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Self-government, selfdiscipline, self-responsibility are the triple safeguards of the independence of man.

-Bernice Moore

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George N. Tidd, Retired President Of A. G. & E., Dies At Age Of 78

George N. Tidd, one of the pioneers in the development of the American Gas and Electric Company, died at his home in New York, June 17, after a long illness.

The 78-year-old utilities executive had served as president of A. G. & E. and as chairman of the board of

Born in Barclay, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1874, George Tidd started out in life as a telegraph operator for less than 50c a day. Switching from telegraphy to electric power, he became manager of the Waverly and Sayre Electric Company of Waverly, New York, and went into the managership of the Beacon Light Company at Chester, Pennsylvania. In 1904 he was appointed manager of the Marion Light and Power Company of Marion, Indiana, and later added management of the Muncie Electric Light Company. These two companies were among the seven which originally made up the American Gas and Electric Company, organized in 1906.

George Tidd went to the Scranton Electric Company, an A. G. & E. subsidiary, in 1907, and two years later to New York as vice president and general manager of the American Gas and Electric Company. In 1923 he was elected president of the company. He became chairman of the board and chairman of the executive committee in 1947, when Philip Sporn, executive vice president and chief engineer, was elevated to the presidency. In January, 1950, Mr. Tidd resigned as chairman of the board but remained a director and consultant to the com-

He held membership in several important industry groups until his retirement. He was a member of the Advisory Committee and Board of Directors and Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Edison Electric Institute for many years; he was a member of the Public Policy Committee of the National Electric Light Association, the institute's predecessor, for seven years; and a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Edison Illuminating Companies from 1933 to 1948.

Rugged of stature, direct and forthright in manner, quiet yet determined, George Tidd was a tireless worker. He had few outside interests other than his work until later life, when he took up golf and yachting during his summers in Maine.

On the morning of his 74th birthday, he fell and broke his hip. Since

J. B. Kline Elected **Lions Club President**

John B. Kline, Jr., has been elected president of the Milton, West Virginia, Lions

Club.



Mr. Kline

A Huntington district employee, he has worked in the meter department since September 18, 1944. He is married and the father of two



Mr. Tidd

then he had been ailing. Twice married, his first wife, Charlotte Davis Tidd, died in 1933. Surviving is his second wife, Mildred Hughes Tidd, and a son George Willard Tidd, his wife and their two children, George Davis Tidd and Susan Marie.

Funeral services were held June 20 at the St. James Episcopal Church, New York City. Burial was at Sayre, Pennsylvania.

Reynolds Is Elected President Of Club

W. C. Reynolds, Roanoke district meterman, re-

cently was

elected presi-

dent of the Fin-

castle, Va., Pa-

As the head

of the Fin-

castle organiza-

tion, Mr. Rey-

nolds also

will serve on

Botetourt

the

trons' Club.



Mr. Reynolds

County School

Board's Advisory Committee.

Mr. Reynolds is active in other organizations. He has served as past president and as secretary of the Rotary Club.

Cushing, Koontz, Painter And Miller Are **Promoted In System Commercial Department**

Changes affecting four people in the commercial department of Appalachian were announced last month.

H. L. Cushing has been promoted to the position of assistant commercial manager from system residential sales supervisor.

L. L. Koontz, system rural sales supervisor, has been promoted to the position of system rural and residential sales supervisor.

B. D. Painter has been moved from the post of Bluefield division commercial manager to a new position of system commercial and industrial sales supervisor in Roanoke.

D. M. Miller, district commercial manager at Huntington, has been appointed to the new position of industrial agent with offices in Roanoke.

Mr. Cushing, a native of Illinois, has been associated with the American Gas and Electric System since 1925, except for a brief period during the 1940's.

A graduate of the University of Illinois, he went to work for the Ohio Power Company at Portsmouth in August, 1925, as a salesman and assistant to the sales manager.

After two years in Portsmouth he was sent to Kingsport Utilities as sales manager for about a year.

He returned to the Ohio Power Company as division sales manager at Canton, a position he held until 1936. He was transferred to Newark in 1936 as division residential sales manager of the southern division.

He left Ohio Power Company in 1945, to accept a position of district sales manager for Hotpoint, Inc. at Dallas, Texas.

Three years later, in September, 1948, he was employed by Appalachian at Roanoke as system residential sales supervisor.

Mr. Koontz, a graduate of V. P. I., has been employed by Appalachian since 1930. He was first employed in Bluefield as an agriculture engineer. Later he was promoted to junior power engineer. In 1937 he was promoted to rural service supervisor in the Pulaski district.

In 1946 he returned to Bluefield as division rural sales supervisor.

In 1947 he was promoted to the



Mr. Cushing



Mr. Koontz



Mr. Painter position of system rural sales supervisor with offices in Roanoke.

West Virginia Farm Electrification Councils, the Southeastern Electric Exchange and has served on several national committees in connection with rural electrification.

A veteran of 29 years of service ing from V. P. I.

A native of Botetourt County, Mr. Painter, taught mathematics at Hampden-Sydney College following his graduation from V. P. I. After that



Mr. Miller

He is a member of the Virginia and

with Appalachian, Mr. Painter holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Roanoke College and a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineer-

he joined the General Electric Company as test engineer.

He was first employed by Appalachian in 1923 as a junior power engineer in Bluefield. He was transferred to Pulaski in 1927 as power sales engineer and later was promoted to Pulaski district commercial manager. In 1947 he was returned to Bluefield as division commercial manager.

An elder in the Presbyterian Church, he has also been active in civic affairs in Bluefield. He is a member of the Bluefield Rotary Club. He is chairman of the power com-

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Kanawha River Plant Construction Progresses



This aerial view gives one a bird's-eye view of the new 400,000 kilowatt Kanawha River Plant which is under construction at Glasgow, W. Va.

In the foreground the steel framework of the plant is well along. To the right is the substation and switching yard

which is already in operation. Immediately back of the plant, near the center of the picture, are the offices for the construction forces. Bob Lawson, supervising engineer, says the construction is proceeding according to schedule.

W. H. Spangler Made Instructor-Trainer In Red Cross Work

W. H. Spangler, Pulaski district man, has received Instructor-Trainer appointment in First Aid from the Red Cross.

Active in Red Cross work for many years, he is a qualified instructor in



Mr. Spangler

first aid and water safety and attended the Red Cross Aquatic School in North Carolina. He has been responsible for a great many first aid courses in the district and recently

completed training auxiliary firemen and auxiliary policemen in connection with the Civil Defense Program.

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Your Part In Progress

Students of the subject refer to past civilizations as the Stone Age, the Bronze Age, the Iron Age.

A thousand years from now, ours may well be called the Age of Electricity.

It has been pointed out that progress during the electric age has been greater than in all of man's previous history.

In 1920, annual production of electricity was about 500 kilowatt-hours per capita. Now that figure has grown to over 2,800.

The average American worker uses more than 14,000 kilowatt-hours of electric power a year. That means that he has the equivalent of some 210 invisible helpers.

Usage per worker has quadrupled in thirty years. For example, one man operating twin conveyor belts for coal does the work of 1,000 men with wheelbarrows.

The average home use of electricity has increased 5½ times since 1920—and two-thirds of that power goes for appliances. But the average family spends 2½ times as much for smoking as for electricity.

Electricity has also helped increase farm output about 55% since 1930, although farm workers have decreased 7%.

From the establishment of the first electric utility by Edison in 1882, down to the present day, thousands of people have given their energy and skills to make the age of electricity possible.

Every employee has a right to be proud of this accomplishment.

Make It A Safe Vacation

Sunning at the seashore, loafing at the lake, touring the highways or just staying at home—vacation time is a period of relaxation and enjoyment. Let's not let carelessness or neglect rob us of one minute's pleasure.

We don't have to paste safety stickers all over our luggage but it's a good idea to keep in mind some safety thoughts during our vacations.

Meet the sun halfway. Take sunshine in small doses. Mild sunburn is painful but a severe sunburn is dangerous.

Enjoy your swim, always have someone along even if you are a good swimmer. Don't go in the water immediately after eating.

On the highways be extra careful. Plan your trips in advance, providing for a reasonable amount of driving each day to permit the driver adequate rest. Have your car checked to be sure it is in tiptop condition.

No matter how you plan to take your vacation—take it easy and have a good time by playing safe.

Your Opinion

What are the three most important qualities a presidential candidate should have? Why?

BETTY M. SMITH, Cashier Clerk, Nitro Office.



Golly, it is hard to name the three *most* important qualities a presidential candidate should have, because there are so many he must naturally have; such as honesty, diplomacy, strength of character, friendliness, foresight, and numerous others.

I think my "perfect candidate," though, would be (a) one prejudiced toward neither labor nor management, able to get along with both groups and see both sides if problems arose; (b) one with tact, diplomacy, and great personal integrity; and (c) one who is a natural leader of people, as Franklin D. Roosevelt was.

I don't think it matters whether he is a Democrat or a Republican as long as he has the best interests of his country and his people at heart.

C. A. BEATTY, Assistant District Manager, Williamson.



Since anyone of the Presidential Candidates may be the next leader of our nation it would seem that it is imperative that he have many qualifications and to name them in the order of their importance is strictly a matter of personal opinion.

To me, Courage, Integrity and Stabiltiy are highly important for without them no one can succeed in any worth-while undertaking.

A leader must have Courage to carry on regardless of how hopeless a situation may become; for once he falters his followers will lose faith and chaos will result.

Unless our President has the highest of integrity, leaders of other nations, his official family and his constituents will have little confidence in his judgment which would stifle his efforts as a leader.

Our President must stand firm once a course is decided upon, realizing that appeasement is only temporary and always leads to further concessions. The war of nerves and police action in Korea that we are now enduring is largely the result of instability.

GUYDA HALL, System Accounting Office, Roanoke.



The man who is a candidate for the office of the chief executive of these United States should possess integrity. He should be true to his oath of office and uphold the Constitution. There has never been a time in the history of this country when uprightness, honesty, and sound-

ness, nonesty, and soundness of principle were so vitally needed in our high offices of government.

One who is to direct the people of this democracy should be a diplomat. Today, we are one world, and this nation needs a man who is skilled in the art of directing our foreign and international relationships.

If the interests of the American citizen are to be best served, the presidential candidate should be courageous. By facing his responsibilities fearlessly, he can inspire the entire nation to never lose sight of the fact that we are and will remain one nation, invincible, with liberty and justice for all.

FRED S. LA RUE, Rural Sales Representative, Kingsport.



A presidential candidate should be a statesman. With this qualification, he would look to the improvement of all national problems instead of concentrating his time, efforts and our money towards building a powerful political machine.

He should be qualified

as a lawyer and business man in order to understand the technicalities of law and have a good sound judgment of business and its procedure. The government

is big business and operated on a technical basis.

Another important quality is to be a diplomat.

He must help solve the most intricate international problems to the best advantage of our own nation. A diplomat must be able to handle people of his selection as well as those selected by other parties.

MARTHA RUTHERFORD, Accounting Department, Pikeville.



The quality I most desire in my presidential candidate is ability. Ability requires sufficient practical experience of a nature compatible with the duties of the office to qualify him to execute these duties.

The second most desirable trait that I consider it necessary for a

candidate to possess is that of competency. This quality should be based upon a record which reflects achievement, and should also include a record of economy and efficiency.

To complete the desired virtues of an ideal candidate there should be the factor of belief. This quality should be present in such a manner as to instill in a way of general public understanding the considerations of confidence by the candidate in God, his country and in himself.

RALPH JOHNSON, Power Sales Engineer, Lynchburg.



It seems to me that the three most important qualities that a presidential candidate should have could be summed up in one word — Integrity! Webster defines this word as meaning moral soundness; honesty; and uprightness. If a man has those qualities and can align himself with

men of equal character, this country need have no fear of its enemies either within or outside our boundaries.

E. C. WEATHERLY, Janitor, Glen Lyn Plant.



The three qualifications for a candidate as President of the United States, in my opinion, should be honesty, sincerity, and statesmanship, in the order in which they are listed.

The confidence of the people can only be held by a man of honor. A man who is dishonest

will soon lose the respect of the country he represents by all other nations.

Sincerity is a *must* qualification in order to accomplish a constructive program. It

should be expected and demanded by the people he represents.

SPOTLIGHT

Last, but not least, a candidate to the highest office of our land should be a real statesman. He cannot expect to be a leader of his people and gain the respect of other nations unless he is well versed, dignified and an able speaker.

FAYE HARRAH, Clerk-Typist, Cabin Creek Plant.



Although the hackneyed phrase "honesty, integrity and leadership ability" has become synonymous with political candidacy it still represents three of the most important qualifications of a good president. We modernists are inclined to regard virtue as antiquated and nonessentia.

but if a person is to be a successful leader in the full meaning of the term, he must possess these character traits. These qualities are essential, they are broad, and if intelligently applied, they would go far towards filling the office of president with a person likely to succeed.

