

For of all sad words of
tongue or pen,
The saddest are these:
It might've been!
—JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

The Illuminator

A man should be able
to render a reason for
the faith that is in him.
—SYDNEY SMITH

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\$1,500,000 Fire Damages Unit One At Indiana-Michigan's Tanners Creek Plant

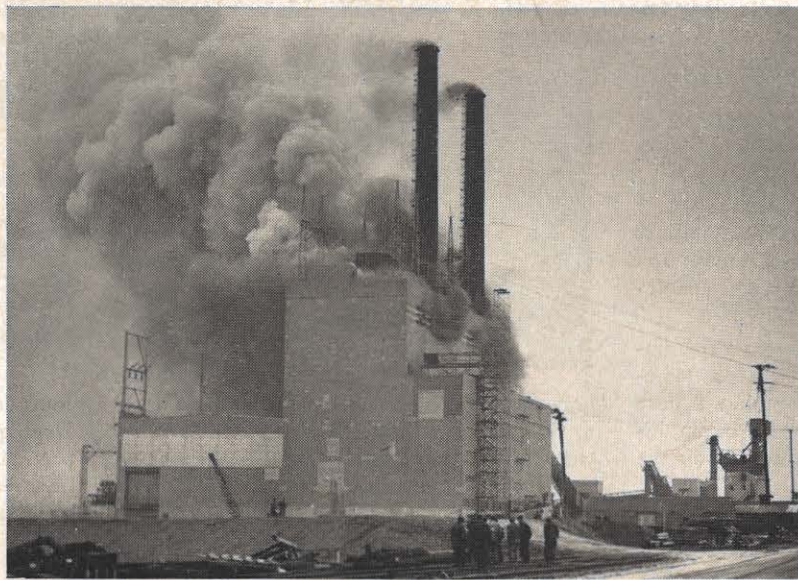
A disastrous fire caused severe damage to the 150,000 kilowatt number one unit of the Tanners Creek Plant of the Indiana and Michigan Electric Company on January 9.

E. E. Clapper, manager of the Lawrenceburg, Indiana, plant, said that the failure of the first stage integral forged wheel in the low-pressure turbine caused the fire. The failure fouled other rotating parts of the low pressure unit, causing a severe vibration which cracked the governor housing and snapped several oil lines.

\$1,500,000 Damage

The oil, used to lubricate the turbine, caught fire when it came into contact with hot steam pipes nearby. An estimated 1,500 gallons of oil burned, sending smoke and flames to the top of the building. The intense heat caused a small crack to appear in the masonry wall, but otherwise the concrete and steel structure was not damaged. Several minor steel members of the building were bent by the heat and will be replaced. A thorough investigation has revealed that total damage will be approximately \$1,500,000, practically all of which is covered by insurance.

Maintenance crews of the Indiana and Michigan Electric Company are dismantling the low-pressure turbine. Most of the damaged parts can be replaced with spares on hand at other generating plants on the A. G. E. system. Complete repairs to the unit are expected to take about ten weeks.



Smoke billows from the Tanners Creek Plant during a fire which caused severe damage to the 150,000 kilowatt unit one.

"Thumping" Heard

In describing the incident, leading up to the fire, Mr. Clapper said there was no indication of trouble until operators heard a "thumping" in the low-pressure turbine. It was tripped immediately. However, before the huge machine, which turns at 1,800 r.p.m., stopped, the turbine end was enveloped in flames. As a safety factor, unit two also was taken out of service. It was returned to service 16 hours later.

All employees not connected with operation of the equipment and not required to fight the fire were

evacuated from the building. No one was injured, although an assistant shift operating engineer was overcome by smoke attempting to fight the fire.

The fire occurred at a time when one other generating unit, a 110,000 kilowatt unit at Tidd Plant in Ohio, was out of service for regular maintenance, thus temporarily lowering the system's generating capacity by 410,000 kilowatts. In spite of this loss of capacity, the system was able to continue operation with its own reserve capacity and assistance from interconnected neighboring companies without interruption to a single customer.

Beckley District Employees Win 1952 Best Safety Award

Beckley district employees, by working the largest number of man-hours during the past year without a single lost-time accident, won the Southern Properties' "Best" Safety Award for 1952.

Beckley, together with the Pikeville district of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company; the Abingdon and Fieldale districts of Appalachian, rounded out 1952 with perfect records safetywise. Eight of the Southern Properties' system departments also have earned certificates of merit in recognition of their perfect records.

Beckley's 177 employees earned the Southern Properties' outstanding recognition in the safety program by working 352,252 man-hours during 1952 without a lost-time accident. Beckley has not experienced a lost-time accident since December 10, 1951, their only accident that year.

Other Good Records

Among the other perfect records established during 1952, Pikeville worked 280,382 man-hours without

an accident. Abingdon completed 275,449 man-hours while Fieldale was credited with 129,764. System departments completing 1952 with unblemished records were: System Substation; System Operating; System Real Estate and Right-of-Way; System Transportation; System Meter; System Accounting; Roanoke; Centralized Billing, Huntington; and the Ashland General Office. The employees of these eight departments completed a total of 633,095 man-hours of work during 1952 without a lost-time accident.

Overall, lost-time accidents showed a slight increase over the preceding year. There were 70 accidents recorded in the Southern Properties last year as compared to 59 in 1951. Four fatalities marred the record during 1952 while three occurred in 1951. Despite the slight rise in the number of lost-time accidents over the system, the Southern Properties' frequency rate is below the national average for electric utilities. The system average is 7.70 as compared to the national figure of 8.17.

Kingsport's 'Outstanding Young Man' Of Year Title Is Awarded Keene White



John Faust, president of the Kingsport Junior Chamber of Commerce on the left, presents Keene White with the Distinguished Service Award for being the outstanding young man of the year. Both are Kingsport Utilities employees. John is a power sales engineer and Keene is assistant payroll supervisor. Looking on are Mrs. Faust and Mrs. White.

Keene White, payroll supervisor of Kingsport Utilities, was chosen January 22 the "Outstanding Young Man" in Kingsport during 1952.

The "distinguished service award" was presented Keene at a banquet at the Kingsport Country Club. The award is presented annually to the Kingsport man between 21 and 36 who judges believe contributed most to the welfare of the community.

Last year Keene was an elder in the Waverly Road Presbyterian Church, member of the leadership training committee of the Holston District Boy Scouts, vice president in the Tennessee Jaycees, member of the adult advisory Christian youth association, member of the Salvation Army advisory board, chairman of the Tennessee Jaycees Americanism committee and speaker for the programs, "This Is Our Problem" and "The Power of Your Vote." He was also chairman of the Ballot Battalion which helped bring out a record November 4 vote.

"In accepting this award which I

shall always cherish," Keene said, "I am not accepting it for myself, but rather in the name of hundreds of people who actually have done those things which I have been fortunate enough to have had part in. None of the many activities could have been done by any one individual. It took a great team composed of the people."

Keene said he would like to publicly express his gratitude to the management of Kingsport Utilities for their cooperation and encouragement which made it possible for him to make some contribution to the general welfare.

In conclusion he said: "I should like to recognize another person who, far more than I, deserves this award. I refer to my 'co-chairman' of the most important project I have ever undertaken, the raising of my family. More than anything else, it was the patience, the help, the understanding of my wife, Mildred, that I have been able to devote the time and energy to those things which both of us have felt were important."

Companies Top Quotas In Sales Campaign

The record-breaking month of December skyrocketed the banner year of 1952 into a new high for sales of ranges, water heaters and dryers in our territory. Total sales in the three-company area were 46,709 units.

Appalachian ended the year with sales of 38,810 units. Kentucky and West Virginia had 5,132 units and Kingsport, 2,767.

All three companies went well over 100% in the AG&E Sales Contest.

W. T. Tibbetts Gives Ten Pints Of Blood To Red Cross

A Charleston employee is the champion blood donor for the American Red Cross in the Charleston area. W. T. Tibbetts of the engineering department has given ten pints of



Mr. Tibbetts

blood in the last two years to the Regional Red Cross Mobile unit which visits Charleston.

Recently in the *Charleston Daily Mail* Mr. Tibbetts was named champion blood donor.

When asked about his many trips to the bloodmobile, Mr. Tibbetts said, "Each person can give five pints of blood a year. It takes so little effort and time to give a pint of blood that I am surprised that I am the only person who has done so in this area."

In range and water heater sales, Appalachian had 126.6% of quota; Kentucky and West Virginia had 111.9% and Kingsport had 114.7%. In dryer sales: Appalachian, 215.4%; Kentucky and West Virginia, 157.9% and Kingsport 102.2%.

The Ohio Power Company captured first-place honors in the contest as they rushed past Appalachian and Indiana and Michigan. Central Ohio Light & Power Company did likewise and beat Kentucky and West Virginia, Kingsport and Wheeling Electric in the contest between these four companies.

System-wide for all AG&E companies, there was a grand total of 117,805 sales of the three major appliances in 1952—setting a new system record.

Top Quota Busters

Top quota busters in Appalachian were Pulaski with 6,523 units; Welch with 3,810 units, and Point Pleasant with 671 units. Bluefield, with 18,316 units, was the top division. Ranges: Pulaski, Welch and Bluefield district with Bluefield division tops. Water heaters: Point Pleasant, Fieldale and Pulaski districts with Bluefield division tops. Dryers: Logan, Huntington and Point Pleasant districts with Huntington division tops.

Ashland, Hazard and Pikeville came in that order on breaking their quotas for both range and water heater sales and for dryer sales.

Winning Bermuda trips last month for sales activities were G. A. Weatheron, Kentucky and West Virginia

commercial manager; Lynn Munday, Roanoke district commercial manager, and J. E. Collins, Abingdon district rural and residential sales supervisor. The Julius Hall Miami Award winners were: W. C. Buchanan, Pulaski district; Eleanor Dillard, Welch district; Stanley Johnson, Point Pleasant district; Mrs. Dorothy Barker, Beckley district; Mrs. Louise Kessinger, Williamson district, and J. M. Wysong, Huntington district.

F. W. Isley Elected County Court Judge



Mr. Isley

Jack has been a member of the county court since 1948, having been elected to represent the 7th Civil District of Sullivan County. During his term as member of the court he has been on the budget committee for three of his four years' service.

He has been active in promoting a school building program and is still serving on the school building committee as well as on other committees. His term of office will expire in September of 1954.

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Our Safety Record

Congratulations to employees of the Beckley, Pikeville, Fieldale and Abingdon districts and the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company on their 1952 safety records.

The four districts completed 1952 without a lost-time accident. The Kentucky company had only three lost-time accidents during the year to compile the best safety record of all the companies in the A. G. E. System.

Safety is important to all of us. An accident could cost us our life or bring severe injuries which might leave us handicapped. It could mean great grief and loss for our families. It can mean the same to our fellow-worker.

The company is interested in our personal safety. Considerable money is spent on equipment and on training programs to help us work and live safely. All of this goes for nought unless we practice safety daily.

Let's make the list of districts and plants with no lost-time accidents grow during 1953.

Courtesy Pays Off

From the time we're children, we're all taught that we should be courteous to those around us.

Just what does courtesy mean? It's one thing to say that a person should do or be a certain thing but it's sometimes difficult to put it unto practice.

Here's one definition of courtesy. It's simply this, "Courtesy means kindness to everyone you meet." Whether at home, in social life, or on the job, if we show a bit of kindness to all those folks with whom we come in contact, then we're practicing courtesy.

When we're courteous, when we show kindness to everyone we meet, we receive in return the admiration and respect of those around us.

Courtesy is part of being a good human being. In addition, it pays off in a happy relationship with all the people we meet where ever we may be.

The Welfare State

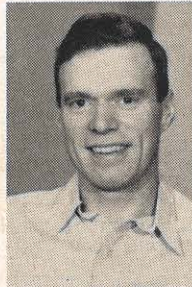
The Norfolk Debaters recently defeated the crack debating team from Cambridge University of England. As it happens, the Norfolk Debaters are a group of prisoners at the State Prison Colony, Norfolk, Massachusetts.

The subject of the debate was the Welfare State—the system under which government guarantees security to all. The Cambridge team defended the Welfare State: the prison team opposed it.

The distinguished panel of judges awarded the verdict to the prison team. Why? The prisoners had a better



WILLIAM H. KING, Results Department, Philip Sporn Plant.



Some people have one big secret ambition, but not me. I think a lot of folks will agree with me that having a number of smaller ones is better. I put my secret ambitions in two main groups and these are present and future.

The present secret ambition includes a radio-television course, which is something I have always wanted. This course would be an interesting hobby and it would also help on the job I now have.

The future, which I consider as after retirement or when I am considerably older, includes plans for a small business which my wife and I can operate together. Of course, between present and future are a great many ambitions too numerous to mention.

CORA LOU STRAUGHAN, Record Time Clerk, Logan Plant.



My secret ambition is to write. One of the unappreciated treasures we have at our fingertips is "worth-while" literature. In books we can find the answer to just about every question, because there isn't a single phase of life that some author hasn't touched at one time or another.

Some are born with the ability to present their ideas with due force, coloring, and elegance but for others (including me) who lack that "know how," the project would take a considerable amount of "cultivation"—study and the acquiring of eloquence in thought.

The author is an individualist—his mind is a mirror which catches reflections that he, through polished composition, gives to others. The natural flair for writing would be one of the greatest gifts a person could possess.

SALLY F. LITZ, Cashier, Pearisburg.



Being an art lover there was no hesitancy when I was asked my secret ambition. My ambition is to be an art connoisseur.

I want to be able to recognize the genius of the masters who somehow were given and are given the miraculous gift for creating, in their own way, things of beauty.

I want to recognize the individuality of each master whether known or unknown; the way each pigment is so blended to have color harmony and the right texture; the spirit and integrity they give each brush stroke. I would like to understand the toil, thought, the day and night emotions endured in order that they may be remembered in the end as a creator.

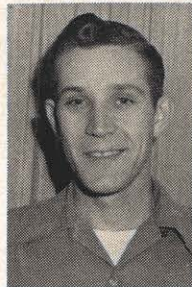
What could be more than recognition of a masterpiece that will someday be honored by all mankind?

knowledge of what they were talking about. They learned the hard way.

