

In a discussion the difficulty lies, not in being able to defend your opinion, but to know it. —ANDRÉ MAUROIS

The Illuminator

He who has learned to disagree without being disagreeable has discovered the most valuable secret of a diplomat. —BERT E. ESTABROOK

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Construction At New Kanawha Plant Moving At Rapid Rate; Much Of Steel Now Erected

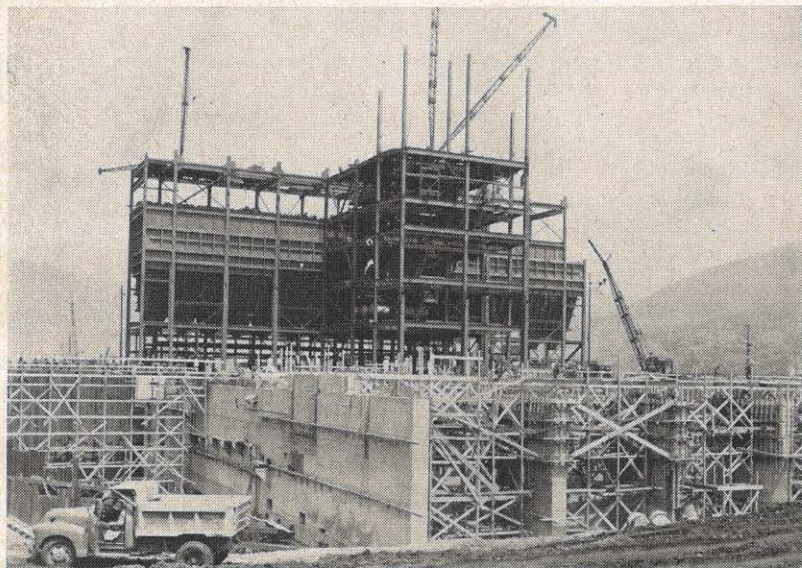
Appalachian's new 400,000 kilowatt Kanawha River Plant at Glasgow, West Virginia, is virtually growing hour by hour. All phases of construction are on schedule and rapid strides are being made in the erection of steel and the laying of brick.

A large percentage of the enormous steel beams have been riveted in place and much of the heavy equipment has been hoisted into position in the plant's 15-story high structure. The plant's first 180-ton boiler drum also has been raised to the top of the plant and installed.

Since ground was broken in October, 1950, more than 700,000 cubic yards of dirt have been excavated at the plant site. This amount of soil includes excavation for the plant; the fly ash, coal and cinder yards. Most of this earth moving project was accomplished during the winter months.

Under the site of the main plant, in a space 216 feet wide and 346 feet long, more than two thousand wooden pilings, 20 to 40 feet in length, were driven into the ground underneath the lowest levels of the building. These pilings help to provide adequate footings and support for the concrete.

Since the first concrete flowed into the forms July 6, 1951, more than 36,400 cubic yards of reinforced concrete have been poured and inspected



Construction work at the new 400,000-kilowatt Kanawha River Plant is going ahead at full speed. More photographs of men and materials at this project are featured on page 3.

on the project. An estimated 45,000 cubic yards of concrete will be used in the completion of the plant.

Since last December, at which time the first steel was swung into position, more than 3,983 tons of structural steel have been erected and riveted into the main structure of the plant. According to R. H. "Bob" Lawson, supervising engineer at the plant, that represents about two-thirds of the steel required for the completion of the

plant. About 6,000 tons of steel will be used in the project, however, that figure does not include piling for the screen house and river cells or reinforcing steel used in concrete.

Progress also is rapid on the office area of the plant. Brick walls along the 87 by 186-foot office are beginning to take their final shape. Some of the office flooring also has been poured and much of the steel work has been completed.

Plastic Pipe Used For Conduits For First Time In Experiment At Kingsport



Walter M. Drinnon, left, and Coy A. Arnold, Kingsport Utilities crewmen, hold a section of the plastic pipe with a cemented joint and bend. Because of the flexibility and lightness of the pipe, the men can work in a standing position.

Plastic pipe is being used for the first time as underground conduits for power lines. Kingsport Utilities is testing the pipe in cooperation with Tennessee Eastman Company, manufacturer of the product.

The trial installation is on the Clay Street block between Market and Main Streets where our company has put in a five-light whiteway. Tenite pipe in 20-foot lengths was used instead of the regular 5-foot conduit sections made from a compound of asbestos and cement.

The operator of the mechanical ditch digger had only to scoop up clay and shale rock for the trenches. Because of the flexibility of the pipe, the trenches did not have to be the exact straight-edge sides and base required for the usual rigid type of conduit.

It took a two-man crew only 20 minutes to lay 247 of the 1,100 feet

of Tenite pipe used in the project. By comparison, it is estimated that it would have taken four hours' work had the regular rigid conduit been laid.

Joining was a speedy job, too. All that was necessary was to brush on some thinner to soften the section ends, follow with Tenite II cement and slip together. After drying for 30 minutes, the joint was as strong as the pipe itself.

Watching the men tamp the backfill containing brick, rock and other heavy material, R. C. Scarlett, Kingsport substation supervisor, said: "This phase of the test installation has shown us that Tenite pipe does not break when struck by a tamping bar, as so often is the case with types normally used. The plastic pipe is also a time saver, easy to lay and light to handle. The joints are simple and quick to make with no possible leakage."

Pulaski District Office Building To Be Enlarged

Work is expected to begin soon on the renovation and enlargement of the Pulaski district office building at Pulaski.

The present building will be completely renovated and extended at the rear to cover the area now used for parking. The present building is 44 feet wide by 50 feet deep. When the enlargement is completed the building will be 48 feet wide and 115 feet deep.

The new addition will be two stories high and will include an auditorium, kitchen facilities and additional office space. Underneath will be a full basement which will be used for company vehicles.

R. P. Thomas Chosen To Serve Two Groups

Rufus P. Thomas, Ashland industrial power engineer, was recently selected to serve in two organizations.



Mr. Thomas

He was elected vice president of the Optimist Club and appointed a member of the Industrial Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. A native of Bedford, Virginia, Mr. Thomas was employed as meter tester in Huntington and worked in Logan before returning to Huntington where he went into residential sales. He transferred to Ashland where he was a rural representative and junior power engineer before becoming industrial power engineer.

Point Pleasant District Is Tops In Sales Contest As Charleston Takes Division Over-All Campaign Honors

Point Pleasant district and Charleston division won over-all contest honors in the Seven Months' Sales Campaign which ended July 25.

Company campaign quotas were shattered as each of the five contest items was over 100 per cent. Reported sales totaled 14,485 ranges, 7,476 water heaters, 1,256 dryers and 4,642 water systems. There were 6,447 customer connections.

Here are other highlights and winners:

Range contest — Pulaski district, 158.11% of quota

Water heater contest—Point Pleasant district, 188.75%

Clothes dryer contest—Logan district, 261.45%

Water system contest—Huntington district, 170.38%

Customer connections contest — Williamson district, 197.64%

In the over-all district contest for points in all five promotions, they finished Point Pleasant, Charleston and Roanoke, in that order. In the over-all division contest, Charleston and Roanoke tied but Charleston won by virtue of having one more range point.

Approximately 75 per cent of the year's quota for Appalachian on ranges, water heaters and dryers was reached in the campaign. No annual company quota has been established for water systems and customer connections.

In a separate contest, Kingsport beat out the highest Appalachian dis-

trict in customer connections with 241.67% of quota. Kingsport was out to match the best in the field by competing against top AEP districts in each of the five sales contests.

A recognition meeting of winners in districts and divisions will be held at Nags Head, North Carolina, on August 18. Also at the meeting will be members of the commercial sales departments in the top two positions in the commercial cooking sales campaign which ends the first of this month. At last report, Kingsport was ahead with Huntington division leading Appalachian followed by the Roanoke, Bluefield and Charleston divisions.

Final standings on the over-all contest were in the following order: Point Pleasant, Charleston, Roanoke, Fieldale (tie but one range point behind), Pulaski, Lynchburg (tie but four range points behind), Huntington, Welch, Logan (tie but 10 range points behind), Beckley, Abingdon, Williamson, and Bluefield.

Standings by divisions were: Charleston, Roanoke (tie but one range point behind), Huntington and Bluefield.

First three districts in each of the promotions follow: ranges—Pulaski, Welch and Point Pleasant; water heaters—Point Pleasant, Fieldale and Beckley; clothes dryers — Logan, Huntington and Point Pleasant; water systems—Huntington, Point Pleasant and Lynchburg; customer connections — Williamson, Charleston and Logan.

Future Farmers Of America Give High Honors To Smith And Koontz



L. L. Koontz, at left, receives congratulations from L. V. Downing on the presentation of the F. F. A. State Farmer award. In the picture on right, Guilford Smith is being presented the state farmer award by Sam Rogers, president of the West Virginia F. F. A.

Two Appalachian employees have received high honors for their services to vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America.

G. C. Smith, administrative assistant in Charleston, was awarded the honorary degree of state farmer by the West Virginia Future Farmers of America.

L. L. Koontz, system rural and residential supervisor, received the honorary state farmer degree from the Virginia F. F. A.

S. D. McMillen, executive secretary of the West Virginia F. F. A., said, "The honorary degree was conferred

on Guilford Smith because of his interest in and active support of vocational agriculture and the F. F. A." Mr. Smith received his honor at the annual F. F. A. banquet at Jackson's Mill on July 20.

L. V. Downing, acting state superintendent of vocational agriculture, presented Mr. Koontz his award at a state agricultural teacher's association meeting at Blacksburg.

In making the presentation, Mr. Downing expressed the appreciation of the state group to Mr. Koontz for his services, particularly in the establishment of training schools for the Vo-Ag teachers.

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Planks For The Memory

Every aspect of our way of life in the coming four years will be vitally affected by the results of the presidential election in November. Therefore, now is the time to compare the platforms of the two major parties to determine how each stands on important foreign and domestic issues.

Condensations of some planks in both the Democratic and Republican platforms follow:

NATIONAL DEFENSE

D . . . For "strong, balanced" defense forces for this country — land, sea and air.

R . . . Will develop "lagging" arms program and build air, land and sea force "in being, as distinguished from paper plans."

FOREIGN POLICY

D . . . Carry on the policies of the Roosevelt-Truman Administrations. Strengthen the United Nations. Support European unity, support for free Germany, support for victims of Soviet imperialism, support for nations of the Middle East, support for Israel, support for India and Pakistan, support for Nationalist Government of China, strengthen the Americas.

R . . . Support collective security abroad but still deal out economic aid with an eye on the United States pocketbook. Give Asia equal priority with Europe while not overlooking the Americas.

LABOR

D . . . Advocate repeal of Taft-Hartley Act.

R . . . Favor retention of the Taft-Hartley law with such amendments as experience proves desirable.

CIVIL RIGHTS

D . . . Favor Federal legislation to wipe out racial discriminations.

R . . . Advocate states carrying main responsibility with Federal government filling the gaps.

PRICE AND WAGE CONTROLS

D . . . Strengthen controls. For Federal rent control in defense areas and in other localities suffering from housing shortage. For mandatory price support for farmers.

R . . . End "injurious" price and wage controls and halt other "senseless" restrictions on business. Fight inflation by encouraging full production.

PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER POLICY

D . . . Advocate Federal support of private housing, public low-cost housing, slum clearance, urban redevelopment and farm housing. Promises "redoubled" action to develop river basins for flood control, irrigation and power generation.

R . . . For economically "justifiable" public works. Oppose Federal undermining of state control of water use. Oppose "Federal socialistic valley authorities."

TAXATION

D . . . As rapidly as defense requirements permit, promise tax reductions, especially for lower-income people. Oppose Federal sales tax.

Your Opinion

"The national debt is \$260,000,000,000, which represents an indebtedness of about \$1,675 per person. How would you propose to settle your and your family's share of this indebtedness?"

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ROBERT M. COOKE, Results Department, Philip Sporn Plant.

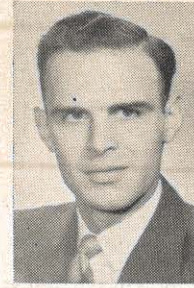


The present administration, which has played an important part in our country's history, has continued to raise the national debt since World War II. I realize we will always have a debt but we should endeavor to keep it on a level which would not endanger our country's

economy.

As for my share of the debt, there are several ways of reducing the amount which my family and I owe; however, I feel the best way would be to gradually reduce government spending especially abroad. Then it would be feasible to take a percentage of the income tax I am now paying and apply it to the debt.

CHARLES A. BURDETTE, Assistant Stores Supervisor, Point Pleasant.



Boy, this really makes a piker of the \$64.00 question. The only way I could ever pay my share of this debt would be the \$1.00 down and \$1.00 a week method.

I am quite sure that if the waste, greed and corruption could be eliminated from all levels of government and our

present tax structure continued for a few years, the national debt could be wiped out.

What we need is a business-like administration conducted by statesmen, not politicians.

PHILIP S. NELSON, Commercial Department, Kingsport.



The national debt with a proposed settlement of my portion is truly a hard question to answer. However, we have this indebtedness and I propose the following: Let the present tax rate be continued for a certain period of years. It certainly is high enough now to supply adequate

funds to run our government as well as pay

R . . . Balanced budget, reduced debt, economy in government, a cut in taxes. Pledge taxes to be collected impartially and without political interference.

FARM CO-OPS AND REA

D . . . Support cooperatives and protect them from taxation. Favor construction of Federal facilities for generation and transmission of power, with preference to public agencies and REA cooperatives in distribution of power.

R . . . Support farmer-owned and farmer-operated cooperatives. For further development of rural electrification with Federal assistance where private industry can't meet the need.

SOCIAL SECURITY

D . . . Favor strengthening of old age insurance, stronger system of unemployment insurance and improved program of aid to disabled.

R . . . Coverage should be extended to those "justly entitled to it." Say the best way to preserve benefits is to halt inflation, which they propose to do.

HEALTH-MEDICAL CARE

D . . . Advocate a resolute attack on the "heavy financial hazard" of serious illness.

R . . . Oppose Federal compulsory health insurance.

off the debt unless deficit spending continues.

I would suggest that the government cut out all the wasteful and unnecessary spending and apply more of the tax revenue to our present debt. Of course, we all realize a great deal of government spending is necessary but a great portion is not.

I think most of us realize we have too much government and I, for one, would like to see some of it eliminated.

HARRY L. MANN, System Accounting Department, Roanoke.



My first reaction to this question is how could the Government explain to the American people an indebtedness of so great amount. What other way could I pay except through more and higher taxes which are at the breaking point now? The best answer to this is to cut the national budget and for the Government to quit spending money for which it has no security.

There is too much Government control of everything. Let the Government get out of private business and give it back to concerns where it can be done more efficiently and economically and where it belongs.

Let's wake up and put all spendthrift politicians out of office who are wrecking this country and get on a pay as you go basis.