We, the people, have a right to expect the highest type of conduct and good judgment of our president but we must remember that, just as you and I, he is not infallible. Consequently, we should learn to be more tolerant of his mistakes.

O. G. QUILLEN, JR., Distribution Record Clerk, Abingdon.



In the first place, a presidential candidate should be a firm believer in the American way of life; that the rights of life, liberty and right to own property are inherent in the people. The stability and progress of our country depend upon the carrying out of these principles.

Second, a presidential candidate should be a statesman and not a politician. He should have the wisdom to foresee the needs of our people and the moral courage and leadership to fulfill these needs.

Third, a presidential candidate must be a firm believer in God, for only through divine guidance will we secure peace.

Without these qualities the politicians will control the president, and I believe all tax-payers know what this would mean.

Words To Remember

I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest of dangers to be feared. To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our choice between economy and liberty, or profusion and servitude. If we run into such debts, we must be taxed in our meat and drink, in our necessities and in our comforts, in our labors and in our amusements. If we can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of caring for them, they will be happy. The same prudence which in private life would forbid our paying our money for unexplained projects, forbids it in the disposition of public money. We are endeavoring to reduce the government to the practice of rigid economy to avoid burdening the people and arming the Magistrate with a patronage of money which might be used to corrupt the principles of our government.

—Thomas Jefferson

Two Bluefield Division Promotions Affect Paul Kelsey And Lane Whitley In Seven Months'

Paul V. Kelsey, manager of the commercial department of the Pulaski district, is being promoted to the position of commercial manager of the Bluefield division.

Mr. Kelsey succeeds B. D. Painter, who is being promoted to the position of system commercial and industrial sales supervisor.

E. Lane Whitley, power sales engineer in Bluefield, will succeed Mr. Kelsey as manager of the Pulaski district commercial department. The promotions were effective July 1.

Mr. Kelsey was employed by Appalachian in 1936 at Galax, Virginia,



Mr. Kelsey

following his graduation from V. P. I. He held the position of rural sales engineer. In 1940 he was promoted to power sales engineer and moved to Pulaski.

He served in World War II from 1942 to 1946 and was discharged as a lieutenant commander in the Navy. He returned to the Pulaski district as power sales engineer and in 1948 was promoted to the district commercial managership.

Mr. Kelsey is president of the Pulaski Rotary Club and a member of the Elks Club and the Episcopal

He is married to the former Isabel Saunders of Blacksburg, Virginia, and they are the parents of two children. He plans to move his family to Bluefield in the near future.

Mr. Whitley was graduated from V. M. I. in 1934 and was employed that year by Appalachian at Roanoke. In 1936 he was transferred to Lynchburg as junior power sales engineer. Later he was promoted to power sales engineer and remained in that capacity until he was moved to Bluefield in 1951.

He served in World War II from 1941 to 1946 and was discharged with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

H. M. Coleman Made Pikeville District Stores Supervisor

Harold M. Coleman, head material clerk in the Pikeville district, has been promoted to district stores supervisor. He succeeds F. M. Jennings who was recently pro-



Mr. Coleman

moted to purchasing agent for the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company at Ashland.

Harold began work with the company in June of 1948 in the stores

department where he has worked since. He is a native of Pike County and graduated from Pikeville High School and Pikeville College.

During World War II he served as a captain in the Marine Corps for two and a half years. He is married and the father of a daughter, Patricia Sue.



Mr. Whitley

He is a member of the University Club in Bluefield, the Pocahontas Electrical and Mechanical Institute and the Southeast Chapter of West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Whitley is married to the former Margaret Anne Hudgins of Richmond and they are the parents of two children. They plan to move to Pulaski in the near future.

N. D. Balliet Assumes **Engineering Duties At** Logan Steam Plant

Numa D. Balliet has assumed duties as results engi-



neer at the Plant. Logan Balliet, Mr. former test engineer at the Windsor Plant of the Beech Bottom Power Company, re-placed Bartlin Montiegel who was recalled to

active duty in the naval service. Mr. Balliet, a native of Somers Point, New Jersey, was a student at Rutgers University when he entered the armed forces during World War II. After three years with the Army engineers, he resumed his studies at Rutgers and was graduated in 1947 with a degree in electrical engineer-

Mr. Balliet's first employment in the system took place when he was employed in the incremental cost department of the American Gas & Electric Service Corporation in 1947. He was assigned duties as test engineer at the Windsor Plant in 1951 and remained at that assignment until he was transferred to Logan.

Charleston Man's Daughter Awarded College Scholarship

Joan Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A.



scholarship to Marshall Col-

Society.

lege. A recent graduate of Charleston High School, Joan was given her scholarship to continue her

Lawrence

Charleston, has

been awarded a

of

studies and work in connection with the Damon Runyon Cancer Research

Mr. Lawrence is an auditor for A. G. and E. and Mrs. Lawrence is employed in the Charleston accounting office.

Finish Line Nears Sales Roundup

The race for lead positions in the sales campaign is spirited as districts head toward the finish line on July

The system commercial department flash in late June about the Seven Months' Sales Roundup showed Pulaski leading in sales of ranges, Huntington in dryers, Point Pleasant in both water heaters and water systems and Williamson in customer con-

For the five types of promotions, Point Pleasant was leading the field with Lynchburg and Roanoke close

As of June 20, there had been 8,110 range sales in Appalachian territory, representing about 60 per cent of quota. Other sales include: water heaters, 4,516 sales, about 62 per cent of quota; clothes dryers, 634 sales, about 54 per cent of quota; water systems, 2,109 sales, about 53 per cent of quota. There had been 4,172 customer connections, about 70 per cent of quota.

From a division standpoint on all sales, Roanoke leads Huntington by a nose as they come into the homestretch. Rewards and recognition will go to the top district in each of the five promotions and to the three districts and two divisions establishing the best overall sales achievement in all five promotions.

In addition to Appalachian districts, Kingsport is out to match the best in the field. The Tennessee company is competing in a separate contest against Appalachian districts in each of the five sales activities. At the end of last month, Kingsport was ahead of the leading Appalachian district in customer connections and heading for the wire with about 182 per cent of quota.

Commercial cooking sales are the object of another campaign being run at the same time but on another track. Kingsport is ahead with about 158 per cent of quota with the Roanoke, Huntington, Bluefield and Charleston Divisions spread out behind. Awards will be made to members of the commercial departments in the win and place positions.

P. J. Wolpert Is Promoted At Sporn

Philip J. Wolpert, Sporn plant engineer, has been promoted to the position of supervisor of operations at the plant. He succeeds James Harreld who recently was transferred to the Kanawha River plant.

Mr. Wolpert, a native of Ohio, attended West High School in Columbus and graduated from Ohio State University



Mr. Wolpert

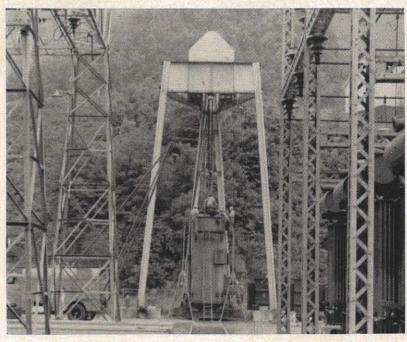
with a mechanical engineering degree in 1936. He was first employed at the Philo plant in June of 1936 as test engineer. He became assistant results engineer in 1943 and re-

sults engineer in 1945.

He transferred to the Tidd plant in 1946 and came to Sporn plant in June of 1949 as results engineer. He was promoted to plant engineer in August of 1950.

Mr. Wolpert is married, has one daughter, Susan, and they reside in New Haven. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, the Rotary Club and was recently elected to the New Haven town council.

Beaver Creek Transformers Overhauled



Framed in the superstructure of Beaver Creek substation in the Pikeville district is the last of four 12,500 kva transformers getting a complete overhauling by the system transformer crew.

Under the direction of R. L. Lewis, system transformer engineer, the members of the crew began in April overhauling the four transformers at Beaver Creek. The job necessitated the removal of one transformer at a time and utilizing a spare. Each transformer was hauled on a steel track to the crane. The bushings were removed and sent to Bluefield for overhauling. All external cooling devices were removed and inspected. The 6,000 gallons of oil in each transformer was removed and filtered. New gaskets were installed and the transformers were painted.

The crew which worked on the 58-ton transformers included: J. E. Glover, O. O. Clendenin, J. E. Moore, R. H. Clark, R. L. Tucker, L. W. Hubbard, M. N. Kabler, and O. V. Middlekauff.

Is Named Winner Of Attend Boys' State College Scholarship At Jackson's Mill

Gene Edward Layne, seventeenyear-old son of

John



Gene Layne

four-year scholarship at Morehouse State College, Atlanta, Georgia.

Pikeville, has

been awarded a

Layne,

Gene maintained a Bplus average throughout his four years at the Perry A. Cline High

School in Pikeville. In addition to his scholastic achievements, Gene also was a member of the school's basketball squad, a member of the band, and is a life scout.

The scholarship awarded Gene was based upon his scholastic achievements and will include tuition, room and board.

A brother, John, Jr., is a freshman at West Virginia State College, St. Albans, where he is studying premedicine.

Mr. Layne is a Pikeville district

Son Of Pikeville Man Huntington Youths



David Collins

David Collins and Bob Musgrave, Jr., sons of Huntington employees, attended the 16th Annual Mountaineer Boys' State at Jackson's Mill, Weston, W. Va., early in June.

Boys' State is a leadership school sponsored by the American Legion for qualified high school juniors. It teaches practical courses built about the structure of government.

David is the son of Mrs. Laura Collins of the distribution department and is a student at Huntington East High School. Bob is the son of R. S. Musgrave, division commercial manager. He attended Huntington High

Energize Sporn-Kanawha 330 Line



actual energizing of the giant 330,000-volt transmission line between the Sporn and Kanawha plants is shown in the above photograph as the switch is closed by Carl Smith. Employees taking part in the energizing of the line are, left to right: Bob Freed, system relay department; Hansford Buckland, chief system substation operator; Kermit Ford and Carl Smith, system substation operators. The photograph was made in the Philip Sporn Plant control room,

Roanoke Division

Roanoke District

Vacationers: Mrs. Tommy Via, payroll department, and husband at Myrtle Beach; Mary and Lee Roy Spangler with friends at New Orleans; George M. Atkins, stores department, at Virginia Beach; D. W. Henry, stores department, and family, in Peru, Indiana, with his parents; Mrs. C. T. Rader, meter department, in Buchanan with her father and mother, who has been ill.

Catherine Swain, cafeteria, attended the Elk Convention in Alexandria.

Rolanda L. Sydnor, daughter of Elizabeth of the service department, graduated from Fisk University in Nashville. Lewis A. Sydnor, Jr., spent a leave with his parents after having spent 10 months in Korea with the 301 Airborne Division.

O. B. Murphy, range service department, and family, toured through Pennsylvania and New York on vacation. They visited their son who is stationed at Sampson Air Base in New York.

Vacationers: Beatrice McCraw and Alma Obenchain, local accounting department, at Daytona Beach; Jane Walker, cashier, in West Virginia and Ohio; H. R. Miller, payroll department, and family, toured the Great Smoky Mountains; Mrs. Jewel Ramsey, payroll department, with her parents in Oak Hill, West Virginia.

Clarence Snead, PBX operator, took a cruise with the Naval Reserve near the Bahama Islands.

Roy Dowdy, retired employee, is recovering after an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brittain and Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wells attended a meeting of the United Commercial Travelers of America at Oklahoma City.

Gloria Woodford is a new employee in the home service department.

Summer employees: Milton Fulcher and Billy Whitefield, stores department; Carolyn Sue Lyons, home service department, and Doris M. Pullen, building service department.

Vacationers: Malcolm Reed, division engineering department, and family, in Pennsylvania; Mrs. James C. Lee, division engineering department, and husband at Daytona Beach; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lawrence visited her father in Tucson, Arizona, and toured the west and parts of Mexico.

Ira B. Peters, personnel supervisor, attended the Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren in Richmond the week of June 15. He was appointed to the Standing Committee representing the First District of Virginia.

System

New system employees: Barbara Thurman, transportation department; E. K. Harrel, civil engineering department, and Lester W. Hubbard, substation department.

H. E. Moore, substation department, vacationed at Daytona Beach.

Summer employees: Jane Johnson, Madge Cushing and Mary Ann King, accounting office; Richard W. Dodd, Ronald G. Taylor, James P. Brice and Robert B. Oliver, civil engineering department; Marlene Lucas, real estate and right-of-way department; Milton N. Kabler, substation department, and Molly Ann Harvey, personnel department.

Sympathy is extended Emily Ly-



brook Wade, billing office, on the death of her father.

Billing office vacationers: Katherine Bush with her family near Galax; Harry Mann camping and fishing on the James River.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cole vacationed at Springfield, Ohio. She is employed in the commercial department.