All their needs were supplied: clothing, food, medical care, recreation, a home and a job—everything the same. They really had security.

They were given the best example of the Welfare State—imprisonment.

PAUL E. PAULEY, Materials Clerk, Beckley.

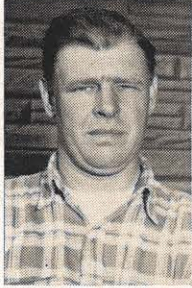


This seems like a broad question. There can be many secret ambitions in a person's life. Like driving the winning car at Darlington, playing ball in the World Series, flying faster than sound, or a trip around the world.

But I believe the important one is really no secret, but rather one shared by many. That is to be a success in life. It's true, few have the same interpretation of success, but generally speaking, it's the same.

I want to be happy. I feel that if I can accomplish this I will have achieved my secret ambition.

CHARLES H. HAND, Distribution Department, Kingsport.



My secret ambition originates from a hobby which I started a number of years ago. While other boys my age were out playing football or baseball, I was tinkering with a worn out electric appliance or making needed repairs to my neighbor's electric appliances. The amount of money I earned from my hobby was spent buying various electrical magazines and home fuses to replace the ones blown by overloading a circuit or failing to have the appliance wired properly.

Since this is my hobby and what I enjoy doing, my secret ambition is to own and operate a small electric appliance repair shop that would provide sufficient income for myself and family.

MARGARET C. MORRIS, Accounting Department, Williamson.

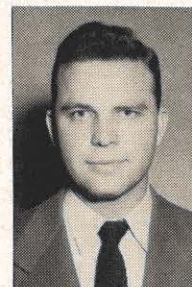


Like most every woman my ambition is to be a homemaker and a mother. Although there have been many other ambitions which I have felt at one time or another were important, few have lingered long and none but this could head the list.

There have been times when I felt that being a wife and a mother was not enough to fill one's entire life, however, after marriage I feel there is nothing that can fill a life as well as love.

I admire women who have become famous because of some talent or deed but I also feel that among those women there are many who may envy me and others like me.

G. W. SKAGGS, JR., System Substation Department, Roanoke.



When this question was presented to me, it became apparent that I have no secret ambition that I care to make public. In other words, any secret ambition that I may have I would prefer to keep it a secret.

However, I do have an ambition, which may or may not be secret; that is to excel in some subject. But as yet I haven't chosen the subject. I'd like to be tops in the subject chosen and know something about all other subjects as well.

VIRGINIA AYERS, Distribution Department, Roanoke.



Secret ambition? That is a zany question! Everyone has certainly had one though, and the most vivid one in my memory is my decision to become an acrobat in the circus.

At the age of ten, I was entranced with the clowns, acrobats, shiny costumes, animals, excitement and over-all confusion of a circus. When the circus left, the longing to trail along was persistent, but parental restraint prevented it. Circus life, I've discovered since, is long hours and hard work and possibly as normal to the performers as typing is to me.

The next time you attend a circus, reminisce to the age of ten: Wouldn't you, like me, have enjoyed the life of the circus, if only for one day?

CHARLEY SCHIFFLER, Commercial Department, Ashland.



To acquire the knowledge to better understand people, new thoughts and new ideas must be built into our hearts and minds and become part of us.

The mind generates enough power every day for us to become masters at perfection. People are no longer far away, we are as close to our neighbors across the oceans as we are to our relatives in neighboring states. When we can control the oscillations that govern the attitude toward our neighbors, perfection will be available at a cost everyone can afford, and love, peace, and fellowship will be born in the hearts and minds of everyone.

When two people are "fixin'" to run into each other, it is better for both to stop and neither proceed until after the other has passed.

Letter To Editor

(Reprinted from The Kingsport Times)

The Editor
Kingsport Times

Dear Sir:

In behalf of many rural families in this area, I am taking this opportunity to express our thanks to the people of Kingsport Utilities. During the crippling snowstorm of November 21, most of us had enough power to keep us going.

In these days, all of us have geared our living to the use of electric power and have made no provisions to carry on our heating, cooking, pumping water and other chores without electricity.

In families with small children, the failure of power can present a serious threat to their health and safety.

We know that all of the Kingsport Utilities people went far beyond the call of duty during the past week end. They have again proved that they are not merely another business, but really a great team, ready to do heroic service for the people of this area.

Yours truly,
Donald V. Ross

Sporn Sees Prospects For Continued Growth Of The Electric Industry During The Year

By Philip Sporn
President of American Gas and Electric Co.

1953 should be a year of consolidation of the activities of the electric utility industry in general, and of the American Gas and Electric Company System in particular, in their programs of expansion, load building and the building up of earnings.

This is based on the premise that the demand for electric service during the year and the delivery of electric energy to our consumers will continue to increase. We have accepted this basis for our thinking of what's ahead in 1953 not only because there is every indication that all the indices of business activity are likely to stay at 1952 or higher levels in 1953, but because our specific prospects in electric power are so encouraging.

Industrial Expansion

Thus many large and significant industrial expansion projects which have slipped back in their completion dates in 1952 will definitely be completed in 1953. Other projects which did not get started till 1952 will also be completed in 1953.

In addition, personal income among almost all segments of the population promises to be at a level which warrants the assumption that new electric appliances will continue to be sold at a high rate. The combination of these factors adds up to a continuation of expansion of electric load.

While electric power-wise, 1952—the complete picture for which is now almost entirely available—did not come up entirely to projections made approximately a year ago, the deficiencies are not significant. And they are fully explainable by the effect on production brought about by the steel and coal strikes.

Thus, on the American Gas and Electric Company System an originally projected maximum one hour peak for 1952 of 3,040,000 kw was early in the year scaled down to an expected peak of 2,950,000 kw. The actual peak experienced was 2,900,000 kw. The difference in the figures



Mr. Sporn

is almost entirely due to slipbacks in one or two industrial expansion operations now going on on the system.

By the same token, system energy input for 1952, originally projected at 18 billion kilowatt hours, will turn out to be 17.1 billion. The deviation is almost entirely due to the loss of energy sales during the periods of industrial abnormality.

Substantial Load Growth

We in AG&E expect 1953 to be a year of substantial load growth with the annual peak registering a gain of close to 300,000 kw for a system total of 3,200,000 kw, a gain of about 10½%; corresponding system energy input should be 19.6 billion kilowatt hours, a gain of 14.2%. The effect on earnings should be on the whole quite favorable.

The fight we have been carrying on to counterbalance effects of inflation should receive material support in 1953 from more stabilized labor and material prices, and, perhaps, from some significant improvements in productivity of construction labor. The greater availability of material and labor will also be very helpful.

It is true that from an operating results standpoint some unfavorable aspects have recently been encountered such as the increase in the price of fuel. Their cumulative effect may make necessary some additional applications for rate increases in order to

protect capital structure, and to be able to continue to raise the needed new capital. But in the light of the excellent and moderate history of the industry in general in regard to rate increases, which is most certainly true on the AG&E System, it is not expected that this will, on the whole, offer too great difficulty when, and if, it clearly becomes necessary.

Other Favorable Factors

The year 1953 will bring with it a number of other favorable factors affecting operations on our system. We expect to bring on the line in the course of the year not less than 600,000 kilowatts of new generating capacity and, with only slight improvement in performance on equipment delivery, this amount will be increased to 800,000 kilowatts.

As a result, reserve margins on the system will be brought up to a value close to the proper amount for the first time since 1947. This will give us an opportunity to ease up generation on some of the relatively old equipment, primarily designed for low load factor peak situations, and we should not have to use it for mass production of energy. The easing up of the strain involved in carrying system load with too low reserves will offer opportunity to concentrate more effort on development of more economical practices and policies in design, construction, and in operation, and in developing with greater vigor the long term load building program of the system.

From the investors' standpoint the accent will be on the responsibility on those managing utility enterprises to protect their earnings and to build the solid foundation of future expansion. The new atmosphere in Washington, which, it is hoped, will make possible the working out of a number of the industry's problems against the background of trust and confidence in the ability of a private enterprise economy to operate in the national interest and on a fiscally sound basis, should be of material help in this regard.

Kanawha River Plant Work Progresses



This picture of the new Kanawha River Plant was made on January 15. It was taken from the coal conveyor looking toward the front of the plant. At the right on the plant can be seen the stack for unit one. This stack is completed and the stack for unit two is more than half finished. Resident Engineer Bob Lawson says that virtually all of the equipment for unit one is at the plant and work is progressing rapidly on that installation. Lawson says, "Our schedule is to have unit one in operation in April." The operating departments headed by Plant Manager Henry Skaggs have already moved into some of the office space in the building, though there are still some finishing touches to be completed. Coal is being unloaded from river barges and being stored in the coal yard. Lawson reported that there are about 1,300 people now working on the plant. One of the big problems facing the construction forces is the weather. Look at the mud in the photo.

Tain't So—But Might've Been

Violent Reaction To Sales Contest Evident On Quick Trip Around Property

The AG&E Sales Campaign of 1952 is over—but the excitement of those last hectic days lingers on amid an atmosphere of chagrin and disappointment along the lines connecting the three companies of the Southern Properties.

When it was first revealed that The Ohio Power Company and Central Ohio Light & Power Company swept all honors in the contest, reaction was immediate, intense and—in a word—real. Your roving reporter was fortunate (?) enough to be a witness to the catalytic events which followed.

Some of the printable quotes and comments made at the time of the announcement of the contest winners follow. They have been recorded for posterity and for the future guidance of any and all personnel of the Southern Properties who might have occasion to take part in any future sales campaigns, local or otherwise.

"Never—but never—trust a damn-yankee!" growled surly Skinny Foontz in the system commercial department who personally felt the Ohio reports were aimed at him. Further words of advice and other comments were "off the record" as he pushed a suitcase back under the desk with his foot.

Calmly commenting on the first reports as they came off the ticker tape, H. Lively Pushing, of the same office, sighed as he said: "Knew it all along. You don't sell unless you hustle and those Ohio men are hustlers. I should know. All you got to tell them is that it's a campaign—they'll sell anything. Darn spirit's contagious. But, like I said before their December figures came in, steady and even sales are the backbone of any organization. Not only that but—wait'll next year!"

"Holding back—unfair practice!" cried Stillmore McBrimstone in Abingdon when informed of the last month's figures turned in by our Ohio neighbors. He outlined a plan whereby each month's figures would be audited by Miles and Miles before being accepted as final and authoritative.

Making good use of Camel cigarette advertising, G. A. Winterbottom in Ashland dryly remarked: "Time is the best test. Can't ever tell—these

Ohio fellows may not hold up under pressure. Just wait till they face the new quotas. Then you'll see how they are when the chips are down."

Hulius Jall was relaxed as he reviewed the past year's sales efforts. Briefly, he said: "Good year—could have been better—but still a good year. We had a good start but hit a slump about August. Hot summers did it. When I was in Bluefield you could go around in the summer with a coat and tie. If you don't believe me, just look at those Bluefield figures. Mild summers helped Bluefield division pile up a splendid record of 17,426 range and water heater sales. Here in Roanoke the thermometer kept pushing past 100 degrees—and you don't get around to as many as often in that kind of weather. Next year? Well, that's another thing—depends a lot on what the weatherman has to say."

Down in Kingsport, C. J. Tryen smiled serenely as the disastrous news came. His reaction—or lack of it—was due to a slight oversight. They forgot to turn in 465 units on the last report. He seemed to think they would be enough to get them off to a good start toward the coming year. We left him gently tapping the calculator, saying: "465 plus 83 for January equals..."

Madge Cushing Is Managing Editor Of College Newspaper

Madge Cushing has been selected managing editor of the William and Mary College newspaper, "The Flat Hat." A history major and member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Madge is the daughter of H. L. Cushing, assistant system commercial manager.

She is a junior and moves up to her new post from the position of news editor. The publication was recently judged best collegiate newspaper in Virginia.



Miss Cushing

James R. Burdsal Receives Promotion In Hazard District

James R. Burdsal, Hazard district engineering department, has been promoted to district supervising engineer.



Mr. Burdsal

Mr. Burdsal became an employee of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company in September, 1947, following his graduation from the University of Kentucky. He has been a member of the distribution, production, commercial, meter and engineering departments and has served as substation foreman.

Mr. Burdsal, a native of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, was graduated from Caney Junior College. He was a student at the University of Kentucky when he was called for active duty during World War II in 1943. He served as a combat infantryman in the European Theater of Operations.

Jim is a member of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He is married and the Burdsals are the parents of one daughter.

Two Abingdon District Men Are Recognized In 'Operating Notes'



Mr. Wood

Mr. Frier

Two Abingdon district employees, George G. Wood, office supervisor, and Jack B. Frier, personnel supervisor, were authors of an article appearing in the December issue of A. G. & E. *Monthly Operating Notes*.

Their article, "Providing employees' Library With Current Industry Magazines," describes the operation of a library which has proved beneficial to district employees. Sixty-five per cent of the persons having access to the Abingdon library have used it, it was estimated.

In the Abingdon project, only current publications are kept in the racks. This has proven to be one of the best means of keeping employees informed about the electric utility business.

Montgomery Office Wins Talley Award; Individuals Honored

Charleston district's C. B. Talley Award has been won by the Montgomery local office. The Montgomery team, captained by Jack Lloyd and Wesley Zinn, led the local office sales campaign which was in progress from October 20 to December 19.

Individual honors were won by Betty Smith of the Nitro office. Betty outdistanced all competition with her sales of 11 ranges, 3 water heaters and 5 clothes dryers. Anna L. Mullins of the Whitesville office and John R. Ware of Montgomery were tied for second place. Both contestants sold six items during the campaign. Other leading salesmen were awarded prizes for their achievements.

During the campaign, the Montgomery office sold 114 per cent of quota while the Whitesville group finished with 96.8 per cent. At all offices, 171 ranges, 64 water heaters and 83 clothes dryers, a total of 318 units representing 98.1 per cent of the overall quota, were sold.

The award, which has been at the Nitro office for the past year, has been presented to the Montgomery team.



Betty Smith

Bluefield Division

Glen Lyn Plant

E. G. Clemons and Ruth Butcher have returned to work after extended illnesses.

R. B. Ratliff has been appointed editor of "Operating Notes" for the plant.

J. E. Brown has returned to work after a recent accident.

Mrs. L. E. Turner has returned home after treatment at Giles Memorial Hospital.