B. W. LANTHORNE, Shift Supervisor, Logan Plant.



I would be willing to continue paying taxes at the present high rate until the debt was eliminated, IF our government would make a concerted effort to reduce their promiscuous spending to a point well below our national income, so a large share of it could be applied to the deficit.

They also could close the loopholes in the tax law and raise the income.

There are many businesses of a type that are now tax free, non-profit organizations, such as some co-operative churches, universities and hospitals that have high incomes from enterprises that are not directly connected to their work. The profits from these enterprises should be taxed.

BOBBIE RAMSEY, Cashier-Clerk, Rocky Mount Office, Roanoke District.



The problem of settling the national debt is so great that a definite plan is hard to formulate.

For the past few years the present government has supposedly been trying to solve the problem but the debt has increased. I do not think the average citizen should be taxed more heavily in order to pay the cost of running our country and paying off the debt. When it is considered that each citizen owes \$1,675, it can easily be seen that the wage earner for the average family could not pay off the debt very quickly.

I think our government officials should plan a very strict budget and keep this debt from increasing. If all unnecessary government expenses were eliminated, I believe we could pay off our debt without increasing the present tax rate.

MRS. IRENE KIRCHMAN, Commercial Department, Logan.



The seriousness of this appalling debt is deep rooted and one for us to think about. It will not be corrected by my merely paying my part of it. We must set our nation's house in order by placing in it God-fearing men, men of integrity and good character, who will operate it on a sound financial basis.

If I pay my share of the debt, will the government so function that the future generations of America will not be handed a similar bill twenty or thirty years from now?

Today, I would go to my favorite bank or arrange to borrow from a kindly uncle to pay off my indebtedness of \$12,000.00 for my family of seven. It would greatly lower my standard of living for some time, even to necessities, such as medical and dental care. But, so would every living American dig deep in his pocket to pay his indebtedness if it would erase from our news pages tales of corruption, mink coats and deep freezes.

ELIZABETH RICCI, Managerial Department, Welch.



A national debt of \$260,000,000,000 is so astounding I can hardly conceive of what it really means. When I think of how much this is, my mind becomes confused; but when I am told every person in America owes \$1,675.00, it strikes me in unmistakably clear tones.

It awakens me with such suddenness that I begin to realize my responsibilities and duties as a citizen. I ask myself: Have I been a good American and a good citizen? Have I voted intelligently? Have I demanded of our public officials good sound business policies and judgments?

I am fearful that my plea would be "guilty." Then I wonder, "Am I alone in this confession?"

Only taxes can pay the debt, but responsible government officials with a yen for economy will rid us of this burden.

DON WADE, Commercial Department, Ashland.



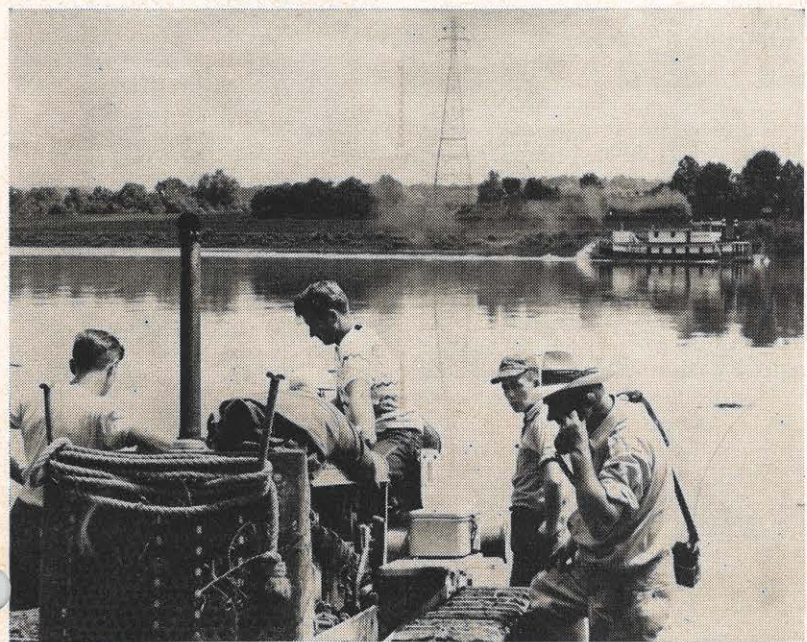
World War II cost us more than 317 billion dollars. Therefore, we must never become involved in a third world war. This can be done only by one defense agency, controlling all military resources to arm us with only those modern, technological weapons which can insure total victory in any defensive war, and operated solely by specialists.

Next, eliminate all Government agencies which duplicate or overlap the duties of others, thereby cutting out approximately 1½ million federal employees.

Finally, prerequisite foreign aid on the basis of what they are doing to help themselves resist Communist aggression.

If the above are accompanied by a moral reawakening of all voters, supporting the principles of Government dedicated to serve the people, we can save 13 billion dollars annually and balance the budget in 20 years.

Ashland's First 132-Kv Lines Swing Across Ohio River From Giant Towers



Men of the Keystone Construction Company wait for the towboat to return with another cable and conductor. The man on the right is using a "walkie-talkie" to contact workmen on the Ohio side of the river. The caterpillar winched the lines up the shore on the Kentucky side. In the background is one of the two huge river-crossing towers, 258 feet high.

A double circuit steel tower line of 132,000 volts is being added to the Ashland district's transmission system.

The 132-kv lines, first in the district, although there are others in the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company system, bring power from the South Point-Portsmouth line of The Ohio Power Company to the recently expanded Bellefonte substation in Ashland.

Wires across the Ohio River were carried by towboat from a river-crossing tower on the Ohio side to another tower of the same size on the Kentucky side. These two gigantic river-crossing towers are 258 feet high, more than 2½ times as high

as the average 132-kv tower.

Length of the river span between the two towers is 2,121 feet. In addition to the six wires carrying the power, a seventh wire was brought across the river to serve as a static or ground wire.

When final sag adjustments are made, the lowest wires will be 113½ feet above normal pool stage of the river and 50 feet above the highest point the river ever reached during flood stage. Temperature changes during the year and the collecting of ice on the lines affect the amount of sag but there will only be a seven-foot difference between temperatures of zero and 120 degrees.

R. S. Young Moves Into Dream House After Year's Work In His Spare Time



Here is Bob Young's dream home viewed from across Scenic Drive. The dutch door opens from the kitchen. The garage connects to a playroom downstairs.

For a year R. S. Young of Charleston has been working on a dream in all his spare moments and off-duty hours. Now Bob and his family have moved into his dream home at 908 Scenic Drive in the Shadowlawn Addition.

Appraised at \$25,000, the house was not built entirely by Bob. However, this employee in the appliance repair department did a lot of it. He estimates he saved over \$5,000 by doing his own purchasing, hiring the labor and doing a lot of the work himself.



Mr. Young

Some of the outstanding features

of the living room include a 10-foot picture window set in a wall of gum panel; a coral brick wall with a log-burning fireplace with its flagstone hearth and a bookcase up the wall and extending over the fireplace.

The dining section of the living room is walled in plaster, gum panel and brick. There are three large bedrooms and a tile bath.

Bob's pride and joy is the knotty-pine kitchen. A snack bar separates it into a seating space and a working space. A dutch door opens to the outside from the kitchen.

Downstairs there is a television room with a 10-foot picture window and a fireplace, set off by knotty pine panels around it. The walls and ceiling are paneled with tongue-grooved textile boards. Also downstairs is a large playroom and a utility and furnace room. The playroom connects with the garage.

System Load Reaches New All-Time Peaks

Two new all-time peaks were established during the past five weeks. The new all-time peak of 1,114,285 kilowatts has shattered all previous records on the Southern Properties for the production of electric power. The new peak was recorded for the hour ending at 11 A. M. on July 29.

The new record topped the mark established June 24 when 1,092,960 kilowatts were recorded.

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

Torchio Is Named Vice President Of Service Group



Mr. Torchio

The election of Philip Torchio, Jr., as commercial vice president of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation, has been announced by Philip Sporn, president.

Mr. Torchio, assistant general manager of Ohio Power Company since January 1, 1951, will move from Canton to New York about September 1. He will succeed H. M. Sawyer, commercial vice president, who will retire October 1, after 41 years of service.

Mr. Torchio, who graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1930, joined American Gas and Electric in May, 1948, as assistant to the operating vice president of the service corporation. He was appointed assistant to the general manager of the Ohio Power Company in April, 1949, and assistant general manager 21 months later.

Prior to joining AGE, Mr. Torchio had fifteen years with Consolidated Edison Company of New York and served three years with the Navy amphibious forces.

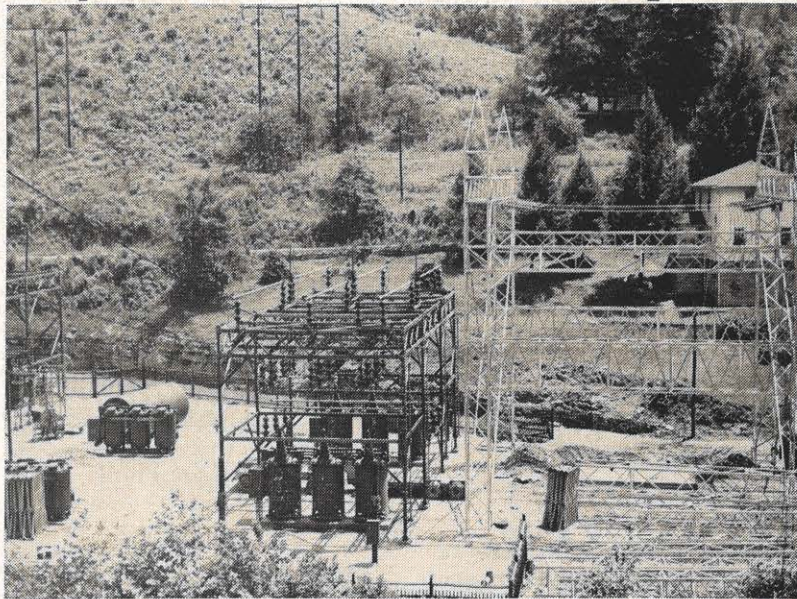
Extra-High Voltage Line Being Built In Ohio Territory

With the completion of the first link of the 330,000-volt line between Sporn and Kanawha plants, a second link is under construction between Sporn and Ohio Power's new Muskingum River plant.

Steel work on the 45-mile transmission line got underway on June 23. Right-of-way clearing has progressed on schedule. Workmen put anchor steel in the ground for the actual erection of towers which is scheduled to begin this month.

This second link is part of the extra-high voltage network which eventually will link the major A. G. E. generating plants with principal distribution centers. The Sporn-Muskingum line later will be extended in a northwesterly direction across Ohio to connect with the transmission network of the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company.

Improvements Made At Baileysville



Welch district's Baileysville Station is undergoing modernization. The station, which was constructed during World War II, was first restricted on capacity because of the limitations in materials and supplies. The new equipment being installed at Baileysville includes four 132-KV oil circuit breakers and a new 132 KV structure. Forty-six and one-half miles of 132 KV line also will be erected between the Kanawha River Plant and Baileysville.

Kammer Named Vice President Of Appalachian



H. A. Kammer

H. A. Kammer, chief of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation's design and construction division, has been elected vice president of Appalachian Electric Power Company, Indiana and Michigan Electric Company and the Ohio Power Company. He was elected at meetings of the boards of directors of the companies on June 26.

Mr. Kammer has been associated with AGE since 1924 when he was first employed as assistant design engineer. He has successively held the positions of structural and construction engineer, design and construction engineer and chief of that division.

Mr. Kammer is also a director and vice president of the Service Corporation.

Gills Is President



J. P. Gills, Bluefield division manager, was recently elected president of the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce. He has been active in community affairs and has been chairman of the Boy Scout Camp for five years and past president of the Bluefield Country Club and Bluefield Kiwanis Club. In addition to these posts, he is director of the West Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, director of the First National Bank of Bluefield and a director of the AGE Service Corporation.

Two Employees Enter Military Service

Two employees were reported entering the armed forces in recent weeks. They were from Cabin Creek plant and the Charleston district.

William E. Lanham, plant janitor at the Cabin Creek plant, was inducted in the Navy on June 25. He was employed November 2, 1948.

John W. Sholes, collector in the Clendenin office in the Charleston district, entered military service July 15. He has been with the company since May of 1951.

Abingdon Employees Receive Recognition In Operating Notes



Mr. Sheffey

Mr. Lee

Two Abingdon district employees, L. B. Lee, district superintendent, and R. A. Sheffey, Jr., electrical engineer, jointly, received recognition for their contribution which appeared in the June issue of *A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes*.

Their article, which was entitled "A Procedure for Obtaining Effective Recloser Operation," was based upon procedures and practices used in the Abingdon district by which fuse and recloser coordination is obtained.

The study showed that in the first year of operation, approximately eight hundred service outages were eliminated. This saved the district 16.5 per cent on investment on reclosers as well as improving community service and community relations.

Charleston Division

Cabin Creek Plant

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Amos Totten and family on the death of Mr. Totten.

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Weise in Chicago where they attended the Republican Convention and Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Smith in Tennessee where they fished.

Beckley District

Sympathy is extended R. D. Smith on the death of his father.

Betty Frances Yeager is a new employee in the accounting department. Sympathy is extended J. C. Steele on the death of his wife.

Vacationers: R. L. McGraw at Washington; William Brown, Jr., at Charleston; J. A. Barker at Huntington; W. F. Epling at Washington; J. E. Hammer in North Carolina; L. C. Bias at Washington; R. E. Presley in Alabama; J. R. Hatcher at Miami; H. R. Miller at Washington; C. H. Mann in Tennessee and North Carolina; R. H. McCullough in Maryland. The mother of B. H. White, Jr., has been ill.

Mrs. Charles B. Honaker, wife of the district meter superintendent, is recuperating from an automobile accident in Arizona where they were returning from a tour of the west.

Employees and friends of Emma Jean Turner honored her with a bridal shower at the Greenbrier Dairy Room on July 7.

Point Pleasant District

Robert Miller, Harry Chambers, and Tommy Rose were with the National Guard at Fort Knox for two weeks.

Anna Rebecca Wetzel is a new home economist.

Vacationers: Elizabeth Mattox, engineering department, in Atlanta and in the Smokies; M. C. Clark, district superintendent, and family at Wildwood, New Jersey, where they fished, and at New York City.

Philip Sporn Plant

Glen Cartwright, maintenance man on military leave, recently visited the plant while on furlough.

Edward D. Sayre, coal handler, has returned to work after recovering from an injury.

Vacationers: Patsy Yester, clerk, at Myrtle Beach; Howard Andrews, plant manager, and family in the Carolinas; Earl Teaford, assistant plant chemist, through Canada and the New England states; Keith Arnold, second assistant shift operating engineer, in Canada; Mark Ward, control operator, in Louisville; Olin Booth, auxiliary equipment operator, in Tennessee.

