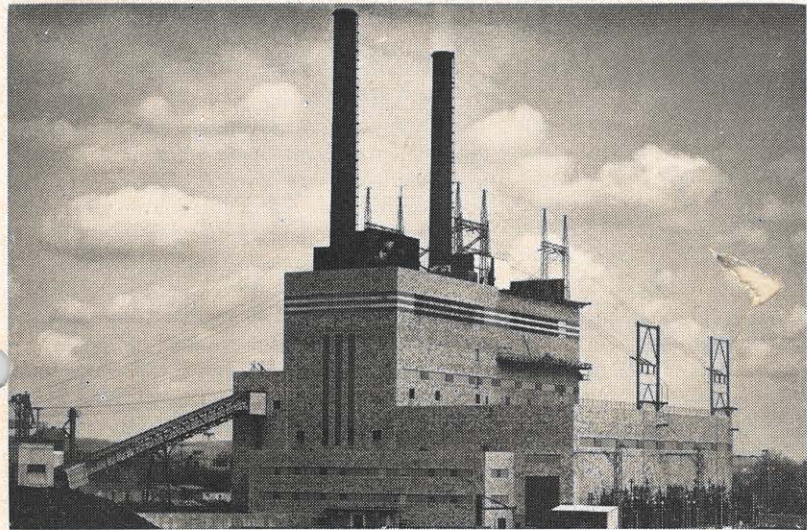


Second Unit Put In Service At Tanners Creek



Tanners Creek Unit No. 2 had gone into operation when this picture was made of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's newest plant which continues under construction. This was the second 150,000-kw unit at the plant. Construction on Unit No. 3, the company's first 200,000-kw unit, is moving forward and is scheduled for completion in 1954. The second unit is identical to the first which went into service in March, 1951. Boilers of both units stand 12 stories high and the steam pressures developed by their coal-burning furnaces exceed 2,000 pounds per square inch at temperatures over 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Excavation For Two New Plants Begins This Month

Construction was scheduled to begin early in December on the two largest electric generating stations ever built. These plants are being built by the Ohio Valley Electric and Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation to serve the new atomic energy plant in Pike County, Ohio.

Ground-breaking ceremonies on December 4 will mark the beginning of construction of the 1,000,000 kilowatt plant at Cheshire, Ohio, across the river from Point Pleasant.

On December 5, ground will be broken for the 1,200,000 kilowatt plant at Madison, Indiana.

Governor Frank Lausche of Ohio will break ground for the Cheshire plant. Governor Henry F. Schricker of Indiana is scheduled to break ground for the Madison plant.

Contracts for excavation work at the two plants have been let. George B. Herring and Son, Inc., of Mansfield, Ohio, will do the excavating for the Cheshire plant. Green Construction Co., of Oaktown, Indiana, has the contract for excavating at Madison.

Two 132-KV Lines Cut Into Station At Kanawha Plant

Two 132,000-volt transmission lines recently were rerouted and cut into the structure of the Kanawha substation at the Kanawha River Plant site. The rerouting of company facilities will link the new 400,000-kilowatt Kanawha River Plant to Appalachian's network of transmission lines when it is placed into service.

The Cabin Creek — Kanawha Number One line, originally the Cabin Creek — Bradley line, was the first of the two conversions to be completed at the plant site. The Cabin Creek—Kanawha Number Two line, formerly the Cabin Creek-Glen Lyn-Hinton line, was routed through the station early in November.

In addition to these two lines, the Sporn-Kanawha 330,000-volt, was routed through the Kanawha Station earlier this year.

Doyle And Wright Named Vice Presidents

R. E. Doyle, Jr., has been elected vice president of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company and J. E. Wright has been named vice president of Kingsport Utilities by the board of directors of the respective companies.

Both executives are continuing in their capacity as general manager of their respective companies. The appointments became effective November 6.

Mr. Doyle is a 22-year veteran with Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company. An electrical engineering graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1928, he joined the company two years later as a construction engineer in the Pikeville district. Later he became district engineer and, in 1941, district manager. He was transferred to the company's general offices in Ashland in 1947 as assistant general manager. He was promoted to general manager in 1948 and was elected a director of the company in 1949.



Mr. Doyle



Mr. Wright

Mr. Wright, a 28-year veteran, is a V. P. I. electrical engineering graduate who started his career in the Pikeville district of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company after his graduation in 1924. He was first employed in the meter de-

partment. He was transferred to Kingsport Utilities in 1926 and subsequently became power engineer, commercial manager and general superintendent. He was promoted to general manager in 1946 and elected a director later that year.

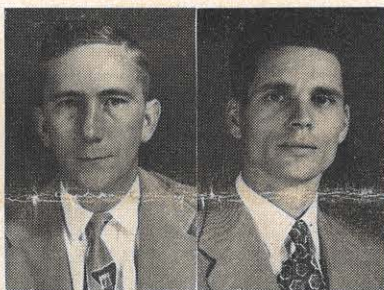
Hunting Accident . . .

Wounded Youth Rescued By Two Huntington Employees

Hunting season brought one near fatality in the Huntington district but two employees happened along in time. They helped save the life of a 17-year-old youth who accidentally shot himself in the abdomen with a 12-gauge shotgun.

Charles Ferguson and Lawson Bailey, commercial department sales representatives, were working near the Wayne-Lincoln county line in late October. As they went up a road to contact a customer, they discovered the youth who had walked about a half mile with a gaping wound since shooting himself.

Taking their car's first aid kit with them up the hill, they managed to get the wounded boy down to the road.



Mr. Bailey

Mr. Ferguson

While doing this, they sent a neighbor for an ambulance from a town about 12 miles away.

Since the boy shot himself at point-blank range, there was not a great deal they could do with first aid. However, they put him on a cot, kept

him warm and used compresses on the wound.

They were also successful in calming the neighbors. By the time the ambulance arrived, they had someone ready to accompany the boy to the hospital.

Mr. Bailey said, "We did feel pretty good about our small part the next day when talking to the surgeon. He commented that the youth would owe his life to the care he received before being hospitalized and to the Red Cross blood program." Eight pints of blood were given the youth before he could undergo surgery.

Upon checking hospital authorities on November 18, they said that the boy's condition was "slowly but gradually improving."

J. T. Duncan Elected President Of Kiwanis Club At Kingsport

James T. Duncan, local office manager at Kingsport, recently was elected president of the Kingsport Kiwanis Club.



Mr. Duncan

Since becoming a member of the club in 1944, Jimmy has been elected to office seven of his eight years of membership. He has served the organization as chairman of the finance committee; as a

director; and as secretary since 1946. Mr. Duncan also is active in church work. He is a member and deacon of the First Presbyterian Church and serves as vice chairman of the Board of Deacons. He also is chairman of the personnel committee.

Getting Ready For Christmas



Preparations for Christmas are evident on this quick photographic trip around the Southern Properties. LEFT: Family shopping in Bluefield. Mr. and Mrs. Moffett P. Kirk, Jr., stop with their children to look in the window of the Firestone Store on Federal Street. Susan Nanette spots something she likes while young Moffett considers some likely possibilities. Mr. Kirk is a substation maintenance crew member. TOP CENTER: Sporn plant maintenance man tells of St. Nick's visit. James Ball's children again call on him to read that old favorite, "The Night Before Christmas." Jimmy and Beverly look on as little Larry gets the favored spot on daddy's lap. TOP RIGHT: Wrapping gifts in home of Ashland employee. Paper and ribbon pose some problems to Betsy and Tommy who look for the solutions

from their mother, Mrs. T. M. Watkins, Jr. Mr. Watkins is employed in the engineering department. Suppose he could be the lucky guy for whom those presents are intended? LOWER CENTER: Shopping for Mom in Kingsport. Lester M. Safriet, serviceman, and his sons make a shopping tour in the J. C. Penny Store. Dallas, center, and young Lester, right, are pleased with the saleslady's suggestion but Louis looks like he still has to be sold. Mrs. Safriet note: They looked at some other things, too. LOWER RIGHT: Writing Christmas card notes in Lynchburg. Joan Pettyjohn, personnel department, wishes her friends good cheer in the cards she sends for "A Merry Christmas" and "A Happy New Year." Here's wishing you the same.

System Load Reaches New All-Time Peaks

Two new all-time records for the delivery of electric power have been established during the month of Nov. Both the American Gas & Electric System and the Southern Properties topped all previous records with their new peaks.

Monday, November 10, the companies of the A. G. & E. system delivered 2,826,100 kilowatts. This peak was recorded for the hour ending at twelve noon. The previous A. G. & E. peak was reached September 16. That mark was 2,724,800 kilowatts.

The new Southern Properties' peak is 1,176,400 kilowatts. This was recorded at noon, November 11. The new figure surpasses the mark of 1,132,300 kilowatts, established August 19.

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American Christmas

Our forefathers, starting with the ones who founded this country, brought with them many customs from their many native lands.

Although Christmas was celebrated throughout the Christian world long before the first Christian reached these shores, each country had its own way, or even several of its own ways, for marking this Holy Day.

As in everything else, this wide variety of ways for celebrating Christmas gradually settled down to become an American Way. And today, no country in the world can boast of a unified celebration of Christmas that even approaches ours.

Here Christmas is truly a national as well as a religious holiday. Here, not only in Houses of Worship of many denominations, but in our factories and shops, our stores and our offices, in our schools and in our streets, everyone joins in observing Christmas. Here, the spirit of giving, of selflessness, of love of fellowman, knows no barriers in sharing the season's joys.

Christmas parties, with caroling and refreshments with our fellow workers, have become general practice throughout the country. Under no other economic system would it all be possible. Only where men and their conscience are free will you see Christmas in the hearty American manner.

Talk It Over!

One thing that all of us can be sure of is that life presents problems from time to time. It's never "smooth sailing" for the whole trip.

How we handle our problems, however, determines in great measure the sort of people we are, the kind of lives we live and whether or not we can meet and beat the less pleasant aspects of our daily living.

When it comes to the subject of problems, you can put down this important thought for constant reference. To worry about a problem never gets it solved—and certainly does you no good.

When you face a problem, the only way you can lick it effectively is to talk it over with the person or persons most immediately concerned. If there's a problem at home, talk it over calmly and intelligently with your family. If it's a problem on the job, talk it over with your supervisor.

Problems disappear when we talk them over—not when we worry about them. When you talk things over, solutions come quickly. When you worry, you still have the problem to bear—and you feel much worse for wear.

—Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick

Your Opinion

What can we do, both at home and on the job, to strengthen the spirit of the approaching Christmas season?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

GUINELINE MITCHELL, Accounting Department, Welch.

Christmas is a time of loving, giving and sharing, yet it is true that often in the rush of buying presents, baking, decorating, and cleaning we forget the true spirit of Christmas.



Let us pause, then think of the words of the angels, "Peace on earth, good will toward men." If we have peace in our hearts and good will toward men, then as we go about our daily tasks we will be kinder, and more thoughtful to the members of our family, those with whom we

work, and to all others with whom we come in contact.

In many offices we have the custom of drawing names, then exchanging presents. Let us not only exchange gifts, but exchange good will, and loving kindness.

ERNEST A. CLAY, Meter Department, Kingsport.

There are many ways and means of strengthening the spirit of the approaching Christmas season.



First, I think that both at home and on the job we should ascertain the needs of those about us and try in every way to help them.

When one individual helps another it brings happiness to both and when an employee renders service to a customer it generates goodwill for the company.

At Christmas, we should redouble our efforts in trying to help others wherever and whenever we can. Christmas is a season primarily for giving and not receiving and when the world realizes this, it will have found the true spirit of Christmas.

Gifts We Forget

December comes and we're all caught up in the Christmas Spirit before we know it. In the bright bustle of preparing for the merry holiday season, Thanksgiving Day and all it meant seem ages ago...

And that's a pity, too—for in all our gift-giving at Christmas we tend to forget to give thanks: thanks for the fact and circumstance that we have gifts to give... generous gifts, and so many, many of them. Be thankful that, on the material plane, we have freedom of work, of opportunity and of ever-increasing advancement. And be thankful above all for the higher spiritual plane where we have freedom of worship.

America's Greatness

We Americans say that the Constitution made the nation. Well, the Constitution is a great document and we never would have been a nation without it, but it took more than that to make the nation. Rather it was our forefathers and foremothers who made the Constitution and then made it work. The government they constructed, did get great things out of them, but it was not the government primarily that put the great things into them. What put the great things into them was their home life, their religion, their sense of personal responsibility to Almighty God, their devotion to education, their love of liberty, their personal character.

—Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick

MARY ALICE SHULTZ, Accounting Department, Philip Sporn Plant.

To strengthen the spirit of the approaching Christmas season, we should remember that this time of year is for honoring the birth of the Christ child.



At home we should make every effort to give presents, and make bright a cheerful the surroundings in our own home. We can attend the Christmas services sponsored by our church and community organizations to spread the feeling of good will to others.

At work we can make our gift be friendly smiles and a cheerful attitude to others. We can take active part in any Christmas activities sponsored by the company, and remember that "Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting."

JAMES BURDSAL, Engineering Department, Hazard.

Christmas season usually descends upon us somewhat unexpectedly with a significant feeling of unpreparedness. We make hasty, last minute plans for the arrival of Old St. Nicholas. The spirit of Christmas runs high, but the meaning is lost.



The spirit of the approaching Christmas season can be strengthened by freely practicing charity and by expressing a sincere faith in others. At home, and on the job we should remember that the act of receiving is not the spirit of Christmas. Charity for others often brings greater joy and happiness to those giving than to those receiving.

The little child is the true spirit of Christmas. His faith in us is unending. As adults, our faith in each other should be as genuine as that of a child. We should recall the event that occasioned this joyous season and make a more sincere effort to practice charity and to express a deeper faith in our fellow men.

W. E. FORTUNE, Mechanical Maintenance, Logan Plant.

The approaching Christmas season means to me a commemoration of the birth of Christ, which is eternal life to lost man.



