

Patience is the one virtue a person wishing to live contentedly must learn.

—FREDERICK WARD KATES

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Life is not so short but that there is always time enough for courtesy.

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON

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Search Finds Hero

Son Of Charleston Employee Rescues Little Girl Playing In Busy Street



Two-year-old Kathy Bradshaw is shown with 10-year-old Charles Ross Thompson who heroically rescued her in Charleston traffic. Their parents, Master Sgt. Timothy Bradshaw of the Air Force and Enoch Thompson of the Charleston garage department, look on. Charles holds the glove presented him by Sgt. Thompson as a token of appreciation. (Photo courtesy of the Charleston Daily Mail)

The search is ended for the heroic boy who rescued tiny Kathy Bradshaw, daughter of an Air Force reserve recruiter. He is Charles Ross Thompson, 10-year-old son of Enoch Thompson of the Charleston garage department.

Kathy, who was two years old last month, was in the center of a busy Charleston street intersection, pushing her toy stroller. Cars and trucks were coming in both directions.

Charles, dressed in his Little League uniform, dropped his glove and rushed into the street to pull Kathy and her stroller from the path of an

automobile and truck.

The story was called in to Sol Padlibsky of the *Charleston Daily Mail* who writes the "Of All Things" column. A few days later, Sgt. Bradshaw identified the girl as his daughter, Kathy. He wanted to locate the boy to thank him "for all my family who are deeply grateful for the fine deed."

A paragraph in the column asking readers to locate the boy brought results. A relative identified the lad as Charles Ross Thompson of 509 Bradford Street.

Sgt. Bradshaw gave Charles a baseball glove as a token of appreciation. "All I can say to this fine boy—and others like him—is thanks from the bottom of my heart," said Sgt. Bradshaw.

Charles' father, Enoch, said, "We share the pride in our son along with Sgt. Bradshaw and his family."

Kathy celebrated her second birthday on August 25. Had it not been for the heroic action of Charles, the occasion might not have been possible.

Pay Raise Approved

You probably noticed that your September 5 pay check is bigger than usual.

Perhaps you recall that back in April, the company gave a 5 per cent general wage increase. At that time one and one-half per cent could be paid without approval of the Wage and Salary Stabilization boards. However, the other three and one-half per cent had to have approval of the two government boards before the company could pay it.

On August 27, the company was notified that approval of the wage increase had been granted.

So your check is bigger than usual because the three and one-half per cent, retroactive to April 1, is included on this payroll.

Appalachian And 14 Companies Propose To Supply New Atomic Plant To Be Built In Ohio

Appalachian is one of 15 electric power companies negotiating with the Atomic Energy Commission on the proposal to supply electricity to the projected billion-dollar uranium diffusion plant in Pike County, Ohio. Announcement of the plant location was made August 11.

The 15 companies have proposed to build generation and transmission facilities to deliver electricity to the atomic plant whose power demand is expected to be 1,800,000 kilowatts. Cost of the necessary generation and transmission facilities is estimated at \$400,000,000.

The job of meeting the 1,800,000-kw demand was described by President Philip Sporn as "the greatest single bloc of power supply ever undertaken to be provided by any company or group of companies in the history of the electric power industry." Other AGE companies in the proposal made on May 12 are The Ohio Power Company and the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company.

It is estimated that the energy requirements of the new atomic plant will be 15,000,000,000-kilowatt-hours a year. This is some 25 per cent more than the total furnished by the public supply utilities to all of greater New York City in 1951.

Some idea of the immensity of the electric power undertaking becomes evident when you consider that the plant's annual consumption of about 15,000,000,000-kwh is roughly equivalent to the present annual sales of all AGE affiliates combined.

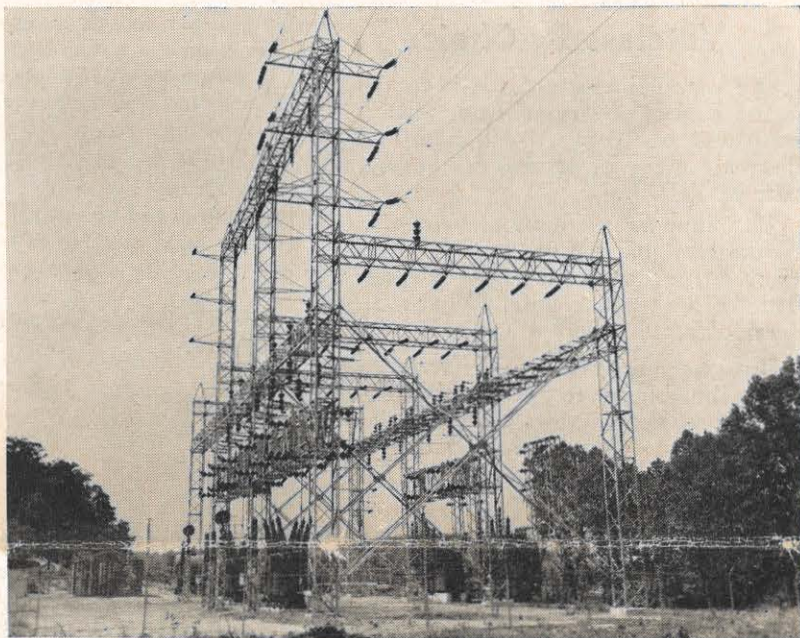
The new power facilities would mean generation approximately equivalent to the AGE system's six largest power stations now in operation. They are our Philip Sporn and Cabin Creek plants in West Virginia as well as the Philo, Windsor and Tidd plants in Ohio and the Twin Branch plant in Indiana.

Announcement of the Pike County

site was made by the A. E. C. on August 11 after months of study of several available sites in the Ohio Valley. The site is a 6,500-acre tract, mostly farmland, between Wakefield and Piketon and lying along U. S. Route 23, the Portsmouth-Columbus highway. Decision to select the area was influenced by the availability of ample water and electric power supplies at low cost, the A. E. C. said.

Size of the projected atomic plant is almost beyond comprehension. According to Samuel R. Sapirie, manager of the Oak Ridge, Tennessee, operations of the A. E. C. and in charge of the Pike County project, the plant will have 10,000,000 square feet of floor space, 640,000 cubic yards of concrete, 25,000 tons of steel, 4,600 miles of electric wiring and 1,605 miles of copper tubing.

New Bellefonte Station Put In Service



The 132,000-volt Bellefonte transmission station. In the left background are two oil circuit breakers, while in the right foreground are the two 45,000-kva transformers.

The new Bellefonte 132,000-volt transmission station was put in service on July 30 at Ashland.

Under construction since last fall, the new station has a capacity of 90,000 kva. Power is transmitted to the station by two new 132,000-volt lines which cross the Ohio River and

tap the South Point-Portsmouth line.

The two new 45,000-kva transformers are located in a new bay adjacent to the Bellefonte station. Six 33,000 volt lines radiate from the old station to serve the area around Ashland.

Seventy-five tons of steel were used in the construction of the new station.

Rose Is Named Vice President Of A. G. E. Company



Mr. Rose

Announcement has been made of the election of W. J. Rose as a vice president of the American Gas and Electric Company.

Mr. Rose has been associated with A. G. E. since 1938. He was made secretary of the company in 1949. He will continue in the post as secretary of A. G. E., as well as vice president, secretary and director of the American Gas and Electric Company.

Prior to joining A. G. E., Mr. Rose was associated with Stone & Webster Securities Corporation, and the Stone & Webster Service Corporation.

Mr. Rose in recent years has been responsible for the financing operation of the A. G. E. system, including the raising of large accounts of capital required for the system's expansion program.

Sporn Named West Virginia's Outstanding Engineer



President Philip Sporn has been named West Virginia's outstanding engineer. He received the honor at the 19th annual meeting of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers at White Sulphur Springs.

A member of the Charleston Chapter of the society, Mr. Sporn's name

was placed in nomination by the Beckley Chapter. He received the honor for his outstanding contributions in the field of electrical engineering on August 22.

W. O. McCluskey, Jr., president of the state society, presented the plaque at the luncheon which was attended

by more than 100 members of the society and their wives.

In the photo above, left to right, are: Mr. McCluskey, Mrs. C. C. Darrah, wife of the assistant manager of the Beckley district; Mr. Sporn and R. E. Hodges, manager of the Charleston division.

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Voteless By Choice

Our vote is important. It is our voice in the kind of government our town, our state and our country will have. But there are many of us who are losing our vote by default.

Just suppose there should come from Washington an edict seizing the franchise of all citizens with blue eyes—depriving them of the right to vote. What a great storm of protest there would be!

But we might ask ourselves what were the blue-eyed people protesting about anyway? Most of them didn't bother to vote when they had the right. They weren't being deprived of something they set much value upon.

Our "just suppose" may seem beyond believing. However, it should underline the alarming fact that almost half of us are becoming voteless by choice—by simply neglecting to go to the polls. In the 1948 presidential election only 51 per cent of eligible Americans voted.

However, in recent elections, 90 per cent of Belgium's eligible voters went to the polls and 82 per cent voted in the last British election.

Every American freedom rides solidly on the right of franchise. The secret ballot is the greatest defense against tyranny ever devised. No one who fails to vote because of negligence and indifference can call himself a really good citizen.

A Successful Activity

The eleventh annual system softball tournament is history, but there'll be many things to remember about it, other than the fine softball that was played.

Manager W. S. LaFon, Personnel Supervisor John Hammer and all of the other employees of the Beckley district, had everything well organized and the tournament went off without a hitch.

The playing field at Pinecrest Sanitarium was one of the finest on which the tournament has been held. There was adequate space for the spectators and the field was always in good playing condition.

George W. Ballard of Pinecrest Sanitarium, who is an ardent softball fan, went out of his way to have the field and the facilities in topnotch shape. On Saturday, when a downpour of rain hit Beckley about four o'clock, there were many doubts that the finals of the tournament could be played Saturday night. But at six o'clock when the rain had let up, Mr. Ballard had his men out on the field working it over. The rain came again, but Mr. Ballard's men had the field in playable condition by 7:30 p. m., and the finals and the consolation game went off with a minimum of delay.

Umpire-in-chief Stover and his helpers,

Your Opinion

Most Americans would not give up their right to vote. Why then do so many throw their vote away by not voting?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

E. C. QUESINBERRY, Electrical Engineer, Glen Lyn Plant.



People give many reasons why they do not vote. Many fail to meet poll tax or registration deadlines. Some change residence and find voting inconvenient. Others dislike the candidates of each party. Many, also, feel that one vote is not important.

It seems to me that the main reason for failure to vote is insufficient interest. Few people fail to apply in time for an income tax refund, for instance. I think that we who lack interest in an election should resolve to make a serious study of the policies of the opposing parties, their probability of fulfillment, and their long range effects, as well as the immediate results.

I believe that in gathering information our interest would be aroused so much that we would be found at the polls for that election and the other elections to come.

MARY HALL, Executive Department, Roanoke.



How true it is that most of us would not give up our right to vote! Yet, I think the main reason so many throw their vote away by not voting is because they feel that they do not know enough about the candidates to vote wisely. That's the answer I get from most people when I ask them

why they do not vote. Then some will say that their vote wouldn't make much difference among so many—others are just negligent.

Each of us should be proud to vote and, by doing so, should try to get good, honest, sincere, and capable men to run our government. People who do not vote certainly shouldn't criticize the men in office.

Registration Deadlines For General Election

Kentucky	September 5
Tennessee	
(Counties over 2,500) ..	October 15
(Elsewhere)	October 25
Virginia	October 4
(Poll tax paid by May 3)	
West Virginia	October 4

Straughan, Keaton and Rogers handled their chores with plenty of know-how. The consensus of the ball players was that the officiating was far above average.

The Beckley newspapers and the radio stations were generous in the support they gave the tournament.

Reports from the hotels, restaurants and other business places around Beckley about those who attended the tournament were that: "It was a fine bunch of folks and we'd like to have them back again." There was also high praise for the fine brand of sportsmanship displayed by all the teams.

Reports of the good impressions left by those who were guests of the people in Beckley come as no surprise. The purpose of this annual tournament is to foster sportsmanship and good will.

JUNE P. SAUL, Time Records Clerk, Cabin Creek Plant.



It is a human trait to fail to appreciate inherent privileges that have been handed down to us. Only when these are taken away do people struggle to retain them or fight to get them back.

The right to vote is a privilege set out by our Constitution and by this same token it becomes a duty of every eligible citizen. By ignoring this duty we, as Americans, are inviting the opponents of our system to take our privilege away from us.

If we lost our freedom and had to fight to regain it, we could see, as our forefathers did, that the right to vote is the very breath that gives life to this great country of ours.