Betty C. Carper, personnel department, attended graduation exercises at Hampden-Sydney and spent part of her vacation at Virginia Beach.

Vacationers in system accounting: Eileen Montgomery with her sister in Carlisle, Pa.; Raymond Taylor in

(See Roanoke, page 5)



Ashland District

Katherine Stallard, main office, is a new employee.

R. E. Doyle, general manager, was elected to the board of managers of the King's Daughter's Hospital.

Mrs. Nora McWhorter, commercial department, and husband, vacationed at Tiger River.

Vacationers: Charley Pope, main office, and family, in Florida; Dave Leasure, engineering department, in Florida; Dave Broughton, engineering department, fishing on Cumberland Lake.

Harry H. Miller, president elect of the Ashland Rotary Club, attended the Rotary International Convention in Mexico City.

Hazard District

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Charles in Florida; Jesse Payne, line department, in Portsmouth, Russell Muncy, engineering department, and family in Alabama visiting relatives and fishing; LaRedith Pratt, accounting department, at her home at Sassafras.

Joyce Combs, accounting department, and Beverly Pierson, commercial department, are new employees.

G. C. Branson, stores department, vacationed in Hot Springs.

The Volta Club entertained with a wiener roast at Blackey. About 15 attended the outing.

Sympathy is extended Glenn Logan, production department, on the death of his brother who was shipped home from Korea for burial.

Pikeville District

The following members of the K. P. O. Club joined the Williamson district girls for a week end at Camp Cabway Lingo in Wayne County: Dorothy Cardinal, Elizabeth Riddle, Betty Jo Kinney, Gail Childers, Gail Hylton, Guialene Smith, Mary Stewart, Jackie Akers, Jackie Newsom, Gherlene Brown and Bobbie Rogers.

Phyllis Greer is a new employee in the accounting department.

E. A. Eaton, power engineer, has resigned to accept a position with the Arizona Public Service Company.

Bobbie Rogers and Oma Lee Aders, accounting department, have resigned.

Kingsport

John Faust, commercial department, attended the national convention of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Dallas.

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bryan and family in Florida; Mrs. Lena Hensley and husband in Miami; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McConnell and son at Rochester, Minnesota, with relatives.

Thirza Benedict and Lela Brown are student home economists.

K. R. Rowland, Holston substation, has returned home after being hospitalized in Johnson City.

Hunter Wright is a new employee in the meter department.

Joreka Rippetoe, home economist, has resigned to accept a similar position in Florida.



Abingdon District

Geraldine Wilkins is a new employee in the accounting department.

Peggy Jessee is a new employee at the Lebanon office.

Vacationers: Ann Howard in Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Sheffey at Myrtle Beach; C. E. Rosenbalm and family in Indiana; I. H. Mace and family at Lake Waccamaw, N. C.; E. V. Smith in Smyth County; Ralph Sowers and family at Nags Head.

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kilgore at a beach in North Carolina; C. J. Miller, of Clintwood, with his family in Washington County; Sylvia Darnell in St. Augustine; Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Gills in Mexico City; Mr. and Mrs. Fillmore McPherson and son in Florida.

Mozelle Rasnick is a new employee in the Clintwood office.

Welch District

David Barton, recently discharged from the Army, has resumed work in the meter department.

G. E. Adams, local superintendent, was re-elected to the Pocahontas town council.

Frances Brooks graduated from Concord College on January 23 and returned May 20 to receive her diploma with the graduating class. She is a home economist.

New employees include Mrs. Mary Barrett Blevins, cashier-clerk at Pineville, and Robert Cannon, Jr., Welch janitor.

Vacationers: Perry Hatmaker, distribution department, Myrtle Beach and Florida; Reba DeBusk, accounting department, Myrtle Beach; Parrish, engineering department, Myrtle Beach; R. J. Wood, commercial manager, and family, Myrtle Beach and St. Simons Island, Georgia; M. C. Porterfield, assistant district manager, and family, Jacksonville.

Summer employees: James J. Harmon, Jr., Switchback; Charles H. Gearhart, Jr., James C. Rich, Billy Horne and Lee Myers, Welch; J. L. Weller, Grundy.

Vacationers: Earle Wood, rural and

residential sales supervisor, and family, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; A. F. Horne, district manager, and family, Devil's Hill, North Carolina; Warren Atkinson, line department at Pocahontas, and family, Daytona Beach.

Joyce DeBusk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John DeBusk of Switchback, recently completed her first year as student nurse at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Abingdon.

Pulaski District

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Buchanan vacationed in New York City.

Shirley Miller has returned to work after being hospitalized in Roanoke. E. W. Henson, Marion line gang, (See Bluefield, page 6)



Huntington District

Bob Hughes is recovering from a hip injury.

G. W. Holland is recovering after an operation.

Pvt. Bernard L. Moore is attending officer candidate school at Fort Benning, Georgia. He entered the service in December of last year and was employed in the commercial department.

Marjorie Toney, system billing office, and husband, vacationed at Orlando, Florida.

New employees include: Joe M. Lusk, accounting department; Dotty Lou Merrifield, Jo Anne Hossley, Manokel D. Butler, Mary Louise King, Betty Mae Wheeler and Edith M. Jones, commercial department; Dean B. Jenkins, division commercial department, and Phyllis L. Patrick, meter department.

Logan District

Barbara Ann Caldwell and James Z. Anderson are new employees in the accounting department.

Vacationers: W. E. Burgess, transportation department, and family at Ironton, Ohio; W. F. Giles, rural and residential sales supervisor, and wife at Annapolis and with his mother in Virginia; Ed Yeager, engineering department, and wife, at Daytona Beach; R. E. Blankenbeckler, line superintendent, and wife, at Marion; Mrs. Bill Kirchman, commercial department, and family, in Florida and Georgia, and Eleanor Winter, commercial department, Eva Mae Mc-Cormick and Rosamond Pieratt at Flat Top Lake at Miss McCormick's cottage.

Margaret Tyler, line department, was elected corresponding secretary of the Alpha Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Howard J. Collins, district personnel supervisor, was elected chairman of the Logan County Chapter of The National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis.

Summer employees: Alfred Cogbill, commercial department; Gene Edward Leeson, transmission and distribution department, and Jimmy Warren, Jr., stores department.

Dorothy Craddock is a new home economist at the town office.

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Charleston Division

Charleston District

John D. Bailey has returned to work in the engineering department after his discharge from the Air Corps.

New employees at Kanawha River plant: Nancy Kidd, Pauline Kidd and E. P. Simth, accounting department; Kenneth Frazier and James Pauley, engineering department.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Quick on the death of their infant daughter. He is employed in the engineering department.

New employees: Walter Dudley, meter department; Mary Joe Hill, daughter of Joe Hill at Cabin Creek plant, system meter department Mary Ann Wilson and Frances Thompson, commercial department.

Kermit Walker and Daniel Louney are summer employees in the meter department.

Employees of the Kanawha River plant recently honored Mrs. William Kidd of the accounting office with a shower at Gauley Bridge.

John Collins, civil engineer at Kanawha River plant, resigned.

Elmer W. Crouthers and Gerald P. Maloney, M. I. T. co-op students, have started their training.

Bernice Dettinger, accounting department, has returned to work after an illness.

Sympathy is extended Mary E. Fike, managerial department, on the death of her father.

Sympathy is extended D. P. Newman, engineering department, on the death of his father.

L. C. Smith, retired system substation department employee, who now lives in Garden Grove, California, visited the office.

Cabin Creek Plant

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Weise in Philadelphia and Atlantic City; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McCormick in Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jarrett in Canada fishing; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Creasey in Hollywood, Florida.

Beckley District

Mrs. Katherine Thompson, former home economist, is the mother of a girl, Stephanie Kay.

O. J. Smith has returned as office messenger after being at college.

Jennie Gaziano is the new home economist.

Sympathy is extended R. L. Mc

Graw on the death of his uncle.

Roberta Lively is a new employee in the commercial department.

Vacationers: H. W. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Hancock in Florida.

Philip Sporn Plant

Bethel Vance, control operator, returned from his fishing vacation in North Carolina with enough fish to hold a fish fry for his entire operating shift.

George Durst, maintenance helper, resigned.

Sympathy is extended Paul T. Schneider, assistant plant manager, on the death of his mother.

Vacationers: Russell Senter, results engineer, and family, at Suffield, Connecticut; Howard F. Wagenhals, control operator, and family, in Tennessee and North Carolina; William J. Buchanan, Jr., maintenance foreman, and family, in New York and Virginia; William G. Baronick, pay-

(See Charleston, page 6)

Bluefield Man Honored At FFA Meet

Mr. Henderson, wearing his gold pin, stands beside the certificate recently presented to him for outstanding work with the Future Farmers of America.

Ira W. Henderson, Bluefield dis-

trict administrative assistant, recently

was honored at the Annual Father-

Son Banquet of the Rocky Gap Chap-

ter of the Future Farmers of America.

Mr. Henderson was one of three men

to receive honorary awards and mem-

Ira was presented a gold FFA pin

and a certificate of achievement. The

award cited Mr. Henderson for out-

standing work in agricultural pho-

tography and assisting in the chapter's

Mr. Henderson began his em-

ployment with the company in 1936

as a rural representative in Bluefield

and Pearisburg. Later, he worked as

right-of-way supervisor and was pro-

moted to his present assignment last

He is a native of Bluefield and a

graduate of Roanoke College, Salem,

Va. He is a member of the Sigma

Chi fraternity. Much of his spare

time is spent with his wood-working

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Grande, line foreman, on the death

W. Chaney, Madison office, on the

Sympathy is extended G. W. Le-

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and photographic hobbies.

Huntington . . .

of his mother.

death of her brother.

bership into the organization.

publicity program.

Jerry Burnette's Piano Prowess Wins Honors In Talent Show Competition With Older Youth

Jerry Burnette

Seven Men's Articles

Appear In Magazine

Seven company employees are

authors of articles appearing in recent

issues of electrical publications. Four

men are writers of articles appearing

in the Electric Light and Power

while three others saw their manu-

scripts published in the Electrical

Initially, all seven of these excel-

lent articles were printed in A. G.

& E. Monthly Operating Notes and

were reprinted because of the articles'

Employees having articles in Elec-

tric Light and Power were B. E. Bates

and J. W. Vermillion of the Welch

district; R. L. Hall, Jr., Huntington,

and F. E. Titus of the Philip Sporn

Plant. Electrical World: C. C. Dar-

rah and W. D. Cox of the Beckley

district; A. L. Heldreth, Charleston.

Little League Players

ployees have made valuable contri-

butions in time and work to the

current Youth Recreation Program in

baseball program, was forced to operate

on a field which was inadequate.

This year, however, the citizens did

something about it. The Little Lea-

gue now has its own lighted field for

the field and lighting included: H. K. Evans, Sr., M. C. Dwornick, K. K. Keatley, J. M. Gates, E. K. Cham-

bers, J. P. Hughes, Jr., H. A. Cottle,

W. E. Ward, T. A. Dickenson, E. J.

Wood, E. H. Hutchinson, J. R.

Lowery, D. E. McGinnis, W. A. L.

Brock and L. C. Mollohan. M. C.

Dwornick also assists with the umpir-

Company employees working on

Last year, the Little League, a

the City of Beckley.

A number of Beckley district em-

Beckley Men Assist

World.

Jerry Burnette recently won top honors for his piano playing in a talent show sponsored by the Lincoln Jr. High School Parent-Teachers Association.

The 12-year-old son of J. Carter Burnette, Charleston safety director, represented the seventh grade in competition with eighth and ninth graders. Competing in the instrument section, Jerry pleased the audience by a piano presentation of The First Movement of Greig's Concerto in A Minor, a 13 to 14 minute movement.

Prominent music critics and teachers throughout the Charleston area were judges and chose Jerry by unanimous decision. Stage conduct, feeling and fingering were factors in the judging along with talent.

Jerry recently gave a recital with his teacher, Mrs. Beulah Duffield, at St. Johns Parrish House in Charleston. The audience of teachers and music students were very enthusiastic.

A veteran of five years' training on the piano, Jerry has played at many of his school assemblies, P. T. A. meetings and other public gatherings. He hopes to enter some radio and TV talent shows in the near future.

Children Of Sporn Men Attend 1952 Y. M. C. A. Camp



Mary Lawrence Richard Athey

Mary Lawrence and Richard Athey, daughter and son of two Philip Sporn Plant employees, recently were awarded camp scholarships by members of the Bend Rotary Club of New Haven, West Virginia. Mary and Richard attended the Y. M. C. A. Youth Leadership Service Camp, Camp Horseshoe at Parsons, W. Va., for one week in late June.

Both Mary and Richard, members of the junior class at Wahama High School, were selected as recipients of the scholarships because of their potential leadership abilities.

Mary is the daughter of John Lawrence, control operator, and Richard is the son of Clayton A. Athey, shift operating engineer.