With this in mind we should teach our family at home that it is not the exchanging of gifts that matters, but in reality it is a reminder of the birth of Christ.

In order to strengthen the approaching spirit of the Christmas season on the job, we can talk over with our fellow workers the true meaning of Christmas, which is not to create a financial problem at the beginning of the new year, but to start the new year off with a heart filled with joy, because we have realized the full spiritual value of Christmas.

Progress And Faith

All progress is made by men of faith who believe in what is right, and, even more important, actually do the right in their private affairs. You cannot add to the peace and good will of the world if you fail to create an atmosphere of harmony and love right where you live and work.

—Thomas Dreier

ANNISE CRAIG, Managerial Department, Roanoke.

The days before Christmas for Mary were glorious days of anticipation for unto her was to be born the Savior of the World. In our busy planning for the celebration of Christmas, we almost forget its real meaning.



The spirit of the approaching Christmas season will be strengthened if we hold sacred in our hearts our Savior's birth—remembering, too, that cherished gifts are gifts of love, service, kindness and cheerfulness—these live on after Christmas Eve.

No room at the Inn for the Christ Child to be born—no room for Him in our plans for the celebration of His birth! The more room Christ has in our hearts as we approach the Christmas season, the more meaningful Christmas will be.

S. S. SNIDOW, System Transportation Department, Roanoke.

The Christmas season is the name given to the celebration of the birthday of our Lord. He came into this world to bring peace and good will to men.



Nations are finding it hard to live together peacefully, but we as men working together on the job should find peace, harmony, and good will reigning supreme. Doing our day's work to the best of our ability, with the satisfaction that it has been well done, will

insure this peace. On Christmas day in the home, all should be glad. Christmas is a time for family reunion and the giving of gifts. Music, song and laughter also have their places in the Yuletide season. But above all things that may engage our attention, the worship of Christ should come first on His birthday at Christmas.

A Brief Biography Of Jesus Christ

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

While still a young man the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies.

He went through a mockery of trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that not all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have ever affected the life of a man upon this earth as powerfully as has this one solitary LIFE.

—Attributed to Phillips Brooks

C. B. Talley Named 'Chief Red Feather' For Charleston Community Chest Work

"Chief Red Feather" was the honorary title bestowed upon C. B. Talley, Charleston district manager, for his work as general chairman of the Greater Kanawha Valley Community Chest Campaign.

At a final report and recognition meeting ceremony, Mr. Talley was adorned with an Indian headdress to go with his title. John T. Gelder, president of the Community Chest who made the presentation, credited Mr. Talley with keeping the Community Chest alive through his untiring efforts.

Campaign slogan was "Talley Ho! Let's Go." Mr. Talley made a scarlet hat with a large red feather famous through his many public appearances in connection with the campaign.

The Community Chest received \$299,405, a new high for the area served by the 21 different organizations helped by the Chest. Over 2,000 workers helped produce the successful report.

Charleston district employees exceeded their quota by more than 24 per cent. This represented an increase over last year of more than 50 per cent.



Mr. Talley

Huntington Employees Hear Police Officer

Major R. W. Boyles, executive officer and training director of the West Virginia State Police School, spoke to Huntington district employees on November 10 and 11. His educational presentation was based upon the excerpt from Shakespeare that "all the world's a stage."

He discussed the prevention and cause of automobile accidents.

Completion Of Oak Hill Local Office Observed With Opening Day Ceremony



The new Oak Hill office is shown shortly after completion in October

Opening day ceremonies at the Oak Hill office building marked completion of the new building on Main Street.

This Beckley district local office was visited during opening day ceremonies by the public who served cookies and coffee prepared by home economists. Guests on October 28 included Claude Hill, mayor of Oak Hill; C. W. Lovell, assistant Charleston division manager; E. C. Flannery, division local office manager, and H. L. Fennell, division superintendent.

The new office is 25 feet wide and 113 feet deep, providing space for an auditorium, demonstration kitchen, accounting department and display area. At the rear is a service room. Attached to the service room is a garage and loading platform. The office is located in a building which houses other offices and a store.

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Oak Hill office personnel, left to right, first row: Ruth Cokeley, home economist; H. D. Shuck, line foreman; Jean Brash, cashier; H. E. Sizemore, troubleman, and Betty F. Yeager, clerk. Second row: R. T. Honaker, meter reader; L. R. Martin, groundman; A. B. Lilly, groundman; S. S. Scott, truck driver; Charles Flint and Kyle Ellison, linemen. Third row: T. L. Humphries, appliance serviceman; R. V. West, collector, and W. C. McMahan, local superintendent. Absent from the picture are Charles Ellison and J. S. McLain, troublemen.

Charleston Men Help In Forest Fire Emergency

Radio ham operators have provided a very real public service during times of national emergency. They recently proved their worth on a state level during the West Virginia forest fire emergency.

Heading a phase of this activity was Forrest R. Frishette, Charleston division substation supervisor, who is president of the Charleston Amateur Radio Club, an affiliate of the National Amateur Radio Relay League. This club was one of the radio groups and individuals which worked together with the State Conservation Commission during the emergency.

Mr. Frishette along with J. A. Duffield and C. F. Casto, electronic engineers of the Charleston office, set up a station in a company truck on Paint Creek. The station was later moved into the Kanawha State Forest. Amateurs from all over the state provided mobile receiving and sending units, strategically placed so as to best assist the Conservation officials in dispatching fire-fighting crews to danger areas.

The station operated by Mr. Frishette was manned round-the-clock during the emergency, October 25—November 7. Businesses in the fire area released employees who were amateur radio operators during the time so they could assist in the activities. Mr. Frishette says more than 1,000 messages were handled through the net control station during this period.

Mr. Frishette says that atmospheric conditions existed in the area during periods of the night that made it impossible for stations in the local net to communicate with each other. Radio waves would be picked up by distant stations when they could not be picked up a short distance from the local transmitter.

He tells of ham operators as far away as Hartford, Connecticut, and Little Rock, Arkansas, who offered their services and kept their stations operating all night during this emergency to relay messages back to local fire control stations which, in turn, delivered messages to state employees in charge of the fire control station.

The Conservation Commission expressed its gratitude for the part the radio operators played during the emergency and said they would have been lost without their communications network.

A Helping Hand



Zelda Ann Alderson enters the mobile chest x-ray unit which recently spent three days in the Bluefield area. Zelda, a Bluefield district commercial department employee, posed for the picture as a reminder that a free chest x-ray to detect tuberculosis is one of the services made possible through your purchase of Christmas Seals. Won't you help fight this dread disease by buying Christmas Seals?

Lament Of Your Reporter

Gets Kick In Several Ways From Reporting Job On 'The Illuminator'

No—it's no secret. I am your reporter for THE ILLUMINATOR.

And the truth is, I like the job pretty well. In fact, I get a kick out of it. But that brings to mind some painful points to this brief tale.

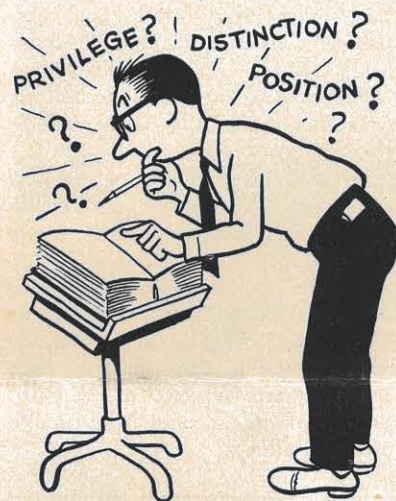
When I took this job, in addition to my regular duties, I was told it was "a privilege, a distinction and a position whereby I might observe and relate the activities of my fellow employees." Since then, I have begun to doubt some of these words.

As you know, we reporters think of words as our "stock in trade." So it was that I started thinking about what those words meant. To avoid any doubt, I consulted the dictionary. Here's what I found:

Privilege is a peculiar benefit. That's right because any benefit I get from this job would be peculiar.

Distinction means distinguishing a difference. I sure have distinguished a difference in the attitude of fellow employees ever since I took the job.

Position can mean place or spot. There's no doubt that I'm on the spot all the time with this job.



As a reporter I must observe and relate. I've tried my best but I sometimes don't observe as I should. As for relate, if I told one small part of what I hear, I'd get fired, quartered, lashed to the mizzenmast or put on the torture racks.

To make a tale is fine as far as the dictionary is concerned, but I try it and what do I get? My tale gets kicked around in the most undignified manner. Sometimes I think

they used the wrong spelling there, too.



I'm a reporter—so be it. My job is to help make THE ILLUMINATOR a well read, liked and appreciated newspaper for fellow employees and their families. I try to help give them enlightenment, pleasure and understanding.

Sometimes I'm not as successful as I would like to be. When I write something about someone I say too much or too little or leave out the important things and give the unimportant.

But I know this much. They read our newspaper.

I'm held personally responsible if it isn't out on the day it should be and there are dozens who come to me and want to know why. And they never, never fail to come to me with any mistakes they find. So they must read it.

I am your reporter. I have only two eyes, two ears, two hands and one mind. At least I think I'm equipped with a mind despite some of the comments I've heard to the contrary. But with your eyes, ears and hands helping me, what a wonderful newspaper we could produce.

If you'd just jot down or tell me the interesting things that go on about you that other folks would like to know, the dark clouds would be gone forever. Then the bright sunshine would creep into my soul. Then, and only then, would I again be as happy and carefree as you employees who are not reporters.

Charleston Safety Supervisor Honored



Carter Burnette, center, admires the luggage recently presented to him by district friends. L. M. Cobbs, left, and W. R. Witzel, look on approvingly.

J. Carter Burnette, Charleston district safety supervisor, recently was honored by fellow employees as he prepared to leave the district after twenty-three years of service. Mr. Burnette has been transferred to the Kanawha River Plant where he will assume the safety duties.

At a surprise meeting, which was attended by a large number of district employees, W. R. Witzel, district personnel supervisor, presented Carter

with a piece of luggage. The gift was purchased by Mr. Burnette's friends throughout the district.

Carter was employed by the company as a tree surgeon in October, 1929. Later, he became a line foreman and in 1940, he was made safety inspector and has supervised the district safety activities since 1940.

Prior to being employed by Appalachian, Mr. Burnette worked as city forester at his home in Louisville.

Bluefield Division

Pulaski District

Mrs. Roland Dalton, wife of the stores department employee, is recuperating after an operation.

Cadet Fred Carrico of Hargrave Military Academy, was home on fall leave. He is the son of F. L. Carrico, stores supervisor.

Elizabeth Ryan, director of the Polio division at the Medical College of Virginia, is recuperating, after an operation, at the home of her brother, Thomas Ryan.

Sympathy is extended George Chumbley on the death of his sister.

J. J. Duncan has returned to work after an illness.

Sympathy is extended Annie Francis, Marion, on the death of her mother.

Carl Schmidt, accounting department, began his term in October as superintendent of the Sunday School at Woman's Memorial Lutheran Church. He is on the church council and is president of the brotherhood.

Evelyn Buckland, distribution department, has received word that a son has been born to her sister in Peru. Her sister's husband works for a copper corporation as a veterinarian.

Dewey E. Parks, Hillsville line-man, has returned to work after an illness.

Ola Velda Melton, daughter of Arthur who is a Hillsville lineman, enrolled at the University of Tennessee Medical Unit in Memphis. She is taking a course in dental hygiene.

Glen Lyn Plant

Sympathy is extended J. Grant Carr on the death of his mother.

Mrs. Ira Wiley and Mrs. Roy Risley, wives of employees, are recuperating after illnesses.

L. E. Turner was host to Bluefield Camera Club members who were shown his collection of colored slides and shown through the plant.

The quarterly meeting of Glen Lyn supervisors at the General MacArthur Hotel was also attended by J. A. Mundy of Roanoke and L. H. Saunders and C. B. Yearout of Bluefield.

Abingdon District

Russell Fleenor, employee on military leave, visited the Abingdon office.

Gordon Barlow, area sales representative, resigned.

Claud K. Kirkland, assistant district manager, represented the Central School Board of Abingdon at a School Trustee meeting in Richmond.

L. C. Valley, line foreman, served as judge on the Community Improvement Judging Contest in Scott County.

Welch District

Willard Horne, line department, resigned to operate a farm in the State of Washington.

C. E. Caldwell, retired employee living in Florida, visited the office.

New employees include Jane Bearre, Jerry Clements, Paul Corder and Elmer Takach.

Richard J. Wood, commercial manager, has been appointed publicity chairman for the United Appeal Drive for McDowell County.

Wallace Shrader, substation record (See Bluefield, page 11)

Happenings...



Around the Circuit



... among employees and their families

Roanoke Division

System

James T. Tilson, real estate and right-of-way department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

W. H. Viperman and Harry R. Shumate, real estate and right-of-way department, have returned to work after two years' service in the Army.

Roanoke District

Sympathy is extended Mary Lou Wirt, local accounting office, on the death of her father.

Helen Phillips, daughter of Nelle of the local accounting office, was home on military leave upon completion of boot camp training at Bainbridge, Md.

Henry Dearing, local accounting office, has returned to work after an illness.

A group of employees of the local accounting office went to "Yearly Haven" at Bennetts Spring for a buffet supper.

Barbara Boitnott, rural and residential sales department, attended the United Christian Youth Conference in Richmond as a representative from the Southern District of Virginia. She attends the Boones Mill Church of the Brethren.

Fieldale District

Mrs. Jewell Wigginton, transmission and distribution department, has returned to work after an illness.

J. Clinton Luther, distribution department, transferred to the local accounting department.

Lewis Ingram, local accounting department, transferred to the meter department.

Lynchburg District

Sympathy is extended A. W. Haley, meter department, on the death of his father.

