began in September of 1951. He estimates that he saved about \$4,000 by buying materials and building his home with the aid of fellow employees.

L. D. Bolin, Beckley district auto mechanic, can well be proud of his new four-room cottage. He built the house himself with the aid of several fellow employees.

He began construction on the house in September of 1951 and it is now complete with the exception of the final trimming. He estimates that he saved about \$4,000 by purchasing the materials and doing the building himself.

His house is the first in the Beckley area containing radiant heat. He has two radiant heating panels in his living room and one in each of the other three rooms and one in the bathroom.

Speaking of electric heat, he says: "After living in homes with other types of heat, radiant heat offers the most comfortable, even heat of any I have ever experienced."

His house was built along modern designs and contains no overhead lighting fixtures. All artificial lighting is furnished through side-wall receptacles.



Relaxing in his living room, L. D. Bolin reads a magazine. Note the radiant heating panel in the wall. His home was the first in the Beckley area to contain radiant heat.

He advises the person building his own home to shop around for materials in order to save a great amount of money.

His family consists of his wife and two children, Judy Kay and Lynda Susan. He has been employed by the company since December of 1943.

### Lynchburg Will Enter Industrial Loop



Eighteen hopefuls are battling it out for berths on the 1952 Lynchburg district softball team as they prepare to enter the eight-team City Industrial League. A number of experienced players are on the squad and the prospects for the season are bright. Shown in the picture, back row, left to right, are: D. J. Thompson, Jr., J. W. Harris, R. J. Shelton, E. L. Baker, Sam Cheatham and E. D. Layne. Kneeling, left to right: Joe F. Wilson, Jr., R. E. Wells, H. W. Francis, E. R. Driskill, A. R. Guill and J. R. Dorman. Bat boys are shown in the foreground. Absent from the photograph are: R. O. Witt, C. E. Stahl, T. M. Sandidge, A. A. Ferguson, Ray Thomas and L. G. Dougan.

### Ayers Wins Roanoke Bowling Sweepstakes



Mr. Ayers

D. W. Ayers, a veteran employee of more than forty-one years service, showed his heels to young Roanoke district keglers and copped the Roanoke Bowling Sweepstakes. Doss rolled a gross count of 394 pins.

Mr. Ayers' season's average is equally as impressive. He has averaged 108 duckpins throughout the 1951-52 season.

Curly Paxton won second place with a 378 set. He collected 150 pins in his third game. Owen Hawkins' 361 won the third place honors.

Roy Howard and Glen Brammer tied for high single game honors at 128 pins. The above winners were not eligible for this award.

### Jones Elected Manager Of Welch District Nine

At a recent meeting of the Welch District Softball Club, the manager and co-captains of the 1952 squad were elected. Dick Jones was made manager for the second consecutive year while Harold Walters and Walter Thomas will be the co-captains.

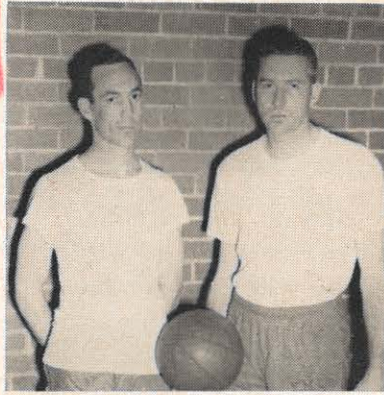
Other club officers elected at the close of the 1951 season are: Dick Jones, president; Dick Ruff, vice president, and Phyllis Henderson, acting secretary.

The Welch District Softball Club, open to all district employees, was formed to promote good entertainment, fellowship, and district social activities.

### Huntington Man Attends 4-Day Fish-Game Meeting

Homer H. Bunn, a Huntington district right-of-way department employee, recently attended a four-day wildlife meeting which was held at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia. Mr. Bunn attended the meeting at the request of the West Virginia Conservation Commission.

### Three Charleston Men Are Playing In Y. M. C. A. Cage Loop



Fulknier and Jividen

Three Charleston district cagers, Ken Miller, Jennings Fulknier and Lindy Jividen, have been ripping the cords in the YMCA Basketball League.