A. L. MERRIFIELD, Distribution Engineer, Huntington.



Many people figure that one vote in several million bears no weight, which is true. However, with several thousand persons thinking along this line, in a close election a political machine, controlling a large block of votes, can also control an election. This furthers the illusion of the futility

of the individual vote.

Some people also fail to vote due to the quality of candidates offered, and by reason of not being acquainted with the qualifications of any candidate.

A contributing factor of failure to vote is the usual long wait in line at the polls. This is particularly discouraging to elderly people.

MALCOLM REED, Division Engineering, Roanoke.



We Americans have the habit of throwing away items which seem useless, but later prove to be of great value. Then when the mistake is realized, it's too late. So it is with voting.

Too many people have the attitude that their vote certainly won't sway an election. Therefore, they throw their vote away by not voting. It's good that we all don't have this attitude.

If we would only realize that our future is governed by the ones we elect to represent us, and that to elect them, we must vote, then perhaps we wouldn't be such "lazy voters." We must look and think ahead, and get out and vote, as if our life depended on it—for after all, it really does.

O'NEAL AMOS, Personnel Supervisor, Pulaski.



It is hard to say that there is a definite reason why people throw away their vote by not voting. We can only assume as to why they do not vote.

Often they say they did not have time, or that they did not realize they had not qualified to vote. Others will tell you that there is no use, their vote would not change the way power

politics has the the thing set up; or that theirs is only one vote and does not matter.

These are not reasons, but excuses which people offer in hope that they will justify their indifference in not performing the most important privilege given them by a government founded on the premise that all men are created equal and should have a voice in their government through the exercise of their vote.

NOKA JANE CARTER, Personnel Department, Beckley.



Americans value the right to vote, highly, but the majority have not been educated to voting. The non-voters might be divided into classes: those who do not have time to vote, those who think their vote is not needed and those who do not understand politics well enough to be interested in voting.

The country is moving so fast, there are those who work far and wide and do not take time to register, much less take time to vote. The other two classes, not understanding, can be talked out of their vote or into not voting at all. We need a class in the schools of today just on politics for the younger generation so all of their votes will count for the future.

B. S. COLLINS, Production Department, Kingsport.



When a group of people get together, politics is usually discussed at some time or other. During these discussions, I find there are three main reasons why a lot of people do not vote. They are: lack of interest, too busy or they feel their vote does not count.

Yet, the ones with the lack of interest are the ones that complain the most about our government. Then there are the people who say they are too busy to take the time to register. On election day, and if they are registered, they are too busy to go to the polls and vote. You also hear quite a few of would-be voters say "My one little vote does not count very much, so I just won't vote."

BEVERLY PIERSON, Accounting Department, Hazard.



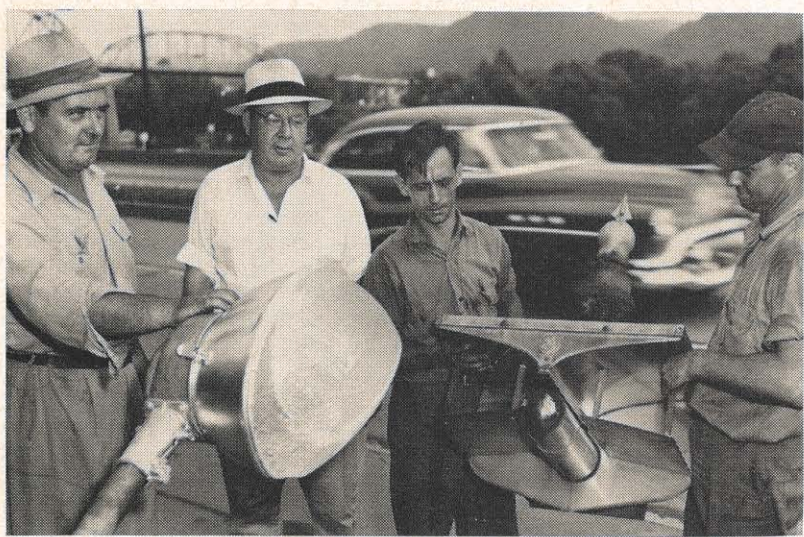
Life is full of paradoxes such as this. Here is another. The people who do not vote are the ones most likely to criticize the party in power. A common remark these days is: "I don't know anything about politics," when at their fingertips is the radio, newspaper and magazines with in-

formation galore. Some have the inferior feeling that: "My vote won't make any difference." To others it is an inconvenience or bother rather than a privilege.

For the most part, the laxness is the lack of concern. So long as people have a home and are reasonably happy, it does not matter to them what happens to the rest of their country.

The office of government is not to confer happiness, but to give men opportunity to work out happiness for themselves.—William Ellery Channing.

Charleston Street Lighting Improved



Charleston employees compare the new 20,000 lumen mercury-arc street lamp on the left with one of the old 10,000 lumen sodium-arc lamps which are being replaced on the Boulevard. Left to right are: Mike Shafer, line crew foreman; L. M. McKibbin, general foreman; Elmer Spencer, truck driver-groundman, and B. A. Thaxton, lineman. The City of Charleston owned the street lighting system along the Boulevard and recently sold it to the company which now operates all of Charleston's street lighting. In addition to changing the lights, other improvements being made by the company to change the Boulevard into a whiteway include replacing faulty wiring, painting and repairing standards, replacing four standards and changing the underground wiring system from 6.6 amp service to 20 amps. (Photo courtesy of the Charleston Daily Mail.)

Sporn And 'Notes' Editor Say, Ideas More Important Than Good Writing

Lack of personal writing ability need not cause any Southern Properties' employee to hesitate about submitting contributions to A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes. It is the idea—not the writing—that counts in the final judging of these suggestions.

In a recent letter to field editors, Allen M. Perry, Operating Notes editor, stressed the fact that ideas were more important than articles. He said, "All that is needed are the essential facts. The New York staff will prepare the articles for publication."

Philip Sporn, president of A. G. & E., also urged contributors to submit their suggestions. He remarked, "We are interested in suggestions of new and better ways of doing things, new methods, new devices, etc. The most important thing is the idea in the article."

Mr. Sporn continued by saying, "We welcome all widely helpful ideas and suggestions from any employee. Those who cannot write fluently need not worry. They can sketch or transmit their ideas to their supervisors and they will be treated as other suggestions and considered eligible for awards. We welcome all ideas."

From the first of the year to June 16, employees of the Southern Properties have had 15 contributions accepted for publication in Operating Notes. Only 20 per cent of the ideas sub-

mitted have been returned. Sixty-three per cent of the articles submitted up to June won merit awards.

If the idea is sound and beneficial to your company, the editors of "Operating Notes" will welcome it. If it is based upon lessons learned from operating experiences and troubles; practical solutions to operating problems; improved methods and procedures, or information that will be widely useful to your company, then your idea should be submitted to your supervisor or field editor.

102-Ton Condenser Placed In Operation At Hancock Station

The 18,750 KVA synchronous condenser, which was installed at the Roanoke district's John Hancock Station, was placed into operation in mid-August. With the installation of this 102-ton unit, all work originally scheduled for the 45,000 KVA high voltage station has been completed.

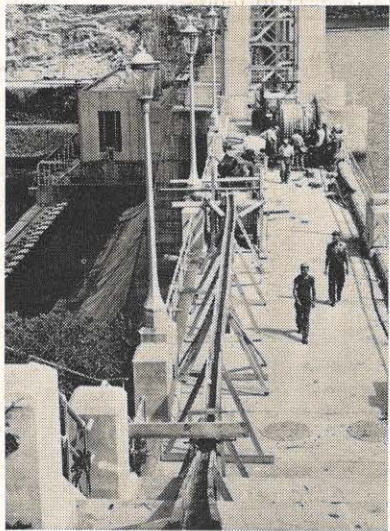
The condenser, which was manufactured at General Electric's Schenectady plant, was shipped to the station site assembled. This was the first unit of this type to be handled in this manner.

The John Hancock Station was placed into service February 21. It is connected to the high voltage system by a tap off the Roanoke-Claytor line and also is to be linked with the new Glen Lyn-Hancock line which is now in its final stages of construction.

Big Cables Put In Service As Construction At Claytor Ends



Fred Rotenberry, Claytor plant superintendent, examines the cable used in the vertical section. The wavy wires are the armor.



A trough was installed on the left side of the deck of the dam to pull cables into the tunnel without damage to lead sheath.

Welch Employees Take Part In Fairs

Sank Smith, Welch district personnel supervisor, served as general chairman of the McDowell County Fair for the second consecutive year. W. T. Lanter, stores department, was a member of the Fair committee.

Employees also shared in the activities at the Buchanan County Fair at Grundy, Virginia.

At both Fairs, the company's display was the continuous game of "Politics." The booths were decorated as a political speakers platform and the game operated as Bingo. Cards were ballots and the listings included pumping water, drying laundry, cooking, water heating and other uses of electricity. Winning ballots entitled the player to chances on prizes offered by dealers.

Miss Eleanor Dillard, C. T. Southern and Ramsey Jones operated the games.

Leslie Ingels Named Mason, W. Va., Mayor



Leslie Ingels, Philip Sporn Plant guard, recently was appointed mayor of the Town of Mason, West Virginia, by a unanimous vote of the members of the council.

Mayor Ingels has been active in town affairs for a number of years and has served Mason in the past as water commissioner and as justice of the peace.

Mr. Ingels has been an employee of the company since April of 1951.

Fillmore McPherson, III, Abingdon, Starts Third Year As Door-To-Door G. E. Salesman

"Like father, like son" is what they say about Fillmore McPherson III, son of the Abingdon district commercial manager. The 14-year-old boy also helps to sell electricity with his G.E. lamp contract to sell house to house in Abingdon.

His stock includes all types of fuse plugs, cartridge fuses and light bulbs. Now in his third year as a door-to-door salesman, young Fillmore has many repeat customers who call him for replacements.

He specializes in lamps that his customers have trouble finding in stores. Those who have worked with him know he recommends the proper fuse or bulb to fill the customer's need.

While gaining business experience he is earning his own spending and vacation money. A freshman in high school where he plays trumpet in the school band, Fillmore is active in scouting, church work and athletics. His hobbies include collecting stamps, ores and minerals and statistics and data on major league baseball teams and players.



Fillmore McPherson III calls at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Speer with his basket of supplies. Mrs. Speer, who holds her granddaughter's hand, is a regular customer for the young door-to-door salesman.

Baby Bed And Supplies Given Hospital By Beckley Employees

Beckley district employees answered an urgent call from the local Infantile Paralysis Board for equipment to take care of the overloaded conditions in two hospitals in the area.

The donation drive among employees was headed by Russell Miller, draftsman in the engineering department. About \$42 was given by employees and was used to buy a baby bed, mattress, bumper guards and eight sheets. The bed was then rushed by volunteers to Morris Memorial Hospital at Milton.

A letter from the surgeon in charge of the hospital expressed the hospital's appreciation of the contribution made by the employees at a time when facilities were in such a critical stage.

New Line Completed In Point Pleasant District

A new 33 kv line was recently completed in the Point Pleasant district. The 12-mile line connects the Lakin substation with Point Pleasant's new 5,000 kva city substation which is nearing completion.

The line was located as much as possible away from busy highways and thickly populated sections. Longest span is 1,879 feet.

Safety Library At Cabin Creek Plant Shows Rapid Growth

A safety topic library has become an important part of operation at the Cabin Creek plant. Within three months the library has grown from 40 safety topic folders to more than 75 topics.

The library grew from the need of supervisors to select a new safety topic for the weekly departmental meeting. For employees to derive benefit from the meetings, it was necessary for a supervisor to base his discussion on a topic of general interest and wide application.

Prior to the library, much time was spent in selecting topics and finding supporting facts and data. This time-consuming task brought forth the need for a safety library.

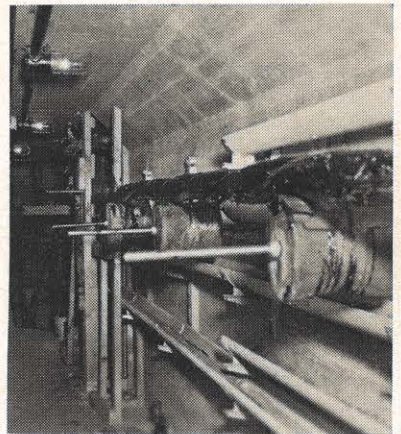
When the library was formed, all available safety literature was separated by topic and placed in individual subject folders. Excerpts from plant safety manuals were clipped so that each folder, as far as possible, contains extracts of the manual pertinent to that topic.