Boy Wins TV Set



Lucky 5-year-old Gary Stoner, son of D. B. Stoner, stands in front of the 17-inch Sylvania television set he won in a contest among 5,000 entries. He stands between his father, Roanoke head cashier on the right, and M. D. Wagner, president of Eastern Stores, Inc., which conducted the contest upon opening their new store in Roanoke.

E. N. Leftwich, distribution-line department, has returned to work after an illness.

W. E. Crouch, distribution-line department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Sympathy is extended Eliza McDaniel, accounting department, on the death of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Tibbs attended the state convention of the Parent-Teachers Association in Roanoke. They were delegates from T. C. Miller School where Mrs. Tibbs is president of the P. T. A.

Peggy J. Hailey, office messenger, is a new employee.

Kentucky

Pikeville District

Martha Rutherford, accounting department, resigned.

Doris Swindall is a new employee in the accounting department.

Phyllis Greer Arnett, accounting department, resigned to join her husband who is in military service.

L. M. Newsom, district records supervisor, has returned to work after an illness.

Ashland District

New employees include Nancy Irvin, Glen Gilbert and Hugh F. Eads, all in the local office, and Bob E. Hall, substation department.

Eddie Stewart, local office, transferred to the stores department.

Thelma Hall, local office, resigned.

Frank Alexander, serviceman who is a scoutmaster, spoke at a meeting of the Rotary Club at Prichard High School where Grayson Boy Scouts and their leaders were honored at a dinner.

Hazard District

K. C. Brashear has returned to work after recovering from a back injury.

Kingsport

Mrs. Louise McAlpine is a new home economist.

Mrs. Gladys Chandler, former home economist, is recovering from an appendectomy. Mr. Chandler is an engineer in the distribution department.

Paul Carter has returned to work in the engineering department after serving two years in the armed forces.

Kenneth Ingram, 8-year-old son of Ballard, was elected king of his class at a Halloween carnival at Liberty Hill School. Mr. Ingram is employed in the meter department.

Mrs. C. A. Thornburg is recuperating after an illness. Mr. Thornburg was vice president and general manager before retiring.

"Doc" Collins, steam production department, has returned to work after an operation.

Kingsport High School band with (See Kingsport, page 5)

Huntington Division

Williamson District

Steve Apple, co-operative student from the University of Cincinnati, has returned to work in the commercial department.

Mrs. Jenny Taylor is leaving for Germany where she will join her husband Okey, who is a transmission and distribution department employee on military leave with the Army.

Logan Plant

Ray Pridemore returned to work after an illness.

Mrs. J. J. Keck, wife of the plant janitor, is recovering after an illness.

C. E. Baisden is a new employee in the chemical laboratory.

Logan District

Virgil C. Mauck, chief draftsman, returned to work after an illness.

Howard J. Collins, chairman of the Logan County Chapter, attended a State meeting of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in Charleston.

Billie Tom Johnson returned from military service and is working as appliance serviceman helper. He was a meter reader before entering the Navy.

J. R. Chaney, husband of Lanna in the Madison office, is recovering after an illness.

Huntington District

New employees in the district include: Rebecca C. Brown and Virginia M. Frye, billing department; Carlos J. Akers, transmission and distribution department; and Charles E. Akins, Jr., and Ralph E. Henderson, meter department.

Named Daisy Mae



Nancy Dixon, again named Daisy Mae in Morris Harvey College's annual Sadie Hawkins Day celebration, carries her bouquet of vegetables as she appears with Clark Campbell, selected as Lil' Abner. She is the 19-year-old daughter of Ray T. Dixon, assistant Charleston district meter supervisor. Students portraying other Al Capp comic strip characters paraded through Charleston and at halftime ceremonies at the Salem-Morris Harvey game on November 6. Morris Harvey won 41-0.

Charleston Division

Philip Sporn Plant

Sympathy is extended Frank Harris, guard, on the death of his mother. Mrs. Doris Safford, secretary-stenographer, resigned to assist her husband with operating Safford Studio in Point Pleasant.

Marjorie Waldie, junior book-keeper, attended the Junior Woman's Club convention at Williamson.

New employees include: Paul E. Forbes, James F. Gibson, Denver E. Wells, Clarence S. Jordan and Tommy Simmons, labor department; Bob R. Moore, Oscar O. Casto and Edgar B. Vale, yard.

Sympathy is extended James Bennett, control operator, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Earl Teaford, assistant plant chemist, has been made a member of the Pomeroy, Ohio, Fire Department.

Clarence Tennant, first assistant shift operating engineer, has returned to work after an illness.

Three plant employees who went into the Army in November of 1950 recently returned to work. Charles Yaeger, maintenance helper, was stationed at Ft. Knox and Ft. Eustis as an instructor in railroad bridge construction. Walter Glen Cartwright, maintenance man, was stationed at Ft. Knox and Ft. Sill as an artillery instructor. Clyde T. Clark, coal handler, was stationed at Ft. Knox and spent 15 months in Germany with the 70th Field Artillery.

Charleston District

Murrel G. Patterson has returned to the accounting department after serving in the armed forces.

New employees in the accounting department at Kanawha River plant are Phyllis Newland, Helen Ross, Nancy Hill and Robert Slayton.

Six seniors from Du Pont High School toured the Charleston local office.

New employees are Mary Jean Barber, home economist, and Keith R. Strader, garage department.

Sue Crookshanks, commercial department, has returned to work after an illness.

Cabin Creek Plant

New employees are Hannah Lou West, Margaret Ann Dean, Cecil Pauley, Bobby Lee Ferrell, George W. Abshire and James H. Vickers.

James Bowen, son of H. A. Bowen who is stores supervisor, entered the military service.

Members of the Power Makers' Club attended a spaghetti dinner on November 19.

Beckley District

New employees are Lora M. Withrow, accounting department, and Toney C. Pallares, commercial department.

Mrs. Nina S. Wiseman, Oak Hill area home economist, resigned.

H. H. Harvey, commercial department, resigned.

G. L. Sweeney, commercial department, resigned.

Deer Makes Getaway

David Kettlewell's car suffered in a recent hit-and-run accident.

The Sporn plant chemist was driving along a lonely country road the night of November 4 when a deer ran into the side of his car. Damage to Dave's car was one dented fender. The deer ran off.

'Family Day' Observed At Logan Plant



"Family Day" was observed recently at Logan plant with over 170 employees and guests as visitors. With employees acting as guides, members of their families and guests were escorted through the plant between 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. with refreshments being served in the machine shop at the end of the tour. The day offered employees a chance to show their families where they worked and what they did. As seen in the pictures, employees made the most of the opportunity. Top left: Everyone looks up as M. F. Morrison explains coal conduits to his wife and daughter, Karen Sue. Top right: Little Mick Matthews takes a close look at the pump room panel boards with his family, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. B. Matthews and sister, Sandra. Lower left: D. E. Jeffrey, at his normal working post, shows Mrs. Jeffrey the controls of Boiler A while Linda and Douglas watch the cameraman. Lower right: Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Ott pause for refreshments in the machine shop.

L. C. Angle Heads Lions Club Project

L. C. Angle, Jr., Pulaski district power sales department, was chairman of the Christiansburg Lions Club committee project to relight a classroom in the Christiansburg Primary School. Lighting was increased over 10 times, from five foot-candles of illumination to about 55 foot-candles, by 10 fluorescent fixtures.

The room was also redecorated with paint and floor tile, materials furnished by the club. Labor was donated by club members.

The Lions Club has spent thousands of dollars on glasses and eye operations for Montgomery County people as a charitable project. This year the club chose the relighting project as a means of striking at the roots of the defective vision problem.

Radio Scare Kept Mose Jackson Busy Answering Telephone In Kingsport

"Shades of Orson Welles and the invasion from Mars!" Kingsport residents recently received another radio scare. This time the program was a shortwave broadcast.

One of the persons listening to the broadcast on the night of November 10 was "Mose" Jackson, Kingsport Utilities janitor who was on duty at the office. Mose said he received about 15 calls from local residents who had their radios tuned in on a shortwave broadcast to radio hams and to Civil Defense stations in the Kingsport area.

"Folks were real concerned and excited," Mose said, "about the 100 unidentified planes reported heading in the direction of the Holston Defense Works." Their concern increased after they heard the female announcer's voice directing the dispatch of "200 doctors and as many nurses to the scene at once" followed by a later call for "5,000 feet of hose to be used in fighting the fires."

Mose said the harried, excited callers did not wait for the program to sign off with "this is a drill." The

Kingsport . . .

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its 120 members paid tribute to the company at halftime ceremonies at the game between Knoxville and Kingsport football teams. With the field in darkness, small lights on each cap formed a light bulb with a lightning streak. They also paid tribute to other Kingsport industries.

Narrows Lineman Bags First Reported Deer

C. M. "Preacher" McCrady, a member of the Narrows line crew, Narrows, Virginia, reported one of the first deer bagged during the season. Preacher made his kill after being in the field but ten minutes.

McCrady brought down his one hundred-pound buck with a single shot. The kill was made in the Stony Creek Section of Giles County.



Mose was plenty busy answering the phone on the night of the radio scare.

drill originated in Atlanta and Augusta, Georgia, and local defense stations had been previously alerted.

One of the Civil Defense stations in Kingsport is located in the radio room at the Utilities' building. Mose said he was enjoying the dispatch—until the telephone started ringing.

Frances S. Burgess, System Accounting Department, Dies

Frances Seaborn Burgess, a veteran employee of the system accounting department, Roanoke, died at Catawba Sanatorium, Virginia, November 6, following an extended illness. Mrs. Burgess had been a patient at Catawba since December 13, 1950.



Mrs. Burgess

Frances was employed by the company, Feb. 6, 1929. Her entire twenty-three years of service was spent in the general bookkeeping department of the accounting office.

She was born December 6, 1892, at Port Huron, Michigan, and is survived by her husband, Herbert P. Burgess, and one brother, R. B. Seaborn, of Victoria, Virginia.

Employee's Son Is Cited For Heroism



Charles Ross Thompson, center, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Thompson of the Charleston garage department, is being congratulated by Master Sgt. Timothy Bradshaw, USAF, upon receiving a certificate of heroism. Charles was awarded a Certificate of Merit by Moose Lodge No. 1444, Charleston, at a public ceremony at the lodge hall. Marcus Kornstein, civic affairs chairman for the lodge, made the presentation. The citation was based upon Charles' heroic dash into Charleston's traffic at a busy intersection to rescue two-year-old Kathy Bradshaw. Kathy had pushed her stroller into the line of traffic. The Moose Safety Award Committee, Mooseheart, Ill., also is considering Charles for further recognition for gallantry. Above, Sgt. Bradshaw, Kathy's father, congratulates Charles while Mr. Kornstein, right, looks on. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, background, smile approvingly.

Ornamental Writing Hobby Has Become Part Of Charley Hefner's Work In Abingdon Area

Charley Hefner's hobby has become a part of his work. The Abingdon district distribution record clerk finds his hobby of ornamental writing in great demand for company activities.

Examples of Charley's penmanship grace many certificates issued to those completing the Sales Training Course, sponsored by the company. He has also been called upon for writing on place cards, marriage certificates, calling cards, envelopes and special occasion cards.

Penmanship has been serious study for Charley since his interest was aroused in ornamental writing while taking a business course at the West Virginia Business College in Bluefield. He says, "With considerable practice and the aid of my teacher, I learned to write my name in ornamental writing. I continued to practice ornamental writing exercises, although ornamental writing was not a part of my course."

From that time, Charley found that pushing a pen with considerable fancy led his friends to ask him to address envelopes, write their names on special cards and a thousand other tasks associated with writing. As the requests piled up, he decided to make penmanship a full-scale hobby.



Charley takes pen in hand to put the "finishing touches" on some certificates.

As Charley sees it: "As I was asked more and more to do this type of writing, I felt that it might be profitable to take more training. I am now taking a correspondence course in Ornamental and Card Writing with the T. M. Tevis School of Penmanship. I am enjoying this course very much and hope that it might lead to be a profitable hobby."

Charley started to work for the company at the Glen Lyn plant in September of 1943. After 14 months he transferred to Bluefield before going to Abingdon in September of 1949. He is married and the father of two sons.

Daughter Of Hazard Man Named Queen

Miss Nadine Napier, the ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Napier of Bulan, Kentucky, recently was elected Carnival Queen at the Dudley Grade School.



Miss Napier

Nadine's honors did not stop with this distinction. In addition to being queen, she won an expense-paid trip. The trip will be with the eighth grade graduating class to Washington D. C., New York City, Niagara Falls and Canada.

Nadine is a fifth grade student at Dudley and is active in school functions.

Mr. Napier is a member of the transmission and distribution department in the Hazard district.

Four Children Aid Polio Fund Drive

When the polio epidemic struck hard in the Beckley area, some financial assistance came from an unusual source. Children of four employees did their part by helping to raise funds to combat the dread disease.

Chloe Darrah, daughter of C. C. Darrah who is assistant district manager, made hotplate holders on her loom and sold them in the neighborhood. Mary Linda Burks, daughter of P. W. Burks who is acting rural and residential sales supervisor, was treasurer of a group called the Good-Will Workers Fund which raised money toward the drive.

Bernard Corker, son of B. B. Corker who is district supervising engineer, led a group of boys in his neighborhood in mowing lawns, trimming shrubbery and cleaning yards to obtain money for the fund. Martha LaFon, daughter of Waldo LaFon who is district manager, solicited contributions in her neighborhood to obtain money for the fund.

Praise, justly deserved, has been given these youngsters for their work in obtaining money for the Polio Fund. They also have received recognition from the local chapter and national chapter for their efforts.

Ray Lane Enters Service

Ray Lane, Cabin Creek plant stores department, entered military service last month. He was employed as a junior clerk in the stores department in April of this year.

