

A merry heart
doeth good like a
medicine.

—PROVERBS XVII:22

The Illuminator

Come, gentle Spring!
Ethereal mildness!
Come.

—JAMES THOMSON

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KENTUCKY AND WEST VIRGINIA POWER COMPANY

APPALACHIAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

KINSPORT UTILITIES, INC.

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Kentucky and A. E. P. Co. Win Hughes Awards

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company and Appalachian Electric Power Company won the only two George A. Hughes Awards for commercial cooking activity last year. Appalachian won in the class of over 150,000 meters while Kentucky took the award among utilities in the nation having less than 150,000 meters.

Awards were presented April 1 at the General Sales Conference of

Edison Electric Institute at Chicago. G. A. Weatherton, Kentucky general commercial manager, and B. D. Painter, Appalachian commercial and industrial sales supervisor, accepted the awards. E. E. I. does the judging and administers the awards presented by the Hotpoint Company, commemorating the company's founder, George A. Hughes.

Winning the Hughes Award is

nothing new to Kentucky which won the award for range activity during 1951. The company also won second place in the 1949 competition.

Results of the Kentucky company's activities were the addition of 1,683 kw. E. C. Cassidy, general power sales supervisor of the company, said the program included trial installations of equipment, demonstrations, the "Chefs' Club," school cafeteria workshops, using hand-out and mail pieces in addition to advertising, the work of four men concentrating on commercial cooking, use of the Hotpoint Trailer and making systematic calls on over 500 eating establishments.

Appalachian's entry was titled "Ringin' Bells" with a theme that consistent calling on customers is a big factor in promoting sales of commercial cooking equipment. The cover illustration showed a finger pushing a door bell. A secondary theme illustrated throughout the book was the ringing of cash register bells for the customer who has electric cooking equipment.

Results of the Appalachian program showed a total sales in commercial cooking equipment of 13,935 kw. Goal for the year set January 1, 1952, was exceeded by 71.89%.

Mr. Painter said success in Appalachian area rested heavily "on the day by day door bell ringing in

addition to all other promotional activities." 10,429 calls were made last year on customers and prospects and 2,778 calls on dealers, architects and contractors.

The bulk of Appalachian's sales efforts rested on four commercial cooking specialists, 23 "all service" commercial salesmen and 21 industrial power salesmen. They were assisted by other commercial department personnel as well as by sales aids,

restaurant round-ups, sales clinics and direct mail and newspaper advertising.

Appalachian really rang the bell with its entry as it was the first time the company has submitted an entry in this field of activity. Julius Hall, Jr., system commercial manager who attended the awards ceremony, said, "It is particularly gratifying that we won in light of the entries made by a large number of utilities."



Looking at Kentucky's prize-winning entry for the George A. Hughes Award in commercial cooking are, from left: G. A. Weatherton, general commercial manager; R. E. Doyle, vice president and general manager, and E. C. Cassidy, general power sales supervisor. Commercial cooking activities by the company last year resulted in the additional load of 1,683 kw. Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company won in competition with utilities having less than 150,000 meters.



"Ringin' Bells" was the title of Appalachian's entry which won the George A. Hughes Award in commercial cooking for utilities having over 150,000 meters. Going through the book are, from left: B. D. Painter, system commercial and sales supervisor; G. L. Furr, vice president and general manager, and Julius Hall, Jr., system commercial manager. Results of the company program showed a total sales in commercial cooking equipment of 13,935 kw for the year.

Virgil Mautz Gives Civil Defense Group First Aid Training



Virgil Mautz, standing, demonstrates taking a pulse reading to members of a Civil Defense Auxiliary Police class. The victim, Earl Bowen, a member of the class, is an employee of the Huntington district accounting department.

Virgil Mautz, an employee of the Huntington district meter department, recently completed instructing a class in American Red Cross First Aid. The class was composed of eighteen members of the Auxiliary Police of Civil Defense.

The Civil Defense class, fourteen men and four women, began their instruction under the direction of Mr. Mautz early in December. The course was completed February 23.

Virgil, who has been an active instructor for a number of years, has served as a life guard at the Dreamland Swimming Pool, Kenova.

Mr. Mautz, who has been an employee of the Appalachian Electric Power Company for the past thirteen years, was employed at the Kenova Plant prior to being transferred to the district's meter department.

Prince Thornton Chosen 'Man of Year' In Bluefield For Civic Contribution

Prince E. Thornton, Bluefield district senior line inspector, was chosen "Man of the Year" by the Greater Bluefield Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The award at the Annual Bosses' Night dinner is given to honor some person in the community who has made an outstanding civic contribution. Prince's contribution came from his flannelboard presentations of "This Is Our Problem" and "The Power of Your Vote."

These lectures illustrated and dramatized the superiority of the American Way of Life over Socialism and Communism. They stressed the personal sense of responsibility in the individual, the need to protect our heritage of free enterprise and the importance of people using their right to vote.

In addition to the time donated by the company for him to deliver the presentations, it is estimated that he gave 508 man-hours or 13 weeks

of his personal time in behalf of the program in the community of Bluefield. In less than six months he made 127 presentations in 39 communities to 13,068 persons. He also made two radio presentations.

The Bluefield Jaycees felt that his efforts were a major factor in the record number of votes cast in Mercer County in last November's general election. About 72 per cent of the registered voters in the county voted, considerably higher than the national average.

Active in church work, Prince is a member of the College Avenue Baptist Church and teacher of the Men's Bible Class. He is married, father of three children and a grandfather.

He attended Princeton High School and graduated, Magna Cum Laude, from Concord College at Athens with a B.S. degree in elementary education. He was employed by the company in May of 1943.



Prince Thornton, left, receives the "Man of the Year Award" from William H. Riley, Jr., vice president of the Bluefield Jaycees.

Ninth Pint Of Blood Given To Red Cross By Merrill Atkinson

Merrill R. Atkinson, Logan district rural sales representative, recently gave his ninth pint of blood to the Red Cross and became the first person in Logan County to give nine pints.



Mr. Atkinson

He gave four times in both 1951 and 1952 and once this year because he "feels a responsibility to the Red Cross Blood Program." Believing the program vitally necessary for both civilian and military requirements, Merrill says he has never felt any ill effects.

After nine pints, does he feel like he has done his part? Not hardly! The veteran employee with over 26 years' service says, "I plan to donate again soon."

Charleston Man Is Author Of Article In Operating Notes

C. T. Older, a Charleston district employee, was the author of an article appearing in the February issue of *A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes*.

Mr. Older's article, "Simplified Indication of Operating Sequence of Automatic Sectionalizing Switches," outlined the sectionalizing of lines.

His article and diagrams dealt with the increase of motor operated air-brake switches.

Mr. Older was employed by the company as a water meter tester in 1921 and was transferred to the substation department in 1935 as a substation man. Mr. Older is district relay engineer.

Mr. Older

General Wage Increase Is Given By Three Companies

Employees of the three companies are going to find more money in their pay checks during the month of April.

This is the result of an announcement made by management last month that all employees will receive a wage increase effective April 1. The increase will generally amount to five per cent. It is to be applied in accordance with the past practices of the company as they affect the existing rate ranges.

It is estimated that the wage increase will cost the three companies annually over \$930,000.

In addition to the wage raise, employees will be given an additional holiday, bringing to seven the number observed during the year. The additional holiday will be Washington's Birthday. The other holidays are New Year's Day, Christmas Day, Thanksgiving Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day.

Employees have received general wage increases amounting to about 22 per cent since January, 1950.

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Power For Growth

Your company has recently prepared a booklet called, "Power For Growth." It tells a story of the expansion of our electric facilities and is being distributed to many of our customers and organizations in our service area. A copy of the booklet is available to you through your supervisor.

Kanawha River—Tanners Creek—Muskingum River—all are names of some of our new AGE system generating plants under construction, which are mentioned in the booklet. Need they be just names?

Certainly, building power plants is part of our business of keeping ahead of the ever-growing demand of our customers. But what do these new plants in West Virginia, Indiana and Ohio mean to us? How does the 1,160,000 kw capacity put in service on AGE System since World War II affect our area? Why is the 1,000,000 kw capacity under construction on the System significant?

Aside from the fact that these new plants are evidences of healthy growth of our business, this expansion points out that our area is thriving...booming...growing.

Electric power—because it's so essential—is a good yardstick of the progress and growth of a community or of a region. Use of electricity is a barometer of good times and bad, a measure of the prosperity of the people. Let's apply our yardstick of electric energy to measure the growth of the seven-state area in our System.

We can measure two ways: increase in number of customers and increase in the customer's individual use of electricity. The number of AGE customers (now 1,250,000) went up 72% in the 12-year period 1941-52 and kilowatt-hour usage for the same period jumped 140%.

This increase means that we met the challenge represented by an unprecedented demand for electric power. Our expansion program has meant and will mean that we are furnishing power for growth...power enough for all the people, their productive industry, their prosperous farms, their flourishing cities and towns.

Never in our history have our companies failed to meet the power needs of our customers and to supply adequate power for community growth. The new plants we are now building are assurance that the demands of this fast-growing area will continue to be met. And, if still more power is called for, more will be forthcoming—whenever and wherever it is needed.

Our area needs power for growth. We've got it.

Your Opinion

Do you think chance or individual planning plays a bigger part in selecting a career?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

MRS. EVELYN AKERS, Accounting Department, Roanoke



In my opinion, both planning and chance play a great part in selecting a career. Most everyone experiences in childhood a definite desire to reach a certain goal or accepts a pattern which may lead them to a good career. I think it more advantageous to set a higher goal than we ever hope to achieve and with a high aim in mind we are most likely to reach a point of satisfaction.

Chance also plays a very important part in selecting a career. Most of us probably know of some incident or acquaintance which has shaped someone's career. Sometimes the most unusual experiences affect changes which influence our entire lives.

I firmly believe that the financial status of a person has a great deal to do with the planning and selection of a career. When funds are limited we are forced to accept the intervention of chance.

L. C. VALLEY, Line Foreman, Abingdon



In answering this question, we must consider whether a person lives in a democratic or a communistic state. In the latter, there is no individual planning and certainly little is left to chance.

Since the dawn of history free men have always faced "west," continually exploring, experimenting and seeking the unknown. In so doing we have learned by the trial and error method—we are by nature "chance takers." So it is with most people, a career is selected by chance.

In youth we have visions of the career we shall pursue, but as we grow in our age our minds mature and our visions broaden, also the tempo of the world changes, creating a demand for people in new fields of endeavor.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "I will study and get ready, and maybe my chance will come." He was not planning to be President of the United States but to be of service to mankind.

One who has staked all on a planned career and failed is a sad, disillusioned human being. On the other hand, a person who "chanced" into a career is the happier.

JARRETT M. WOOD, Power Sales Engineer, Pikeville



Robert Burns perhaps best answered our question with, "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft a-glee."

True, planning has established many brilliant careers, but the examples are legion of individuals who are where they are, doing what they are because of a chance happening. An illness, accident, war or an unexpected and attractive job offer or business proposition are but a few chance happenings that have affected most of our lives.

Plan, yes, but with the practical realization that those plans may have to be altered or even replaced with new plans to meet the new set of circumstances with which chance challenges us. With this type of "flexible" career planning we can put to our own use these chance happenings.

P. F. RAIRDEN, Right of Way Agent, Point Pleasant



Individual planning plays a much bigger part by far in selecting a successful career but in my opinion the chance alone determines the average career.

No force or energy can be efficiently and effectively utilized unless it is directed in a proper path. Unless an individual can plan from the very beginning for a career in which he or she is interested and trains oneself to render a particular service to society and develop a profound liking for his chosen field it would be impossible to have a successful career.

IVAN LAYNE, Yard Department, Philip Sporn Plant



A person should plan for a career so that he will be ready when the right chance comes along. He should be ready for the next job ahead of him. When he selects a career he should give it a lot of thought and plan for the proper job. He should start early in life and plan each step toward his career.

You might say that the reason a person has a good job is that he got the "breaks," but if you would check closer you would find the person had planned his career properly. Personally, I will let the other person take the chance and I will plan my career.

