

Remember: A pat on the back is only about 16 inches from a kick in the pants.

The Illuminator

Most folks know how to say nothing, but few know when.

AGE Report Shows New Records In Sales And Peak Demand Set In 1952

New records in the sale of energy, peak demand, operating revenues and expenses, and construction costs were set by the American Gas and Electric Company during 1952.

The AGE annual report for the year, recently mailed to stockholders, also points to new advances in power generation efficiency and in transmission engineering.

Expansion Program

During the year, the company pushed forward the biggest expansion program in its history. By the end of the eight-year period, 1947-1954, AGE will have invested more than \$680-million in new construction. A record \$113-million was spent last year.

As a part of this expansion program, 300,000 kilowatts of new generating capacity was placed in service during 1952. This included the fourth unit at the Philip Sporn plant and the first unit at the Tanners Creek Plant of Indiana and Michigan Electric Company. The first section of the System's 330,000 volt line was completed and work was underway on extending the ultra high voltage line into Ohio. This is the highest voltage line in the nation and when completed the 330,000 volt grid will link all of the AGE's major plants.

Financing Operations

To help pay for this giant expansion program, AGE carried out financing operations of about \$76-million in 1952. The company sold 170,000 shares of common stock to a group of underwriters at \$58.563 per share and \$20-million of 3 3/8 per cent sinking fund debentures. Indiana and Michigan Electric Company and Appalachian also carried out financing programs. Appalachian sold to the public \$17-million of its first mortgage bonds and \$6-million of its serial notes, both at 3 1/2 per cent.

For the first time in history, American Gas and Electric Company's operating revenues went over \$200-million. Revenues of \$206-million topped the 1951 record by more than \$13-million.

During 1952 operating expenses rose to a record high of \$179-million. This figure includes a tax expense of \$43.6-million.

As evidence of the greater use of power, sales of energy during 1952 were 15 billion kilowatthours, compared to 14.1-billion during 1951. Using this energy were 1,251,700 customers in 2,290 communities in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Tennessee. In 1951, the system served 1,219,000 customers.

Ashland Jaycees Elect Robert W. Schweitzer As Club President

Robert W. Schweitzer was elected president of the Ashland Junior Chamber of Commerce. Bill is a lighting engineer at Ashland.

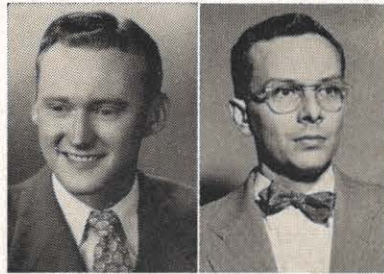
The son of Mrs. Rose Schweitzer and the late Milton Schweitzer of Ashland, he is a Navy veteran and graduate of Ashland High School, Class of 1941. He has held the offices of first and second vice presidents as well as a director in the Jaycees.

Leader of many committees and projects, he headed last year's Better Home Show and Youth Center Drive. He attended the Jaycee Convention in Texas and has been active in other civic organizations and campaigns.