George Jeffers, assistant control operator, has returned to work after an illness.

Vacationers: Kenneth Rollins, tractor operator, on the East Coast; Paul Henderson, second assistant shift operating engineer, in Zanesville; Harold Teaford, assistant control operator, in Virginia and on the East Coast; Homer Gordon, maintenance man, in Pennsylvania; Bob Gilmore, maintenance man, in Zanesville; Dana Hoffman, auxiliary equipment operator, in Ohio and Maryland; Chester Weaver, maintenance man, hunting and fishing in Colorado; Norman Yauger, maintenance helper, in Canada.

New employees in the labor department: Donald C. Grimm, Jr., Orlin

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Bluefield Division

Glen Lyn Plant

J. A. Saunders vacationed in Florida.

C. C. Brown has returned to work after an operation.

O. W. Bond is recovering after an operation.

Welch District

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Shrader, Switchback, on the death of their infant son.

Vacationers: Norma Phillips, meter department, and Laurina Virgili, personnel department, at Myrtle Beach; Bertha Vecellio, stores department, Nell Nunnery, commercial department, and Grace Fizer, distribution department, at Ocean View; Faye Wood, commercial department, and husband in New England; Jenkins Scott, commercial department, and wife at Myrtle Beach; Juanita Lawrence, payroll department, at Miami; R. J. B. Barns, engineering department, in Maryland and New York.

Mrs. Janet Hendrick, Pineville office, and Mrs. Odessa Bradley, maid in the Welch office, have resigned.

Vacationers: R. H. Ruff, engineering department, and family at Lexington, Va.; C. T. Southern, commercial department, and wife at Indianapolis; Otho Bragg, commercial department, and family at Fort Lauderdale; Bob Smith, Pineville, and family at Myrtle Beach; Elster Brown, accounting department, and family at Beaver Dam and Kentucky Lake; Sam Bowen, commercial department, and family at Mountain Lake.

Andy Horne is a new summer employee in the line department.

Pulaski District

Mrs. Helen H. Lugar, PBX operator and engineering department, has resigned to be with her husband who has accepted a position at Norton.

James J. Duncan, distribution records supervisor, has returned to work after an appendectomy.

Vacationers: Shirley Miller at Myrtle Beach and Bill Barker and family in South Carolina.

Jane Griffiths, Marion home economist, has returned to work after an illness.

Bluefield District

Paul E. Hilliard, division substation supervisor, is recovering after a recent operation at Nashville.

W. W. Hill, transformer shop foreman, is confined at home with a prolonged illness.

Vacationers: Sarah E. Moore, division lighting specialist, toured New Jersey and Pennsylvania with her mother and sister and attended the New York lamp show; Paul Shawver, division power billing supervisor, and wife vacationed through the West to California; Fred B. Richmond, division commercial department, and wife vacationed at Myrtle Beach; Ernestine Johnson, division billing office, at Camp Iva as counselor; Lina Light, managerial department, toured Kentucky; Helen Sue Spangler, division

personnel department, to Mexico, the Catalina Islands and California where she attended the Quota Club International Convention; Charles B. Yearout, assistant division personnel supervisor, and family at Wrightsville Beach, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dilcher on 8,320-mile trip visiting daughters in Oklahoma and Tennessee.

Margaret Ann Bradley, Patty Lou Bates and Jeanne McMillan are new district employees.

Myrtle Beach vacationers: Pauline Hawley, Dorothy Boyd, Eulalia

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Kingsport

Sympathy is extended J. T. Duncan, local office manager, on the death of his father.

Kathryn Kinkaid, accounting department, resigned to be with her husband in Memphis.

Vacationers: William L. Collins, meter, and family at Myrtle Beach; H. F. Wilhoit, distribution, and wife at Daytona Beach; Charles E. Holyoke, distribution, and family with his parents at Brewer, Maine; Edward R. Barrett, meter, and family at Myrtle Beach; Wilson Z. Trumbo and family at Greenwood Beach on Chesapeake Bay.

Kentucky

Ashland District

Bill Schweitzer, power department, attended the National Junior Chamber of Commerce Convention in Dallas.

Lt. Deck Weight spent a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Weight, after service with the air force in Korea. His next assignment is in France.

Sympathy is extended Charles Pope, main accounting, on the death of his mother.

C. R. Sanford, local office manager, has entered Cleveland Clinic.

Vacationers: Mrs. Charlene Roberts, local office, and husband in Florida; Lorayne Watson, local office, in Dayton; Lila Lee Simpson, local office, in Prestonsburg; Felicia Billips, local office, in Marietta; Clara Lee Ward, main accounting, in New Orleans and Biloxi; Mrs. Annis Ketterer, main accounting, in Miami; Mrs. Joan Young, main accounting, and husband in Cincinnati; Mrs. Marie Kibbery, main accounting, and husband at Carter Caves State Park; Amy Watts, commercial, in Chicago with her daughter; Harry Miller, commercial, at Cumberland Falls State Park; John McClure, engineering, in Norfolk; Roy Sallee, engineering, in Harrodsburg and Lexington; Dick Nash, distribution, in Cleveland; Bill Holbrook, distribution, and "Hank" Vanover, stores, at Cumberland Lake near Somerset.

Wes Ellis, engineering department, attended the Shriners Convention in Miami.

Hazard District

K. C. Brashear, serviceman, is recovering from injuries received in a

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Huntington Division

Logan District

Vacationers: Lester Toler, Madison office, and wife in Canada; A. O. Edwards, Madison office, and family in Baltimore and Virginia Beach; Mrs. Edward Slater, accounting, and husband at Carolina Beach; Mrs. H. S. Baker, accounting, and husband in Texas and Alabama; Nicholas Roomy, Jr., accounting, and family at Lake Webster in Indiana; Mrs. Jason Riggin, accounting, and husband in Washington and New York; H. J. Collins, personnel, and family in Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

New summer employees: Mary Lee Hansbarger, accounting, and William H. Giles, substation.

Virginia Lea Parker is a new employee in the engineering department.

Mrs. Dawna Jean Perry, Man office, has been ill.

Alda Jones, accounting, has returned to work after an extended illness.

R. E. Blankenbeckler, line supervisor, has been ill.

Vacationers: Calvin Cyfers, line, and wife at Detroit; J. H. Raper, engineering, and wife in Parkersburg; Floyd Hayner, engineering, and wife in Wheeling; R. L. White, engineering, in Baltimore, Charleston and Huntington; Margaret Tyler, line, June Davis, stores, Pat Tyler and Edna Mae Jackson at Myrtle Beach.

Tommy Henritze, son of T. L. Henritze, line foreman, visited his parents while on leave from Fort Dix.

Ronald Scites, transportation, and Francis Coffey, substation, attended National Guard Camp at Fort Knox.

Logan Plant

B. Montiegel, results engineer, has returned from military leave.

J. H. Porter, electrical maintenance department, was a patient at the Veterans' Hospital in Lexington.

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Phillips with friends in Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Mannon in Florida; Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Hefner in Cincinnati; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Matthews at Wachapreague, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dyer at St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McAbee at Moundsville, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Forest Hodge at Wheeling and Marietta; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Parsons at Biloxi; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blankenship at Fort Lauderdale; Mr. and Mrs. Zack Browning and family at Myrtle Beach; Norman Johnson at Oak Hill; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. White and son at Richmond.

Williamson District

New employees: Ruby J. Stanley, engineering department; L. B. Jude, transmission and distribution department; Susanne Higgins, engineering department.

The father of Woodrow Holbrook, commercial department, has been ill.

Betty C. Riddle, engineering department, resigned to join her husband who is in the service in California.

Vacationers: Anna Lee Harris, ac-

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Roanoke Division

Lynchburg District

W. E. Crouch, distribution-line department, is still confined with an illness.

G. D. Burford, meter department, is recovering from an accident.

Among those completing a training course with the National Guard at A. P. Hill and Camp Pickett were E. F. Lacy, Jr., G. W. Stone, G. Carter Wheeler, Herbert M. Figg, Jr., and Joe F. Wilson.

E. R. Patterson, distribution-engineering department, has resigned.

Vacationers: F. O. Smith, substation, at Douthat State Park; Agnes Dillard, accounting, on Mackinac Island, Michigan; J. W. Harris, distribution-line, in Baltimore; Joyce Brown, right-of-way, at Wrightsville Beach; Rex L. Smith, distribution-engineering, at Daytona Beach and Silver Springs; E. D. Layne, meter, and family at Indianapolis; R. D. Curtis, distribution-engineering, on Chester River in Maryland; W. L. Brooks, garage, in New Jersey and New York; J. R. Dorman, meter, and wife in Altoona with relatives; D. C. Kennedy, Jr., assistant district manager, and family at Lynchburg Camp on Cowpasture River; J. W. McCarthy, accounting, at Virginia Beach; F. M. Cloyd, commercial manager, at Seashore State Park; Hazel Bell, accounting, at Myrtle Beach.

Fieldale District

Vacationers: Lawrence R. Hawks, Stuart office, fishing near Richmond; Harvey B. Merriman, Stuart office, and family at Virginia Beach; Nancy Kitts, meter department, at Richmond; Harvey L. Agee, meter department, and family in Washington and Roanoke with relatives; Alonzo B. Beheler, commercial department, and family in the Smokies; J. D. Puckett, local accounting, with a fishing party at Back Bay; Jewell Wigginton, transmission and distribution department, and husband at Myrtle Beach and in New York; Virginia Mullins, transmission and distribution department, at Mountain Lake; Geraldine Lawless, local accounting, and husband at Norfolk and Williamsburg; Joy Webster, local accounting, and husband at Toana where they fished; Albert Fudge, local accounting, and family at Lexington; Willard Gourley, district superintendent, and family at Waynesville, N. C.

Richard A. Youngman, transmission and distribution department, spent two weeks at Fort Lee. He is a captain in the reserves.

Bruce Cox, district manager, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Fieldale Rotary Club.

Karen Lynn Duckworth, daughter of Forde D. Duckworth who is district meter supervisor, has entered nurses' training at the Memorial and Crippled Children's Hospital in Roanoke.

System

Vacationers: Mrs. Stanley Hall, executive office, and husband at Virginia Beach and Ocean View; M. D. Shepherd, personnel department, and wife at Virginia Beach; Jack Palmer, public relations department, and wife in Florida and at Hampton; Mrs. F. E. Woolridge, personnel department, at Douthat State Park; Mrs. Cline Bradford, personnel department, and husband with relatives at Moneta.

Betty C. Carper, personnel department, has returned to work after an illness.

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Mrs. H. B. Todd, Jr.
Roanoke



Mrs. F. O. Helm
Beckley



Mrs. R. F. Wilson
Beckley



Mrs. E. F. Pioch
Beckley



Mrs. J. C. Leighton
Montgomery

Linkenauer-Crawford

Miss Betty Linkenauer became the bride of C. L. Crawford on June 20. Mr. Crawford is employed at Cabin Creek Plant.

Fife-Keefer

Miss Norma Jean Fife and James Keefer were united in marriage on June 27 in Middleport, O. Mr. Keefer is employed at Philip Sporn plant.

Farmer-Gillespie

Miss Eunice Farmer became the bride of Lowrey H. Gillespie, Jr., on July 5 at Bluefield. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie are former employees of the Bluefield district. They will reside in Macon, Georgia, where Mr. Gillespie is employed by the Georgia Power Company.

Witherington-Helm

Miss Emily Grace Witherington and Frederick O. Helm were married on June 28 at Jefferson City, Tennessee. Mr. Helm is employed in Beckley.

Easy-To-Make Ice Cream Pie Makes Ideal Dessert For Hot Summer Days



Will it get hotter? Probably. Why not beat summer weather by serving a refreshing ice cream pie?

Ruth Cokeley, home economist at Oak Hill in the Beckley district, says you can easily make this delicious dessert. Vanilla ice cream may be used for the filling with a graham cracker crust and your favorite fruit for the topping.

Strawberries, as in the pie above, add color. However, either fresh or frozen fruits are excellent.

Here's what you'll need:

- 2 cups graham crackers
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 quart vanilla ice cream
- 1 package frozen strawberries

Roll crackers very fine, stir in sugar and gradually add to softened butter, mix thoroughly. Stir in water. Form shell by pressing mixture over bottom and sides of a nine-inch pie pan.

Mound the ice cream in pie shell. Allow berries to thaw only enough to separate in chunks and arrange them around edge of shell and in center of pie.

Caution: Be sure to have enough to meet those demands for second helpings.

Cashiers Feted For Balancing At Roanoke

Roanoke district cashiers recently were honored at a dinner at Archie's Lobster House by O. C. Caldwell, local office manager, for a perfect month. The Roanoke cashiers were feted for balancing during the month of May.

Those attending the dinner were: Jane Walker, Barbara Ann Williams, Mary Nelson, Mary Lou Wirt, David Stoner and C. R. Mills. Marion Bratton, who also contributed to the perfect record, was unable to attend.

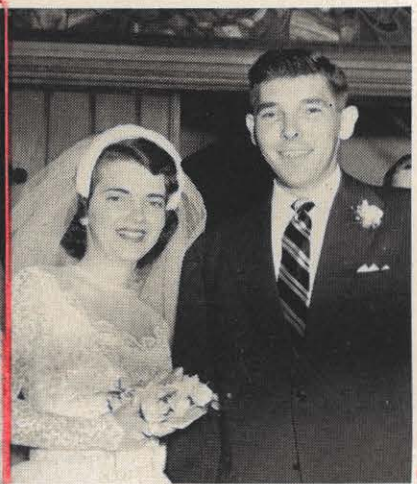
Ten Weddings In Recent Weeks



Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Keefer
Sporn Plant



Mrs. E. F. Almond
Lynchburg



Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gillespie, Jr.
Bluefield

New Arrivals . . .

MR. AND MRS. R. H. WALTON, JR., are the parents of a son, Robert Lee, born July 17. Mr. Walton is employed at Glen Lyn.

MR. AND MRS. R. H. PRICE are the parents of a daughter, Vicky Lynn. Mr. Price is employed at Beckley.

MR. AND MRS. F. E. FISHER are the parents of a daughter, Martha Lisa, born July 2. Mr. Fisher is employed at Beckley.

MR. AND MRS. WALDO S. LAFON are the parents of a daughter, Katherine English, born June 29. Mr. LaFon is district manager at Beckley.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES K. BRAGG are the parents of a son, James Kyle III, born June 8. Mr. Bragg is employed at the Kenova Plant, Huntington district.

MR. AND MRS. WALTER SMITH are the parents of a daughter, born June 21. Mr. Smith is employed at Pikeville.

MR. AND MRS. J. H. MARTIN are the parents of a son, Jeffrey Lynn, born June 18. Mr. Martin is employed at Cabin Creek plant.

MR. AND MRS. C. R. WHITTINGTON are the parents of a daughter, Jozetta Ann, born July 16. Mr. Whittington is employed at Cabin Creek.