JOHN J. ARMSTRONG, System Operating Department, Roanoke



The most important preliminary in selecting a career is planning. The fullness of your life and business career lies ahead. Your future can be and will be one of greatest achievement if you make it so, and it will be only mediocre if you leave it to chance.

Seldom does a man achieve the full measure of success without a plan. A plan helps you secure greater returns from your expenditure of time and effort. It pays to plan, for no worth-while structure was ever created until first it was planned.

Planning a career is planning for personal progress, and you have to "do something" to bring about the progress you want. I would say "Plan your work—and work your plan."

PATRICIA W. SMITH, Commercial Department, Huntington



Because of the importance of selecting a career, I believe that planning should definitely play the bigger role. Choosing one's life work is a big job and deserves serious consideration.

A person needs to analyze himself—his abilities and interests—in order to find the type of work for which he is best suited and qualified. If a person is to lead a happy, adjusted life, he must enjoy his

work and be mentally and physically equipped for it, so the choice of a career should be given maximum thought. Should he leave the decision to chance, he may find himself in a position entirely wrong for him.

It's true that occasionally a "lucky break" can start you on the right road, but we shouldn't depend upon such a chance. I believe no amount of luck can replace careful planning when choosing a career.

MRS. OPAL WHITE, Secretarial-Stenographer, Logan Plant



I definitely think chance plays a bigger part in selecting a career because, to me, we are all victims of circumstance.

The selection of a career is largely dependent upon our association in the home, school and community. Quite frequently a person will select a career early in life by following in the footsteps of a parent, sister or brother or someone they "idolize." This association is most surely a matter of chance.

One important thing is to take advantage of the circumstances as they arise. After a career has been selected, proper planning is necessary in acquiring the training required to successfully follow our choice.

ALVIN B. PAIRGIN, Distribution Department, Kingsport



In selecting a career, I believe individual planning plays a bigger part than chance. The reason for my choice is based on our modern school system. A system where we can plan our careers by studying the subjects or courses desired which are best suited to our abilities and interests—the aptitude tests which relate our inherent ability along certain professions or skills.

Then again many careers are planned from early childhood. Through hero worship of a ballplayer, policeman, movie actor, watching the erection of a large building or a lineman climbing a pole.

Chance may change our careers at anytime but during selection individual planning plays the bigger part.

A Correction



Mr. St. Clair



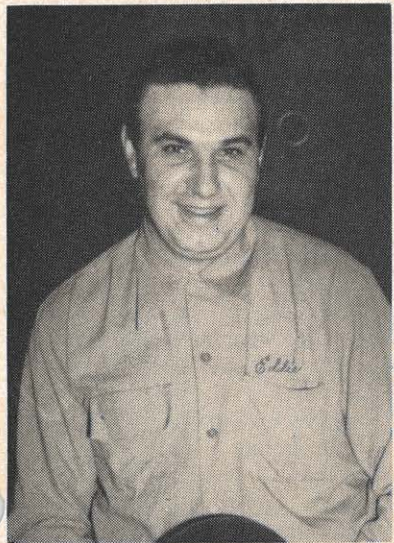
Mr. Russell

Last month in the "Your Opinion in the Spotlight" column, we made an error. Pictures of two employees were transposed.

We had J. D. Russell's picture appearing with the answer written by Alfred L. St. Clair. Mr. St. Clair's picture appeared with the answer furnished by Mr. Russell.

To correct this mistake we are running the two pictures above with their proper identification. We are sorry the error occurred.

Edward W. Russell Is Fatally Burned In Recent Accident



Edward W. Russell

Edward W. Russell, a member of the Charleston district substation department, was fatally burned March 9 in an accident which occurred at the Chemical Station in South Charleston.

At the time of the accident, Mr. Russell was working with a crew installing safety grounds prior to the connecting of a bus between the old and new stations. After installing a ground to the lattice of a horizontal girder, Eddie apparently came in contact with a switch blade carrying 44,000 volts while attempting to change positions.

M. D. Prowse, W. J. Burgess and Lawrence Jones rescued Russell and smothered the fire. He was rushed to a Charleston hospital where he died later during the day.

Eddie, a veteran of World War II, was widely known among the employees of the district. He was active in district sports and was a member of the Boyd Memorial Christian Church.

He is survived by his widow, Anna Louise, and one son, James Edward. Also surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Russell. Mr. Russell is employed at the Charleston office. Two sisters: Winnie Mae and Mary Emma. Mary Emma is employed in the stores department. Two brothers: James Herbert, Jr., and Raymond Lee of Bromwell, West Virginia. Raymond is employed at Switchback.

Heavy Ice Causes Break In 132KV Line Which Is Quickly Repaired By System Transmission Crew

On March 3rd, a four-inch snow coupled with high winds and low temperatures blanketed much of Appalachian's service area and caused some trouble on the 132,000-volt transmission system. Heavy icing conditions on some of the high-voltage lines caused the operating department to employ sleet melting practices for the first time in the history of the company.

The only major break in the company's transmission system occurred on Peters Mountain, a slope which reaches an elevation of more than 3,100 feet above sea level near Narrows, Virginia. The Glen Lyn-Hancock Station circuit, one of the three main feeders supplying the Roanoke area, was temporarily knocked out of service. Ice, approximately six inches in diameter, formed on the conductors and caused some of them

to fray and unravel.

Melting Operations

Melting operations, when sleet readings were secured at several points, were successful on the Glen Lyn-Switchback Number 2; Glen Lyn-Claytor Number 2; Claytor-Roanoke and the Roanoke-Reusens lines. No other major troubles were encountered.

During the emergency on the Glen Lyn-Hancock Station line, the members of the system's transmission line department were responsible for the repair of the ice damage to the conductors. Roy Doss, the department's general foreman of Bluefield, together with several of his crews who were working in various sections of the Southern Properties, were rushed to the trouble area. All worked late into the night clearing minor obstructions in the Narrows area in a heavy haze.

Long Cold Trek

Before daylight, this team of transmission crews left their trucks on back roads and began their long trek on foot up the snow and ice-covered mountain. Much of their equipment was hauled in a power wagon which was wrenched and towed with a Caterpillar tractor. The remainder of the supplies were carried up the slippery trails by members of the crews. The climb was made in freezing rain, sleet, haze, chilling winds and finally some sunshine.

Upon reaching the source of the trouble at tower twenty-two the crews spliced in new sections of the conductors. The task, through excellent coordination, was completed in a minimum of time with emergency equipment.

There was no interruption of service to the Roanoke area.



Left, a view from the base of tower twenty-two shows the dense haze hovering in the valley below. Right, general foreman Roy Doss inspects the damage to the conductor and the insulator.



Right, general foreman Roy Doss inspects the damage to the conductor and the insulator.



Left, Fred Combs, left, relays sagging operation orders to a distant tower with a walkie-talkie. Right, it is "chow time" on a rush job.



Half of the crew continued to work while crewmen take their first break for a package lunch. Snow water was the only beverage available on this assignment.

Henry Crabtree Retires April 1



Mr. Crabtree

Henry Philip Crabtree, a Pearisburg, Virginia, serviceman, retired April 1 after having served more than twenty-three years with the company.

Mr. Crabtree first became associated with the utility business when he was employed at Tazewell, January 1, 1930. He worked as a lineman at Tazewell, then later was transferred to Matoaka and Mullens. He went to the Giles County area as a lineman and serviceman in 1933 and has spent some time as a member of the Narrows line crew.

Prior to being employed with Appalachian, Mr. Crabtree worked with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company as a car repairman. He began work with the N. & W. in 1913. Later, he left that company to become a troubleman and a lineman for the Bluefield Telephone Company.

A native of Smyth County, Virginia, Mr. Crabtree was born in 1888 near Marion. He attended public schools in this area and spent much of his early life farming.

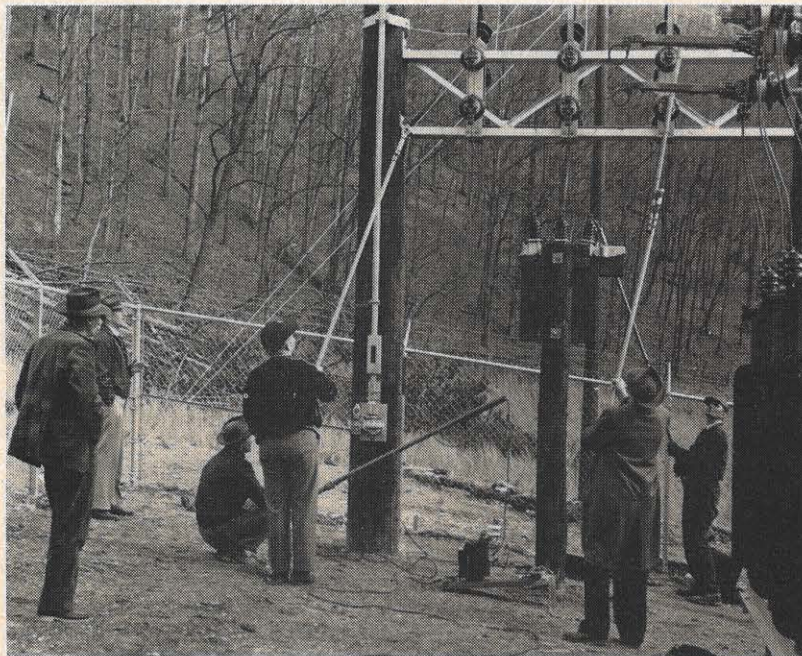
Mr. Crabtree is a member of the Church of God, Pearisburg, Virginia.

Jimmy McCarty, Logan, Injured In Accident

Jim McCarty, Logan district accounting department, was injured March 8 in an automobile accident near Phico.

He received a fractured spine and injuries to his shoulder and head. He was confined in St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington where his condition was termed "serious."

Index Station Is Put In Service



The Index Station, located near West Liberty in the Pikeville district, was placed in service following the completion of a 66kv line from Morehead to Index. This is a part of the new 66,000-volt Morehead-Helechawa circuit which will link the three districts of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company. In the above photograph, Pikeville employees test the station's facilities by phasing out the 12 kv distribution line with the transformer bank. From the left, are: H. M. Eagle, B. P. Bogardus, G. D. Ison, Jr., Ernest Brashear, C. A. McKinney and Ira Smith.

Montgomery Employees Have Parts In Play

The Junior department of the Montgomery Women's Club presented a "Black Face Jamboree" on February 19 and 20 and several employees in the Montgomery office and members of their families took part in the affair.

Mara Lee Singleton was the interlocutor for the show. Dorothy Hall and Mildred Huey, recently of the Kanawha Plant Construction department, were characters in the "Chicken Song." Mildred Huey did a single number entitled "Fool, Fool, Fool."

Mrs. Paul E. Thompson, whose husband is an employee on military leave, did a song and dance act and appeared in another act, as well as directing the dance routines.

The chorus of ten had four members of employees' families in it. They were Mrs. James Moore, wife of the appliance serviceman; Mrs. Hubert Shabdue, wife of the area sales representative; Mrs. Robert H. Treber, wife of a Cabin Creek Plant employee, and Mrs. C. R. Metz, wife of a troubleman.

Safety Records Posted At Abingdon



The walls of each line crew headquarters and the backs of each Abingdon district truck clearly indicate the safety records of individual crews with new metal plaques. The idea was originated by the Washington County crew and plaques were obtained by the district safety department. Claud K. Kirkland, district manager, presented the plaques at a meeting in each area. Above, kneeling in foreground, C. M. Jackson, Dickenson County line foreman, holds Abingdon's perfect safety record plaque. This crew has never had a disabling injury. Left to right, holding signs, Raymond Shaffner, Pound serviceman; Jack Osborne, Clintwood serviceman; Charlie Hale, truck driver; William Coe and Joe Arrington, Haysi servicemen; and Carter Self, line crew truck driver. Back row, left to right, R. C. Childress, J. A. Self, E. V. Smith, J. S. Mize, L. R. Vaughn, I. H. Mace, Glenn A. Settle, C. E. Rosenbaum, S. S. Stevenson, Bill Ferguson and W. L. Smythers.