Mr. Schweitzer

Kingsport Men Succeed Each Other In Junior Chamber



Mr. Faust

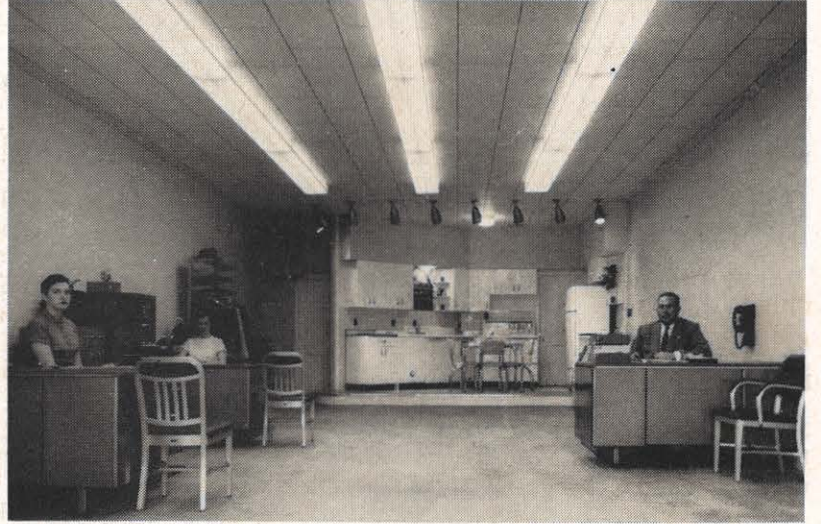
Mr. White

Two Kingsport Utilities employees, John Faust and Keene White, have been elected to succeed each other in offices of the Kingsport Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. White has been elected to succeed Faust as president, while John will take over the duties of vice president of Region 1 in the state organization. That post was held by Mr. White. Both have served as vice presidents of the local organization as well as directors for the state group.

During the past year under the leadership of President Faust, the Kingsport Jaycees received one of the state's top awards, the West Memorial Trophy. The award was made for having the best public relations program in Tennessee. The presentation of the award was made to Mr. White, who was chairman of that committee. The Kingsport chapter also won first place in membership and personnel, community welfare funds, and publications; second place in public affairs.

Keene is employed as payroll supervisor. He has been with the company 14 years. John is a power sales engineer with five years of service.

Milton Office Is Opened To Public



The new Milton, West Virginia, office has been opened. Above, left foreground, Doris Murphy, cashier; Edith M. Jones, back, home economist; and Kyle D. Moore, area sales representative, are shown in the office. The new facilities house the business office, appliance display space, demonstration kitchen and a garage for a three-man line crew. More than five hundred customers attended the opening at which refreshments were served, favors distributed, and prizes awarded.

Nicholas Roomy Has Been Elected To The Logan City Council

Nicholas Roomy, Jr., a member of the Logan district's accounting department, has been elected to the Logan City Council. Mr. Roomy, the only Democratic candidate, together with four Republican councilmen and the incumbent mayor, Litz McGuire, were voted into office during the recent election which was held April 7.

This campaign was Mr. Roomy's first bid for a public office. The flannel board talks, "The Power of Your Vote," which he conducted throughout the Logan area last fall, were instrumental in his decision to run for council.

Mr. Roomy has been employed with the Appalachian Electric Power Company since 1938. He is a veteran of World War II, married, and the Roomys are the parents of one son.



Mr. Roomy

Work On Fieldale Office Building 65% Complete

The addition and alterations to the Fieldale office building are about 65% complete with all exterior masonry work finished and the building under roof. Work on the district office started last October.

The contractor, John W. Daniel & Company, is now laying off and installing inside office partitions. The plumber, electrician and air conditioning contractors are making additions and changes to the building scheduled for completion about mid-June. When completed the entire building will be air conditioned and equipped with fluorescent lights.

The new addition added on to the existing building is of brick construction with over-all dimensions of 60 feet by 44 feet, 10 inches. A storeroom is located in the bottom or ground floor. On the first floor at road level will be a 96-seat auditorium, complete with a modern demonstration and preparation kitchen. The local accounting offices will also be in the new addition.

Alterations on the existing office will include remodeling of the present storeroom at road level for use by the meter, distribution, right of way and substation departments.