Bluefield Women Tour Glen Lyn Plant



L. E. Turner, plant manager, shows members of the Bluefield Young Woman's Club through Glen Lyn plant on the evening of October 28. Club members, left to right, are: Janie Marie Lambert, club president; Katie Bell and Mrs. J. B. Woolridge, Jr. In a letter to W. J. Gillespie, Bluefield district manager, Miss Lambert expressed the club's appreciation for the company-sponsored tour. She also wrote: "We learned a very great deal from our visit and should be more appreciative of that little spark of power that gives us light and comfort. Please convey our special thanks to Mr. Turner, Mr. Painter, Mr. Jones, Mr. Henderson and to the men who conducted our tour of the plant."



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District — 5 YEARS: Audrey J. Haga, accounting department; Ancel C. Hutton, Jr., accounting department; and Henry M. Jones, transmission and distribution department.

Beckley District — 15 YEARS: K. S. Lazenby, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: F. R. Miller, transmission and distribution department.

Bluefield District — 5 YEARS: Arthur Bowling, transmission and distribution department.

Cabin Creek Plant — 30 YEARS: W. K. Evans, production department. 10 YEARS: E. E. Wyatt, production department. 5 YEARS: Marjorie Crawford, production department.

Charleston District — 30 YEARS: W. V. Hess, line foreman. 20 YEARS: Charles J. Neeley, line foreman. 15 YEARS: C. C. Jackson, Kanawha Valley Power Company; O. W. Kallmerton, distribution department, and H. E. Bragg, Jr., accounting department. 10 YEARS: J. R. Bostic, substation department; Reba A. Hodges, accounting department, and H. E. Brown, Kanawha Valley Power Company. 5 YEARS: L. K. Buster, J. K. Buster, A. M. Jones and C. B. Badger, Jr., line department; John D. Bailey and Vernon Costello, engineering department; Mary Russell, stores department; Gamble Hawkins, on military leave from the garage department; and Barbara Hudson, accounting department.

Fieldale District — 5 YEARS: Lewis Ingram, accounting department.

Glen Lyn Plant — 10 YEARS: Rufus G. Via, mechanical maintenance man; and Dewey G. Lusk, auxiliary equipment operator.

Huntington District — 5 YEARS: C. H. McCallister, transmission and distribution department.

Logan District — 15 YEARS: J. H. Raper, transmission and distribution department. 10 YEARS: Mary Alice Fowler, managerial department. 5 YEARS: Virginia Slater, accounting department.

Logan Plant — 10 YEARS: J. E. Gibbs, watchman.

Lynchburg District — 20 YEARS: Claude E. Jordan, distribution line department. 10 YEARS: James O. Pullen, building service, and Kathleen V. Hudson, distribution-line department. 5 YEARS: Doris A. Driskill, distribution-line department, and Edward L. Baker, distribution-line department.

Philip Sporn Plant — 15 YEARS: Paul E. Theis, production department. 5 YEARS: Richard S. Lease and Charles O. Wilson, production department.

Roanoke District — 25 YEARS: Mayce Z. Sanderson, accounting department. 15 YEARS: C. T. Rader, distribution department. 10 YEARS: J. D. Prather, steam plant. 5 YEARS: C. W. Hodges, steam plant, and E. M. Payne, stores department.

System Offices — 25 YEARS: T. R. Mitchell, accounting department. 5 YEARS: O. F. Coleman, Jr., operating department.

Kingsport Utilities

30 YEARS: K. R. Rowland, Holston substation. 15 YEARS: Arthur W. Stair, commercial department.

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Ashland District — 15 YEARS: George W. Price and Emmett Walton. 10 YEARS: Virginia Lewis.

Hazard District — 5 YEARS: Doshia Sizemore.

Pikeville District — 15 YEARS: Oscar Hamilton and A. H. Jopp. 5 YEARS: Arlin Hamilton and T. E. Steele.

Roanoke's Appa-Mo Club Holds Dance



Members and guests of the Roanoke Appa-Mo Club swing out as they enjoy a recent square dance at the Roanoke County Woman's Club. The Appa-Mo Club is composed of members of the system accounting and billing departments. About ninety members and guests attended. In addition to round and square dancing, two acts, prizes and refreshments highlighted the outing for the enthusiastic group. Music was supplied by Andy Anderson and his orchestra.

Anders Promoted To Substation Foreman In Pikeville District

Robert Curtis Anders has been promoted to Pikeville district's substation foreman. Mr. Anders has been serving as acting-foreman for several months.



Mr. Anders

Mr. Anders joined the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company January 3, 1945, at Pikeville as a maintenance man.

A native of Montgomery County, Virginia, he attended public schools at Blacksburg and studied applied electricity at the Cohen Electrical School in Chicago. He also completed work with the American Technical Society.

Prior to being employed with the company, he worked for ten years at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He is a member of the Electrical and Mechanical Institute; the American Institute of Electrical Engineers; the Lions Club and the Masons. Mr. Anders is married and the father of two daughters and one son.

Two Williamson Men Elected To Posts In City Kiwanis Club



Mr. Cornelison

Mr. Clouser

Two Williamson district employees, O. P. Cornelison and E. J. Clouser, recently were elected to posts in the Williamson Kiwanis Club. Mr. Cornelison was elected vice president while Mr. Clouser was elected a director of the organization.

Both employees have been actively engaged in club work. Mr. Clouser served as chairman of the membership committee while Mr. Cornelison was program chairman of "Better Homes Show."

Mr. Clouser is district stores supervisor and Mr. Cornelison is personnel supervisor.

Logan Lions Club's Big Minstrel Show Features Employees

Logan district employees once again helped make the annual Lions Club Minstrel a big success. About 2,500 persons attended the two-day show last month in Logan and Holden.

Written, directed and produced by club members, proceeds of the show are used for charity. Paul Vannoy directed the 40-member male chorus and also sang "I Can't Give You Anything But Love."

Howard Collins took the role of an end man and sang "Rugged But Right" in addition to helping the script committee. W. H. Honaker, engineering department, who is president of the Logan Rotary Club, became a Lion for the two nights in order to appear in the chorus. He has done this for several years.

Bill Kirchman, husband of Irene of the commercial department, was a member of the script committee, played an end man and sang "Rosie."

Service Pins Awarded Veteran Employees



Receiving service pins in recent weeks for 20 or more years' service were these veteran employees. Top row, left to right: K. R. Rowland, Kingsport, 30 years; W. Carl Evans, Cabin Creek plant, 30 years, and W. V. Hess, Charleston, 30 years. Second row: Mayce Sanderson, Roanoke, 25 years; C. J. Neeley, Charleston, 20 years, and Claude E. Jordan, Lynchburg, 20 years.

Hazard Group Honors Employee At Dinner

Miss Emma Anderson, Hazard district managerial department, recently was honored with a farewell dinner in the company auditorium. Miss Anderson became the bride of Norris Nolan of Harlan, Kentucky, November 7.

Company employees attending the dinner included: Misses Kay Cornett, Peggy Gambriel, Sue Carey, Leyburn Cody, Mary Franks, Gay Boyer, Eunice Dixon, Rita Barker, Joyce Combs, Mary Jo Gregory, Nell Buttram, LaRedith Pratt, Cleo Hatmaker, Coleen Branson, Jean Clutts and Doshia Sizemore. Mesdames Denver Robinson, Lewis Graef and the honoree.

Beckley Holds Safety And Operation Meeting

Beckley district supervisors and foremen held their safety and operation meeting on November 11 in the auditorium.

Waldo S. LaFon was chairman of the meeting attended by W. E. Mitchell, C. E. Pitsenberger, B. B. Corker, R. E. Presley, C. E. Fitzpatrick, B. H. White, Jr., R. S. Brashear, J. E. Hammer, L. D. McGraw, E. L. Hutchinson, E. L. Lawson, L. C. Mollohan and C. C. Darrah.

Guests included C. W. Lovell, assistant division manager; L. M. Cobbs, division personnel supervisor, and D. C. Duncan, system safety director.

Odin Thomas Dies At Home In Galax

Robert Odin Thomas, 45, a member of the Galax, Virginia, line department of the Pulaski district, died at his home in Galax, November 17. Death was caused by a heart attack.



Mr. Thomas

Mr. Thomas was employed by the Appalachian Electric Power Company at Galax, Nov. 11, 1936, as a lineman. Over the past sixteen years, he worked in a number of assignments. He became an assistant line foreman, leadman, and working foreman.

Odin was active in many civic projects. At the time of his death, he served as assistant chief of the Galax Volunteer Fire Department. He also was a member of the Galax Rescue Squad. Mr. Thomas served as a scoutmaster and worked in many youth activities. He was a member of the First Christian Church and the Royal Order of Moose.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Gussie Wingate Thomas; one son, Jackie; two sisters, Mrs. Jeff Matthews, Galax, and Mrs. Andy Funk, Summerfield; his father, Mr. Guy W. Thomas, also of Summerfield.



- Abingdon District** — James B. White from Abingdon to Bluefield.
- Beckley District** — Helen A. Troutman from senior cashier to senior petty cash clerk, L. C. Jones from maintenance man helper to maintenance man C, Joseph Cox from junior bookkeeper to cash poster, and W. F. Epling from credit and collection clerk to contract entry and final bill clerk.
- Cabin Creek Plant** — R. G. White, W. B. Moore and Faye Harrah from Cabin Creek Plant to Kanawha River Plant.
- Lynchburg District** — Sandidge L. Drumheller from lineman C to lineman B, George W. Stone, Jr., from distribution department to stores department, and June C. Burch from accounting department to commercial department.
- Logan District** — P. F. Sammons from meter helper to serviceman C, and W. M. Hill from meter helper to serviceman C.
- Pulaski District** — Charles H. Rhett from right-of-way agent to senior engineering records clerk.
- Philip Sporn Plant** — Richard S. Lease, George B. Kratz, Clyde D. Rice and Russell A. Fields from Philip Sporn plant to Kanawha River Plant.

LOOKING AT
Unusual Industries
IN OUR AREA

Mink And Fox \$tory--Fuzz Balls To Fur Coats

A mink, says Webster, is "a slender-bodied semiaquatic weasel like mammal, larger than most weasels, with partly webbed feet and a somewhat bushy tail."

What Webster omitted was that mink fur shouts "money, money" for its wearer. Commenting on fashions among society folk, an old Chinese once said, "Mink is fur put on back to save face."

So, you see, this matter of mink is all in the way you look at it. And if you would like to get a closer look, then stop sometime at Harman Fur Farms in Christiansburg. The shop on U. S. Rt. 11 is familiar to many who have traveled through this part of the Pulaski district in the past 11 years.

But this unusual industry has thrived there since 1926. In that year R. D. Harman graduated from V. P. I. with a degree in animal husbandry and bought four pair of foxes at \$1,000 a pair. He gradually ex-



Robert Maupin, manager of Harman Fur Farms, holds a valuable platinum mink which he took from one of the thousands of pens covering the side of a hill near Christiansburg. Those heavy gloves protect his hands from the mink's sharp teeth.

panded his business, started raising mink about 15 years ago and now has the largest fur farm in the eastern states. Influential in national fur

trade affairs, he is on the executive committee of the National Board of Fur Farm Organizations and has served as president of the group.

Today his four farms are busy raising 7,000 mink and 1,000 foxes, no small job when you get to know something of the work involved, particularly with the temperamental mink. From the time they are born in the spring (usually three to five in a litter) until they are skinned in late November, mink are valuable fuzz balls of potential trouble.

Contrary to popular opinion, feeding is more important to domesticated mink than cold weather as far as fine pelts are concerned. With very delicate digestive systems, they have to be fed a carefully proportioned diet of meat (80%) ground up with cereal, cod liver oil, fish, fruit and a variety of dried vegetables. To eliminate dangerous diseases, a veterinarian gives vaccine shots to mink.

Treating a mink or handling one

is not exactly child's play. Although they are "domesticated" in the general sense of the word, all are vicious biters that must be handled with heavy gloves.

Color of mink ranges from dark brown to pale brown and from gray to sky blue. Popularity of fur colors for mink as well as fox varies with fashions. Color in large measure determines the cost of the finished product.

As a result, Harman is always buying new breeds to improve strains and to keep up with—and ahead of—fashion demands. Last year he brought 120 blue sapphire mink from Wisconsin. He may pelt a few of these this year.

In late fall a pelting crew of about 10 men, trained in skinning, help the regular crew of about 30 men. The animals are skinned, the pelts dried on boards and then shipped to the fur dresser who tans and prepares them for sale to the manufacturer.

How about the cost of mink? Well, it depends. Generally, brown mink retails from \$36 to \$48 a skin. Silvers and blues ranging from platinum to the new blue sapphire retail from \$66 to \$100 a skin.



Sam, the platinum fox who is a farm favorite, stands without seeming to mind the cameraman's attention. However, the crouching silver fox is not a bit pleased with the invasion of her privacy.



The Harman Fur Shop in Christiansburg has been doing an increasing amount of retail business in the past 11 years.

In terms of a mink coat, you interested women or concerned men should know that the average mink coat takes about 60 skins and ranges from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

Don't be disheartened. Fox is more reasonable. Silver fox to platinum fox pelts range from \$60 to \$100. So, a short fox jacket of four or five skins would cost about \$260 and a great coat would run about \$400.

The price difference between fox and mink is largely due to the fashion trend and to the fact that foxes are more easily raised and are larger, hence requiring fewer pelts to make a coat. Foxes are also born in the spring, one to ten in a litter, and are likewise killed in the fall. Their diet is similar to the mink except they get a larger proportion of cereal.

Fur of the two animals is exactly opposite. While the mink has a short, durable fur, the fox has a long, soft fur.

But if you have your heart set on mink, don't give up. Perhaps you might like a mink scarf, stole or cape. They are not quite as expensive and range from about \$125 for a three-piece scarf to about \$1,500 for a very nice cape.