Other material on individual topics are clipped and included in the folder. Book reference sheets give suitable books on the particular topic as well as a resume of pertinent material.

Additional information is added to keep the folders up-to-date and a ready reference is also kept of movies, sound slides and other visual aids. The safety supervisor acts as librarian with the assistance of all supervisors who are on the alert for any material to add to an existing topic or to start a new topic.

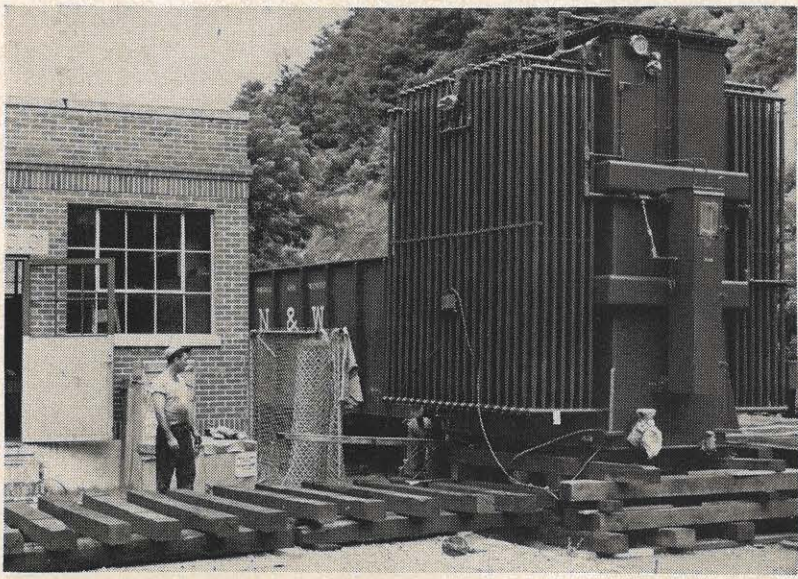


Pictured left to right at the start of the job are: James Hope, engineer with R. H. Bouligny Company (contractors); D. P. Minichan, Pulaski district manager; John Lewis, superintendent of Bouligny; Gordon Rohr, AGE Service Corp. engineer and cable specialist, and Paul J. Johnson, system hydro engineer.



Cables were pulled on this special roller structure inside the tunnel until they reached the final position. They were then laid in the trays seen against the wall.

Transformer Installed At Coal Creek



Members of J. D. Wingfield's crew are moving the transformer from a flatcar into the substation site.

J. D. Wingfield's substation maintenance crew recently had their hands full as they installed a huge 7,500-KVA transformer at the Coal Creek Station. The Coal Creek Station is located in the Bluefield-Clinch Valley district near Raven, Virginia.

The new transformer replaced two 1,875-KVA units and supplies Richlands, Cedar Bluff, Pounding Mill, Raven, Swords Creek and a part of Buchanan County. The large transformer weighed about 69,000 pounds and contained 5,000 gallons of oil.

Voice Of PBX Operator Kay Cornett Subject Of Hazard Paper Editorial

Kay Cornett, PBX operator, and her pleasant telephone manners were recently the subject of an editorial in *The Hazard Herald*. Kyle Whitehead wrote in part:

"Yesterday, I had occasion to call Arley Barber, district manager of the Kentucky-West Virginia Power Company, about a little information on golf. But before I got him on the line I'd almost forgotten what I'd called about. The voice that answered the power company phone interested me more. It was a woman's voice, a very soft and pleasant answer in this hurry world that many times pushes us to forget our manners.

"I asked Barber who had answered the phone. He just laughed and asked me why. I told him. But I still didn't get the name. But the tone of the lady is remembered today. I was wanting Arley in a hurry, but quickly I didn't care whether or not he was there.

"I have found the average telephone operator very kind. I wouldn't have such a job for love or money, taking the abuse of some phone users who expect it to be a private exchange where any call should go through in at least five seconds. I've been in telephone exchanges and watched the job, especially when it seemed that everybody in town wanted to talk.

"I guess most persons conduct themselves all right over the phone, but there are many who have yet to learn. The call to the power company made me wonder why all folks at the other end of the line couldn't be like that. A pleasant voice on a telephone is a good advertisement for any firm, and for any individual. The rate one pays for a telephone gives him the right to use it almost as he pleases. But it's good public relations to use it right."



Miss Cornett

F. R. Miller Takes Two Scouts On Big Western Camp Tour

F. R. Miller, Beckley district draftsman, recently climaxed two years' activity in Boy Scout work by taking two members of his troop on a western tour, including a stay at the famous Philmont Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico.



Mr. Miller

They took the hiking and camping trip known as the Kit Carson Trek on the 127,000 ranch which was a gift of Waite Phillips, "donated and dedicated to the Boy Scouts of America for the purpose of perpetuating faith, self-reliance, integrity, freedom and principles used to build this great country by the American Pioneer."

Russell first became interested in Scout work upon receiving a dinner invitation at a camp. After seeing the work involved in handling a troop, he decided to join and help all he could.

He has been assistant scoutmaster of Troop 6 in the Piney River District of the Appalachian Council since June of 1950. The troop has more than 60 boys. He also is a post advisor of the Explorers of Post 6.

Fifty-Seven Honored At Charleston's '52 Service Pin Banquet

Fifty-seven Charleston area veterans recently were guests of honor at a service pin banquet given for employees whose awards had been made during the first half of 1952. The banquet was held at King's Restaurant in downtown Charleston.

Lewis Spencer and J. E. Mathews, both 35-year employees, led the long list of service pin recipients as they were introduced and a resume of their past experiences given by department heads.

John S. Givens and A. T. Blizzard, both 30-year men; seven twenty-five year employees, and forty-six others with twenty years of service or less, were honored at the dinner. This group, alone, represented more than one-tenth of the entire Charleston payroll.

Also at this service dinner, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pugh were honored guests. Mrs. Pugh retired July 1 after having completed 23 years of service with the company. Mr. W. C. Ashworth, who retired in March, was not able to attend. He retired after completing 38 years of service with the company.

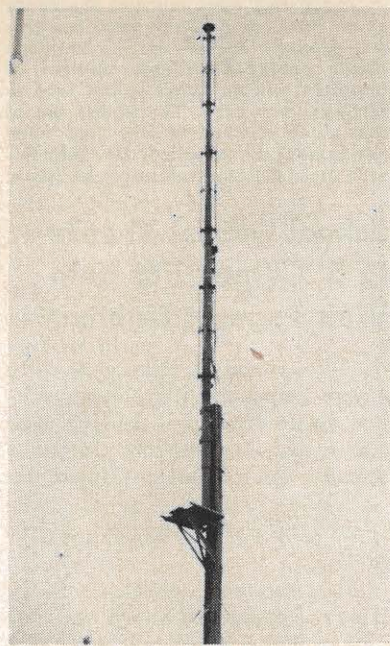
S. W. Lanham, Retired Worker, Dies

Silas W. Lanham, retired Cabin Creek employee, died at his home in Charleston July 28.

Mr. Lanham, born November 26, 1882, began his employment with the company in October of 1917. He remained with the company for about five years. He began his continuous service at the Cabin Creek Plant in August of 1922 and retired November 30, 1947.

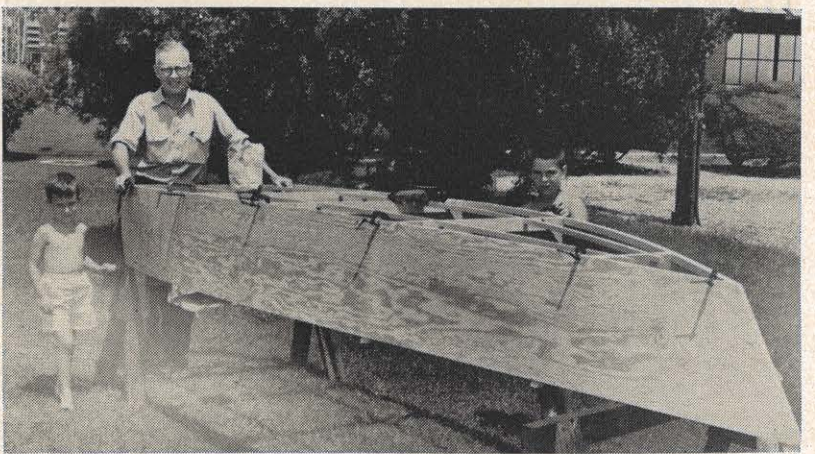
Mr. Lanham's survivors include one son, Zolla Lanham, who is a member of the Cabin Creek coal handling department.

Special TV Antenna



This is the temporary structure holding the old antenna of Station WSAZ-TV of Huntington. Appalachian engineers were asked to design the structure in order to keep the antenna in service while a new antenna was placed atop a 308-foot steel tower. This was just one of the many major changes made to elevate WSAZ-TV to the most powerful television station in the world. Power output was boosted from 17,000 to 85,000 watts on August 5 when the station switched from Channel 5 to Channel 3. This power boost with the other changes at the station converts fringe areas into clear reception zones. The company's job of installing a larger transformer and replacing the service drop was accomplished without interruption, as was the work done by the WSAZ engineers and electricians.

Build Boat For Fishing Grandmother



Making a boat is one thing — but building a boat for a seventy-five-year-old grandmother to fish in — that's one for the book. Lou Herr, chief operator at the Holston Station, Kingsport, above, is shown with his two sons as they build a 12-footer for Mr. Herr's mother, an angler who really loves the sport. Freddy says: "We're not makin' this boat for us. It's for grandmother. She goes fishing every day in Pennsylvania." The little 12-foot boat was completed for less than sixty dollars, which included the kit. Mr. Herr is shown with Freddie, left, and Alan, right. The Herrs expect to build their second boat as soon as grandmother's is delivered.

Leonard Rice, Retired, Taking Life Easy Since Building Home In Florida

Leonard Rice, retired Kenova plant superintendent, is just getting around to some leisure time since retiring May 1, 1950. He has been building his home in Clearwater, Florida, for about a year.

He says he feels "far from being retired" but believes he can "take life a little easier" since his house is completed. He moved to Florida in December of 1950 and moved their furniture down in August of 1951.

Living in a new subdivision called Skycrest in Clearwater, population 17,000, on the west coast of Florida, Mr. Rice says, "There are quite a few things Clearwater doesn't have. We have no factories and you wonder just how people live.

"We have 34 real estate offices, about 260 brokers and salesmen. They wear the loudest sport shirts they can find and plan to skin alligators in the summer and the tourist in the winter."

Of the weather, he says the nights are wonderful for sleeping. Regardless of how hot the days are, he says they always have a breeze.

Speaking of breezes, Mr. Rice said that they have not had any storms since he has lived there — "only a few little 60 mph winds." He adds, "The Chamber of Commerce is very active and they look after the weather.

"My only daughter has lived here for several years and we are living together now. I have seven grandchildren, two in Florida, four in West Virginia and one in Massachusetts. Quite a few of our friends have visited us but none of the Appalachian employees as yet.



Mr. Rice says of this picture, "I hope you don't become alarmed. My daughter suggested having a picture made dressed as I normally am. I think it is said that the manner in which a man dresses is the mark by which he is judged. That being the case, I will no doubt get a very low rating."

"I have come in contact with a number of interesting people since I moved here. I belong to a club called the Skycrest Civic Club, 230 members, almost all retired. We have monthly meetings and usually a speaker or movie as well as 'eats.' In this club I have met people from Westinghouse, General Electric, General Motors and men from practically all professions.

"How do I like Florida? Well, there are a few things I don't like, such as skeeters, gnats and bugs. But, they do have a wonderful climate, much better than any place on the Ohio River."

Abingdon Men Members Of Rescue Crew



A number of Abingdon district employees are members of the Washington County Life Saving Crew. Seven of this number are shown standing beside their equipment in the above photograph. Although the crew has been formed but a short time, they have accumulated an ambulance, boat, resuscitator, drags, hooks, and other types of rescue equipment. All members also have been undergoing rigid first aid instructions and emergency procedures. Appalachian personnel standing beside the ambulance are, left to right: J. J. Roseberry, vice president and director of the crew; W. H. Johnson, J. M. Orr, Dick Warden, V. O. Armentrout, Fred Nicewonder, John Orr, L. B. Lee and L. G. Smith. Henry Pierce and Fred Rosenbalm were absent when this photograph was made.

J. W. Scholtens Heads High School Band Drive

J. W. Scholtens, assistant Hazard district manager, was chairman of the Band Booster Club Campaign which raised about \$2,000 for buying and maintaining instruments of the Hazard High School Band.

As the band is not self-sustaining and the school is not able to maintain a band its size, the drive for funds was conducted with the cooperation of *The Hazard Herald*.