Montgomery Club Nominates Miss Hall For Honors

Participation in community, church and club activities were three of the major factors on which Dorothy Hall was chosen as a nominee for West Virginia's One Hundred Per Cent Citizen Award. Miss Hall, a member of the Montgomery office's commercial department, is a candidate for the award representing the Montgomery Junior Woman's Club.

In community affairs, Miss Hall was chairman of the Cancer Control Drive; publicity chairman, Mothers' March on Polio; judge, Christmas lighting contests; judge, Halloween carnival; judge, beauty contests; judge, Safety Day; judge, West Virginia Tech home-coming; aided, Upper Kanawha Valley Concert Association and others. She participates in the Civil Defense Program; has completed standard and advanced first aid programs; serves as Nurses' Aide; gallon donor to Bloodmobile, and is chairman of the Red Cross house-to-house canvass.

In church activities, Dorothy is a member of the Montgomery Presbyterian Church, circle chairman, Bible class president, church secretary, Sunday School secretary, and chairman and member of several committees.

In club work, Miss Hall is equally as enthusiastic. She is chairman, a member or a director on practically every major project. She has attended the national conventions, state convention, and three district conventions.

Judging for the state honors will be held at Bluefield, May 9.

Miss National Guard



Miss Doris Atkins

Miss Doris Atkins, a Logan district employee, recently was selected to reign as Logan's Miss National Guard. Members of the 193d Engineering Combat Company made the selection.

As Miss National Guard, Doris was presented several gifts from merchants and was given an award by General Charles R. Fox, adjutant general of West Virginia. The ceremonies honoring Miss Atkins were conducted on the stage of the Logan Theatre, March 12.

Miss Atkins is employed in the meter department.

Nine Couples Make Wedding Vows



Recent brides and bridal couples among employees are pictured above. Top row, from left: Mrs. O. V. Middlekauff, Roanoke, and Mrs. Donald R. Smith, Welch. Bottom row: Mr. and Mrs. Troy Few, Fieldale; Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. White, Logan, and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rieley, Roanoke.

Parrish-Smith

Miss Patricia Anne Parrish became the bride of Donald R. Smith February 28 at Welch, W. Va. Mrs. Smith is employed at Welch.

Craddock-White

Miss Helena Marie Craddock became the bride of Robert L. White March 10 at Logan, W. Va. Mr. White is employed at Logan.

Frey-Adkins

Miss Ruth Frey and Randall Adkins were united in marriage March 12 at Huntington, W. Va. Mrs. Adkins is the daughter of George Frey, who is employed at Logan Plant.

Ferguson-Rieley

Miss Jean Ferguson became the bride of Lylburn E. Rieley February 28 at Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Rieley is employed at Roanoke.

Arnold-Few

Miss Anita Arnold and Mr. Troy Few were united in marriage March 7 at Fieldale, Virginia. Mrs. Few is employed at Fieldale.

Wife Of Bluefield Man Elected Head Of Garden Council

Mrs. William C. Kidd, wife of W. C. Kidd, Bluefield district engineering supervisor, recently was elected president of the Bluefield Garden Council. Mrs. Kidd was installed as head of the organization the first of the month.



Mrs. Kidd

The Bluefield Garden Council is composed of two representatives from each of the eighteen garden clubs within the city. The council coordinates much of the activities where clubs work together on the same projects such as clean-up drives, flower shows, Christmas lighting and other drives.

Mrs. Kidd is active in many civic and social affairs. She served as president of the Little Gardens Club for two years and the Bluefield Garden Council as treasurer for one term.

Booten-Maynard

Miss June A. Booten became the bride of James C. Maynard February 28 at Huntington, W. Va. Mrs. Maynard was formerly employed at Huntington.

Noe-Weatherly

Beulah Mae Noe and E. C. Weatherly were united in marriage February 27 at Oakvale, W. Va. Mr. Weatherly is employed at the Glen Lyn plant.

Shately-Middlekauff

Miss Ruth Adeline Shately became the bride of O. V. Middlekauff II in Roanoke, the latter part of February. Mr. Middlekauff is employed in the system substation department.

Dean-Lafferty

Miss Margaret Dean became the bride of A1/C Harvey Lafferty March 7 at Oak Hill, W. Va. Mrs. Lafferty was formerly employed at Cabin Creek plant.

Girls Service Club, Bluefield, Sponsors An Employees' Dance

Members of the Bluefield Girls Service Club recently sponsored a square dance for employees and their guests.

In addition to square dancing, the evening's entertainment was highlighted with a cake walk, broom dance, Virginia Reel, and other variations. Joe Kirk called figures and presented a specialty act during the intermission.

The Cake Walk was won by Norma Jean Longanacre and Russell Holly. Refreshments also were served those attending.

Dorothy Boyd, chairman of the club's social committee, was in charge of the arrangements.

Sally Litz Elected To Woman's Club Office

Sally Litz, cashier in the Pearisburg office, recently was elected first vice president of the Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club.

Since she has been a member of the organization, Sally has been active in many of the club's civic and welfare programs. She has served as chairman of many of the activities of the club.

Sally has been employed by the company since September, 1947.



Sally Litz

They're Engaged

MISS MARLENE STAFFORD to Bob Sang. Miss Stafford is employed at Ashland.

MISS CAROLYN TUCKER to Joe Stone. Miss Tucker is employed at Ashland.

MISS CLAUDETTE HUCKEY to Richard L. McComas. Mr. McComas is employed at Logan plant.

MISS NORMA JEAN BLACK to Carl Butterworth. Mr. Butterworth is employed at Roanoke.

MISS KATHERINE WHITEFIELD to Stewart Ross. Miss Whitefield is the daughter of W. I. Whitefield, Roanoke division manager.

New Arrivals

MR. AND MRS. JOEL WILSON are the parents of a son, Robert Elmer, born February 13. Mr. Wilson is employed at Fieldale.

MARSHA LYNN arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Henderson, March 15. Mr. Henderson is employed at Huntington.

MR. AND MRS. W. H. KAHLE are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born February 24. Mr. Kahle is employed in the Bluefield district.

LINDA SUE is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dunigan. She was born March 11. Mr. Dunigan is employed at Pearisburg.

JESSE L., JR., is a new son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williamson. He was born February 20. Mr. Williamson is employed at Kingsport.

MR. AND MRS. LEONARD TRACY BLACKBURN are the parents of a daughter, born February 1. Mr. Blackburn is employed at Pikeville.

MR. AND MRS. GLENITH HENSLER are the parents of a son, William Allen, born February 23. Mr. Hensler is employed at Philip Sporn plant.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES CROW are the parents of a daughter, Margaret Jane, born February 16. Mr. Crow is employed at Philip Sporn plant.

PATRICIA ANN is a new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Layne. She was born March 2. Mr. Layne is employed at Philip Sporn plant.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT BARTON became the parents of a son, Robert Nicholas, on March 14. Mr. Barton is employed at Philip Sporn plant.

VANESSA SHARON is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger McClanahan born February 26. Mr. McClanahan is employed at Grundy, Va.

MR. AND MRS. LAURENCE COLLINS are the parents of a daughter, Karen Sue, born March 18. Mr. Collins is employed at Hazard.

MARY RUTH is a new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hopson. She arrived February 17. Mr. Hopson is employed at Ashland.

MR. AND MRS. DON BOLNER are the parents of a daughter, Robin Gray, born February 10. Mr. Bolner is employed at Ashland.

CHARLES THOMAS arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William T. McKinney March 10. Mr. McKinney is employed at Ashland.

MR. AND MRS. EUGENE MCKINNEY are the parents of a son, Donald Eugene, born March 2. Mrs. McKinney was formerly employed at Kanawha River plant.

ROBERT EDWARD, JR. arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wells March 14. Mr. Wells is employed in Lynchburg.

CONNIE SUE arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hall, Jr., on March 11. Mr. Hall is employed at Williamson.

MR. AND MRS. DWIGHT A. WALKER are the parents of a daughter, Rebecca Lynn, born February 25. Mrs. Walker was formerly employed at Roanoke.

MARK WARNER arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Griffin March 19. Mrs. Griffin was formerly employed at Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE KITE are the parents of a daughter, Virginia Ann, born March 20. Mrs. Kite was formerly employed at Abingdon.

DEBORAH LYN is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ceber Rogers. She was born February 13. Mr. Rogers is employed at Cabin Creek Plant.

MR. AND MRS. SHERMAN L. VEALEY are the parents of a son, Charles Franklin, born February 18. Mr. Vealey is employed at Cabin Creek plant.

EDWARD EUGENE, JR. arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mamoran February 19. Mr. Mamoran is employed at Cabin Creek plant.

Alice Cody Elected Beckley School Officer

Alice Marie Cody has been elected vice president of her home room at Beckley Junior High School. She is the daughter of Mrs. Nell Cody, clerk-stenographer in the Beckley district distribution department.

Alice is also a member of the school band. Aside from her studies, her favorite hobby is keeping a scrapbook of sports. Her favorite sports are football, basketball and baseball.



Alice Cody

Virginia Mottice Is Elected Club Head

Miss Virginia Mottice, a member of the system operating department, Roanoke, was elected president of the Sequoia Club. The election was held at a recent dinner meeting at the Hotel Roanoke. Miss Mottice will serve the organization during the 1953 term.

She also is a member of the Roanoke Chapter of the National Secretary's Association and the Inter-Club Council of Women's Clubs.



Miss Mottice

Twins Born On Birthday Of One-Year-Old Brother

February 23 is a red letter day for Gilbert C. Hart, tractor operator at Sporn plant. All three of his sons were born on that day.

The latest were twins born at Meigs General Hospital in Pomeroy, Ohio. Gary Duaine, 5 lbs. 14 oz., and Barry Wayne, 6 lbs. 2 oz., were born three minutes apart and are doing fine.

The boys arrived on the birthday of their one-year-old brother, Dennis Lee. Arriving on Dennis' birthday was a surprise to the parents, but the twins themselves were a bigger surprise. Mr. and Mrs. Hart were not expecting twins.

Miss McCormack Has Major Role In Ballet



Miss Betty McCormack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McCormack of Roanoke recently had a leading role in the Roanoke Civic Ballet. She danced in two numbers, "Aurora's Wedding" and "The Fantastic Toy Shop." Betty studied dancing for a number of years in Charleston and attended a ballet school in New York. She is a senior at Andrew Lewis High School in Salem. She is a member of the Beta Club and a cheerleader for the high school. She plans to enter Sullins College in the fall and continue her dancing studies. Her father is superintendent of the system operating department.

Unit One At Kanawha River Plant Nearing Completion

Unit one of the \$45 million Kanawha River plant is rapidly nearing completion and may be put on a test status early in May. Unit two is scheduled to go into operation in late October, furnishing a total of 400,000 kw.

Giant turbines and generators of unit one are being assembled. Construction is being pushed on all phases. The boiler is receiving its finishing touches, wire for the control room instruments and the instrument panels are being put in place and the giant condenser is being readied.

The plant is a beehive of activity as about 1,800 workers are pushing to keep construction on schedule. Sollitt Construction Company is the contractor for the plant which is 540 feet long, 395 feet wide and about 15 stories high.

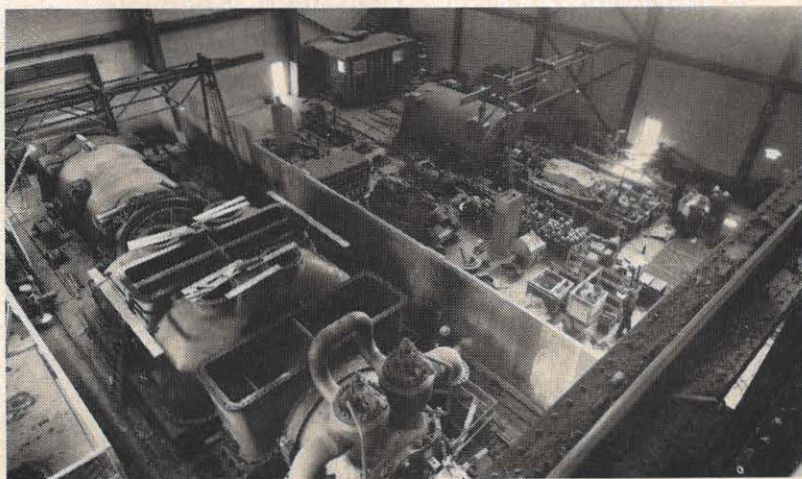
Against this background of activity have gone many months of labor and there is still much to do before the plant is completed. Construction started with groundbreaking ceremonies on October 31, 1950. Next came the excavation of 750,000 cubic yards of earth.