J. C. Thompson, retired employee, is recovering after an illness.

J. A. Thornton, H. G. Holdren, R. E. Hare and J. J. Neely, all retired employees, visited the plant last month.

Pulaski District

Mrs. Ray Sheets, wife of the meter department employee, has been ill.

Donna Jo Saunders, daughter of Max of the Pulaski line crew, is recovering after an operation.

Ed Grantham, Christiansburg, has returned to work after an illness.

Mrs. Lynn Johnson is recuperating after an operation. Mr. Johnson is employed at Pulaski.

Christiansburg office employees held their annual Christmas party at Grant's Tavern.

Hugh Grubb, Galax local superintendent, has been named a director of the Galax Kiwanis Club.

S. J. "Red" Johnson, Galax line crew, played Santa when the Galax Volunteer Fire Department held open house for children and presented gifts to all attending.

Josephine Aker, Marion accounting department, resigned.

New employees in the Marion office are Nancy Bogle, accounting department, and W. Bates McGlothlin, Jr., meter reader.

V. I. Akers, meter reader, transferred from Marion to the Wytheville office.

Jerry Cox, son of G. D. Cox, Wytheville local superintendent, was home on leave before reporting to California.

Stanley C. Smith, Jr., son of the Pulaski employee, is on leave from Alaska.

Sympathy is extended Carl G. Powers, Wytheville office, on the death of his brother.

Sympathy is extended Edith Scott Bourne on the death of her sister and brother-in-law.

Sympathy is extended Clyde R. Ryan, Jr. on the death of his grandfather.

F. M. Lawson, secretary-treasurer of the Saltville Kiwanis Club, attended the Kiwanis Conference in Washington, D. C. He is Saltville substation superintendent.

Abingdon District

Dean T. Robinson and Glenn A. Settle are new employees in the transmission and distribution department.

Mrs. Edythe T. Garnand is a new employee in the stores department. She was formerly employed by Kingsport Utilities.

Sympathy is extended Lloyd B. Lee, district superintendent, on the death of his father.

Sympathy is extended W. H. Johnson, substation foreman, on the death of his sister.



Stoney Jackson, employee on military leave, was discharged and returned to work in the transmission and distribution department.

Donald C. Landreth, employee on military leave, visited the office while home on furlough from France. He is in the Air Corps.

Gladys Reed, employee in the Gate City accounting office, resigned.

Kathryn Dobbins, home economist, resigned to teach school in North Carolina and later to return to college.

Roy R. Gregory, serviceman, returned to work after an appendectomy.

Sympathy is extended C. M. Wagner, dealer sales representative, on the death of his grandfather.

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Huntington Division

Huntington District

Mrs. Blanche P. Wood has returned to work after an operation.

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

New employees are Orville Skeens, meter department, and Donal L. Chapman, system billing office.

Logan District

Sympathy is extended Robert L. White, engineering department, on the death of his brother.

O. L. Bennett, area representative, spoke on the "Organization of the March on Polio" to the Chapmanville Woman's Club. He also was guest speaker to the Junior Woman's Club of Logan and spoke on "Our American Heritage."

Ann Valley has returned to West Virginia University after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Valley.

Robert Lee Bragg is a new employee in the transmission and distribution department.

Joe Kovich, engineering department, was elected first vice president of the Logan Chapter of West Virginia Society of professional Engineers.

Clark Bell, transmission and distribution department, has returned to work after an illness.

Martha Booth, home economist from the Main office, was given a farewell party and gift by a group of fellow employees in the town office. Ann Pozega, home economist, was in charge.

Donald Pryor, Dorsey Drake and William F. McGhee, employees on military leave, were recent visitors.

Logan Plant

Pearl Ratcliffe, coal conveyor operator, resigned.

John Sebo, co-op student working in the chemical laboratory, resigned.

Williamson District

Johnny Lusk, engineering depart-

ment, has returned to work after recovering from an operation.

Lt. Charles Giles, stationed in Florida, and W. H. Giles, Marshall College student, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Giles.

John W. Scenters, engineering department, resigned and moved to
(See Williamson, page 8)

Kentucky

Pikeville District

Henry Weddington, groundman, has returned to work after an illness.

Bill Syck, lineman, recently suffered a fractured arm and injured back while working for an outside employer.

Betty Rae Luster is a new employee in the accounting department.

Henry Blackburn, engineering record clerk, has returned to work after an illness.

Hazard District

Imogene Smith, stores department, and Burchel Riddle, transportation department, are new employees.

H. J. Bonta, commercial department, attended the electrical contractors meeting in Louisville.

Sympathy is extended Mary Franks on the death of her uncle.

Ashland District

Mrs. Isabelle Carroll, local accounting office, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Mrs. Dorothy Lee Cox, local accounting office, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Dan Lake, meter department supervisor, on the death of his two-year-old granddaughter.

Sammy Cordle, former messenger boy, has returned to work with the company in the commercial department.

Gene Moore, line department, has returned to work after an illness.

Sympathy is extended Russell Scaggs, line department, on the death of his father.

Kingsport

Blanche Thompson, meter department, has returned to work after an operation.

Patsy S. Dean is a new employee in the accounting department.

Sympathy is extended Edward R. Barrett, Jr., meter department, on the death of his wife and to her brother, Alvin B. Pairgin, distribution department.

Curtis H. Hurd, distribution department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Adele Williams, accounting department, was elected secretary of the Rebecca Club at the January meeting.

Mrs. Tipton Hatcher is recovering after an operation. Mr. Hatcher is employed in the distribution department.

Roanoke Division

Roanoke District

Mrs. W. S. Shanks, wife of the distribution substation department employee, has been ill.

Aubrey Powell, former mail room employee, visited the office over the holidays before returning to East Tennessee State Teachers College.

Ray Mills, son of C. R. Mills, assistant local office manager, was home from Radio School in Washington, D. C., over the holidays.

Paul C. Iddings, local accounting department, resigned to enter Bridgewater College.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Nancy Gearhart, division personnel department, on the death of her father.

J. D. Lawrence, assistant division manager, has returned to work after an illness.

Mrs. J. T. McLain, wife of the air-conditioning engineer, is recuperating after an operation.

Mrs. A. R. Martin, wife of the local superintendent at Rocky Mount, is recuperating after an operation.

Stephanie Jane, daughter of A. G. Adams, truck driver-groundman at Rocky Mount, has returned home from the hospital.

Blood donors during December: R. G. Amos, Jr., substation department; W. E. Collins, transmission and distribution department; B. K. Gillespie, meter department; H. A. Hale, substation department; W. W. Holdren, transmission and distribution department; B. H. McKeever, meter department, and J. S. Payne, meter department.

Blood donors during January: J. M. Brown, substation department; J. O. Hopson, building service department; James Ella Jones, building service department; W. S. Jones, substation department; R. F. Miller, transmission and distribution department, and H. D. Veasey, division engineering department.

Lynchburg District

Sally Pollok, accounting department, has returned to work after an operation.

Ralph Crockett, accounting department, is a new employee.

Jack Shelton, accounting department; Robert W. Dilcher, meter department; Betty Lou Morton, accounting department, and Ralph Boze, distribution-engineering department, resigned.

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

Doris Driskill, distribution-line department, has returned to work after an illness.

Sympathy is extended Clarence D. and Charles H. McCarthy, Reusens hydro, and Joseph H. McCarthy, accounting department, on the death of their sister.

H. M. T. Garrison, accounting department, has returned to work after an illness.

Sympathy is extended L. R. Hudson, managerial department, on the death of his father-in-law.

Ellen Kennedy, daughter of D. C. Kennedy, has recuperated after a tonsillectomy.

W. B. Spencer, Reusens hydro, has returned to work after an illness.

Fieldale District

Two employees have been installed as officers in the Masonic Lodge. H. B. Merriman, line foreman, is

(See Fieldale, page 10)

Charleston Division

Philip Sporn Plant

Sympathy is extended Jack Needs, labor department, on the death of his mother.

Chester Weaver, master maintenance man, has returned to work after an operation.

Harold R. Russell, tractor operator on military leave, was a recent visitor to the plant.

Earl Q. Teaford, chemist, was appointed a second lieutenant in the Pomeroy Second Ward Fire Department.

Bill Ribble, system substation operator, moved to the Kanawha River plant as system operator.

Albert E. Dodson, system substation operator, transferred to Sporn substation from Turner substation.

Wallace Y. Stewart, results helper, resigned to enter West Virginia University where he plans to major in forestry.

Scott Morgan, shift operating engineer, and his operating shift visited Philo plant on January 15.

Wilbur A. Dennis, control operator, has been operating a candy and cigarette canteen. Profits will be used to pay for a steak dinner for Emmert's operating shift and their families.

James Bennett, control operator, killed a 29½-pound coon for a Mason County record. This makes a total of 13 coons that Jim has caught this year.

Emmert's Shift is leading in the second period of the Sporn plant Bowling League with 18 games won and 3 games lost.

Beckley District

R. O. Meador, distribution engineer, transferred to Wheeling Electric Company.

L. R. Martin, groundman, and E. H. McCullough, stores department, resigned.

Mrs. Parthenia Winner is a new employee in the personnel department.

Elizabeth Scott, payroll clerk, entertained with a stork shower for Mrs. Dorothy Hedges in the company auditorium on January 16. Guests included employees and friends of Mrs. Hedges who was formerly employed as stenographer in the commercial department.

J. E. Vines has returned to work after an extended illness.

Charleston District

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Walker, accounting department, on the death of her brother.

Sympathy is extended W. D. Purvis on the death of his mother.

New employees are Joseph Britt, meter department; Mrs. Helen Boothe, engineering department, and Mrs. Alice Ingham, commercial department.

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Sporn Families Active In Cub Scouting



Philip Sporn Plant employees and members of their families are active in the 16-boy New Haven Cub Scout Pack. Above, front row, from left: Billy Frey, Billy Stump, Jerry Wiles and Eddie Stein, Jr., are sons of employees and members of the unit. Back row, Doug Miller, Cub master; Mrs. Jack Frey, den mother; Mrs. Karl Wiles, den mother; Mrs. Edwin Stein, Jr., president of the PTA, the sponsoring organization. The pack was organized about one year ago through the efforts of Bob Layne. Mr. Miller was appointed cub master in November.

Half-Century's Changes And Progress Evident In O. W. Bond's Old Magazines



O. W. Bond of Glen Lyn plant shows some of the "signs of the times" in these four publications issued in 1903. Mr. Bond's father had these issues bound during the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt.

How about a new Cadillac sedan for \$750?

Well, 50 years ago that was the asking price in magazine advertisements. That's just a sample of the bargains in the many old magazines in the collection of O. W. Bond, results engineer at Glen Lyn plant.

Among the most interesting books and magazines in his collection are four volumes of the 1903 issue of *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Womans Home Companion*, *Cosmopolitan* and *Success* magazines. These volumes were collected by Mr. Bond's father who had them factory bound when Theodore Roosevelt was president. There were originally many volumes but most were destroyed in a fire.

Fashions receive prominent attention in the old volumes. Styles at the turn of the century show that well-dressed women have changed a lot in half a century. Many other changes are evident during these 50 years in improvements as well as styles and prices. Items noted in which very little changes have been made are safety pins, tooth brushes, glass fruit jars and men's garters.

It is interesting to note that the *Saturday Evening Post* was founded in 1728 by Benjamin Franklin with a circulation of 500 copies. By 1903 when the above issues were bound, circulation had grown to 550,000 copies. Present circulation is more than 4,000,000 copies.

Mule Story Told By Ed Holstein In 'Daily Mail'

Playing second fiddle to a mule could be humiliating, especially if the mule received more attention than you after being trapped in a mine together.

Well, that happened to Ed Holstein, Cabin Creek plant operator, whose story of the incident appeared January 11 in the *Charleston Daily Mail* column, "Roving the Valley." Ed was working in the old Coalburg mine in 1915 when mules were used to haul coal. Ed had a "good mule" named Kate as his helper. One evening near quitting time they started out of the mine toward the entrance.



Mr. Holstein

They came on a slate fall that blocked their exit. They were trapped but could hear the shouts of men working on the other side to free them. Ed shouted back as he dug.

Hours went by and Ed grew weary. Kate just hung her head and stood patiently. Here's how Ed tells the rest of the story of his rescue:

"Only me and the mule was trapped, but the boys on the other side were working around the clock to free us. The night passed by and so did the next day. I was hungry and tired and beginning to think that I'd never get out. Still, I heard the boys on the other side digging away so I didn't give up hope.

"Another night passed. 'Gray Kate' was hungry and tired, too, but she just stood there waiting. Then the voices got louder and I knew it wouldn't be long until we were rescued. And it wasn't—the boys broke through and cheered when they saw 'Kate' and me.

"Well, Uncle Henry Conett was stable boss at the old Coalburg mine then. You could tell he was plenty worried—but not about me. He headed straight for the mule. Good mules were hard to come by, you see, but men to work were easy to find.

"Well, sir, they had feed and water sent up for the mule and a warm blanket to take the chill off her. I looked around, but no one paid much attention to me except some of my friends. No food, no water, nothing.

"I crept away while all the fuss was being made over the mule and walked home alone. I didn't have any trouble eating once I got there, no sir. But, you know, it sort of hurt my pride to know that old 'Gray Kate' was more important than me. It took me a long time to get over it, too."

And as the feature writer added: "Understandable, of course. Mules long since have lost their place in the mines to machines that have been invented by the brains of man. So the scale of importance—man vs. mule—is better in balance now and Ed Holstein can walk up and down Cabin Creek with his head high, his self-respect regained."

Lynchburg Employees End Transformer Class

Lynchburg district employees from the meter, line, substation, engineering and commercial departments completed the Westinghouse Distribution Transformer Course. Forty took the 12-hour course.