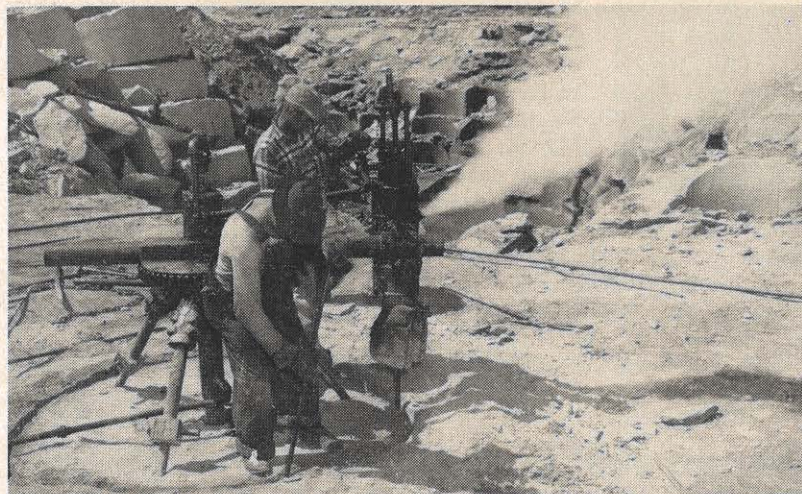
Mrs. R. D. Harman holds a silver fox cape and displays some of the finished products in their shop. Left to right: silver fox fur, silver blue mink stole, starlight mink stole, silver blue mink cape and a platinum fox fur.

Giant Grindstones Are Cut To Order At Quarry

One of the nation's first industries was the production of natural stone grindstones. Pioneers needed sharp blades to carve homes out of the wilderness.

Typical of one of these businesses today is the Constitution Stone Company which operates a quarry at Crow Summit in Jackson County, W. Va. Mrs. J. M. O'Connor, widow of the founder's son, is president of the concern that has its home office in Constitution, Ohio. The company turns out a general line of grindstones but specializes in those for grinding saws, machine knives, files, edge tools and cutting elements of harvesting machinery.

Since the quarry at Crow Summit was opened in 1918, huge masses of dirt and stone have been dug or cut and hauled away. As the ledge of stone does not outcrop at the surface, a mantle of topsoil has to be cleared



Cutting the grindstone at the quarry at Crow Summit, West Virginia. The steam-operated drill revolves in a circle and is controlled by the man in back. The front worker is clearing the ditch. Waste blocks and previous drillings can be seen in the background.

away before quarrying is started.

Stones produced at Crow Summit are cut to order. Orders not only specify size but also degree of hardness. Grindstones come in three grades: buff at the top, gray in the middle and blue at the bottom of the field. Bluestone, the hardest of the grades, is the most in demand.

Blocks are cut in sizes ranging from about 3½ to 7 feet in diameter. The machine moves back and forth so as to gradually cut a circular channel which quarrymen call a ditch.

The rock is soft enough to be drilled with comparative ease. Depth of the channel depends upon the thickness of the block to be taken out and ranges from 4 to 30 inches.

After the cut is completed, two or more shallow horizontal holes are drilled in a "V" shape underneath the base of the section with a jack hammer. About an ounce of black powder is placed in these holes and fired, breaking the block loose, usually without fracturing it.

After the block has been raised and its sides and bottom exposed for examination, it may prove worthless for grindstone use. It may contain too many mica streaks, soapstone laminations or alternate hard and soft spots.

Blocks that pass inspection are hoisted out of the quarry, a square hole is cut through the center of each and the top and bottom surfaces are dressed down evenly. Dressing

down is done with hand-wielded picks.

About 60 big stone blocks are produced at the quarry each month. As the average weight is about 150 pounds per cubic foot, blocks range up to 5 or 6 tons in weight.

A few of the giant stones are dressed as single grindstones, finished on a lathe at Crow Summit and shipped directly to purchasers. Most are shipped to the Constitution, Ohio, plant where they are cut apart.

Each of the blocks will make from two to five grindstones. Individual finished stones turned out at the Ohio plant range from 6 to 84 inches in diameter and from 1 to 20 inches in thickness.



Turning the big stone over for dressing on the other side. This side has been dressed down and the hole in the center has been cut halfway through by a man with a pick.

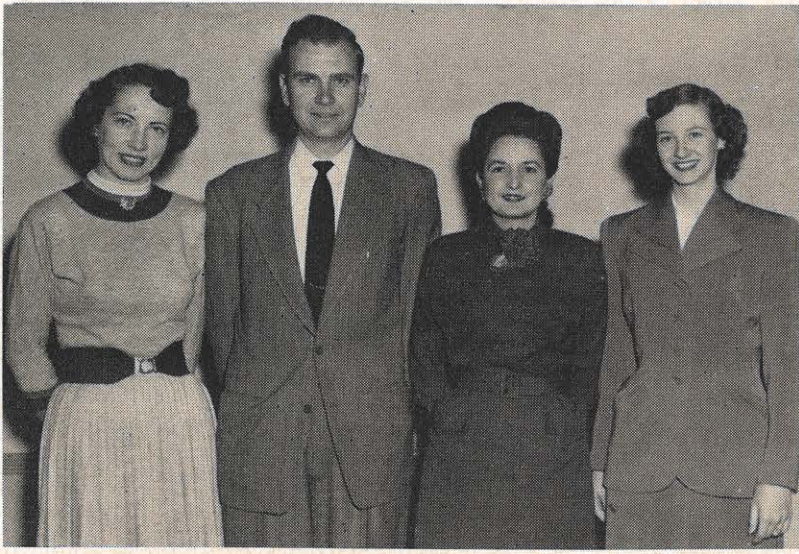


Hauling out an imperfect stone. As this part of the field was just beginning to be worked, the top layer is a softer grade of stone and sometimes shatters when blown loose with powder.



Using a grindstone. A worker at the Kelly Axe Works of Tru-Temper Corporation in Charleston sharpens a scythe blade on the whirling grindstone like those produced by the Constitution Stone Company.

Roanoke's Trifori Club Elects Officers



Departmental representatives of the Trifori Club recently elected officers for the 1953 term. New and retiring officers, shown above, left to right, are: Mrs. Mildred Dowdy, retiring secretary; H. I. Roop, treasurer; Mrs. Edna Woody, president and retiring treasurer; Mrs. Billie DeHart, secretary. Curtis Roberson, retiring president, was absent when the photograph was made. The Trifori Club is a social organization for Roanoke employees on the third and fourth floors of the general offices.

J. B. White Assumes Bluefield Duties As Power Engineer

James B. White, Abingdon district power sales engineer, has been transferred to the Bluefield district as a power sales engineer. Mr. White's promotion became effective November 1.



Mr. White

Mr. White was first employed by the company in the Pulaski district in June of 1938 as a member of the line crew. Later, he was transferred to the distribution engineering department and remained in that department until he entered the Air Force in 1942.

He returned to Appalachian at Pulaski following his release to inactive duty, then resigned in 1946 to attend college at VPI. Following graduation, he returned to the company and was re-employed in the Abingdon district as a junior engineer. Later, he became a junior power sales engineer working with industrial and mining customers in Russell, Dickenson and Wise counties. Mr. White was working in this assignment at the time of his promotion.

Mr. White is a registered professional engineer in Virginia. He is married and has two sons.

Ward H. Bailey, Jr., Bluefield District Employee, Succumbs

Ward H. Bailey, Jr., a Bluefield district employee, died November 5. At the time of his death, Mr. Bailey was temporarily working in the Princeton area.

Ward was employed by the Appalachian Electric Power Company at Bluefield in September, 1945. He has worked both as a lineman and meter reader. Temporarily, Mr. Bailey has been employed in the Princeton area as a relief meter reader.

Born May 6, 1910, Mr. Bailey was the son of the late Ward H. and Nannie Gooch Bailey and a native of Bluefield. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Beulah Hager Bailey, and four children: Mrs. Helen Worley, Richard Allen, Patricia Jane, and Connie Jean, all of Bluefield.

Mr. Bailey was a member of the Calfee Memorial Christian Church.

A. D. Clark Is Named Superintendent In The Pulaski District



Mr. Clark

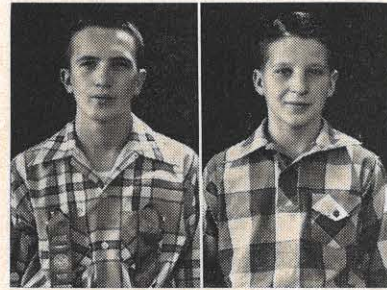
A. D. Clark, hydro superintendent of the Byllesby-Buck Hydro Plants, recently was promoted to district superintendent at Pulaski. The announcement was made by D. P. Minichan, district manager, at the November safety and operating meeting.

"Red," a member of the V. P. I. graduating class of 1925, was employed by Appalachian at Bluefield in 1929. He was assigned to construction and worked on major projects with the Kanawha Valley Power Company, Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, the Logan Plant and the Claytor Hydro Plant.

In 1939, he was transferred to the Byllesby Hydro Plant as assistant plant superintendent and in 1940 Mr. Clark was made superintendent.

Mr. Clark is married and the father of one daughter.

Kentucky Man's Sons Outstanding 4-H Club Workers



Vernon and Ronald Hurt

Two brothers, Ronald Lee, 12, and Vernon H. Hurt, Jr., 16, have been outstanding in 4-H club activities at Bulan, Kentucky, during the past year. Both were winners of trips to the Kentucky State Fair at Louisville.

Vernon, who has been outstanding in his county 4-H program, won two blue ribbons raising strawberries; one ribbon, district achievement, farm and home electric project; two ribbons, group achievements, 4-H camp; one green ribbon, star camper, district 4-H camp. Vernon won his trip for work in soil conservation. He also was selected as a member of the poultry judging team. Vernon is a sophomore at the M. C. Napier High School.

Ronald, the younger brother, won his trip to the Kentucky State Fair as a member of the poultry judging team. In the state-wide judging contest for individuals, Ronald placed ninth in the poultry judging classification. He is a ninth grade student and is outstanding in all his studies.

The brothers are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon H. Hurt. Mr. Hurt, a Hazard district employee, is a member of the substation department.

Charles Davis, Cabin Creek Plant, Dies

Charles Luther Davis, a Cabin Creek plant employee, died at his home at Dry Branch, Nov. 8. Death came after an illness of months.



Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis, who had been an employee at the plant since May 8, 1945, was a member of the maintenance department.

He is survived by Mrs. Davis; one daughter, Mrs. Cornelius Brewer of Dry Branch; four sons: Lacy of Eskdale, West Virginia; Ted of Sharon; Leotis of Kayford, and Clifford who is now in the Navy.

Charleston Man, Two Daughters Die In Collision

Earl Oscar Goode, 38, a Charleston district employee and two daughters were instantly killed; Mrs. Goode, another daughter and a son, seriously injured in a bus-automobile collision, November 1. The accident, Kanawha County's worst highway mishap of the year, occurred on the Sissonville Road about six miles from Charleston.

Killed instantly were: Mr. Goode, Joyce, 6, and Drema, 4. Injured: Mrs. Goode, Wanda, 7, and Seigle, 8. Mrs. Goode's condition is considered critical while Wanda has been discharged from the hospital. Seigle is still hospitalized and required an operation for a leg injury.

Mr. Goode, according to crash witnesses, was leaving a side road and drove his car onto the highway into the path of a Greyhound bus. The bus struck the car broadside near the driver's seat and the impact pushed the car down the highway about fifty feet. All members of the Goode family were thrown to the highway at the time of the accident.

Mr. Goode, a member of the Charleston district transmission and distribution department, was employed by the company, July 9, 1945.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Goode of Wayne County, and the three surviving members of his family. Little Wanda is making her home with her grandparents while her mother is hospitalized.

Sporn Man Elected Head Of New Haven Fire Department

Floyd Capehart, an employee at the Philip Sporn Plant, recently was elected president of the New Haven, West Virginia, Fire Department.



Mr. Capehart

The New Haven organization is a volunteer group to which a number of plant employees belong. Among the projects of the group is a new building which is now nearing completion.

Floyd said the department is now considering plans to obtain a new and modern fire truck.

Floyd works in the chemical laboratory, came with the company in February of 1950.

Servicemen Free Woman's Hand And Prevent Grave Injury



Tom Bateman O. W. Withrow

Tom Bateman and O. W. Withrow, Charleston district servicemen employed at the Nitro office, recently freed an elderly lady who had caught her hand in a washing machine wringer. Had the servicemen not heard her screams for help, which were barely audible, the accident could have been very serious and possibly fatal.

At the time of the accident, Bateman and Withrow were answering a routine service call in St. Albans. Withrow was working near the roof while Bateman was rewiring a meter base. The calls for help were so faint Bateman thought it was a small animal. The second sound caused him to investigate at a basement window. Bateman heard enough to know someone was in trouble at the washer.

He yelled to Withrow to cut the service and dashed inside. In half light, the servicemen found a lady helplessly caught in the wringer. The release was jammed and unopenable. The men disassembled the wringer to free the victim who was suffering from shock, and a badly bruised and lacerated hand. They administered first aid and left her in the care of a neighbor.

Bateman and Withrow reassembled the washer, completed the service call, and reported to their next assignment.

The victim's name was omitted at her request.

R. A. Armistead Wins Medal For His Korean Service

R. A. "Pete" Armistead, Roanoke district substation supervisor, was recently awarded his second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Korea. Major Armistead received his first Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany during World War II.