Miller

Miller, a member of the accounting department, fills a forward slot on the Young Floral quint. He is a veteran of the hardwoods and played two years of varsity ball for East Bank High School prior to coming to the company.

Fulknier and Jividen, both employed in the commercial department, are teammates on the Barium Reduction team. Both were outstanding in high school basketball circles.

Jennings was named to the Kanawha Valley Conference team in 1942 as well as an all-tournament team the same year. At that time he was a member of the Dunbar High School team. After returning from the service, he was a member of the Morris Harvey College squad.

Lindy also is a former Dunbar player. He was named to the all-conference and tournament teams for two successive years. As a junior he broke the conference scoring record. The next year he broke his own record and this held for four years. Lindy's mark was finally topped by Mark Workman, a current All-American at West Virginia University.

### Roanoke Substation Wins League Race

The Substation bowlers emerged as champions of the eight-team Roanoke District Bowling League. The team, captained by Walter Shanks, completed the season with a 63 and 21 record.

The System Accounting Office finished second in the league, ten games behind the Substation keglers. The remaining six teams finished in this order: Local Office, Stores, Civil Engineering, Real Estate and Right-of-Way, Distribution and Meter.

Broyles' 160 won the season's high single-game honors while Gregory's 380 was the high three-game series. The Local Office won both the single and series games in team competition.

Members of the winning Substation team are: Shanks, Gregory, Hale, Watkins, Broyles and Swain.

### Beckley's Softball Team Will Enter New League

Beckley district's 1952 softball team will step into a faster circuit during the coming season. They will play in the area Pinecrest Softball League.

The league is composed of teams from Fayetteville; one team from Oak Hill, Mt. Hope, Johnstown Road, Baptist Church, Pinecrest, Army Engineers of McCreery, and the Beckley AEP nine.

### Beckley Bowlers Enjoy Banquet-Dance



Beckley bowlers receiving "200" Club pins were, front row, left to right: Waldo S. LaFon, R. H. McCullough, C. H. Buckland, M. C. Dwornick, J. A. Barker, E. F. Wright and L. C. Bias. Back row, left to right: E. McGinnis, E. F. Hutchinson, H. K. Evans, J. E. deVenny, R. W. Martin, J. Lowery, W. E. Brock, C. E. Pitsenberger and N. G. Ferguson. Absent: W. F. Epling, F. Helm, C. French, H. E. Season, R. Miller and R. R. Meador.

The Beckley district's annual bowling banquet and dance recently was held at the Beckley Moose Club. Waldo S. LaFon, district manager, acted as master of ceremonies during the presentations of prizes and awards.

The 1951-52 Beckley district bowling awards were made to the following teams and individuals: The winning team, the Hop-A-Longs. Members of the Hop-A-Longs are: Fred Helm, captain; Eddie Berginnis, Jack Keaton, R. W. Martin, James Lowery and W. E. Brock. High Season Average: Elmer Hutchinson, 173, men, and Noka J. Carter, 130, women. High Series: Hutchinson and Carter at 587 and 459. High Single Game: Eddie McGinnis, 235, men, and Dorothy Leep, 186, women. Hutchinson and Carter also won inter-district match recognition.

Bowlers receiving pins for the "150" and the "200" clubs were: "150" Club—Dorothy Leep, Emma J. Turner, Helen Troutman, Noka J. Carter, Arline Ables, Myra S. Roush, Dorothy Hedges and Nell Cody. Members of the "200" Club are listed under the above photograph.

Following the banquet and the presentation of awards, a dance was enjoyed by the Beckley keglers and their guests.

### Sporn Men To Play And Direct Hartford 'Tigers'

A number of Philip Sporn Plant employees are players and officials of the Hartford Tigers baseball team. Ralph Gibbs was elected president and Paul Scally will serve on the board of directors.

The Tigers were last year's winner of the Ohio Valley and Hocking Valley leagues. Plant employees playing for the club include: Carl Tennant, Gerald Clark, Robert Gilmore, James Haggerty, John Roush and Willis Dudding.

