

*A bad beginning makes
a bad ending.*

—EURIPIDES

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*Many receive advice,
few profit by it.*

—PUBLIUS SYRUS

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Abingdon Wins Illuminator Award



Paul S. Dunn, Abingdon district correspondent for *The Illuminator*, has won the 1952 Illuminator award in recognition of outstanding work. It is the second time that the Abingdon district has won the honor. In the 1952 standings Charleston district was a close second, followed by Kingsport and Pikeville. In the photo above from the left are W. A. McClung, editor of *The Illuminator*, Mrs. Doris Fleenor, secretary to Joe P. Gills, Abingdon district manager and Mr. Dunn; Mr. Gills and Mr. Dunn. Mr. McClung presented the award at the Abingdon Christmas party.

A. G. & E. System Biggest Electricity Producer In Nation

"It is interesting to note that the American Gas & Electric System, which serves no large cities, is now the nation's greatest producer of electricity."

That's what the December 22 issue of *Electrical World* pointed out in listing nine classifications to determine the biggest electric utility systems in the United States. While our A. G. & E. System ranks fifth in customers with 1,231,690, it is first in total generation and in steam generation. Consolidated Edison System leads the nation with 2,792,550 customers.

For steam generation, A. G. & E. had 15,417,488,000 kWhrs. in comparison with second-place Commonwealth Edison System's 13,070,992,000 kWhrs. In total generation, A. G. & E. with 16,165,194,000 kWhrs. led Niagara Mohawk Power System's 13,215,485,000 and Consolidated Edison System's 13,144,782,000 whrs.

A. G. & E. ranked fourth in electric plant investment behind Pacific Gas & Electric Co., Consolidated Edison and Commonwealth Edison. In electric operating revenue, A. G. & E. was third behind Consolidated Edison and Commonwealth Edison.

In steam plant capacity, A. G. & E. was third with 2,416,040 kw. Consolidated Edison was first and Commonwealth Edison second. In total capacity, A. G. & E. was fourth with 2,607,231 kw. Top three were Consolidated Edison, P. G. & E. and Commonwealth Edison.

In terms of averaging the above classifications and two hydro classifications where A. G. & E. does not place in the top 10 systems, A. G. & E. ranks fourth behind Consolidated Edison, P. G. & E. and Commonwealth Edison.

In terms of the top 35 individual operating companies, Appalachian is nineteenth in the nation with 458,091 customers. Ohio Power is thirtieth with 368,844 customers.

John Scholtens Leads Red Cross Drive

John W. Scholtens, assistant Hazard district manager, was chosen to head the 1953 American Red Cross drive in Hazard. Active in Scout work, he conducted a successful "Band Booster" campaign earlier this year.



Mr. Scholtens

Following his graduation at V.P.I. in 1937 he came with the Kentucky Company as a groundman in the Pikeville district. He was promoted to engineer the next year. In May of 1947 he was transferred to Hazard as supervising engineer. He became assistant district manager in April.

Richard J. Wood Heads Society Of Engineers

Richard J. Wood, Welch district commercial manager, was elected president of the Southeast Chapter of West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers at a meeting in Bluefield on December 6.



Mr. Wood

Employed in the Pulaski district in June of 1938, he has served as a groundman, draftsman, distribution engineer, engineer and power sales engineer. He transferred from Pulaski to Bluefield in March of 1941 and from Bluefield to Welch in September of 1951.

Construction Underway On Two Plants To Supply Power For Ohio Atomic Plant



At the Ohio plant site for the groundbreaking ceremony were, from left: G. L. Furr, vice president and general manager of Appalachian; M. C. Funk, vice president and director of the three southern companies; Harold Turner, vice president and general manager of The Ohio Power Company; Ohio Gov. Frank J. Lausche, who manned the machine to turn the first earth, starting construction of the 1,000,000-kw Kyger Creek plant; Philip Sporn, our president and president of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation.

Governors of Ohio and Indiana broke ground last month to begin construction of two mammoth power plants destined to serve the atomic energy plant underway near Portsmouth, Ohio.

A. E. C. officials, representatives of the 15 electric companies, who have contracted to supply power for the new A. E. C. plant, and several hundred spectators from local communities witnessed the ceremonies.

Gov. Frank J. Lausche broke ground for the 1,000,000-kw Kyger Creek plant at Cheshire, Ohio. Next day at Madison, Indiana, Gov. Henry F. Schricker performed similar duties to start the 1,200,000-kw Clifty Creek plant.

Philip Sporn, our president, who is also president of the 15-company Ohio Valley Electric Corporation and its subsidiary, spoke at both ceremonies and stressed the importance of electricity in making atomic bombs. He said, "We need atomic bombs today because the world we live in is the kind of world it is."

However, he expressed the hope that "this plant soon will rise and take its place as a mighty weapon for defense, that out of its use as such will come an even greater use, so that it will eventually become a mighty weapon for peace."

Eleven 200,000-kw units will be installed at the two plants, five at the Ohio plant and six at the Indiana plant. The first of these units is scheduled for operation by January, 1955. A staggered schedule of completion dates will bring all 11 of them on the line at intervals up to June, 1956.

Groundbreaking at the plants set in motion terms of a contract signed October 15, 1952, with the AEC by 15 electric companies for supplying all the electric needs of the new A. E. C. plant. Appalachian, The Ohio Power Company and Indiana & Michigan Electric Company are the three AGE companies participating in the contract.

The contract calls for supplying the largest single block of electric power ever supplied in this country—1,800,000 kilowatts. By comparison, this amount of power would be 25% greater than that needed to supply the whole city of New York.

Although the combined capacity of the two plants will be 2,200,000 kw, the A. E. C. contracted for 1,800,000 kw for a 25-year period. The balance of capacity is to make up for losses of power in transmission and the amount of reserve capacity for regular maintenance and overhaul. Additional capacity, too, will be available from the sponsoring companies.

National Award To Bradshaw Sets State Record In 4-H



Aubrey is shown in the N. & W. station in Roanoke prior to making his third trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

Establishing a state record, Aubrey Bradshaw for the third time attended the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. The Fieldale district meter department employee won a Henry Ford II 4-H Club Scholarship, presented by L. D. Crusoe, vice president of the Ford Motor Company.

This year he was winner in the 4-H achievement class. The award was given on club and community leadership as well as project results. No other 4-H Club member in Virginia has won as many as three trips to the National 4-H Club Congress in the more than 30 years of its existence.

Aubrey attended the Congress in 1949 as state field crop champion. He was national winner in 1951 in 4-H livestock production.

C. C. Darrah To Head Mining Institute

C. C. Darrah, assistant district manager at Beckley, recently was elected president of the New River and Winding Gulf Mining Institute.



Mr. Darrah

The Institute is an organization composed of foreman and engineers whose primary and secondary interests are in mining. The group's program keeps members informed of new techniques employed in the industry.

A Message From Mr. Furr

The past year has been an eventful one for Appalachian Electric Power Company. We have met unprecedented demands for electric power, while during the same period we have continued to grow and prepare for the future.

Our company has successfully completed its year's program of expansion. Splendid progress has been made on the construction of the Kanawha River Plant, with the first 200,000 kilowatt unit scheduled to be placed in operation in the spring.

We have continued to build new transmission lines. The 63-mile, 330,000 volt line from Sporn to Kanawha River was completed in May. The new 65 miles, 132,000 volt line from Glen Lyn to Roanoke was completed in December. Along with these major additions has gone the building of many new distribution stations, new service buildings and many miles of distribution facilities.

Much has been accomplished to make our service better. Perhaps even more important, we have ended the year a stronger and finer organization. All of you can feel justifiably proud of the part you have played in our accomplishments.

I believe the outlook for the new year is encouraging. Prospects are good for a greater use of consumer goods and more economy in the operation of our government. We will, however, be faced with many new problems which will require our best efforts and judgment.

Let us all enter 1953 with a spirit of brightness and encouragement. And may I wish you success and happiness in all that is dear to you throughout the year.

G. L. Furr, Vice President and General Manager



Mr. Furr

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Encouraging Signs For 1953

Since the close of the war in 1945, we have been plagued with many disturbing things. While most everyone realized that winning the war would not mean the end of all our national problems, we did believe that it should mean the beginning of better days. There is grave doubt now that such was the case.

In 1953, more than seven years later, we are faced with many serious and alarming factors. Somehow, we find a war on our hands that is now in its third year, with well over 125,000 casualties, and with no end in sight. Destructive inflation, which threatens to destroy our system of economy, is on our doorstep. Evidence of dishonesty and corruption among people in high places in government keeps piling higher and higher. The trend toward socialism in our everyday lives and the dangers from communists in our own country are real facts which cannot be brushed aside.

Last November, a great majority of the people in our country indicated their belief that the solution to these problems could best be found by new leaders in our national government. This great majority appears convinced that there is a need to return to the fundamental principles of more freedom for individuals. They indicated, we believe, a desire to contain the functions of government to those responsibilities prescribed by the founders and return to private enterprise those opportunities and rights which helped make this the greatest nation on earth.

If this change means a turning point in that direction, we must first recognize that it cannot mean the immediate end to our problems. It would be folly to believe that all the proponents of centralized power in government will now silently fold their tents and sneak away. We would certainly be gullible to think that all the "do good" social planners who have become so fond of spending other peoples' money, and who are obsessed with the idea of controlling our lives, will now run up a white flag and repent of their ways. It would be downright foolish for us, who are engaged in the electric utility business, to entertain any ideas that the advocates of socialized power programs will give up their efforts to destroy privately owned companies without a last-ditch struggle.

The signs which seem to point to a better era for private enterprise, and for what is generally referred to as "our way of life" are encouraging. We need to remember, however, that, as yet, they are only signs and that the final outcome is yet to be decided. It is surely no time for anyone, and least of all the people in our business, to become complacent. It may still be a good idea to keep our powder dry.

W. C. BUCHANAN, Agricultural Sales Engineer, Pulaski.



The change that will affect the welfare of the country the greatest during 1953, will be the shift of our manufacturer's efforts from defense to consumer goods as more critical materials are released. Greater production and more efficient methods will make consumer goods more plentiful. Prices will be lowered and the standard of living raised.

The enactment of new, and modification of present laws, regulating labor and management will create greater harmony between these two groups, thus curtailing the spiral of inflation, and stabilizing the country's economy.

The new administration will adopt a more conservative policy of subsidizing various industries, and the production of a vast number of products. This will be healthy for business and the fulfillment of the American way of life, free enterprise.

KATHERINE V. KERR, System Accounting, Roanoke.



Since the desire for peace seems to be foremost in our minds, I feel every effort will be made to bring this about and full support given to our defense program.

Studies are now being made whereby government spending will be cut and efficiency increased. Efforts will be made to clean out the corruption and get rid of the Reds in our government.

We should aim to stimulate world trade, mainly to ease the demands on the United States for aid.

Taxes, no doubt, will be cut a little next year—more later, if needed, to remedy a business slump.

The Taft-Hartley Act will likely be amended, but most unions will try to avoid big strikes lest they stir up anti-labor laws.

HERMAN DENT, Mechanical Maintenance Helper, Glen Lyn Plant.



The year 1953 should not only be a year of "decision" but should also be a year in which many constructive changes will be made.

First, I foresee a gradual end of the war in Korea. This cannot be accomplished overnight but will take many weeks to reach an honorable peace.

I also see a decline in the socialistic trend in our government with the possibility of a number of governmental projects being turned over to private enterprise. I do not think we will have any gross unemployment and that business in general will level off and stop inflation.

I can also see where great strides will be made in the development of atomic energy where it will be available for industrial use. I am looking forward to 1953 as being a very prosperous year.

ELIZABETH RIDDLE, Managerial Department, Pikeville.



One of the major changes I foresee, affecting our country during the coming year, is a renewed and more positive effort being made to settle the Korean war ending the number of American casualties and possibly reducing the number of our boys and men being called into the armed forces.

I believe we will see in the coming year a kindlier governmental attitude toward our privately owned businesses and less trouble from government agencies. I also believe there will be a curtailment if not a complete reversal of the trend toward socializing a number of our more important industries.