W. I. Whitefield On Board Of Directors

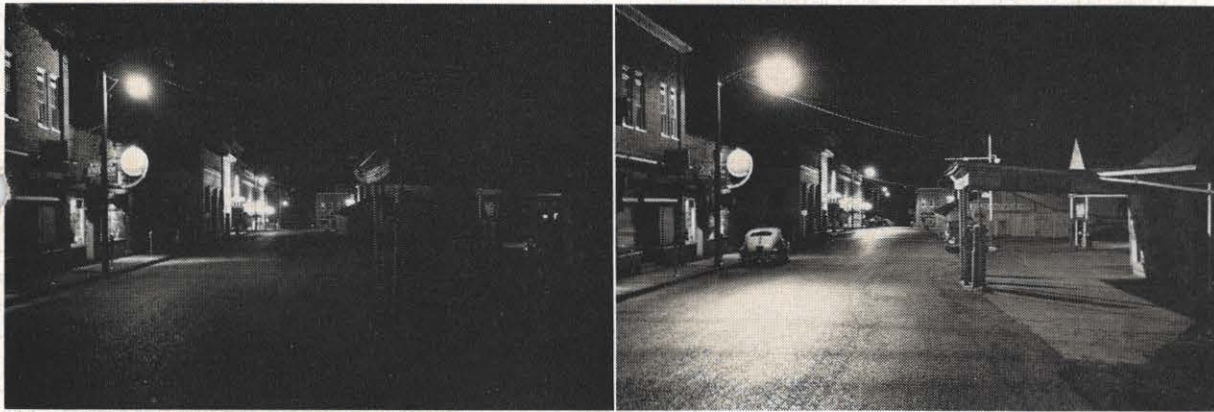
W. I. Whitefield, Roanoke division manager, has been elected to the board of directors of Appalachian. His election took place last month at the annual meeting of stockholders of the company at the Roanoke general offices.

A veteran of almost 30 years' service, he has been division manager since 1943. He was employed as general superintendent and became district manager on January 1, 1929. He was made assistant division manager in May of 1940.



Mr. Whitefield

New Rocky Mount Street Lighting System Put In Operation



BEFORE: Darkness shrouds the right side of this street in downtown Rocky Mount. This was before modern lighting. **AFTER:** The new street lighting system that was turned on last month illuminates both sides of the same street.

A new whiteway went into operation in Rocky Mount in mid-April when a modernized street lighting system was turned on by Mayor W. N. Angle. Witnessing the ceremony were town councilmen and W. P. Booker, Roanoke district manager; W. W. Krebs, district superintendent, and A. R. Martin, local superintendent at the Rocky Mount office.

Thirty old lights were replaced with 44 new lights which produce a total of 208,000 lumens, about seven times the amount of light supplied by the old system.

The new lights were installed on

U. S. Route 220 from the corporate line south to the intersection of Main Street and Hillcrest Drive and on State Route 40 from the bridge to Floyd Avenue and around to Main Street on Taliferro Street.

The Franklin News-Post in a story on April 16 said in summary: "Rocky Mount should feel proud of the step forward it has taken in authorizing this new street lighting system. Not only has it been proven that both vandalism and accidents are greatly reduced where streets are properly lighted, but it is also a fact that a well lighted town is a progressive town."



L. A. Philpott, lineman at Rocky Mount, removes the old street light fixture after connecting the new.

Address Inserted On Government Activity In Power Business

Herbert Hoover recently delivered an address in Cleveland on the subject of the federal government's activities in the electric power business. In case you missed hearing or reading it, a reprint of the address is inserted in this issue of THE ILLUMINATOR.

A topic of considerable comment in the newspapers and on radio, the address was made at the Diamond Jubilee banquet of Case Institute of Technology. What the government's participation has meant so far; what implications a continuance of this policy carries for every citizen, and what can be done—all are discussed by the former president in his speech.

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Words Can Be Tricky, Too

There's an old saying that figures can lie, but in this characteristic they are hardly unique. Words can play tricks, too.

Take the words, "public power." Sounds good—like something that's for the benefit of everyone, for the general public good.

Now take "private power." These words sound like something very exclusive—something for just a few.

Let's see how much truth there is in the implication:

Business-managed companies are owned by millions of people who have invested some of their savings in shares of stock in "private" electric companies. Our Company, for instance, has thousands of owners, people in all walks of life. Shareowners have a voice in the affairs of their companies and get a return on their investment.

When you become a shareowner it is a voluntary act on your part. Anyone can buy in or sell as he pleases. There's nothing private about that.

You are also part owner of government power projects, built with your money, but that can hardly be called voluntary participating on your part.