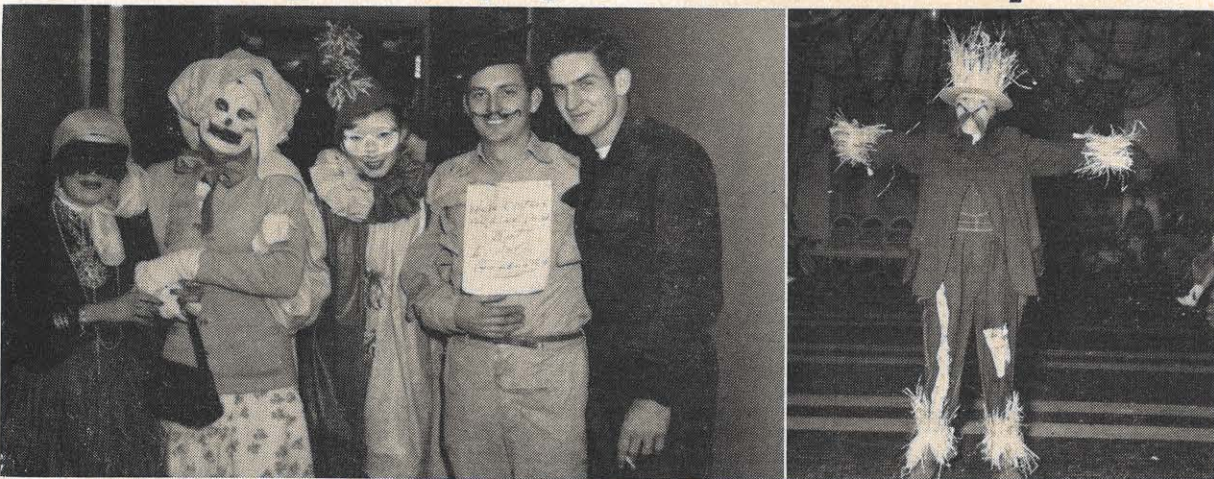


Mr. Armistead

Recalled to active duty with the 780th Motorized Field Artillery Battalion in August of 1950, his unit served with the Eighth Army in Korea where they supported the Tenth and First Corps in the drive from southern Korea to the 38th Parallel. His unit later helped the two corps repel continued Communist attacks against United Nations positions.

He was released from active duty in May of this year and returned to his position with the company.

Abingdon Employees' Halloween Party



One hundred and twenty-five Abingdon district employees and their guests attended a Halloween party at the company auditorium. Some of the costumed pranksters, above, left photograph, left to right, were: Nancy Caldwell, fortune teller; C. W. Frye, Jerry Wilkins, Jr., Lewis Thomas, Jr., and Tom Crabtree. Right photograph: Doris Fleenor, scarecrow, winner of the best man's costume. Mrs. Fleenor is a member of the managerial department. Entertainment at the Abingdon party included: round and square dancing; fortune telling; chamber of horrors; refreshments and the awarding of prizes. Mr. and Mrs. James Prater won the best couple costume; Kay Draughn, a Gate City guest, best girl costume, and Mrs. Fleenor, best man's costume. Music for the party was supplied by the "Big Four Combo." Jim Fleenor, a meter department employee, was a member of the band.

Christmas Gifts And Decorations Made By Six Abingdon Women In Arts Club



Members of the Random Arts Club display some of their handiwork prepared for Christmas, including candles, decorations, cards, needle work and textile painted aprons (worn by two girls). Left to right, these Abingdon district employees' wives are: Patricia Sheffey, Doris Fleenor, Tommy Armentrout, Bertha Prater, Betty Weisfeld and Dorthea Wagner.

Christmas presents won't pose such a problem for six Abingdon district employees' wives. These six have been preparing for Christmas since February.

That month they joined 12 other women to form the Random Arts Club in Abingdon. Purpose of the organization is to further individual talent and interest in hand crafts.

Aiming their activities toward Christmas with its accompanying gifts, a definite program was adopted and is being carried out in members' homes with guest speakers as advisors. They have completed many hand-made Christmas gifts, including textile painted designs on aprons, place mats and bridge sets, Swedish woven towels, crocheted place mats, embroidery work, knitted sweaters and socks and woven reed baskets.

Members are: Patricia Sheffey, wife of Robert A., electrical engineer; Doris Fleenor, an employee in the managerial department and wife of James E., meterman; Tommy Armentrout, wife of V. O., lineman; Bertha Prater, wife of James E., appliance serviceman; Betty Weisfeld, wife of Robert J., dealer sales representative; and Dorthea Wagner, wife of Charlie M., dealer sales representative.

Candlemaking for holiday decorations received emphasis last month. Part of the program was copied from an article in last December's issue of "The Illuminator." In addition to making large block candles from paraffin, old candles were melted, colored and made into new Christmas candles.

Christmas cards are being made from old cards, construction paper, foil and wallpaper. Designs vary from the elaborate to the simple with emphasis being on originality.

Gift wrapping and table decorations will conclude the Christmas program, including door decorations, mantle arrangements and unusual tree ornaments. As with the rest of the program, the women are stressing originality, low cost and versatility.

Welch District Group Hold Election Party

The Welch District Recreation Association sponsored an election party, November 4. The outing was held in the community room at the Welch office.

In addition to listening to election returns, employees and their guests enjoyed several games. Make-n-serve yourself refreshments were provided.

John Vermillion, for work done for the club, was presented a year's honorary membership card during the evening. The presentation was made by Howard Bivens, president of the association.

Eight Couples Are United In Wedlock

Lee-Tuttle

Miss Donna Jane Lee became the bride of John Tuttle on October 24 at Elkins, West Virginia. Mr. Tuttle is employed at Charleston.

McIntyre-Eppley

Miss Frances McIntyre became the bride of Harold A. Eppley on November 1 at Gauley Bridge, West Virginia. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eppley are employed at Kanawha River Plant.

Mascaro-Amick

Miss Lou Mascaro and Joe Amick were united in marriage on November 1 at Boomer, West Virginia. Both Mr. and Mrs. Amick are employed at Kanawha River Plant.

Jude-Jackson

Miss Thelma Jude became the bride of Ralph Jackson on November 15 at Williamson, West Virginia. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are employed at Williamson.

New Arrivals . . .

WILLIAM HENRY is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. McCarthy. William Henry was born October 31. Mr. McCarthy is employed in Lynchburg.

TRACEY JUNE is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harris. She was born November 15. Mr. Harris is employed in Lynchburg.

JANE EBERLE arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Morehead on November 5. Mr. Morehead is employed at Pulaski.

CAROL LEWIS is a new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Earles. She arrived on November 12. Mr. Earles is employed at Christiansburg.

RICHARD MARKES, born on November 12, is a new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Evatte Hendrick. Mr. Hendrick is employed at Pineville.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM SNOUFFER are the parents of a son born November 10. Mr. Snouffer is employed at Kanawha River Plant.

SHARON LYNN is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Smith. She was born on October 23. Mr. Smith is employed at Charleston.

INA CHRISTINE arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Unangst on November 5. Mr. Unangst is employed at Charleston.

REBECCA LYNN is a new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dooley. Rebecca Lynn was born October 25. Mr. Dooley is employed at Kanawha River Plant.

MR. AND MRS. JENNINGS FULKNIER became the parents of a daughter, Diana Dawn, born October 31. Mr. Fulknier is employed in Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. A. M. HILL became the parents of a son born October 23. Mr. Hill is employed at Glen Lyn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. R. A. ELLIOTT are the parents of a daughter, born October 28. Mr. Elliott is employed at Glen Lyn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. E. E. THOMPSON became the parents of a son, born November 17. Mr. Thompson is employed at Glen Lyn Plant.

THOMAS ALTON arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughan on October 23. Mr. Vaughan is employed at Fieldale.

DARWIN WAYNE is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Mae. He arrived on October 26. Mr. Mae is employed in Kingsport.

MR. AND MRS. C. B. KELLAM are the parents of a son, Charles Bernard, Jr., born November 10. Mr. Kellam is employed in Fieldale.

LAURA FRANCES is a new daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Bragg. She arrived November 3. Mr. Bragg is employed in the Logan district.

WILLIAM GENE arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. George on November 11. Mr. George is employed at the Logan Plant.

MR. AND MRS. FLOYD E. HARLOW are the parents of a son, Floyd E., Jr., born October 18 at Huntington. Mr. Harlow is an auditor for AGE Service Corporation.

CARLETON JOHN is a new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wood. Carleton was born on November 8. Mr. Wood is employed at Logan.

BARBARA ANN was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Myers on November 10. Mr. Myers is employed at Princeton.

JANICE is a new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Lyons. Janice was born November 8. Mr. Lyons is employed at Kingsport.

GARY WAYNE arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Dean on October 31. Mrs. Dean is a former employee at Kingsport.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL F. SAMMONS became the parents of a daughter, Deborah Lynn, on November 15. Mr. Sammons is employed in Logan.

JOHN CHRISTOPHER is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Preston. John Christopher was born November 13. Mr. Preston is employed at Ashland.

JACK SNYDER was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Leasure on November 6. Mr. Leasure is employed at Ashland.

MR. AND MRS. J. K. SMITH are the parents of a daughter born November 15. Mr. Smith is employed in the system transmission line department at Bluefield.

KIM LEE is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kern. She was born October 16. Mr. Kern is employed at Cabin Creek Plant.

DEBORAH LEAH is a new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Smith. Mr. Smith is employed at Roanoke.



Mrs. Ralph Jackson

Schug-Carper

Miss Betty Carroll Carper became the bride of John B. Schug on October 24 at Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Schug was formerly employed at Roanoke.

Simmons-Matthews

Mrs. Evelyn Imhoff Simmons and Charles C. Matthews, Jr., were united in marriage on October 31 at Tazewell, Virginia. Mrs. Matthews was formerly employed at Bluefield.



Mrs. C. C. Matthews, Jr.

Anderson-Nolan

Miss Emma Anderson became the bride of Norris Nolan on November 7 at Hazard, Kentucky. Mrs. Nolan was employed at Hazard.

Nelson-Grantham

Miss Ruth Berry Nelson became the bride of James E. Grantham on October 23 at Radford, Virginia. Mr. Grantham is employed at Christiansburg in the Pulaski district.

Christmas Entertaining With Snack Buffet



Busy housewives and part-time homemakers holding jobs will take to this decorative, simple arrangement for the holiday season. Folks "just stopping by for a short visit" will thank you for such a sensible snack. Perky tangerines with their pretty, festive coloring and petal-like sections have plenty of glamour for a snack buffet with no more labor required than peeling the fruit and sticking a cluster of holiday raisins in the middle of each tangerine. Harmonize that vivid tangerine hue with cheese for as pretty a snack as any holiday hostess could wish. Add some crackers and let fruit and cheese offer its age-old hospitality in a new arrangement.

Charleston District Christmas Parties' Planning Completed

Final arrangements for the annual Charleston district Christmas parties have been completed. There will be a party for children and one for employees and their guests.

The children's party has been scheduled for December 13 at the State Theatre. The program will begin at ten o'clock in the morning.

The employees' party will be held at the Shrine Mosque in downtown Charleston, December 19. The doors will be opened at 6:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at seven. A program will be presented at eight and dancing will be in progress from nine until twelve.

Employees in charge of arrangements include: Howard Basham, program, adult party; Rose Ann Smith, invitation; Harold Allen and Barbara Cummings, advertising; B. R. Currence, decorating and arrangements; Mary Dolan, program, children's party.

East Rainelle Group Hold Halloween Party

Members of the Appaleisure Club in the East Rainelle office held a masquerade Halloween party on October 30. Numerous games were played.

Mary Sperow and Bonnie Evans served refreshments consisting of apple and pumpkin pie, doughnuts, coffee and cider. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McMahan and family from Oak Hill, W. H. Lively from Beckley, and Tommy Wiseman, East Rainelle.

Head Beckley Eighth Grade



These three girls, left to right: Mary Linda Burks, Patty Pitsenberger and Mary Cooper, head the student government of the Beckley Junior High School's eighth grade. Patty, the 13-year-old daughter of C. E. Pitsenberger, district substation supervisor, is president of the class. Mary Linda, daughter of P. W. Burks, acting rural and residential sales supervisor, is secretary. Mary is twelve years old. Mary Cooper, niece of F. E. Fisher, distribution engineer, was elected class treasurer. Mary is thirteen.

Halloween Party Is Given At Logan By The Appa-Lassie Club

Members of the Logan Appa-Lassie Club entertained a large number of district and plant employees at a Halloween party.

Prize winners were: Virginia Ruth Peek, prettiest; Tom Hanley, ugliest; John Sebo, most original.

In addition to the costume contest, games, refreshments, and dancing were enjoyed.

Club members in charge of the arrangements for the party were: Dorothy Riggins, Ann Pozega, Margaret Tyler, Mary E. Davis and Mary Alice Fowler.

They're Engaged

MISS REBECCA MOORE to Norman B. Lee. Miss Moore is employed at Kingsport.

MISS INEZ HANENKRAT to Reginald S. White, Jr. Miss Hanenkrate is employed in Lynchburg.

MISS MARILYN MILLER to Bill Wellman. Miss Miller is employed at Ashland.

Beckley Appaleisure Club Holds Halloween Dance

Members of the Beckley district's Appaleisure Club held their annual Halloween Dance October 31 at the Twin Oaks Country Club.

In addition to dancing, refreshments were enjoyed. Music for the annual outing was supplied by Warren Richards and his orchestra.

Three Promoted At Logan Plant



Mr. Buskirk

Mr. Hannah

Promotions affecting E. D. Buskirk, A. V. Hannah and Bee Queen of the Logan plant have been announced.

Mr. Buskirk, shift supervisor, is transferring to the new Kanawha River plant as shift operating engineer. He will be succeeded by Mr. Hannah, relief shift supervisor. Mr. Queen, control operator, has been promoted to relief shift supervisor.



Mr. Queen

Mr. Buskirk was born in Logan County where he attended public schools. He attended Marshall College before going to work for the Hoosier Engineering Company. Employed by Appalachian as a laborer in July of 1933, he was promoted to shift supervisor in February of 1950. A member of the Masonic Lodge, he is married and the father of two children.

Mr. Hannah was born in Kanawha County and moved to Logan County in 1907 where he attended Logan schools. He was an employee of Draper Coal Company before coming with Appalachian in November of 1928. A member of the Nighbert Memorial Methodist Church, he is married and the father of five children.