Veterans Get Service Emblems



These employees received service pins for 20 years or more service during the past month. Top row, left to right: A. R. Kiser, 30 years, system accounting, Roanoke; Marie B. Dunn, 25 years, Bluefield. Second row: Reese C. Scarlett, Jr., 25 years, Kingsport; E. H. Braid, 25 years, Charleston. Third Row: V. L. Spencer, 25 years, system billing, Roanoke, and Ernest L. Norman, 20 years, Bluefield.

Help Given Injured Man Earns Six Title Of 'Good Samaritans'

Six employees recently earned the title of "Good Samaritans" by helping a fellow employee finish painting his house.

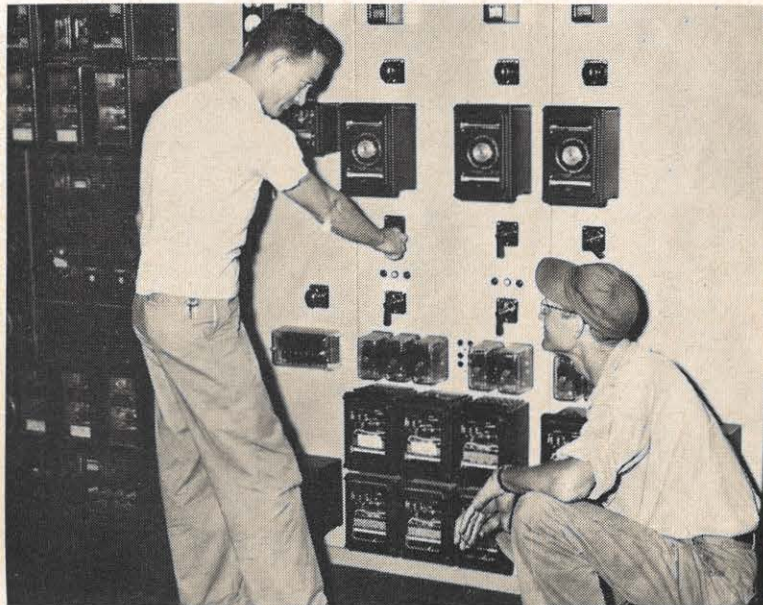
K. C. Brashear, Hazard district meter department, was painting his house while on vacation. After finishing about a third of the job he fell from a scaffold and injured his back.

Confined to the hospital for 10 days, he returned home in a cast. Several of his fellow employees realized his misfortune and decided to help.

Donning their work clothes, they took up brushes and finished the job. Taking part were Wallace Cornett, S. J. Cornett, Adrian Brashear, L. C. York, Donald Fugate and Robert Brashear, brother of the injured man and commercial manager at Beckley.

The Brashears showed their appreciation by serving the painters an old-fashioned country chicken dinner with all the trimmings.

44-KV Line Is Energized At Mullens



Chester Smith, who operates the Mullens Station, throws the switch energizing the new 44,000-volt line connecting Mullens and Lillybrook. Foreman C. F. "Preacher" Mullens looks on as the line is placed in service. The energizing of this line marks the completion of the second step of an improvement program which was begun in Wyoming County last fall. The first step included the installation of transformer banks at Mullens and Itmann.

Whopper Tomatoes



Paul Schneider, Philip Sporn Plant, not only raised a bumper crop of giant tomatoes but had to use a step ladder to pick some of his whoppers. Paul said there was nothing unusual about his plants—they just naturally grow big in Mason County. Some of Paul's plants measure as much as 10½ feet in height and have reached the eaves of his house and turned back towards the ground. All of Mr. Schneider's plants produced a large number of tomatoes and no special plant food or fertilizer was used. The plants are of the giant climber variety and keep the family well supplied. Mr. Schneider is assistant plant manager at Sporn.

School Official Thanks C. B. Cornett For Help With Pageant Lighting

"I am almost at a loss as to quite how to express my deep-felt appreciation for all you did in helping make our fiftieth anniversary pageant a complete success," wrote Miss Elizabeth Watts to C. B. Cornett of the Hazard district commercial department.

The executive director of the Hindman Settlement School was lavish in her praise of "Buster" and the company. "Buster" planned the outdoor lighting so that each of three scenes could be lighted while the others were left in darkness to arrange the next setting.

He also arranged the portable spotlights for a fire dance symbolizing the burning of the school at one time in its history. He spent two evenings at dress rehearsals in order to get the proper lighting results. Most of the necessary lighting equipment was loaned to the school by the company.

Miss Watts completed her letter by saying that his and the company's help made the celebration a high achievement. "Your generosity and loyalty to the Hindman Settlement School lends us real support for our work here," she summarized.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District — Harold Parks from line crew at Cleveland to serviceman at Elk Garden.

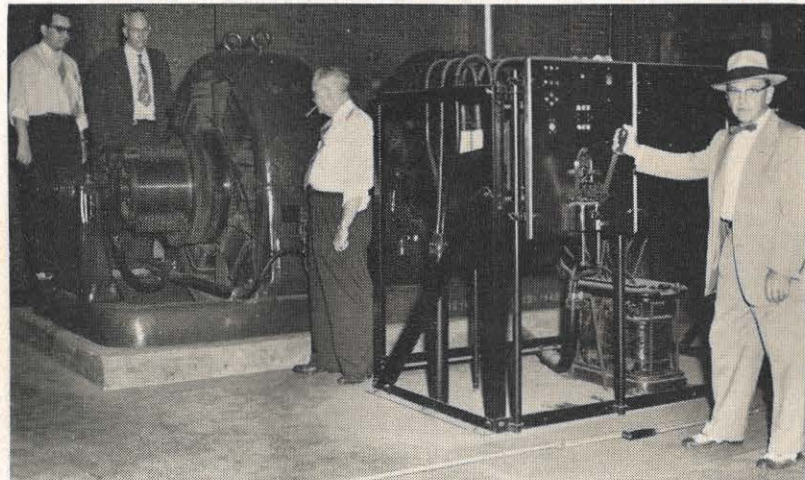
Beckley District — Mary K. Grogan from accounting department to commercial department, I. J. Jones from lineman C to lineman B, and E. C. Robertson from groundman to lineman C.

Logan District — Ralph Bragg from meter department to Madison office and Lester Toler from Madison office to meter department.

Logan Plant — A. V. Pack from utility operator C to utility operator B.

Sporn Plant — Luther O. Smith from coal handler to maintenance helper, Eugene Hesson from laborer to maintenance helper, and Gerald E. Clark from laborer to maintenance helper.

Throws Switch To Stop DC Service



C. B. Talley, district manager, throws the switch to stop the last direct current generator in use in Charleston, bringing an end to 66 years of dc service in the city. Watching the generator come to a stop on August 2 were, left to right: Ronald Hively, power sales engineer; C. A. Perkins, transmission and distribution department supervisor, and F. R. Frishette, division substation supervisor. As recently as January of 1950 there were 13 direct current generators in Charleston, all used to operate elevators. This last dc service was discontinued at the W. L. Smith Company, wholesale distributors. The first dc generator in the city was placed into operation in 1886 at Alderson Street by Otto H. Michaelson and Philip Frankenberger.



Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Ashland District — 30 YEARS: A. R. Surbaugh, main office. 15 YEARS: Oran G. Doran, Jr., commercial department.

Hazard District — 15 YEARS: Russell Muncy, engineering department. 10 YEARS: Ferman W. Berkhead, production department, and Everett Frazier, transmission and distribution department.

Pikeville District — 10 YEARS: John Lafferty, substation department. 5 YEARS: Gene B. Hale, personnel department, G. D. Ison, engineering department and Don Bevins, meter department.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

25 YEARS: Reese C. Scarlett, Jr., substation department. 15 YEARS: Joe D. Johnson, steam production department.

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District — 15 YEARS: Robert E. Crusenberry, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: Frederick H. Nicewonder, transmission and distribution department.

Beckley District — 15 YEARS: Ruth Wilson, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: J. C. Steele, commercial department and H. K. Evans, transmission and distribution department.

Bluefield District — 25 YEARS: Marie B. Dunn, PBX Operator. 20 YEARS: Ernest L. Norman, janitor. 10 YEARS: Charles H. Garrett, meter department, and Alonzo Henderson, stores department. 5 YEARS: William L. Myers, line department and Eulalia K. Footo, stores department.

Charleston District — 25 YEARS: E. H. Braid, distribution department. 15 YEARS: O. W. Withrow, and D. C. Parsons, meter department. 5 YEARS: R. E. Jones, distribution department, Kenna Judy, Jr., engineering department, W. C. West and J. E. Lovejoy, meter department.

Glen Lyn Plant — 15 YEARS: James C. Hare, Carl B. Patteson and Gordon B. Jackson, steam production department. 10 YEARS: Leonard E. McKenzie, steam production department. 5 YEARS: Edwin A. Painter, steam production department.

Logan District — 15 YEARS: A. O. Edwards, commercial department. 5 YEARS: Eunice Fitzgibbon, accounting department.

Logan Plant — 10 YEARS: J. J. Keck, janitor. 5 YEARS: Hurston Estep, Jr., steam production department.

Lynchburg District — 15 YEARS: Morris A. Langford, distribution line department and Henry T. Woodson, meter department. 5 YEARS: Kenneth R. Higginbotham, distribution line department.

Point Pleasant District — 5 YEARS: G. W. Yonker, transmission and distribution department.

Pulaski District — 15 YEARS: J. F. Brown, transmission and distribution department. 10 YEARS: I. R. Akers, Claytor Hydro Plant and F. M. Barger, Byllesby Hydro Plant.

Roanoke District — 15 YEARS: L. R. Thomas, meter department; J. W. Peery, substation department; P. L. Poff, Wilbur Guthrie and F. T. McLemore, steam production department. 5 YEARS: J. O. Hopson, building service; H. E. Chocklett, accounting department; Dorothy C. Wiley, accounting department; J. D. Payne, W. L. Dean and A. W. Bonds, steam production department.

System — 30 YEARS: A. R. Kiser, accounting department. 25 YEARS: V. L. Spender, accounting department. 15 YEARS: Margaret V. Winn, accounting department. 10 YEARS: Margaret G. Carter, accounting department; C. E. Brown, accounting department and J. G. Willhide, operating department. 5 YEARS: Mary W. Peverall, accounting department; Billie T. DeHart, personnel department; R. Bain Sinclair and C. E. Skeen, engineering department; W. E. Ferrell and E. B. Johnson, Jr., operating department.

Welch District — 15 YEARS: Leo Scott, maintenance department. 5 YEARS: Samuel Bowen, commercial department and Harold Walters, line department, Welch.

W. P. Jennings Takes Scout Troop To Camp



W. P. Jennings, right, Beckley district troubleman who is scoutmaster of Troop 126 of Winona, spent a week, in June, with these 15 boys of his troop at Camp Clifton McClintic at Williamsburg. Their stay was such a success that they are planning to return for a week this month. Mr. Jennings says that there is an indication that this second group will be bigger.

Safety Signs Bring Recognition To Davis In Operating Notes

J. H. Davis, Abingdon district general line foreman, received recognition as the author of an article recently appearing in A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes.



Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis' article, "Safety Signs for Substations," was based upon methods used to overcome hazards in the Abingdon district. The article emphasized the dangers of contacting a circuit with mobile radio antennae in the station yards.

Mr. Davis' signs, located in the center of the driveway, remind employees to lower antennae before entering. The signs are placed so it is impossible for the drivers to enter without seeing a sign.

Pt. Pleasant Wins Loop's Softball Championship

Point Pleasant district's 1952 softball team emerged winners of the Tri-City Softball League with a record of four wins and one defeat.

The newly organized league is composed of teams from neighboring towns in both Ohio and West Virginia.

East Rainelle Club Members Hold Picnic

Members of the East Rainelle office's Appaleisure Club enjoyed a picnic at Blue Bend in the Monongahela National Forest in mid-July. The outing was held in honor of O. C. Hall and his family who recently moved to East Rainelle from Beckley.

In addition to members of the club, the following guests and their families attended: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mitchell, Beckley; Miss Margaret Boyd, Beckley; R. V. West, Oak Hill; Tommy Patterson, Vale; Mrs. Courtney Wheeler, Beckley; Miss Romano Kidwell, Quinwood, and Robert Nunley, Quinwood.

Four Beckley Men Elected Officers In Civic Clubs

Waldo S. LaFon, W. E. Mitchell, B. H. White, Jr. and J. E. Hammer were recently elected officers in Beckley civic clubs.

Mr. LaFon, Beckley district manager, was elected to the Lions Club board of directors and made a member of the civic improvement committee. He has been a member of the club since coming to Beckley in April, 1951.