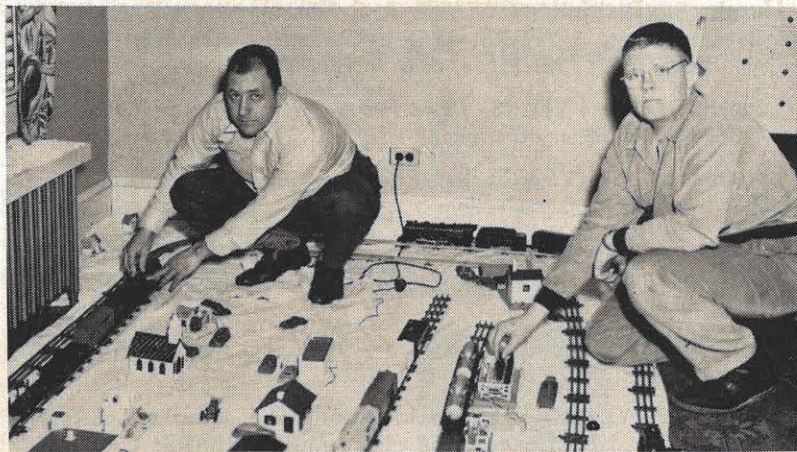
T. H. Pillow, G. C. Wheeler, J. D. Harker and F. O. Smith were instructors. G. R. Neubauer, district manager, presented certificates to employees completing the course.

Roanokers Given Merit Certificates



A number of Roanoke district departments and groups have been awarded Certificates of Merit for their work in connection with the company's safety program. Merit Awards, a local recognition inaugurated by the Roanoke district in 1950, honor departments and groups having completed a year without experiencing a lost-time accident. Red seals on the certificates were given the first year and blue seals last year. Gold seals are given groups having completed three consecutive years without a lost-time injury. This year, W. P. Booker, district manager, presented certificates to twenty groups. Some of the certificate winners, shown above, left to right, are: R. G. Amos, line foreman, 3 years; Manager Booker, C. E. Firebaugh, line foreman, 3; B. E. Burnette, line foreman, 2; J. H. Witt, line foreman, 3; W. S. Shanks, substation foreman, 3; W. C. Carper, line foreman, 3; R. A. Armistead, distribution substation supervisor, 3; and I. R. Musser, line foreman, 3 years.

Carl Schmidt And Son Build Model Trains And Make Layouts In Sharing Six-Year Hobby



Carl and Freddie Schmidt work on their father-son hobby of model trains

Model trains make a natural father-son hobby. So says Carl Schmidt, Pulaski local accounting office.

He and his 15-year-old son, Freddie, have been working on trains since six years ago when Freddie received his first complete train. Since then they have spent hundreds of hours working together.

Their equipment includes four complete trains, three freight and one passenger, two steam turbine engines,

100-feet of O gauge track, automatic block signals, switches and related equipment.

When the Model Railroad Club was formed two years ago in Pulaski, Carl and Freddie were charter members. They have been working on HO model equipment for a year and now have 18 freight and 2 passenger cars with steam turbine engine and 50 feet of HO gauge track.

Pulaski District Veterans Are Honored



Pulaski veterans honored at the recent dinner were, from left: J. D. Burnett; Miss Lena Schrader, J. S. Sutphin, and J. J. Duncan.

Thirty-one Pulaski district veterans, retired employees and those having twenty or more years service with the company, recently were honored with a dinner at the Maple Shade Inn, Pulaski. D. P. Minichan, district manager, presided.

Following a turkey dinner, a number of service pins were presented by Thomas Ryan, assistant manager, and James M. Brown, local office manager. Five presentations represented 140 years of service with the company.

Miss Lena Schrader, a Wytheville office employee, was a thirty-five year veteran among the group. Miss

Schrader received special recognition at the banquet as she is the first woman to receive the thirty-five year pin within the district. She also was the first to retire. Miss Schrader retired November 1.

Others recognized at the dinner were: J. S. Sutphin, Marion office, 30 years; J. J. Duncan, Pulaski office, 25 years; J. D. Burnett, Byllesby hydro plant, 25 years, and H. M. Lawrence, Christiansburg office, 25 years.

Arrangements for the service pin dinner were handled by O'Neal Amos.

Wins Huntington Lighting Contest



Raymond T. Hibner won first prize in the Huntington Christmas lighting contest with this attractive display at his home. The distribution department employee was awarded an electric drill kit for his display in the "less than \$40 class." Cost of material was about \$5. In other Christmas lighting contests, Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Dunn and Mr. and Mrs. James E. Fleenor were winners in Abingdon. Mr. Dunn and Mrs. Fleenor are in the managerial department and Mr. Fleenor is in the meter department. In Bluefield, Ray C. Heldreth and James C. Smith, Jr., of the commercial department were winners for home decorations.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—5 YEARS: James G. Craig, commercial department; W. A. Denny and C. J. Grizzle, both transmission and distribution department.

Beckley District—20 YEARS: H. C. Sessions, commercial department. 15 YEARS: Leo C. Bias, accounting. 5 YEARS: A. O. Yost, transmission and distribution.

Bluefield District—15 YEARS: H. H. McClung, substation department. 5 YEARS: Clyde E. Wysor and W. H. Kahle, both of transmission and distribution department.

Cabin Creek Plant—30 YEARS: R. C. Kirk, production department. 10 YEARS: R. S. Garrison, E. S. Kees, J. A. Keffer, Conrad Brown, Jr., J. E. Pyles and L. R. Coulter, production department.

Charleston District—35 YEARS: Herman Jones, distribution department. 20 YEARS: R. C. Callison, distribution; I. F. Gillikin and J. H. Russell, Sr., both of accounting department. 15 YEARS: J. A. Whitlock, commercial and W. H. Turner, engineering.

Fieldale District—5 YEARS: Bensen E. Shelton, transportation department.

Glen Lyn Plant—30 YEARS: A. P. Whitt, production department.

Huntington District—10 YEARS: R. C. Wilson and Ann Kennedy, commercial department. 5 YEARS: William C. Farrar, accounting; Nancy C. Bailey, billing, and T. M. Payne, meter.

Logan District—5 YEARS: Floyd Hayner, transmission and distribution, and H. S. Jimison, meter department.

Logan Plant—15 YEARS: Ray Pridemore, production department. 10 YEARS: A. J. Conley, production.

Pulaski District—30 YEARS: W. B. McGlothlin, transmission and distribution department. 15 YEARS: E. W. Henson, transmission and distribution department.

Roanoke District—5 YEARS: R. G. Amos, Jr., distribution-substation department.

System—25 YEARS: Kyle French, system civil engineering department. 15 YEARS: Alfred Reed, system civil engineering. 5 YEARS: C. L. Smith, operating; Geraldine H. Sorrels, accounting; G. W. Skaggs, Jr., substation department.

Welch District—30 YEARS: John W. House, substation department. 10 YEARS: Clarence H. McVey, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: Roger W. McClanahan, John K. Morgan, Alfred K. Miles, and Estel Crabtree, all transmission and distribution department.

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Ashland District—5 YEARS: Warnie H. Felty, transmission and distribution department.

Hazard District—10 YEARS: W. E. Manning.

Pikeville District—5 YEARS: Wilson Tibbs and Clifford Boyd.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

35 YEARS: Mose Jackson, miscellaneous department. 5 YEARS: J. H. Carter, stores department; and A. D. Reynolds, meter department.

More Christmas Party Photographs



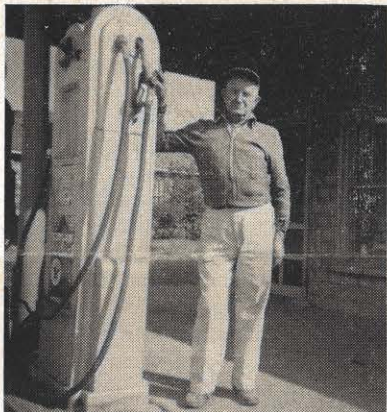
Christmas parties held after the January Illuminator's deadline included the Hazard, Williamson and Ashland districts. Top photograph, part of the Hazard group enjoying their dinner at the annual party. Hazard had one hundred per cent participation at this party. Lower left, Santa presents gifts to Williamson kiddies in the company auditorium. Lower right, Ashland's entertainers pantomime a Spike Jones recording.

Service Pins Awarded To Eight Veterans



Eight Southern Properties' veterans, employees having 20 or more years of service, were awarded service pins during the past month. Above, top row, left to right, A. P. Whitt, Glen Lyn Plant, 30 years; J. W. House, Welch, 30 years; W. Bates McGlothlin, Sr., Pulaski, 30 years, and R. C. Kirk, Cabin Creek Plant, 30 years. Bottom, left to right, Kyle French, system civil engineering, 25 years; J. H. Russell, Charleston, 20 years; Ira F. Gillikin, Charleston, 20 years, and R. C. Callison, also of Charleston, 20 years.

E. L. Knight Lives Life Of Happiness Since Retiring



Mr. Knight stands beside one of the pumps at his service station.

"Every employee should look ahead to his retirement. If he does not have a hobby to follow, he should plan to do something to occupy his time after reaching 65."

That's the advice of E. L. Knight, retired Glen Lyn plant employee. He operates a service station and garage just south of Glen Lyn in full view of the plant.

Mr. Knight, a former shift operator, is enjoying both good health and good business since he bought the station after retiring in March of 1946. Not having a hobby or anything planned when he retired, he bought the station when it was offered for sale.

He is the father of O. Shell Knight, Glen Lyn plant control operator.

Son Of Charleston Man Is Commissioned

Kenneth Leroy Eskew, son of C. R. Eskew of Charleston, recently was commissioned second lieutenant at the Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

After two months additional training, Lt. Eskew will be transferred to Indian Gap, Pa., for duty. Kenneth, in the earlier days of the Korean War, was attached to one of the first groups to land in Korea.

While attending Fayetteville High School, he was an outstanding athlete in football and basketball.

Mr. Eskew is a member of the Charleston district distribution department.

Driving Certificates Given By W. P. Booker

Safe Driving Certificates were awarded to Roanoke district employees who operated company automotive equipment without an accident last year. This is the second year that the awards have been made. Out of 230 persons receiving the awards last year, only five did not receive one this year.

Presentation of the award is made by mailing the certificate to the employee's home with a letter from W. P. Booker, district manager.

Articles By Abingdon Men Published In National Magazines

Three Abingdon employees are authors of two articles published in national magazines. Both articles previously had appeared in *A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes*.

"Mounting Two-Way Radios On Pick-Up Trucks," written by R. P. Miller and J. M. Orr, was reprinted by *Power and Light* magazine.

"Safety Signs for Substations" written by J. H. Davis was reprinted in *The Electrical World* magazine.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Beckley District—Earl J. Wood from lineman B to lineman A, Mary K. Grogan from junior clerk to clerk typist, P. W. Burks from commercial sales representative to district rural and residential sales supervisor, Emma J. Wilson from junior merchandising order and billing clerk to senior merchandising order and billing clerk, and Betty Kale from clerk typist to junior merchandising order and billing clerk.

Bluefield District—James M. Cole from agricultural engineer at Tazewell to distribution department engineer at Bluefield.

Cabin Creek Plant—Jack Lee Kern to Kanawha River Plant.

Charleston District—Claude B. Smith from Nitro office to Montgomery office, A. F. Whaples from Montgomery office to Nitro office, Ludwig Barchardt and Harry Stone from Tanners Creek Plant to Kanawha River Plant, John Fore from construction storekeeper to operating department stores supervisor at Kanawha Plant, and C. C. Harper from serviceman C to serviceman B.

Pulaski District—Basil M. Vassar from Christiansburg to Tazewell.

Philip Sporn Plant—Paul D. Nease from maintenance helper to equipment operator, Hubert L. Forbus from laborer to maintenance helper, Marvin T. Roush, George A. Jeffers, William D. Brown, and Charles K. Crow, all from assistant control operator to control operator, Kenneth E. Carter, Leland C. Bumgarner, Tommy Simmons, William J. Woods, Ivan W. Layne, Edward W. Carder and Edgar R. Vale, all from coal handler to barge attendant, Dwight R. Wallace from maintenance helper to equipment operator, James E. Ord from laborer to maintenance helper and William R. Dean from equipment operator to assistant control operator.

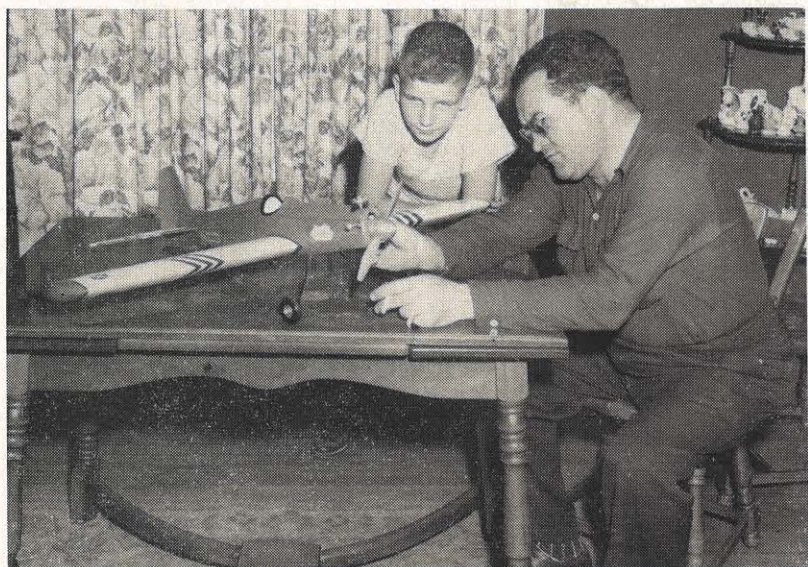
Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Ashland District—Otto Sanders from substation department to garage department.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

James R. Murdock and Doyle L. Robinette from groundman to plant maintenance helper, Monroe Lynch from boiler operator B to boiler operator A, Lindsay Wade from groundman to lineman C and George W. Gott from meter service helper to meterman C.

R. W. Speas Joins Son In Building Model Planes After First One Crashed



Dick Speas and his son look over the stunt trainer they built at home.

R. W. Speas' interest—plus a sense of guilt—started him on a model plane building hobby.

His 13-year-old son, Richard, was given a model plane in run-down condition. After Richard put the plane in good flying condition, he and his father went out to try it.

A battery must be used to start the engine. "Dick," plant supervisor of the Kanawha Valley Power Company, got the engine started and the plane took off. However, Dick neglected to move the battery out of the way.