Roseberry Is Elected President Of Abingdon Semi-Pro Ball Club

THE ILLUMINATOR

J. J. Roseberry, Abingdon district line foreman, recently was elected president of the Abingdon Blues, a

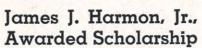


Mr. Roseberry

semi-pro baseball team. The baseball club is a member of the Burley League, one of the fastest circuits in south-Virginia west and eastern Tennessee.

Mr. Roseberry has been an active supporter of the club and an ardent fan for some time. He also has

served the "Blues" as vice president. In addition to baseball, Mr. Roseberry is active in other area organizations. He is vice president and one of the directors of the Washington County Life-Saving Crew; president of the men's organizations and superintendent of Sunday School for the Sinking Springs Presbyterian Church; member of the Board of Deacons, and past noble grand of the MaCabe



Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

James J. Harmon, Jr. was recently awarded the \$500 Westinghouse Achievement Scholarship for 1952-53 at V. P. I. Highest ranking junior in the entire engineering school, he has a record of straight A's for six out of his nine honor roll quarters.



Mr. Harmon

Jim has been working with the substation maintenance crew at Switchback during summer vacations. His father is also employed at Switchback as area serviceman.

Jim received the Etta Kappa Nu Award for being the outstanding sophomore in the electrical engineering school in 1951. He is an officer in that association as well as the Tau Beta Phi. He is also a student member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Vaught Given Present



R. E. Doyle, Jr., general manager of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, right, presents U. K. Vaught a traveling bag from the members of the Quarter Century Club and others in Ashland. Mr. Vaught was guest of honor at a dinner just before he left Ashland last month to assume his duties as purchasing agent in Roanoke. In addition to the traveling bag he was presented several other gifts by G. A. Weatherton, general commercial manager for the company.

Roanoke . . .

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Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia; P. C. Ray with his family at Myrtle Beach; O. A. Hawkins with relatives in West Virginia; Vernon Willis in Washington, D. C.; Rosemary Price in Clinton, Indiana, with her parents.

Shirley Quinn, accounting office, resigned.

Vacationers in system accounting: C. L. Robinson and family toured the South; Jane Roberts in Washington, D. C., with her parents; Margaret Haley in Philadelphia and Atlantic City; Margaret Winn at Virginia Beach; Elizabeth Henderlite at Virginia Beach and Bettye Lugar in

Lynchburg District

Vacationers: Lloyd Miller, rural

Nada Mays is a new home econ-

Williamson District

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Runyon and son Robert in South Carolina and Florida; Preston Henry, Iaeger area serviceman, and family, in Florida; Mary Jo Dingess in Roanoke; Freddie Thornsbury, substation operator at Sprigg, and famliy, with relatives in Rochester and in the Lake Ontario area; Patricia Eisel, commercial department, at Nags Head, N. C., and Mrs. Alberta DeWese, managerial department, at Davtona Beach.

Juanita McCoy, accounting department, has been a patient in a Charleston hospital.

New employees in the Williamson district include Eloise McCurry, home economist for the summer; Stephen Apple, commercial department, and Eddie Lawson, engineering department.

Logan Plant

Sympathy is extended Ray Pridemore on the death of his sister.

Sympathy is extended Glen Bias on the death of his mother.

Craig Abolin, son of T. W. Abolin, supervising engineer, has recuperated from a recent operation.

Vacationers: T. H. Johnson, watchman, in Dallas with his son and daughter-in-law; Sherman Workman, watchman, in Pocahontas County

Virginia Ruth Peek, George L. Bunting, Jimmie Butcher and Charles Ronald Dingess are new employees.

Mrs. James W. Ferguson, wife of employee on military leave, has sailed to Europe to join her husband.

and residential sales supervisor, and family, at Seashore State Park; Bill Hogan, accounting department, at Daytona Beach, and J. A. Porter, Reusens hydro, fishing on Cowpasture

Fieldale District

Audrey, Max and Junior Harlowe spent their vacation fishing and touring various places in Florida. Audrey is employed in the local accounting department.

New employees: Anita E. Arnold, local accounting department; Carl E. Warrick and Charles M. White, transmission and distribution depart-

Marjorie and Glen Prillaman vacationed in Florida at Winter Haven Anne Eggleston, local accounting department, resigned.

Who-Who-Wooo!



Clifford L. Dunnigan, Pearisburg serviceman, holds an owl which was none too wise for choosing a line trans-former for a lunch table. It was electrocuted while eating the rabbit hanging from Clifford's right hand. No damage was done to equipment, not even a fuse blown.





Philip Sporn Plant employees recently elected to posts in the New Haven town government are, left to right: E. L. Stein, Jr., councilman; Mayor M. B. Stephan; K. Wiles, recorder; and P. Wolpert, councilman.

Four Philip Sporn Plant employees were elected to posts in the New Haven, West Virginia, town government. Milton B. Stephan, storekeeper, was elected mayor following the results of the June 3rd balloting.

Karl Wiles, pay-roll supervisor, was

elected recorder while Edwin L. Stein, Jr., maintenance foreman, and Philip Wolpert, supervisor of operations, were elected councilmen.

The new mayor, recorder and councilmen took over their duties in the town government the first of this

Prince E. Thornton Outlines Objectives Of New Traffic Laws Hot-Line Crew Does Big Kingsport Job Freedom Forum Presented Bluefield Workers



Pointing the way to freedom, Prince Thornton presents the challenge to our way of life in talks to Bluefield district employees.

The Freedom Forum has been presented to Bluefield district employees by Prince E. Thornton, inspector in the transmission and distribution department.

"This Is Our Problem" is a program originated at Harding College in Arkansas. Mr. Thornton said the program has four objectives.

He outlined them briefly as the identification of socialism, its prac-

Rattler Loses Head



There is at least one forty-six-inch timber rattler who will not startle the daylights out of any more campers, farmers, and inspectors. Brer Snake, flexing his seven-inch chest and shaking his 11 rattlers and button, hissed at the wrong man when he picked on C. H. "Heavy" Hawes, a Charleston district employee. Heavy was inspect-ing line in the Big Clear Creek section when he rounded a tower and was challenged by the hiss and nerve-tingling rattle of Brer Snake who was mad as a hornet and coiled ready to strike. Heavy placed a rag over the snake and then whammed him with his walking stick. The lick only injured the snake and he decided to run for it. As the rattler scampered for some sheltering rocks, Heavy drove the stick through the back of his neck. Upon examination, Mr. Hawes found the rattler had three fangs, somewhat of a freak, so he brought it in and plans to have it stuffed.

tices and influences upon the political and economic life of people. He identified those nations which are socialistic or under socialistic attack.

He next pointed out the superiority of the American Way of Life and used statistical comparisons to prove our superiority. He explained the free enterprise system as the basis of the American Way of Life.

His final point was an appeal for the individual to fight for our way of life by choosing a course of action which will help bolster our heritage and our freedoms.

Cushing, Koontz . . .

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mittee of the Southeastern Electric Exchange.

Mr. Miller, a graduate of Mississippi State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering, was employed by Appalachian at Huntington in 1940. He worked in the substation department until 1942 when he was put in charge of electrical engineering in the Huntington district distribution department.

In 1946 he was moved to the Huntington district commercial department as power engineer and three years later was named district commercial manager.

He is a member and past president of the Huntington Exchange Club; a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers and past president of the Huntington Group; a member of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors and for the past two years has been chairman of the Industrial Committee of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Central Christian Church of Huntington.

This Catch Won A Prize In Fishing Contest



Judges at the Small Fry Fishing Contest held at Coonskin Park look over the 16-inch catfish landed by 10-year-old Gary Nelson, holding line. His catch held on to first place until later in the day when another youngster landed a larger fish. For his catch, Gary was presented a fishing rod and other fishing tackle in the contest sponsored by the "Charleston Gazette." Gary is the son of B. D. Nelson, Cabin Creek plant coal handling department, who is plenty proud to tell this fish story.

In Virginia Made Much More Strict

New and more strict speed laws went into effect June 30 in Virginia.

Speed limit for automobiles is being increased from 50 to 55 miles an hour. Trucks, however, must slow down. They were cut back from 50 to 45 miles an hour.

The new laws governing speed limits go far beyond just lip service to enforcement. The General Assembly enacted measures aimed at cutting down the slaughter on Virginia's highways.

Here are a few examples:

1. If you exceed the speed limit over five miles an hour, the judge may suspend your driver's permit for 10 days.

2. If you are caught a second time and convicted, then the judge has to revoke your permit for 60 days.

3. If you drive during the time your permit is suspended, the judge is required by the new law to send you to jail for 10 days. He can put you in for six months if he sees fit.

4. If you are caught a second time for driving without a permit, the judge must send you to jail for at least two months. He can also fine you from \$100 to \$1,000.

5. If you are convicted of two moving traffic violations within one year, the Division of Motor Vehicles must call you up for an examination. The same is true if you are involved in two wrecks within a year in which there have been personal injuries or damages exceeding \$50.

The D. M. V. has to revoke your license from 60 days to six months if you are twice convicted of moving traffic violations within a year. If there is a third within a year, the D. M. V. must revoke your license for at least 60 days and it can be for as long as a year.

Bluefield . . .

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vacationed in eastern Virginia.

Bluefield District

Sympathy is extended Prince Thornton on the death of his grand-

Vacationers: W. P. Hawkins and family and Ray C. Heldreth and family at Myrtle Beach; Betty Jane and Jay Farley in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Thomas, payroll department, have resigned and moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Summer employees: Elmer Wood, commercial department, and Joe Dunn, engineering department.

Ernie Linkous rolled 1,114 pins with handicap to take fourth place and \$87.50 in the annual Sweepstake Tournament in Charleston.

Henry M. Harris, system transmission line department, and Mrs. Harris attended the christening of their grandson in Charlottesville. Their daughter Peggy accompanied them and was godmother at the christening. While in Charlottesville they visited his mother who is 95

Mary Ruth Whittington is a new employee in the system transmission line department, replacing Anne Moss who resigned.

Glen Lyn Plant

O. W. Bond is recovering after an

Summer employees: Paul Johnson and Elgene Comer. Clarence Meadows is recovering

after an operation. C. E. Archer and family vacationed

on the east coast. E. J. Stalker vacationed in New



Members of this hot-line crew of the system transmission line department at Bluefield recently completed an unusual job for the Ordnance Plant of the Holston Defense Corporation at Kingsport. The job required the replacement of defective bus connections, switch cross arm supports and one 50-foot pole in a six-pole switching structure. All the work was done without interrupting the 132,000-volt service. Left to right, above, are: K. A. Hayes, F. T. Combs, J. B. Doss, foreman, who planned and supervised the work, C. H. Hager, C. W. Edmonds and S. N. Burchette.

Mary E. King Gets **High School Honors**

Mary Ellen King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King, achieved high honors at her high school commencement. She was valedictorian of

her class

at Belfry, Ken-

tucky, High

Mary Ellen,

who was active

in many high

school affairs,

will enroll this

fall at the Uni-

versity of Ken-

tucky. She plans

to study music

School.



Mary Ellen King

and mathematics.

Her father is Williamson district superintendent.

Charleston . . .

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roll clerk, in Pittsburgh; James H. Bennett, control operator, in Scranton and Chester; John Bryan, guard, and family, in Detroit.

Daniel W. Tenant is a new employee in the accounting department.

New labor department employees include Ivan D. Miller, Harold R. Fry, Jr., Ralph V. Gibbs, Jr., Hubert L. Forbus, Edward Ihle, Charles F. King, John M. Rottgen, Kenneth L. Smith, John H. Kelley, Eugene R. Barret, James H. Layne, Paul E. Lanham, Charles P. Lochary and Gordon

Son Of Kentucky Man Experienced Double Commencement

David L. Millikan, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F.



Lt. Millikan

Millikan of Ashland, recently experienced a double commencement. On May 28,

he received his commission as second lieutenin the U.S. Air Force and June 1 he was awarded his B.S. degree in aeronautical en-

gineering at Purdue University. Lieutenant Millikan will report for active duty in the Air Force in late August. At that time, he will begin

flight training at Spence Field. David is the second son of Mr. and

Mrs. Millikan. Mr. Millikan is general safety and employee relations supervisor of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company.

Appa-Mo Club Holds Wiener Roast-Dance

Members of the Appa-Mo Club, system accounting office, Roanoke, recently enjoyed a wiener roast and square dance on Mill Mountain at Rockledge Inn. About 130 employees and their guests attended the outing.

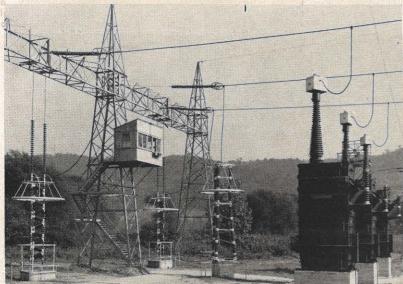
Following the wiener roast, dancing was in session from 9 to 12 at the Inn. Music was supplied by Andy Anderson and his band.