Mr. Mitchell, district distribution supervisor, was elected third vice president of the Lions Club and put on the special committee section of club entertainment, food, emergency and music. He has been a member of the club for three years.

Mr. White, local office manager, was reelected secretary of the Civitan Club and became a member of the membership, inter-club, fellowship and attendance committees. He has been a member of the club since 1948.

Mr. Hammer, personnel supervisor, was elected sergeant-at-arms of the Civitan Club and appointed chairman of the bulletin committee and a member of the dental committee. He has been a member of the club since March, 1952.

Snake Bite Victim Saved By Aid Of Ewen And Barnett



Mr. Barnett

Mr. Ewen

Quick action by two Hazard district employees probably saved the life of a woman who had been bitten by a snake at Viper, Kentucky.

Mrs. Eli Brashear was on the way to her garden when she was bitten by a copperhead just above the ankle. Shocked, she sat down and began screaming for her husband.

Burel K. Ewen, lineman, and H. C. Barnett, groundman, were patrolling a line nearby and rushed to her assistance when they heard her screams. They found her in a serious state of shock.

Ewen applied a tourniquet, lanced the wound and sucked poison from it with a suction cup from his snake bite kit. Meanwhile, Barnett treated Mrs. Brashear for shock.

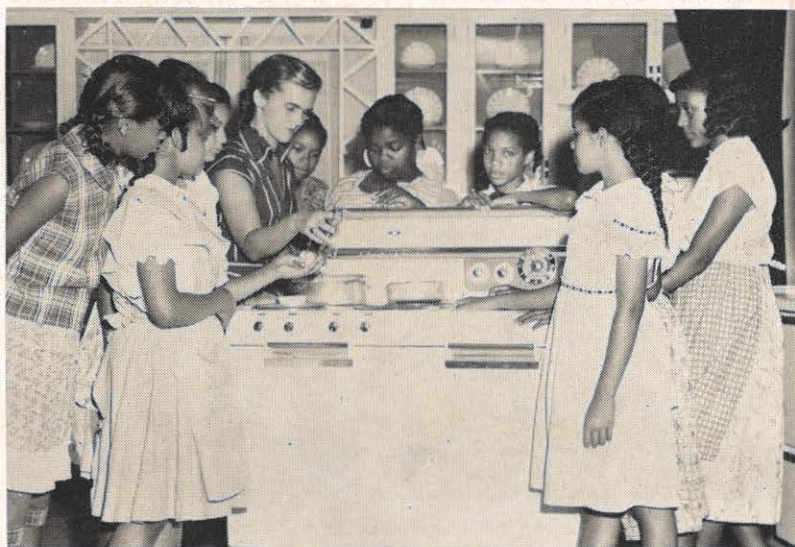
Due to the first aid treatment, she recovered from the effects of shock in about five minutes. She was assisted to the company truck and the two men took her to Mount Mary Hospital in Hazard.

After looking at the wound and seeing what the men had done, Dr. Golia said that the only thing needing to be done was to give the anti-venom serum. After he did that he told Mrs. Brashear how fortunate she was that the power company boys were close by at the time.

Mrs. Brashear said that she knew only too well how lucky she had been when they came to her aid. Crediting them with probably saving her life, she thanked them profusely. She returned home the same day and was none the worse for her experience except for a slight swelling of her ankle.

In the excitement, no one knows what happened to the snake from Viper.

Girl Scouts Attend Cooking Classes



Members of a Bluefield Girl Scout troop observe as Lucile Gills, student home economist, left center, describes methods used in the efficient operation of an electric range. The classes, composed of six sessions, were conducted at the Bluefield office and sponsored by a local appliance dealer. Upon completion of the course, the scouts earned merit badges in cooking, hostess and nutrition. On the last day, the scouts entertained their mothers and troop leaders at a luncheon they prepared. They also baked cookies for patients of the Morris Memorial Hospital at Milton. Miss Gills, who served as class instructor, is a summer employee. She is attending the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

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and Jack D. Martin, meter reader at the Pineville office.

Bob Smith, Pineville line department, has resigned.

Joyce Romans, accounting department, resigned.

David Barton, meter department, resigned.

Chalmers Bailey Made Chairman In Boy Scout Council

Chalmers M. Bailey, Bluefield division right-of-way supervisor, has been appointed general chairman of the camping committee of the Southern West Virginia Council, Boy Scouts of America.

This latest appointment adds to the many posts he holds in civic organizations. He is third vice president of the Bluefield Lions Club and

general chairman of its third division, a member of the Tri-Angle Sportsman Club, of the Chamber of Commerce, a chairman of the publicity and advertising committee for the V. P. I.-Marshall College football game, a member of Trinity Methodist Church and a member of a committee working on the project of erecting tennis courts for the Y. W. C. A. camp in Bland County.

Mr. Bailey is an active member of the Masonic Order, having served twice as master of Mercer Lodge Number 160 and past patron of Bluefield Chapter Number 66, Order of the Eastern Star.



Mr. Bailey

St. Albans Cashier Wins A New Range



Miss Frances E. Miller, St. Albans cashier, smiles happily after being named winner of a new Hotpoint electric range. Miss Miller is shown above as she accepts the range from E. A. Murray, Jr., Charleston district commercial manager, following the completion of a recent campaign. Miss Miller became eligible for the jackpot for submitting prospects resulting in sales. Mrs. Anna Lee Mullins, a Whitesville cashier, was another winner. Mrs. Mullins won a Toastmaster for having the high quota point total. Ed Jarrett, Cabin Creek Plant, also emerged first in his classification after a four-way tie. He won a deep fat fry kettle. C. G. Coughlin, C. R. Gillespie, and D. E. Hornbeck were tied with Jarrett for this prize and a drawing determined the winner.

Rabbits Prove Fast-Growing Hobby



J. D. Russell was among the first Abingdon district employees in a fast-growing business — raising rabbits. He is shown above with a doe and her present litter of eight, making 44 rabbits produced by this one doe in 12 months. The flock of the distribution department employee varies from 15 to 100. As there is a good market for dressed rabbits, his part-time business is not only profitable but also provides an interesting hobby. Other Abingdon district employees now in the rabbit business include Lewis Thomas, Ward Gillenwater, Jim Davis and Carl Carrico.

C. P. Peterson, Retired Employee, Has Enough Hobbies To Keep Him Busy At Bluefield Home



"Pop" displays some of the anvils he made at his workbench. He uses files, hacksaws and a grinding wheel to cut anvils from scrap ends of steel rails.

Carl P. "Pop" Peterson, retired Bluefield district substation operator, has enough hobbies to keep him busy at his home on Bramwell Road in Bluefield.

His main hobby is making anvils from scrap ends of steel car rails. He says that he only works on the anvils when he has some spare time. He cuts them out with files, hacksaws and a grinding wheel.

In addition to making anvils, "Pop"

also finds time to raise ducks and bantam chickens and usually has a fine garden in the summer. During the winter months he spends a lot of time making rag rugs.

Born in 1884, in Copenhagen, Denmark, he came to the United States in 1903 and became a citizen in 1919. He is married to the former Georgia Duncan of Bluefield. He retired in December of 1949, after completing 28 years' service with the Company.

Jack Good Splits Time Between School, Youth Club, Church And Home Activities

Jack Good stays busy. The 17-year-old son of A. J. Good, Roanoke distribution department, splits his time between 4-H work, church, school and home activities.

The Andrew Lewis senior has served as president of his freshman, sophomore and junior classes and is slated for student council president this fall. Since school ended in June he has not lacked for things to do during vacation. He has kept a tight schedule with 4-H and church activities.

He was a leader at a 4-H camp in Botetourt County, attended a 4-H Short Course at Blacksburg, attended the Virginia Methodist Youth Assembly at Lynchburg, attended the electricity school at Appalachian in Roanoke, attended Boys' State at Blacksburg and was Virginia's delegate to the North Carolina 4-H Short Course at Raleigh.

All of this is in addition to his home duties. Jack has about 500 white leghorns, all layers. He buys chicks in April and uses the summer for replacement and stocking. Jack made his own chick brooder—two of them, in fact. He ran tests and decided an infrared brooder was better than a regular electric brooder.

A member of Trinity Methodist



Jack Good

Church, after high school he plans to train for the ministry. Jack says he had a hard time choosing between the ministry and agricultural extension work but has decided he can "just about combine the two jobs as a minister."

Jack says, "I want to be a rural minister somewhere in Virginia. I'd like to work with 4-H clubs as much as possible. I think this particular combination, preaching and doing agricultural work, is a real opportunity."

Save Space On Radio Installation



Two Abingdon district employees, R. P. Miller, transportation supervisor, and J. M. Orr of the substation department, solved their service trucks' space problems for the installation of two-way radio equipment. Two boxes are used on the sides of the truck. They are out of the way and do not alter the limited loading space. Above, A. C. Hutton, area serviceman, demonstrates the new installation on his truck.

Charleston Storm Damage Handled Quickly By Forces

On August 16, a raging storm with winds clocked at 70 miles an hour struck the Kanawha Valley.

The storm caused heavy damage to the company's lines and equipment in the area, but Charleston district personnel cleared all of the trouble in short order.

All of the members of the distribution department were called out and many of them worked 31 hours without rest to clear the trouble.

The Charleston switchboards were so swamped with calls that an extra force of girls, including Pauline Lanham, Rose Ann Smith, Mary Alice Caudill and Helen Braid were called to help.

After the trouble was cleared, District Manager C. B. Talley had a word of praise for Charleston district employees. He said, "Our folks worked under difficult conditions and did a wonderful job in getting service restored to all of our customers. It was a job well done."

Trees were uprooted, limbs broken from trees, house roofs blown off and poles broken by the force of the gale.

The storm claimed at least three lives including two men who were killed when a home was blown over a hill at Cabin Creek.

Windows were blown from many business houses. Rooftops were blown off. Four small planes were wrecked at Kanawha Airport. One pilot, trying to beat the storm to the runway, had his plane flipped over as he touched the ground. Another pilot was pinned in a plane, when it was overturned while he was taxiing to a hangar.

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department, resigned to be married and live in New York.

Mrs. Anna Belle Hayes is a new employee in the commercial department.

C. R. French and J. H. Doud, commercial department, resigned to go with other companies.

Philip Sporn Plant

Sympathy is extended Richmond Riggs, plant chemist, on the death of his step-mother.

Charles Stanley, summer employee, has accepted a position as assistant coach at Middleport, Ohio.

Russell Fields, control operator, has returned to work after an illness.

New employees: William A. Ohlinger, labor department, and Paul E. Taylor, Ivan W. Layne, Edward W. Carder and Clarence J. Ackley, all of the yard department.

Cabin Creek Plant

Sympathy is extended Genevieve Farry and family on the death of their mother.

E. P. Young has returned to work after an extended illness.

Vacationers: Margaret Matheny and Marjorie Crawford at Colonial Beach, Virginia, and Washington, D. C.; W. L. Nuhfer and family in New Jersey; K. L. Farley and family with relatives near Indianapolis.

Point Pleasant District

Edith Nickell, managerial department, and D. A. Nickell, commercial department, vacationed in Florida.

E. M. Sterrett, commercial department, and family, vacationed in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee.

George Jeffers Gives Much Credit To Wife For Her Part In Helping To Build New Home



George Jeffers takes time out from his house-building duties long enough to sit in front of his new home which is nearing completion.

George Jeffers believes in giving credit where credit is due. That's why he says his wife Pauline should get a lot of credit for their new home.

Since they have been building their home without any outside help, he says she has become a good carpenter, painter and finisher. The assistant control operator at Sporn plant and his wife are now giving the story-and-a-half frame house the finishing touches. It has six rooms and a full basement.

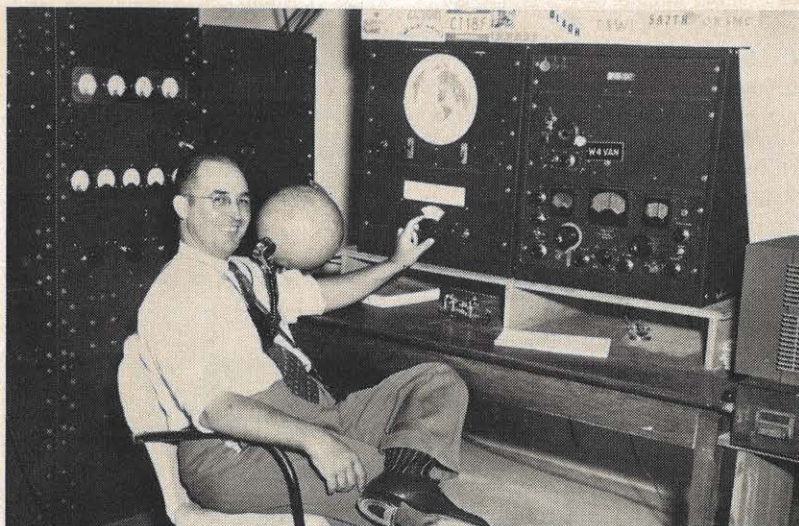
Starting in September, they were able to move into the partly finished

house in April. George worked on his house during off hours, week ends and vacations. Working shift work gave him additional daylight hours to spend on the house.