A few government officials take your tax money and spend it where and how they please on power projects. You have no voice in their management, and you get no return on the investment. You can't take it or leave it as you choose. Furthermore, the project may be a thousand miles away, thus giving you no benefit at all—although, of course, you help pay for it.

In other words, in a government power project you supply the capital, but you get nothing back. What's more, government power discriminates in offering service. There's a gimmick called a "preference clause," which permits government to favor the customers of public power agencies with subsidized federal electricity.

In summary, "public" power gives you no voice, may not benefit you at all, yet you are required to pay for it whether you like it or not. Furthermore, it prefers to serve certain groups to the possible exclusion of others. On the other hand, "private" power is really very public—owned voluntarily by you and millions more to serve all of the public in the most efficient manner of free enterprise.

It is unfortunate but true that the terms "public" and "private" have been misused where government and business-managed electric power are concerned.

—(Adapted from Idaho Power Company Bulletin)

Your Opinion

What is the first freedom people lose when a democracy is destroyed? Why?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FRANK AGEE, Coal Handling Department, Glen Lyn Plant



It is my belief that the first freedom people would lose when a democracy is destroyed is the freedom of religion.

You can't explain free government in any other terms than religion. The founding fathers had to refer to the Creator in order to fulfill their revolutionary experiment, for all men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights upon which freedom is born.

Our forefathers wrote their religious faith into our founding documents, stamped their trust in God on the faces of their coins and currency and put it boldly at the base of our institutions; and when they drew up their Bill of Rights they put "Freedom of Worship," first, in the cornerstone position. That was no accident.

Only a people strong in Godliness is a people strong enough to overcome tyranny and make themselves and others free.

SUE BOWLES, Accounting Department, Welch



Usually the first freedom people lose when a democracy is destroyed is the freedom of speech and assembly. This usually involves the loss of freedom in the use of newspapers, radio and television. A democracy can only function in a country where the people know the truth.

When the enemy wishes to destroy a democracy he usually starts with false propaganda which is spread through the misuse of newspapers, radio, television and other means.

The next step is to remove the privilege of free elections. Dictatorship takes over. People fear to express themselves even at the polls. All criticism of the government is considered disloyalty. Free government is replaced by a small group of party leaders.

The destruction of democracy is a chain reaction. When freedom of speech and assembly are gone, freedom of religion soon follows. Economic freedom then goes, making free men into slaves of the state.

Democracy can only survive if all of the people are willing to sacrifice to make it work.

C. R. WILSON, Jr., Electrical Engineer, Williamson



Freedom of expression would be the first to go. The totalitarian form of government can be accomplished only if strict censorship is placed on the people's recourse to expression. Under this form of government the people must refrain from openly expressing any undue criticism of governmental leaders or policies. Should open resentment to the totalitarian state be allowed to flourish then it is obvious that the form of government could not be what the name implies.

The democratic peoples of the various countries enjoy practically an unbounded freedom of expression. This freedom is encouraged by a democracy, for a democracy thrives on what its people are doing, saying, thinking and writing which are forms of expression.

LOIS BLAKELY, Accounting Department, Kingsport.



When a democracy is destroyed, a person's own individual freedom is usually the first to be taken away from him. This freedom would be abolished because of fear of expressing our own beliefs or opinions in public or private conversations.

We would have to go about our work in silence and fear of dictatorship. We would not go to our jobs and work the hours that are assigned to us, receive our pay and go home to our families.

Our freedom of going when and where we please, and doing as we please would also be abolished. We would be deprived of going to the church of our choice and worship.

Since a destroyed democracy would mean all this to the individual's freedom, I think freedom is one thing to keep fighting for.

GORDON H. BROYLES, Substation Department, Roanoke



When a democracy is destroyed, I believe many freedoms and privileges would be lost. I believe the privilege of voting would be the first to go, then perhaps, next would be the privilege of choosing one's profession or trade.

If we consider the basic freedoms that were included in the Atlantic Charter by the late President Roosevelt, I believe the first that would be lost would be "freedom from fear," because this freedom would be lost while the democracy was in the process of being destroyed.