Another change I foresee are communistic influences and those connected with Communism being removed from our government.

R. CONNER FOSTER, Distribution Records Supervisor, Lynchburg.



I look to 1953 with a feeling of optimism. There will no doubt be some major changes during the year which will affect the welfare of our country. While our government is changing over to a new administration, some confusion is to be expected, but beyond this conversion period, I anticipate a more stable economic condition.

I expect to see wage and price controls virtually eliminated and government spending reduced to a minimum. Present indications are that we will have a good business year with an increase in the production of consumer goods, which will enable us to maintain a high standard of living. I believe 1953 will bring a feeling of greater security to our American people.

CHESTER H. CAMPBELL, System Billing, Huntington.



Several changes affecting the welfare of our country are foreseen in 1953.

Reduction of taxes through curtailment of government expenditures, easing off of certain controls and regulations to induce business and industry to expand their operations, providing more jobs, producing more and better goods at lower prices.

A new Social Security plan to include all those who are not covered under the present plan.

Also, a new approach to the Korean conflict so that a successful conclusion will be realized.

All of these changes will again bring happiness and prosperity to our country.

The Bottom

Self-respect is at the bottom of all good manners. They are the expression of discipline, of good will, of respect for other people's rights and comfort and feelings.—E. S. Martin.

JOAN CLAYMAN, Accounting Department, Kingsport.



The Korean War is over—if such an Armistice is made—in my opinion that will be the major change affecting the welfare of the country in 1953.

The governments of all nations have given the "go-ahead" signal for the expansion and construction of manufacturing plants, public utilities, recreation centers, churches and homes.

No longer will our nation and all other nations use the strength of their people to build battleships, airplanes and other machines for war. Their strength will be used only for things that will build permanent and everlasting peace.

J. E. HOFFMAN, Work Order Clerk, Cabin Creek Plant.



1953 brings with it hope for an America with an even higher standard of living based on peace and security for its people. We look forward to a new administration with new ideas, a government free from corruption, with lower taxes, and higher standards of education.

This year our biggest hope lies in the United Nations for a peaceful settlement of world problems. The United States, as the leader in world affairs, will set an example of democratic government to be followed by all nations that there might be freedom from oppression for all people.

In 1953 we see the beginning of a new era of peace and security not only for our country but for the world.

IMOGENE LEGG, Accounting Department, Charleston.



This may be wishful thinking but indications are that things are looking up for the U. S. A. Signs point to a more vigorous and more sensible prosecution of the Korean affair; after Eisenhower's inauguration the stalemate should not last much longer. The issue will be resolved one way or another.

I also foresee a more realistic — less expensive — dealing with Europe in the matter of economic aid. Industry and labor will begin to work out their problems between themselves without Uncle Sam overbalancing one side or the other. Executive and legislative branches of the Government will work together with an atmosphere of trust and good feeling for the most part. Reduction of economic aid to Europe should mean some tax relief in the not too distant future.

Liberty

Though most people shy away from talk of liberty, fearing, amid the confused uses of the term, that whatever they hear will be somebody's propaganda, they all know at what point liberty begins. It is the point at which they resent being shoved about.—Stanley Pargellis.

Heavy Snow Strikes Hard At Power Lines In Two Areas



Scenes like this were typical in the Kingsport area as linemen worked long hours to repair the damage. J. P. Smith is atop pole with J. J. Potts below. Groundmen, left to right, are James W. Johnson, George Morrison and Fred Pierce.

Falling Trees Plagued Kingsport Crews Working In Worst Storm In Many Years

Heavy rains started falling in Kingsport in the early morning hours, turning to snow about 6:30 a. m. Employees going to work November 21 gave little thought to the tremendous job ahead.

At 9:21 a. m. the first trouble call was phoned in to E. A. Clay, meterman, handling the base station of the two-way radio at the time. Service wires were down at a residence.

Seven minutes later a call reported the primary neutral wire down near the same location. Five minutes later the third call of lines down was received. Next report came by radio at 10:31 a. m. that the first two causes of trouble had been cleared and service restored.

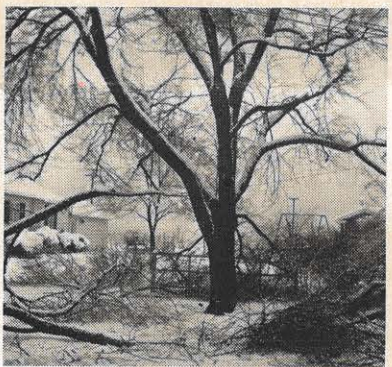
Then came the deluge. Beginning at 10:55 a. m. the four telephone trunk lines to the Utilities were kept busy.

About then the power line to the transmitter station on top of Bays Mountain went out. When the base station went dead, E. A. Clay set up headquarters in Car No. 27 which he called "home" for the following 36 hours. This car was the nerve center for all operations. Here instructions went out to all crews. C. J. Bryan, assistant general manager, and J. W. Bolton, assistant meter supervisor, grouped the damages and directed the course of operations for the crews.

Damages were scattered over the entire KUI service area. At one time



Cecil C. McClellan, truck driver-groundman, reports by two-way radio on progress of repairs.



Broken branches littered many Kingsport yards and streets on the day following the snow storm.

or other, about 13,000 customers were affected by the storm. No damage was done to the 22 kv circuits or to the business section of Kingsport.

Three distribution line crews under foreman Loomis Nutter, Winston Morrison and Sam Russell worked continuously from Friday morning until late Saturday night without sleep or rest. After a few hours' sleep, they were back on the job clearing trouble.

Sandwiches, donuts and coffee were carried to crews on the jobs. All trucks and cars were operating, accounting for 20 organized groups repairing damage.

Needing help, the Pulaski district was contacted by two-way radio. As telephone lines were down, the emergency message was relayed to the Gate City office, Abingdon district, and from there on up the line until received at Pulaski.

Monday morning all the main feeder electric power lines in all city, rural and suburban areas had been restored to service. Early Wednesday morning, Sam Russell and his crew reported in from the last known trouble call.

Old-timers with KUI like Roy Cloud, "Doc" Collins, Mose Jackson, "Cap" Wilhoit, J. E. Wright and others said the snow storm was the worst to hit the Kingsport area in many a year. The weatherman agreed.

Employees Did Outstanding Job To Clear Trouble

Snow started falling early Friday morning. Lines started falling a few hours later as one of the heaviest, wettest snows in many years hit the Abingdon district and Kingsport area on November 21.

Before the resulting trouble was cleared, 19,000 Abingdon district customers and 13,000 KUI customers were affected as the snow reached depths from 10 to 14 inches.

Hitting with silent fury in its deceptive, peaceful calmness, the snow stuck on power lines, causing them to break or slap together. It weighted the trees, breaking branches which sometimes fell across power and telephone lines. Records indicate that such a storm hit the area in the winter of 1866.

No Injuries

Crews worked round the clock to clear the trouble. Employees representing all departments, including office girls, were "on the job." Some answered phones, relayed messages, cooked and served coffee and snacks to the fatigued crews, transported materials and acted as groundmen.

They all did an outstanding job—and did it safely. Only one minor injury came when a lineman slipped and fell while walking down a hillside.

The cold, driving snow and weariness from continuous duty and loss of sleep were hazards overcome by employees talking safety, studying the job ahead and discussing hazards before proceeding on each job. Many of the men were in strange territory and worked at night under adverse conditions.

Two-way radio communication was a decisive factor in the speedy restoration of service as communications were snarled. Instructions went out to crews giving locations, damages, clearances and other vital information. Damages were grouped by locality to speed repairs and eliminate unnecessary traveling.

Help Comes

Help for the laboring Kingsport line crews came from Pulaski early Sunday morning. The Pulaski crew with heavy truck and equipment pitched in for 24 hours of continuous duty before a few hours' rest.

Helping in Abingdon district were crews from Marion and Wytheville, Pulaski district, and from Bluefield and Tazewell, Bluefield district, which were called around noon on Saturday. As conditions became worse, additional crews came from Bluefield and Princeton, Bluefield district, and from Grundy, Welch district.

By noon Sunday the worst was over. By Sunday night most of the lines were back in service despite the fact that sometimes after getting lines back in service the crews had to return due to a breakage at another point.

Many letters and calls were received from pleased customers, praising employees for their work. Customers cooperated wonderfully by meeting crews, directing them to the trouble and keeping others away until the line crews arrived.

One 12-year-old girl saw a line down near her home. She placed a ladder in front of it, got a lantern and stood watch until a Utilities crew arrived.

Local radio stations and newspapers were very helpful by informing people of the progress made in restoring service.



J. M. Orr, substation department, surveys possible line damage before cutting the tree bent under the weight of the heavy snow. Such conditions were general throughout the Abingdon district area.

Widespread Damage In Abingdon Area Forced Men To Stay On Job For Days

Snow began falling over the Abingdon district area about 5 a. m. on November 21 and continued in a regular pattern until 5:30 p. m. Light falls continued until about 9:30 p. m.

A few calls reporting service off began coming in about 10 a. m. By noon a steady stream of calls were pouring in, continuing as rapidly as disrupted communication lines would permit until Sunday afternoon.

Local crews were dispatched to trouble areas as soon as the calls were received. Until Saturday noon it appeared they would be able to handle the situation. However, recurring cases of trouble on the same lines made it necessary to get outside help from crews in other districts of the Bluefield division.

In addition to the local and outside crews, all office personnel that could possibly be used to advantage were on the job. Some men worked 50 to 60 hours without sleep.

Most customers were sympathetic and co-operative. Several invited employees into their homes to eat, get warm or drink coffee when they had jobs which took quite a bit of time in one locality. A Scott County family fed a crew of seven a big meal late one evening.

Employees' families did their part. In Dickenson County where employees could not get food from restaurants, their wives cooked meals and made sandwiches for the men forced to stay on the job for days. The women set up a regular cafeteria in the service building. Five of the ladies stayed on duty at the office for the entire week end.



J. J. Roseberry, line foreman at left, and H. S. Fogleman, material clerk, direct Washington County line crews.



Fred Rosenbaum on pole and Henry Pierce restore service at a rural home where the wire was pulled down.

Scott County was hardest hit. Trouble started early Friday morning and by noon Saturday every line (over 700 miles), with the exception of the main 22 kv feed, had been or was out of service.

Crews from seven outlying offices as well as two contractor crews were brought into Scott County. At the height of the trouble, about 50 men and 15 vehicles were working in the county.

As there is no telephone communication in the county with the exception of the town of Gate City, customers had to come into town to report interruptions.

Trouble started Friday morning in Washington County. Before the emergency was over 625 miles of line had been out of operation. Service was restored to 98 per cent of the customers by 7 p. m. Sunday. About 40 men and 11 vehicles repaired the damage.

In Russell County, over 300 miles of line were affected. All main single and three-phase lines were back in service by late Monday afternoon.

Fourteen inches of snow in Dickenson County disrupted service on all 600 miles of line with the exception of the main 12 kv from Red Onion station to Clintwood. All lines were restored by 6 p. m. Monday.

Charleston Division

Cabin Creek Plant

Sympathy is extended Estel Crist on the death of his step-father.

Margaret Matheny, senior time record clerk, was honored by a dinner party given on her birthday by Mae Smith of the plant and Marie Simmons of the Charleston office.

Sympathy is extended E. D. Workman on the death of his mother.

Beckley District

Sympathy is extended J. A. Barker on the death of his infant son.

Betty Frances Yeager, accounting department, resigned.

New employees are Ethel H. Malcolm, transmission and distribution department, and Donald F. Hodge, transportation department.

J. E. deVenny, transmission and distribution department, resigned.

Mrs. Dorothy Barker was given a surprise household shower by employees of the Beckley office. Mrs. Barker, home economist, and her husband, J. C. Barker, who is a sales representative, recently moved into their new home.

Mrs. Flora Bott, Oak Hill office accounting department, resigned.