When asked if he would advise anyone to build their own home, George's first reaction was, "Don't do it." However, after some consideration he suggests you go ahead if: (1) you really want a house (2) you would like to save from \$4,000 to \$5,000 and (3) you would like to get a big kick out of the satisfaction of building your own home.

Wins National Recognition

Radio Ham Has Many Experiences; Talks With Prisoner And Ex-Archduke



George Guill smiles approvingly as a foreign station answers his call. His station, W4VAN, is located in the basement of his home in Roanoke.

George M. Guill, radio coordinator for the Southern Properties, not only operates his own amateur radio station, W4VAN, but ranks high in national competition for contacts and coverage. He has won both state and national recognition for his work in both voice and code.

In a recent DX (distance) contest which was conducted over two week ends, George made the sparks fly. He talked with 201 amateurs of 61 different countries to place fourth in the United States. While licensed as W8VAN in St. Albans, West Virginia, George won West Virginia's radio-telephone first place award three consecutive years. He was the state's top amateur in 1947, 1948 and 1949.

He estimated that in his 20 years of working amateur radio lanes he has been in contact with 160 countries on all continents. Contacts included persons on expeditions in remote parts of the world; state department officials in foreign countries; service personnel, missionaries, fishing boats, tankers, aircraft and other short wave hams.

W4VAN, Roanoke, is located in George's basement. With the exception of the receiver, oscilloscope and the V.F.O. unit, all equipment, including the antenna, has been built by George. Over the past 20 years, much of the equipment has been rebuilt many times in order to keep the station abreast of the best engineering standards. The station operates on five hundred watts of power and is used on any frequency within the 10, 20, and 75 meter bands.

As for QSL acknowledgment cards, George has a collection of over ten thousand from every corner of the world. A few are displayed above his transmitter.

In reviewing his varied experiences, it was discovered George has made contacts of short duration behind the Iron Curtain and had talked with everyone from prisoners to Anton Hapsburg, the ex-Archduke of Austria. In amateur radio, as in no other hobby today, a flick of the switch helps friendship over many a strange barrier.

Feminine Fancies

Bluefield Employee Revives Ancient Art In Her Herb Garden



Miss Heifner is shown as she works her herb garden.

Miss Elsie Heifner, a member of the Bluefield division commercial department, grows herbs as a hobby. Although the growing of these plants is somewhat new to Miss Heifner, she already has completed plans for her formal herb garden which she expects to start next spring.

Some of Elsie's herbs were started in flats early in the spring while others were grown from seed. Most of the plants are hardy and perennial but a few, such as rosemary, must be brought into the house during the winter months. Chives and parsley, also, are transplanted and kept growing in the home. Elsie's herbs include: chives, rosemary, parsley, thyme, sweet basil, marjoram, sage, summer savory, borage, dill and mint.

In Europe, herbs have been used for medical purposes as well as for culinary uses and fragrance. The colonists brought both seeds and plants to this country and in the early years practically all homes grew their own herbs.

Miss Heifner uses her herbs to flavor stews, sauces, soups and makes her own vinegar. This fall, Elsie has agreed to bottle vinegar and sell it at her church's bazaar.

Bluefield Girls' Club Has Outing



The Bluefield Girls' Service Club held its annual outing at Helen Sue Spangler's cabin in Bland County. Patsy Mahoney, chairman of the social committee, was in charge of arrangements. Shown in the photo above, left to right, are: Betty June Farley, Mary Kersey, Jeanette Brown, Pauline Hawley, Helen Sue Spangler, Lucile Gills and Margaret Ann Bradley. The girls enjoyed boating, group singing and a picnic supper.

New Arrivals . . .

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD PARKS are the parents of a daughter, Gloria Elaine, born July 19. Mr. Parks is employed at Abingdon.

MR. AND MRS. ESTEL CRABTREE are the parents of a son, Estel, Jr., born August 2. Mr. Crabtree is employed at Welch.

MR. AND MRS. CECIL KEEN are the parents of a son, Richard James, born July 28. Mr. Keen is on military leave from Welch.

MR. AND MRS. ALFRED PERDUE are the parents of a daughter, Kathy Dickson, born August 17. Mr. Perdue is employed at Welch.

MR. AND MRS. O. S. DAVIS are the parents of a daughter, Ruth Carol, born July 27. Mr. Davis is employed at Cabin Creek.

MR. AND MRS. J. P. GORDON are the parents of a daughter, Terry Lynn, born August 9. Mr. Gordon is employed at Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. L. S. GIVENS are the parents of a daughter, Sherry Lynn, born August 11. Mr. Givens is employed at Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM KIDD are the parents of a son, William Martin, born July 21. Mrs. Kidd is a former employee of Kanawha River Plant.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES YEAGER are the parents of a daughter, Sally Ann, born July 24. Mr. Yeager is on military leave from Philip Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. WALTER COUCH are the parents of a daughter, Janice Loraine, born August 14. Mr. Couch is employed at Philip Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. J. W. MUIR are the parents of a son, Gregory Walter, born August 17. Mr. Muir is employed at Beckley.

MR. AND MRS. JACK WYSOR are the parents of a daughter, Jodie Marie, born August 11. Mr. Wysor is employed at Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. ERNEST SCOTT are the parents of a son, born July 27. Mr. Scott is employed at Pikeville.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN B. HUNTER are the parents of a daughter, born August 5. Mr. Hunter is employed at Pikeville.

MR. AND MRS. C. F. HERBERT are the parents of a daughter, Linda, born July 27. Mr. Herbert is employed at Logan Plant.

MR. AND MRS. BILL G. HATFIELD are the parents of a daughter, Sarah Dean, born August 10. Mrs. Hatfield is a former employee at Logan Plant.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD H. EASTER are the parents of a son, born July 3. Mrs. Easter is a former employee at Huntington.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN B. BARTHOLOMEW are the parents of a daughter born August 17. Mr. Bartholomew is employed at Huntington.

They're Engaged

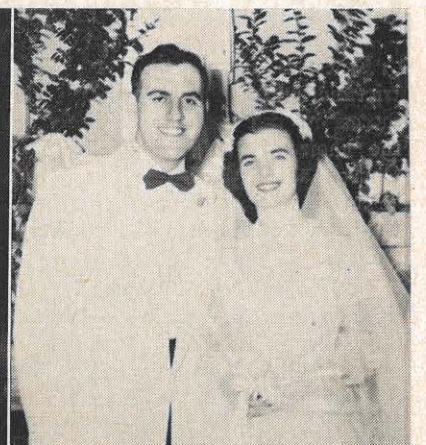
MISS NANCY KIDD to Pfc. J. R. Cooper. Miss Kidd is employed at Kanawha River Plant.

MISS LUGIE MASCARO to Joe Amick. Miss Mascaro is employed at Kanawha River Plant.

MISS BETTY KIMBLE to George L. Granger. Miss Kimble is employed at Kanawha River Plant.

MISS GAIL CHILDERS to James Dotson. Miss Childers is employed at Pikeville.

Eleven Couples Exchange Wedding Vows



Here are some of the recent bridal couples and brides among the employees of the companies. Top row, left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Wilson, Huntington; Mr. and Mrs. George Casey, Charleston, and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony

P. Quattro, Williamson. Second row: Mrs. Ralph Sorensen, Beckley; Mrs. Dorsie Drake, Logan, and Mrs. W. G. McGinnis, Charleston.

Hedinger-Sebo

Miss Rose Ann Hedinger became the bride of John Sebo, Jr., on January 12, 1952, at Greenup County, Kentucky. Mr. Sebo is a cooperative student working at the Logan Plant.

Radford-Gilbert

Miss Alice Ann Radford and James Gilbert were united in marriage August 10, at Fairmont, W. Va. Mr. Gilbert is employed at Philip Sporn Plant.

Patrick-Saul

Miss June Patrick became the bride of Wilson Saul on July 12, at East Bank, W. Va. Mrs. Saul is employed at Cabin Creek.

Lively-Sorensen

Miss Roberta Kay Lively became the bride of Ralph James Sorensen on August 9. Mrs. Sorensen is a former employee of Beckley.

Huntington . . .

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the board of directors.

Mrs. William Kirchman, commercial department, had her brother and sister-in-law from Grand Rapids as recent guests.

Dorothy Matthews, Madison office, had her sister from Blackstone, Virginia, as a recent guest.

Huntington District

Sympathy is extended J. M. Scites, right-of-way department, on the death of his son in Korea.

Mary Lou Young, Huntington system billing office, and husband vacationed in New York and Pennsylvania.

Clifford Collins is a new employee in the district meter department.

Huntington system billing office employees held their annual picnic on July 25 at Camden Park. After a picnic supper, employees and their guests enjoyed the park amusements.

Grace Buskirk is a new employee in the miscellaneous department.

Nancy Easter is a new employee in the accounting department.

Kiser-Quattro

Miss Mabel Kiser became the bride of Anthony P. Quattro on July 26, at Williamson, W. Va. Mrs. Quattro is employed at Williamson.

McCoy-Hatfield

Miss Wilma Nell McCoy became the bride of Joe E. Hatfield on July 19, at Williamson, W. Va. Mr. Hatfield is employed at Williamson.

Hossley-Wilson

Miss Jo Anne Hossley became the bride of Jack L. Wilson on July 26 at Huntington, W. Va. Mrs. Wilson is employed at Huntington.

Browning-Pridemore

Miss Erma Lucille Browning became the bride of Sgt. Naaman Pridemore on June 24, at Sumpter, S. C. Mr. Pridemore is an employee at Logan, now on military leave.

Accepts Honors



Mrs. Erma D. Calvert, Charleston meter department employee, receives a bouquet of roses in behalf of her mother-in-law from Frank Knight, editor of the Charleston Gazette and a sponsor of the Annual North-South Football Game. The presentation was made during the halftime ceremony. Mrs. Calvert's late husband Carl, who was Kanawha County Commissioner and an Appalachian employee for 30 years, had a scholarship given in his memory by the South at the 19th annual game. The scholarship was one of six given to players, majorettes and band members who participated. Scholarships are purchased through proceeds of the game which was started 19 years ago by the late Bill Calvert, Carl's brother. The South won the game by one point, 19 to 18. (Photo courtesy of the Charleston Gazette.)

Halbert-Casey

Miss Dorothy Louise Halbert became the bride of George Louis Casey, July 12, at Charleston, W. Va. Mr. Casey is employed at Kanawha Plant.

Wyatt-McGinnis

Miss Eileen Jeanette Wyatt became the bride of Warren Glen McGinnis on July 25, at Charleston, W. Va. Mr. McGinnis is employed at Charleston.

Frye-Drake

Miss Jean Frye became the bride of Dorsie Drake on July 23, at Ram-age, W. Va. Mr. Drake was employed at Logan before going on military leave.

Cabin Creek And Charleston Girls Hold Swim Party

Seventy girls from the Charleston district and the Cabin Creek plant attended a swimming party at the Kanawha Country Club on August 8. In addition to swimming, the girls played badminton, croquet, softball, bridge and canasta.

Door prizes were won by Elsie Walker, Phyllis Burns, Delores McDowell, Maxine Urwin, Virginia Wilson, Imogene Legg and Rosie Sandor. Helen Porter won the prize in the musical chair game.

Arrangements for the party were made by: Rose Ann Smith, Erma Calvert, Imogene Legg, Marie Simmons, Mary Alice Caudill, "Boots" Sisson, Mary Fike and Lois Wilson. Music was provided by Betty Frederick, Pat Toman and Jeanne Creasey.

Beckley Picnic To Be Held September 14

The annual Beckley district employees' picnic has been re-scheduled for Sunday, September 14, at the Beckwith 4-H Camp which is located near Fayetteville, W. Va.

Originally, the outing was scheduled to have been held at the same location August 24. It was postponed, however, in order to protect employees and their families from the polio epidemic existing in the Beckley area.

Ernest Layne And Daughter Help Build Choir Of Rural Church Near Lynchburg

Ernest D. Layne, Lynchburg district meterman, is justly proud of his success in organizing and directing the choir of the Union Christian Church at Madison Heights. He began his work at the rural church at the request of the dean of Lynchburg College.