During the last few years many people felt like we were in danger of losing our form of government due to high taxes and deficit spending. To them the "freedom from fear" was lost, at least temporarily.

TIDA J. LONG, System Accounting Department, Roanoke



The freedom to speak without fear is one principle on which a democracy is based. This is the first freedom people lose when a democracy is destroyed. A public-spirited citizen not only has a vote, but also has a voice and uses it.

With the loss of our freedom of speech, it would no longer be possible to attend meetings where matters of vital interest to you and your neighbor are discussed, such as, town meetings, political rallies, public sessions of the city council, civic, religious or any organizations to which you belong.

This would also mean loss of freedom of the press, the right to criticize government and its representatives. It would stop petitions, writing of letters to public officials and the "Voice of the People" columns in our local newspapers. Thus, the dignity and freedom of the individual is lost.

Freedom of speech is the life-blood of our democracy, and for any dictatorship to flourish it first becomes necessary to eliminate all criticism.

R. E. MORRISON, Mechanical Engineer, Cabin Creek Plant



I believe the first freedom people lose when a democracy is destroyed is the incentive or desire to use their minds for the constructive good of themselves and their fellow men. If there is no expression of thought through the democratic channels, the minds of the people become stagnant and non-productive. Dictated thinking leads to restriction of natural abilities and the emphasis then is placed on fanatical support of the ideology of the selected few controlling the government.

The control of the peoples' thinking is necessary in a non-democratic form of government in order that the freedom and desire to think be supplanted by the dogma of the leaders. Once this is accomplished the average citizen becomes a puppet in the hands of the autocratic rulers.

J. R. PAUL, Accounting Department, Ashland



At the time of the actual fall of a democracy the first freedom lost is usually the freedom of speech, which of course, includes the free use of the press, radio, etc.

However, the destruction of such a system of government does not take place overnight. It is the gradual result of propaganda and fifth column work which molds the thoughts and ideas of the citizen and thus deprives him of the freedom of making up his own mind and drawing his own conclusions.

It is in this groundwork of subversive activity that the actual destruction of democracy takes place which culminates in a sudden awareness that we have lost something that is very valuable to us and which is very difficult to recover once having been lost.

ETHEL MALCOM, Transmission and Distribution Department, Huntington



I believe the first freedom people lose when a democracy is destroyed is freedom of the press. Through the press, any person can express his opinion or present new ideas on any subject. All issues can be presented to the public and their reaction, whether they are for or against, can be published. They can learn how their congressmen and senators have voted on any issues that are before them.

Freedom of religion is most important of all freedoms. However, if propaganda was printed about it, perhaps many people could be led to believe that Christ doesn't exist.

Because it allows all free people, whether rich or poor, to express their opinion and to become better educated about the affairs of their government, I believe freedom of the press would be a communistic government's worst enemy.

E. W. Meador Owns Collection Of Guns That Started As Childhood Hobby



E. W. Meador holds a .45-70 target rifle that he is rebuilding out of a Remington rider action and a Gatling gun. It weighs 13 pounds. Guns in the background are part of his collection.

"Guns are for shooting." This expression comes from a Bluefield employee who might be mistaken for a gun collector if you saw his arsenal of about 40 weapons of foreign and domestic make.

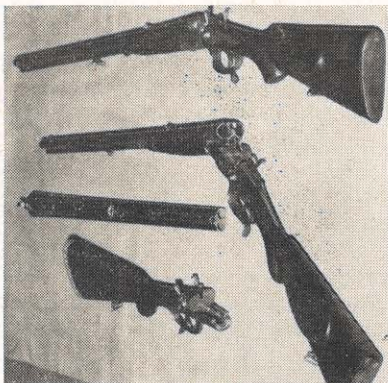
E. W. Meador, Bluefield division radio engineer, does not classify himself as a "collector" in the true sense of the word since he is interested in guns that shoot rather than for historical reasons. However, he does have as unusual a collection as you are likely to see outside of a museum. Looking over the rifles and revolvers seems like a display of international arms manufacturers. In addition to American models, he has guns from Switzerland, France, Germany and other nations.