Cecil L. Evans, on military leave since 1950, has returned to work in the Oak Hill office accounting department.

The distribution records section of the transmission and distribution department held a Christmas party for employees and for employees who have transferred to other departments. Gifts were exchanged and a gift presented to J. W. Muir, department head. A. A. Cesarato, local office representative of the R. H. Boulogny Company, was a guest.

Philip Sporn Plant

New employees are Nancy G. Scally, accounting department; Martin R. Carson and Joseph R. Bailey, labor department.

H. S. Morgan, shift operating engineer, has returned to work after a tonsillectomy.

William J. Woods, barge attendant, resigned.

Gerald Kelly, maintenance helper on military leave, recently visited the plant while on furlough.

John Taylor, maintenance helper, is recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Charleston District

C. R. Metz has returned to work after an operation.

A/2c Harry Sweeney, who is stationed in Alaska, spent Christmas with his family, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Sweeney. Mrs. Sweeney is an employee in the accounting department.

Mrs. Mildred Huey, Kanawha plant, resigned.

Mrs. Virginia McGraw and J. C. Cloud are new employees at Kanawha River plant.

Sympathy is extended Kenneth Estep on the death of his father.

The Charleston accounting department held its annual Christmas Party at the Eagles Club on December 11. Thirty-seven attended.

Sympathy is extended D. F.



Bogges on the death of his father.

About 70 people attended the Kanawha River plant's construction forces Christmas Party and Dance on December 13 at the Club Charlan.

Sympathy is extended D. C. Parsons on the death of his wife.

Sympathy is extended Ela Burford, Kanawha River plant, on the death of her mother.

Roanoke Division

Fieldale District

Mrs. Lois Sheppard, local accounting department, has returned to work after an illness.

Mrs. Joy Webster, accounting, visited her husband who is stationed in Kentucky with the armed forces.

System

Sympathy is extended Norwood Turner, system accounting, on the death of his mother.

Estelle Stanley, accounting, resigned.

Sympathy is extended Jean Ferguson on the death of her uncle.

Joyce Griffin, accounting, resigned. Sympathy is extended S. A. Thomas on the death of his mother-in-law.

Sally Eanes, accounting, has returned to work after an illness.

Betty Lugar, accounting, resigned.

Joe Hubbard, billing office, was home on leave during the holidays. Joe has gained 30 pounds in the service and is transferring from Texas to Washington.

Buddy Williams, stationed in Wyoming, visited the billing office while home on Christmas leave.

Dennis Oyler, billing office, resigned.

Mrs. Clarence Brown, wife of the billing office employee, has returned home after an operation.

Ilene Newman is a new employee in the commercial department.

Girls of the fourth floor held their annual Christmas dinner party at the Shenandoah Club on December 22.

Roanoke District

W. C. Reynolds, meter department, has been selected as lieutenant governor to aid the work of the Natural Bridge District of Ruritan National.

Tommy Abshire, meter department employee injured in a wreck in July, has returned to work.

Charlie Williams, meter department employee on military leave, spent a leave during the holidays with his wife, Barbara, of the accounting department.

Mrs. Jane Walker, cashier, resigned. She will be replaced by Mary Nelson, local accounting. Dot Mason, mail room, replaces Mrs. Nelson in the contract department.

Paul Iddings is a new employee in the mail room.

Mrs. Nelle Phillips, local account-

ing, had her daughter, Helen, of the WAVES, and son, Woodson, of the Medical College of Virginia Dental School, home for the holidays.

Recent donors for the Red Cross Blood Bank include: B. T. Bryant, garage; P. L. Bailey, line; H. F. Carter, line; T. M. Roberts, C. E. Skeen, system civil engineering; C. T. Rader, line; W. W. Krebs, district superintendent; W. P. Booker, district manager; D. B. Roberts, managerial; J. T. Goggin, local accounting; R. G. Calhoun, system accounting; J. M. Burnett, power sales department, and J. E. Hopkins, division engineering.

A. R. Martin, Rocky Mount office, has returned from Philadelphia where his wife is hospitalized.

Collected from the Roanoke office building for the Christmas Basket Bureau was \$186 and five baskets.

Lynchburg District

Sympathy is extended Kay Hudson, distribution-line department, and Lawrence Hudson, managerial department, on the death of their father.

Inez Hanenkrat, accounting department, has resigned.

George D. Burford, meter department, returned to work after an accident.

L. G. Dougan, personnel supervisor, attended a meeting of the National Council of Industrial Management Clubs in Philadelphia on December 11. He represented the Industrial Management Club of Lynchburg, one of 11 clubs in the nation to participate in an opinion poll of supervisors and foremen.

Kentucky

Hazard District

Hunters include Bradley Dixon, for birds and rabbits; Adrian Combs, for deer with a bow and arrow; Fred Barnett, for deer, and Thomas Griffin, for birds.

John Scholtens, Thomas Bunton, Homer Combs and Gay Boyer were leading characters in a recent play given at Lothair School by the Lothair Homemakers.

Rex Craft and Earl G. Bellamy are new employees.

Sympathy is extended Robert Bibb, commercial department, on the death of his grandmother.

Ashland District

W. B. Garnett, general office manager, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Local office employees held their Christmas Party in the auditorium on December 23.

Don C. Scott, of the Air Corps, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Scott, while on leave. Home after a year in Korea, he reports for duty in Wichita, Kansas.

Bluefield Division

Glen Lyn Plant

Lon J. Whitlow has returned to work after an illness.

J. C. Neely, J. A. Thornton and R. E. Hare, retired employees, visited the plant.

E. C. Quisenberry moved into his new home at Rich Creek.

Eddie DeHart, maintenance man on military leave, recently visited the plant.

About 250 children of plant employees attended the Christmas party at the Glen Lyn Grade School.

The following employees were in charge of arrangements for the employee Christmas dinner: R. B. Ratliff, chairman, R. Y. Woodburn, J. C. Hare, Raymond Thompson, A. R. White, D. T. Brown, Dixie Brown, Betsy Holdren, Basil Vest and O. S. Knight.

Welch District

Sympathy is extended Perry Hatmaker, distribution department, on the death of his grandmother.

Jack Lee Morgan, line department, is a new employee.

Edward H. Burton and Robert Hatfield, line department at Welch, and Bud Lester, Grundy line department, resigned.

Bluefield District

Fred Galbraith is a new employee with the survey crew.

Mary Alice Adkins, distribution records department, resigned and moved to St. Petersburg, Florida.

A. R. Grinstead, distribution records department, returned to work after an illness.

Charlie Garrett, meter department, resigned.

Kathryn Milam returned to work after an illness.

Sympathy is extended L. H. Saunders, Bluefield division personnel supervisor, on the death of his father.

Abingdon District

A. D. Rosenbalm, lineman, has returned to work after an illness.

Andy Skeen has moved from Gate City to Abingdon while Dave Powell moved from Abingdon to Gate City.

Rufus M. Bondurant, district supervising engineer, has returned to work after serving in the Far East and spending over a year in Korea with the Eighth Army Signal Battalion. Capt. Bondurant was officer in charge of the Eighth Army Main Communication Center.

Scott County employees recently entertained their wives and husbands with a pot luck supper at the Gate City office.

Stoney Jackson, employee on military leave, has been discharged from the Army after serving in Japan.

Russell Fleenor, employee on mili-

tary leave, has been discharged from the Army after two years' service.

Sympathy is extended Fred Rosenbalm, maintenance man, on the death of his step-father.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Gills were given a going-away dinner by the managerial and personnel departments in Abingdon. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Kirkland, Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Frier and Mrs. James Fleenor.

Pulaski District

Andrew L. Graham, Jr., rural department, was elected treasurer of the Lutheran Brotherhood, Woman's Memorial Lutheran Church.

W. H. Spangler, general foreman, gave a safety talk to employees of General Company at Gossan Mines, Iron Ridge plant.

Fred R. Poe, rural sales representative, and Mrs. Poe recently visited their son at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Florida. Billy is a lieutenant.

Sympathy is extended Josephine Akers on the death of her mother.

Jane Eberle, infant daughter of Henry Morehead of the Pulaski office, has been a patient at Radford Hospital.

New home economists in the district are: Anne Giles, Pulaski office; Dorothy Walton, Marion, and Elizabeth Lynch, Galax.

Sympathy is extended H. F. Rotenberry, Bylesby maintenance man, on the death of his sister-in-law.

Mrs. Harold Lawrence, wife of the Christiansburg employee, is recuperating at home after being a patient in a Roanoke hospital.

Mrs. Clayborne Wirt, wife of the Christiansburg employee, is recovering at home after being in the hospital.

Charles S. Correll, son of A. B. Correll of the Christiansburg office, has been home on leave from the Air Corps.

Huntington Division

Williamson District

Successful hunters in Pocahontas County were Ernest Bailey, Everette Carrico, Dick Wilson, Thurman Ball, Babe Akers, Ben Scaff and Harold Akers.

Logan District

Mrs. Mildred Shriver, wife of John of the commercial department, is recuperating from an operation.

Eleanor J. Winter, commercial department, was appointed chairman of the program committee by the Logan Junior Woman's Club. Ann Pozega, home economist, was appointed entertainment committee chairman.

Edith Friend, Madison office home economist, won first prize in the Crosley Contest and received a table model radio.

Robert Kenny Craddock, Jr., is a new employee in the transmission and distribution department, replacing W. J. Walsh.

Huntington District

Sympathy is extended E. L. Stein, Kenova plant superintendent, on the death of his mother.

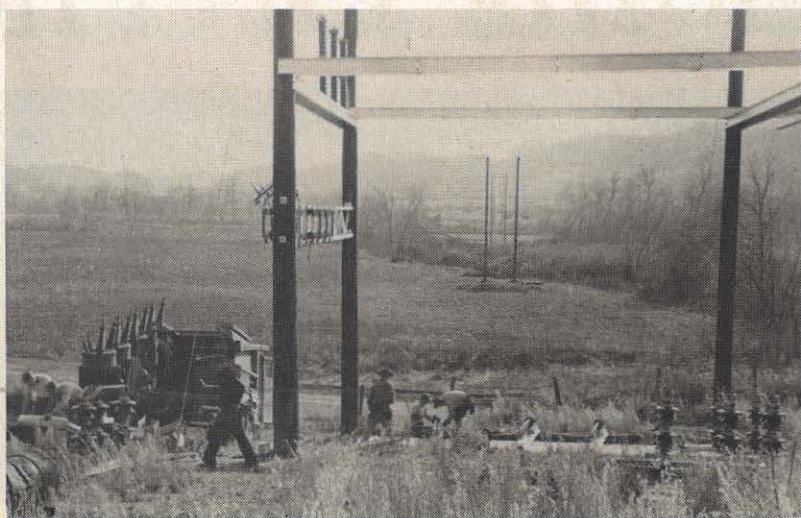
New Transmission Line Under Construction In Kentucky

Construction of a new 66,000-volt transmission line is underway from Morehead to Helechawa, Kentucky. Undertaken by both the Pikeville and Ashland districts, the line will interconnect all three districts of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company.

Other facilities required in connection with the 33-mile line are substations and switching facilities at Morehead, Index and Helechawa. Index substation will have a capacity of 15,000 kva, transforming 66,000 to 12,000 volts. It will serve West Liberty, Salyersville and surrounding communities which are being served from the Paintsville substation.

Helechawa substation will serve Hazard and Pikeville districts while Morehead substation will serve Ashland and Pikeville districts.