Under the site of the main plant in a space 216 feet wide and 346 feet long, more than 2,000 wooden pilings from 20 to 40 feet long were driven into the ground underneath the lowest levels of the building. These piling help to provide adequate footings and support for the concrete.

Speaking of concrete, more than 45,000 cubic yards of concrete are used in constructing the plant. The first concrete flowed into the forms in July of 1951.

Steelwork began in December of 1951 with about 6,000 tons of steel being used. This does not include piling for the screen house and river cells or reinforcing steel used in concrete.

Coal has been unloaded from river barges and stored in the coal yard.



Assembling the turbines and generators of unit one is as big a job as this picture indicates. The low pressure turbine is at left, the high at right. Rated capacity of the combined high and low pressure generators is 200,000 kw.



Construction workers put in some of the 13,222 tubes which go into the condenser of unit one. More than 75 miles of the 7/8 inch copper tubing goes into the huge condenser.

It is estimated that the two 200,000 kilowatt units will consume about a million tons of coal yearly.

Each of the turbine-generating units built by General Electric will be supplied by a single huge coal-

fired boiler using steam at a pressure of 2,000 lbs. per square inch and temperatures of 1,050 degrees Fahrenheit to get the most out of every pound of coal burned. Boilers were built by Babcock and Wilcox.

Old Wagon Used In 1911 To Build Line Still In Use On Wythe County Farm



G. D. Cox, Wytheville superintendent, stands beside the wagon used to haul material for building the Bylesby-Switchback line in 1911-12. The wagon is still used on a Wythe County farm.

You often see a group of old-timers talking about the early days when Appalachian was a "youngster." And it's not unusual to bump into someone who had part in early construction but is now in some other business.

However, it is amazing to find a piece of equipment of those early days that is in good condition like a wagon at Crockett, Virginia.

Grover D. Cox, Wytheville local office superintendent, located the wagon on the farm of J. S. Huffard where it is being used to haul feed and wood about a farm. It was originally used back in 1911-12 to haul wire and insulators into the mountains for construction of the old woodenpole "A" line from Bylesby hydro to Switchback substation.

The wagon was bought by the present owner's father, W. R. Huffard. When the line was started, Mr. Huffard rented the wagon, a driver and a team of mules to the

company for \$5 a day. The company fed and lodged the driver and team.

The driver, Rob Mitchell, lives in Wytheville and vividly recalls those line-building days. He says he never worked so hard nor such long hours. Material for the line was shipped into Wytheville and Rob loaded it on his wagon and hauled it out to the line, first to Bylesby and then to Bland after the line passed Wytheville.

Supt. Cox also remembers those old line-building days. He says he wanted to work on the line but his father would not let him because he was too young. However, Mr. Cox was in the crew working on replacing the wooden-pole line with steel towers in 1923.



Rob Mitchell

Appa-Lassies Hold Spaghetti Dinner

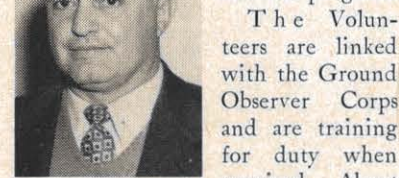
The Logan district Appa-Lassies Club, a social organization for Logan women, recently entertained with a spaghetti dinner. The dinner was held at the Town Office Auditorium.

In addition to the club members, Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Gills and Mr. and Mrs. William Honaker were guests.

Mrs. John Pozega, home economist, and Miss Elizabeth Savas, personnel department, were in charge of the arrangements.

F. R. Poe, Marion, Is Named Supervisor Of Civil Defense Group

Fred R. Poe, a Pulaski district area sales representative employed at the Marion office, Marion, Virginia, recently was named supervisor of the Smyth County Volunteers. This unit, will work closely with the area's organized Civil Defense program.



Mr. Poe

The Volunteers are linked with the Ground Observer Corps and are training for duty when required. About 25 Smyth County men are taking an active part in the program.

During practice sessions, observations made by the Smyth County Volunteers are relayed by direct wire to the Roanoke Filter Center.

Mr. Poe has been an employee of the company since April 1, 1924.

When The Fairies Cried

Easter Legends Reflect Many Events In Life Of Christ At Crucifixion

People at Eastertide throng to churches to proclaim the Resurrection as choirs again sing the age-old, beloved Easter anthems. Along with the full blossoming of spring comes the many beautiful legends about Easter.

Many flowers that bloom this time of year have a legendary significance. Perhaps the foremost of these flowers are lilies, used in profusion at Eastertide on church altars, in homes and on greeting cards. They are symbols of purity and light. Legend tells us that wherever the Risen Saviour walked, white lilies sprang up in His footprints.

Also as Easter approaches, the dogwood blossoms. According to legend, at the time of the Crucifixion the dogwood grew to the size of the oak and its timber was chosen for the cross. This so distressed the tree that Jesus with gentle pity decreed that never again should the dogwood grow large enough to be so used and that the tree should be cherished as a reminder of His cross.

There are many other legends concerning the dogwood and its blossoms. It is the state flower of Virginia and the blooming of the dogwood is the traditional time for a scenic trip through the mountains which highlight the pink and white blossoms.

The egg, always a symbol of Life, has an important place at Easter for legend tells us that eggs are laid by the Easter rabbit on Easter eve. So it is that little children leave baskets that they will find filled with colored eggs on Easter morning. The chicks, ducklings and plump little easter bunnies that frolic on beloved greeting card designs for many years are symbolic of the renewal of life in the springtime.

Another beautiful legend familiar to many is the one concerning the fairy stones at Fairy Stone State Park in Patrick County, Virginia. This legend tells how the fairy stones were formed.

It seems that hundreds of years before King Powhatan's dynasty came into power, long before the woods breathed the gentle spirit of Pocahontas, the fairies were dancing around a spring of limpid water. As



they played with the naiads and wood nymphs, an elfin messenger arrived from a strange, far-away land, bringing the sad tidings of the death of Christ.

When these creatures of the forest heard the terrible story of the Crucifixion, they wept. As their tears fell upon the earth, they were crystallized into little pebbles on each of which was formed a beautiful cross.

When the fairies disappeared from the enchanted spot, the ground about the spring was strewn with these unique mementoes of that event. From this one small area comes the world's only known supply of these natural stone crosses.

These "Fairy" or "Lucky" Stones have long been treasured for bringing their wearer good luck. They vary in size from a quarter of an inch to about an inch and are of three varieties: Roman, St. Andrews, and Maltese.

Although these legends are well defined, Easter was indefinite until the First Nicene Council in 325 finally decreed that Easter should fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21. The earliest possible date on which Easter may occur is March 22 and the latest is April 25.

This year Easter is April 5. Then people dressed in spring's finery will herald the joyous Resurrection. The happiness of the season is reflected in the legends, the prayers, the anthems and the greetings of Eastertide.

Watch Presented George J. Hancock Upon His Retirement As Ashland District Janitor

George J. Hancock, retiring Ashland district janitor, was presented a watch by a group of employees at a party on March 2.

George came to work for the company on December 10, 1941, as a guard at Bellefonte substation. In 1944 he transferred to the distribution department as a janitor for the 25th Street Building.

When Carl Hopson presented the watch bought by his fellow employees, George said: "Fellow, you hurt me. Three times in my life I have been made very happy. This time it hurts."

"Never in my time have I worked for any company—large or small—that screened their men and women like this company. They pick the best. That is why all of you are such wonderful people and get along so well and make friendship and business go together—from the high officials to the lowest rated job anyone has with the company. Your kindness this afternoon proves the fact in what you have done for me.

"Each time I look (at this watch) to see the time, I'll think of all of you. I am thankful that I have ended my days at 65 with the Kentucky



George, at right, receives the watch given by fellow employees upon his retirement. Carl Hopson made the presentation at the party for the retiring janitor on March 2 in the company auditorium.

and West Virginia Power Company and you wonderful people. May God bless all of you."

George plans to spend his time in retirement operating a second-hand shop called "The Conglomeration Store" at 2100 Greenup Avenue in Ashland.

Bluefield Engineer Made Radio And Electronics Hobby Since Childhood

James M. Cole, a Bluefield district distribution engineer, has made many forms of radio and electronics his hobby since childhood. In contrast to early days when he was plagued with the lack of funds to construct a crystal set, he now has one of the most complete electronic hobby shops in the Bluefield area.

James' first experiments in radio began after some friends gave him some old radios to work with in his basement. Progress was slow until he acquired a paper route and poured his earnings into his hobby. His interest in radio paid off as he soon learned the basic circuits and gained enough experience to operate a small radio repair shop.

James continued his radio repair work after he graduated from high school until he entered the U. S. Navy in 1945. His background in electronics made it possible for him to become a sound technician in the service. This rating gave him an opportunity to work with the latest electronic reproduction equipment.

Employees Address High School Groups

Three Charleston district employees, George W. Unangst, Bernard Whittington and Ronald Hively, recently addressed junior and senior high school students at Dunbar, Clendenin, and Washington district schools. Their talks were given in conjunction with the observance of National Engineers Week.

Mr. Unangst is meter department supervisor; Mr. Whittington, commercial department power sales engineer; and Mr. Hively also is a power sales engineer.

A. W. Reid Named AGE Insurance-Pension Head

A. W. "Al" Reid, assistant director of the insurance and pension department of the AGE Service Corporation, has been appointed director of the department. He succeeds V. A. Mulford, who died last year.

A 30-year veteran, Mr. Reid organized the insurance department when he joined the company in 1923 and served as its manager until 1950. In May of that year he was named assistant director when the insurance and pension department was formed.

He is a member of the insurance committee of Edison Electric Institute, the American Management Association and the National Insurance Buyers Association.

Sporn Employee Named Sergeant In Highway Patrol Auxiliary

Earl Q. Teaford, chemist at the Philip Sporn Plant, recently was made a sergeant in the Ohio Highway Patrol Auxiliary. He is a member of the Picketon district of the Ohio Patrol. The duties of the members of the auxiliary include traffic control and civil defense work.



Mr. Teaford

In addition to his patrol work, Earl also recently was appointed second lieutenant in the first ward fire department at Pomeroy. He is a member of the Pomeroy Emergency Squad, American Legion and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

Mr. Teaford was first employed at Sporn Plant as a chemical tester in August, 1949.



James Cole tests equipment in his electronics hobby shop.

He became interested in high fidelity audio.

After his release from the service, James continued experiments in sound. He has constructed many types of audio amplifiers, speaker enclosures, preamplifiers, equalizers and tuners. His experiments and accomplishments have been numerous and widely recognized.

Some of his test equipment include a vacuum tube voltmeter, Cathode ray oscilloscope, audio oscillator and a square wave generator. The shop and his experiments provide him with many pleasant hours of diversion.

J. W. Ellis Elected President Of Credit Union Chapter

J. W. Ellis, treasurer of the Ashland Power Company Employee Credit Union, recently was elected president of the Ashland Credit Union Chapter. The chapter is composed of officers of credit unions located in the Ashland area.



Mr. Ellis

The elevation of Mr. Ellis was announced following the annual election of officers which was held at a dinner meeting in the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company auditorium. Steaks were served the credit union representatives by members of the Postal Employees Auxiliary.

Mr. Ellis, first employed in the electrical utility business by Appalachian in 1926 as a plant clerk, was transferred to Ashland in 1928. During his years of service with the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, he has served in a number of clerical positions. He is now distribution records supervisor at the 25th Street Station in Ashland.

J. G. Harvey Heads Toastmasters Club

J. G. Harvey, Roanoke division personnel supervisor, was elected president of the Roanoke Toastmasters Club.



Mr. Harvey

A former vice president of the club, his term of office will be for six months. He is a member of the Virginia Heights Baptist Church, the Roanoke Kiwanis Club, a past director of that organization, and a member of the Roanoke Country Club. He is married and the father of two children.