MR. AND MRS. CARL TENNANT are the parents of a daughter, Debra Diane, born June 27. Mr. Tennant is employed at Philip Sporn plant.

MR. AND MRS. HOBART S. TAYLOR are the parents of a son, Hobart S., Jr., born June 28. Mr. Taylor is employed in the Abingdon district.

PFC. AND MRS. BURNET H. MCKEEVER are the parents of a son, Thomas Howard, born June 26. Pfc. McKeever is a former employee of the system at Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. ANDREW L. GRAHAM, JR., are the parents of a daughter, Amy Catherine, born June 22. Mr. Graham is employed at Pulaski.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER, JR., are the parents of a daughter, Cathy Marie, born July 15. Mr. Whittaker is employed at Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. J. N. HELTON are the parents of a daughter, born June 15. Mr. Helton is employed at Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. WYATT RATLIFF are the parents of a daughter, Jennifer Sue, born on June 16. Mr. Ratliff is employed in the Welch district.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID WINFREE are the parents of a son, David Edward, born June 30. Mr. Winfree is employed at Kanawha River plant.

MR. AND MRS. R. O. SMITH are the parents of a daughter, Deborah Jane, born July 10. Mr. Smith is employed at Kanawha River plant.

MR. AND MRS. J. R. WATKINS are the parents of a son, Stephen Allen, born June 27. Mr. Watkins is employed at Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. OTTO RUSSELL are the parents of a son, David Allen, born July 11. Mr. Russell is employed in Ashland.

MR. AND MRS. ALONZO WAGGONER, JR., are the parents of a son, Stephen Alan, born July 14. Mr. Waggoner is employed at Ashland.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM T. OWENS are the parents of a son, William Thomas, Jr., born July 14. Mrs. Owens is a former employee at Huntington.

MR. AND MRS. ED KELLERMAN, JR., are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Jane, born July 17. Mrs. Kellerman is a former employee at Huntington.

Miss Snuffer Plans To Travel More Since Retiring



Miss Snuffer

Rella Snuffer, Huntington system billing office, retired this month after completing 35 years' service with the company.

She was honored by members of her department with a dinner on June 26 and presented a gift of luggage. S. R. Pritchard, district manager, presented her with a 35-year service pin at the dinner.

Traveling is her hobby and she plans to spend some of her time visiting places she did not have a chance to see while working. Her plans, at the present, do not include any foreign travel because she believes there are too many interesting places to visit in this country.

Born in Beckley, Miss Snuffer attended public schools and the Beckley Seminary. She first went to work for the Ohio Valley Electric Railway Company in Huntington on January 17, 1917. She later transferred to the billing office of the Appalachian Electric Power Company.

She is a member of the Huntington Business and Professional Women's Club and attends the Central Christian Church.

Billheimer-Leighton

Miss Jane Billheimer became the bride of J. C. Leighton on June 27 at Montgomery. Mrs. Leighton is employed at the Montgomery office, Charleston district.

Karlet-Dunn

Miss Joyce Anne Karlet became the bride of Charles Edward Dunn on July 18 in Roanoke. He is the son of G. South Dunn, public relations director.

Bell-Todd

Miss Jane Sanford Bell became the bride of Hugh B. Todd, Jr., on July 19 in Roanoke. Mrs. Todd is employed at Roanoke.

Tuggle-Almond

Miss Jeanette Tuggle became the bride of Earl F. Almond on June 28 at Lynchburg. Mrs. Almond is employed in the Lynchburg district.

Turner-Wilson

Miss Emma Jean Turner and Robert F. Wilson were married on July 11 at Beckley. Mrs. Wilson is employed at Beckley.

Annual Glen Lvn Plant Picnic Held

About 465 Glen Lyn plant employees, their families and guests attended the annual picnic at Giles Recreation Park on Wolf Creek on July 12.

Guests included J. P. Gills, Luke Bates, Price Carter and most of the plant's retired employees. Entertainment featured swimming, games and contests. Among contests were the rolling pin throw and the egg and spoon race for the ladies and relay races and watermelon eating for children.

Buddy Thompson, Lefty Weatherly and Roy Pendleton presented a 30-minute musical program. "Wolf" Wilkinson and "Colonel Smith from Georgia" Chambers performed as clowns with ample supplies of gum, marbles and balloons for children.

Presents were awarded the mother of the largest family present and to the youngest and oldest members at the picnic. Fried chicken and ham dinners were served by the ladies of the Glen Lyn Christian Church at 1 p. m. and watermelon was served at 5 p. m.

They're Engaged

MISS MABEL KISER to Anthony P. Quattro. Miss Kiser is employed in the Williamson district.

MISS MARY JO DINGESS to Robert Lee Watkins. Miss Dingess is employed in the Williamson district.

MISS ROBERTA KAY LIVELY to Ralph James Sorenson. Miss Lively is employed at Beckley.

MISS VIRGINIA CARTER to James M. Bright. Miss Carter is employed in the system accounting office, Roanoke.

MISS LILA LEE SIMPSON to Robert Hornbuckle. Both Miss Simpson and Mr. Hornbuckle are employed at Ashland.

Roanoke . . .

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The social committee of the real estate and right-of-way department held a hamburger fry for employees and families of the department at Fishburn Park on June 28.

Vacationers from the real estate and right-of-way department: Gerelean Snead, Dorothy Justis, Frances Bussey and Lorena Terry at Virginia Beach; Betty Vipperman at Ridgecrest, N.C.; Lois Hart in Richmond and Baltimore.

E. P. Rairden, real estate and right of way, has returned to work after two months' illness.

Melvin Bradley, real estate and right of way, trained for two weeks with the Army Reserves at Camp Pickett.

Sam Hancock, operating department, has transferred to the statistical department in New York.

Operating department vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lewis in Canada; Willa Bird Tyree in Charleston and New York City; Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Crowell and Margie in Charleston; A. G. Epperly in Charleston; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Horne at Myrtle Beach; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Woody at Daytona Beach and Miami Beach.

Commercial department vacationers: J. Wade Smith in Cincinnati and L. L. Koontz at Irvington, Va.

H. L. Cushing, commercial department, has returned to work after a tonsillectomy.

Albert W. Cook, commercial department, spent two weeks' duty at Fort Lee as lieutenant colonel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clyde Miller vacationed at Lake Webster, Indiana. He is employed in the appraisal department.

Accounting department vacationers: Marie Poindexter in Richmond and at Virginia Beach; Doris Carter at Nags Head and Norfolk; Katherine Kerr in Milton, Pa., and Kingwood, W. Va.; C. V. Smith at Claytor Lake; Ruth Poindexter at Atlantic City; Mary Lee Farrier at Atlantic City and New York City; Helen Pearson in Richmond; Ann Kellermann in Maine; Frances Thrasher at Myrtle Beach; Helen Overstreet at Myrtle Beach; Carl Hedgecock at Holston Dam.

Sarah Adams, accounting department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Sympathy is extended Margaret Winn on the death of her father and brother.

Jerry Deadmore is a new employee in the accounting office.

Roanoke District

Rocky Mount vacationers: E. W. Holland and family at Wrightsville Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown at Virginia Beach.

Mrs. A. J. Lambert and Mrs. A. R. Martin, wives of Rocky Mount employees, have been ill.

L. A. Philpott, line department, and family recently moved to Rocky Mount from Roanoke.

Mary Nelson has transferred from the switchboard room to the contract department.

Rebecca Keenan is a new employee in the switchboard room.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Nell Phillips on the death of her mother-in-law.

Vacationers in the local accounting department: Mary Nelson at Virginia Beach and Verdie Linkenhoker at Virginia Beach.

Earl Robertson, local accounting office, is recovering after an operation.

Jimmy Goggin and Elton Jones,

Awarded Service Pins



Employees recently receiving service pins for 20 or more years service are pictured above. TOP ROW: R. S. Strother, Huntington, 30 years, and Baxter McIntosh, Lynchburg, 30 years. SECOND ROW: W. L. Nuhfer, Cabin Creek plant, 25 years and C. D. Carrico, Abingdon, 25 years. THIRD ROW: R. A. Macomb, Ashland, 25 years, and R. S. Hicks, system real estate and right of way, 25 years. FOURTH ROW: H. R. Miller, Roanoke, 25 years, and Carrick VanMeter, system substation, 25 years.

Judy Bressler Awarded Plaque For Scholarship

Judith Virginia Bressler was presented a bronze plaque for having the highest scholastic record for the past three years in her school. The 12-year-old daughter of Otto Bressler, Bluefield district commercial department, received the award upon graduation from Preston Street School.



Judy Bressler

Judy was captain of the school patrol last year and was presented patrol and Bible certificates. She is a member of the Bland Street Methodist choir, the Fairview School Junior Debs and the Girl Scouts.

Charleston . . .

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L. Wright, Carl E. Searls, Charles D. Kennedy, George A. Hout, Jr., and Warren E. Weaver.

Freeman Roush's mother and father celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 23 with an open house at their New Haven home. Freeman Roush is assistant yard foreman.

Charleston District

Sympathy is extended Jane Rutherford on the death of her father.

John R. Ware has returned to the Montgomery office after 16 months in the Navy.

Vacationers: M. J. Hartley, system meter, and family at Holley River State Park; J. H. Russell and son Raymond of Switchback in Florida where they visited W. J. Ellis, retired employee of the system operating department; R. B. Allen, Nitro office, and family touring eastern West Virginia; L. E. Hudson, system meter, and family in Greenbrier County; C. R. Metz, Montgomery office, and wife in Atlantic City; Mary Russell, storeroom, in Florida with her family; W. H. Zinn, Montgomery office, and family at Chesapeake Bay.

Vacationers: Harry M. Silling, commercial, and wife at Miami where they attended the National Shrine Convention; Robert S. Young, appliance serviceman, and family in Florida; I. D. and Helen Porter, commercial department, at Capron State Park; Joe M. Kuskev, commercial, and wife at Niagara Falls; Hunter Summerson, Jr., commercial, and wife at Nags Head.

Kanawha plant vacationers: Mary Alice Hayslett at Nags Head; Mrs. I. B. Huev and family at St. Petersburg and L. H. Lieving and family at Philadelphia and Chesapeake Bay.

J. B. Van Devender and H. K. Copenhaver have returned to the distribution department after serving in the armed forces.

Transmission and distribution department vacationers: A. I. Bailey and family at Laredo, Mexico; W. G. Kirby, Jr., at New York; Walter Stricklen fishing at Blue Stone Dam; I. C. Lavender at New York and Frank Young at Los Angeles.

Vacationers: Guilford C. Smith, commercial, and family in Greenville, N. C., and Atlantic Beach; Bob and Edith Wright, accounting, in Florida; Joe E. Bedinger, commercial, and wife at Virginia Beach; Bernard W. Whittington, commercial, and wife at Nags Head; Chester Spradling, commercial, at Virginia Beach and Washington; Mrs. E. D. Jarrell, meter, and husband in the eastern panhandle; A. T. Reed, meter, in Canada; H. R. Slack, meter, fishing near Quebec; Jean Burford at Daytona Beach; Ray Cole, garage, and family in Florida; Brook Miller, garage, and family in Canada.

Sympathy is extended E. R. Young, meter department, on the death of his father.

Eddie Hendrickson and Glen Cock are new employees at the Kanawha plant.

Sympathy is extended J. D. Hundley, Kanawha plant, on the death of his grandmother.

R. A. Fleener, meter department, visited relatives in Chicago.

O. C. Meador, distribution department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Kenneth Estep, distribution department, is back at work after an appendectomy.

Farmer Turns Hand To Pen To Write Poem On Electricity



Mr. Umberger relaxes for a photo on his Wythe County farm.

A Wythe County farmer recently turned poet and wrote a poem about electric service which he dedicated to Appalachian. The poem was published in Wytheville by the *Southwest Virginia Enterprise*, edited by James A. Williams, Jr.

Operating a poultry farm, Homer B. Umberger says he has every reason to appreciate how electricity has helped him increase production. His home is electrically equipped and he uses a 7½ hp motor for grinding feed and for other farm work.

Here is Mr. Umberger's poem:
ELEC (tricity)

Our fathers thought you dangerous
And of your right of way did fuss,
They feared your wires across their farm
Would kill their stock and do them harm.
Of your dangers often would talk,
Under your lines they would not walk.
No explanation they have to give
Electrically they did not live.
But for our age you do so much,
The switch button we slightly touch.
At once you turn our wheels, give light
And snugly warm our beds at night.
You wash our duds and sweep the floor,
And run the clock just by the door.
You whip our cream, and mix our dough
Through pipes you make the water flow.
Now cakes and rolls are light and good.
Ma doesn't complain of wet wood,
No wood she carries to break her back,
No soot to make her fingers black,
'Tis much better, she must confess
She does not have to wait and guess
To watch the heat or punch the coals.
Her stove now has precise controls.

ELEC, you soon will serve us all
In summer, winter, spring, and fall.
Wherever man makes his abode,
Your energy carries his load.
For a small price that he can pay,
You work twenty-four hours each day.

For satisfaction and service fine,
Just tap on the A. E. P. Line.

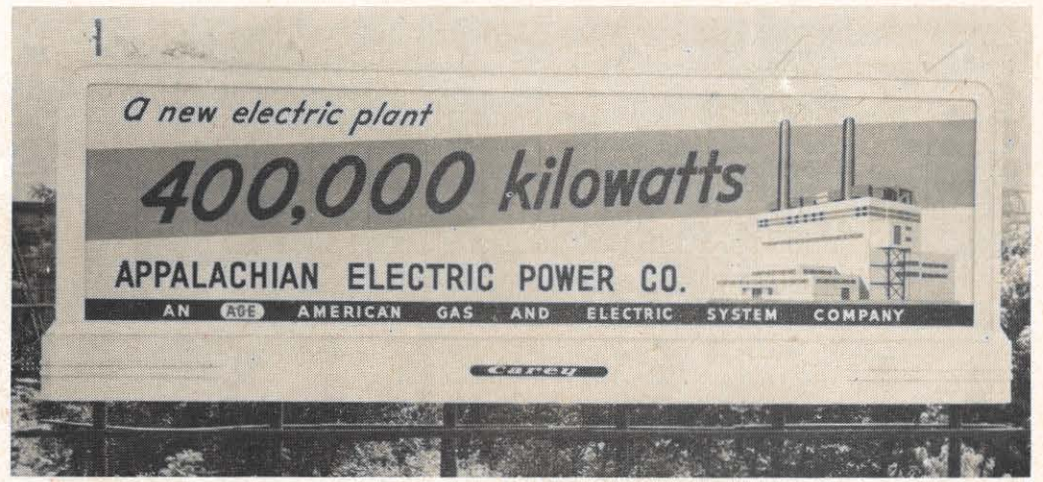
—Homer B. Umberger
Dedicated to the Appalachian Electric Power Company

Camavo Club Holds Picnic At State Park

The Roanoke district's Camavo Club held its annual picnic at Fairy Stone State Park in mid-July.