Mr. Queen, born and educated in Wayne County, moved to Logan County in 1925. He came to work for Appalachian in the construction department in November of 1926 and served in several capacities until his promotion to control operator in March of 1941. A member and elder of the Justice Christian Church, he is married and the father of two children.

Foreign Visitor



H. L. Candler, agricultural engineer, points to the Lynchburg office heat pump installation which he explains to Cornelis DeRooy, an International Farm Youth Exchange Netherlander. The visitor has been in America for three months and will return to his country in January. He was impressed with electrification in America and said that electricity is available in Holland's villages but not to most of the farms. Because of its scarcity, many of his people use oil lamps for lighting and butane gas for cooking. He is one of two visiting youths living on Virginia farms with expenses paid through the National 4-H Club Foundation.

Has Two Hobbies

Saving Pennies As Boy Led F. E. Smith, Of Charleston, To Valuable Collection

F. E. Smith, Charleston office accounting department, saves his pennies. He also believes in saving some other coins, too, as exhibited in his valuable coin collection.

"Smitty" has also been collecting stamps as well as coins for about 30 years. His collections are valued in the thousands of dollars.

His coin collection dates from the time he was a boy of 15 in Sapula, Oklahoma. He started saving old and unusual coins which have grown into several complete series.

He has pennies dating from 1826 to the present. This group represents the large pennies, 1826-57; the flying eagle series, 1857-58; the Indian heads, 1859-1909, and the Lincoln heads to date.

He has nickels from 1868 to date complete, dimes from 1893 to date and a complete collection of Barber quarters and fifty-cent pieces. The quarters date from 1892 to 1916 and the fifty-cent pieces from 1899 to 1915. He has over 50 different silver dollars as well as many other coins which are either old or odd.

Smitty could not say offhand the value of his coin collection but estimates that just the pennies are worth more than \$300.



In Collection

Weather Observer F. E. Rouse Gets Pin From Bureau

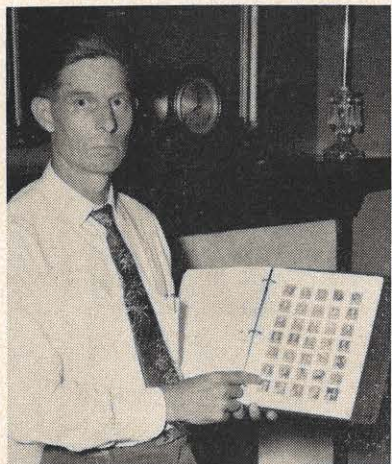


Mr. Rouse

Frank E. Rouse, Sr. was recently presented a lapel button in recognition of 10 years' service with the U. S. Department of Commerce Weather Bureau as part-time observer at Radford. He has been an Appalachian employee for 32 years and is Claytor hydro plant operator.

The presentation was made by Leroy C. Stone, meteorologist in charge, Huntington. Mr. Rouse also has served about 9 years as co-operative observer for the Virginia section of the U. S. Weather Bureau, Richmond, forwarding a monthly record of daily precipitation, river stage and temperature.

As a hobby, he keeps daily precipitation, temperature and weather observations about local weather. His scrapbook shows each year's unusual local and national weather conditions, consisting of news clippings, pictures, etc. Local weather, as it happened, has been recorded since January of 1947, establishing a pattern for reference in case of unusual or extreme weather conditions.



F. E. Smith displays one page of the 12,000 stamps in his collection.

Born in Dallas, Texas, Smitty later moved to Oklahoma where he joined the Army in 1925. He served two hitches and was discharged a corporal in 1931.

While in the Army he was stationed at Panama Canal where he started his second hobby, collecting odd and foreign stamps. This was the beginning of a collection now valued at between four and five thousand dollars.

He has over 12,000 stamps in his collection. He says the Columbian Exposition of 1892 series is probably most valuable. He has this series complete and all other U. S. series since that time.

Dave Criswell Spends Vacations Harvesting Tobacco Crop On His Carter County Farm

Vacation time means work for David Criswell, Ashland district rural representative in Carter County. He takes his vacation at tobacco harvest time to work in his tobacco field with several hired laborers.

Last year on his one-acre tobacco base he produced 1,872 pounds of tobacco, bringing an average price of \$54.53 per hundred pounds.

But vacations are only a small part of the time he devotes to working on his 26 1/2 acre farm about a mile from Hitchens. Dave and his family live on the farm where he raises corn, vegetables and fruit. He has two hereford beef cattle and a milk cow.

Dave works his farm in the mornings before going to work and again in the evenings when he returns. He hires help to assist with the plowing and seeding in the spring. Of course, he gets a helping hand from his two boys, 11-year-old Randy and Francis, a junior in high school and a star on the Hitchens basketball team.

Flys Sabrejet



Second Lt. Robert Douglas Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Carter, Bluefield, poses in one of the USAF F-86 Sabrejets which he flies with the 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing in Korea. Doug, prior to military service, was a summer employee in Bluefield. Mr. Carter is superintendent of the system transmission line department.

Giant Transformer Moved Through Bluefield



This giant 6,000 kva transformer was being moved through the City of Bluefield by J. D. Wingfield's substation maintenance crew when the above photo was taken. The transformer, for the South Bluefield substation, contains 3,000 gallons of oil and is the third such unit to be installed at the station.

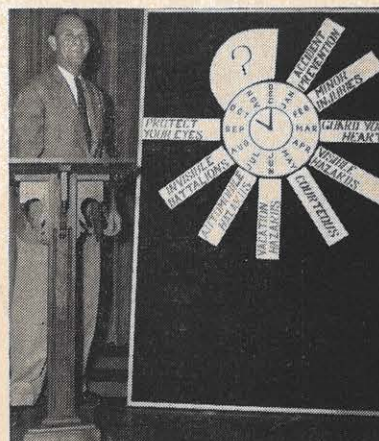
Porterfield Elected To C. Of C. Position

M. C. Porterfield, assistant manager of the Welch district, recently was elected vice president of the Welch Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Porterfield will serve the organization at this post during the 1953 term.



Mr. Porterfield

Talk And Ghost Skit Highlight Abingdon Safety Meeting



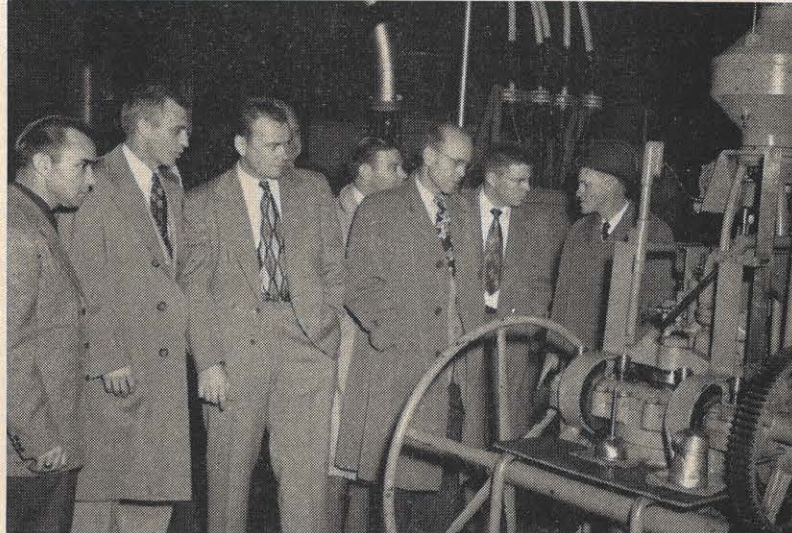
J. D. Russell reviews the year's safety topics at an Abingdon meeting.

The October safety meeting for the Abingdon district office was given by distribution department personnel. J. D. Russell, distribution records clerk, reviewed all of the safety meetings held this year and covered the theme of each month. He closed with an appeal to help keep the district's record of no lost time accidents this year.

Following his talk was a skit, "The Minutes of a Ghost Convention." Supplied by the system safety department, the skit was rewritten by distribution department employees.

Ghosts were portrayed by Anne M. Howard, Charlie Hefner, L. C. Peck, O. G. Quillen and L. W. Duncan. The stage was dimly lit and weird music was played as each of the ghosts related the story of his fatal accident. They included such accidents as bumper-riding and speeding, electrocution, carelessness with a gun, jaywalking, falls and smoking in bed.

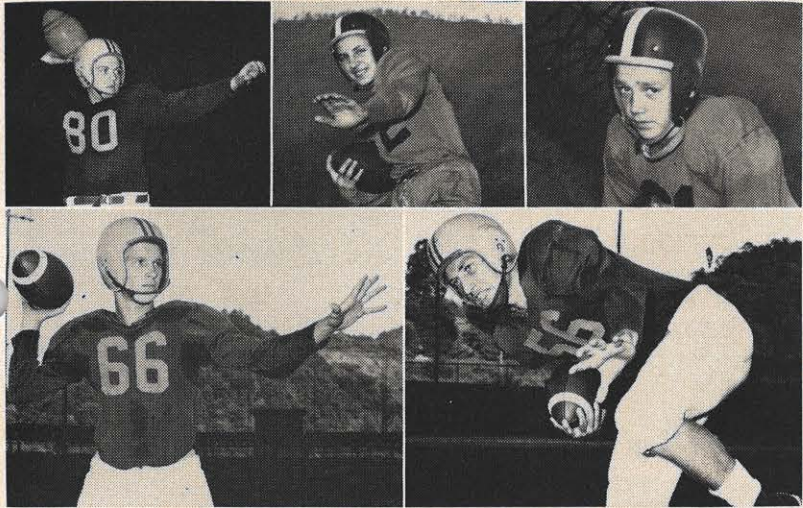
Industrial Club Visits Reusens Hydro



A group of members of the Lynchburg Industrial Management Club are being conducted on a tour of the Reusens Hydro Plant. E. T. Johnson, extreme right, serves as a guide for these visitors. The recent tour attracted about eighty members who came to the plant following their monthly dinner meeting. The tour included inspections of the generating rooms, control room, capacitor bank, transformer yard and the switching station. The club makes two plant visitations each year. Employees at Reusens and in the Lynchburg district served as guides for the tour.

Highlights in SPORTS

Hazard Youngsters See Grid Action



Sons of Hazard district employees saw plenty of action on area gridirons during the past season. All have been outstanding in local grid circles while playing either for the Lothair Eighth Grade eleven or the Hazard High School Bulldogs. Above, top row, left to right: Arley Barber, Jr., son of A. R. Barber, plays tackle slot for the Bulldogs. Pat Stidham, a shifty little ball handler for the eighth graders, is the son of Gaine Stidham. Dickie Burkhead, son of Ferman Burkhead, also shines for the Lothair squad. He fills a tackle position. Bottom, left to right: J. A. Muncy, son of Russell Muncy, is a halfback man for the Bulldogs. Percy Turner is the Bulldog's hard-driving fullback. He is the son of Charles Turner.

Enjoying Retirement



W. D. "Uncle Bill" Cox, retired Beckley district employee now living at Melbourne, Florida, really is enjoying his retirement. Only recently, he landed the 16½-pound tripletail shown above. Uncle Bill was first employed by the company as a line crew foreman in 1934. He became general foreman in 1944 and retired in February, 1951. Should any company personnel tour Florida's east coast, he would be glad to see them. Uncle Bill's mailing address is Box 451, Melbourne.

Sporn Softball Squad Is Honored



Members of the 1952 Philip Sporn Plant softball squad recently were honored at a dinner at the Lafayette Hotel in Gallipolis, Ohio. Sports movies and short talks by Howard Andrews, plant manager; Paul Schneider, Paul Scally, Harold Marquis, Al Smith and Robert Gilmore, also were enjoyed. Shown above, left to right as viewed, Paul Scally, Al Smith, Charles Wilson, Paul Schneider, Gene Athey, Bob Layne, Carl Tennant, Charles Stanley, Nelson Roush, Ralph Gibbs, Jr., Howard Andrews, James Haggerty, William Stivers, Gerald Clark, Carl Searls, Norman Yauger, Gene Ellis, Dwight Sayre, Robert Gilmore and Harold Marquis.

Williamson Bowlers Hold Dinner Meet; Outline 1953 Play

Members of the Williamson District Bowling League recently outlined league activities for the remainder of the 1952-53 schedule. Plans were developed in detail at a combination dinner and business meeting which was held at the local office building.

With 24 games played, The Amps, led by Fred Varney, hold first place with 17 wins and 7 defeats. The Power House keglers are a close second with 15 and 9. The Circuit Breakers are third with 14 and 10 games for their season on the hard wood.

The Center Lines, Short Circuits and Kilowatts hold down the second division in this closely fought bowling race.

Donny Runyon, with a 147 average, coped individual honors while the Power House team, rolling a 743 three-game set, captured team laurels.

Lands Sea Bass



Mrs. Cline Bradford, right, out-fished her husband while vacationing at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Eula, after snagging her five-pound spotted sea bass, summoned her husband to assist in landing the catch. Mr. and Mrs. Bradford display the bass in the above photograph. Eula is a member of the system personnel department at Roanoke.

Bluefield . . .

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clerk at Switchback, transferred to the system operating department, and Jenkins Scott, power sales engineer, transferred to distribution engineer.

Patricia Parrish, engineering department, attended the Southern-Capitol District Convention of Junior Woman's Clubs in Charleston.

Bluefield District

David M. Neese and Paul R. Synan are new employees in the system transmission line department.

T. E. Crowley, Jr., resigned to accept a position with the Pocahontas Land Corporation.

New employees include James E. Bailey, engineering department, and Norma Jean Longanacre and Ernestine Sisson, accounting department.

Howard Jessee has returned to work with the survey crew after serving four years in the Air Corps.

Lola Collins, accounting department, resigned.

Letha Thompson, office messenger, transferred to the distribution records department.