New Fuse-Blower Found In Pulaski District

Blown transformer fuses are not unusual. There have been cases of trouble caused by birds, cats and even snakes. But Frank Cecil, repairman at Christiansburg in the Pulaski district, recently found a new troublemaker.

One night about 10 o'clock he was notified of interrupted service. He journeyed out to locate the trouble and found an electrocuted raccoon. Service was restored, minus raccoon, at 11 p. m.

Hydro Electric Maintenance Work Requires Watch-Like Precision Handlings On Generator Parts And Bearings

In hydro electric maintenance, there often is much work to be done before repairs and alterations can be made to defective parts. Such was the case when it became necessary to recondition the generator shaft and thrust bearing runners in the Number Three generator at the Claytor Hydro Plant.

F. E. Rotenberry, plant supervisor, and his crew of nine maintenance men, moved hundreds of tons of massive parts and equipment in order to complete this project. To remove the shaft and bearings, the generator

head cover, exciters, a 110-ton generator field and other parts were removed and stored for repair and inspection. Precision handling of heavy lifts were required before the defective shaft could be pulled.

The machining of this seven-ton generator shaft was no small undertaking nor a small shop job. It had to be cut within a working tolerance of five ten-thousandths of one inch. One small error, while being machined, could make scrap of the shaft which is valued at more than \$75,000. The job was done at the

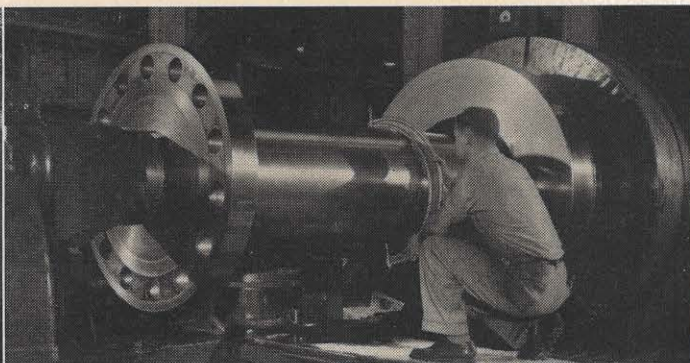
Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in one of their giant lathes.

During the machining operation, the twenty-four inch shaft and the five-foot thrust bearing, checked for trueness, assembled and machined in the lathe without as much as changing the centers. The entire machine work required about sixty hours of precision cutting.

In about one month's time from the start of disassembly, the crew had reassembled the generator at Claytor. Today, it operates with the trueness of a new unit.



Left photograph, members of the maintenance crew remove the generator shaft coupling guard while disassembling unit number three. Right, a shipyard machinist takes a reading with a twenty-four-inch micrometer during the



sixty-hour machining operation. Note the wide flanges, the thrust-bearing plates, which were machined assembled to the shaft. The assembly was transported to Newport News on a company truck.



Left, company employees complete one of their final inspections before assembly by checking electrical connections on the damper winding in the 90-ton generator field while the shaft is out. Right, members of the crew completing this maintenance project, left to right, front row, are: A. D. Thornton, W. H. Brodie, Jack Davis, E. E.



White and Lee Nance. Middle, left to right: Bernard Smith, Clyde R. Holdren and A. N. Roseberry. Back: Garland Covey. F. E. Rotenberry, plant supervisor who directed this maintenance work, was absent when this photograph was made.

Carl H. Murray Of Charleston Gets 35-Year Emblem



Mr. Murray

Carl H. Murray, Charleston division stores supervisor, completed 35 years of service with the company March 1.

Mr. Murray began his career in the utility business with the Logan County Light & Power Company of Logan, West Virginia, March 1, 1918. At that time, he was classified as a storekeeper, however, he did everything from caring for material and supplies to reading meters and running services.

In March, 1926, Carl was transferred to Charleston as a storekeeper. He coordinated material accounts of the several companies which later formed the Charleston district. In 1936, he was made division storekeeper and in 1946 was promoted to division stores supervisor, the position he now holds.

A native of Ronceverte in Greenbrier County, West Virginia, he was born in June, 1897. He attended Ronceverte High School and Greenbrier Military Academy. Carl is a member of the Moose Lodge and the Baptist Church.

He is an ardent hunter and participates in the Charleston Kilowatt Bowling League.

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resigned.

Norma Jean Fields is a new employee in the local accounting office.

R. J. Siner, meter department serviceman, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Charles H. McKeever, son of the meter superintendent, is home on military leave from Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri after having completed electrician school training.

Blood donors since the last ILLUMINATOR include: L. S. Caldwell, P. A. Hartman, W. E. Overstreet, I. B. Peters, Jr., C. J. Puffenbarger, R. D. Turner, S. S. Snidow, W. E. Webb and A. J. Lambert.

Lynchburg District

Sympathy is extended J. L. Gray, Jr., garage, on the death of his father.

Mrs. David E. Booth, wife of the Reusens hydro employee, has returned home after an operation.

J. W. Harris and H. M. Cumbey, distribution-line, resigned.

James Collins is a new employee in the distribution-engineering department.

Mrs. Lillian S. Spradlin, accounting, transferred to the Roanoke office.

Edw. S. Gregory, Retired, Dies Of Electrical Burns



Mr. Gregory

Edward S. Gregory, 66-year-old retired employee of the Bluefield district, died March 17 in a Lexington hospital of electrical burns received while on a job at Buena Vista for an electrical contractor.

Mr. Gregory, Narrows line crew foreman when he retired in September of 1951, began his service with Appalachian in 1919 in Bluefield under the late G. C. McCall, then general foreman. After patrolling lines in the Christiansburg area, he returned to Bluefield as foreman. He became foreman of the Narrows line crew in 1933.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Tazewell; Past Patron of Bluefield chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star; Past Watchman of Shepherds-White Shrine of Jerusalem, Bluefield; honorary Past Patron of the Lakeland chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at Narrows and a member of the Narrows Kiwanis Club. He was a steward in the First Methodist Church of Narrows.

Mr. Gregory is survived by his wife; two sons, Edward W. Gregory of Atlanta, Georgia, and Grover J. Gregory, law student at the University of Virginia; a grandson and three sisters.

C. T. Southern Heads Civic Club Group

Charles T. Southern, Welch district dealer sales representative, recently was named chairman of the Inter-Civic Club Committee for Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis clubs.



Mr. Southern

A recent function, planned by members of the inter-club committee, was a joint meeting of all clubs. The meeting was held in observance of National Engineer Week and Everett S. Lee, editor of the *General Electric Review*, was guest speaker.

Mr. Southern, a twenty-five-year veteran of the company, is a member of the Kiwanis Club; Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church, and president of the church's Mens Club.

F. M. Cloyd's Son Qualifies For Exam

Samuel McNutt Cloyd is one of four Virginia men who have qualified to take the entrance examination to the United States Naval Academy. He is the son of F. M. Cloyd, Lynchburg district commercial manager.

Announcement of his eligibility was made by Sixth District Representative Richard H. Poff. A senior at E. C. Glass High School, young Cloyd is treasurer of the Student Council.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Beckley District—30 YEARS: C. A. Crosier, substation department. 20 YEARS: J. S. McLain, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: D. E. Murray, transmission and distribution department.

Bluefield District—30 YEARS: Okley C. Winfrey, transmission and distribution department. 15 YEARS: W. G. Cunningham, Jr., transmission and distribution department. 10 YEARS: Mildred Bishop and D. B. Sammons, transmission and distribution department. 5 YEARS: Lois K. Rounion, commercial department.

Cabin Creek Plant—10 YEARS: C. R. Stone, H. E. Holstein, A. F. Hanna, R. E. Lawson, Donald Raines, R. E. Hastings, W. F. Gifford, Zolla Lanham and June Patrick Saul, production department.

Charleston District—35 YEARS: C. H. Murray, Jr., stores department. 30 YEARS: A. T. Hall, construction department, Kanawha River plant. 15 YEARS: K. L. Lowe, accounting department. 10 YEARS: Thoma C. Jarrell, meter department and Hilda Zontini, accounting department. 5 YEARS: C. E. Curry, C. C. Willis, R. R. Legg, distribution department and K. E. Miller, accounting department.

Glen Lyn Plant—30 YEARS: H. L. Surber, production department. 10 YEARS: J. G. Carr, R. B. Comer, maintenance department and C. A. Fulcher, production department.

Huntington District—25 YEARS: V. F. Sturgeon, accounting department. 5 YEARS: Gertrude Thresher, billing department and Melvin J. Johnson, transmission and distribution department.

Logan District—10 YEARS: L. J. Chatfield, stores department. 5 YEARS: Holmes Cassidy, meter department.

Logan Plant—10 YEARS: L. A. Singleton, and Opie Pridemore, production department.

Lynchburg District—15 YEARS: Richard T. Campbell, distribution department, and Herman L. Morris, accounting department. 10 YEARS: Eliza McDaniel, accounting department and Byrd G. Gilbert, distribution and transmission department.

Point Pleasant District—5 YEARS: Mary L. Walker, accounting department.

Pulaski District—10 YEARS: A. B. Schrader, accounting department. 5 YEARS: R. C. Jenkins, transmission and distribution department.

Roanoke District—10 YEARS: Mary R. Linkenhoker, real estate and right-of-way department, Ruth B. Lucas, personnel department, J. C. Irby, garage department, Marion B. Bratton, local accounting. 5 YEARS: Alma I. Wright, accounting department, J. S. Payne, meter department and A. G. Adams, line department.

System—30 YEARS: B. D. Painter, commercial department. 10 YEARS: T. S. Lunsford, substation department, Jane Y. West and Marie W. Poindexter, accounting department. 5 YEARS: G. W. Fernatt, substation department, Adrena P. Harmon, accounting department, and W. H. Shrader, operating department.

Welch District—15 YEARS: Richard H. Ruff, distribution and transmission department. 10 YEARS: William B. Belchee, commercial department. 10 YEARS: Teddie J. Gragg, distribution and transmission department. 5 YEARS: Charles D. Kinzer, and William G. Richardson, distribution and transmission department and Richard A. Jones, meter department.

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Ashland District—30 YEARS: John T. Weidenheller, meter department. 10 YEARS: Elizabeth G. Harrell, payroll department; Risom Fankell, distribution department and William Chaffin, substation department. 5 YEARS: Donald Bolner, meter department, Elmer Brown, Jr. accounting department and J. H. Ingles, distribution department.

Hazard District—5 YEARS: L. B. Ferguson, Jr., Adrian Fields and Jean Clutts.

Pikeville District—10 YEARS: Garnie Edmonds, maintenance department. 5 YEARS: Ottis Blankenship, meter department.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

5 YEARS: Monroe Lynch, steam production department.

Notice To Fast Drivers W. W. Brammer Is Retired At Logan

A live man pays 25 cents for a shave.

It costs \$5.00 to shave a dead man in a morgue.

A woolen coat costs about \$40.

A wooden one costs about \$400.

A taxi to a theater costs about one dollar for a round trip.

One to the cemetery costs \$10 for a one way trip.

Stay alive and save money.

It's easy—observe the traffic laws.

Woodrow W. Brammer, an employee at the Logan Plant, recently was retired.

Employed on March 13, 1939, Mr. Brammer held several positions in the operating department before being called to active service in the Army in 1942. He served two years in the Army. Upon his discharge he returned to the plant as an electrical maintenance helper.

Veterans Get Service Emblems



These men received service pins during the past month for 25 years or more of service. Top row, from the left: A. T. Hall, Kanawha Plant Construction Department, 30 years; C. A. Crosier, Beckley district, 30 years. Second row: H. L. Surber, Glen Lyn Plant, 30 years; O. C. Winfrey, Bluefield district, 30 years. Third row: J. T. Weidenheller, Ashland district, 30 years; B. D. Painter, system commercial department, Roanoke, 30 years and V. F. Sturgeon, Huntington district, 25 years.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Beckley District—Cecil E. Evans from credit and collection clerk to contract entry and final bill clerk.

Bluefield District—James D. Phelps from senior electrical engineer to system substation department.