Each family packed lunches and combined all of the food at the picnic grounds. Soft drinks and country ham biscuits were served by the club. Those attending enjoyed a day of swimming, boating and horseback riding.

Men And Materials Build 400,000 Kw. Kanawha River Plant



Construction workers clean the "V" decking in the office section of the plant prior to the pouring of concrete.

Large steam electric generating plants like the Kanawha River Plant, don't grow like Topsy. Thousands of man hours of hard and difficult work are necessary in the planning and construction of one of these plants.

Long before ground is broken for construction, there is an endless amount of engineering, intensified study and research that must be completed. Sweat, work and brains make these plans a reality and men of many skills must work as a team to complete such a project. There also are mountains of concrete, steel, equipment, and other materials which must be moved to the plant site from many sources. At the Kanawha Plant, much of this work has been done but there is much more yet to be completed.

Contractors working on the construction of the Kanawha River Plant employ about 490 workers. At the peak of construction, which is but a short time away, it was estimated that more than one thousand employees will be working at the site. Company employees now number about 58 men and women who are members of the engineering and accounting departments. R. H. "Bob" Lawson is supervising engineer and C. C. Stanley serves as office manager.

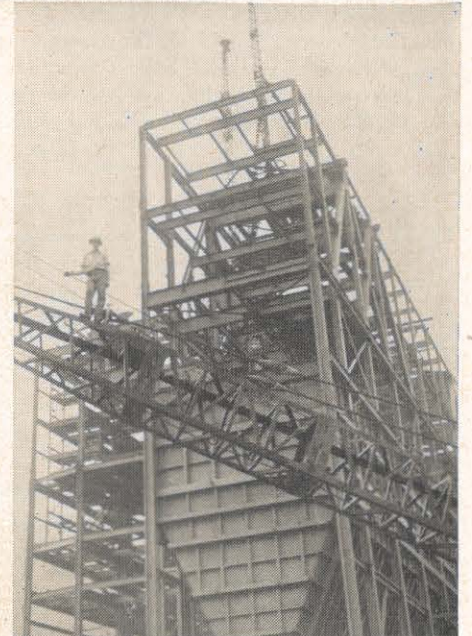
In all of the work at the plant site, Mr.

Lawson explained, the texture of the soil created one of the biggest problems. The soil at the site is extremely fine and difficult to drain for excavating. In spite of this condition, the earth removal task for the main building was carried out and completed during the winter of 1950 and 1951.

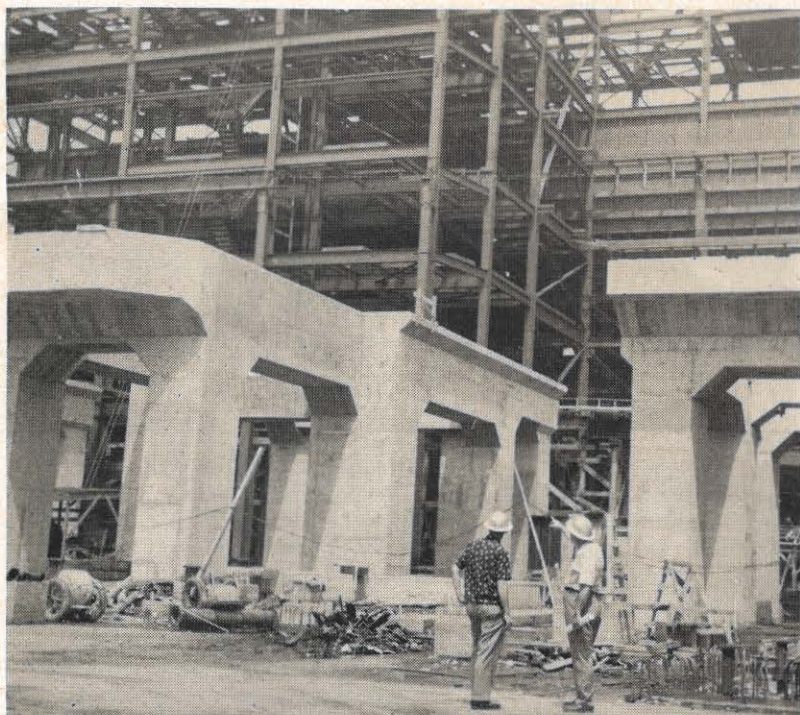
The safety record at the Kanawha River Plant also has been above average. There have been but a few minor accidents on the project in spite of the variable weather conditions and jobs requiring greater than average risks. There have been no fatalities nor permanent injuries.

Although the actual completion date is some time away, plans are being made for placing the plant in service. H. C. Skaggs, plant manager, his assistant, J. B. Harreld and W. M. Cornett, personnel supervisor, are already assembling the operating personnel.

Through the photographs on this page, it is hoped that you will get an idea, in some small way, of the planning, inspection, work and problems encountered in the construction of one of our major steam electric generating plants.



A construction worker rides the boom of one of the large cranes.



A company engineer points out some of the work being accomplished underneath ground levels. The huge foundations are for the low pressure unit, left, and the high pressure unit, right. Both will serve unit No. 2.



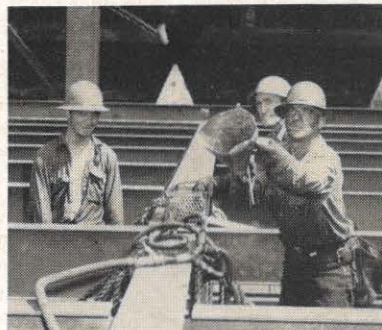
Construction workers are shown building forms for floor drains in the condenser pits for unit No. 1. Note blocked intake tunnels in the background. This will be a source of circulating water for the condenser.



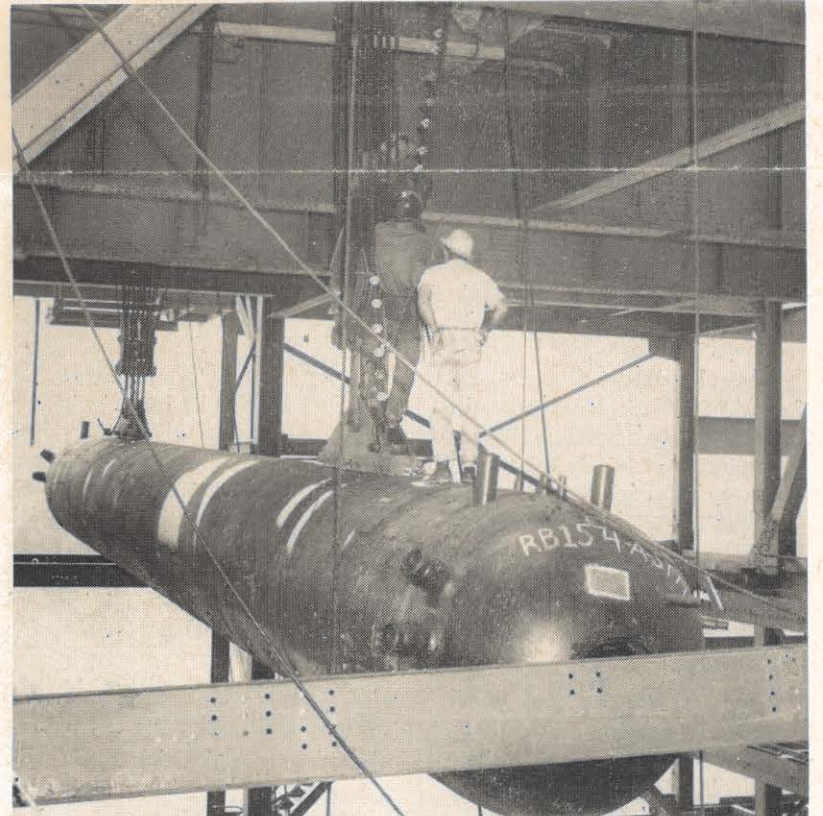
A. T. Hall, cost engineer, left, and L. E. Piersall, senior engineer, right, listen to R. H. "Bob" Lawson, supervising engineer for the company, as he outlines the next day's work and inspection plans. Mr. Lawson has been at the plant since December, 1950.



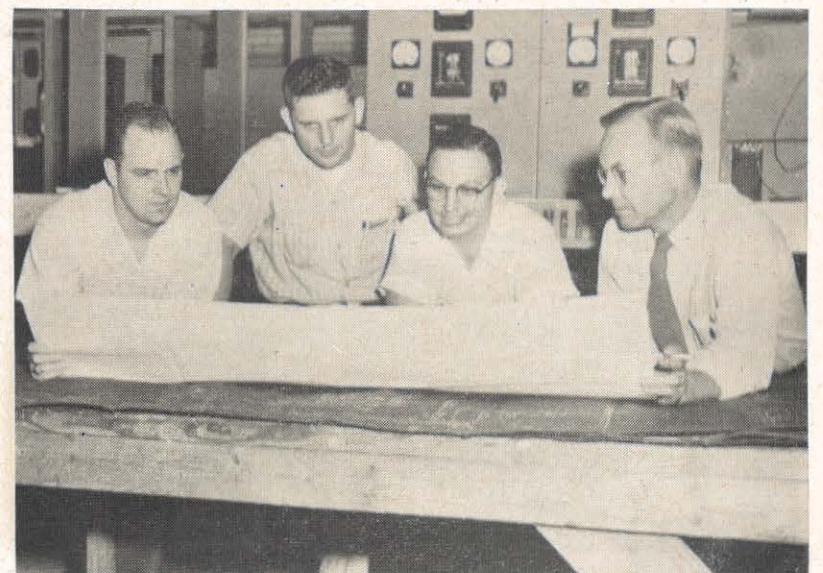
L. Dooley, company survey engineer, sights through the transit as he checks ground dimensions. He is assisted by Ted Law, at the tripod, and Charles Quick, who holds the line at a plant check point.



A contractor's riveting team catch a white hot rivet. These men are working along the main beams of the general office section.



Construction employees clamp hoisting cables following the lifting of this 180-ton boiler drum to the top of the Kanawha Plant. This work is being done in order to prevent the huge drum from slipping during its installation at this level. The boiler drum was shipped to the plant site on special flat car.



Inside the control room, Amos Workman, left, Charley Allander, and W. M. Cornett, listen to J. B. Harreld, assistant plant manager, right, as he points out some of the installations that will be made in the plant.

Service Anniversaries



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District — 25 YEARS: Carl D. Carrico, substation department. 15 YEARS: Jack B. Frier, personnel department. 5 YEARS: Raymond A. Shaffner and Hurley A. Robinson, transmission and distribution department.

Beckley District — 5 YEARS: M. E. Weikle, transportation department; J. R. Lowery, meter department; and D. S. Bozo, local accounting department.

Bluefield District — 15 YEARS: George L. Slade, transmission and distribution department; G. L. Poythress, engineering department; and Mary Alice Adkins, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: Robert E. DeHart, system transmission line department; Harry B. Boyd and Joseph Claytor, transmission and distribution department; Garlin E. Hill, Jr., substation department; George E. Francisco, meter department; and John E. Weaver, garage department.

Cabin Creek Plant — 25 YEARS: W. L. Nuhfer, production department. 10 YEARS: D. D. Campbell, Earl Adkins, P. S. Rose, A. R. Lively, Dana Brown, S. J. Vealey, J. R. Scott, and W. R. McDaniel, production department.

Charleston District — 15 YEARS: G. W. Unagst, meter department; G. C. Smith, commercial department; Bessie Westerfield, accounting department; and H. E. Allen, engineering department. 10 YEARS: George O. Watkins, system meter department. 5 YEARS: H. C. Mosley, distribution department; Freda Simmons, accounting department; Carol Whittington, distribution department; V. J. Miller, garage department; Patricia Horn, commercial department; and Mary Alice Caudill, managerial department.

Glen Lyn Plant — 25 YEARS: Roy L. Risley, chief electrician. 15 YEARS: C. E. Archer, production department. 10 YEARS: Archie R. White, janitor.

Huntington District — 35 YEARS: Rella Snuffer, billing department. 30 YEARS: R. S. Strother, transmission and distribution department. 15 YEARS: Gordon P. Chain, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: William H. Holly, E. C. Berry, J. S. Back and J. B. Bartholomew, transmission and distribution department.

Lynchburg District — 30 YEARS: Baxter McIntosh, meter department. 15 YEARS: Harry M. Cumbe, substation department; Joseph L. Gray, Jr., Reusens-Hydro; Glover L. Staples, transmission and distribution; Jacob T. Hill, Jr., right-of-way department. 10 YEARS: Mrs. Edith B. Wofford, accounting; Agnes L. Dillard, accounting department.

Philip Sporn Plant — 15 YEARS: William J. Buchanan, Jr., production department. 5 YEARS: John D. Dawson, production department.

Point Pleasant District — 15 YEARS: W. C. Gilmour, accounting department. 5 YEARS: C. W. Jewell, transmission and distribution department; and P. F. Rairden, engineering department.

Pulaski District — 15 YEARS: A. E. Lemons, commercial department; C. A. Kidd, transmission and distribution department. 10 YEARS: R. E. Lowe, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: D. K. Charlton, commercial department; J. L. Marshall, Jr., commercial department.

Roanoke District — 25 YEARS: H. R. Miller, payroll department. 5 YEARS: W. S. Jones, substation department; R. E. Slaydon, distribution department; and Jewell C. Ramsey, payroll department.

System — 25 YEARS: R. S. Hicks, real estate and right-of-way department; and Carrick VanMeter, substation department. 15 YEARS: N. G. Marshall, accounting department; S. S. Snidow, garage department; J. W. Engley, Jr., engineering department; and H. E. Elkins, operating department. 5 YEARS: Betty M. Goode, substation department.

Williamson District — 15 YEARS: Price Copley, transmission and distribution department; and B. H. Scaff, transmission and distribution department.

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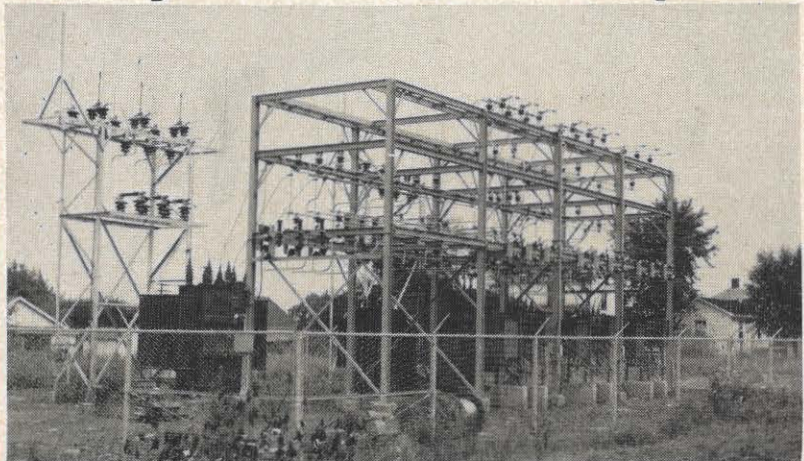
Ashland District — 25 YEARS: R. A. Macomb, commercial department. 5 YEARS: R. B. Bibb, engineering department; and John E. Moran, engineering department.