Boys Mix 'Em Up At Cooking School



Taint necessarily so that too many cooks spoil the broth. cooking class conducted by Mary Kirby, home economist at Pearisburg. this activity started after Mary finished conducting classes for girls in the vicinity of White Gate, Virginia. She then offered a course of six two-hour lessons for the boys. The class graduated with high honors as they ate their final exams with relish. Pictured left to right are: Reid Carr, John Bogan, Cecil Carr, Jack Gussler, Donald Vest, Miller Stevens, Charley Wiley, John Burroughs, and Mice Kirlsy. Burroughs and Miss Kirby.





This general view of the test station shows the three-story-high transformers at right that step up the 66,000 volts to 500,000 volts. Atop the high-voltage bushings are aluminum boxes shielding meters read by telescope in the observation booth, framed by a triangle of three lightning arresters.

Experiments At Outdoor Laboratory Led Way To Our New 330,000-Volt Line

Electrical energy flashed along a new line between Sporn plant and Kanawha River plant. The first link of a giant 330,000-volt transmission system was a reality, as told in a story last month.

The story about the advance planning and the experiments conducted near Tidd Plant to make the new line possible is briefly told here. "A big job," you say. Yes, in many ways.

The story actually starts before 1945 when President Philip Sporn envisioned the cooperative research. His plan was prompted by the need for transmitting bigger blocks of power.

Highest voltage at which any line then operated was 287,000, used on the Hoover Dam line. Although other nations were considering higher voltages, adequate information was unavailable and existing data was too indefinite.

Big Problems

What were some of the bigger problems? First of all, information had to be obtained to see if supervoltage transmission lines would do the job, would be reliable and economical.

A few of the many factors to be determined included minimum diameter and spacing of conductors, separation of conductors from ground to minimize total construction costs, protection against outages because of lightning and power loss and radio influence due to high-voltage con-

To find the answers to these problems, American Gas and Electric Service Corporation, acting for Appalachian and other AGE operating companies, invited a number of manufacturers to cooperate with them in a development and research program.

American Bridge Company agreed to contribute the towers; The Aluminum Company of America, General Cable Corporation and Anaconda Wire and Cable Company furnished the conductors; Ohio Brass Company and Locke Insulator Corporation contributed insulators and hardware; The Westinghouse Electric Corporation furnished the transformers, lightning arresters and measuring equipment; General Electric Company agreed to contribute an oil circuit breaker and arresters.



R. L. McCoy, of Locke Insulator Corporation, shows a 500,000-volt insulator shield and conductor clamp to I. W. Gross, E. L. Peterson and F. A. Lane, three AGE men in the research program.



"Modern design for modern living" might be the title of this picture showing the two-story-high pedestal-type lightning arrester. At lower right is suspended-type arrester. Both are the largest ever built.

Laboratory Started

The full-scale outdoor experimental laboratory was started in 1946. Three 500,000-volt test lines were started adjacent to Tidd plant at Brilliant, Ohio, in October of 1946 and energized October 1, 1947. Two of the test lines were $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles long with seven towers each. The third line was only one span in length and was used for preliminary tests on different diameter conductors, combinations of "grouped" conductors and leakage of insulator strings.

Towers were built to support the aerial ground wires and power conductors, 11 stories and 8 stories respectively above ground at the towers. Provisions were made for adjusting the height of the ground wire and varying the spacing of conductors between 32 and 45 feet. The average spans between towers were 1,100 feet.

To support conductors from tower crossarms, various lengths of insulator strings were tried along with different types of conductor clamps and corona shields. To step up 66,000-volts to voltages ranging from 264,000 to 500,000, special single-phase transformers were constructed which were three stories tall.

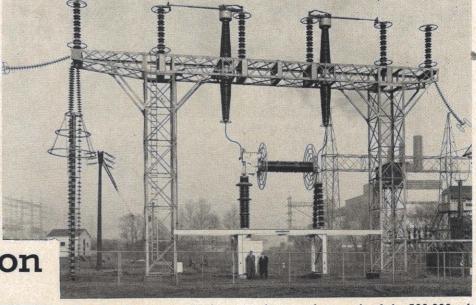
Two types of lightning arresters were provided to protect the transformers. Both are two stories high and the largest ever built. Special oil circuit breakers were developed.

Read By Telescope

Because of the high voltages involved, instruments for measuring power losses due to corona discharge were mounted in an aluminum box atop each bushing. The indicating instruments were read from a distance of 60 feet by a high-powered telescope mounted in an elevated observation booth.

Remote control was provided for the special high-speed recording meters and other equipment. Other instruments recorded atmospheric conditions and precipitation. Portable instruments measured radio influence at various points along the lines and at different distances from the lines.

Real problems arose because the



Dwarfing the two men in the center foreground, one pole of the 500,000-volt circuit breaker at the outdoor laboratory towers five stories above ground. The observation booth is at right with Tidd plant in the background.



Making a vision come true was the job of these men. They worked with the big line from the planning and experimental stage until it became a part of our system. Left to right, top row: Philip Sporn, V. M. Marquis and H. P. St. Clair. Second row: I. W. Gross, S. C. Bartlett, F. A. Lane and Otto Naef.

towers and cables were larger than any hitherto handled. Methods had to be revised or developed. When the lines were energized at maximum voltage, a person on the ground heard the crackling of corona discharge and felt his skin tingle when he raised an arm above his head.

Results of these extensive tests on the Tidd experimental lines, coupled with additional engineering studies on the economics, made possible the building of the 330,000-volt Philip Sporn-Kanawha River line. They also made possible the plans for a 330,-000-volt network which will tie major power sources into strategic points on the existing 132-kv AGE System.

Additional results of the research presented before the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, beginning in 1947, evidently started other super-voltage transmission systems. For example, the British Columbia line is now being built for operation at 345,000 volts, no higher than the AGE lines can carry.

WORKING ON THE JOB

PHILIP SPORN, whose foresight and solicitation of manufacturer cooperation stimulated joint research on the 500,000-volt line, coordinated the entire technical and economic investigation which led to AGE adoption of 330,000-volt transmission for bulk power supply.

V. M. MARQUIS, whose overall knowledge of system operating problems and high voltage techniques on our own and other systems enabled him to guide the sound practical planning of the 330,000-volt network which grew out of the research.

H. P. ST. CLAIR analyzed the economics transmission for bulkof super-voltage transmission f power supply on the AGE System.

I. W. GROSS, in charge of the lightning and high-voltage research, was a major participant in all aspects of the field re-

S. C. BARTLETT was in charge of re-search on the influence of high voltage on communications.

F. A. LANE guided the electrical-engineering section heads on transmission, lightning and high-voltage research, electronics, and recommended equipment, arranaments and methods of test at the 500,000-volt outdoor laboratory.

OTTO NAEF aided Mr. Gross on applica-tion of instrumentation for obtaining de-sired information and in analyzing results of corona-loss measurements. E. L. PETERSON was in charge of general layout of test structures including terminal, towers, insulators, conductors, shields and

G. D. LIPPERT aided Mr. Gross by supervising all the 500,000-volt field tests in the early stages and later concentrated on corona-influence measurements.



Riding high above the ground, this workman stands astride an experimental double dead-end string of insulators with shielding ring and yoke attached to a group of four conductors. To minimize corona discharge, this unusual assembly was tried instead of a single conductor of larger diameter.



Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

Marjorie Bridwell from clerk typist to junior cashier, Coy A. Arnold from maintenance man "C" to maintenance man "B", Joseph B. Baker, Jr., from meter helper to serviceman "C", Elbert H. Presley from groundman to lineman "C" and James W. Overbey from groundman to lineman "C".

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Bluefield District — Harry Garber from transmission and distribution department to division substation department.

Charleston District - R. O. Woods from meter helper to serviceman

Logan District — Samuel D. Spears from lineman "B" to Lineman "A". Logan Plant — Stuart S. Hunter from turbine operator "A" to control operator, Lester P. Lucas from turbine operator "B" to turbine operator "A", Arnold J. Conley from equipment operator "B" to turbine operator "B". Arvin E. Hayner from equipment operator "C" to equipment operator "B", Hurston Estep, Jr., from utility operator "A" to equipment operator "C", Elwell L. Kimmell from utility operator "B" to utility operator "A" and Burbus C. Ferrell, Jr., from utility operator "C" to utility operator "B".

Lynchburg District — George W. Stone, Jr., from distribution-engineering department to stores department, D. S. Gourley from Blackwater substation to Reusens-Hydro, T. M. Sandidge from Blackwater substation to Reusens-Hydro, Ben C. Cook from storeroom helper "B" to material clerk; Jasper Davis from building service department to commercial department and Joan Pettyjohn from junior clerk to clerk typist.

Philip Sporn Plant — Dwight K. Sayre from results helper to instrument man, William D. Cossin from stores department to equipment operator, Marvin T. Roush from equipment operator to control operator, Dayton L. Phillips from senior clerk, stores department, to assistant storekeeper, Claud M. Bumgarner from construction department to stores department, William H. King from maintenance department to results department, Luther O. Smith from laborer to coal handler, William L. Zerkle from laborer to coal handler, Bernard G. Hoffman from laborer to coal handler, Richard G. Ash from laborer to coal handler, Glenn Huffman from laborer to tripper operator, Troy S. Sayre from laborer to coal handler, Gilbert C. Hart from laborer to coal handler, James E. Haggerty from laborer to coal handler, Edward D. Sayre from laborer to coal handler, Carl D. King from laborer to coal handler, Edwin F. Hudson from coal handler to tractor operator, Dallas A. Cadle from coal handler to tractor operator, William C. Gibbs from coal handler to tractor operator, Kenneth O. Rollins from coal handler to tractor operator, Harold R. Russell from coal handler to tractor operator, Robert F. Hickel from coal handler to tractor operator, Harry A. Pickens from coal handler to conveyor operator, Paul E. Huber from tripper operator to conveyor operator, Don L. Thompson from tractor operator to conveyor operator, Olin W. Neal from tractor operator to crane operator, and James L. Hart from conveyor operator to crane operator.

New Floyd Station Is

Construction of the Floyd Station, a new 5,000 KVA high voltage trans-

mission station, is well underway in

the Pulaski district of Appalachian.

The new transmission station is lo-

cated a short distance from Floyd,

The general grading, ground work,

When completed, the new Floyd

and much of the foundation pouring

has been completed and the erection

Station will provide Floyd County

with a second source of power. The

new station will be connected to the

present Claytor-Fieldale 132 KV

line and will feed power to the area

through a 12 KV distribution net-

Dorsal A. Fisher, Jr., 20-year-old

A graduate

of Pt. Pleasant

High School,

Fisher had been

employed at

Sporn plant

since April 23,

1951, as a

mainte-

He is sur-

vived by his

nance helper.

Philip Sporn Plant employee, was

fatally injured May 30 in a two-car

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsal Fisher.

Sr., and one sister, Mrs. James E.

Sporn Employee Dies

In Auto Accident

collision near Point Pleasant.

Under Construction

Virginia.

of steel has begun.

W. H. 'Bill' Chilton, Roanoke Retired Employee, Dies



Mr. Chilton

W. H. "Bill" Chilton, 68-year-old retired Roanoke district meter superintendent, died May 28 at his home in Roanoke.

Born in Bedford County, he came to Roanoke in 1895 and worked for the Virginia and Tennessee Telephone Company until 1912. On November 15, 1912, he came to work with the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company, an Appalachian predecessor.

He worked under C. A. Elliott, then meter superintendent, testing and repairing meters. Twelve years later he was promoted to meter superintendent, the position he held at his retirement in July of 1949.

Mr. Chilton is survived by his widow, one son, J. M. Chilton of Norfolk, and three grandchildren.

E. J. Sanderson **Dies At Vinton**

A retired employee of Appalachian,



tired

Mr. Sanderson

who first became associated with a predecessor company in 1891, has died. He was E. J. (Sandy) Sanderson, regeneral line foreman in Roanoke the district. He died May 22

at his home in Vinton, Virginia. Sandy's service with the company dates back to 1891. He worked for the Roanoke Street Railway Company, a predecessor to Appalachian until 1895 when he left the electric utility business until 1909. He returned to the company in 1909 and worked continuously until his retirement in 1944.

82 years old, Sandy was born in Franklin County, Virginia, in 1870. He is survived by his widow and

Mary H. Pugh Ends 23 Years' Service In Charleston



Mrs. Pugh

Mrs. Mary H. Pugh, senior home economist in the Charleston District, has retired after completing more than 23 years of service with Appalachian.

Mrs. Pugh became associated with the company at Charleston in 1929 when she went to work in the commercial department. For many years she was the only home economist in the Charleston district and covered much of the territory now in the Beckley and Pt. Pleasant districts.