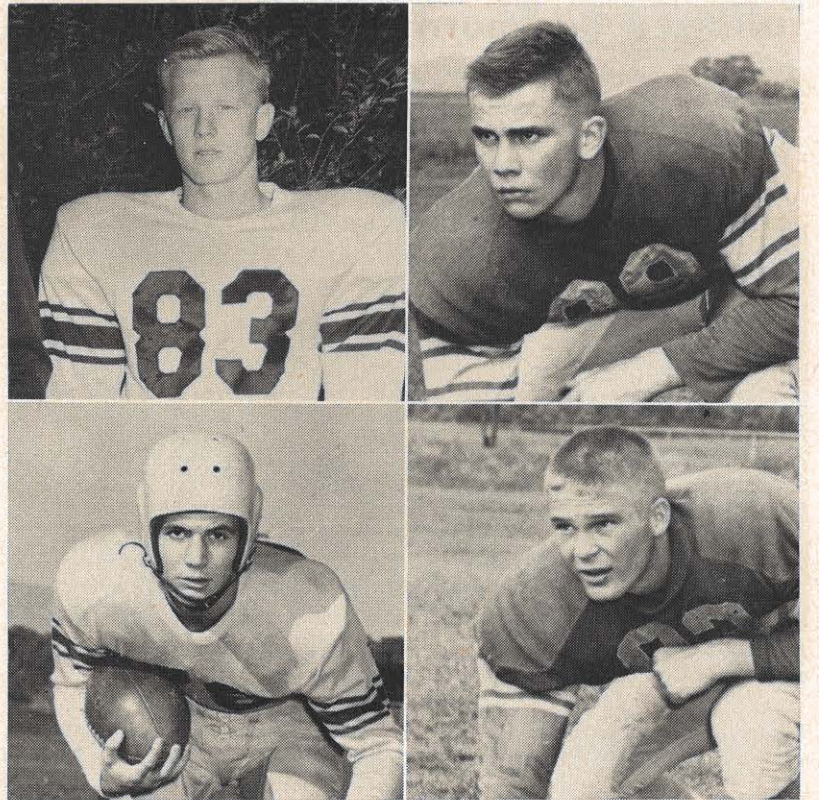
Okey Glover, Mullens line crew, returned to work after an illness.

Kathryn Milam, commercial department, has returned to work after an illness.

Sympathy is extended D. A. Johnston, Princeton line crew, on the death of his brother.

Sympathy is extended Charles Howell, meter department, on the death of his mother.

Roanokers Active In Grid Circles



Young Roanokers set a fast pace in football circles during the 1952 season. Above, upper left, Eddy Ferguson, son of Lawrence Ferguson, system billing, was captain of the Andrew Lewis High School squad at Salem. Eddy is an end and has played varsity ball for three years. He is a senior. Upper right, Bobby Cruickshank, co-captain of William Fleming's District Six champions, completed his fourth year of varsity ball. Bob plays a bag-up game at offensive guard and defensive tackle. He is the son of J. P. Cruickshank, system transmission and distribution department. Lower left, Jimmy Roberson, son of Curtis Roberson, executive office, fills Fleming's fullback slot on the offense and halfback on the defense. Jimmy is a sophomore. Lower right, Richard Caldwell, another Fleming senior, completed his third year of varsity ball. Dick is a pass-snagging end offensively and backs up the line on the defense. He is the son of Burnette Caldwell, system accounting.

Kilowatt Bowlers Leading The League In Roanoke District

In the Roanoke District Bowling League, the Kilowatts, led by Phil Ray, hold a wide edge over their nearest rivals. Ray's keglers have a season's record of 20 victories and 10 losses.

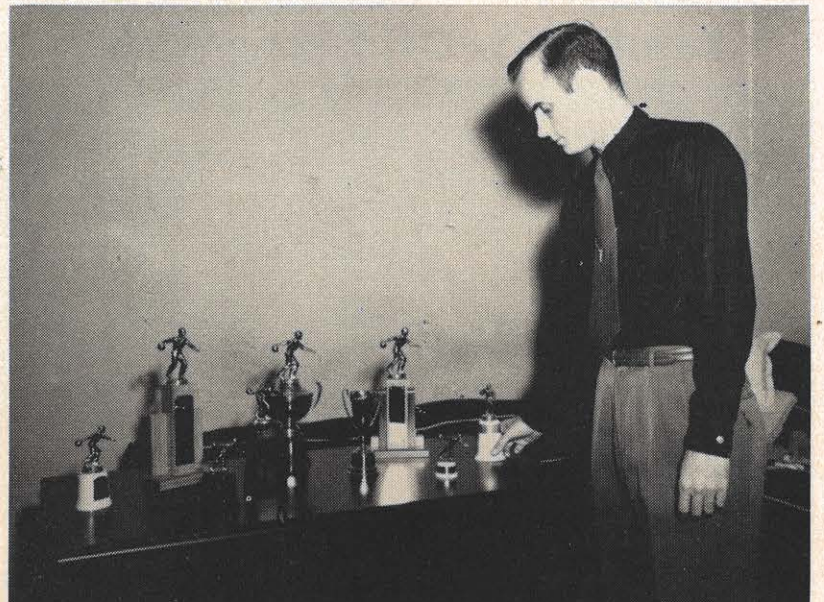
The Kilowatt bowlers lead the league with an average of 105 pins each game and hold team high single game honors with a 572 game.

The Ohms and Amps, with 16 and 14 records, are deadlocked for second place. Garland M. Gray leads the Ohms with an average of 110 while Leroy Gregory's 116 is the high average for the Amps.

For individual honors, Leroy Gregory holds a complete monopoly in the Roanoke loop. His 116 average; 152 high single game, and 392 series leads all classifications.

The Hi-Volts, with a total of 1,586 pins, hold the team series honors.

Abingdon Man Winner Of Bowling Awards



Robert A. Sheffey, Abingdon district electrical engineer, looks over ten of his bowling trophies won in city league competition in recent years. Bob started bowling at 13. He won his first trophy at 16, bowling in the Men's City League at Bluefield. When he discovered there was no league in Abingdon, after being employed in the district, he soon began playing in Bristol's Twin City League. In two seasons, Bob collected trophies for highest single game, second high set, fifth and sixth highest average and was a member of the championship team. In Twin City competition, he has averaged 176 pins; rolled a 278 single game, and collected 659 pins in a three-game series.

Bags Buck



G. P. "Mac" Williams, a member of the Pulaski district survey crew, has his head in the clouds this hunting season. Mac, taking to the woods for his fifth season, bagged his first deer. Mac's first kill, the four-point, 190-pounder, was shot shortly after daylight November 18 in the Big Stony Creek section of Giles County, Virginia.

Watch Repairing Is Fascinating Hobby Followed By Sporn Man For 12 Years



Mr. Evans is shown at his work bench. This repair cabinet was designed and constructed by Charlie's brother-in-law.

Charles Evans, assistant results engineer at the Philip Sporn Plant, has made a hobby of watch repairing since high school days. Today, a number of plant employees find it extremely convenient to hand Charlie their watches to repair.

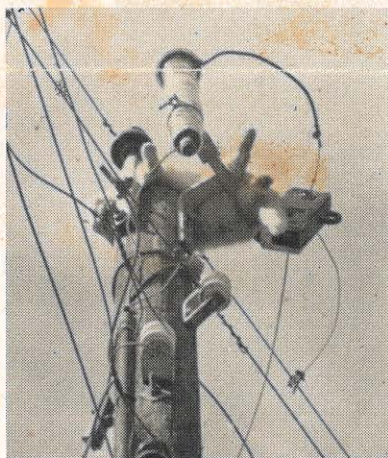
Charlie first tackled his hobby when he was a sophomore in high school. He needed spending money and there were few part-time jobs available for teen-agers. Finally, he managed to become an apprentice to a watch repairman and worked off-hours until he became quite familiar with the business. Later, he did some work on his own.

Charlie's hobby paid dividends when he entered college, too. He was able to take care of a large part of his expenses through watch repairing.

Over those twelve years of repairing watches, Mr. Evans has accumulated enough equipment to place him in a position to be able to repair most any type of watch or clock. There was a time, while operating on a small scale, he repaired watches with less than thirteen dollars worth of tools.

Charlie says, "I think everyone should develop some sort of a hobby. It is an interest that can be expanded in case of a serious illness or an injury."

Lost Ninth Life



Curiosity may have killed this cat, but carelessness was probably responsible as other cats have survived similar ordeals. Just goes to show that even nine lives are not enough if carelessness catches up with you. At any rate, the cat was dead when found by Bill Barnett of the Pikeville district commercial department.

Waldo LaFon Chosen For Three Civic Posts

Waldo S. LaFon, Beckley district manager, was recently selected for three civic positions.

He was re-elected to the State Board of Directors of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, elected to the Board of Directors of the Beckley Chamber of Commerce and selected a member of the Executive Committee of the Appalachian Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



Mr. LaFon

Mr. LaFon has been district manager since 1951. Prior to that he was assistant Charleston district manager.

Parade Pays Off Election Bets



A pair of happy passengers with their two chauffeurs were seen Saturday afternoon, November 8, in a parade down Winchester Avenue in Ashland. The fact that the riders sat in wheelbarrows was enough to indicate they won election bets, but signs removed any possible doubt. In the left wheelbarrow sits "Ike" man Bill McKinney being pushed by Warnie Felty, both employed in the Ashland distribution department. In the right wheelbarrow is Bill Wells, pushed by Fred Justice. The short procession started at 19th and Winchester Avenue and wended its way to 13th Street.

H. C. Sessions Elected New President Of Beckley Kiwanis Club

H. C. Sessions, Beckley district commercial department employee, recently was elected president of the Beckley Kiwanis Club. Mr. Sessions will head the organization during the 1952-53 term.



Mr. Sessions

Mr. Sessions has been a member of the Beckley club for the past fifteen years. During that time, he has served on many of the club's committees. On three different occasions, he has been a member of the board and in 1951 served the organization as vice president and chairman of the child welfare committee.

Mr. Sessions has been an employee of the company since 1934.

J. E. Collins Elected President Of Kiwanis Club At Abingdon

Joe E. Collins, Abingdon district rural and residential sales supervisor, recently was elected president of the Abingdon Kiwanis Club.



Mr. Collins

Kiwanis.

For the past two years, Mr. Collins has represented the Kiwanis Club as a member of the steering committee for the Annual Burley Tobacco Festival. Both years, he has been named chairman of the festival.

Since moving to Abingdon in 1949, Mr. Collins has been active in club work. During the past year, he served as vice president and chairman of the attendance and membership committees for

Major Walker, Of Sporn Plant, Dies In Seoul, Korea



Major Walker

Major Jack W. Walker, on military leave of absence from Sporn plant, died October 9 at Seoul, Korea.

A message received by his wife, Mrs. Helen Lee Walker, said the body was found near the barracks. Cause of the death was not reported but the message said further details would come later.

Major Walker had arrived in the South Korean capitol only a short time before his death. He had spent the month of August with his family after serving in Korea since last January. He was reassigned to duty in Korea about the middle of September and had been traveling most of the time before his death. The body will be sent home by the Army.

Joining the company in December of 1949, he was an instrument man in the results department before being recalled to military service in May of 1951. He was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he served as battalion commander before going to Korea.

Born in Ripley, he was a graduate of Ripley High School and Staunton Military Academy and attended West Virginia University. He held a commission in the reserve officers training corps for 19 years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and mother, are two sons, Bill and Mike; a daughter, Dixie, and a sister.

Hazard Employees Win Dinner For Work

Hazard district employees recently enjoyed a dinner given in their honor at the company auditorium. The treat, given by A. R. Barber, district manager, was an appreciation dinner given to employees responsible for the successful dryer campaign.

During the recent campaign, the employees sold forty dryers. This number was considered outstanding compared to the volume sold during the year.

Check Voltage At Point Pleasant Substation



Checking voltage after the new Point Pleasant substation was energized are, left to right: Carl Murray, Jr., inspector; C. D. Stalnaker, distribution engineer; T. J. Rose, distribution records clerk; M. C. Clark, district superintendent, and J. R. Crump, line foreman. The new substation, a 33/12 kv station built next to the old Point Pleasant station, was part of extensive work to convert the distribution system to a higher voltage. Work at the station included the installation of 5,000 kva three-phase transformer with three breakers and a bus regulator.

Pulaski Man's Son Wins Scholarship

David E. Hale, son of Claude S. Hale, Pulaski, recently received an agricultural scholarship at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.



David Hale

David is an agricultural engineering student at V. P. I. He graduated from Dublin High School last year with an average of 92. He was a member of the Beta Club and served as co-captain of the 1951 football squad.

David also was active in youth work. He won a trip to the National F.F.A. Convention at Kansas City while a student at DHS.

Mr. Hale is a member of the Pulaski meter department.

Milton Stephan Speaks To Cheshire Residents

Milton Stephan, Philip Sporn plant storekeeper and mayor of New Haven, met with residents of the village of Cheshire, Ohio, to discuss problems concerning the location of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation plant near their village.

Mr. Stephan told residents of his experience as mayor of a town which had just experienced the building of Sporn plant. The village of Cheshire is interested in incorporating as a town in order to meet the problems which will occur with the influx of a large number of people and the building of many new homes.

Club Holds Tacky Party At Huntington



Members of the Huntington office's Joule Club recently sponsored a Tacky Party at the St. Cloud Commons Clubhouse. Members and their guests enjoyed games, refreshments and dancing. The above group attending the outing are, left to right: T. A. Gilkerson, Betty Adkins, A. T. Wilks, Ethel Hyldahl, Ted McCurdy and Laura Collins.

Roanoke Employees Top Fund Quota

Roanoke employees in district and system departments topped their Community Fund quota. Total contributions by the 572 employees amounted to \$4,617.47, representing 109% of quota and an average gift of \$4.93.

The drive was spearheaded by Alfred M. Beatty, assistant stores supervisor, and W. S. Kitchen, system safety supervisor, who were co-chairmen.