Pikeville District — 5 YEARS: Claude Justice, rural sales representative; and Victor Coleman, meter department.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

15 YEARS: Cecil K. McClellan, distribution department. 5 YEARS: Marvin C. Simpson, commercial department.

Dearington Station Nears Completion



Lynchburg district's Dearington Station, a new 7,500-KVA distribution station, is nearing completion within the City of Lynchburg. In addition to improving service in the Dearington section of Lynchburg, the station also will serve the new E. C. Glass High School and a proposed hospital which is to be built in this section.

Harry L. Gardner, 35-Year Veteran, Retired July 1



Mr. Gardner

Harry L. Gardner, a veteran of 35 years' service, has retired. In ill health for the past year, Mr. Gardner of the executive offices has been granted a request for retirement, effective July 1.

Mr. Gardner began his career with AGE and its affiliated companies on January 16, 1917, with Wheeling Electric Company. Four years later he was transferred to AGE as an auditor. In 1922 he was named office manager of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company when the main office was opened in Huntington.

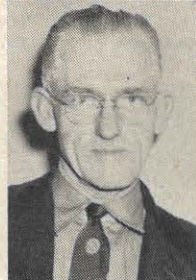
He was moved to Charleston in 1924 when the property was purchased by the American Gas and Electric Company. Two years later, he became the first office manager of Appalachian when that company was formed in 1926 and a general accounting office was established in Charleston.

The summer of 1926 he was moved to Roanoke and put in charge of the general accounting office. He remained as office manager until December 31, 1947, when he assumed full-time duties as assistant secretary of the company, a position which he had held in connection with his other duties since 1932. He served as a member of the board of directors of Appalachian from December of 1944 to December of 1946.

Mr. Gardner is a member of the Roanoke Country Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Shenandoah Club, Roanoke Roundtable and the Greene Memorial Methodist Church.

T. W. Testerman Elected Fraternal Order Officer

Troy W. Testerman, Bluefield district line foreman, was elected conductor and trustee of the local council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics. As conductor, his primary duty will be to assist in the initiation of new members.



Mr. Testerman

He was also elected representative of his council to attend the state convention in Bluefield the latter part of this month. A member of the organization for 20 years, he has held all the offices in the organization in addition to serving on the state council. It is a patriotic fraternal organization for building character and patriotism among members in the community which they serve.

J. D. Ryan, Of Wytheville, Enjoys Farming Now That He Can Devote More Time To It

Since retiring in May of 1951, J. D. Ryan of Wytheville has spent most of his time looking after his 40-acre farm where he raises 12 to 15 head of cattle, some hogs, vegetables and grain.

He started with the company in 1911, shortly after the Appalachian Power Company of Bluefield organized the Virginia district. For many years he was the only employee at Wytheville and stayed there as serviceman after the district offices were moved to Pulaski in 1925.

In 1929, he traded his home in Wytheville for the farm where he now lives. It was a few years before he could move to the farm about a mile out of town, so he had to have a tenant. After he found out that he was losing on the rent and the farm, he decided to move out himself. He admits that it took some fast talking to get Mrs. Ryan out there, but says she now prefers it.

For a few years after moving, he says that it was rough work to keep the farm in shape during his off hours, before and after the regular working day. However, he kept one goal before him during the years — to improve his farm against the time when he would retire.

Would he recommend farming to any other retired employees? Mr. Ryan says, "Yes, if they don't mind hard work and don't mind losing a little money once in a while when the grass dries up or the hail ruins a cornfield."

Other than these things, he says he has derived a great deal of satisfaction from farming. He says he even finds time to repair fences or barns and do the many other things that are always turning up about his place.



Mr. Ryan looks pleased as he stops long enough on a tour of his 40-acre farm for this photo.

G. South Dunn Returns As Director Of System Public Relations Program

G. South Dunn has returned as public relations director of the Southern Properties after being associated with Curtis Lighting, Inc., as assistant to the president.

The position of public relations director was not filled during his four-month absence. Mr. Dunn, who has been with the Southern Properties for 26 years, was the system's first public relations director.

He came to Roanoke in 1948 from Ashland where he was general commercial manager of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District — A. D. Rosenbalm from Scott County to Abingdon, L. C. Valley from Russell County to Scott County, L. F. Valley from service-man at Honaker to line foreman in Russell County.

Beckley District — A. H. Lilly from lineman "B" to lineman "A," G. L. Sweeney from appliance serviceman "B" to appliance serviceman "A," C. W. Smith from lineman "B" to lineman "A," T. L. Humphries from appliance serviceman helper to appliance serviceman "B," Roy Crouse from meterman "C" to meterman "B" and J. R. Lowery from serviceman "B" to serviceman "A." E. L. Hutchinson from troubleman to line foreman, Nell Cody from accounting department to transmission and distribution department, P. E. Pauley from transmission and distribution to stores department, Patricia Long from accounting department to meter department and Jean K. Brash from jr. clerk to jr. cashier clerk.

Logan District — Samuel D. Spears from lineman "B" to lineman "A" and Eunice D. Fitzgibbon from cashier to cash poster.

Logan Plant — C. W. Hamblin from equipment operator "C" to equipment operator "B," J. R. Chapman, coal conveyor operator to auxiliary equipment operator "C," Pearl Ratcliffe from utility operator "A" to coal conveyor operator, D. F. Brumfield, utility operator "B" to utility operator "A," and F. K. Armstead from utility operator "C" to utility operator "B."

Lynchburg District — Charlotte St. John from engineering department to commercial department.

Philip Sporn Plant — William R. Hayes, Clayton E. Athey, Earl E. Painter, Aubrey V. Newell, all from maintenance man to master maintenance man, Nelson R. Roush, Cecil A. Smith, William F. Fry, Walter R. Couch, all from maintenance helper to maintenance man, Leonard R. N. Roush from laborer to coal handler, Paul E. Icard, Edgar A. Arnott, William R. Doolittle, all from laborer to maintenance helper.

System — F. P. Claytor from Bluefield, West Virginia, to substation department in Roanoke, and J. H. Horne from chief system substation operator to system operating engineer.

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Pikeville District — Perry Cline from meter department to stores department, Bruce Prater from meter reader to meter records clerk and Jesse Lee Williamson from Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company to Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

James L. Arnold from tracer to draftsman, jr., James R. Murdock from laborer to groundman and Doyle L. Robinette from laborer to groundman.

Thousands Visit Williamson Booth



This Williamson district booth appeared at the recent Better Homes and Auto Show sponsored by members of the Williamson Kiwanis Club and local businessmen at the Memorial Field House. Proceeds of the show were turned over to the club for the benefit of underprivileged children. The district booth displayed the electric water heater theme and contributed a 52-gallon heater as a prize. The above photograph was made while the show was in progress. About six thousand persons saw the display.

Warner Promoted to New Post at Sporn

Ralph Warner has been promoted to the position of maintenance foreman at the Philip Sporn Plant.

A graduate of West Virginia University with a degree in electrical engineering, Mr. Warner was first employed in the Logan district in 1949. He was transferred to the Sporn Plant as junior test engineer in January, 1950, and was promoted to test engineer later.



Mr. Warner

Married and the father of two children, he and his family live at Mason, W. Va. He is scoutmaster of the Mason Boy Scout troop and active in civic affairs.

Amos J. Totten, Cabin Creek Plant, Killed In Accident

Amos J. Totten, 35-year-old employee at the Cabin Creek plant, was killed June 24 in an automobile accident about six miles south of Marmet.



Mr. Totten

Mr. Totten, boiler operator-D, had been employed at the plant since June 2, 1941.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mae Clark Totten, and seven children, who reside at Chesapeake.

A. T. Wilks Relected Auto Club President

A. T. Wilks, assistant to the Huntington division manager, was relected for a third two-year term as president of the Huntington Automobile Club. He recently completed a term as president of the Huntington Advertising Club.



Mr. Wilks

He came to work with the company in July of 1926 as manager of lighting sales. He was in commercial department work and became commercial manager before assuming his present job in 1945.

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home accident.

Ronald Newton Collier, son of N. W. Collier, who is local superintendent at Whitesburg, is recovering from an appendectomy.

Sympathy is extended Lewis F. Craft, rural representative at Whitesburg, on the death of his father.

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. Crit Back, in Texas, Arizona and Mexico; William Stallard, accounting, fishing on Wolfe Creek; Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Branson and daughters at Hot Springs, Arkansas; Donald Fugate, meter, in Johnson City.

Lynn Ferguson is recovering after an operation.

L. B. Ferguson, plant superintendent, attended the Shrine Convention in Miami.

James Pendelton, meter department, was admitted to the Veterans Hospital in Louisville.

Pikeville District

Mrs. Aubrey J. Syck, commercial department, has resigned to be with her husband who is stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Forrest Phillips has returned to work after an extended illness.

Point Pleasant Employees Build Softball Field

Thirty Point Pleasant employees have just reason for feeling proud of the new lighted softball field at Harmon Park. Their efforts helped turn the field from a dream project into reality.

It all started four years ago when Point Pleasant became a district. At that time the local ball club had no softball field and had to play most of their games away from home. In the winter of 1949-50, J. L. Twitty, district meter superintendent, headed a committee to design and secure material and labor for the project.

The Lions Club was operating the park and agreed to obtain the necessary material if Appalachian employees would build the field. Lighting fixtures had been donated by the high school when they changed their lighting system in 1949 at the football field.

Working in their spare time in the spring of 1950, district employees cleaned and painted the lighting fixtures and had them installed by July with the help of the Lions Club. Work continued on grading and draining during the summer months.

Further improvements were made this spring when the outfield was seeded, a concession stand and press box built, players' benches installed and a fence built around the outfield. The City of Point Pleasant now has one of the best softball diamonds in the area. The field is under the supervision of the Lions Club and the park itself is owned by the city.

Two other teams are using the field in addition to the district team. Future plans also call for the field to be used for little league baseball.

Point Pleasant district employees working on the project included: Bill Machir, Thomas Rose, J. R. Crump, Eugene Wolfe, Bill Stricklen, Kenneth Roush, Otis Hesson, L. I. Roush, Lorain Crump, Lawrence Stewart, James Morrison, George Yunker, Cornell Fowler, Tom Jewell, George Arthur and M. C. Clark.

Also J. L. Twitty, J. R. Hoffman, Robert Miller, Lester Cobb, Robert Tillis, Bill Allen, Harry Chambers, James Darby, John Spiggle, Tom Stansel, George Roberts, C. W. Frisette, Wandell Pancake and C. D. Stalaker.

Roanoke Secretary Wins Local Contest



Mrs. Annise Craig, secretary to W. P. Booker, Roanoke district manager, above, has a very good reason for that million dollar smile. She is shown accepting the title and keys to a new 1952 Chevrolet from Sam Kane of the Kane Furniture Company after she had been named winner of a limerick contest. Mrs. Craig, after she was calm enough to talk, said such an event could not have happened at a better time. The Craigs recently purchased a new home located a good distance from local bus lines. They planned buying a car for her to drive to work as soon as they moved. Mrs. Craig's entry was one of thousands in the Kane contest.

Welch District Amateur Turns Hobby Into A Profitable Spare-Time Service

If there is a new approach to the taking of a family photograph to baby pictures, there is a good chance that William Hulme, a Welch district employee, will come up with the answer. Bill, through experienced hands and ability, has expanded the hobby of an amateur photographer into a profitable pastime that gives him a great deal of personal satisfaction.

Bill discovered his hobby quite by accident. He was discouraged with the amount of time it took snapshots to be processed and decided to do something about it. This caused him to study the art of printing and developing his own pictures.

As his knowledge increased with his finished prints, the more his services were in demand. The work increased to such proportions that Bill's spare time is practically absorbed in his own darkroom. He is the official photographer for the Welch district and does some commercial work under the name of Bill's Photo Shop. He has several hundred dollars invested in his equipment and enjoys the work he is turning out for his friends and neighbors.

Bill, who was born in England, came to this country at the age of 11. At that time, he spent considerable time in the McDowell County coal



Bill is shown working in his dark room as he prepares to make an enlargement.

fields. Later, he was injured in a mine accident. Bill was employed by Appalachian in 1941 and is now the district's head distribution clerk. Bill is married and the father of two daughters, Judith Rae and Martha Jo, his favorite photographic subjects. Fishing also shares some of Bill's spare time but it does not crowd out his darkroom work.

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counting, at Daytona Beach; Maxine Saleeba, accounting, at Myrtle Beach; E. J. Clouser, stores, at Daytona Beach; M. A. Cole, commercial, in Detroit and northern Michigan; Don Hatfield, commercial, at Cincinnati and Detroit; W. H. King, meter, at Lexington and Dayton; Aloys Williamson, accounting, in Louisville; Harold Akers, meter, and Arnold Hatfield, stores, in Greenbrier County; Ernest Bailey, transmission and distribution, at Virginia Beach; Kermit Epperly, transmission and distribution, in Virginia; E. C. Funk, retired, at Miami; R. L. Carpenter, transmission and distribution, in Miami.

Huntington District

Vacationers: A. B. Ferguson and family at Virginia Beach; Alice Gilchrist at Cincinnati; Margaret Dial and husband at Dayton; Willa Mae Hunt at Lexington and Sharpsburg.

New employees: Harold R. Ball, billing; Edith M. Jones, commercial, and Dortha L. Knight, meter.

Clarence H. Price, Huntington division personnel supervisor, has been confined in Lee Memorial Hospital at Marion where he is being treated for coronary thrombosis. He was stricken while attending a church service at Rural Retreat near Marion.

Looking Around At Some Company Picnics



TOP: Children of Williamson district employees barely take time out to have their picture made at the annual outing at Sprigg Country Club on July 12. About 225 employees and their families attended and enjoyed swimming, games and other special entertainment. E. E. King and J. L. Gilbert won the golf tournament. LEFT: Members and guests of the Trifori Club of the System offices help themselves at the picnic at Claytor Lake on June 21. Swimming, fishing and boat riding highlighted the outing

attended by 150. Guests included Russell R. Krammes and Bob Hurt of New York and D. P. Minichan of Pulaski. Food was prepared by the home economists and served by Mrs. Billie DeHart, Mrs. Jewel Woolridge and Mrs. Louise McGhee. RIGHT: Some Welch district employees and guests eat at one of the tables at Claytor Lake at the annual picnic on July 12. About 225 people attended and enjoyed boat riding and games.