Besides her regular work, Mrs. Pugh has endeared herself to the employees of the Charleston district by her willingness and helpfulness in doing favors for them and in preparing for employee socials.

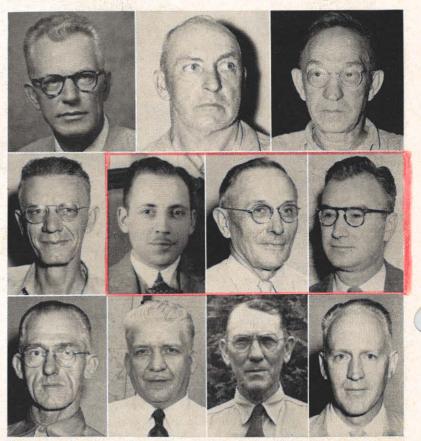
Mrs. Pugh was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and after finishing high school at Abingdon she attended St. Joseph's College, Marshall College, West Virginia University and New River State College.

Prior to becoming associated with Appalachian she served as secretary of the Philadelphia Carton Club; was in charge of the Liberty Loan Department of the Seaboard National Bank in Norfolk, Virginia, and taught in the Charleston Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, both now retired, have one son, James R. Pugh, who is employed in Charleston as a meter tester.

In addition to her duties with the company, Mrs. Pugh has been active in civic affairs in the Charleston area. She was the second state president of the West Virginia Parent-Teachers Association. She is a member of the First Christian Church and has been very active in the Business Women's

Receive Service Pins In Recent Weeks



Veteran employees recently receiving service pins for 20 or more years of service are pictured above. Left to right, top row: J. E. French, 30 years, system; S. D. Martin, 30 years, Welch; Lawrence Derifield, 30 years, Welch. Second row: W. G. French, 30 years, system at Bluefield; George Capito, 25 years, Lynchburg; F. H. Klein, 25 years, Lynchburg; E. F. Lacy, 25 years, Lynchburg. Third row: T. W. Testerman, 25 years, Bluefield; Howard Rader, 25 years, Sporn plant; J. D. Burnett, 25 years, Pulaski; S. A. Whitley, 25 years, Roanoke.



Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

5 YEARS: J. G. Rayfield, distribution department.

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company Pikeville District — 5 YEARS: Dorothy Ford, accounting department.

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District - 15 YEARS: Tolbert Rasnake, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: Lewis R. Vaughan, transmission and distribution department.

Beckley District — 15 YEARS: B. B. Corker, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: J. A. Barker, meter department.

Bluefield District — 30 YEARS: William G. French, system transmission line department. 25 YEARS: T. W. Testerman, transmission and distribution department. 15 YEARS: Herbert W. Owen and Henry M. Harris, system transmission line department; Bess K. Hodges, accounting department. 10 YEARS: M. E. Rich, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: Fred T. Combs, system transmission line department; Robert E. Crowder, line department; John D. Martin, miscellaneous department; and Elizabeth L. Munsey, personnel department.

Fieldale District - 15 YEARS: J. A. DeShazo, line department. 5 YEARS: B. A. Cruise, transmission and distribution department; and J. W. Vaughan, commercial department.

Huntington District - 15 YEARS: Kyle D. Moore, commercial department. 10 YEARS: Sam Watts and J. E. LeMaster, production department. 5 YEARS: Richard H. Smith, commercial department.

Logan District — 15 YEARS: James B. Tucker, stores department. 5 YEARS: Chester E. Elkins, military leave, and Jean M. Williams, commercial department.

Logan Plant - 15 YEARS: Paul M. Hefner, operation department. 10 YEARS: Zack Browning, coal handling department.

Lynchburg District - 25 YEARS: F. H. Klein and Edward F. Lacy, Ir., meter department; George D. Capito, stores department.

Pulaski District - 25 YEARS: J. D. Burnett, hydro department. 15 YEARS: R. C. Nickols, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: D. D. Taylor, accounting department; and H. H. Lugar, distribution and engineering department.

Roanoke District - 25 YEARS: S. A. Whitley, division engineering department. 15 YEARS: M. G. Covey, meter department. 5 YEARS: W. A. Henley, transmission and distribution department.

System Offices - 30 YEARS: J. E. French, civil engineering department. 15 YEARS: Tida J. Long, accounting department; and K. H. Ford, system operating department. 5 YEARS: Joyce B. Griffin, R. Frances Quesenberry, Reba J. Turner and Jane V. Roberts, accounting department.

Welch District - 30 YEARS: Lawrence Derifield, substation department, and Samuel D. Martin, transmission and distribution department.

Glen Lyn Plant — 10 YEARS: Charles L. Spangler, record clerk. Philip Sporn Plant — 25 YEARS: Howard Rader, operating department.

Bette Sue Guthrie's Dancing Receiving National Mention



Bette Sue Guthrie

Bette Sue Guthrie's dancing is beginning to attract national attention. The Huntington girl's picture recently appeared in the "Stars of Tomorrow" magazine with the description that she was "showing great promise as a classical toe dancer.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Guthrie, she has studied dancing for ten years, including ballet, acrobatic, toe and tap. Her father is system billing supervisor in Huntington.

Bette Sue has been an honor student throughout school and is a member of the National Honor Society. While in Junior High she was a member of the Latin and Glee Clubs and a cheerleader. She has already been chosen a cheerleader at Huntington High School which she will enter this fall.

Nancy Bryant Is Named President Of Roanoke FHA

Nancy Carol Bryant, daughter of a Roanoke em-



ployee, has been elected president of the Future Homemakers of America club of Jefferson High School. In addition to being named president, Nancy

Miss Bryant also represented the club at the annual convention in

Harrisonburg, the early part of June. Nancy will graduate from high school next year.

Her father, J. R. Bryant, is employed in the Roanoke district service department.

Many June Brides Among Employees



June, the traditional month for brides, found many weddings among employees in the Southern Properties. Left to right, top row: Mrs. Paul E. Carter, Kingsport; Mrs. Douglas Kessinger, Williamson, and Mrs. Charles I.

Walker, Charleston. Second row: Mrs. Harry Sack, Logan; Mrs. Hagan Draughn, Pikeville, and Mr. and Mrs. Milford Mowrey, Sporn plant. Third row: Mrs. Morgan Robertson, Welch; Mrs. Edwin Belette, Charleston; Mrs. James T. Deakins, Kingsport, and Mrs. William T. Weaver, Welch.

at Ashland.

at Charleston.

Stacy-McKinney

of Bill McKinney on June 14. Mr.

Snider-Sparks

the bride of Joe Sparks on May 10 at

Huntington. Mr. Sparks is employed

Galloway-Carroll

Miss Marbeth Galloway became

the bride of Howard Carroll on June

6 at Rock Springs, Tenn. Mrs. Carroll is employed at Kingsport.

Emrick-Fairfield

bride of Roger J. Fairfield, Jr., on May 22. Mr. Fairfield is employed

Beckley Appaleisure Club

Holds Picnic And Dance

Appaleisure Club were entertained

recently with a picnic and square

dance at the 4-H Lake on Little

was concluded with square dancing.

The outing began about six and

Beaver Creek near Beckley.

Members of the Beckley district's

Miss Edna M. Emrick became the

Miss Mary Virginia Snider became

McKinney is employed at Ashland.

Miss Doris Stacy became the bride

Gilliam-Carter

Stapleton-Draughn

Miss Mary Lou Stapleton became the bride of Hagan Draughn June 7 at Pikeville. Mrs. Draughn is em-

Shultz-Kessinger

the bride of Douglas Kessinger on June 14. Mrs. Kessinger is employed

Twitty-Moore

employed at Point Pleasant.

Norman-Belette

Mrs. Clara Norman became the bride of Edwin Belette on June 7 at Huntington. Mrs. Belette is employed at Charleston.

Woods-Walker

Miss Bobbie Jane Woods became the bride of Charles I. Walker, Jr., on May 31 in Emmitsbury, Md. Mr. Walker is employed at Charleston.

Lewis-Craft

Miss Louise Lewis became the bride of Joseph C. Craft on May 27 at Berea, Ky. Mrs. Craft is a former employee in Roanoke.

Ingram-Edwards

Miss Essie O. Ingram became the bride of Lloyd Edwards on May 17 at Chesterfield, S. C. Mrs. Edwards is employed at Fieldale.

Bayless-Deakins

Miss Maye Bayless became the bride of James T. Deakins on June 6 at Lake Junaluska, N. C. Mrs. Deakins is employed at Kingsport.

Eastep-Gibson

Miss Betty Jane Eastep became the bride of Millard Gibson on May 15 at Williamson. Mr. Gibson is em-

Bare-Robertson

Miss Joan Bare became the bride of Morgan Robertson on June 8 at Maybeury, W. Va. Mrs. Robertson is employed at Welch.

Shelton-Weaver

Miss Barbara Shelton became the bride of William T. Weaver on June 6 at Northfork, W. Va. Mrs. Weaver is employed at Welch.

McClellan-Sack

Miss Leatrice Joy McClellan became the bride of Harry Sack on May 28 at Port Orange, Florida. Mrs. Sack is a former employee at Logan.

Daughter Of Welch Man Is Winner Of Legion Post's Award

Virginia Bates, daughter of Mr.



and Mrs. B. E. Bates, recently was awarded the "J. B. Burton, Jr.," certificate and medal by American Legion Post 122. The award is made to the outstanding girl of the seventh

grade graduating class in the Bluefield, Virginia,

The annual award, sponsored by the legionnaires, is based upon achievements, honor, courage, scholarship, leadership, service, companionship and character.

Virginia is a talented pianist and often accompanied the seventh grade glee club. She is president of the Busy Bee Club, which is made up of honor

Mr. Bates is Welch district meter superintendent.

They're Engaged

MISS DOROTHY HALBERT to George L. Casey. Mr. Casey is employed at the Kanawha River plant.

MISS AMELIA MAIURI to W. E. Nutter. Miss Maiuri is employed at the Kanawha River

New Arrivals . . .

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD P. MALLORY are the parents of a daughter born May 31. Mr. Mallory is employed at Huntington. MR. AND MRS. ROBERT D. WEBSTER are the parents of a son, Jack Randall, born-May 29. Mr. Webster is employed at Hunting-

MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL E. STONE are the parents of a boy, Gregory Neil, born June 10. Mr. Stone is employed at Cabin Creek.

MR. AND MRS. JOE HARTZOG are the parents of a son, Jeffery Lee, born May 23. Mr. Hartzog is employed at Williamson.

MR. AND MRS. WALTER THOMAS are the parents of a son, Walter Lee, born June 16. Mr. Thomas is employed at Welch.

MR. AND MRS. BILLY C. HARLOWE are the parents of a daughter, Sharron Denise, born June 2. Mr. Harlowe is employed at Fieldale. MR. AND MRS. TOM LOCKHART are the parents of a son, William Thomas, born on May 30. Mr. Lockhart is employed in the Welch district.

MR. AND MRS. L. E. PERKEY are the parents of a daughter, Carol Christine, born April 9. Mr. Perkey is employed at Hunting-

MR. AND MRS. LEWIS NICOLL are the parents of a son, Robert Joseph, born May 24. Mr. Nicoll is employed at Philip Sporn Plant. MR. AND MRS. H. E. GARRETT are the parents of a son born May 24. Mr. Garrett is employed at Logan.

MR. AND MRS. LESLIE CURRY are the parents of a son born June 8. Mrs. Curry is a former employee at Logan.

MR. AND MRS. J. G. RAYFIELD are the parents of a daughter, Margaret Gayle, born June 3. Mr. Rayfield is employed at Kingsport.

MR. AND MRS. J. K. HUTCHINSON are the parents of a daughter, Dana Gail, born May 3. Mr. Hutchinson is employed at Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. MARSHALL C. GRIGGS are the parents of an adopted son, Harvey Meade, born May 30. Mr. Griggs is employed at Roanoke.



Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Burton, of Princeton, receive trophies from Lysbeth Anne Huffard, left, for winning the University Bridge Tournament for Open Pairs. Their score for the two-session event was 256½ points. Mr. Garfield is rural sales representative for the Bluefield district. He is president of the Mercer County School Board of which he has been a member for four years.

Miss Doris Gilliam became the bride of Paul E. Carter on June 2 at Kingsport, Tenn. Mr. Carter is employed at Kingsport and is now on military leave.

ployed at Pikeville.

Miss Mary Louise Shultz became at Williamson.

Miss Mary Sue Twitty became the bride of William R. Moore on June 11 at Point Pleasant. Mrs. Moore is the daughter of J. L. Twitty, who is

Miss Collins Organizes Scout Troop



Although Margaret Collins does not have a sponsoring organization for her Girl Scout troop, the Abingdon district home economist does not let that hardship slow her down. As Leader of Troop 13, of Gate City, she has been organizing and conducting activities for the 20-girl troop which exists solely through her efforts. She gives the girls practical training in cooking, first aid, sewing, housekeeping and good grooming. Pictured at a recent cake-making session in the Gate City office kitchen are, left to right, front row: Helen Wolfe, Carole Wolfe, Mary Elizabeth Sanders, Dorothy Wolfe and Betty Jane Bateman. Back row: Nancy Smith, Marie Black, Billie Coley (granddaughter of I. G. Coley, who is Scott County rural representative), Nina Bell, Marline Gillenwater and



Jay holds a repaired casting reel in his workshop. Although his hobby does not require a lot of equipment, Jay says it does take a lot of patience.