When the plane ran out of gas and landed, it hit the battery. Dick decided to build his son a new plane.

They first undertook a stunt trainer, a medium sized plane. They finished this early in October and started on a P-51 Mustang with a 48-inch wing span. This plane, nearly complete, will do from 60 to 80 m. p. h. on a

76-foot guide line.

Dick says they are undecided upon what type of plane to build next. However, you can be sure that he and his son will be working on some new plane in their St. Albans home during these cold winter evenings.

They are getting ready for spring and Sunday afternoons when they go down to the ball field to fly some new models. Dick and a group of model plane builders plan to start putting on model plane air shows next summer.

Charleston . . .

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Mrs. Norma Casto, accounting department, resigned.

James A. Cook has returned to work after an illness.

Sympathy is extended R. R. Lucas, stores department, on the death of his sister.

Sympathy is extended Howard Mathews, meter department, and J. E. Mathews, substation department, on the death of their mother.

New employees at Kanawha River plant are: Bartley J. Ferry, engineering department; William Thomas, timekeeper, and Beulah Pritt, Gladys Kidwell and Virginia Potter, accounting department.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter on the death of her father.

Sympathy is extended G. A. Paul, line department, on the death of his father.

Hobby Used By H. F. Thomasson, Beckley, To Help Church

H. F. Thomasson's cabinet making hobby has made him a valuable member of the St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Beckley. In addition to helping construct the new Sunday School, he has made two altars for the church.

The power billing clerk volunteered to construct an altar for the children when the church group decided the children should have an assembly of their own. When he completed this altar of walnut and painted it with white enamel, the gold cross was placed in the center with the signs of Alpha and Omega on each side.

He was then asked to make another altar for the newly constructed church. In the meantime, his first altar was placed in the church chapel; so the second was used in the Sunday School.

Mr. Thomasson began his hobby over 20 years ago by reworking a child's desk for his daughter. During the years he has made such things as a

Kentucky Company Has Best Safety Record On A. G. E.

The employees of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company had the best safety record of any company in the American Gas and Electric System during 1952.

Only three lost time accidents marred the record compiled by the 465 employees of the Kentucky company. This record resulted in an accident frequency and severity of 3.32 which was considerably lower than the 4.25 record of 1951.

The Ohio Power Company finished second followed in order by Indiana and Michigan Electric Company; Beech Bottom Power Company; Appalachian Electric Power Company; Wheeling Electric Company; Kingsport Utilities and Central Ohio Light and Power Company.

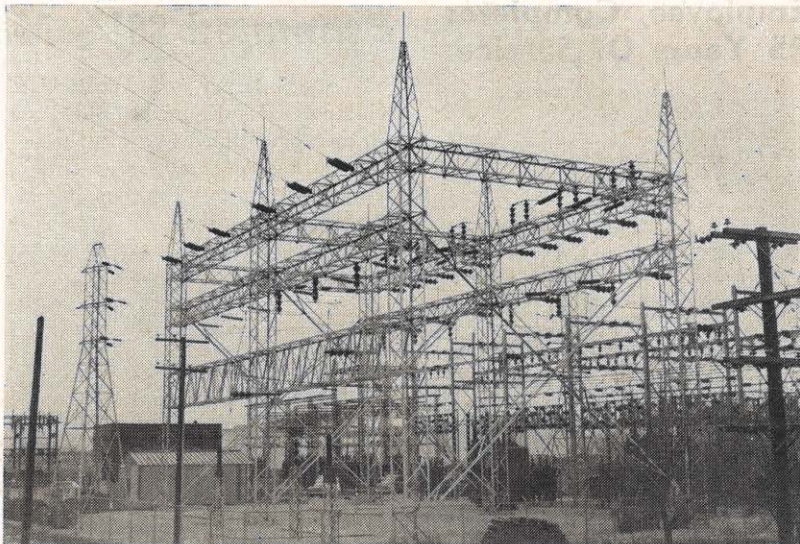
The 11,244 employees on the A. G. E. system worked a total of 22,722,172 man hours with an accident frequency and severity of 8.33 during 1952 compared with a frequency and severity mark of 8.71 during 1951. There were six fatal accidents on the A. G. E. system during 1952. There was a total of 147 lost-time accidents on the system during 1952.

Manager Is Initiated



Claud K. Kirkland, seated, is being initiated as Abingdon's new district manager by J. P. Gills, Bluefield division manager. The initiation took place as managers were changed at a supervisors' dinner January 2 at Abingdon. A thermometer was placed in Mr. Kirkland's mouth while he was presented a corsage of vegetables. He also was presented a one-day service pin; a calendar replaced his watch; a knife to cut district expenses; a "rat" cap and a baby trainer for his training period. Joe P. Gills was presented a miner's helmet; grandma's lye soap and steel wool for bathing; a road map to and from Logan, and other gifts. Mr. Gills has been named manager of the Logan district.

Enlarged Chemical Station In Service



The modernized Chemical Station

Construction has been completed on the 90,000 kva addition to the Chemical Substation at South Charleston.

In addition to a new structure, a Turner—Chemical 132 kv line and a Turner—Charleston 44 kv loop to the Chemical station have been placed into service. New equipment at Chemical includes two 45,000 kva transformers and eleven oil circuit breakers. Additional relaying and switching gear for two-bus operation are included in the new station.

With the Chemical Station in

operation, the highly industrialized area of South Charleston will be provided with a second 132 kv source.

The new 132 kv Turner—Chemical line is about eight and one-half miles in length.

George Nicholson Becomes Member Of National Group

George G. Nicholson, Roanoke, recently was elected to associate membership in the American Institute of Management. This honor was conferred upon Mr. Nicholson in recognition of his contributions to the advancement of the profession of management.



Mr. Nicholson

Associate membership in this organization is made by invitation only. The Institute is the nominating board to the listing committees of the editorial boards of "Who's Who in

America" and "Who's Who in Commerce and Business."

George, a 29-year veteran with the company, has more than forty years of experience in the stores, material and purchasing departments of several companies. Prior to being employed by Appalachian, he was associated with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Bethlehem Steel, and the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

Born in England, Mr. Nicholson is a graduate of Colliery Council and Redby schools of Sunderland, England; International Business School, Newport News, Va., LaSalle Extension University and the Detroit Technical Institute.

Mr. Nicholson is stores auditor and works out of the Roanoke general offices.

Pikeville's Home Economists Help Area Girl Scouts

Mary Lou Draughn and Mae Nell Crum, Pikeville district home economists, recently conducted a twenty-hour course of instructions for area Girl Scouts.

More than twenty scouts completed the training which prepared them for their cooking merit badges. Instructions included the study and layout of model kitchens, fundamental cooking equipment and its care, recipes, electric ranges, food and health, food preparation, invitations and table settings.

Following completion of their training, the scouts entertained their parents at a tea.

Beckley Service Pin Dinner Honors Thirty

Beckley district's annual Service Pin Dinner was held January 7 in honor of 30 employees who received pins during last year. Waldo S. LaFon, district manager, presided.

Following recognition of each employee by his department head, Mr. LaFon congratulated them on their service and noted that they represented 245 years of service. He thanked the group for their contribution toward the district's safety record.

Lois Matheson Leaves For Marine Corps

Virginia Lois Matheson, junior cashier in the Welch district, enlisted in the Marines. She left for induction on January 15 for Parris Island, S. C., where she will be given her boot training.

She has been with the company since November 2, 1949, when she was employed as a junior clerk.

M. C. Funk Elected To Bank's Board

M. C. Funk, vice-president, has been elected to the board of directors of the First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke.

He was elected at a recent meeting of shareholders.

A native of Galax, Virginia, Mr. Funk has been associated with the company for more than 40 years.

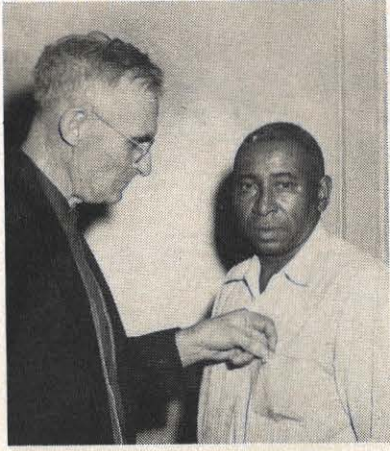


Mr. Thomasson stands beside one of the two altars he made for his church.

radio cabinet, youth beds, bookcases, lawn chairs and toys. He also has built many cabinets and shelving for their home.

Employed in 1936, he held various jobs in the accounting department. In 1949 he transferred to the commercial department.

Mose Jackson, K. U. I. Employee, Completes 35 Years Of Service



Roy Cloud, left, Kingsport Utilities' steam plant supervisor, puts a 35-year service pin on Mose Jackson. Roy, a forty-year veteran, hired Mose when he began his lengthy service.

Mose Jackson, a veteran Kingsport Utilities' employee completed thirty-five years of service with that company and its predecessors January 1.

Mose, who was first employed by the Kingsport Electric Company January 1, 1918, began his lengthy service in the electric utility business as a steam plant fireman. He also worked as a crane operator prior to assuming duties at the Holston Station in 1928. In 1933, upon the completion of the Utilities' new office building, Mose was transferred to the building service department.

In those earlier days, Mose recalled, a push cart and two men composed the distribution department. Later, a horse and wagon took over those responsibilities but the horse gave the crew a rough time. The horse often slipped the bridle and would go back to town. This prank often left the men to walk as much as seven miles.

Mose, born at Hilton, Va., is married and the Jacksons are the parents of one son.

C. C. Belchee Dies Of Heart Attack



Mr. Belchee

Chester C. Belchee, a veteran of more than 35 years service, died suddenly the latter part of January at a Welch Hospital.

The Welch district general line foreman had been ill with influenza, but had returned to work the day he was stricken with a heart attack.

Chester began his service as a groundman in Bluefield in June, 1916. He was promoted to lineman and later to patrolman.

In 1923, he was named line foreman at Switchback and served in the position until 1942, when he was promoted to service foreman at Welch. He has held the position of general foreman since 1946.

An ardent sportsman, Chester played baseball in his youth. He enjoyed hunting.

He leaves his widow, a son, two daughters, and four sisters.

Sales In Three-Company Area To Bring Estimated \$6½ Million Revenue

Sales efforts pay off! Appalachian, Kingsport and Kentucky and West Virginia have added new loads to our lines during the past year which will bring in about \$6½ million in estimated annual revenue.

About \$6 million of this estimated annual revenue is the result of sales in the Appalachian-Kingsport territory last year of:

- (1) 24,958 ranges
- (2) 13,073 water heaters
- (3) 3,546 clothes dryers
- (4) 14,398 kw of commercial cooking equipment
- (5) 12,548 kw of new commercial and industrial lighting installations
- (6) 4,428 kw of commercial air-conditioning equipment
- (7) 55,735 kw of new load gained from 45 new industrial customers.
- (8) 46,491 kw of increased load added to 782 industrial customers.

Last year the two companies lost 6,200 kw from 48 industrial customers

who went out of business. Of these, 45 were mining customers.

The other estimated half-million dollars in annual revenue comes from sales last year in Kentucky and West Virginia territory of:

- (1) 3,319 ranges
- (2) 1,194 water heaters
- (3) 619 dryers
- (4) 1,549 kw of commercial equipment
- (5) 747 kw of new commercial and industrial lighting installations
- (6) 944 kw of commercial heating and air-conditioning equipment
- (7) 4,350 kw of new load gained from 22 new industrial customers.
- (8) 1,460 kw of increased load added to 18 industrial customers.

Last year Kentucky and West Virginia lost 1,980 kw from 19 industrial customers who went out of business. Of these, 17 were mining customers.

Opening Day Of New Keystone Kitchen



Frances Brooks, Welch district home economist, prepares refreshments during the opening of the new demonstration kitchen and auditorium of the Keystone office. Assisting with the opening and the decorations were C. T. Southern, Welch dealer sales representative; Frank Board, Bluefield commercial department, and Ramsey Jones, Welch area sales representative.

Bluefield . . .

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Bluefield District

Sympathy is extended R. A. Sheffey, Jr., of the division engineering department, on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is extended Murray Calloway, district real estate and right-of-way agent, on the death of his mother.

Welch District

Welch district employees entertained at The Legion Club with a buffet dinner and square dance on January 9. About 75 attended and danced to the music of the Twin Mountain Boys string orchestra from 9 to 1.

Sympathy is extended John L. Horton, Switchback, and family on the death of his wife and son.

O. J. Scott, distribution engineer, resigned to accept employment with Du Pont at Waynesboro, Va.

Mrs. Norma Phillips, meter department, resigned.

New employees are: Ballard F. Belcher, line department; Billy Le-

master, Grundy line department, and Jack E. Martin, line department.

Elmer H. Lane, line department, resigned.

Mrs. Ruth Caton, distribution department, transferred to the meter department.

The Welch district commercial department moved January 9 from the basement of the Wyoming Street office building to the new service building.

Williamson . . .

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Wisconsin.

Sympathy is extended LeRoy Hairston on the death of his father.

Sympathy is extended Florence Murphy, accounting department, on the death of her brother-in-law.

Mary Ellen King returned to the University of Kentucky after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King.

Letters of appreciation have been received from Okey Taylor, Charles Williamson and Henry D. Hatfield, employees on military leave, for the Christmas gifts sent by district employees.

Sporn Man-Wife Team Turn Hobby Into Paying Little-Business Venture

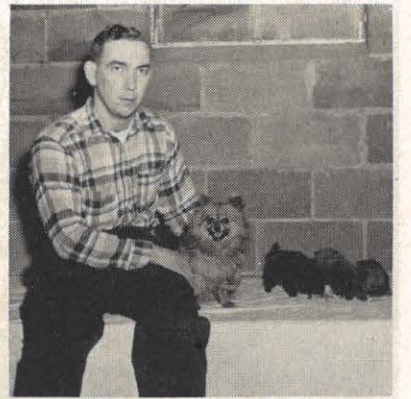
Robert Lutton, a Philip Sporn Plant maintenance man, and his wife, Isabel, have spent much of their spare time with hobbies. In previous years, the Luttons have raised rabbits, tropical fish, parakeets and other pets. Recently, they launched a new hobby and are building it into a profitable little business. The Luttons operate the Pombell Kennels at Point Pleasant and specialize in the raising of Pomeranian dogs, a rare breed.