Cabin Creek Plant—Robert W. Gwinn, Larkin Hollins, Carl Mooney, Earl Adkins, Jack Crist, Albert Hanning, Thomas Peay, John Blankenship, John Telisko, Jr., Charles O'Daniels, John Hammar and S. E. Kees to Kanawha River Plant.

Charleston District—John R. Ware from Montgomery office to Point Pleasant district.

Logan District—E. K. Bias from commercial sales representative to area sales representative at Madison, C. E. Gore from appliance serviceman to commercial sales representative.

Lynchburg District—James K. Reid from groundman to lineman C, Raymond O. Witt from PBX Operator to meter reader, Frank O. Smith from maintenance man helper to maintenance man C, Edward L. Baker from groundman to maintenance man helper and Maurice E. Campbell from car washer to groundman.

Philip Sporn Plant—Edward Ihle from laborer to maintenance helper, Charles F. King from laborer to maintenance helper, David E. Kettlewell from Philip Sporn Plant to Glen Lyn Plant; George A. Hout, Jr. from laborer to filter plant operator and sampler, and George G. MacKnight, from bookkeeper to acting head bookkeeper.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

Joan Clayman from Jr. PBX operator to clerk-typist; Clarence Carter from draftsman, Sr. to lead draftsman.

Uncle Bill Johnson, Retired, Helps March Of Dimes With Unusual Store



"Uncle Bill" points to the Balance Sheet painted on the front of his Jot-Em-Down Store in Marion where he raised \$1,200 for the March of Dimes. Salary, rent, lights, fuel, taxes, telephone and even alimony are "none" according to the sign. The other side of the ledger shows that all profits go to the March of Dimes. The other window boasts a sign saying: "We Sell The Best Straw You Ever Sat On—Buy A Bale—\$1."

Three years' operation of a country store has given W. S. "Uncle Bill" Johnson the reputation of "biggest skintint in Marion." But he loves it.

Uncle Bill, who retired as local superintendent in 1946 after over 40 years' service, only operates the store during the March of Dimes campaign. Proceeds go to the drive. It's been said that he can sell faster and get higher prices than any merchant to hit Marion.

Articles are contributed by merchants, farmers and citizens. This year's operation of the Jot-Em-Down Store in an empty building on Main Street netted \$1,200 for the March of Dimes.

Uncle Bill does not compete with other merchants because he sells most items for double the regular prices. Then, too, he sells more items than he has in inventory. This neat trick comes from selling some of the same items twice. He sometimes has as many as three "sold" tags on the same item.

Store hours were from 8:30 or 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. during the two-week fund drive. The March of Dimes Committee helped stock the store with hay, eggs, canned meat, fruit, vegetables, feed and hundreds of other items which people donated. Uncle Bill's part of the bargain was to sell the articles.

And how he sold them! To get a real close look at Uncle Bill's method of operating, you would have to see him in action. However, the following article in the *Smyth County News* is the next best thing and gives a good idea of how he managed to raise that \$1,200 in two weeks:

"We spent a couple of hours with him (Uncle Bill) this week. He was really putting out the work.

"Bob Garnett, who heads the March of Dimes for this entire area, came in to see how things were going. Bill had a bale of hay setting in the back of the store. Now Bob needs a bale of hay about as much as we need a hole in the head, but he bought this bale before he got out. And he didn't take it with him."

The writer went on to explain how Uncle Bill told Bob that he knew an old man in the country who needed hay for his horse, his only means of transportation. Uncle Bill said that Bob would be helping both the old man and the March of Dimes by buying the bale for \$5. Bob bought the bale—but the hay remained in the store.

Uncle Bill then sold the same bale of hay to three other men for a total of \$21. Then he slid the bale behind the counter with the following revelation:

"Guess I have worked this racket long enough today."

"When are you going to take this hay to the old man?"

"What old man?"

"Your friend who needs it for his horse."

"Haven't got a friend who needs it for a horse. I just borrowed this bale of hay from a farmer friend and have got to return it when we close down this week."

"You slap-dazzled, con-flaggered chiseler. You ought to be arrested."

"Now wait a minute. You notice I didn't beat anyone out of any money who couldn't afford it and who wasn't interested in helping the March of Dimes."

Well, the outcome of the article was that the feature writer got stuck \$17 through some involved financial shenanigans for three dozen eggs. In summary the article said:

"But don't let my case frighten you. Bill really has some good bargains. And, after all, the money goes to the March of Dimes, and what better way can you spend your dollars? And it is some fun to try and outsmart Robin Hood Johnson. Hope you have better luck than I did. Try it."

Pulaski Employee's Daughter Is Capped

Carol Lee Lester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lester of Pulaski, Virginia, was one of twenty-four student nurses recently capped at the Stuart Circle Hospital, Richmond.

The special capping ceremonies were conducted at the Laurel Hill House Nurses' Home. Miss Lester is a member of the Class of 1955.

Mr. Lester is employed in the Pulaski district Commercial department.

Appa-Mo Club Holds Dinner-Dance Affair

The Appa-Mo Club, a social club composed of employees of the system accounting department, held a dinner-dance at the Elks Club in Roanoke on March 6.

There were 114 members and guests presents. After the dinner, bingo was played and a number of prizes were given.

Wallace Coffey, Glada Fleishman, Tida Long, Marguerite Gregg and W. L. Sutor were in charge of arrangements.



Miss Lester

Roanoke Division Leads

Seven Months' Sales Campaign Off To Fast Start With Theme Of 'Beat '52'

"Beat '52!" is the cry heard from commercial departments around the system. Sales efforts in Appalachian territory are pointed toward meeting and beating the quota in the Seven Months' Sales Campaign.

The two months' report showed the company ahead of last year in range and dryer sales at a comparable time. But water heater sales were cool, lagging behind 1952. At the end of February, Appalachian had about 13% of range quota, over 13% of water heater quota and over 12% of dryer quota.

Roanoke is the leading division in range and water heater sales with Charleston division ahead in dryer sales. Roanoke division also is tops in combined units.

From a district standpoint, in ranges it's Charleston, Roanoke and Huntington. In water heaters it's Lynchburg, Fieldale and Welch. In dryers it's Beckley, Williamson and Lynchburg.

Results of last year's sales effort are

already becoming apparent. At the end of February, kilowatt-hour usage per customer was up over December 31 figures. Pulaski district has shown the greatest increase with 2.18%, followed by Fieldale with 2.16% and Abingdon with 1.92%. Bluefield division leads in this gain, followed by Huntington and Roanoke divisions.

Appalachian as a company averaged 1.55% increase in kilowatt-hour usage per customer. Kingsport boasted a 3.12% increase at the end of February.

Despite a good record at the end of two months, Appalachian had the dubious honor of being presented the "AGE Tail Enders Award." The framed award, complete with an attached 'coon tail, was sent to the system commercial department because Appalachian had the lowest per cent of quota among the big three of AGE. *The Thing*, it is hoped, will soon be forwarded to the Ohio Power Company or to Indiana & Michigan Electric Company.

Williamson District Girls Make First Visit In Series Of Educational Tours Of Property



J. L. Richmond, district engineer, explains how equipment works. Girls from left are: Patricia Eisel, Mary L. Kessinger, Patricia Mullins, Wilma Justice, Mabel Kiser, Juanita McCoy, Catherine Turner and Florence Murphy.

Many Williamson district girls heard, wrote and talked about phases of our business in terms that had little reality for them. To correct this situation, a tour was arranged of nearby company installations by the Education Committee of the district.

The first of a series of tours for about 30 district girls included visiting two 44 kv substations, the Sycamore switching structure and the 132 kv substation at Sprigg.

The girls had plenty of questions

to ask. They wanted to know what a regulator did, how a transformer changed voltage, where the district's source of power was and a hundred other things.

They were evidently satisfied with the answers because many said they had not realized how much there was to the business until they made the tour and saw equipment as it was explained. Plans were made for a week-end visit to a steam plant.

Son Of Charleston Man Given Honors

Doyle C. Counts, son of K. P. Counts of Charleston, recently was elected to membership in the honorary academic society, Phi Kappa Phi. Doyle is a student at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Va.



Mr. Counts

Members of Phi Kappa Phi are selected among the students in the upper ten per cent of their class. Selections are based upon character and other qualifications.

Doyle, a senior at V. P. I., will be graduated in May.

Mr. Counts is employed as local office manager at Charleston.

Petie Jefferson Elected Honor Society Member

Petie Jefferson was recently elected to membership in Roanoke's Jefferson Senior High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. He is the son of L. E. Jefferson, system accounting office.



Petie Jefferson

Petie, a junior, was one of 36 students admitted into the society based on scholarship, leadership, service and character. He recently attended a convention of the National Scholastic Press Association held at Columbia University in New York. As co-editor of sports of the high school newspaper, he was one of five delegates representing the "Jefferson News" which won medalist honors.

J. K. Hodges, Cabin Creek, Completes Service With AEP



Mr. Hodges

J. K. Hodges, veteran labor foreman at the Cabin Creek Plant, retired March 1 after having completed more than thirty-five years of service with the company. Jim was guest of honor at a recent dinner which was held at the Kanawha Airport Club Room.

At the dinner, Mr. Hodges was honored by his fellow employees which included C. G. Coughlin, plant manager; A. G. Mehlman, assistant plant manager, and H. C. Skaggs, Kanawha River Plant manager. Jim was presented several gifts by the group and was complimented by various speakers for his accomplishments during the years of his lengthy service.

Plant manager Coughlin said, "I know of no other man who has performed a wider variety of work with the company. There's no other like him."

Jim was employed at the Cabin Creek Plant on June 22, 1917 as labor foreman. His entire career in the electric utility business has been spent in supervisory capacity.

Mr. Hodges was born at St. Albans, West Virginia, in 1888 and has been a lifelong resident of the Kanawha Valley. He is the father of seven children and the grandfather of twelve.

Abingdon . . .

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Hospital.

Sympathy is extended Bill Ferguson, area sales representative, on the death of his uncle.

J. M. Orr, maintenance man, was elected vice president and J. J. Roseberry, line foreman, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Abingdon Blues, a semi-pro baseball club.

Sympathy is extended George L. Fields, groundman, on the death of his mother.

Bob Weisfeld, dealer sales representative, announced his candidacy for the office of vice president of the Virginia Jaycees.

Mrs. Charlie Hefner, wife of the distribution record clerk, is recovering after an operation.

Joe E. Collins, district rural and residential sales supervisor, was elected superintendent of the Abingdon Baptist Sunday School.

Mrs. Marion M. Miller, wife of the groundman, is recovering after an operation in a Johnson City hospital.

Clark Peck, distribution records supervisor, was elected to the Abingdon Rotary Club Board of Directors while George Wood, local office manager, was re-elected treasurer.

Mrs. O. G. Quillen, wife of the distribution record clerk, has returned home after treatment in the hospital.

Mrs. Thelma Kite, stores record clerk, resigned.

Beckley Man Is A Model Car Builder And Stock Car Racing Fan-Driver



Paul is shown with some of his models of automobiles. His collection covers major cars from the earlier Cadillacs to the most recent experimental projects.

Paul E. Pauley, a member of the Beckley district stores department, not only is an enthusiastic model automobile builder but is an ardent stock car racing fan. As a result of this interest, Paul now plans to do some driving as a hobby. He already is licensed for driving in events scheduled by the National Stock Car Association.

Automobiles have fascinated Paul since he was a youngster. His father taught him to drive at eight when he had to stand up to reach the pedals. Since that day, models and races have been a part of his life.

Paul did not take his models nor his collection seriously until 1946. Since that time, he has collected about 42 models. The earliest is a 1903 Cadillac and the most modern is the X-300 La-Sabre, an experimental project developed by General Motors.

Others include: 1908 Buick, 1911 Ford, 1910 electric Studebaker, Stanley Steamer, Stutz Bear Cat, 1910 Cadillac Limousine, 1905 Ford and others. Paul's collection also includes several of the European sport cars and late American models.

As for following racing, Paul traveled more than 16,000 miles last year to see races in many sections of the east and south. He has passed all of the necessary requirements for the control of a car at high speeds and has been thoroughly tested for coordination, reflex and stability. Much of his spare time is spent talking racing or swapping models where he has duplicates.

Paul was employed by the company in 1949. He has worked as a groundman, inspector, distribution and record clerk, and now is employed in the storeroom.