### State Prize Winner



Thomas J. Rose, Point Pleasant district distribution department employee, placed fifteenth in the recent West Virginia State Bowling Tournament at Parkersburg. Rose won twenty-six dollars for his bowling in a field of more than five hundred contestants. During the next two months, Mr. Rose expects to roll in other tournaments.

### Lands Five Bass



You'd be happy, too, if you would catch a string of large-mouth bass like these. V. O. Armentrout, Abingdon district inspector, smiles from ear to ear as he displays his string of five bass. The fish weighed from three to five pounds each and were caught in Watauga Lake near Abingdon.

### Short Circuits Win Kentucky Bowling Loop

Pikeville's "Short Circuits" won a three-game play-off over the "Tubs" to capture first place in the Pikeville District Bowling League. At the close of regular play, both teams were deadlocked for the championship.

The Hard Heads were third in the final standing. They were followed by the Disconnects, Hot Taps and the A.C.'s. In a district tournament, the Hot Taps upset the Tubs to win the additional season honors.

For individual laurels, Bob Weddle's 152 average was high for the season. Ralph Damron won the single high game with 234 pins while Corbin Bobbitt's 559-pin series stood for the season.

### Charleston Wins Match Over Keglers

In a recent Beckley-Charleston bowling match, Charleston won two of three games.

Beckley's Number 1 team edged the visitors by 12 pins while Charleston's Number 2 team won a 57-pin margin over their hosts. In the girls' contest, Charleston bowlers rolled a 40-pin victory over Beckley.

For individual honors during the match, Charleston's Jennings Fulknier won both the single and series laurels with 245 and 618 pins. For the girls, Charleston also was high. Pauline Lanham, with a 183 game, won the single honors while Mary Alice Caudill rolled a 439 series.

A banquet for the bowlers was held at the El Chico Cafe following the match.

### Insulators Sink Dead Ends For 1952 Crown

The Insulators defeated the Dead Ends four games in a row to win the Bluefield District Bowling League's championship in the final play-offs.

The Dead Ends, with a 30 and 15 record, won the first half of league play while the Insulators claimed the second half with a 29 to 16 record.

Crowder copped both the single and series high honors with 182 and 628 pins. The Insulators topped the Dead Ends 2,918 to 2,642 for the series.

Bowling for the winners were: Crowder, Boyd, Farris, Mathena and Fletcher. Dead Ends: Linkous, Taylor, Farmer, Hawley and Footo.

### Pikeville Bowlers Down Williamson In A Match

Pikeville district bowlers hammered out victories in 11 of 12 games over Williamson keglers in four contests. The 363-pin margin gave Pikeville a two to one decision over the Williamson bowlers in inter-district competition. Pikeville edged Williamson in the first match but was soundly trounced in a return engagement.

Individual honors were won by Bob Weddle for both the single and three-game series. Weddle accounted for 224 and 503 pins. Weddle's team also won team honors with 829 and 2,246 pins.

Refreshments were served the districts' bowlers upon the conclusion of the match.

### Lynchburg Keglers



Lynchburg district bowlers will complete their 1951-52 bowling schedule this month. In the 16-team City Industrial League, the company keglers were tied for first place at the end of the first half. They lost the roll-off to the Noland Company bowlers. Lynchburg bowlers, front row, are: E. R. Driskill and R. T. Campbell. Back row, left to right: L. R. Hudson, A. A. Ferguson and J. W. Harris. R. J. Shelton was not available at the time this photograph was made.

### Harold Johnson To Head A. G. & E. Public Relations



Mr. Johnson

Harold R. Johnson, public relations director of The Ohio Power Company, has been appointed director of public relations for the American Gas and Electric Company System. He will succeed Harry P. Megargee who will retire September 1.

Robert F. St. John, editor of the Ohio Power Review and Ohio Power Farm News, will succeed Mr. Johnson as public relations director of the Ohio company in June. William W. Corbitt, assistant editor, will become editor.

A native of Newark, Ohio, Mr. Johnson attended Denison University. He served as reporter, telegraph editor, city editor and managing editor of the Newark Advocate before entering the Army as a private in 1942.