Pomeranians are a small long-hair breed with a foxlike face and an extremely heavy coat. The Luttons now have eight dogs and four pups housed in their kennel. By the end of February, they expect to be caring for 20 to 25 pups. They expect to raise at least forty during the year.

Mrs. Lutton, a registered nurse, takes care of the kennel records and helps care for the dogs in her spare time. Last year their basic breeding stock consumed more than one hundred pounds of horse meat; 1,200 pounds of dry food, and Carnation milk by the case. Pups' diet consists of baby food, cod liver oil, pabulum, kidney and liver and many cans of Pard. This involves a great deal of work as well as expense.

Pups are sold directly to prospective owners at eight weeks and early Pombell customers have represented a number of states. The males sell for one hundred and twenty-five dollars while the females bring about fifty.

So far the Luttons have encountered but one serious problem in the raising of their dogs. When going on trips, it often is necessary to take the dogs with them.



Bob is shown with one of his dogs and three of her pups.

Herman Jones, Of Charleston, Gets 35-Year Pin



Mr. Jones

Herman Jones, a Charleston district lineman, completed thirty-five years of service with the company January 3.

Mr. Jones began his service with the West Virginia Water and Electric Company in 1918. At that time, he was employed as a groundman with the company's only line crew.

He has served continuously in the line department and now works on street lighting systems. Prior to entering the utility business, he was employed with Kelly Axe Factory at Charleston, predecessor of the True Temper Corporation.

Mr. Jones was born in the Tupper Creek section of Kanawha County and went to work at an early age. He is the father of four children: Two daughters and two sons. One son is a Marine serving overseas.

One of his favorite pastimes is woodworking. Herman takes considerable pride in showing many of the pieces of furniture he has built.

J. B. Butler, Roanoke, Is Elected To Posts In Y. M. C. A. Group

J. B. Butler, Roanoke district garage employee, recently was elected a member of the Board of Managers for the William A. Hunton Branch, Y. M. C. A. In addition to being



Mr. Butler

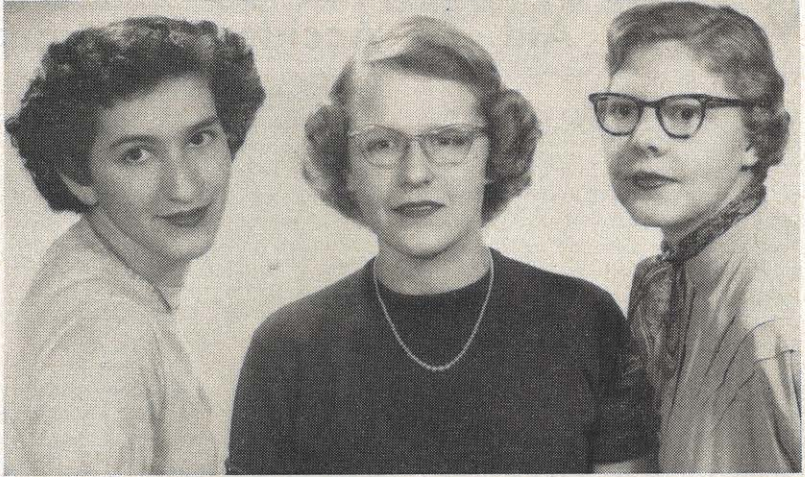
Joe also is active in other affairs. Only recently, he was elected president of the Ushers Association.

Roanoke Veterans Honored At Dinner



Ten Roanoke district and system employees recently were honored at a service banquet in the company auditorium. With W. P. Booker, Roanoke district manager presiding, department heads gave brief resumes of the veterans' employment. Shown above, front row, left to right: V. L. Spencer, system accounting, 25 years; A. R. Kiser, system accounting, 30; Mayce Sanderson, local accounting, 25; Carrick VanMeter, system substation, 25, and S. A. Whitley, division engineering, 25 years. Back row, left to right: T. R. Mitchell, system accounting, 25 years; Burnette Caldwell, system accounting, 25; H. R. Miller, payroll, 25; R. S. Hicks, real estate and right-of-way, 25, and U. K. Vaught, system purchasing, 30 years.

Welch District Girls Leaders In Scout Work



Leaders in Girl Scout work are these Welch district employees. From left: Laurina Virgili, personnel department; Barbara Shaw, accounting department; and Eleanor Dillard, home economist. Miss Virgili is an assistant troop leader of Troop 25 at Maitland where her sister is leader. Miss Dillard is leader of a Welch troop and Miss Shaw is her assistant. Miss Shaw and Miss Virgili are both former Girl Scouts.

Home Parties With Buffet Suppers To Become Even More Popular In 1953

Now that the old year has been rung out with outside parties and merriment, it's time to ring in the new year with some home parties.

Invite a dozen or so friends in for an evening's entertainment. Late in the evening serve a buffet supper that is quick and easy to prepare.

Here's a suggestion: try creamed chicken and ham on waffles. It's a quickie dish if there ever was one. Here's all you need and what to do:

- 3/4 pound cooked ham
 - 2 quarts boiling water
 - 3 tablespoons flour
 - 1 1/2 cups milk
 - 3 10 3/4 ounce cans condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
 - 3 4-ounce cans mushrooms, drained
- Cut ham in 1/2-inch cubes and place in strainer. Pour boiling water over ham to decrease saltiness. Drain well. Measure flour into saucepan, then slowly stir in milk so mixture

will be smooth. Now add soup, stirring well to blend. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until mixture, comes to a boil and is slightly thickened. Add mushrooms and ham. Continue cooking 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and serve over hot waffles or toast. Makes 12 servings. If mixture is not going to be served immediately, cover and place over boiling water until ready to serve.

Frosted cup cakes decorated with the names of the months of the year add a decorative touch in keeping with the giant numerals which you can cut from styrofoam. Coffee, fruit punch or a bucket of iced drinks will fill the beverage bill.

Crisp pickles lend a welcome texture contrast. Celery sticks, carrot curls and potato chips, too, will disappear as fast as the days in this brand new year.

Easy-To-Make Blueberry Scones Are Tasty Dessert The Family Will Like



You ladies, who are looking for a tasty dessert, will find that Blueberry Scones are easy to make. The family will find they are very tasty, too.

Scones are much like biscuits—only richer because egg and sugar are added. Once you start combining scones with fruits and marmalades, you'll make it a point to make them more often—they're such good eating.

These scones are container-style, because they're baked in muffin cups. Cut out circles from rolled-out scone dough and line muffin cups with them. Fill them with blueberry sauce, or another fruit sauce.

Here's the recipe for Blueberry Scone Tarts.

- 2 cups sifted enriched flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup shortening
- 1 egg beaten

1/3 to 1/2 cup milk
Blueberry Sauce

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Cut or rub in shortening until mixture is crumbly. Combine egg and milk and add to flour mixture to make a soft dough. Turn out on lightly floured board or pastry cloth and knead gently for 30 seconds. Roll out 1/4-inch thick. Cut into 10 4-inch circles. Press into ungreased 3-inch muffin pans and fill with Blueberry Sauce. Bake in moderately hot oven (400 degrees F.) 15 minutes. Serve warm with cream if desired. Makes 10 tarts.

- Blueberry Sauce**
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
 - 3 tablespoons sugar
 - dash salt
 - 1/4 cup cold water
 - 1/2 cup blueberry juice
 - 1 cup canned blueberries
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Choice Of Suit For Spring Easy With New Fashion

Considering the choice of a new Spring suit? Of course, because you spend a good part of your waking and working hours in a suit.

The biggest Spring news and the most in fashion that any pay check can buy is the three piece costume suit in companion fabrics. The jacket is narrow and echoes the middy look but is more boxy, and the skirt is slender.

This ensemble offers endless wardrobe possibilities. Wear it as a three piece costume, as a blouse and skirt or as a suit dress. Many of the box jackets are lined with the same fabric as the matching blouse.

The blouse is an integral part of this ensemble. Shantung, silk, tissue faille, silk serge and linen are only a few fabrics used for the new blouses.

As for Spring coats, the fitted, slim and chesterfield are all in the style parade. Lovely costume coats of luxurious faille that whisper as you walk are being worn over the sheer print dress. These coats are fashioned for 'round-the-clock wear through Spring and Summer.

The redingote ensemble with navy and black coat and rayon crepe print is being shown again this season. Many of these are appearing in shimmering pure silk shantung in iridescent and solid colors. The print and plain bolero dress is also popular.

You who are style conscious believe that the right look cannot be achieved without the right accessories, and this season is full of fashion news from hat to heel.

Patent adds a polish to Spring in shoes and bags. The clutch bag is coming in "big." It is also shown in rayon faille. Print, plain and polka dot gloves add a fresh touch to dark clothes.

Soft calf shell pumps, bare slim-heeled strap sandal and the spectator design are leading dressy shoe styles. Many have a touch of white trimming, especially the patents.

Club Treasury Surplus Goes To Charity Work

Fieldale district's Service Club came toward the end of the year with a surplus in their employee club treasury. Members were asked what to do with some of the money. The suggestion was made and adopted to give some to charity.

As a result, they purchased food, toys and household articles for two needy families in the Fieldale area. Four members made the deliveries on December 23. They reported that the children at those homes learned that the world has a heart, especially at Christmas.

They're Engaged

- MISS ROZALIA ANN CRUISE to Edward Welford Hogg, Jr. Edward is the son of Mr. E. W. Hogg who is employed at Roanoke.
- MISS BARBARA SHAW to Thomas W. Reed. Miss Shaw is employed at Welch.
- MISS PATRICIA PARRISH to Donald R. Smith. Miss Parrish is employed at Welch.
- MISS BARBARA KING to James Blount. Miss King is employed at Christiansburg.
- MISS WINIFRED BEAMER to Kermit Jackson. Miss Beamer is employed at Pulaski.
- MISS ANNE GILES to Robert N. Whitman. Miss Giles is employed at Pulaski.
- MISS NANCY CORA KITTS to David Lee Kendrick, Jr. Miss Kitts is employed at Fieldale.
- MISS JEAN BURFORD to Ted Boggess. Miss Burford is employed at Charleston.
- MISS EVELYN MILLER to Charles J. Crawford. Miss Miller is employed at St. Albans and Mr. Crawford is employed at Charleston.

Nine Couples United In Marriage



Mrs. Norman Lee

Moore-Lee

Miss Mary Rebecca Moore became the bride of Norman Lee at Kingsport, Tennessee, December 25. Mrs. Lee is employed at Kingsport.

Canaday-Dwornick

Miss Frances Louise Canaday became the bride of Maxie C. Dwornick December 24 at Beckley, West Virginia. Mr. Dwornick is employed at Beckley.

Richmond-Epling

Miss Norma Blanche Richmond and William F. Epling were united in marriage December 20 at Oak Hill, West Virginia. Mr. Epling is employed at Beckley.

Howard-Wheeler

Miss Cora Jane Howard became the bride of Tom Wheeler December 28 at Ashland, Kentucky. Mr. Wheeler is employed at Ashland.

Smith-Pavlis

Miss Virginia Lee Smith became the bride of Paul Pavlis January 10 at Huntington, West Virginia. Mrs. Pavlis is employed at Huntington.

Walton-Warren

Miss Dorothy Walton was married to James Warren at Hamlet, North Carolina, December 24. Mrs. Warren is employed at Marion, Virginia.



Mrs. George B. Jones

Dotson-Jones

Miss Doris Dotson and George B. Jones were united in marriage on December 26 at Williamson, West Virginia. Mrs. Jones is employed at Williamson.

Carroll-Horne

Miss Sue Elizabeth Carroll became the bride of Andrew F. Horne December 26 at Welch, West Virginia. Mr. Horne is the son of A. F. Horne, Welch district manager.

Workman-Lucas

Miss Jewell Workman became the bride of G. E. Lucas December 6 at Logan, West Virginia. Mrs. Lucas is the daughter of Sherman Workman who is employed at Logan.

Kilowette Girls Give Shower For Mrs. Kite

The Kilowette Girls Club of the Abingdon district honored Mrs. Thelma Kite, a stores department employee, with a stork shower on January 17. Mrs. Kite was presented gifts by the Club President Ruth Caldwell on behalf of the club members.

Mabelee Grace and Edith Stevens were in charge of games for the affair. The decorations were arranged by Shirley Grubb and Doris Fleenor and refreshments were served by Kathryn Dobbins and Geraldine Wilkins.

New Arrivals

JOHN HOWARD, JR., arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Basham on January 14. Mr. Basham is employed at Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. C. C. HARPER are the parents of a son, Stephen Alan, born December 28. Mr. Harper is employed at Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. P. D. HULL are the parents of a son, James Edward, born January 10. Mr. Hull is employed at Charleston.

LYNN KAY is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald D. McGraw. Lynn Kay was born January 3. Mr. McGraw is employed at Kanawha River Plant.

MARY ELIZABETH arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Linger December 7. Mr. Linger is employed at Cabin Creek.

MR. AND MRS. E. Q. MCGRAW are the parents of a daughter, Nancy Ann, born January 16. Mr. McGraw is employed at Cabin Creek Plant.

SAMP EARL is the new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Johnson. Samp Earl was born December 15. Mr. Johnson is employed at Huntington.

MARK ALAN JOHNSON arrived December 26. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Johnson. Mr. Johnson is employed at Sporn Plant.

CATHY SUE is a new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo C. Hill. She arrived December 23. Mr. Hill is employed at Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE E. HOLMAN are the parents of a daughter, Brenda Darlene, born December 16. Mr. Holman is employed at Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM D. WINEBRENER are the parents of a daughter, Cathy Jean, born December 25. Mr. Winebrener is employed at Sporn Plant.

CINDY LYN arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Carder December 21. Mr. Carder is employed at Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. W. C. BUCHANAN are the parents of a daughter, Mary Beth, born January 14. Mr. Buchanan is employed at Marion.

MELANIE KAY arrived at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Charles H. Ferguson on January 22. Mr. Ferguson is employed at Huntington.