Mrs. McCulloch Is Re-Elected Head Of Bluefield Club

Mrs. Maude J. McCulloch, Bluefield district home economist, recently was re-elected president of the Bluefield Woman's Club. Mrs. McCulloch was installed at her post at a luncheon meeting early in March by Mrs. Ralph Klingensmith, president of the Southern District of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. McCulloch, one of the charter members of the Bluefield organization, served as president during the past year.

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Quartet Reunited



Four Sporn Plant employees organized a quartet in 1950 and sang on many occasions in the Ohio Valley and over Radio Station WJEH at Gallipolis. However calls to military service caused the disbandment of the quartet for about two years. Only recently were the four men able to get their musical aggregation back together again. Here are the members of the quartet, from the left, Charles Grim, bass; Dayton Raynes, baritone; Ralph Fink, lead and Glen Cartwright, Tenor.

Ashland . . .

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to work as custodian of the 25th Street Office.

H. S. Scott, assistant general manager, was elected to the board of directors of the Ashland Board of Trade. He has served on the board and also is a past president of the organization.

Eddie Stewart, stores department, participated in the Kentucky State Bowling Tournament at Owensboro.

New employees are: Daisy Hailman, local accounting; Nell Ruth Roberts, purchasing department, and Marlene Stafford, main accounting office.

Jack Finkbone resigned to go with Ashland Oil & Refining Company.

Bobby E. Hall, substation department, resigned.

Henderson's Article Is Published In Magazine

O. O. Henderson, Ashland district engineer, is the author of a recent article appearing in the *Electrical World* magazine.

The original manuscript, "Aid To Loading Oil Drums On Trucks," was first published in *A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes*. The article appeared in the November issue of the system publication.

Mr. Henderson's article outlined the design of a practical hoist used for the handling of large oil drums. The hoist makes it possible to load filled drums to the bed of a high truck with little effort on the part of personnel.



Mr. Henderson

Hale Commended For Work On Lighting Of Courthouse

Ralph Hale, Welch district area sales representative at Pineville, recently was commended for his help in modernizing the Wyoming County Courthouse.



Mr. Hale

In a letter to Mr. Hale, Prosecuting Attorney Robert Bailey said: "I wish to take this opportunity to thank you personally for that work that you did in making the preliminary plans on the lighting for the Courthouse and selling the Court on the necessity for it."

"The lights have now been installed, together with proper wiring and distribution facilities, and I have seen nothing to compare with the new set-up. It is modern in all respects, including outlets in all offices for machines and air-conditioning units. Again let me express my appreciation for your efforts and the complete cooperation you gave us in this matter."

Jack Jarrett Goes Into Military Service

Jack E. Jarrett, laborer at the Kanawha Valley Power Company, entered military service in March. He was a regular member of the Charleston district softball team.



Mr. Jarrett

Prior to being employed by the company in July of last year, Jack was a star basketball player for Stonewall Jackson High School in Charleston.

Logan . . .

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Easter Pageant at the Peach Creek Methodist Church. She also directs the youth choir at the church.

O. L. Bennett, area sales representative, spoke to the Logan Jr. Woman's Club on "Our American Heritage." Eleanor Winter, commercial department, program chairman of the club, was in charge of arrangements.

E. P. Hager, power sales engineer, was elected president of the Men's Fellowship at the Christian Church.

Irene Kirchman, commercial department, made arrangements for the spring style show presented at the meeting of the American Home Committee of the Junior Department of the Logan Woman's Club.

New employees include: Ruby J. Walls, commercial department, replacing Irene Kirchman; Willard Walton Chambers, meter reader in the Madison area, replacing N. G. Ball, and Tennis L. Mullins, meter reader, replacing S. A. Lilly.

Huntington District

New employees include: Ernest M. Collegrove and Evelyn Thompson, accounting department, and James F. Wellman, Jr., commercial department.

Sgt. Everett J. Erwin, right of way department employee on military leave with the Air Force, is chief of the drafting section of the North District Engineers Office in Paris, France.

Television Comes To Lothair, Ky., Because Of Efforts Of Two Employees

Where there's a will—there's a way. Two Hazard district employees living in Lothair had the one and found the other. They now enjoy television in an area where it was supposed to be "impossible."

Homer Combs, stores department, and Jess Payne, line department, became interested in television for their homes but there was no television station nearby. Lothair was in the fringe area. The closest station about 110 miles away was WSAZ, Huntington.

After reading books and articles on the subject, they found they were too far away to expect any satisfactory results. However, they decided to find out for themselves.

First they scouted for a good location. They found it atop a hill near their homes. A TV set was borrowed from a Hazard merchant and a 110 volt AC generator set from a Lothair firm. Loading these on their backs, they went to the test location.

At first their worst fears were realized as nothing was received on the set. Then the Huntington program started coming in—clear as a bell!

Their first problem solved, they began estimating costs of taking the signal down the hill to their homes. They soon realized the cost of buying equipment and constructing a line was rising above their means.

However, they did not intend to let this problem beat them after coming that far. They contacted several neighbors and explained their tests and their situation. The neighbors then agreed to share in the cost and labor of constructing the line.

Working on evenings and week ends, the men started construction on the line, right of way was cut and 1,600 feet of 300 ohm fret line and a 110 volt power circuit were installed. A 10-element Yagi single

4th Safety Award Is Presented To Billing Office At Huntington

For the fourth consecutive year, the employees of the Huntington system billing office have earned certificates of merit for accident prevention. No lost-time accidents were recorded during 1952.

At a formal presentation of the Certificate of Merit, A. R. Guthrie, billing supervisor, accepted the award on behalf of the department's employees. The presentation was made by D. C. Duncan, system safety director.

Key To Beaver Presented Waldo LaFon



Waldo S. LaFon, Beckley district manager, receives the "Key To Beaver" from Scout Johnny Rakes of Beaver, West Virginia. Occasion for the unusual presentation was turning on the new street lights in the small community south of Beckley. Tracy Shannon and Lawrence Pruett watch the presentation. Twenty lights have been installed and 10 more are scheduled to complete coverage of about a mile down the community's main street which is U. S. Route 19-21. According to C. D. Munson, assistant county superintendent, a Boy Scout was chosen to present the key because he represented the children who had increased safety through the new street lights. (Photo courtesy Raleigh Register.)



Jess Payne, left, and Homer Combs stand beneath a section of the line that made television reception possible in Lothair, surrounded by mountains and 110 miles away from the nearest TV station.

bay antenna was installed atop the hill. Jess Payne's television set was turned on and reception was good.

More and more people in Lothair are joining the setup. Company employees enjoying television in addition to Payne and Combs are C. H. McKinney, John Cody, Fred Ihrig, Carlyn Byrd and Thomas Bunton.

Al Brendel Elected To Office In New Circle Eight Club

Alvin W. Brendel, personnel assistant, Charleston, recently was elected treasurer of the newly organized "Circle Eight" Club at Charleston.

"Circle Eight," a club composed of ardent followers of the art of square dancing, is an unusual organization. Membership is limited and applicants are accepted only upon recommendations of members of the club.

The club entertains once each month and the color of the outing is planned to correspond to the period and the dance it represents. "Circle Eight" is believed to be the first club of its kind in the Charleston area.



Mr. Brendel

Champ Of Champs



Jack Crosier, eighteen-year-old son of C. A. Crosier, Beckley district substation operator, recently was awarded the "Champ of Champs" trophy in the Novice Division of the Sectional Golden Gloves Tournament which was held in Beckley. Jack won all four of his elimination bouts at Beckley and entered the Regional Tournament at Huntington. Scrapping with winners from Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia, Jack chalked up two more wins. He injured his right arm in the first match then went on to win the second. With but two bouts between Jack and the Regional crown, Jack had to default because of the arm injury. The injury occurred on Friday the 13th. That date also jinxed Mr. Crosier. While getting a hair cut before going to see his son fight, another man fell off of a shoe shine stand and crashed into him. The result was a sprained ankle for Mr. Crosier.

Sporn . . .

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plant. Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Michael on the death of her father.

Paul E. Scally, personnel supervisor, was one of the judges that selected the queen of the "Miss Fusee" Ball at Pomeroy, Ohio.

New employees are Arthur H. Hart and Dennis W. Johnson, labor department, and Ardis J. Smith, accounting department.

Welch Dist. Commercial Department In New Office

The Welch district commercial department has moved from its old quarters at the Wyoming Street offices to the new service building.

After being settled at their new location, members of the department were hosts to other employees at a recent open house. Refreshments were served to those attending.

Kentucky Men Hunt Deer Hard Way



Four Hazard hunters, Adrian Combs, Carlyn Byrd, Willie Warner and Ralph Dixon recently invaded Bernheim Park to stalk deer the hard way. Armed only with bows and arrows, these sportsmen enjoyed a good hunt despite the fact they brought back no deer. Adrian, shown drawing bead, stalked within forty yards of a large buck but was unable to shoot because of a massive tangle of Japanese honeysuckle and underbrush. Adrian is the district's substation foreman. Carlyn Byrd, watching in the above photograph, also a member of the substation department, saw his only deer in a "No Hunting Area." Dixon and Warner worked within range but had only fleeting glimpses of their deer. With the exception of Mr. Combs, all hunters were in the field for their first time with bows and arrows. This was Adrian's eighth hunt. Mr. Combs is a director of the Kentucky Archery Association, a new organization recently formed of Bow Hunters and Target Clubs of Kentucky.

Sporn League Is Champion And Tournament Winners



The Philip Sporn Plant Bowling League champions, Emmert's Shift, center, from the left, are: Raymond Smith, Harlen Wehrung, Leslie Damewood, Frank Bailey, James Russell and Harry Davis. The keglers were winners of the recent Philip Sporn Plant Employees Bowling Tournament. They won both the single and double events. Left,



winners of the "No Handicap" classification are from the left: Wyatt Chadwell, doubles; Paul Henderson, singles, and Robert Gilmore, doubles. Right, winners of the "Handicap" competition, from the left are: Harlen Wehrung, singles; Leslie Damewood and Harry Davis, the double winners.



High Volters Win The Third Quarter In Beckley League

In the Beckley District Bowling League, the High Volters outrolled all competition to win a third quarter victory.

The High Volters, by winning this quarter of the 1952-53 season, assured themselves of a berth in the playoffs for the championship. The Volters will clash with the winners of the final period to determine which team will roll against the first half champions, the Split Teasers.

Beckley keglers assured of bowling in the final rounds of the current season, are, Split Teasers: N. G. Ferguson, Jennie Gaziano, R. L. McGraw, L. C. Mollohan and Sue Wills. The High Volters: James Barker, F. O. Helm, J. A. Thompson, John Steele, Elizabeth Hancock and Regina Slayton.

Employee's Son Sets New Scoring Mark

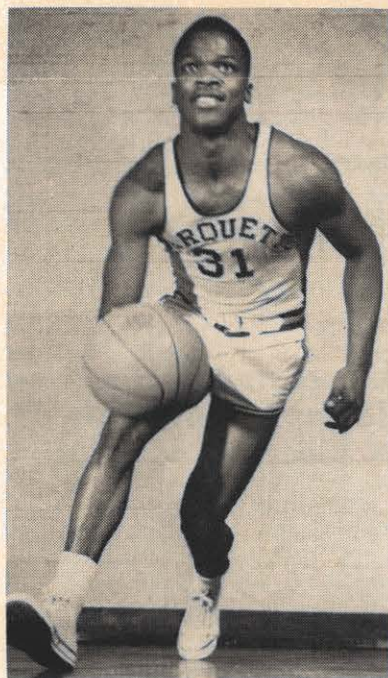
Ben Valley, son of L. F. Valley, Abingdon district line foreman, racked-up 96 points during the recent Virginia District Seven Basketball Tournament. Young Valley's scoring spree established a new record for individuals in tournament competition.

Ben, a fifteen-year-old sophomore, paced the Honaker Tigers through three tournament victories before suffering their first defeat. The Marion quint downed the Tigers in the tournament's finals.

Emmert's Shift bowlers are champions of the Philip Sporn plant Bowling League's 1952-53 season. The Champions, winners of the second half of league play, defeated the Labor Number One team for the crown. The Labor keglers won the first half.