Fishermen's Frustration With Broken Tackle Means Business For Jay Farley Of Bluefield

When Bluefield anglers start to fuss and cuss their fishing equipment, Jay W. Farley, Jr., stands a good chance of picking up some business. The records department employee repairs and rebuilds fishing tackle.

His hobby started about a year ago when Bill Goodloe of the Bluefield office offered Jay a fishing rod if he would rebuild a fly-rod for him. Jay agreed and was on his way to having a profitable hobby.

After gaining experience by repairing and cleaning his own equipment, Jay has put more and more time repairing wornout and broken rods and reels. Many reels he receives have been cast aside as worthless. However, with the addition of new parts they are like those from the factory.

When he receives equipment that is ready for salvage, he allows the owner a trade-in on a new reel which he either has in stock or can get in a few hours' notice. He has several connections in the Bluefield area whereby stores pick up equipment and mail it to him. He allows them a percentage of the price charged.

Although Jay says the investment in tools and supplies is not very great, the primary requirement is a storehouse of patience. He illustrates his point by saying that one rod and reel combination like his Hurd Super-Caster takes about five hours to take down, clean, re-assemble and adjust. That type of reel has some 50-odd parts with works as intricate and delicate as those of a good watch.

When Jay goes to Florida to fish, he builds a nine-foot surf rod in about an hour. When he leaves the beach, he sells it at a nice profit.

He has been a member of the Triangle Sportsmen's Club of Bluefield for several years. The 1,000 members in the club are all prospective customers. Many of the men already

have had him put their fishing tackle in condition.

Jay always does a first-class job. He knows that fishing tackle being what it is and fishermen being what they are means he'll see them both again.

Heldreth Elected To Posts In Two Groups; To Attend Convention

Ray C. Heldreth, Bluefield district commercial department, is extremely active in reserve officer and veterans affairs.

Mr. Heldreth

Only recently
he was elected
to posts in both
the American
Legion and the
Reserve Officers
Association.
Mr. Heldreth

was elected first vice commander of the Riley-Vest Post, American Le-

gion, Bluefield, and at a state meeting in Charleston, he was elected councilman for the Department of West Virginia Reserve Officers Association.

At the Charleston meeting, he also was selected as a delegate to the National ROA convention which will be held in San Antonio, Texas, this month.

In recent years, Ray has served both the West Virginia Reserve Officers Association and the Bluefield chapter as president.

During World War II, nineteen months of Mr. Heldreth's five years of service were spent in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations. He served as an army surplus disposal officer with the Foreign Liquidation Commission.

KPO Club Elects New Officers



The KPO Club, composed of Pikeville district women employees, recently elected new officers. The new officers, left to right, are: Gail Hylton, vice president; Dorothy Cardinal, sergeant-at-arms; Mary Stewart, president; Charlene Brown, director; Elizabeth Riddle, secretary, and Jackie Akers, treasurer. Absent when the photo was made was Dorothy Ford, a director.

Charleston Men Elected To Posts In Civitan Club

Three Charleston district em-



Mr. Bedinger

ployees have been elected to positions in two different Civitan Clubs in the district.

Joe E. Bedinger of the Charleston commercial department has been elected a delegate to the

International Civitan Convention to represent the Charleston Club. He also was named a member of the international objectives committee for 1952-53.

Joe has served as president of the Charleston Club, said to be the largest in the world and has been lieutenant governor of the district, sergeant at arms for the International and is now editor of the club's weekly bulletin.



Mr. Foster



Foster Mr. Hamrick

C. A. Foster, line crew foreman at Montgomery, has been elected to the board of directors of the Montgomery Civitan Club. He is a member of several other clubs and fraternal organizations in Montgomery and takes an active part in the work of the Montgomery Baptist Church.

Another Montgomery employee,

Another Montgomery employee, Nelson Hamrick of the accounting department, was elected treasurer of the Montgomery Civitan Club. He is a student at West Virginia Institute of Technology, in addition to being employed at Montgomery, and will graduate in August with a degree in Business Administration.

June Davis' Horse Wins Show Prizes



June Davis on "Lucky"

June Davis' horse "Lucky" walked away from the Logan County Saddle Club show on June 5-6 with first prize in the musical chair class and second prize in the equitation class. June is employed in the Logan stores department.

She has owned the sorrel mare since last year and says "Lucky" is a sure-footed trail horse, making riding on cool summer evenings a real pleasure.

Although she has attended nearby horse shows and has proved a winner, June says that she prefers the satisfaction that comes after an hour or two of riding trails or country roads. She has been riding for a little over two years and has made many new friends through their mutual like of horses.



Miss Shipley holds one of her favorite Hummel figurines, "Stormy Weather."

Others in her collection can be seen on the shelf in her home at 106 Glenwood

Avenue, Charleston.

Collecting Hummel Figurines Provides Freda Shipley With Interesting Hobby

Freda Shipley has a hobby suited to her tastes. Since 1941 she has been collecting "Hummel Figurines" because of their charm and daintiness.

Miss Shipley, an employee in the Charleston district commercial department, tells this story about the maker of the little figures:

"Sister Berta Hummelchen, 'The Little Bumble-Bee,' was born in Germany on May 21, 1909, and took her vows as a Sister in August of 1934. While in the convent she was so inspired by watching little children play that she started the molding and painting of her now-famous 'Hummel Figurines.'

"When Hitler invaded Czechoslovakia, Sister Hummelchen buried the molds, hoping that someone would find them and take up the art again. During the reign of Hitler, the Nazis amputated her hands.

"She died heart-broken at the age of 37."

There are only 35 original "Hummel Figurines," all of which are stamped with the name "Hummel" and have names. Miss Shipley owns 27 of the originals. A poem illustrating the action of each of the figurines has been written.

Some of the figures among Miss Shipley's collection are Adoration, Little Fiddler, Little Wanderer, The Goose Girl, Little Shepherd, Many Happy Returns, Little Messenger, Winter Winds, Little Scholar, Song Leader, Band Leader, Horn Blower,

W. G. Cunningham Elected To Legion Post At Convention

Walter G. "Mike" Cunningham,



Mr. Cunningham

Narrows lineman, was elected vice commander of the ninth district of the American Legion at the convention held at Mountain Lake Hotel, Mountain Lake, Virginia on June 8.

He is past commander of Pearisburg Post No. 203, having served two terms, and a member of the 40 and 8. Captain of the Giles County Life-Saving and Rescue Squad, he is also chairman of the First Aid Committee of the county's Red Cross chapter.

Mike came with Appalachian in 1938 as a draftsman and worked in Bluefield for nine years before transferring to the Narrows line crew where he has worked for the past five years.

Boy on the Fence, Banjo Girl, In the Meadow, Springtime, Hansel and Gretel, Mother's Little Helper, Toothache, Lullaby, The Witch and Locust Boy.

Some of the figurines she bought herself while others were sent her for various anniversaries from friends in all parts of the nation. According to Miss Shipley, there are very few people who have this collection for their hobby as they do not know about the artist who made them. Then, too, cost is a consideration. They range from \$3.50 to \$18.

"I think they are well worth what they cost, though," said Miss Shipley, "because they entrance me so." To her they are priceless.

Filbert Myers Is Retired After 18 Years' Service



Mr. Myers

Filbert Myers, who has been working at the Logan Plant for the past 18 years, went on the retired list on July 1.

"Fred," as he was known to his fellow employees, is a native of Wilkesboro, North Carolina, where he attended school. In 1907 he enlisted in the Army and served until 1910. He then went to work for the Norfolk and Western Railway Company as a fireman. At the outbreak of World War I he again served in the Army as a railroad fireman with the 26th Railroad Transportation Company in France.

In 1919 he resumed his duties with the N. & W. Three years later he accepted employment with a construction firm at the Logan Plant and in 1923 was employed as an operator at the plant. He has held various operating jobs since that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers are the parents of two daughters, Wanda and Breta, both at home. "Fred" says he has no immediate plans for the future.

1952 Softball Tournament To Be Played At Beckley



Members of the Maintenance "Two" championship team, left to right, are: Nelson Roush, Harold Marquis, Robert Gilmore, Ralph Warner, Wyatt Chad-

'Two' Wins Bowling Maintenance Crown; Bowlers Honored At Banquet

ners of the second half of league competition, defeated Morgan's Shift bowlers in the final play-offs to win the Philip Sporn Plant Bowling League's 1952 championship.

Following the hard-fought playoffs, the Annual Bowling Banquet was held at the Point Pleasant Moose Hall early in June for members of the league. Paul Seally, personnel supervisor, served as master of ceremonies and presented trophies and awards to outstanding individuals and teams.

The plant's championship trophy was presented to the winning team while its members were awarded medals for their splendid showing during the season. Other trophies and

Roanokers Play First **Rounds In Tournament**

Sixty-odd golfers, many playing their first games of the season, hooked and sliced their way around the Monterey Golf Course in the opening rounds of the Annual Roanoke-Fieldale Golf Tournament. The first rounds of play opened Saturday, June 28. Two more rounds will be played in July.

As in the past, the tournament is being conducted on a handicap basis. The entry with the lowest net score for the 54 holes will be declared champion. Prizes and awards will be made for various classifications.

Members of the tournament committee include: general committee, Reed Carlton, chairman; Lewis Mills, W. P. Booker and Eddie Johnston. Rules and Handicap: W. P. Booker, chairman; Charlie Price and O. A. Hawkins. Food committee: J. G. Harvey, chairman; E. J. Thomas and C. E. Moore. Prize committee: Eddie Johnston, chairman; Noble Marshall and Lewis Mills.

Maintenance "Two" keglers, win- awards were won by: Morgan's Shift, runner-up team trophy; William Gibbs, 233, high single game; Floyd Capehart, 623, high series, and Bill Ribble, 166, high season average. Ralph Warner, while making a less serious presentation, awarded Keith Arnold a bowler's weeping towel.

Hazard Nine Leads City Softball League

With a six and one season record, the Hazard district softball team is riding at the top of the City League under the supervision of Russell Muncy, manager. To date, the Hazard clouters' prospects for a good season look extremely favorable.

In addition to the city league games, Manager Muncy and Trainer Moscoe Blackburn are whipping their clubs into shape for inter-district games with Pikeville, Williamson and

Members of the Hazard squad include: Arnett Strong, Everett Bush, Earl Smith, Russell Compton, Robert Trent, Adrain Combs, Edgar Pigman, Dewey Sizemore, Walter Combs, Glenn Logan, Chalmers Ferguson, Oscar Hudson, Earl Bellamy, Truman Hurt, Robert Banks and Wallace

Bird Knocks Player Out Of Home Run Opportunity

Ben Valley, son of Leon Valley, Honaker, Va., had a freak experience that knocked him out of a home run during the final high school game of the season.

Young Valley rapped out a long drive which had the appearance of being a four-sacker. Instead, the ball killed a bird in flight and was deflected to the ground.

Mr. Valley is an area serviceman in the Abingdon district.

Will Be Played August 15-16; Pairings Announced

The 1952 system-wide softball tournament will be held at Beckley on August 15 and 16, J. A. Mundy, employee relations supervisor and tournament director, announced.

This will be the eleventh tournament in the series which began in 1938 and was interrupted only by World War II. It will be the first time Beckley has been host to the tournament.

The softball tournament will be played in the George W. Ballard stadium at Pine Crest Sanatorium near Beckley. This field is now being used for a city-wide softball league in Beckley and is a well-lighted, welldrained playing field. Bleachers are at present available for about 300 people and additional seating will be provided if needed.

The Huntington district team is the defending champion of the Southern Properties. Reports from Huntington indicate that they again will have a strong softball aggregation.

Within the divisions elimination tournaments will be held prior to the system softball tournament. A team from the Charleston, Huntington, Bluefield and Roanoke divisions, as well as a team from the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company and Kingsport Utilities, will play in the system-wide tournament. Plant teams will play in the division tournaments in which they are located.

Director Mundy announced that an earlier starting time will be used at this year's first game in order to give spectators and ballplayers sufficient time to eat the evening meal. The first game is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15.

In a drawing for position, the Charleston division entry will play the Bluefield division entry in the first game. The Roanoke division entry will play the Huntington division contender in the second game. Kingsport Utilities and the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company entries drew byes through the first round. The Kingsport team will play the winner of the Charleston-Bluefield contest beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night while the Kentucky team will play the winner of the Roanoke-Huntington encounter in the second game Friday night.