VICKIE RAE was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Gragg December 14. Mr. Gragg is employed at Mullens, Bluefield district.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES M. COLE became the parents of a son, James M. Cole, Jr., January 7. Mr. Cole is employed at Bluefield.

KAY ANN arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lovelace on January 13. Mrs. Lovelace was formerly employed at Logan.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES L. ARNOLD are the parents of a daughter, Deborah Lynn, born January 4. Mr. Arnold is employed at Kingsport.

HAROLD DANIEL is a new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Addison. He arrived on December 26. Mr. Addison is employed at Kingsport.

MR. AND MRS. N. K. LANGHORNE became the parents of a daughter, Ann Peyton, born December 27. Mr. Langhorne is employed at Lynchburg.

MARSHA DIANE is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde St. John. She was born January 13. Mrs. St. John is a former employee at Lynchburg.

DEBORAH LYNN arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil L. Evans on December 30. Mr. Evans is employed at Oak Hill.

MR. AND MRS. O. G. IDLEMAN became the parents of a son, Michael Glenn, born January 1. Mr. Idleman is employed at Beckley.

MARK PARRISH is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Venable. Mark Parrish arrived December 20. Mrs. Venable was formerly employed at Welch.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL CORDER are the parents of a son, Loren Brito, born December 28. Mr. Corder is employed at Welch.

DIANA KATHERINE is a new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fowler, Jr. Diana Katherine arrived January 12. Mr. Fowler is employed at Huntington.

MR. AND MRS. C. A. MCKINNEY are the parents of a daughter, Linda Joyce, born January 4. Mr. McKinney is employed at Hazard.

B. P. Coley Receives Commendation Ribbon



B. P. Coley, Roanoke district junior radio engineer on military leave, receives the Commendation Ribbon and congratulations from Lt. Col. William M. Copley, Jr., commanding officer of the 4th Signal Battalion. Cpl. Coley was awarded for his meritorious service with the battalion in Korea where he served as a teletype operator. On leave from the company since December 5, 1950, he recently returned to the United States and spent a leave with his wife in Martinsville.

Woodrow Holbrook Elected Lions Head

Woodrow Holbrook, Williamson district rural and residential sales supervisor, recently was elected president of the Williamson Lions Club.



Mr. Holbrook

Mr. Holbrook has been active in various community affairs for several years. During the past year, he served the Lions as vice president. He also is active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

W. S. Kitchen's Work At Meeting Recognized

W. S. Kitchen, system safety supervisor, was recently complimented in the National Safety Council's *Safety News Letter* for his work as program chairman of the Public Utilities Section of the Safety Congress in Chicago last year.

"Take A Bow, Sam" was the title of the article that said: "The Public Utilities Section program at the recent Safety Congress was not only one of the longest, but one of the finest with an extra afternoon and a luncheon thrown in. The program, in spite of the over-flow crowd at some of the sessions, was tops and much credit is due to Sam Kitchen and the other hard working members of this committee."

He has been elected secretary for the Section for the coming year.

The Thompsons Of Glen Lyn Plant



Speaking of "The Thompsons," as many people do around the Glen Lyn plant, here are 10 employees at the plant answering to the name. These Thompsons represent a total of 134 years of service with the company. From left: Ervin, turbine operator; Thomas, utility man; Raymond, mechanical maintenance man; Fred, shift supervisor; Cecil, boiler operator; Ruth Marie, time clerk; James E., shift supervisor; Garnett, turbine operator; Cleve, boiler operator, and Benny, utility man.

Glen Lyn-Hancock Transmission Line Is Put In Service

Construction of the new Glen Lyn-Hancock Station 132 kv transmission line has been completed. The new conductors were linked to the system's transmission network in December.

The Glen Lyn-Hancock line, a double circuit steel tower line, is approximately fifty-four miles long. It extends from the Glen Lyn Plant to the Hancock Station which is located between Roanoke and Salem.

Construction of this line was begun last spring.

Wins TV Set



A. P. Jones, Christiansburg, Va., local superintendent, recently won a twenty-one inch Philco TV and record player combination. The set was given away by the Izaak Walton Club in a fund-raising campaign. Parks mentioned that he had made four contributions to the club and his last proved to be the winning ticket. Mr. Jones is shown with his set at his home.

J. C. Smith Named To National Groups On Mine Lighting

James C. Smith, Bluefield district power engineer, is one of four men in the nation recently appointed to the United States National Committee of the Commission Internationale De L' Eclairage. Mr. Smith also received a second appointment. He has been made a member of the Mine Lighting Committee of the Illuminating Engineering Society. He is the only member of a public utility on these committees.



Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith's first appointment was announced by L. E. Barbrow, secretary of the Commission Internationale De L' Eclairage. Barbrow said the committee will receive its instructions from the Secretariat Director of Belgium. This group will collaborate with the committee representing the Illuminating Engineering Society in its work on mine lighting.

Mr. Smith's second appointment was announced by C. C. Keller, general secretary of the society at New York City. Keller said Smith had been appointed to the mine lighting division.

Both groups will conduct experiments in various phases of mine lighting. The technical committees will make recommendations to the organizations on improved lighting and general mining practices.

Mr. Smith served as a member of both committees for a one-year term during 1949-50.

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senior warden of the Stuart Lodge while C. E. Gibson, real estate and right-of-way supervisor, is chaplain of the Martinsville Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Agee entertained members of the meter department with a turkey dinner at their home in Collinsville on December 26.

Mrs. Joy Webster, local accounting department, visited her husband who is stationed at Fort Knox.

Paul Byrum, on military leave from the commercial department, visited the office during the holidays.

System

Blood donors during December: Kathryn H. Bush and Virginia Maxine Kitts, accounting department.

Blood donors during January: Henry Altieri, transportation department; J. C. Miller, appraisal department, and H. L. Webb, real estate and right-of-way department.

Sympathy is extended Jayne West, accounting office, on the death of her grandfather.

Ruth N. Goodpasture is a new employee in the electric plant department of the accounting office.

Sympathy is extended Margaret Haley, accounting office, on the death of her aunt.

Mrs. S. L. Hopper is recovering after an operation. Mr. Hopper is an employee of the accounting office.

Howard L. Fringer is a new employee in the forms and printing department of the accounting office.

Sympathy is extended Howard Fringer on the death of his aunt.

L. E. Johnson, public relations department, has returned to work after an illness.

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Charleston Area Troublemakers Render Valuable Aid To Accident Victims

W. O. Settle and H. W. Sampson, two Charleston district troublemakers working out of the Clendenin office, recently rendered valuable assistance and first-aid to three automobile accident victims. Two of the motorists received minor cuts and bruises while the third suffered serious hip and back injuries.



H. W. Sampson, left, and Bill Settle

The troublemakers arrived at the scene of the accident shortly after a pick-up truck had left the highway and plunged down a steep embankment into a rock pile. Two of the occupants were hurled from the truck while the third stayed with the vehicle. He was seriously injured.

Upon examination, Settle and Sampson realized the seriousness of the injured man. Transporting him back to the highway created a serious problem. They removed their ladder from the service truck and improvised a stretcher. In this way, they were able to carry the injured man down the steep hill to another road. He was loaded into the power wagon and transported to the main highway. He was rushed to the hospital in another car. The other victims were treated for their cuts and bruises.

The proper handling, as displayed

by Settle and Sampson, had much to do with the victim's recovery from the accident.

Roy Franklin Gets Bronze Star For Korean Service

First Lt. Roy L. Franklin, Army Reserve Officer, employed in the Welch district engineering department, was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Korea.

Col. A. R. Reeves, chief of the West Virginia military district, said Lt. Franklin was cited for outstanding



Lt. Franklin

performance of his duties as a communications officer while a member of the 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, during the period from September 26, 1951, to March

1, 1952.

According to the official citation, ". . . During reorganization periods in the rear areas, Lt. Franklin devoted tireless energy to the training of newly assigned personnel. His superior knowledge of communications and tactical situations was ingrained into the communications section through his efforts and was directly responsible for the maintaining of the highly efficient, smooth running communications system. The exemplary service rendered by Lt. Franklin materially aided in the successful completion of the Battalion's missions and was outstanding in a unit in which superior performance of duty is a common rule. . ."

Complete Fieldale Transformer School



These Fieldale district employees recently completed a transformer school taught by R. A. Youngman and R. L. Unrue. The course featured transformer theory, construction, protection, connections and maintenance. Films, slides and charts from Westinghouse Electric Corporation were used for illustrations. C. J. Hewitt sits in front while in the first row, from left, are: B. C. Harlowe, J. G. Morrison, W. W. Hylton, D. G. Merriman, J. A. DeShazo and W. G. Simpson. Second row: A. L. St. Clair, T. S. Shelton, A. L. Bradshaw, J. W. Eanes, B. A. Cruise and W. G. Gourley. Third row: O. A. Keene, J. M. Dalton, W. F. Parcell, J. T. Wilson, J. L. Ingram and C. E. Gibson. Last row: A. Sears, H. B. Merriman, G. F. Saunders, H. L. Agee, J. H. Merriman and C. F. Osborne. Attending the school but not shown were F. D. Duckworth, A. T. Hundley, L. R. Hawks, R. M. Martin and W. L. Nichols.

'Possum Hunter



Night hunters often stalk the woods for hours to tree an opossum—but not J. C. Miller of Roanoke—Clyde does it the easy way. While going home for lunch in late January, Clyde saw his 12-pound catch strolling across his backyard. He cornered the curious 'possum and spent most of his lunch period attempting to put it in a box. The fact that Mr. Miller's residence is located but a few blocks from downtown Roanoke makes his catch more interesting. Mr. Miller is a member of the system appraisal department.

10 Logan Employees Enter Team In City Basketball League

Logan district and plant employees entered a team in the 1952-53 Independent Basketball League. The league is sponsored by the County of Logan.

Already, the company basketballers have shown a great deal of enthusiasm in both their league encounters and practice sessions. The Independents' schedule got underway December 15.

Employees on the company squad include: Bob White, Dick Kuhn, Bartlin Montiegel, Dick Jimison, Jim McCarty, Dick McComas, Baxter Blevins, R. D. Blevins, D. F. Woolcock and J. R. Blankenship.

Gravy Trains Win Charleston Crown



Charleston's "Gravy Trains" pose for a photograph after having won the Charleston District Bowling League's first half championship. The Gravy Trains, left to right, are: J. O. Bartlett, Sox Campbell, Luther "Sleepy" Botkin and Charlie Crawford. Kay Campbell, daughter of Sox Campbell, foreground, is the team mascot.

The Gravy Trains, with a two-game edge over their nearest rivals, won the first half championship of the Charleston District Bowling League. The champions completed the first half of the season with a 35 and 16 record.

The Divisioners coped second place with their 33 and 18 game record. This total edged the third place Pulverizers with 32 victories and 19 setbacks.

Individual bowling honors were won by R. W. Speas and Pauline Lanham. Both keglers posted 574 and 491 pins respectively for the high series laurels. High single games were rolled by L. A. Goeller and Rose Ann Smith at 245 and 180. C. B. Talley and Pauline Lanham maintained the best averages with 167



Black Mack, Emil Gore's Coon Dog, Featured On Cover

Black Mack, a thoroughbred coon hound belonging to Emil Gore of the Logan district commercial department, recently was featured on the cover of a national magazine. Black Mack's photograph appeared on the cover of *Full Cry Magazine*, the official publication for the American Hound Association.

Black Mack and Nightriders' Bell, two of Emil's dogs and their brood of pups, were featured on the sports page of the ILLUMINATOR last August.

Next to eating, Black Mack likes to strike one of his cover poses for photographers when he is not hunting. Emil indicated that his dog was taking his newly acquired fame like a true thoroughbred—no complexes.

Lynchburg Beginner Bags Two Big Bucks

John H. Ward, a Lynchburg district employee, may be an inexperienced deer hunter by some standards—but he brings home the venison.

This year, John made two trips to the Brannon plantation near Petersburg. Each time he returned with a one hundred and thirty-pound buck for his efforts.

Since he has hunted deer but two years, John feels extremely lucky. Some deer hunters go for years without a single shot at a deer in the field.

No Fish Shortage



There's no shortage of fish in the Ottawa River in Quebec, Canada. Charles Campbell, Ernie Brashear and V. A. Syck are shown with about 175 pounds of great northern and wall-eyed pike they caught on artificial bait. These Pikeville fishermen landed about 225 pounds of fish in three days.

Williamson Is Host To Pikeville Keglers

Williamson's men and the Pikeville girls emerged winners of the season's first renewal of inter-district bowling competition. Three men's teams and one girls' battled it out for inter-district laurels.

In the men's bracket, Williamson downed their visitors 6267 to 6004. Pikeville girls, reversing the decision, won by a wide margin in their contest. Pikeville won 1768 to 1347.

Allen Cross, Williamson, won both the single high game and series honors for the match. Cross posted a 227 and a 521 high. Sonny Runyon, also of Williamson, copped the second highest series with his 517 pins. Pikeville's Huffman, rolling a 483 series, was the high bowler for the visitors.

Employees Bring Cheer To Handicapped Woman

Some Logan employees helped bring happiness to a handicapped woman at Christmas. A television set was given the woman who has been confined to her bed for three years with arthritis.

Among those contributing were Mrs. Quentin Harris and Nicholas Roomy of the accounting department and the Appa-Lassies girls club of the Logan district. G. A. Blankenbeckler, substation department, and M. H. Stevenson, meter department, donated the materials and labor to install an antenna line.

Phil Ray Wins First Half Sweepstakes In Roanoke League

Phil Ray, system accounting department keglers, lived up to his past performances and copped his third Roanoke District Bowling League's first half Sweepstakes. With twenty-seven bowlers entered in the event, Ray posted a 365 set to win.

Wayne Webb and Glen Brammer placed second and third. Webb rolled a 358 set while Brammer accounted for 357 pins in the first half tourney.

Alfred Beatty, a member of the stores department, won the high single game honors with a 126-pin game. In this tournament, the three winners of the Sweepstakes are not eligible for single high game prizes.

Charleston Club Holds Turkey Shoot



Mike Shafer's son, Raymond, prepares to fire during the Hunting and Fishing Club's recent turkey shoot.