A. L. Fulks, Huntington, Retires August 1



A. R. Fulks, right, is being presented some gifts by V. L. Thacker at a dinner given in his honor.

A. R. Fulks, Huntington district general substation foreman, retired August 1 after having completed more than 42 years of service with the company. Mr. Fulks' entire service was spent in the Huntington district.

Ross, as he was known to his fellow employees, began his long career with the company July 1, 1910. At that time, he worked as a maintenance man. He progressed through the years and was promoted to general foreman in September of 1928. He retained this assignment until the time of his retirement.

Recently, in recognition of his retirement and association with his fellow workers, he was guest of honor at a dinner given for him in the Crystal Room of the Hotel Frederick. Since Mr. Fulks' retirement plans call for extensive traveling between the east and west coasts, he was presented three pieces of matched luggage, a billfold and a key case.

Bates Completes 35 Years' Service



Mr. Bates

L. W. Bates, assistant manager of the Bluefield division, has completed 35 years of service with the company. He was awarded his 35-year pin on July 15.

Mr. Bates began his long career in the electric utility industry with the old Appalachian Power Company in Bluefield on July 15, 1917, as a helper in the meter department.

He was later promoted to automatic substation inspector and then relay engineer. In 1934 he was moved into the commercial department as a power sales engineer. In 1943 he was named manager of the Bluefield district. Last September he was promoted to the position of assistant division manager.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Bates is a member of the Bluefield, Virginia, Town Council, a member of the West Virginia Mining Institute, the Pocahontas Mechanical and Electrical Institute, the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, the Kiwanis Club, University Club, Chamber of Commerce and the Masonic Lodge.

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Footo, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goodloe and Elizabeth and John Munsey.

Vacationers: Mrs. Arminta McCall and family motored to California; Mrs. Elsa Begley in Florida; F. L. Bockock at Pulaski; Nancy Williamson at Wrightsville Beach; Mildred Bishop in Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Shockey at Daytona Beach; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gragg, Mullens, motored through New York and bordering states.

System transmission line department vacationers: W. Price Carter, superintendent, and wife at Bryan, Texas, where their younger son received his wings as a jet pilot and with Mrs. Carter's brother at Laredo, Texas, from where they took excursions to parts of Texas and Mexico; H. M. Harris, draftsman, at Camp Roland as adult leader for the Scouts; Eleanor E. Wolford, senior clerk, with her son who was on furlough from Webb Air Force Base, Texas; W. T. Goodloe, Jr., and family at Myrtle Beach; E. T. Gills and Mrs. Gills at Pawley's Island; F. P. Wilburn and family touring eastern Virginia; J. S. Richardson and family at Hungry Mother Park; Mr. and Mrs. Lenwood Phillips toured Virginia; E. R. Hill and family at Ivanhoe with relatives; P. E. Williams at Mobile, Alabama.

Back to work in the system transmission line department after illnesses: T. C. Slugocki, engineer; F. W. Harman, foreman; Walter Howery, transmission man helper, and R. T. Hypes, lineman.

Harry R. Houston is a new employee of the system transmission line department.

Lucile Gills and Lou Ellen Taylor are summer employees in the commercial department.

Ray C. Heldreth attended the R. O. A. convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Vacationers: Phil H. Fry, Princeton serviceman, with relatives in Indiana and Detroit; Morris Yost in Williamson with relatives.

Abingdon District

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arrington at Ocean View and Virginia Beach; J. L. Osborne and family at Portsmouth; C. C. Self fishing in Canada; L. C. Valley and family in the Smokies; Joe Collins and family in Blacksburg and Victoria; Shirley Grubb in Gulfport, Mississippi; V. O. Armentrout and family in the Smokies and Mr. and Mrs. Carson Carmichael in South Carolina.

Mrs. Charlotte Yarbrough is a new employee in the local accounting department.

J. S. Carter has returned to work after several months' illness.

G. G. Maxey Dies Of Injuries From July 22 Collision



Mr. Maxey

Gerald Gray Maxey, 25-year-old Roanoke meter service helper, died July 23 from injuries received the previous day in a collision between a company meter truck and an automobile on Rt. 11 about one mile north of the city limits.

Thomas W. Abshire, 34, Roanoke meter serviceman B, the other occupant of the truck, is still in a serious condition in Lewis-Gale Hospital.

There were two women in the car involved, Mrs. Jack Green of Kensington, Maryland, the driver of the car who died immediately, and her mother, Mrs. W. H. Polley of Natural Bridge. Mrs. Polley is also in a serious condition at Lewis-Gale Hospital.

Mr. Maxey was employed as an axeman in August of 1948 and then served briefly in the line department before being transferred to the meter department in November of 1949. He was a World War II veteran.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Maxey of Stewartsville; two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Holdren, Ridley Park, Pennsylvania, and Miss Jean Maxey, Richmond, and two brothers, Berkley H. Maxey and M. E. Maxey, who is employed in the Roanoke distribution department as an engineering assistant.

Pikeville Youths Win Honors At 4-H Camp



Frances Rasnick Lawrence Newsom

Frances Rasnick and Lawrence Rayburn Newsom were chosen "model campers" at the Pike County 4-H Club Camp this year. She is the 13-year-old daughter of John Rasnick, Pikeville district rural sales representative, and he is the 15-year-old son of L. M. Newsom, district records supervisor.

The awards are given each year to the four outstanding boys and girls attending camp and are the highest recognition a club member can receive at camp. Judging is based on camping ability, cooperation and participation. This year, 123 4-H'ers attended the camp.

In addition to these awards, both were given additional honors. Lawrence was awarded a scholarship to attend camp a second week free of charge to help with the supervision of activities while Frances entertained visitors on guest night with her acrobatic stunts.

Harry And Margaret Work Long Hours To Keep Strawberry Patch Clean For Mr. Baumgarner

Claude Baumgarner has the cleanest strawberry patch in the New Haven area. No wonder! The stores attendant at Sporn plant has two helpers that weed the patch from dawn to dark.

His two aides are Harry and Margaret—both geese. He purchased them when they were 10 days old and they have been working a seven-day week since.

The geese eat everything in the patch except strawberry vines and green berries. What about red berries? Well, they do like ripe strawberries but the geese are removed from the patch before the berries turn red.

Claude says the geese actually prefer grass and weeds to any feed he might give them. He knows while he is at work that his geese are working steadily with only a few minutes off now and then for a drink of water. He said they have done such a good job that he had to transfer them to pasture.

Claude is so pleased with the fast and economical job his helpers are doing that he will enlist the aid of 12 more geese to take care of the additional 4,000 plants he plans to have next year.



Claude inspects the weeding job done in the strawberry patch by his two helpers. The shy one is Harry.

Son of Roanoke Man Attends Boys' State

Jimmy Fracker, son of B. C. Fracker of Roanoke, recently was selected by members of the American Legion as a delegate to attend the Old Dominion Boys' State which was held at VPI, Blacksburg. Jimmy was sponsored by the Exchange Club of Roanoke.



Jimmy Fracker

A sixteen-year-old Jefferson High School student, Jimmy has maintained an "E" average through eleven years of school. He will be a senior at Jefferson this fall.

Jimmy has been outstanding with school bands. He has played a baritone horn for seven years and was elected president of the Jefferson High School Band for the 1952-53 school year.

Mr. Fracker is a member of the Roanoke distribution department.

Webb Will Head Nuclear Power Section In AGE

Philip Sporn, president of American Gas and Electric Company, has announced the establishment of the Nuclear Power Section in the Mechanical Engineering division of the Service Corporation.

W. L. Webb, head of the chemical section, has been appointed to the position of head of the nuclear power section.



Mr. Webb

In making the announcement, President Sporn said, "The section is being established so that we may keep abreast of developments in the nuclear power field."

Mr. Webb will spend a year, beginning September 8, at the Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and will pick up his full-time duties at the end of his study at Oak Ridge.

E. B. Morris will take over Mr. Webb's former duties as head of the chemical section.

A. C. Hollins Retires At Glen Lyn Plant

A. C. Hollins, a veteran of 15 years' service at the Glen Lyn Plant has retired.

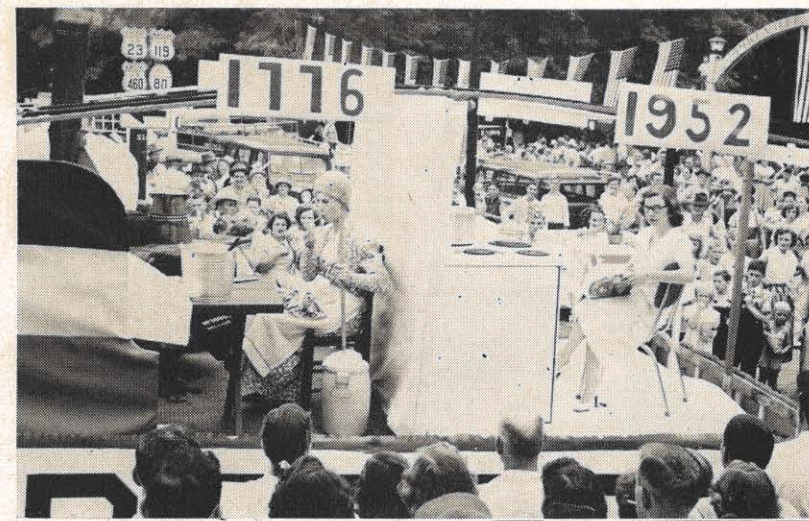


Mr. Hollins

He was employed on June 6, 1936, as a laborer. He worked through the ranks and at the time of his retirement was a turbine operator at the plant.

Mr. Hollins, who owns his home at Chapel, Virginia, says he plans to take it easy.

KPO Club Float In Pikeville Parade



This float in the 4th of July parade in Pikeville featured real independence for today's housewife. Aubrey Syck, commercial department, poses as the 1776 housewife while Mary Lou Draughn, home economist, is the 1952 housewife. The KPO Club of Pikeville district girls who entered the float in the parade worked on it until midnight on the eve of the 4th. The girls were assisted by Ed Lykins, draftsman; John Rasnick and Bill Barnett, rural sales representatives; A. H. Jopp, commercial manager, and Charles Campbell, troubleman.

Power-Laden Nines Clash For '52 Tournament Berths

Raising Coon Hounds



Emil Gore of the Logan district is happy because one of his life-long dreams has been fulfilled. Emil always wanted to raise a litter of quality registered coon hounds. His dreams were realized as Nightrider's Bell and Black Mack, his two registered dogs, produced nine perfectly marked pups. Both the mother and the father were breeding well before they were one-year-old. Emil's dogs have registry papers for three generations and are full-blooded hounds for seven.

Old Folks Defeat Infants

In an intra-plant softball clash at the Glen Lyn Steam Plant, the "Infirmed" hammered out a 7 to 0 shutout over "Infants," a team composed mostly of the plant's regulars.

Johnston and Chambers were the winning battery for the "Infirmed."

Good Junior Hurler



Joe Hartzog

Joe Hartzog, Jr., fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hartzog of Williamson, while playing on an American Legion team has been a standout in the city's Junior Baseball League.

Joe, with an enviable pitching record of 8 victories in 11 contests, also hits well. He has maintained a .348 season's average for all league encounters. In addition to regular mound assignments, young Hartzog also fills one of the infield slots.

Mr. Hartzog is the Williamson district meter supervisor.

Pikeville Wins Kentucky Tournament; Other Finals Scheduled For August 2

At press time, two teams, Pikeville and Kingsport, are assured of starting berths in the 1952 Southern Properties Softball Tournament which will be held at Beckley, August 15-16. The Eleventh Annual Tournament, interrupted only during World War II, will be played at the George W. Ballard stadium at the Pine Crest Sanatorium near Beckley. It is a well-drained and well-lighted field with seating arrangements for a sizeable attendance.

Kentucky Tournament

In the second Kentucky and West Virginia double elimination tournament which was held at Hazard, July 25-26, a hard-fighting Pikeville team emerged as champions with three wins in three starts of the four games.

In the first game, Zoellers hurled the Pikeville clouters to a 4 to 2 win over the hustling Ashland nine. Friday's second contest saw Hazard leading Pikeville 5 to 4 going into the last inning. Hazard's hopes for victory were shattered as Pikeville smashed the Hazard defense and finished the game with 11 runs.

Starting the Saturday rounds, the losers, Ashland and Hazard, squared off to win a second crack at Pikeville. Ashland downed their hosts 12 to 6 behind Shorty Click. In the championship game, Pikeville slammed out a 10 to 3 victory over Ashland and cinched their berth in the Southern Properties tournament. Charles hurled the final game for Pikeville.

At a dinner honoring the players Saturday night at the Grand Hotel, the Kentucky Trophy was presented to F. M. Baker, Pikeville district manager, by A. R. Barber, manager at Hazard.

Kingsport

The Kingsport Utilities is assured of a slot at Beckley. The Tennesseans have proved to be one of the major contenders in tournaments of the past. In the fast Kingsport City Industrial League, the KUI nine completed the first half of the league with a 5 and 5 record, but suffered three consecutive setbacks at the opening of the second round. Kingsport now is on the climb and improving with each encounter.

Huntington Division

Huntington's defending champions will enter the division playoffs Saturday, August 2, against a determined Williamson nine. This two of three game series will be played in Huntington. Williamson is strong and hits well. They recently trounced Logan 26 to 7. Huntington also is strong and will be seeking their sixth championship since the first tournament was organized in 1938. Playing in the Huntington YMCA Industrial Softball League, they were undefeated during the first half of the season and

now maintain a 16 to 3 season's record.

Charleston Division

In the Charleston division playoffs which began July 19, a strong Philip Sporn Plant softball squad made its bid for the 1952 tournament by eliminating Beckley's former champions. Beckley suffered a 4 to 1 defeat in the first game and a 7 to 6 setback in the second. The Sporn team, with an 18 to 2 record for the season, will meet Charleston in the division finals, August 2.

Charleston, with wins over Cabin Creek and Point Pleasant, is getting braced for the clash with Sporn. Charleston, in the first rounds, defeated Cabin Creek 2 to 1 and 14 to 4 at Beckley. At Point Pleasant, Charleston downed their hosts 6 to 2 in the opener but Point Pleasant bounced back to edge Charleston 8 to 7 in the second, a nine-inning slugfest. Charleston's 5 to 1 victory in the third game won them the privilege of meeting Sporn for the division crown.

Roanoke Division

With only two teams in the division, Roanoke and Lynchburg are having the scrap to themselves for a tournament berth. In the first of a two out of three series, the Star City sluggers hammered out a 10 to 1 victory over the Hilltoppers at Lynchburg. In a doubleheader scheduled for August 2, Lynchburg will travel to Roanoke in a final bid to stop Roanoke's tournament threat.

Bluefield Division

In the Bluefield division, the playoffs will get underway Saturday, August 2. Five strong contenders, Abingdon, Bluefield, Glen Lyn, Pulaski and Welch will fight it out at the City Recreation Park, Bluefield, for the privilege of entering the system-wide tournament at Beckley.