Emmert's Shift also topped the field of twelve teams with the best standing. League standings were: Emmert's Shift, .788; Labor Number One, .727; Morgan's Shift, .727; Carroll's Shift Number One, .636; Maintenance Number Two, .545; No Results, .545; Maintenance Number Three, .467; Office, .467; Results Shop, .333; Maintenance Number One, 306; Carroll's Shift Number Two, .303; and Labor Number Two, .267.

Marquette Cager



Ralph Wilson

Ralph Wilson, son of Charlie Wilson of the Pikeville district, was one of Marquette University's basketball stars during the past season. Wilson is a clever 20-year-old junior.

Ralph's college basketball career has not always been so successful. When he entered Marquette in 1950, he had an impressive high school record at Pikeville to live up to. He played well defensively but was unable to click as a scorer. He was used as a spot player even through the early part of this season.

While Marquette was on a road trip, Ralph got his break. He began ripping-the-cords and has been dazzling the spectators ever since. His teamwork and scoring contributed much to victories over Creighton, Wichita and others. Starting against Kansas State, the nation's number one quint, Ralph collected seven baskets, one free throw, and snagged 14 rebounds. This was one of his best nights of the year.

Marquette's Coach Winter says, "If Ralph keeps progressing—he'll be great."

Sons Of Sporn Men



Sons of Philip Sporn Plant employees were members of the Wahama High School basketball squad during the past season. Wahama, with a 16 and 6 season's record, won the sectional tournament at Ravenswood but was defeated in the regional playoffs at Hurricane. The Wahama basketballers, left to right, are: Jack Ford, son of Kermit Ford, is a steady cager for the WHS quintette. Tom Scally, son of Paul Scally, was sidelined due to a pre-season football injury. Tom, a regular for the two preceding years, was official scorer. Richard Athey, son of Clayton A. Athey, was one of the spark plugs of the Wahama attack. Richard also was selected as forward on the All-Regional team.

Charleston Keglers Defeat Beckley In Two Inter-District Bowling Matches



Here are the bowlers participating in the recent inter-district matches. Top photograph, Charleston, front row, left to right: Pauline Lanham, Boots Sisson, Ilene Akers, Lois Wilson and Eldivia Cline. Second row: Carl Murray, Sox Campbell, Denny Caldwell, Jennings Fulkner and Jim Britt. Back row: Ray Cole, Paul Blizzard, and Hurston Webb. Bottom photograph, Beckley, front row, left to right: Max Dwornick and Elmer Wright. Second row: Leo Bias, Regina Slayton, Elizabeth Scott, Elizabeth Hancock, Helen Troutman, Emma Jean Wilson and J. A. Barker. Back row: Cliff Flannery of Charleston, Horse Martin, Eugene O'Neal, Eddie Berginnis, Keith Evans, Waldo LaFon and Elmer Hutchinson.

At two recent inter-district bowling matches, one held in Beckley and the other at Charleston, the Charleston bowlers won both encounters. In the most recent match at Charleston, the hosts won by a narrow 83-pin margin over Beckley in three contests. In their first meeting Charleston had everything going their way. They defeated Beckley with a 344-pin edge.

At Charleston, the host's number one team was trounced by Beckley by 59-pins. Charleston's number two team and its girls' teams piled up a 142-pin lead to win the match by a narrow 83-pin margin. Outstanding bowlers of this match were Regina Slayton's 458 series and Pauline

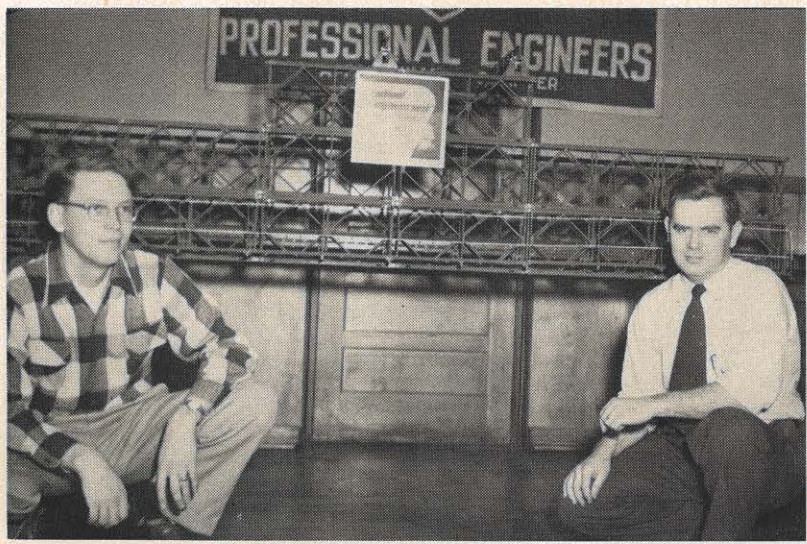
Lanham's 178 single game for the girls. In the men's matches, Leo Bias rolled a 532 series while Eddie Berginnis copped the single high game with 209-pins.

In the Beckley match, Charleston claimed a clean sweep. Charleston's number one team rolled a 159-pin edge; number two, 120-pins, and the girls, 65-pins, a total of 344-pins for the match.

Outstanding bowlers during the event included: Eldivia Cline, 195-pins, high single game and a 504 series. Hurston Webb rolled a 265 and a 666 for top honors among the men bowling in the match.

Refreshments were served the bowlers following the matches.

Beckley Men Assemble Model Bridge



R. R. Griffith, left, and Felix E. Fisher kneel before the model Bailey panel bridge they recently assembled for display. The model was shown during Professional Engineers Week in a Beckley store. The bridge, based upon a design to carry military loads, was erected on a 1 to 8 scale. It weighed about three hundred pounds and was assembled from 4,718 parts. Both employees worked about 8 hours erecting the model.

Snodgrass Is Elected Head Of Tri-State Amateur Radio Club

G. E. Snodgrass, property records supervisor, Ashland, recently was elected president of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



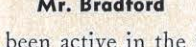
Mr. Snodgrass

Mr. Snodgrass, who has been a licensed amateur radio operator since 1935, operates his station, W4WUR.

He has been active in all phases of club work over the years and has served in several offices. He is a past president, vice president and secretary and treasurer. Mr. Snodgrass also served the club as a member of the board of directors.

Clarence Bradford Is Vice President Of Racine Fire Department

Clarence Bradford, filter plant operator and sampler at Philip Sporn plant, was recently elected vice president of the Racine, Ohio, fire department. This volunteer fire department has twenty active members and a fully equipped truck which serves not only Racine but three surrounding townships.



Mr. Bradford

Clarence has been active in the fire department for the past two years. He was employed at Sporn plant in June, 1951, in the labor department. He served five years in the Merchant Marine as a second mate.

Dillard Elected Head Of Abingdon Club



Sam Dillard, standing, a member of the Abingdon district meter department, has been elected president of the Abingdon Employees Club. Other officers elected at the annual meeting include, left to right, H. S. Fogleman, vice president; Ann Howard, secretary, and Audrey Haga, treasurer.

Son Of Kanawha Plant Employee Gets Scout Award



Jimmy smiles at his mother as she pins his Eagle Scout badge in place. J. L. Bryant, his father, looks on.

Jimmy Bryant, 15-year-old son of James L. Bryant, a Kanawha River Plant control operator, recently was presented his Eagle Scout Award, Scouting's highest honor. The Eagle presentation was made to Jimmy at an area Court of Honor which was held at the Chelyan Baptist Church.

Over the years, Jimmy has had a keen interest in all phases of scout work. He was elected to membership in the Order of the Arrow, a national fraternity, and served as member of the staff at Scout Camp during the past two seasons.

Jimmy, a junior at East Bank High School, was the author of the poem, "Life," recently selected for publication in the *Anthology of High School Poetry*. This is the first selection ever to be accepted from an East Bank student by that national association.

He also has an extensive interest in music. As a trombonist, he is a member of the E.B.H.S. band. He has played in the North-South band; Kanawha All-County band; Soapbox Derby band, and the Little League band. For the past two years, Jimmy was selected to sing with the Kanawha County Chorus.

Legionnaires Honor James E. Bailey At A Bluefield Meeting

James E. Bailey, a member of the Bluefield district engineering department, was one of the Korean veterans recently honored by members of the Riley Post Number 9, American Legion, Bluefield. Jim, a marine combat veteran, spent 12 months of his active duty on Korean soil in the fighting which centered about the Chosin Reservoir.



Mr. Bailey

Highlighting the program was a panel discussion on Korean engagements. Jim was one of the four veterans participating and Ray Heldreth, a Bluefield commercial department employee, served as moderator. In addition to engagements, living conditions, terrain, food and other factors were discussed.

Jim said the electrical industry in Korea was still in the primitive stage. Practically all of the country's power is generated from the Chosin Reservoir. The few homes having electric service use it for lighting. Appliances of any description were rare.

Jim was presented an American Legion Certificate of Honor by the Legionnaires. The citation was given for the purpose of honoring all Korean Veterans.

Perform In Lynchburg Elks' Club Minstrel



Lynchburg district employees appear in the Elks' Club Minstrel each year. Above are some in the Minstrel held March 4-6. From the left, front row: Neda Mays, Virginia Tibbs (wife of Roy) and Anne Carson. Back row: Roy Tibbs, Loyd Smith and Tom Hill. Absent when the picture was made were Dick Campbell and Earl Driskill.

Mary Nelson Model For National Smile Week



Mrs. Nelson

Mary Frances Nelson, Roanoke cashier, was featured in the Sunday issue of *The Roanoke Times* as one of the examples in the observance of National Smile Week, March 8-14.

The accompanying picture was taken by the newspaper while Mrs. Nelson was working. She has been an employee of the company since November of 1950.

Secretary Of Area Fire Organization

E. J. Stalker, Glen Lyn Steam Plant stores supervisor, recently was elected secretary of the Giles County Volunteer Fire Organization.

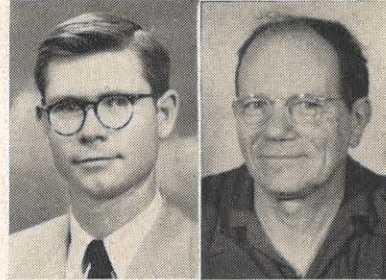


Mr. Stalker

The volunteer firemen's organization is composed of departments from Glen Lyn, Rich Creek, Narrows, Pembroke and Pearisburg of Virginia and Peterstown, W. Va.

Mr. Stalker, a resident of Rich Creek, is a member of the Rich Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

Chemists Changed At Glen Lyn Plant



Mr. Kettlewell Mr. Leist

J. H. Leist, Glen Lyn plant, chemist, has been transferred to the American Gas & Electric Service Corporation's general laboratory at Power, West Virginia. David E. Kettlewell, who has been employed as chemist at the Philip Sporn Plant, has been named to succeed Mr. Leist. Both transfers became effective April 1.

Mr. Leist, a native of Ohio, was employed at the Philo Plant prior to being transferred to Glen Lyn in 1949.

He is a veteran of World War II, married, and the Leists are the parents of two daughters.

Mr. Kettlewell, a graduate of West Virginia University, was employed at the general laboratory at Power in 1950. Later, he was transferred to the Philip Sporn Plant as a chemist.

Mr. Kettlewell also is a veteran of World War II. He served eighteen months with the 102nd Infantry in the European Theater of Operations. He is married and the Kettlewells are the parents of one son and one daughter.

Huntington Group Finish Aid Courses



Seventeen Huntington district employees, under the supervision of Earl Wellman, safety supervisor, recently completed first aid training in both the standard and advanced courses. Two practice victims are stretched out in the foreground. Shown above, left to right, Earl Wellman, instructor; Ralph Henderson, Charles E. Hoschar, Jr., David Hanshaw, Gertrude Thresher, Joe Schultz, Ted M. Payne, Homer Hagaman, Tommy Templeton, James Hicks, C. H. McCallister, B. C. Hoover, Fred Moore, Robert Morrison and Homer C. Smith. Victims: B. V. Winkler, left, and Jim Stover. Robert Webster was absent when this photograph was made.