He became public relations officer for the Army's Fifth Service Command and was separated from the service as a major in 1946. He was public relations director for the Veterans Administration three-state office in Columbus, Ohio, before becoming public relations director for Ohio Power in 1948.

Mr. St. John has been with Ohio Power's public relations department since January of 1949. He was city editor of the Conneaut News-Herald for six years prior to entering the Army in 1943. After serving in the Counter-Intelligence Corps he was a member of the Information Service of the Columbus office of the VA.

Mr. Corbitt also has been a member of the public relations department of Ohio Power since January of 1949. He has served as assistant editor of the Review and Farm News.

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### Bluefield Man Wins New Television Set

James C. "Fats" Smith, Bluefield district employee, was presented a television set for being the top recruiter in a recent Chamber of Commerce membership drive.

During the three-day drive, Smith accounted for 20 of the 60 new members signed to the Bluefield Chamber's roster.

Harry H. Lawson, vice president and general manager of the Dixie Appliance Company, donor of the set, made the presentation to Smith.

### Attempt Made To Save Child Who Hanged Self

A call came to the Cabin Creek plant on the afternoon of April 8 for an inhalator to attempt the resuscitation of a nine-year-old boy from Dry Branch who had accidentally hanged himself while playing near his home.

F. E. Hoyt, safety supervisor, and C. B. Bruner, personnel assistant, rushed to the scene and used the inhalator and artificial respiration for about two hours. However, their efforts were in vain for at that time the county coroner pronounced the child dead due to strangulation.

### J. Scholtens And Gaine Stidham Get Promotions



Mr. Scholtens

John W. Scholtens has been promoted to assistant Hazard district manager. Prior to his promotion on April 1, he was Hazard district supervising engineer.



Mr. Stidham

At the same time, Gaine Stidham, general foreman in the Hazard district, was promoted to Hazard district superintendent. Following his graduation from V. P. I. in 1937, Mr. Scholtens came with the Kentucky company as a groundman in the Pikeville district. He was promoted to engineer in 1938 and held that position until April of 1941 when he was called into the Army as a lieutenant. He later advanced to lieutenant colonel while commanding a combat engineer battalion in the New Georgia, Bougainville and Luzon campaigns.

After five years in the Army he returned to Pikeville and in May of 1947 was transferred to Hazard as supervising engineer. Married and the father of two children, he is a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, a member of the golf club, the Lions club, the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers and past president of the Reserve Officers Association for the Seventh Congressional District.

Mr. Stidham has been with Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company since July of 1935 when he was employed as a laborer in the substation department. Since that time he has advanced through the positions of electrician, substation foreman and general foreman to his new position as district superintendent.

Mr. Stidham came to Kentucky from Virginia as a child and was educated at Wootton High School and Berea College. He is married and has three sons. The Stidhams reside at Lothair.

### Agee Elected Lieutenant Of Volunteer Fire Group

Harvey L. Agee, a member of the Fieldale district meter department, recently was elected lieutenant of the Villa Heights-Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department.

The fire department is a new organization and was formed early in April after thirty-four volunteers completed their training. They are building their own headquarters and have leased one fire truck from the City of Martinsville.

Agee is experienced in the fighting of fires as he recently was rated as a fire controller in the U. S. Navy. He was discharged February 18.

Mr. Agee is married and the father of two children.

### Eight Employees Recently Enter Armed Forces

Eight employees entered military service in recent weeks.

Three men left from the Charleston district. Clarence Elswick, garage department employee since last August, reported for duty in the Navy on April 21. Clayton Starcher, employed in the meter department since

Mr. King

Mr. Elswick



Mr. Starcher

Mr. Cobbs

last July, left April 22. James C. King, Nitro local office employee, left April 22. He has been with the company since last August.

From the Lynchburg district, Lawrence T. Cobbs reported for duty in the Army on April 1. He had been a janitor for six months.



Mr. Dove

Mr. Bailey

From the system transmission line department in Bluefield, Harlie Q. Dove entered the service and is training at Fort Bliss. Charles H. Bailey was recalled to service in the Navy and is stationed at Norfolk awaiting assignment.

From the Fieldale district, Paul E. Byrum reported to Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir on April 22. The power sales engineer has been with the company since November of 1950.