Charleston area employees, members of the Appalachian Hunting and Fishing Club, recently staged a turkey shoot near Sattes, West Virginia. Four turkeys, thirty-two hams and about twelve chickens were shot off during the outing.

The turkey shoot was sponsored by the club in order to raise funds for recreational purpose. Bones Blizzard, Charles Kelley, Mike Shafer and Romie Carte were in charge of the arrangements.

The second outing of the past month sponsored by the sportsmen was a dinner. Club members shared sizzling plates of rabbit, squirrel and venison at no cost to the club. Supplies were donated by the members and the food was prepared by Sylbia Hinchman, Charleston district's home service supervisor.

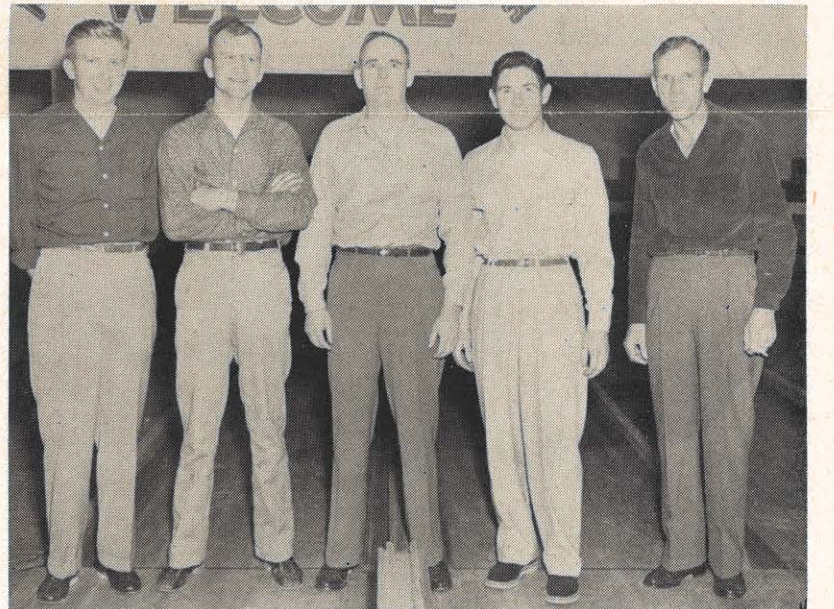
Pulverizers Winners Of Cabin Creek Plant League's First Half

The Cabin Creek Plant's Pulverizers won the first half of the Power Makers' Club's 1952-53 bowling league. The Pulverizers completed the race with a 31 and 17 record.

Second place was disputed in the league. Both the Boiler Room and the Handy-Cappers were deadlocked for these honors.

L. O. McKinney and Jeanne Creasey copped scoring honors in all classifications. They maintained individual averages of 162 and 125, respectively; 592 and 416 three-game series, and 234 and 174 for single high games.

Hardheads Are Winners At Pikeville



The Hardheads, winners of the Pikeville District's Bowling League, include, left to right: Bill Zoellers, Dave Ratliff, L. M. Newsom, captain; Ford Carver and Dorde Picklesimer.

Pikeville district's Hardheads edged the D. C.'s with 29 wins and 19 defeats, a two-game lead, to win the first half of the district's bowling league championship. The D. C.'s closed the half with 27-21 season's record for second place.

Other teams and their standings were: Disconnects, third; Short Circuits, fourth; A. C.'s, fifth, and the Hot Taps, sixth.

Team honors were shared by the Hot Taps and the D. C.'s. The Taps' 796-pin contest was the high game while the D. C.'s 2231 pins captured the team series mark.

Individual honors were won by L. M. Newsom and Ernie Brashear. Newsom won the high single game competition with 216 while Brashear rolled a 554 series. Ten leading bowlers and their averages were: Bill Zoellers, 153; Bob Weddle, 150; Ernie Brashear, 149; Chester Smith, 148; Ralph Damron, 148; Gene Hale, 145; Corbin Bobbitt, 144; Troy Lee, 141; Harlan Griffith, 139; Curt Charles and Tilden Justice, both 137 pins.

Roanoke Kilowatts Take An Early Lead In Second Half Race

The Kilowatts, winners of the first half of the Roanoke District Bowling League, already have captured undisputed first place in the final rounds. The Kilowatts broke into the lead with an early 7 and 2 second half record.

In other departments, the Roanokers have shattered several first half records. The Short Circuits rolled a three-game set of 1600 which topped the Hi-Volts' 1587. The Fuse Links, with a 589 single game, knocked the Kilowatts' 572-pin game out of the record books.

In league standing, three teams are tied for second place. The Ohms, Fuse Links and the Amps are battling it out for an opportunity to overtake the Kilowatts.

Individually, Billy Mills' 160-pin game continues to hold single high game honors while Leroy Gregory's 113 and 392 remain high average and high series.

Lend Hand To Stork

Galax Line Crew On Trouble Call
Rescue Stuck Car On Way To Hospital

Paul Lineberry, the new father at right, gratefully shakes the hand of H. P. Grubb. Other Appalachian crewmen who assisted in the rescue of the stuck car are, from left, Lawrence Dotson, Lem Lawrence, "Red" Johnson, Clark Alley and Clyde Sharp.

"Please help me!" came the anguished plea from the mud-soaked man whose car was stuck in a ditch along the dark deserted road. The Galax line crew jumped out and sent the man and his wife on the way to the hospital in their race with the stork.

The chance meeting happened about 3:30 a. m. on the morning of December 31. Snow, sleet and winter rain took turns making the night a bitter one.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lineberry were on their way to Waddell Hospital in Galax and fell victim to slippery roads, landing completely stuck in a shallow ditch. Mr. Lineberry jumped out to wrestle with chains. Icy water, combined with nervous tension, frustrated his efforts. He wrestled with the chains frantically, growing more desperate as more than half an hour passed without success.

While he was struggling, H. P. Grubb, superintendent at Galax, got a call that a 33 kv line was down. He rounded up his crew and started out.

On the way they happened on the stuck car. Headlights were probably never more welcome than they were to the stranded couple on that lonely road. The men had never heard a more earnest plea for help than that of the mud-soaked father-to-be.

Mr. Grubb, Clyde Sharp, Lawrence Dotson, Clark Alley, Lem Lawrence and S. J. Johnson jumped out and made short work of lifting the car out of the mud and sending it on its way. The Pulaski district line crew went on to complete their service call.

However, the baby took a little longer. In fact, Priscilla Ann waited until 12:01 a. m. January 1 to make her appearance. The delay brought

her many gifts as the First Baby of Carroll and Grayson counties. Mother and daughter had a calm ride home and are now doing fine.

To show what odds chance will play in such incidents, little Priscilla Ann is the great granddaughter of George J. Lineberry, Welch district veteran who retired in July of 1950 and died December 2 of last year.

When Mr. Lineberry later stopped by the Galax office to thank the line crew a bit more fully in his leisure time, he said that the orange Appalachian truck was the most welcome thing he had ever seen. It was the answer to his prayer.

Baker Is Officer
In Pikeville's
Kiwanis Club

F. M. Baker, manager of the Pikeville district, has been elected vice president of the Pikeville Kiwanis Club for 1953.



Mr. Baker

A member of the club for the past 17 years, Mr. Baker has served as a director. He is active in other civic affairs in Pikeville and has served as treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church for several years.

Mr. Baker has been associated with the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company since July, 1931, and began his career as a utility man and timekeeper in the Pikeville district. He holds an electrical engineering degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Baileysville Station
Rebuilding Nears End
In Welch District

Modernization and new construction at the Welch district's 132,000-volt Baileysville Station is virtually complete. Approximately three-quarters of the high voltage transmission station's equipment has been energized and placed into commercial operation. The remainder of the installations hinge upon the completion of the forty-six and one-half mile Kanawha-Baileysville line.

In addition to the new 132 kv structure, four new 132 kv oil circuit breakers were added to the Baileysville Station. Equipment in operation includes the station's number one and two buses; Baileysville-Logan number two line and an oil circuit breaker; Baileysville-Switchback line and an oil circuit breaker; and a 75,000 kva transformer bank. All of this equipment has been routed through the new structure.

Equipment which will be placed in operation at a future date includes installations for the Baileysville-Logan number one line; Baileysville-Carswell line; and the Kanawha-Baileysville line. All of these conductors will be routed through the new structure.

The modernization of this station will be beneficial in the transferring of power from the Philip Sporn, Cabin Creek, and the Kanawha River plants to load areas south of Baileysville. It also will serve the 88 and 44 kv systems now being served through this station.

The original Baileysville Station, built during World War II, was of wood construction.

Roanoker Wins \$600
In Newspaper Contest

James A. Deyerle, Jr., a Roanoke district night PBX operator, recently was named winner of a \$600 cash award for his participation in an area newspaper contest.

James entered *The Times-Register's* subscription contest at Salem, Va., about two months ago. By working at the contest during his off-hours, he was able to acquire enough votes from subscriptions and renewal sales to place himself among the winners.

James was the youngest contestant entered in the event and also was the only one working full time at his regular job.



Mr. Deyerle

Charleston Veterans
Honored At Dinner

Thirty-seven Charleston division men and women, all veteran employees of the company, recently were honored at a service pin dinner. The dinner, which was held at the Kanawha Airport, was given for employees having received their service pins during the last six months of 1952.

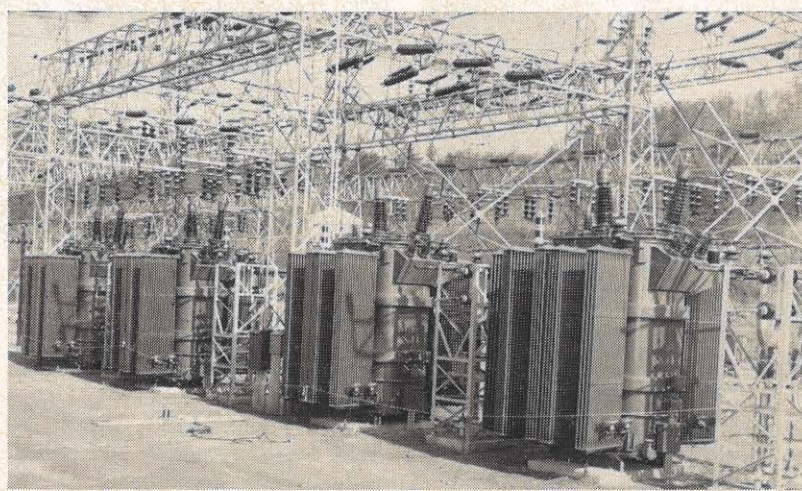
C. W. Lovell, assistant division manager, acted as the master of ceremonies for the event. Each service pin recipient was introduced by his department head.

R. G. Skinner Is Elected
To Country Club Board

R. G. Skinner, Charleston division commercial manager, recently was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Edgewood Country Club.

Mr. Skinner will serve on the board for three years.

Transformers Installed At Fieldale



The Fieldale, Virginia, Station recently has undergone several major changes and improvements which includes the four transformers shown above. The improvements increased station capacity to 30,000 kva and will assist in maintaining system stability during the hours of heavy load interchange with the Duke Power and the Carolina Power and Light Companies. The improvements also will be beneficial in meeting the area's increasing demands for electric power. The Fieldale Station serves customers in the general Fieldale area, Stuart, Martinsville and Danville.

'Jim,' The Pet Crow, Has Become Another
Member Of Kingsport Employee's Family

There are many unusual pets owned by employees of the companies of the Southern Properties, but J. W. Proffitt, a Kingsport Utilities troubleman, owns a rare one. Mr. Proffitt raised a pet crow named "Jim."

Jim became an addition to the Proffitt family during a fishing trip about three years ago. Mr. Proffitt noticed some confusion in the nearby woods and when he investigated, he found two baby crows near the base of a tree. Having heard of a crow's training possibilities, he decided to try his luck with the birds and was successful with one.

Today, Jim attracts considerable attention with some of his tricks. He plays catch, like a veteran baseball player, when small objects are tossed in his direction. Other favorite pastimes include riding in an automobile; on a motorcycle, or romping around with Mr. Proffitt's two bird dogs. When the dogs get rough, Jim takes the situation in stride and calms them down with a friendly peck.

Jim has not completely deserted the call of the wild. He lives in a shelter Mr. Proffitt constructed in a tree behind the house. He seldom flies too far but when he does—a wing clipping reminds him to return to the Proffitt residence.

One of Jim's favorite delights is entering the Proffitt home. All goes well as long as Jim acts on his best behavior. When he starts to pick up things or create a disturbance, he manages a hurried exit as Mrs. Proffitt picks up her broom.



Jim perches on Mr. Proffitt's hand inside the Proffitt home.

Bluefielder Named
Kiwanis Secretary

O. B. Yost, assistant local office manager at Bluefield, has been named treasurer of the Graham, Virginia, Kiwanis Club.



Mr. Yost

A charter member of the club, which was formed in 1946, Mr. Yost has served as a director and chairman of various committees. He has missed only one meeting since the organization of the club.

An employee of the company since 1930, Mr. Yost is an elder and a trustee of the Graham Christian Church.

Sporn Families Help Operate Cafeteria



Wives and relatives of three Philip Sporn Plant employees are operating the plant's cafeteria which serves noon meals to about 175 persons. In addition to the meals served in the cafeteria, a dumb waiter is used to supply operating personnel on the main floor. Mrs. Lawrence Parsons, wife of a plant guard is in charge of the cafeteria. Shown at the plant's steam table, left to right, Mrs. Charles Cook, mother of Robert Cook; Mrs. Charles Clark, Mrs. Parsons, wife of Lawrence Parsons; Mrs. Douglas Roush and Mrs. Hoffman, wife of Harry Hoffman.

Bluefield Camera Club Tours Glen Lyn



Members of the Bluefield Camera Club, armed to the teeth with cameras and flashbulbs, recently toured facilities at the Glen Lyn Steam Plant. In addition to their photographic tour, members enjoyed a turkey dinner and were shown slides of the history of Giles County. The color slides were made by Ned Turner, plant manager. Four Bluefield employees attended the tour: Ira Henderson, Randy Pendleton, Paul Rose and Murray Callaway are members of the club. Mr. Henderson is vice president.