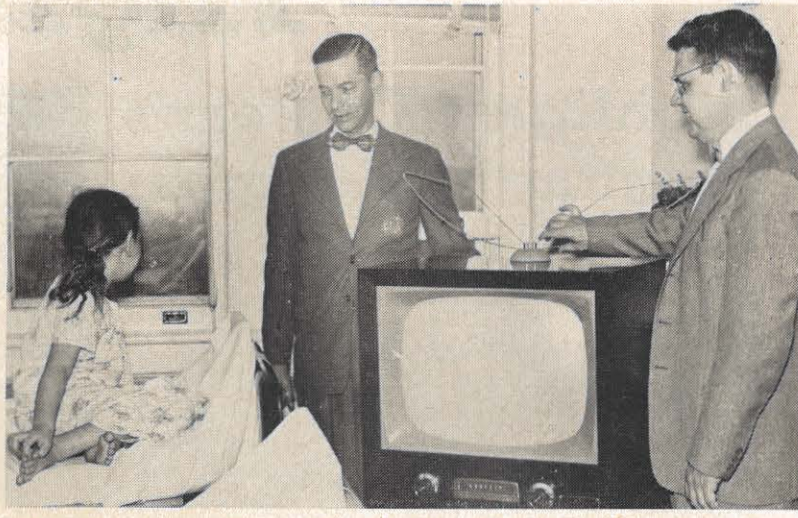
Right of way on the new line was cleared by Charles and Thompson Contractors after a survey by Ashland district employees. The line is being



Index substation on the new 66 kv Morehead-Helechawa line begins taking shape. From left: Jesse Collier and Bill Zoellers go over plans while Raymond Scott, Jim Lowe, James T. McReynolds and Homer Helvey assemble station switches. Poles are being set on the line, as seen in the background.

built by Hoosier Engineering Company. Construction is being inspected by F. E. Phillips, Pikeville district employee.

Group Donates TV Set To Hospital



Walnut Avenue employees of the Roanoke district have a habit of playing Santa Claus. This year, this group of employees donated a television set to the Polio Ward of the Memorial and Crippled Children's Hospital. Above, Marshall Covey, standing, left, meter department, and Alfred Beatty, store department, deliver the set as one of the little patients looks on. Previously, the same group contributed two hundred dollars to the Hospital Development Fund. Proceeds for gifts are made up through individual contributions and profits from soft drink and candy machines. Employees taking part in this project represent the meter, stores, distribution, garage, line, range service, substation, service and steam plant departments.

Santa Claus Visits Children At Parties



Old Saint Nicholas made early visits to many places in the Southern Properties last month. He attended children's parties in all of the districts. The Illuminator camera man caught Santa in the pictures above at some of the parties. Top row, from left: Santa listens to a little girl's desires for Christmas while other Kingsport children await their turns. In the center picture, Pt. Pleasant children not only saw Santa, but also heard Benjamin Franklin IV,

a magician, Babo the Clown and Texas Slim. In the last picture on the top row, these Roanoke colored children got stockings from Santa Claus. Second row from the left, Santa Claus listens to some of the Logan district and plant children and Santa Claus gets an assist in distributing gifts at the Sporn Plant children's party. In the bottom picture, Santa Claus holds a couple of the tiniest youngsters at the Abingdon party.

A. R. Barber Named District Scout Officer

A. R. Barber, Hazard district manager, has been appointed financial chairman of the Kentucky River District of the Boy Scouts of America.

Along with his church and civic duties, Mr. Barber has been instrumental in the advancement of Scouting in this district. He was district chairman in 1950 and received the "First Award" for district achievement in the 40th anniversary crusade, the only First Award received in the Lonesome Pine Council that year.

Hazard Volta Club Holds Its Christmas Party

Members of the Volta Club of the Hazard office entertained after work December 11 with a Christmas and canasta party. Gifts were exchanged, refreshments served and canasta played.

Attending were Sue Carey, Kay Cornett, Leyburn Cody, Mary Franks, Gay Boyer, Nell Buttram, LaRedith Pratt, Doshia Sizemore, Allene Smith, Joyce Combs, Peggy Gambrell, Eunice Dixon, Helen Robertson and Louise Graef.

Mrs. Lena Moseley Gives Hobby Night Program

Mrs. Lena Moseley, Bluefield district home economist, presented a holiday cookery program to hobby night enthusiasts in the company auditorium. Hobby night is presented each week by the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Moseley serves as chairman of the hobby night activities committee.

Each year since hobby night was started, Mrs. Moseley gives a program on holiday cookery and gives recipes and menus for the holiday season. Three electric ranges were used during the program.

Hugh Stillman To Head Marshall College Group

Hugh Stillman, Huntington division manager, was appointed chairman of an advisory committee to help Marshall College plan its second annual workshop on economic education.

The workshop for public school social science teachers and others will be held June 3-19 in connection with the Marshall summer term. The advisory committee will plan the program and will be in charge of arranging several scholarships to be awarded teachers for study at the workshop.

Stewart H. Smith, Marshall president who made the announcement, said, "We are pleased to have the advice and active leadership of Mr. Stillman in planning and organizing this important program."

R. A. Sheffey Gets Bluefield Promotion

Robert A. Sheffey, Jr., Abingdon district electrical engineer, has been promoted to distribution engineer in the Bluefield division.

A native of Bluefield, he began work with the company at Abingdon shortly after graduation from Georgia School of Technology in 1949. Serving in the Navy during World War II, he is married to the former Patricia Edwards, a former home economist in the Bluefield district.

Mr. Sheffey

Gene Leeson Appointed To City Of Logan Board

Gene Leeson, Logan district stores supervisor, recently was appointed a member of the City of Logan's three-man board of sanitation. Mr. Leeson's appointment was made by Mayor Litz McGuire.

Mr. Leeson also is active in other affairs. He is a member of the Rotary Club and has served as a member of the board of directors. He also shares the club's projects in boys work.

Gene managed the Logan district softball squad for the past two years.

J. M. Peck, Roanoke, Talks On Safe Wiring

J. M. Peck, Roanoke district area sales representative, presented a safety talk on "Adequate and Safe Wiring in the Home" to 350 employees. Some of the topics covered were types of entrance equipment, layout of circuits, proper fusing and adequate wiring.

His talk was illustrated with the Candler Board, built by H. L. Candler of the Lynchburg district. The board is designed so that demonstrations on adequate wiring, as well as poor wiring, can be illustrated.

Logan Employees Erect Manger Scene



This manger scene erected by Logan district employees received much comment throughout the city. The stable, crib, costumes and lambs were all made by employees. Nick Roomy, Jr., Mary Elizabeth Davis, Paul Hager, Caleb White, James Anderson, Mildred Hannah, Syrean Baker and Bill Bias worked in the evenings and on week ends to make the display. Lighted in soft blue, the window blended with outside decorations of strings of greenery and blue lights. A big blue star shone from atop the building. Ed Wood, Harold Trussell, Floyd Hayner, Bill Johnson and Bill Bias decorated the town office. They also erected a Santa, fireplace and tree at the service building.

Highlights Of The Event

Highlights Of Year's Construction Program

The companies of the Southern Properties have experienced an extraordinary year in building. A number of large projects have been placed into service while others have moved into various stages of construction. All have been planned—three, five, and even ten years ago—in order to keep our companies well ahead of the rapid growth and expansion within the areas we serve.

One of the highlights of construction in 1952 was the completion of the first link of the giant 330,000-volt transmission line. This new 63-mile extra-high-voltage transmission line extends from the Philip Sporn Plant to the Kanawha River Plant. It is the first link of this extra-high-voltage system which will eventually connect the major A. G. & E. generating plants with the principle distribution centers.

Construction was continuing on the Kanawha River Plant. The first 200,000 kw unit is scheduled to go in operation this spring.

Looking back through 1952, the fourth unit at the Philip Sporn Plant was put in service in February. A new office building was being built at Gate City, Va. March also was a big month. Roanoke's John Hancock Station was linked to the system and work was begun on the Charleston service building.

In April, construction was started on the 90,000 kva addition to the Chemical City Station at Charleston and the Leslie Station was energized at Hazard. Construction of the Glen Lyn-Hancock 132 kv transmission line was reported underway in May.

Tenite Experiment

Kingsport Utilities, began an experiment, using tenite pipe for the first time in a section of Kingsport's underground distribution system. This was the first plastic pipe used as underground conduit. Also in August, the Pulaski district office remodeling was begun. Ashland's first 132 kv line was brought across the Ohio River from the South Point-Portsmouth line. This line is routed through the recently enlarged Bellefonte Station at Ashland.

In September, a six-month construction project was completed at Claytor hydro plant and Kentucky's Morehead-Helechawa line was begun.

The Fieldale office remodeling was started in October and the Kanawha Valley Power Company's hydro plants underwent major maintenance in the same month.

New Service Building

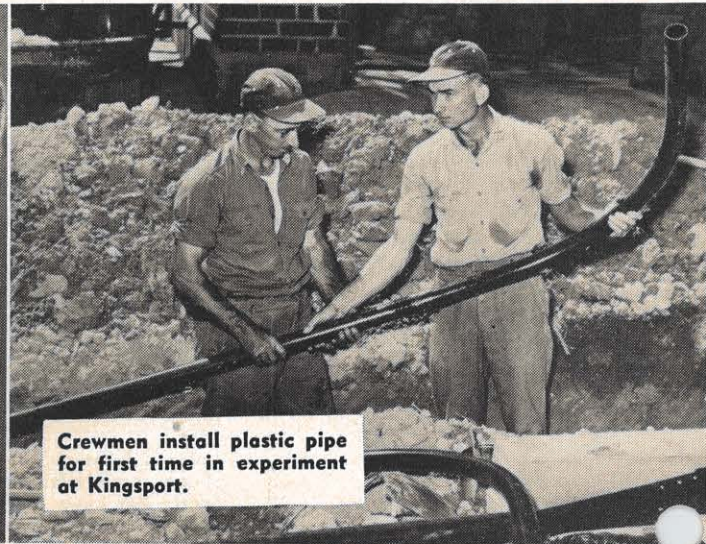
During November, sites were selected for the world's two largest steam electric generating plants which will serve the Pike County Atomic Project. Sites are located at Cheshire, Gallia County, Ohio, and Madison, Indiana. These plants will be built by a group of 15 electric utilities, of which Appalachian is a member. The contract was let for the construction of a new Huntington district service building. The Charleston district service building was occupied during this period and the Cave Spring Station at Roanoke was completed.

Last month, excavation work at Cheshire and Madison had begun. Two 132 kv lines were rerouted through the Kanawha River Plant Station. Beckley district's Oak Hill office was opened.

Constructionwise, 1952 has been a busy year for the companies of the Southern Properties.



Aerial view of 400,000 kw Kanawha River Plant being built at Glasgow, W. Va.



Crewmen install plastic pipe for first time in experiment at Kingsport.



New Charleston Service Building.



A tower on the first 330,000 volt transmission line in the United States.



First 132,000 volt line strung into Ashland.

Teamwork Helps Bring Many Awards To The Southern Properties Companies

Throughout the Southern Properties, pride and teamwork have been largely responsible for both companies and individuals winning numerous awards during the past year. Here are a few achievements which have given them outstanding recognition during 1952.

The Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, for its outstanding range promotion program in 1951, was named winner of the George A. Hughes Award. The presentation was made at the Edison Electric Institute meeting in Chicago. Appalachian won the Frank Watts Award for its educational and promotional activities in agriculture. This honor was presented by the *Farm Journal* magazine. A Kingsport Utilities' home economist was named winner of the Laura McCall Award which is sponsored by the *McCall's* magazine.

Kentucky, on a nation-wide basis, was winner of merchandising utilities entered in the Hotpoint contest. Kentucky also won the Philip Sporn trophy for their work in 1951 while the Bluefield division and the Ashland district were named winners of the Graham Claytor Award. Bluefield division also won the M. C. Funk Award. The Point Pleasant district and the Charleston division won top honors in the over-all Seven Months' Sales Campaign.

Individually, Carl E. Buck, Charleston district lineman, became the twelfth Southern Properties employee to receive the Edison Electric Institute Medal for life-saving.

There were many other commendations but all point to the friendly competition and teamwork which has been displayed in the Southern Properties.

Training Programs Covered Many Phases Of Our Business

Training received increased attention last year. Although concerned with training employees on the duties of their respective jobs, instruction also covered other phases of our business and relations with the public.