Make Reservations

W. S. LaFon, Beckley district manager, and J. E. Hammer, personnel supervisor, head local arrangements and urge early reservations due to the anticipated attendance at Beckley. Tournament details are being handled by J. A. Mundy, director, and chairman of the committee. Other members of the tournament committee include: D. C. Duncan, W. E. Coleman, R. G. Taylor and W. A. McClung.

Sears, Fieldale, Wins Golf Tourney



Roanoke and Fieldale golfers discuss the final rounds of the tournament on the steps of the Monterey clubhouse in Roanoke.

Ammon Sears, local superintendent at Stuart, emerged as champion of the 1952 Roanoke-Fieldale districts' annual handicap golf tournament which was held at the Monterey Golf Course, Roanoke. Sears, by coming from behind in the final rounds, won the fifty-four hole event with a net score of 187. More than fifty of the sixty starters, completed the final rounds of the tourney.

Clyde Skeen, system civil engineering, and Bill McClung, system public relations, placed second and third, respectively. Sears, the champion, edged Skeen by one stroke while McClung posted a net score of 190. Until the final rounds were played, McClung had maintained a narrow lead

over his rivals during the first thirty-six holes.

Melvin Brown, Fieldale accounting office supervisor, posted a low gross score of 224, the best gross score of the tournament. Eddie Johnston was second with his 237 gross while Ted Carroll's 240 won him the third place honors.

Following the final rounds, the tournament golfers enjoyed box lunches at the clubhouse. Prizes also were awarded winners of the various classifications.

Welch All-Stars



These five Welch district employees, members of the district softball squad, recently were named candidates for All-Star ratings in the Wyoming County Softball League. All have season batting averages over the 300 mark as well as being outstanding at their positions. Left to right, front row, Harold Walters and Roy Franklin. Back row, Millard Gibson, Walter Thomas and Paul Hall.

Logan Kilowatts Are Given Buffet Supper

Members of the Logan district Kilowatts softball squad were entertained early in July with a buffet supper. Four members of the team also were selected and played in the All-Star game July 4.

Those selected as All-Stars were: Caleb White, Sonny White, Ed Yeager and Jack Blankenship.

Members of the squad attending the dinner were: Caleb White, Sonny White, Cecil Boyd, Gene Edward Leeson, Tom Fleshman, Paul Sammons, Ed Yeager, Ray Craddock, Jack Blankenship, Gene Leeson, Bobby Leeson, Julian Hansbarger and Howard Collins.

Substation Wins Charleston Playoffs



Members of the Charleston district's championship softball team are: front row, left to right: Bob Palmer, manager; Elmo Thaxton, Cam Coffman and Shorty Boggess. Standing: Shirley Givens, Vernon Costello, Billy Blake, H. R. Hill and J. E. Lovejoy.

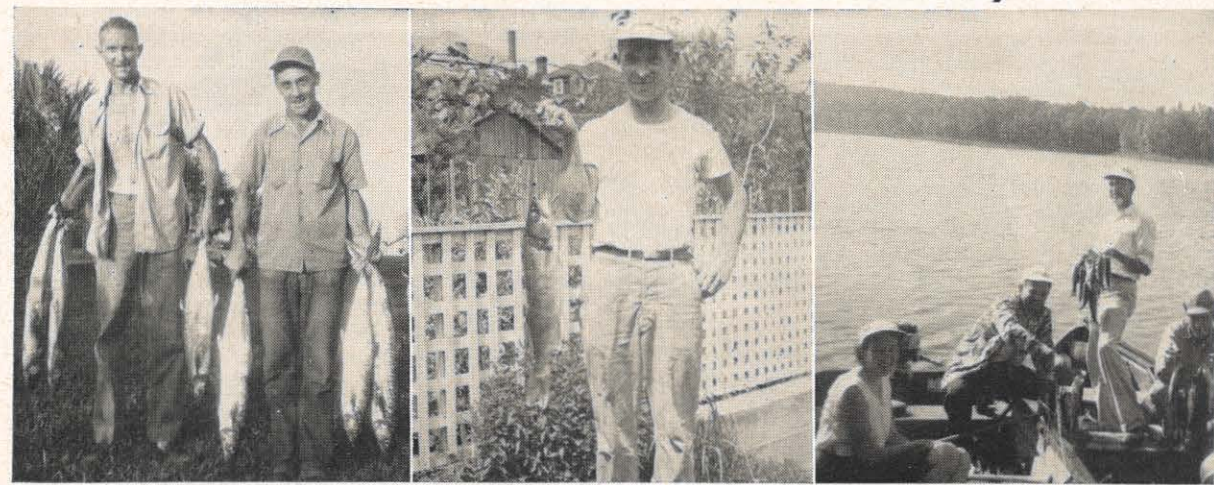
The Substation clouters won the Charleston district's four-team softball league after a sudden death playoff.

At the close of the regular season, all four teams were involved in a two-way deadlock. Montgomery and the Substation lines were tied for the championship while the Commercial and Meter Department teams were

tied for the third place slot.

In the playoffs, the Substation team hit their stride and rolled up a 15 to 5 margin over Montgomery. Elmo Thaxton was on the mound for the winners. In the remaining clash, the Commercial Department drove to an 8 to 3 win over the Meter Department to clinch third place.

Here Are Some That Didn't Get Away



Pictorial proof seems to be the only answer to having some of those whoppers believed by fellow employees. Left photograph, C. F. "Preacher" Mundy and A. G. "Archie" Ferrell, both of Mullens, West Virginia, proudly show some of the king mackerel they landed while vacationing in Florida. Center photograph, Earl Jackson, a Princeton office employee, is plenty proud of his catch. This twenty-

six inch wall-eyed pike weighed five and one-half pounds and was caught in the Greenbrier River near Hinton. Right photograph, G. C. Branson, Hazard district stores supervisor, standing in the boat, shows part of a day's catch while vacationing at Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. Branson's daughter, Lorrene, also is shown in this photograph.

Huntington Division Changes Mean Promotions For Beatty, Giles, Shriver



Mr. Beatty Mr. Giles

Changes affecting three men in two districts in the Huntington division were announced last month.

C. A. Beatty, assistant manager of the Williamson district, has been moved to Huntington as district commercial manager. W. F. Giles, Logan district rural and residential sales supervisor, has been promoted to the position of commercial manager for the Williamson district. John Shriver, dealer sales representative, has been promoted to the post of Logan district rural and residential sales supervisor. All of the changes are effective August 1.



Mr. Shriver

Mr. Beatty, a veteran of 21 years with the company, replaces D. M. Miller at Huntington. Mr. Miller was recently promoted to the position of industrial agent with offices in Roanoke.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Beatty was first employed by the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company at Hazard as residential sales representative. In 1932 he was transferred to Appalachian at Williamson. Later he was promoted to the position of power sales engineer and worked in both the Logan and Williamson districts.

In 1941, he was promoted to district commercial manager at William-

H. J. Collins Is Named 'Dimes Drive' Head

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

Since being elected chairman, Mr. Collins and his committees have mapped campaigns for the chapter's work with both state and national representatives.

In addition to working with National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Mr. Collins also is serving the area as vice president of the Logan County Crippled Children's Society.

Bluefield Girls Get First Aid Training



Miss Annie Hubbard, left, presents certificates to eight Bluefield office girls who recently completed the requirements of the Standard American Red Cross first aid training course. Miss Hubbard served as instructor for the class. Above, left to right, Annie Hubbard, instructor, Elsie Heifner, Ernestine Johnson, Thalia Mathena, Dorothy Boyd, Evelyn Simmons, Nancy Williamson, Elizabeth Munsey and Eulalia Foto.

son and six years later was named assistant district manager.

He has been active in civic affairs in Williamson, being a member of the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Mountain Club, Masons and the Elks.

Mr. Beatty plans to move his family to Huntington in the near future.

Mr. Giles, a native of Lynchburg, Virginia, was first employed by the Appalachian Electric Power Company, in Logan, 1929. He held various positions in the meter and commercial departments before being named to supervise the rural and residential activities of the commercial department. Mr. Giles and his family will move their residence to Williamson in the near future. The Gileses have two sons, Charles, a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy, and William H., a student at Marshall College. They have resided at Stollings for several years.

Mr. Shriver received his education in Ohio schools, and was graduated from high school at Pomeroy, Ohio. He lived in Madison prior to coming to Logan. First employed in the commercial department in Logan in 1938.

He served three and one-half years in the U. S. Army during World War II, with the 83rd Airborne Division in the European Theatre. He is active in the Logan Sportsmen's Club, having served two terms as President of this organization. He is a member of the American Legion and a member of the McConnell Tabernacle Church.

Oldest Part-Time Employee Dies

Mrs. Mary V. Boyer, a part-time Appalachian employee, died at her home at Boyers Ferry, Virginia, on June 29.

For more than 30 years, Mrs. Boyer had been employed by Appalachian as a river gauge watcher at Boyers Ferry on New River. Mrs. Boyer, who was 89 at the time of her death, probably was the oldest part-time employee in the Southern Properties.

Mrs. Boyer took over the job of river gauge watcher in 1922 after the death of her husband, who had performed the duties for several years. She faithfully saw to it that the river stage and rainfall readings were always called into the Galax office where they were relayed to Byllesby Hydro and then onto the system operating department.

For the past few years, Mrs. Boyer has been in ill health but she always made sure that the readings were taken and transmitted by her son, Andy.

Bluefield District Company Picnic To Be Held August 16

The Bluefield district's company picnic, square dance and amateur contest will be held at Glenwood Park on Saturday, August 16, starting at 2 p. m.

All employees, one adult guest and children are invited. H. S. Spangler, chairman of the picnic invitation committee, asks employees of the district and division and system employees working in the district to send their reservation to Miss Zelda Alderson, A.E.P. Company, Bluefield, West Virginia.

Three Promotions Are Announced At Cabin Creek Plant

Promotions affecting Walter M. Cornett, Jr., Carl B. Burner and Charles Edgar Allinder, all of Cabin Creek plant, have been announced.

Mr. Cornett, plant personnel supervisor, is being transferred to the new Kanawha River plant in the same capacity. He is succeeded by Mr. Burner, assistant personnel supervisor. Mr. Allinder, assistant stores supervisor at Cabin Creek, moves to Kanawha River plant as plant office supervisor.



Mr. Cornett

Employed as a clerk at Cabin Creek plant in January of 1942, Mr. Cornett served as assistant chief clerk and administrative assistant before becoming plant personnel supervisor in May of 1949. Educated at V. P. I. and National Business College where he graduated, he is married and has a daughter.



Mr. Burner

Mr. Burner, educated at Colgate and Morris Harvey, was employed as personnel assistant at Cabin Creek plant in August of 1951. He spent 17 months in the Navy and is a lieutenant in the inactive reserve. Married, he is the father of a girl. He is a member of the Baptist Church, American Legion, Lions Club and Masonic Lodge.



Mr. Allinder

Mr. Allinder was first employed as clerk in July of 1938. He attended West Virginia Tech in 1947 and returned with the company in June of 1948 as assistant stores supervisor. He has been studying business administration at Morris Harvey since 1948. He served in the Air Corps during World War II and is a member of the 9488th VARTU Squadron in Charleston. A member of the Church of Christ and the Lions Club, the new Kanawha River plant office supervisor is married and has a daughter.

Engineers Tour Kanawha River Plant



These members of the Appalachian and Charleston chapters of the West Virginia Professional Engineers toured the new Kanawha River plant on July 14. As a part of the company's accelerated program of plant visitation, the tour consisted of going through the structures which were erected and through the completed substation adjacent to the plant. They also saw a boiler to one of the units arrive and set in position to be raised to its final housing. The tour was arranged by Waldo S. LaFon, district manager who is program chairman of the Appalachian chapter and on the state board of directors. Other members of the Appalachian chapter who made the trip are: C. C. Darrah, assistant district manager who is president of the chapter, O. C. Hall, W. C. McMahan, R. R. Griffith, R. O. Meador, N. C. Ferguson, F. O. Helm, H. C. Sessions and B. B. Corker.

Leon Valley Made Line Foreman In Russell County

Leon F. Valley, Honaker serviceman for 19 years, has been promoted to line foreman in Russell County of the Abingdon district.

A native of Grundy, he was employed in the Bluefield district in 1929 and transferred to Abingdon when the district was formed. He replaces his brother Lyman as Russell County line foreman, following Lyman's transfer to Scott County as line foreman.

Leon is a member of the Methodist Church, has served as president of the Honaker Lions Club, as scoutmaster, Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge and is a Past Master of Pruner Lodge No. 254 A. F. & A. M. and a member of the Honaker Kiwanis Club.

Son Commissioned In Naval Reserves

Frank A. Aldred, Jr., son of F. A. Aldred of Point Pleasant, recently was commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve. Upon reporting for active duty, he was assigned to the Ground Officers School, Naval Air Center, Jacksonville, Fla.

Following the completion of his training at Jacksonville, Ensign Aldred will enter the Air Intelligence School at Washington, D. C. He is a graduate of Roanoke College and was a member of the faculty at the Virginia Episcopal High School at Lynchburg



Ensign Aldred

prior to entering the service.

Mr. Aldred is well known over the system. He has been an employee of the company since 1923. He is a supervising engineer working in construction and supervised the building of the Roanoke general offices and many other projects in this area. Mr. Aldred is supervising the construction of the North Charleston Service Building at this time.

Employee Killed In Battle Posthumously Awarded Silver Star

A Silver Star has been awarded posthumously to Pfc. Bernard R. Koger, Fieldale district meter reader who was killed in action June 6, 1951, in Korea.

He earned the nation's third highest combat decoration for bravery while serving with the First Cavalry Division near Yongchon. According to the citation accompanying the award, Koger was on guard duty when he heard enemy troops nearby. He went from foxhole to foxhole, waking members of his squad.

Under intense fire, Koger manned a machine gun whose gunner had been wounded. While manning the machine gun which compelled the enemy to withdraw, he was mortally wounded.

The Virginia Military District has forwarded the medal to his wife, Alpha F. Koger, who did not wish to have it presented in a formal ceremony.

Clifford E. Horton Leads Senior Class

No one was surprised when Clifford Edward Horton was named valedictorian of the 1952 graduating class of Elkhorn High School in Switchback. Prior to his graduation, he was president of the senior class and of the Commercial Club, editor of *The Indian* business manager of the annual staff and drum major.

The 17-year-old son of John L. Horton, maintenance man at Switchback in the Welch district, also played mellophone in the band, was first pianist in the symphony orchestra, was elected to the National Honor Society and a member of the Quill and Scroll Society, the Glee Club, the Student Council and the Senior play cast. Last year he won the McDowell County Typewriting Contest sponsored by Concord College.

He is assistant instructor and pianist at the Peter Pan School of Dancing in Bluefield. Clifford is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and is branch organist in Welch. A member of the Aaronic priesthood, he holds the office of a priest.



Clifford Horton