Mrs. Jewell Woolridge, secretary to Mr. Mundy, drew the names of the teams for the tournament pairings.

On Saturday, beginning at 9:00 a.m., the consolation tournament will get underway. In the first game the loser of game 1 will play the loser of game 4. At 10:30 the loser of game 2 will play the loser of game 3. The consolation finals will be held p.m. to be followed immediately by the championship finals.

W. S. LaFon, district manager, and J. E. Hammer, personnel supervisor of the Beckley district, are heading the local arrangements and making plans for this tournament to be one of the best in the series.

The tournament committee headed by Mundy is composed of: D. C. Duncan, W. E. Coleman, R. G. Taylor and W. A. McClung.

The defending champion Huntington team will be seeking its sixth championship since the tournament began in 1938. Last year at Kingsport, Huntington defeated Beckley in the finals to end a two-year reign of the Beckley district team.

Huntington has held the championship more than any other district team with Beckley winning twice and other winners being Logan, Bluefield and Roanoke.

1952 Softball Tourney Pairings Charleston Division GAME 1 2:00 P.M. August 15 Winner of Bluefield Division GAME 3 7:00 P.M. August 15 Kingsport Utilities Championship Contest Kentucky and West Virginia Power 7:30 P.M. August 16 GAME 4 8:30 P.M. August 15 Winner of Roanoke Division GAME 2 3:30 P.M. August 15 Winner of Huntington Division

Lynchburg Bowlers Complete '52 Season

Lynchburg district bowlers completed the 1951-52 season in fourth place in the sixteen-team City Industrial League.

For their showing in hard-fought league play, they were presented their share of the prize money and given free bowling passes by the management of the alleys.

The Lynchburg keglers also were honored and entertained at an informal dinner at the Elks' Club. Members of the district bowling team attending the dinner were: L. R. Hudson, E. R. Driskill, R. T. Campbell, Alvin Ferguson, J. W. Harris and L. G. Dougan.

Lynchburg Softball Team Fourth In City League

The 1952 Lynchburg district softball team completed the first half of the season in fourth place of the eight-team City Industrial League. This league is one of the fastest in this section of the State.

The Lynchburg clouters also are olanning inter-district clashes with the Roanoke nine prior to the Roanoke division play-offs for tourna-

Loss Of Hurler Has K. U. I. Nine On Spot

Members of the Kingsport Utilities softball squad have their biggest headache in several seasons. Their ace hurler, Howard Wexler, resigned to accept employment near his home at Greenville.

Up until this time, the KUI clouters held second place in the City League and were just one game out of the first place slot. Today, the team s clinging to 5 and 5 season's record.

Wayne Matthews, an outfielder of revious seasons, has been moved into he mound assignment. Other changes in the KUI line-up include: Joe Baker at first; Trumbo at second, and Ward at third. Riddle has taken over the catching duties.

Cabin Creek Is Host To Sporn-Charleston

In a recent triple-header at Cabin Creek, the Philip Sporn Plant clouters won two of three games for a perfect afternoon. Sporn's softball squad edged Cabin Creek 4 to 3 in the opener and downed Charleston 3 to 2 n their second game.

Charleston gained a split for the day as they downed their Cabin Creek hosts 4 to 3 in the final tilt.

Pikeville Nine Playing In City League Saturday night beginning at 6:00



Members of the Pikeville district's 1952 softball team pose for a squad photograph following one of their City League encounters. The Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company nine, playing in a six-team loop, have a five and three record for league play. In their only outside clash, the Pikeville team was edged 8 to 7 by the Hazard district clouters at Hazard. A return inter-district contest has been scheduled. Members of the Pikeville squad, front row, left to right, are: L. M. Newsom, manager; Gene Hale, Challe Ratliff, Ernie Brashear, Troy Lee, Bill Zoeller and Bob Flynn. Back row, left to right: Bruce Weddle, son of Bob Weddle, Harlan Griffith, Bruce Prater, Jesse Collier, Bob Weddle, Perry Cline, Sherlie Hale and Curt Charles. Dave Ratliff, Paul Butcher and Denver Layne are missing.

Welch Fishermen Land Record Haul



While vacationing in North Carolina, the above Welch fishermen caught 40 dolphins and 12 amber-jacks. In all, the catch netted about 700 pounds of This was the largest haul of the season made from this port. the dolphins weighed as much as 27 pounds. The Welch anglers' catch was made in June while fishing in the Gulf Stream near the Diamond Lighthouse Ship off Cape Hatteras. Admiring their deep water catch, left to right: A. F. Horne, Coleman Nicholas, Billy Horne, Sue Carroll, George Carroll and

Glen Lyn Employees Elected To Offices





Mr. Painter

Painter Mr. Bond

C. J. Price Turns In Lost Money To Bank; Receives A Reward

Payday turned out to be an unusual experience for C. J. Price, Jr., of the system accounting office.

Charlie went down to a Roanoke bank to make his deposit. The teller in the cage where Charlie was to make his deposit had his back to the customer's side.

When Charlie put his deposit down, he saw three \$100 bills on the outside of the cage. The teller turned to acknowledge him. Charlie presented his deposit slip, his check and the three \$100 bills.

The teller looked at the deposit slip, the check and the three bills. He did not know what to say as the amount of money did not agree with the deposit slip.

Then Charlie told the teller that the money was left outside the cage by another customer and that he was turning it in.

The teller reported the incident to bank officials who soon determined the owner of the bills. The bank contacted the owner and the bills were identified

The secretary of the person to whom the money belonged called Charlie that afternoon, thanking him for turning in the bills and said that her employer had just left town but would contact him when he returned.

The contact turned out to be a thank-you letter with a \$25 check enclosed.

Seven Glen Lyn plant employees were recently elected to serve two-year terms as town officials in Glen Lyn and Rich Creek. The top photo shows those at Glen Lyn. Left to right: W. R. Johnson, Carl B. Patteson and Raymond Compton, operating department; Mayor Ira Wiley, coal handling foreman; R. E. Hare, retired employee, and Lake Thompson, an employee of the Celanese Corporation. At the side, left to right, are E. A. Painter and O. W. Bond, high men in their successful bids for seats on the Rich Creek council. Mr. Painter is maintenance supervisor and Mr. Bond is results engineer.

Employee's Daughter Wins Scholarship

Miss Mildred Steele, a graduate nurse of the

Elizabeth

School of Nurs-

ing, Covington,

Kentucky, has

been awarded

a scholarship for

post - graduate

work. The

scholarship was

awarded by the

Cook County



Miss Steele

School of Nursing at Chicago.

For the past year, Miss Steele has been employed as a surgical nurse at

the Mount Mary Hospital in Hazard.
Miss Steele is the daughter of A. N.
Steele, boilerroom foreman at the
Hazard Plant.

Iona Barbour Honored With Farewell Luncheon

Iona Barbour, Roanoke system billing office, was given a luncheon June 12 at the Y. W. C. A. by fellow employees. She is leaving Roanoke to live near Charleston where her husband, Gerald, will be working at Turner Substation.

Gifts were presented Iona who has been employed in the billing office for six years. She is well known for her bowling ability, having been a champion, and also plays softball and basketball.

Take Red Cross First Aid Course Final Exams



These Roanoke employees take final examinations for the completion of a 22-hour standard Red Cross First Aid Class. Seventy-nine employees of the line, distribution substation and steam production departments completed the program which the company is working on in coordination with the Civil Defense Program. The classes were divided into two groups under the instruction of R. R. Snedegar, division engineer, and T. A. Kirby, safety supervisor.



Mr. Hodges

Hodges Completes 35 Years' Service At Cabin Creek

James K. Hodges, labor foreman at the Cabin Creek plant, marked 35 years of service on June 22. Jim was guest of honor at the supervisors' dinner and was presented his 35-year pin by C. G. Coughlin, plant manager.

Jim was employed at the plant on June 22, 1917, and has grown with the plant. His practical knowledge and ability to get the job done have been recognized by all of those associated with him.

Born at St. Albans, W. Va., in 1888, Jim has seven children and 12 grandchildren.

When asked about his hobbies, Jim replies, "There is nothing I like to do better than work."

In presenting the pin to Jim, Mr. Coughlin said, "In summation of the various things that he has done, I am going to say that singularly he has – put together – taken apart – worked — reworked — connected disconnected — cut up — added to — dug up — closed up — put in — taken out — loaded — unloaded built up — taken down — erected dismantled — cut — cut into — cut off - tied together - spread leveled — picked up — set down jacked up and jacked down hoisted up and hoisted down - shoveled off — shoveled up — climbed higher and fell further than any other living human being who now works with the Company or whoever has worked with the Company. He has done these things individually, without reservation, without too many contributory suggestions for he has always arisen to the occasion to furnish that which had to be furnished, to supply the missing link in order to accomplish that which was to be done, making the things that he had done simple yet spectacular. I know of no other man living like him. I have known of no other just like

Keene White Elected 'Ballot Battalion' Head At Kingsport

Keene White, Kingsport Utilities pay-roll supervisor, was named chairman of the Ballot Battalion at a meeting of representatives of 16 civic and service organizations. Plans were made at the meeting for an extensive campaign to get every qualified voter registered and to the polls during this election year.

Every effort will be made, according to White, to get men and women qualified to vote in the August 7 county general and state primary election as well as the national and state general election on November 4.

Keene has made numerous talks in the Kingsport area and in several of the Appalachian districts on "This Is Our Problem" which is based on American way of life material.

Designing And Making Clothes Proves Profitable Hobby For Mrs. Brashear

Mrs. R. S. Brashear, wife of the Beckley district commercial manager, recently won several honors with her hobby of designing and making clothes.

She won the \$50 first prize in the Charleston Gazette's eleventh annual sewing contest. Her entry in the Senior Division, coat or suit, was a honey beige daytime suit with fitted jacket and six-gored skirt. This was the second time she had entered the contest and the second time she had won first prize.

She also entered a dress in the Children's Division of the contest which took honors. Her entries won over 215 others,

Her winning suit was sent to New York to the National Contest. She received a certificate of honorable mention in this contest sponsored by the National Needle-Craft Bureau. Outstanding designers and fashion editors acted as judges.

When asked how she began to take up sewing as a hobby, Mrs. Brashear said that "it was a result of finding that clothes made by oneself will fit better than those which you would buy." She not only designs and makes her clothes but also does the same with her hats.

How does she go about designing clothes? She says: "After I have a general idea of the fashion trends for the particular season, then it is no trouble to create my own interpretations. The result is something different, which is the pride of all women."

Mrs. Brashear says there are two prime requirements for those who wish to start or advance in the hobby of sewing. "First, it requires a tremendous amount of time. Secondly, you must have patience in order to become a good seamstress as sewing is naturally hard on one's nerves."

John Griffee Wins Art Exhibit Award

John W. Griffee, Jr., area sales representative in the Charleston commercial department, received the Belmont Garden Club Award for his painting "Driftwood" in the Allied Artists of West Virginia exhibition held recently in Charleston.

John entered his oil painting in a group of 59 other paintings which were exhibited. There were three other awards presented.

The judge, Emerson C. Burkhart, a widely known artist and art teacher, favored realism in his selections. John's painting was chosen as representing the most outstanding flower study.



Mrs. R. S. Brashear, of Beckley, wears one of her winning entries in the sewing contest.

C. B. Cornett Wins Lighting Award

C. B. Cornett won the merit award for excellence with his exhibit of a planned lighting installation of Lee's Junior Library in Jackson, Kentucky. The Hazard



Mr. Cornett

engineer was
presented the
award at the
Fourth International Lighting Exposition
in Cleveland.
Some time

ago Mr. Cornett

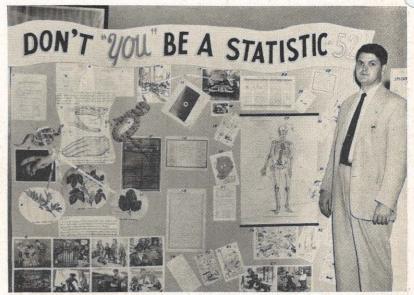
went to Lee's

district lighting

College on an inspection trip and found the lighting very inadequate. He presented the idea of relighting the school to R. G. Landolt, president of the school, who said at that time budget limitations made the improvements almost im-

However, later Mr. Cornett had the opportunity to take Mr. Landolt and three other county school superintendents to the General Electric Lighting Institute at Nela Park in Cleveland for a resume of school lighting. Upon his return, Mr. Landolt asked Mr. Cornett to prepare a complete set of plans for relighting the school, which won the award.

Designs Safety Display For Meeting



J. R. Whitehurst, Bluefield district agricultural engineer, stands beside his original safety display which was exhibited in the Princeton office. The display portrays the causes and treatment of most summer hazards and grew from Mr. Whitehurst's participation in a Princeton safety meeting. Material came mainly from the Red Cross textbook, the Hennerich theory of accidents and company safety material. Magazine, pamphlet and newspaper illustrations and cartoons