Directly affecting our jobs, but also benefiting the public, was the con-

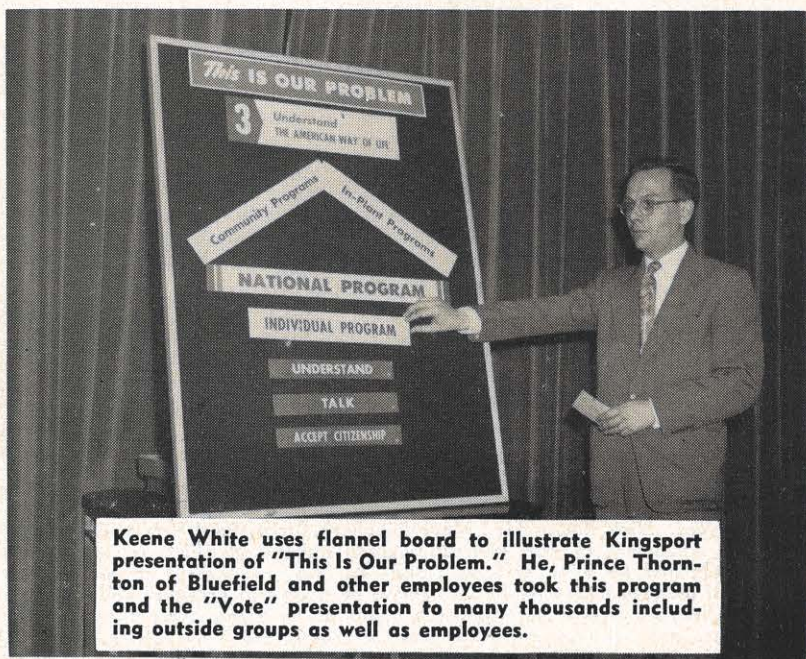
tinued emphasis on first aid training. Classes were conducted in all the companies with many employees qualifying for Red Cross certificates. In addition, some of these same employees went on to qualify as instructors so they could teach classes in their communities.

Safety Stressed

Men received special instruction in cooperation with the Red Cross in the new method of artificial respiration, taking the programs to employees of the three companies as an additional part of the first aid program. Safety programs covering a wide range of subjects were regular features during last year.

Employee Information Programs continued through the year as we learned more about our business and its relation to government and to our customers. Facts about our national economy and finances and a program about the power of our vote in elections shared the spotlight of EIP schedulings. Many employees who acted as leaders of the sessions took the presentations before outside community and civic groups interested in the same subjects.

Some employees participated in drivers' programs stressing physical fitness, knowledge and attitude. Other groups were undertaking a public relations course to improve employee-customer relations with recommendations which they themselves made, recognizing the need for improved relations.



Keene White uses flannel board to illustrate Kingsport presentation of "This Is Our Problem." He, Prince Thornton of Bluefield and other employees took this program and the "Vote" presentation to many thousands including outside groups as well as employees.



Kentucky Wins George A. Hughes Award

1951 Safety Award

Eventful Year 1952 In Review

Three Companies' Customers And Load Increase In Year

From a business standpoint 1952 could be called a historic year.

Probably the most historic event occurred in October after many months of preparation and study. On October 5, 1952, the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation signed a contract with the Atomic Energy Commission to supply 8,800,000 kilowatts of power to the new AEC diffusion plant to be built at Pickerington, Ohio.

The Ohio Valley Corporation is composed of 15 companies, one of which is Appalachian.

Company Film

After several months of filming, our company movie made its debut in the Southern Properties. Entitled, "In Our Part of the Country," the film has been shown to all employees in the Southern Properties and to many hundreds of our customers.

Wage Increase Given

Announcement was made by management in June that a general wage increase, the fourth since January, 1950, would be given. The increase was retroactive to April 1. Part of it was paid on June 5 and, in accordance with government regulations, the remainder was paid in September.

New Peak

Our companies continued to meet heavy demands for electric power. New industrial customers accounted for a portion of this with the remainder coming from increased demands of existing customers. The peak load on the Southern Properties system reached

new highs in January, August, September and November. The November peak of 1,176,400 kw was reached on Armistice day. On November 10, on the American Gas and Electric System a record peak of 2,826,100 kilowatts was set.

Bi-Monthly Billing

A new procedure of billing our customers on a bi-monthly basis, started in May, 1949, is now in operation in all districts in the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company and Appalachian. This billing procedure has resulted in an annual saving to the companies of about 85 cents a customer.

Customer Growth

The three companies continued to make gains during 1952 in the number of customers served.

For the twelve months ending November, 1952, a total of 16,702 customers were added. Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company had a gain of 1,630 customers; Kingsport Utilities gained 435 customers and Appalachian had an increase of 14,637. Along with this gain has gone an increase in kilowatt hour sales.

Plant Efficiency

The Philip Sporn Plant set a national record for efficiency during 1950 according to Federal Power Commission reports, which were made public early in 1952.

These are only a few of the highlights of an eventful year in the business of furnishing electric power to customers in parts of four states.

Changes Take Familiar Faces To Many Places Around Three-Company System

During 1952 many changes occurred in the personnel of the three companies. For the most part familiar faces appeared in new places.

A change in top management occurred with the promotions of G. L. Burr to vice president and general manager of Appalachian; the naming of L. E. Doyle as vice president of Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company and the appointment of J. E. Wright to the vice presidency of Kingsport Utilities. M. C. Funk remained as a vice president and director of the three companies.

The establishment of the system distribution department at Roanoke brought the promotion of John Nash from Bluefield to system distribution engineer and the promotion of H. F. Crozier of Huntington to the post of assistant system distribution engineer.

Fill New Jobs

Appalachian's system commercial de-

partment had some promotions and additions of personnel. H. L. Cushing was named assistant commercial manager and L. L. Koontz was moved up to system rural and residential sales supervisor. B. D. Painter, Bluefield division commercial manager, was named to the position of system commercial sales supervisor and D. M. Miller of Huntington became the company's first industrial agent.

Both Appalachian and Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company got new purchasing agents. U. K. Vaught of Ashland was promoted to Roanoke as purchasing agent for AEP Co. succeeding M. Tyler Stowers who died. F. M. Jennings of Pikeville became the new purchasing agent for the Kentucky Company.

With the continuing process of assembling operating personnel for the new Kanawha Power Plant came the selection of J. B. Harreld from Philip Sporn Plant as assistant manager at Kanawha River.



J. B. Eplin, Charleston district, steps from boat after ill-fated attempts to rescue man trapped in truck.



Rebecca Moore, home economist at right, chosen outstanding Kingsport woman in business.



Action at eleventh annual system softball tournament at Beckley.



Tests taken by Bluefield district employees during drivers' training program.

Outstanding Record Made By Employees Serving Area

Community service by employees reflected credit upon employees and upon the three companies. Activities ranged from dramatic rescues to simple but dedicated service in community clubs and organizations.

Employees attending to everyday duties in their areas found many emergencies facing them during the year. Knowledge of first aid and judgment helped them meet severe tests when human life depended upon their action.

Handling Emergencies

To give some indication of the varied types of emergencies they were called upon to handle, consider these: rescuing two men pinned under a car and giving them first aid; rescuing a woman from a burning home; rescuing a fellow employee from a hot line and applying pole-top resuscitation in time to save his life; attempting to rescue a truck driver trapped in 30 feet of water as the thermometer registered a cold 18 degrees. These are but a few of services which employees performed during the year.

More employees entered the military service during the year and several were decorated for bravery and service. Several returned to work after fighting in Korea. One gave his life in Korea.

Several employees were rewarded by youth groups for their contributions and others received distinguished awards for community service. This work of employees included serving as blood donors, as life saving crew and volunteer fire department members, as first aid instructors, as flood wall crews, as radio operators during a state forest fire emergency,

as construction crews to build ball fields for youngsters.

Social and Civic Activities

Socially, employees held parties and picnics. Sports received attention as company sponsored teams competed in civic leagues and against each other for championship honors.

Serving in civic clubs, employees of the three companies held every possible position. Many were officers in charitable organizations and assisted in fund drives; others served in fraternal and service organizations. Still others worked in scout organizations, in Chambers and Junior Chambers of Commerce, in youth groups and school organizations, in community development and church groups, in engineering societies and many, many others.

Area Development Gets Boost From Companies' Work

Development of our areas received attention throughout the year as we worked with industries, communities, towns and groups in comprehensive programs aimed at improving area income and living standards.

Personnel of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company commercial department cooperated with Chambers of Commerce, railroad industrial agents and other informed people in joint efforts to solve problems of community and industrial development of eastern Kentucky.

Three Area Programs

In the Beckley area where an extensive program is underway to encourage local industry, improve area income and rural communities, employees were active. In two community development programs in Virginia, employees worked within the competing communities in either the Roanoke or Bristol area contests.

Location of several big new in-

dustries in the territory gave industrial development added impetus. Along with this went the appointment of an Appalachian industrial agent to give further support to the program.

In efforts aimed at improving use of electric service in rural areas with the resulting raised living standards, the companies presented educational exhibits at fairs, conducted vocational teacher training schools and cooking

schools for youngsters and adults. They helped these youth by working with them on electrical projects relating to 4-H and FFA programs.

Electrical schools taught by company personnel offered many thousands of rural youth the opportunity to participate in regional, state and national contests. Both Kentucky and West Virginia and Appalachian sponsored 4-H contests.



Gold Won By Logan District



Watts Award Is Won By Appalachian



Kentucky commercial folks plan area development activities.

R. R. Lucas Completes 35 Years Service In Charleston District



Mr. Lucas

R. R. Lucas, a member of the Charleston district stores department, completed 35 years of service with the company December 5.

Mr. Lucas began his career in the electrical utility business with the West Virginia Water and Electric Company in 1917. At that time, Luke, as he is known to friends, was employed as a bookkeeper. He remained in bookkeeping for about fifteen years. In 1932, Mr. Lucas was transferred to the stores department.

Mr. Lucas, a life-long resident of the Kanawha Valley, was born at Villa, West Virginia, in 1893.

Carman Is Named Resident Engineer At Kyger Creek Plant

Fred R. Carman has been named resident engineer of the new Kyger Creek Plant of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation. The plant is under construction at Cheshire, Ohio.

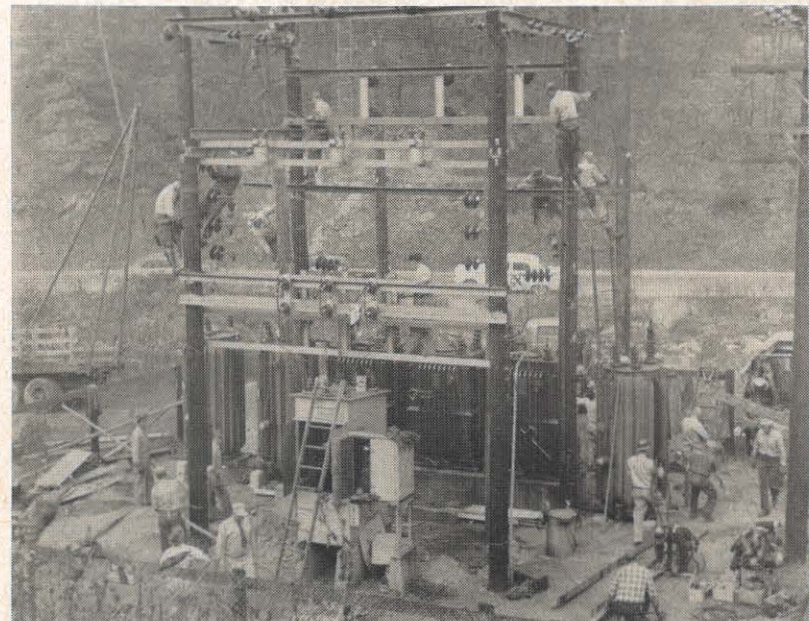
A native of Addison, Ohio, Mr. Carman has been resident engineer for Appalachian in charge of construction on Units 3 and 4 at Philip Sporn Plant.

C. J. Bryan Elected Treasurer Of Chamber

Clarence J. Bryan, assistant general manager of Kingsport Utilities, was elected treasurer of the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the Board of Directors on December 22. He has served as a director in the organization.