In January of 1950, the choir had six members and needed assistance. Since then, Ernest has built the choir up to 17 members who sing each Sunday morning and evening. The choir also has sung at services in neighboring communities.

Ernest's daughter, Gloria, has been his assistant in this work as piano accompanist at rehearsals and church services. She graduated this year from Lynchburg College with an A.B. in Religious Education. Gloria has accepted a post in Indianapolis as secretary to the Director of Foreign Missions of the United Christian Missionary Society.

Ernest has been a member since 1920 of the Euclid Avenue Christian Church where he has served as Sunday School teacher, choir member and song leader. He studied music and choir direction at Lynchburg College night classes to help him with his work at the church.

Active in baseball and softball for many years, he has managed several league champions including the Lynchburg district team in 1949, the church team in 1947 and 1948 and the Coca-Cola team in 1940, 1941 and 1942. He has been with the company almost 11 years.



Ernest Layne and his daughter are shown at a rehearsal, typical of those conducted to build the church choir from six to 17 members.

Walters Is Honored By 'Jaycees' For His Project Work

John D. "Jack" Walters, assistant local office manager at Charleston, recently was honored by members of the Charleston Junior Chamber of Commerce for outstanding work. Jack was presented a briefcase in recognition of his work as chairman of the circus project which helped raise funds for the completion of a Boy Scout Camp near the Kanawha State Forest.



Mr. Walters

Jack is a member of the Kanawha Valley Accountants Association. He began his employment with the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company in 1941 at Ashland. Following four years of service in the Navy during World War II, he returned to Ashland where he worked until he was transferred to Charleston in 1951.

Pikeville Range Demonstration Is Helped By Rain

Take an outdoor cooking demonstration. Mix well with rain. Add the combined efforts of three Pikeville district employees.

What do you get? An excellent meal was the result at the annual Pike County Farmers Field Day on August 5.

Mary Lou Draughn, home economist, was presenting a demonstration of "electric cooking from the home freezer." Just as the food was taken from the freezer and placed in the oven and deep well cooker, a down-pour of rain came, chasing the farmers' wives to a nearby shelter.

Mary Lou called for John Rasnick and Bill Barnett, rural representatives, and together they came up with the idea of covering the range and letting the food continue to cook. She then followed the ladies to the shelter, leaving the food to cook as the rain poured.

She took advantage of the situation at the shelter to explain the value of the timer on the range and assured safety of electric cooking. When the rain ended, the cover was removed from the range.

To the amazement of some of the onlookers, a perfectly prepared oven meal was taken from the range and displayed. This alert thinking on the part of three employees turned an unexpected natural hindrance into an asset that spelled success for the demonstration instead of failure.

Beckley Club Holds Picnic At Claytor Lake Park

Members of Beckley's Appaleisure Club, together with their families and guests, motored to Claytor Lake where a picnic was enjoyed. In addition to the picnic, those attending toured the Claytor Plant and viewed the lake from the Mary Ingles, a company boat.

The Appaleisure Club is a district recreational organization.

Cabin Creek Finishes 1952 Softball Season

The Cabin Creek Plant's softball team completed its 1952 season by participating in two area tournaments, the Kanawha County and District Amateur.

The plant nine was eliminated in the county clash 6 to 3 by the Parkettes and the Sport Mart team turned back Cabin Creek 6 to 1 in the second tourney.

Gadget Overcomes Fishing Handicap For KUI Employee



Two KUI employees, Harold Powers, left, and Hoard Johnson, discuss a fishing gadget Johnson made for his fellow worker who lost his hand while working as a lineman.

Hopes for future fishing trips, his favorite pastime, first appeared rather distant when Harold L. Powers lost his right hand in an accident about a year and a half ago. Today, it is a different story because Harold is reeling in fish as he did in the past.

By using a specially constructed gadget, Harold not only baits his own hook but casts and handles the reel skillfully. The gadget, fashioned after a tip from another handicapped friend, was made by Hoard Johnson, a Kingsport Steam Plant employee.

Johnson, using a steel plate and a belt, fitted attachments to hold the rod, the hook while being baited, and mounted the reel for left-handed operation. The only attachment omitted was a device for getting the fish off the hook and this problem is under consideration.

Little League Stars



Sons of six Fieldale employees are members of four "Little League" teams playing in the Fieldale area. All have played well and three recently were named to the All Star nine. Shown above, front row, left to right: Eddie Gibson, son of C. E. Gibson, Pee Wee short stop and an All Star. Larry Beheler, son of A. B. Beheler, is the Rotarian's right fielder. Back row: Ronny Fudge, son of C. A. Fudge, is the first sacker for the Sportsmen and an All Star. Gary Sanders, son of G. F. Sanders, is a Sportsmen hurler and also was named an All Star. Larry Puckett, son of J. D. Puckett, is the second baseman for the Rotarians. Absent when this photograph was made is the sixth clouter. Michael Hundley, son of A. T. Hundley, is the center fielder for the Legionnaires.

Wins Trophy



L. M. Newsom, manager of the Pikeville district softball squad, accepts the Kentucky Championship Trophy from A. R. Barber, Hazard district manager. The presentation was made at a banquet following the Kentucky and West Virginia play-offs at Hazard. Perry Cline, captain of the Pikeville team, right, stands beside Newsom during the presentation of the award.

J. Lloyd Will Head 1952 W. Va. Tech's Scholarship Drive

Jack Lloyd, local superintendent at Montgomery, recently was named chairman of the West Virginia Tech Scholarship Fund Drive Committee.



Mr. Lloyd

The drive is sponsored each year to raise funds for 40 scholarships which are awarded to high school graduates.

Jack also is active in other organizations. He is a member of the board of directors of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce; formerly vice president of the Lions Club, and president of the Golden Bears, a West Virginia Tech Booster organization.

Jack is a native of Montgomery and was graduated from Montgomery High School and West Virginia Tech. He began his employment with the company in 1940 and was made supervisor in 1948. He is married and the father of two children.

Fun And Watermelon At Picnics



These four photos were made at four district picnics held last month. In the top left picture: The Meadows girls, left to right, Martha, Beth and Kitty, entertain at the Bluefield district picnic. They are the daughters of Howard S. Meadows of the Bluefield distribution department. In the top right photo: Some sons and daughters of Fieldale employees do away with a lot of watermelon. Left to right

they are: Larry Beheler, Michael Hundley, Marvin Lee Keene, Ronny Brown, Peggy Beheler, Jackie Fudge and Jackie Sheridan. In the bottom left photo, the cracker relay at the Logan district and Logan Plant picnic. In the bottom right photo, a lot of husbands did a lot of ducking in the ball-throwing contest at the Abingdon district picnic.

Sam Jordan, Retired Substation Foreman, Dies At Charleston

Samuel M. Jordan, retired Charleston district substation foreman, died August 5 following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Jordan was born at Newbern, Virginia, July 5, 1885, and attended schools at Newbern and Lynchburg. He was a graduate of the Pridemont Business College.

Mr. Jordan was first employed by the David Coal and Coke Company at Thomas, West Virginia. A year later, he became chief electrician for a coal company at Jenkins, Kentucky. After several years in the coal fields, he became a construction foreman for the Monongahela Power Company at Fairmont and in 1924 began work with the company at Cabin Creek. At that time, Mr. Jordan was employed in the substation department under M. A. Steckel.

In 1939, he was promoted to foreman and remained at that assignment until his retirement in July, 1950.

Mr. Jordan also was extremely active in church work. He had been a trustee of the Grace Memorial Church in Charleston for the past 26 years.

Abingdon Group Finishes Educational Training

A number of Abingdon district employees completed a course in Public Speaking and Human Relations.

The training was sponsored by the Virginia Department of Distributive Education through the high school in Abingdon.

District personnel completing the course were: L. W. Duncan, Joe Collins, Charley Hefner, Doris Fleenor, J. D. Russell, James Fleenor, Olen Quillen, Dick Warden, Paul Lethcoe, Charlie Johnson and Lewis Thomas.

Huntington Defeats Sporn To Win Softball Title

Pikeville Wins Over Roanoke For Third Place

Huntington successfully defended its title in the eleventh annual system softball tournament at Beckley, August 15-16. The defending champions beat a scrappy Sporn Plant team 4 to 1 in the finals of the tournament. It was the first time in history that a plant team had ever played in the tournament.

Pikeville handed Roanoke a 12 to 6 beating in the consolation finals to win third place.

Championship Game

Paul Baker handcuffed the Philip Sporn Plant batsmen on four hits and struck out 12 men to lead Huntington to the 4-1 victory in the finals. The defending champions got off to a fast start with two runs in the first inning on a double by Ted Smith and singles by Webster and Baker.

Sporn's Stivers closed the door on the Huntington hitters until the fifth inning. Singles by Perkey, Porter and Ted Smith resulted in another run. The battling Sporn nine scored its run in the sixth. Tennant led off with a single and came home on Sayre's triple, then Baker bore down to strike out the next man, walk another and then struck out the next two men to halt the rally.

Huntington added the final run of the game in the sixth on a single by Perkey, a walk and an error.

Consolation Finals

Pikeville larruped Roanoke 12 to 6 to win the consolation honors. The Kentuckians started out in a hurry by tallying five runs on singles by Weddle, Butcher, Zoeller and Prater, a hit batsman and an error in the first inning.

Roanoke came back with two runs in the third on a double by Powell, an error, and a single by Warrick.

The Kentuckians added four more in the fifth. The uprising included an error, a single by Prater, a triple by D. Ratliff, a double by Cline and a single by Charles. Three more Pikeville runs came across the plate in the sixth on singles by Weddle, Zoellers and Cline.

Roanoke came battling back in the seventh to tally four runs after two men were out. Bryant, Taylor, Powell, Hubbard, Leftwich and Warrick all got singles during the rally, but the four runs weren't enough. The rally was snuffed out when Warrick was thrown out going home.

First Round

Sporn defeated Welch 4 to 0 in the opener. Stivers limited the Welch batsmen to only two hits during the fracas.

In the second game Gene Ferguson, Roanoke's pitcher, held the potent Huntington batters in check for three innings before they could score. Huntington got its first run in the fourth inning and added two more in the seventh. Paul Baker limited Roanoke to only three hits during the contest. The final score was Huntington 3, Roanoke 0.

Semi-Finals

Sporn defeated Kingsport 9 to 3 in the first semi-final encounter Friday night. The Sporn team got off to a good start with three runs in the first inning and was never in trouble. Layne slammed a home run for the plant team.

Fireworks occurred in the Huntington-Pikeville contest which Huntington won 14 to 3. The defending champions scored once in the second and once in the top of the fifth to

The Champions



These are the members of the champion Huntington softball team. Front row, left to right: Charles Porter, R. H. Smith, Paul Baker, L. E. Perkey, R. M. Hoggsett, Jr., and Earl Wellman. Standing: Jack B. Butler, R. D. Webster, M. Cottle, T. R. Smith and J. O. Triplett.

take a 2 to 0 lead.

Pikeville came bounding back in the bottom of the fifth to tally three runs as the result of D. Ratliff's home run. Curt Charles held Huntington scoreless in the sixth and it looked bad for the defending champs as they moved into the top of the seventh. Charles ran into trouble as Huntington unleashed its big guns to tally 12.

Consolation Round

Pikeville and Welch squared off in the opening consolation game Saturday morning. The Kentuckians won 5 to 1 behind the three hit pitching of Curt Charles.

In the second consolation game, Roanoke's Gene Ferguson turned back Kingsport with 2 hits to notch a 14 to 2 victory.

T. J. Rose, Point Pleasant Rifleman, Will Shoot In 1952 National Matches

Thomas J. Rose, a member of the Point Pleasant district distribution department, recently won a berth on the rifle team representing West Virginia which will compete in a national tournament. The national matches will be held at Fort Benning, Georgia, during September.

In qualifying for the national event, Rose is a member of the National Guard's five-man carbine team. He helped to win the National Guard Gold Medal Cup by scoring 100 out of a possible 100 at the recent Fort Knox matches.

Tournament All-Stars



These men were selected on the all-star team at the system softball tournament played in Beckley. Left to right, front row: Pitcher Baker, Huntington; Manager Paxton, Roanoke; right field, Peters, Roanoke; second base, C. Porter, Huntington; shortstop, Sayre, Sporn Plant; pitcher, Stivers, Sporn Plant; third base, Tennant, Sporn Plant. Second row: Left field, Haggerty, Sporn Plant; utility outfielder, Russell, Kingsport; first base, Weddle, Pikeville; center field, Warrick, Roanoke, and Catcher R. Smith, Huntington. Missing when the photo was taken was Jones, utility infielder, Welch. These men were given awards at the ceremonies following the finals of the softball tournament. A special award was given to Maxie Dworknick, of Beckley, for being the best ball wiper and chaser during the tournament.