Mr. Byrum

Mr. Montiegel

From Logan plant, Bartlin Montiegel was recalled to active duty with the Navy. A results engineer, he was transferred from Tidd plant to Logan plant in April of last year.

### No Doubt About It!

Arle Wright, Pikeville district auto mechanic, was fishing near Coal Run, Kentucky. He got shot in the thigh.

He saw the assailants get in the car and drive off. They seemed drunk and he believes they were shooting to scare him.

Arle says, "They scared me."

### Harter Rupert's Decoy Suitcase Snares Many Motorists For Young Hitchhiker



Harter takes his stand at left disguised as the poor fellow whose car has run out of gas. The close-up shot at right reveals the hinged wooden bottom of the can, complete with lock that makes his "suitcase" complete.

You put out decoys to attract ducks. Why not carry a fake gas can to hitchhike with motorists?

So figures Harter Rupert, 17-year-old son of H. M. Rupert who is mechanical engineer at the Cabin Creek plant. The high school senior has found that not many motorists will pass by a guy if he looks like he is going for gas.

He fashioned a "suitcase" out of a five-gallon gasoline can and recently took a hitchhiking trip to his old home town of Morgantown. The Charleston Daily Mail, which furnished the above pictures, carried a story about Harter and his successful trip.

The newspaper reported that he made the trip from Charleston to Morgantown in seven hours and 13 rides. Coming back home he did even better—five and a half hours and 7 rides.

One motorist, after being told the gasoline can was really a suitcase, offered Harter a job with his tree nursery firm in Cincinnati and said, "We can use a clever young fellow like you."

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### Progler Named Head Of First Aid Program

Charles R. Progler recently was appointed to head an extensive first aid training program for citizens of the Ripley, West Virginia, area. Mr. Progler was named chairman of the American Red Cross First Aid for Jackson County.

Mr. Progler is local superintendent in the Point Pleasant district's transmission and distribution department. He has had considerable experience in first aid practices.

Prior to coming to the Point Pleasant district in 1949, Mr. Progler was employed in Charleston. He served the company there as local superintendent, district serviceman, and in other capacities.

### R. M. Foster Serves On National Church Council

R. M. Foster, Roanoke district area representative, has been elected first vice president of the National Council of Men's Work for the Church of the Brethren.

He recently attended a meeting of the national church organization in Elgin, Illinois, to make plans for the Annual Conference to be held in Richmond in June.

He is Sunday School teacher and a deacon in his church as well as a member of the Mission Board.

### Articles Published In National Magazine

Two Appalachian employees, C. B. Talley, Charleston district manager, and J. R. Callicoat, Huntington, are authors of articles recently published in the Electrical World Magazine.

Mr. Talley's article, "Dust Nuisance Eliminated in Drilling Cement," and Mr. Callicoat's, "Spring Tie-Downs Stabilize Truck Ladders," initially appeared in A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes.

### Williamson Elects 1952 Credit Union Officers At Meet

William H. King recently was elected president of the Williamson district's credit association at its annual meeting. A six per cent dividend also was declared on shares owned by the 104 KYAP Federal Credit Union members.

Employees elected to head the credit union activities during the coming year are: W. H. King, president; C. L. Miller, vice president; C. B. Trent, treasurer; H. W. Cerato, assistant treasurer; Lorraine Coreia, clerk, and Henry Kiser, Jr., collector. Members of the committees are: supervising committee: R. B. Waggoner, Thelma Jude and May Jo Dingess. Credit committee: H. A. Cross, Florence Murphy and Jay E. Runyon. Educational committee: O. P. Cornelison, Jack L. Gilbert and Clyde Runyon.

### Charleston Plans Sales Campaign

Charleston District played host to approximately 150 dealers' salesmen at a dinner meeting held at the Daniel Boone Hotel April 24. C. B. Talley, district manager, conducted the program with the assistance of E. A. Murray, Jr., district commercial manager, and G. C. Smith, administrative assistant.

The "Atomic Campaign" is Charleston District's attempt to focus attention on the sale of water heaters, ranges, water systems and clothes dryers in an intense campaign which will end on July 31, 1952.