Active in other civic organizations, he is chairman of the Kingsport City School Board and has served in many capacities on the Community Chest.

Thomas Substation Capacity Doubled



Capacity of Thomas substation was doubled after the work of these men of the Grundy distribution department and the Welch district substation department. They installed three additional 500 kva transformers and three single phase voltage regulators at the station near Grundy, Virginia. The station serves some coal mines, a N&W yard and about 50 miles of rural distribution lines.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District — 5 YEARS: Josephine L. Pizzuto, accounting department.

Beckley District — 5 YEARS: R. V. West, accounting and Eloise D. Pierce, meter department.

Bluefield District — 25 YEARS: Paul Shawver, commercial department. 20 YEARS: George Wilburn, engineering department. 5 YEARS: Junior E. Chapman, lineman and Earl E. Gragg, lineman.

Cabin Creek Plant — 10 YEARS: W. R. Robinson, E. C. Kingery, L. R. Brewer, W. H. Crowl and D. C. Casto, production department. 5 YEARS: B. L. Cooper, production department.

Charleston District — 35 YEARS: Walter Price, distribution department and R. R. Lucas, stores department. 15 YEARS: Brook Miller, garage department. 10 YEARS: Anna B. Chambers, garage department. 5 YEARS: Evelyn S. Lawrence, accounting department.

Logan District — 15 YEARS: J. A. Kovich, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: Eleanor Winter, commercial department.

Lynchburg District — 25 YEARS: Robert D. Curtis, transmission and distribution department. 15 YEARS: Aaron L. Ward, distribution department.

Point Pleasant District — 5 YEARS: Bernice Roush, accounting department.

Pulaski District — 15 YEARS: W. R. Elkins and C. A. Shepherd, transmission and distribution department.

Roanoke District — 15 YEARS: Louise M. Snyder, commercial department. 5 YEARS: B. T. Hartwell, line department.

System Office — 5 YEARS: Eula B. Bradford, personnel department.

Welch District — 30 YEARS: Johnston M. Spence, service department.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

15 YEARS: C. E. Holyoke, distribution department.

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Ashland District — 10 YEARS: T. M. Watkins, engineering department and Mrs. Marie Kibbey, accounting department.

Employee Left Stranded As Victim Takes Truck

Sucker!
That's how Dean Jenkins felt after being a Good Samaritan on December 14. Dean was left stranded when a man pulled from a wrecked car drove off with his truck.

En route to Logan late at night to work the next day, the Huntington district employee stopped at Ferrellsburg when he saw a car had run over an embankment. He went over the bank to pull two people out of the car.

While he was summoning aid for one of the victims, the other got into the company truck and drove off. After much activity by local and state police, the "lost" truck was found.

The man who "borrowed" it was placed in jail.

George J. Lineberry, Retired Welch Man, Died December 2



Mr. Lineberry

George J. Lineberry, 62, retired Welch district employee, died following a heart attack on December 2. Mr. Lineberry had been a patient at a Princeton, W. Va., hospital for about a week at the time of his death.

Mr. Lineberry, who retired July 1, 1950, was employed by the company in 1919. At the time of his retirement, he had completed about thirty-one years of service. Shortly after retiring, he moved to Princeton where he made his home.

He was a native of Carroll County, Virginia. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Welch; Moose Lodge 1094, Welch; Knights of Pythias, Davy, and the Rajah Temple No. 195, Roanoke.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ella Walls Lineberry; one son, Howard Lineberry, Galax, Virginia; four daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Fleshman, Beckley; Mrs. Georgetta Thomas, Macon, Ga.; Mrs. Dolly Eunice, Lynchburg, and Mrs. Helen Young, of Welch. Also surviving: Mrs. Marjorie Mooney, Princeton, a sister, and one brother, Wilburn Lineberry, of Pulaski.

Four Veterans Get Service Pins



These four men have worked for the company 20 years or longer. Top row from left are: J. M. Spence, Welch, 30 years, and Paul Shawver, Bluefield, 25 years. Second row: R. D. Curtis, Lynchburg, 25 years, and George Williams, Bluefield, 20 years.

C. A. Zoellers Will Lead March Of Dimes

C. A. Zoellers, Hazard district commercial manager, recently was re-appointed chairman of the annual March of Dimes campaign for Perry County.



Mr. Zoellers

Mr. Zoellers, as head of the 1952 drive, conducted a campaign which exceeded its quota. Mr. Zoellers is active in other civic affairs. He is a member and former president of the Hazard Kiwanis Club and a member of the Perry County 4-H Club Advisory Council. He served as president of both organizations last year.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Mr. Zoellers has been employed by the company since 1947.

A. G. & E. Common Stock Split To Be Voted On

American Gas and Electric Co. shareowners will vote January 27 on a proposed split-up of common stock on a 2-for-1 basis.

If approved by the shareowners and the Securities & Exchange Commission, this action would have the effect of reducing the present cost of a single share of stock by approximately one-half, making it possible for more people to purchase stock, and resulting in a more active market and wider public ownership. Price of a share now is about \$65.75.

The proposed split-up would double the number of shares outstanding but would reduce the par value of each share from \$10 to \$5. Ownership percentage-wise and total par value of the stock would remain the same, only the number of shares would change.

Recommendation that the split be voted on by the shareowners was made at a meeting of the A. G. and E. board of directors on October 29.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District — Carson Carmichael from area sales representative to commercial sales representative.

Beckley District — E. R. Miller from transportation department to commercial department and J. C. Barker from area sales representative to dealer sales representative.

Cabin Creek Plant — Harry L. Ballard, Frank H. Campbell, Jeanne Creasey, D. E. Everson, B. D. Myers, G. S. Farthing, J. L. Bryant, C. E. Farley, R. W. Trail, Floyd McDaniels, J. E. McClain, Eugene Proctor and R. L. Bias from Cabin Creek Plant to Kanawha River Plant.

Charleston District — C. C. Harper from serviceman C to serviceman B.

Logan District — Paul Adams from maintenance man B to maintenance man A and Forest Browning from lineman C to lineman B.

Philip Sporn Plant — James F. Russell and Gerald E. Michael from laborer to maintenance helper; Edwin O. Baldwin from coal handler to maintenance helper; Eddie A. Ryan from maintenance helper to maintenance man; Sidney P. Fitzgerald, William L. Will, Charles B. Gordon, Norman L. Yauger, Denver L. Rice, James H. Ball, William E. Stivers, Major F. Justis, Arthur H. Hill, Gail P. Buck and Raymond L. Cole from maintenance helpers to junior maintenance men; and Marvin T. Roush from assistant control operator to control operator.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

Harold L. Powers from lineman C to PBX operator, meter department.

Talent Show By Cabin Creek Families



Four of the 18 performances at the Talent Show presented by Cabin Creek plant employees and their families are shown above. About 350 people attended the 2½ hour show of music, singing, dancing, skits and other entertainment. Held in Chelyan Junior High School gymnasium, refreshments were served at intermission. Audience reaction was so complimentary that another Talent Show may be presented. TOP LEFT: Carolyn Bryant and Susie Steele present a dance duet, accompanied by Jean Hill. TOP RIGHT: Joe and Jeanne Creasey entertain with some songs. BOTTOM LEFT: Jess McClain and Gilbert Farthing get the audience laughing with their black face skit. BOTTOM RIGHT: Ella Mae Totten presents a dance routine, accompanied by the West Virginia Ramblers.

Joule Club Holds Christmas Dance

Joule Club members of the Huntington office entertained with a Christmas dinner-dance on December 12 in the ballroom of the Governor Cabell Hotel. About 70 members and guests attended.

During intermission, specialty dance numbers were given by members of the Arthur Murray School of Dancing. Stella Buttrick, a member of the club who is a graduate of the school, also performed.

Mrs. Koiner Resigns And Is Married To C. W. Lovell



Ann Louise Koiner is being presented a sterling silver punch bowl ladle by C. C. Darrah, assistant manager of the Beckley district, on behalf of the employees. The occasion marked the resignation of Mrs. Koiner after 25 years of service as secretary to three Beckley district managers. She was married to C. W. Lovell, assistant manager of the Charleston division, on December 10 in ceremonies at Beckley.

Eight Couples United In Marriage



Here are some of the brides and a bridal couple who were married recently. Top row, from left: Mrs. Ernest C. Turley, Charleston and Mrs. D. N. Thompson, Jr., Roanoke. Second row: Mr. and Mrs. Willis Dudding, New Haven, W. Va., and Mrs. D. P. Blankenbeckler, Kingsport.

Roush-Andrews

Miss Alice Ann Roush became the bride of Raymond Andrews November 22. Lt. Andrews is the son of Howard Andrews, manager of Philip Sporn Plant.

Miller-Wellman

Miss Marilynn Miller became the bride of Bill Wellman December 5. Mrs. Wellman is employed at Ashland.

Wyatt-Eanes

Mrs. Gertrude Wyatt and John Walker Eanes were united in marriage on November 27 at Martinsville, Va. Mr. Eanes is employed at Fieldale.

Hatcher-Thompson

Miss Mary Margaret Hatcher became the bride of Dunn Newberry Thompson, Jr., on December 6 at Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Thompson is employed at Roanoke.

Logan Club Officers



Appa-Lassie Club officers above were elected at the Christmas dinner party of the Logan club. Seated, from left: Margaret Tyler, president; Mary Alice Fowler, first vice president, and Mary Elizabeth Davis, second vice president. Standing: Birdie Messinger, secretary, and June Ann Abdoney, treasurer. About 20 members attended the party. Gifts were exchanged and two baskets were filled with canned goods and a turkey for two families.

Schwab-Dudding

Miss Betty Joann Schwab and Willis L. Dudding were united in marriage on November 21 at New Haven, W. Va. Mr. Dudding is employed at Philip Sporn Plant.

Sexton-Blankenbeckler

Miss Sadie Houchins Sexton became the bride of D. P. Blankenbeckler on November 20 at Kingsport, Tenn. Mr. Blankenbeckler is employed at Kingsport.

Danbury-Hesson

Miss Shirley Lavern Danbury and Shirley Eugene Hesson were united in marriage on December 8 at New Haven, W. Va. Mr. Hesson is employed at Philip Sporn Plant.

Millard-Turley

Miss Pansy Alice Millard became the bride of Ernest Cyril Turley November 29 at St. Albans, W. Va. Mrs. Turley is employed at Charleston.

Mrs. Dorothy Barker Aids Red Cross Group

Mrs. Dorothy Barker, Beckley district home economist, is helping the Raleigh County Chapter of the American Red Cross by giving instructions to members of their Canteen Corps.

Mrs. Barker is instructing the members of the corps in the proper methods to prepare food for persons who have donated blood.

The Canteen Corps is a group of volunteer women who prepare and serve food to persons donating blood at the Red Cross bloodmobile.

Hazard Show Model



Sue Carey, Hazard district home economist, models for one of the leading department stores in Hazard at the recent Home and Auto Show in Memorial Gymnasium. The two-piece wool dress features a black and red check skirt with the blouse of matching red. Accessories are black.

New Arrivals . . .

JUANITA JOAN is a new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carlyn Byrd. She was born December 13. Mr. Byrd is employed at Hazard.

KATHERINE LUCILLE arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Russell on December 2. Mr. Russell is employed at Kingsport.

MR. AND MRS. G. O. HOLLAND are the parents of a daughter, Beverly Ann, born November 20. Mr. Holland is employed at Point Pleasant.

ARTHUR EVERETT is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Abshire. Arthur was born November 22. Mr. Abshire is employed at Cabin Creek Plant.

MR. AND MRS. B. L. COOPER are the parents of a daughter, Carolyn, born December 5. Mr. Cooper is employed at Cabin Creek Plant.

MICHAEL DWAIN arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Dodd on December 2. Mr. Dodd is employed at Cabin Creek Plant.

LOIS GAIL is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Crum. Lois Gail was born December 10. Mr. Crum is employed at Logan.