Roanoke . . .

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Roanoke District

J. R. Bryant, range service department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

H. D. Veasey, division engineering department, spent two weeks at Fort Lee as a lieutenant colonel.

Mrs. Louise Snyder was entertained with a surprise "house warming" party on the evening of August 7. Hostesses were Beatrice McGraw,

Alma Obenchain, Marion Bratton, Alma Wright and Mary White Jacobs.

Fieldale District

Harvey B. Merriman attended the annual Masonic School held in Blacksburg on August 11 and 12.

Vacationers: Irene Minter, right-of-way department, in Williamsburg and J. D. Puckett, local accounting department, at Great Smoky Mountain Park.

Mrs. Eunice C. Gravely is a new employee in the managerial department.

Action At The Eleventh Softball Tournament



There was plenty of action in the system softball tournament at Beckley and the photographers caught some of it in these photos. Photo 1: A Huntington player slides into third ahead of the ball in the Huntington-Roanoke game. Photo 2: A Welch player is safe at third in the Welch-Sporn contest. Photo 3: He's safe. A Huntington player slides in ahead of the ball in the championship game. Photo 4: This gathering occurred just before the start of the first game of the tournament. Umpire-in-chief Stover, in the dark

clothes, explains the ground rules. Photo 5: Earl Wellman, manager of the Huntington team, receives the championship trophy from C. W. Lovell, assistant manager of the Charleston division. Photo 6: It drizzled rain for a few minutes Friday night, but the spectators put up umbrellas and used newspapers to keep dry. The games were not interrupted. Photo 7: The dropped ball let the man in to score in this play. Photo 8: A spectator's view of the fine ball diamond at Pinecrest. Photo 9: Welch player swings and misses.

Amateur Radio Operators Participate In Nationwide Disaster Rehearsal

A number of Appalachian employees, members of the Charleston Amateur Radio Club, recently participated in a nationwide dress rehearsal for disaster communications. The rehearsal was in operation for a twenty-four-hour period and the four mobile stations and operators made contact with more than 500 stations over the nation.

The purpose of the field day was to test the operational skill and possibilities of both the operators and the portable equipment. The over-all program was sponsored by the National Association of the American Radio League.

Appalachian radio amateurs taking part in the rehearsal included: F. R. Frishette, Charleston division substation supervisor and president of the Charleston Amateur Radio Club; James A. Duffield, division substation department; C. K. Casto, division substation department, and George M. Guill, a member of the system substation department of Roanoke.

Mr. Frishette became interested in amateur radioing after World War II and also played an important part in the reformation of the club he now heads. Duffield, another ardent operator, is a member of the board of directors of the club. Prior to coming to Charleston, he was employed as a radio technician at Logan. Butch Casto is equally as enthusiastic about radio transmission and played an important role in the rehearsal. Guill, who now lives at Roanoke, was one of the club's most active members prior to his transfer.



F. R. Frishette, seated in the foreground, and J. A. Duffield, Charleston amateurs, attempt to make contact with a distant station. At the time of the rehearsal, their equipment was installed in the back of a truck located on a hill near Kanawha City.

Charleston Takes First Place In Sales Campaign

Charleston division took first place in the Seven Months' Sales Campaign in commercial cooking equipment. Following in order were Roanoke, Huntington and Bluefield divisions.

Representatives of the top three divisions attended an awards meeting at Nags Head last month along with winners in the campaign on ranges, water heaters, dryers, water systems and customer connections. Kingsport also received an award for topping the highest Appalachian division with 201.52 per cent of quota.

All four divisions were over quota with 158.81 per cent of quota achieved by Appalachian. By per cent of quota, the divisions placed as follows: Charleston, 177.35; Roanoke, 172.86; Huntington, 167.78, and Bluefield, 134.63.

The campaign resulted in a total sales of 10,056 kw in commercial cooking equipment.

Sporn Youth Wins State F. F. A. Honors

Warren E. Weaver, a Philip Sporn plant employee, won second place in the West Virginia Farm and Home Improvement Contest. The annual contest is sponsored by the state FFA organization.

Warren is a member of the Wahama High School's chapter of the Future Farmers of America. In winning these high honors, he competed with more than five thousand club members representing about one hundred FFA chapters.

New Peak Load

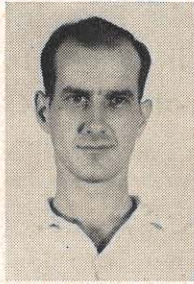
A new all-time peak for the production of electric power has been established along the lines of the Southern Properties. The new mark of 1,132,300 kilowatts was recorded for the hour ending at 11 A. M., August 19.

This new peak surpassed all previous records on the system and topped the 1,114,285 kilowatt mark which was established July 29.

The new peak is the third record established in the Southern Properties since June 24.

Johnny On The Spot

J. B. Bartholomew Works Fast On Trouble Call



Mr. Bartholomew

Sunday was anything but a quiet day for John B. Bartholomew who was working trouble in the Huntington district on July 27.

He had just left a fire where he cut the service in the clear and was on his way into town when he received a call at 3:49 P. M. He was told a man had been electrocuted and was still hanging on the line near the International Nickel Plant main gate.

Johnny rushed to the nearby plant and removed the man from the pole. He then called the Appalachian office and told them the man had been removed and was on the way to the hospital.

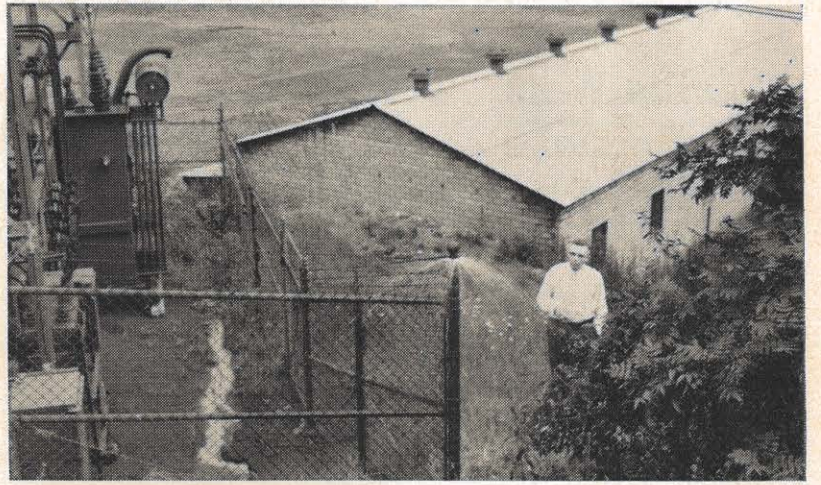
The time of this call was 3:53 P. M., just four minutes after he had received the first call.

The injured man was a painter who had been painting the 2,000-volt line steel poles belonging to the plant and had fallen across the three-phase wires. He was still hanging there when Johnny arrived. As the line had been killed by the plant, Johnny's rescue work was speeded up.

Although Johnny administered artificial respiration to the victim, the man died on the way to the hospital.

Johnny has been an employee of the Huntington district transmission and distribution department since July 1, 1947. A native of Huntington where he attended public schools, he attended Marshall College and served almost three years in the Navy. He is married and has two children.

Nature Installs Shower At Substation



Nature's own shower merrily sprays the area at Eccles substation despite the questioning look of W. S. LaFon, Beckley district manager. The natural shower from a corner post of the fence surrounding the station started after a lightning storm. Although it is not definitely known where the water is coming from, it has been assumed that lightning struck a water line under the post, forcing water up the post and furnishing the shower. At this time it had not been determined if the spray could be adjusted by the knob on top the post or whether hot water might also be available.

Four Report For Military Service

Mr. Locke

Mr. Drake



Mr. Russell

Mr. Kelly

Four employees left for military duty last month.

William T. Locke, Huntington district meter helper, entered the Army on August 7 and reported to Fort Meade, Maryland. He came with the company as a meter reader in June of 1950.

Dorsie Drake, roddman in the Logan district engineering department, was called to active service with the Army on August 7 and reported to Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He was employed April 4, 1951.

Two men from Sporn plant were inducted in the service on August 21. Harold Russell, tractor operator, has been an employee since January 14, while Gerald Kelly, maintenance helper, has been with the company since January 8.

Work Is Begun On New 66,000-Volt Line

Construction has begun on the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company's new 66,000-volt transmission line which will extend from Morehead to Helechawa, a distance of 33.5 miles. The clearing of right-of-way is under way.

In addition to the line, other facilities required in connection with the completion of the project include stations and switching equipment which will be located at Morehead, Index and Helechawa.

C. J. Bryan Named To Head Fund Drive

Clarence J. Bryan, assistant general manager of Kingsport Utilities, has been appointed to serve as general chairman of Kingsport's United Fund campaign to begin October 14. He served as campaign chairman for the city's first joint Community Chest-Red Cross drive last year and received an award from the Kingsport Times-News for his outstanding service to the community.



Mr. Bryan

In accepting the chairmanship for the second year, he said: "This year's fund-raising drive will require a good bit of work by a great many people. We're counting on the same splendid cooperation that put over the drive last year to help Kingsport reach its 1952 goal."

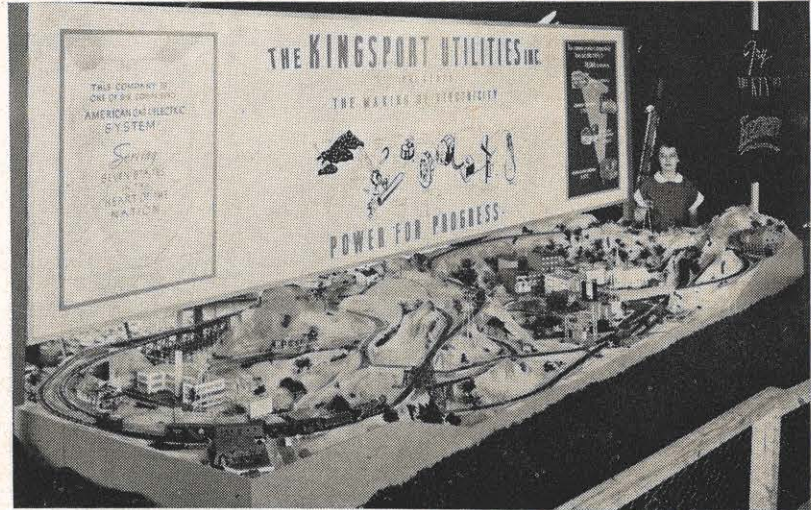
Company Changes Payroll Schedule

Effective September 1, all non-exempt employees will receive their pay checks every other Friday, rather than on the 5th and 20th of each month.

Employees will receive their checks on September 5 covering the last half of August. On September 19, non-exempt employees will receive a check covering the first 14 days of September and thereafter they will be paid every other Friday.

The practice of paying employees on a bi-weekly basis is widely used in the electric utility business. The change was made by the company after spot checks revealed that the majority favored receiving their checks on a bi-weekly basis.

KUI Has Novel Exhibit At 1952 Fair



Miss Thirza Benedict, a Kingsport Utilities student home economist, takes her turn at the Utilities' novel exhibit which was displayed at the 4th East Tennessee District Fair at Kingsport. The exhibit, using several model trains, illustrates the actual making of electricity from the coal mines to the steam plant and to the customers. Arthur Stair, power sales engineer, used his hobby railroads in completing the "Making of Electricity" exhibit. The display was viewed by hundreds of persons attending the fair which was in progress August 11 through 23.

New Floyd Sub-Station Placed In Operation

Appalachian's Floyd Station, a new 5,000-KVA high voltage transmission station, was placed in operation late in July. The new station is located a short distance from Floyd, Virginia, on Route 615.

In addition to providing Floyd County with a second source of power, the new station also will be beneficial to persons living in parts of Carroll and Patrick counties.

The Floyd Station is linked to the Claytor-Fieldale 132,000-volt line and will step the voltage down to 12,000 volts for distribution. In the past, the general Floyd area was supplied its electric power over a 12-KV feeder extending from the Cambria, Virginia, Station.

Joule Club Officers Elected At Camp Picnic



New officers of the Joule Club of the Huntington office were elected July 29, at a club picnic at the summer camp of A. T. Wilks on Bob's Branch in Wayne County. They are, left to right: Catherine Twohig, treasurer; Earl Wellman, vice president; Laura Collins, secretary, and T. Andrew Gilkerson, president.