PAUL STEVEN is a new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy H. Wallace. Paul Steven was born December 5. Mr. Wallace is employed at Narrows.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE BURNS are the parents of a daughter, Cheryl June, born December 5. Mr. Burns is employed at Philip Sporn Plant.

FRANCES ELANE is a new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Simmons. Frances was born December 5. Mr. Simmons is employed at Philip Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. GERALD CLARK are the parents of a son, Gerry Gene, born December 6. Mr. Clark is employed at Philip Sporn Plant.

MARY VALIREE arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Pannell on November 19. Mr. Pannell is employed at Philip Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. J. E. AGEE are the parents of a son, J. E. Agee, Jr., born November 24. Mr. Agee is employed at Beckley.

DENNIS WILLIAM arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, Jr., November 30. Mr. Brown is employed at Beckley.

SUE ELLEN is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Smith, Jr. Sue Ellen was born November 23. Mr. Smith is employed at Pulaski.

MR. AND MRS. E. W. DEHART are the parents of a daughter born December 2. Mr. DeHart is employed at Glen Lyn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES STAYTON are the parents of a daughter, Sharon Evelyn, born November 24. Mr. Stayton is employed at Pikeville.

MR. AND MRS. ANDREW POULOS are the parents of a son born December 14. Mr. Poulos is employed at Pikeville.

LORENE SUSAN arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Thomas on December 3. Mr. Thomas is an employee at Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. L. R. BUCHANAN are the parents of a son, Lewis Richard, born December 19. Mr. Buchanan is employed at Roanoke.

Noka Carter Named Boosters' Secretary

Noka Jane Carter, a member of the Beckley district personnel department, recently was elected secretary of the Woodrow Wilson Boosters Club.

The Boosters Club is an organization founded to support activities of the high school. The Boosters obtain funds for the purpose of aiding in the expenses incurred in sports and other activities.

They're Engaged

MISS NELL ELIZABETH ELLER to Pvt. Wayne O. Neinke. Miss Eller is employed in the system commercial department, Roanoke.

MISS DORIS DOTSON to George Bruce Jones. Miss Dotson is employed at Williamson.

MISS JACKIE WHEELER to Doc Rice. Miss Wheeler is employed at Ashland.

Mrs. Ferrell Honored By Girls' Service Club

Mrs. W. E. Ferrell, Jr., recent bride, was honored by the Bluefield Girls' Service Club at a tea in the company auditorium on December 16. About 40 members attended.

Nancy Williamson, president, welcomed the guests. The club presented the honoree with a corsage of white shattered carnations. Zelda Alderson presented Mrs. Ferrell with a gift of china on behalf of the club.

Mrs. Lois Rounion played piano selections throughout the tea. Patsy Mahoney, social committee chairman, was in charge.

Girls' Service Club Installs Officers



The Bluefield Girls' Service Club recently installed 1953 officers at a Christmas luncheon which was held in the company auditorium. The new officers from the left are: Virginia Howell, treasurer; Ola Adkins, secretary; Zelda Alderson, vice president, and Betty Farley, president. The installation was conducted by Nancy Williamson, acting president. Other members on the program were: Lina Light, Helen Sue Spangler, and Lois Rounion. Patsy Mahoney and the social committee were in charge of the program. Alfred White, portraying Santa, distributed gifts to the members.

James Oxley Raises Ponies As Hobby, Much To The Delight Of Three Sons



Master horsemen are these boys, sons of James Oxley, who gives little Dannie Joe, 3, a slight assist. Jimmy, 8, and Dickie, 6, are a lot more experienced and a bit more confident.

Any boy would like to have a father whose hobby is raising ponies. And the three sons of James Oxley, laboratory attendant at Glen Lyn plant, are just that lucky.

Mr. Oxley not only raises ponies but teaches them tricks. Some of their stunts include shaking hands, parking, sitting down and hugging and kissing.

He has taught one of his present stallions to seesaw on a large board placed across a log. The pony puts two feet on each side and rocks back

and forth.

Having trained about 35 ponies, he has his teaching routine down pat. He says: "I never give them sugar or anything as it distracts their attention. It also teaches them to nibble on you."

He keeps from three to six ponies on hand at a time, selling them after they are trained. Confidentially—and this comes straight from the horse's mouth—two new arrivals are expected among the ponies in early spring.

Son Of Huntington Man Is Given Honor At Marshall College

James A. York, son of A. W. York, Huntington district assistant stores supervisor, has taken his place as representative of his Marshall College class. Senate members were elected last spring.

James is a political science major at Marshall and hopes to enter law school following his graduation. He is president of Phi Eta Sigma and treasurer of Life Planning Week for the coming year.



James York

While a student at Huntington High School, he was the president of the senior class and was awarded a medal for outstanding work.

Howard Hamilton, Roanoke, Elected To Office In Club

Howard M. Hamilton, system billing supervisor, Roanoke, recently was elected secretary-treasurer of the Roanoke Kiwanis Club. Mr. Hamilton will serve the Roanoke organization during the 1953 term.

Since becoming a Kiwanian in 1932, Howard has worked on many projects. He was a member of the board of directors for two terms.



Mr. Hamilton

Mr. Hamilton also is active in church and civic affairs. He is a member and elder of the Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, and serves as treasurer of the church's building fund.

Howard is a 32-year veteran with the company. He was transferred to Roanoke in April, 1927 from the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company.

Beckley Employees Hold Annual Dance

Members of the Beckley district Appaleisure Club recently were entertained at their Annual Thanksgiving Dance. This affair was held at the Twin Oaks Country Club.

In addition to dancing, those attending also enjoyed a buffet dinner. Music was supplied by a local orchestra.

The Appaleisure Club is a recreational organization for the employees of the Beckley district.

Lighting Program Given For McDowell Educators

A lighting program on student study centers was presented by Sarah Moore, Bluefield division lighting specialist, and Eleanor Dillard, Welch home economist, at a meeting of the McDowell County Principal's Association. School principals, home economics teachers and others attended the meeting in the Welch High School auditorium.

George Bryson, school superintendent, introduced the program and reviewed progress made in classroom lighting. Miller Porterfield, son of the assistant Welch district manager, played the part of the student in the demonstration.

Chemists Discuss Power Production Methods During 11th Annual Meeting



Chemists attending the Roanoke conference, front row, from left are: Walter Green, Woodcock Plant; W. A. Garrison, AG and E; W. B. Abele, Kanawha River Plant; J. W. Ruff, Tidd Plant; R. C. Riggs, Sporn Plant; E. B. Morris, AG and E; R. G. Call, AG and E; T. A. Miskimen, AG and E; J. A. Allinder, Cabin Creek Plant; D. C. Brown, Logan Plant; and H. F. Ruth, Philo Plant. Back row, R. J. Shepherdson, Tanners Creek Plant; W. F. Huss, AG and E; E. E. Fontany, Windsor Plant; E. A. Childers, Kenova Plant; J. H. Leist, Glen Lyn Plant; and J. E. Rhoades, Twin Branch Plant.

Seventeen chemists employed by the companies composing the American Gas & Electric System recently held a two-day conference in Roanoke, to discuss the chemical aspects of power production.

The keynote subject of the conference revolved about the sampling and analysis of coal. Coal, over the

A. G. & E. system, represents about two thirds of the cost of the production of steam electric power. It was pointed out that the companies of the system bought more than nine million tons of bituminous coal during 1951 and about one third of this amount was consumed by Appalachian.

Picture Peeks At Christmas Parties



Above are some pictures of Christmas parties in our areas. TOP ROW, LEFT: Pulaski office women's party. RIGHT: Some dancers at the Beckley party. SECOND ROW, LEFT: Dining at Huntington. RIGHT: Looking at presents exchanged at the system accounting girls' party in Roanoke. THIRD ROW, LEFT: Pikeville district meter department party. RIGHT: Lynchburg girls singing carols. BOTTOM

ROW, LEFT: Distribution department men impersonating the Andrews Sisters at the Charleston party. MIDDLE: Welch district diners above and Fieldale district diners below. RIGHT: The Appalachian Quartet singing at the Bluefield party and below the Glen Lyn plant party is visited by St. Nick.

First Aid Work Of Williamson Workers Praised By Doctor

First aid given an injured woman by Williamson district employees was recently commended by her husband, a doctor.

The action of employees dates back to November 9 when a car driven by Mrs. Robert A. Lawson skidded off a highway and hit a company truck. Men from the truck were fighting a forest fire near-by.

Seeing the accident, they returned. Giving first aid, they applied a compress to a head injury.

Kermit Epperly, lineman, accompanied Mrs. Lawson to the hospital, giving additional assistance on the way. He received a letter from her husband, Dr. Lawson of Lawson Clinic, Red Jacket, West Virginia.

In commending Mr. Epperly and other employees who helped, Dr. Lawson said in part:

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the kindness you showed my wife and for the prompt undivided attention that you gave her. I feel strongly that it was a great factor in her recovery and reduced the seriousness of the injury.

"I have been unable to find the names of the people who drove Ruth to the hospital. If you have this information would you please send it to me.

"Again let me thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Mysterious Case Of Missing Man Solved

An Abingdon district office employee was acting as a groundman during the trouble resulting from the snow storm. The lineman sent the fledgling groundman to the truck "to get clearance." (Clearance is a term used to hold the line open by contacting the radio dispatcher.)

When the office employee didn't return, the lineman returned to the truck. He found his "helper" standing by the truck.

The office employee explained, "I've been here all the time and that guy Clarence never did show up."

It Might Happen Once In A Lifetime



Catching two large-mouth bass on the same plug at the same casting would cause the average fisherman to boast for years. But that's nothing. C. W. "Bill" Singleton, a Lynchburg district employee, did it twice. On two consecutive casts, Bill hauled in four large-mouth bass. It was not all luck because after thirty minutes of fishing, Bill, right, and his friend, Raymond Walton, landed the above string of ten bass. All weighed from one and one-half to two and one-half pounds. In making his twin double catches, Bill used a John Dillinger plug. He was fishing in the James River near Gladstone, Virginia.

Roanoke Kilowatts Capture First Half



Wallace Coffey, foreground, rolls for the Roanoke champions. Other Kilowatt teammates, shown in background, from left are: George Adkins, Burnley Stone, Paul Clower, Phil Ray and Tommy Bryant.

The Roanoke district Kilowatts, captained by Phil Ray, won the first half of Roanoke District Bowling League competition. The Kilowatts, boasting a 28 and 14 record, finished the first half of the race five full games ahead of their nearest rival, the Hi-Volts.

Employees composing the Kilowatts and their season averages are: Phil Ray, captain, 104; Tommy

Bryant, 103; Wallace Coffey, 102; Melvin Bradley, 101; Reed Carlton, 100; Burnley Stone, 98; George Adkins and Paul Clower, 94. Other outstanding bowlers and teams included: Leroy Gregory, Amps, high average and high set with 114 and 392; Billy Mills, Hi-Volts, 160 for single high game; Kilowatts, single high game for team, 572, and the Hi-Volts, team high set, 1,587.

Generous Hunter Brings Deer To Lewis Goeller

Here's a hunting story told by Lewis Goeller, Charleston district personnel assistant, that's as different as it is pleasant.

Hunting December 5 on Little River in Pocahontas County, he jumped three deer. He opened fire with no apparent results. Checking for blood and finding none, he gave up in disgust and headed for camp.

On his way he met two hunters and told them what had happened. They decided to try for them, one man tracking and the other trying to head them.

After Lewis had been in camp about two hours, a man approached and asked for him. Lewis said: "I went over and he said I had 'gut shot' one of the deer. He said he had it with him.

"We went over to see it. He said it was mine—after his tracking it for a half-mile, shooting it, dressing it and dragging it more than a mile and a half."

The man would accept no payment for his trouble. Lewis, thinking it was a story all sportsmen would enjoy, wrote of his experience to the editor of the Charleston Daily Mail.

Published on December 11, Lewis concluded his letter by saying: "Carl Daniels of Mill Creek, Randolph County, I nominate you for the sportsmanship award of the year—if there is such a thing. It makes me feel good to know that there are some people in the world who put some things over their own wishes. I hope you got your deer. Thanks again!"

Williamson Bowlers Given Venison Dinner

Members of the Williamson District Bowling League recently were entertained with a surprise dinner at the company auditorium.

The surprise dinner served the Williamson keglers was venison which was supplied by two district hunters, Ernest Bailey and Everette Carrico. Following the dinner, the meeting was concluded with a short business session.

As the league bowlers near the close of the first half of the 1952-53 season, Fred Varney's Amps hold a slight edge over the Circuit Breakers. Jack Maynard's 231 is the high single game while Allen Cross has 566 pins for the high series.

Pikeville Girls Third In City League



These Pikeville employees, who are bowling in the six-team Pikeville City League, are, front row, from left: Mae Nell Crum and Elizabeth Riddle. Back row: Jackie Akers, Dorothy Cardinal and Gualene Smith. The Pikeville district girls are in third place in the league. They have won their past nine games and are steadily closing the gap toward league leadership. Gherlene Brown, who suffered an arm fracture the first night of league play, is expected to rejoin her teammates for the remainder of the season.

Teasers Win First Half At Beckley



Beckley's first half bowling champions, the Split Teasers, are shown as they were named winners in the Beckley District Bowling League. Members of the team, front row, from left are: N. G. Ferguson and Jennie Gaziano. Back row, R. R. Meador, L. C. Mollohan and L. D. McGraw.

The Split Teasers won the first half of league play in the Beckley District Bowling League. The Teasers completed the first half with a 28½ to 16½ season's record.

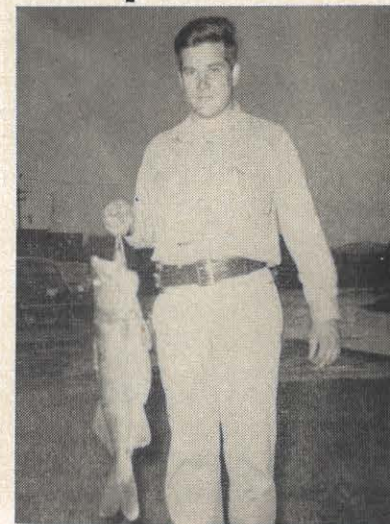
The Black Balls, with 24 wins and 21 setbacks, edged the Tear Jerkers for second place. The Tear Jerkers completed their half of the season with a 23 and 22 count.

M. C. Dwornick's 236 pins won him the individual high single game honors for the season. Elizabeth Hancock, with 206 pins, won the women's single game laurels. For first half team honors, the Tear Jerkers won both the single and series. They

collected 867 pins in the single game and 2,381 for the series.

The remainder of the 1952-53 bowling season will be split into quarters. The winner of the first and second quarters will enter a play-off to determine who will compete in the finals with the Teasers.

Surprise Catch



Not all fish are landed with hooks. Bobby Clemons, a Glen Lyn Steam Plant guard, displays a thirteen pound pike which was trapped by the rotating trash rakes at the New River intake building.

Company Sportsmen Bag Deer On Successful Hunts



Company sportsmen from a number of districts shot deer on recent hunting trips. Above, left, a group of Bluefield district hunters are shown with deer they killed while hunting in Bath County, Virginia. The hunters, left to right, Douglas Lambert, a spike buck; Garlin Hill, Jr., seven-point buck; C. M. Fletcher, ten-point buck; C. F. Mundy, an eight-point buck. Right photograph, left to right, E. J. Wood, Logan district, 140-pound spike buck, and a friend, K. F. Weimer, a 125-pound doe. Their kills were made in the Canaan Valley near Davis, West Vir-

ginia. Other hunters who made kills but were not photographed included: Point Pleasant; James L. Darby, 85-pound doe, and D. A. Nickell, Jr., a 95-pound doe. Fieldale: David Puckett, 140-pound, 3-point buck; Billy Harlowe, 120-pound buck; Jerry Sanders, a deer that tipped the beam at 190 pounds. Charleston: P. O. Bailey, S. C. Morris, W. H. Zinn, Nelson Hamrick, John D. Bailey, G. V. Loveday, L. C. Shaffer and L. A. Goeller. All Charleston hunters reported kills during their hunts in various sections of the state.

Gravy Trains Lead In Charleston's League

As Charleston district bowlers enter the final stretch for the first half championship, three teams are within striking distance of the crown.

The league is being paced by the Gravy Trains who have a 32 and 13 record. The Pulverizers are a close second and the third place Divisioneers are a threat to the current leaders.

For individual honors, Pauline Lanham and R. W. Speas hold the edge in the three-game series highs with 479 and 574 pins.

J. P. Gills Gets 35-Year Pin At Christmas Party



J. P. Gills, Bluefield division manager on right, receives his 35-year service pin and congratulations from G. L. Furr, vice president and general manager.

J. P. Gills, Bluefield division manager, was presented his 35-year pin at the Bluefield Christmas party by G. L. Furr, vice president and general manager.

Mr. Gills started work as field office manager for the C. W. Hancock & Sons Construction Company at the Glen Lyn plant. In January of 1918 he was placed on the regular payroll of the Appalachian Power Company but soon left for service in World War I. Following his discharge he returned to the company as purchasing agent, later becoming local manager.

In 1926 when the company became a part of the American Gas and Electric Company, he was made Bluefield district manager. In 1943 he was promoted to assistant division manager. He became division manager in 1946.

Among his many activities, he is president of the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce, director of the State Chamber of Commerce, member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Bluefield and active in Boy Scout work.

He is a member of the College Avenue Baptist Church and past lieutenant governor of the West Virginia Kiwanis Clubs.

Huntington, Logan and Abingdon Changes Affect Hansbarger, Joe P. Gills, Kirkland



Mr. Hansbarger

Julian C. Hansbarger, manager of the Logan district, has been named assistant manager of the Huntington division.

Joe P. Gills, manager of the Abingdon district, succeeds Mr. Hansbarger at Logan.

Claud K. Kirkland, assistant manager at Abingdon, has been named to the district managership. These changes became effective January 1, 1953.

Mr. Hansbarger, who started with Appalachian in 1937, has had a broad experience in practically every phase of the company's business. He came to Logan from Welch on February 1, 1950. He had held the position of assistant district manager in Welch.

He has been active in civic affairs in Logan. He has served as president



Mr. Gills

of the Community Concert Association, the community fund campaign, chairman of the Red Cross Blood Program and is a member of Rotary and the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Hansbarger, his wife and two children, plan to move to Huntington about January 1.

Mr. Gills has been associated with Appalachian for 18 years. He is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and began work for the company in Pulaski in 1934. He served as a distribution engineer, power sales engineer, commercial manager and assistant district manager at Pulaski before being named Abingdon district manager in 1948.

Mr. Gills is a member of Kiwanis, the American Legion and the Baptist Church.

Mr. Kirkland, a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, is a native of Southampton County. He was employed by Appalachian in 1937 at Marion, Va., as a rural service engineer. He served in the Pulaski dis-



Mr. Kirkland

trict as agricultural engineer. In 1945, he was transferred to Abingdon and put in charge of the rural expansion program. Four years later he was named rural and residential sales supervisor of the district and in 1950 was promoted to the position of district superintendent.

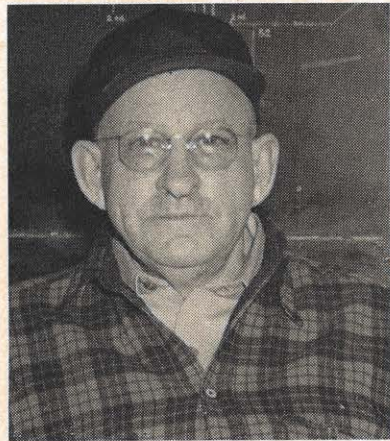
Mr. Kirkland is a member of the Methodist Church; the Abingdon Central School Board; the Retail Merchants Association; the Kiwanis Club and the Southwest Virginia V. P. I. Alumni Chapter. He is married and the father of two children.

Johnson Named To A. G. E. Service Group Board Of Directors

Harold R. Johnson, public relations director of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation, has been elected to the board of directors of the corporation.

Mr. Johnson, who succeeded H. P. Megargee as director of public relations, formerly was public relations director for Ohio Power Company.

Walter Price, Line Foreman, Completes 35 Years Of Service



Mr. Price

Walter Price, Charleston district line foreman, completed thirty-five years of service with the company in December.

Mr. Price began his service in the electric utility business with the West Virginia Water and Electric Company, predecessor of Appalachian at Charleston, in 1917. In those early years, Walter was a member of the company's only line crew. Later, he was made a troubleman and in 1940 he was promoted to foreman.

Walter was born near Elkview, West Virginia, where he attended school. After being graduated from high school, he was employed in the oil fields as a wagon driver. Later, he worked with the United Fuel & Gas Company building and maintaining telephone lines in Kentucky and Ohio.

Walter is married and the Prices are the parents of two sons.

A Letter About A Company Driver

The following letter was received by Bruce Cox, manager of the Fieldale district, from the Martinsville Rotary Club's Courteous Driving Committee.

"We of the Martinsville Rotary Club are looking for courteous drivers. Some of your drivers have been observed by us and found to be very considerate of other persons whether they be motorists or pedestrians. We congratulate you for having such drivers serving the public and believe that their examples of courtesy and consideration will influence others.

"Colonel Woodson, the head of the Virginia State Police, says, 'What the people of Virginia need is a change of driver attitude.' We, of the Rotary Club believe that this 'change of driver attitude' will be brought about by drivers like yours, serving the public."

The letter was signed by Hamp O'Neal, chairman of the club's courteous driving committee.

The driver of the vehicle which bore license number 108-924 was Harvey L. Agee, a meterman.

Waldo LaFon Named To New Civic Posts

Waldo S. LaFon, Beckley district manager, recently was appointed chairman of the Advance Gift Group of the United Fund Drive of Raleigh County. Mr. LaFon also was elected to the Board of Directors for the Raleigh County Chapter of the American Red Cross for the coming year.

Roanoke's 1953 Appa Mo Club Officers



Following a recent election conducted by the system billing and accounting departments, Roanoke, new officers, advisors and departmental representatives were chosen to direct the Appa Mo Club activities during 1953. The club is a social organization for system employees of the fifth and sixth floors of the general offices. Employees elected to head the group are, front row, left to right: W. H. Coffey, Tida J. Long, advisors; Mary Fawcett, secretary; P. C. Ray, president; Larry Fulp, assistant treasurer; L. E. Jefferson, advisor. Back row, left to right: Jayne West, Marguerite Gregg, W. L. Sutor, Mark Burdette, Elaine Ramsey, and Glada Fleishman, all departmental representatives. Norwood Turner, the club's treasurer, was absent when the photograph was made.

Sporn Plant Veterans' Dinner



Philip Sporn Plant Veterans hold their annual dinner at the Martin Restaurant in Middleport, Ohio, on December 19. Officers elected for the next year are Charles Carroll, president; Clarence Tennant, vice president, and Frederick Emmert, secretary. The Veterans group represents 267 years of service. From left: Howard Rader, plant engineer; Frederick Emmert, shift operating engineer; William C. Strain, office manager; Paul Schneider, assistant plant manager; Scott Morgan, shift operating engineer; Al Smith, maintenance supervisor; Clarence Tennant, first assistant shift operating engineer; Clayton Athey, first assistant shift operating engineer; Charles Carroll, shift operating engineer. Absent were Howard Andrews, plant manager, and John Grimes, shift operating engineer.

Took 16 Years To Even Election Bet



LEFT: Harvey Merriman gets a ride as Larry Beheler pushes in 1936. The Fieldale district employees agreed the loser would push the supporter of the successful presidential candidate in a wheelbarrow from the Fieldale office building to the Fieldale bridge, a distance of about a mile. Roosevelt beat Landon for the presidency and Merriman rode. RIGHT: 16 years later brought a different story as the bet on the presidency was made again. Beheler finally got even and gets to ride. Both being good sports, they laughed all the way.