E. W. has long been interested in guns. He fired a rifle at eight and was hunting alone when he was ten. He joined the National Rifle Association in 1925 and attended the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, in 1928. The latter he considers one of the highpoints of his life.

E. W. says there are few guns in his collection that are worth over \$50 and doubts if the whole group would bring \$850 on the market. His main pleasure comes from taking some obsolete item and making something useful out of it.

His gunsmithing is on a limited scale. He repairs a gun for a friend or acquaintance if he has time and facilities, but makes no effort to make money at this work. Most of his conversion work requires the assistance of a machine shop and consists mainly of fitting up obsolete rifles to use presently available ammunition.

Although E. W. sells, buys and trades with other members of the "gunbug" hobby, he points out that the expense comes in "skeet and trap shooting." For this reason, he has been loading his rifle ammunition for



These three-barrel guns were made in Germany about 50 years ago as all-purpose guns for German sportsmen. E. W. also has a Swiss Army rifle and other foreign-made guns.

years at a saving and soon plans to cut shotgunning costs by reloading shells.

He wears an old jacket with a shoulder patch showing his membership in the Tri-Angle Sportsmans Club. He has worn a hole through the jacket's right shoulder from firing about 20,000 rounds of ammunition.

He often shoots with officers of the Bluefield Police Department and ranks high in revolver shooting. When scores are tallied at the skeet and trap range, he is at the top or close to it. He has made good showings in state competition and won the Class B skeet trophy in the Tri-Angle Club last year.

E. W. claims that his shooting ability, while considerably above the average person's, is really poor compared with the experts. He says, "In shooting, as in many other activities and phases of life, from where I stand I can see a long way in both directions."

But his favorite way of seeing is over the sights of one of his guns. That's when he's glad his collection of guns shoot.

David Criswell Heads 4-H Advisory Group

David Criswell, Ashland district rural sales representative, was chosen by County Agent R. H. King to serve on the advisory committee of the 4-H clubs in Carter County.



Mr. Criswell

At the first meeting of the committee he was selected to serve as chairman. The group will work closely with the county agent and the 4-H clubs and meet at regular intervals to discuss various problems which confront them during the year.

He recently appeared on WSAZ-TV with the county agent and four 4-H district champions.

Williamson Group Head Alumni Club



Three Williamson district employees and one former employee recently were elected to offices of the Tug Valley's University of Kentucky Alumni Club. Three of the four officers, shown above, are: C. R. Wilson, Jr., president; Mrs. Anna Lois Varney Blackburn, vice president and secretary; and J. L. Richmond, treasurer. E. E. King, absent when this photograph was made, will serve as committee chairman. Formal installation of officers is scheduled for June.

Giant Electric Shovel Digs Coal In Pikeville District

"Man! That's real-gone King size!"

Such was the reaction of one spectator who viewed the mammoth shovel towering ten stories high above the coal seam in Breathitt County, Kentucky.

The 32-yard shovel, one of the largest in the world, operates at the United Electric Coal Company mine at Evanston in the Pikeville district. It was hauled to the area on 35 railroad cars and took 5½ months to assemble. This giant tips the scales at 2,500,000 pounds.

The shovel is powered by electricity and required building a 44 kv substation atop the hill where the coal is removed. From this substation, 4,000 volts is cabled to the shovel at whatever its location may be.

A generator within the shovel converts current from AC to DC. Largest single motor is 1,000 hp. Each of the four treads has a 75 hp motor in it. The tread is as tall as a man's shoulders.

Three men operate the giant on three 8-hour shifts and are able to remove a million cubic yards of dirt each month. As much as a 75-foot depth of dirt can profitably be re-

Roy Dowdy Gets 30-Year Pin From Roanoke Lions Club

Roy Dowdy, retired employee of the Roanoke district accounting department, received his 30-year Lions Club pin on April 16.

The 37th person to join the club after its formation, Roy has seen varied duty in the club. His most active work was with the membership and entertainment committees.

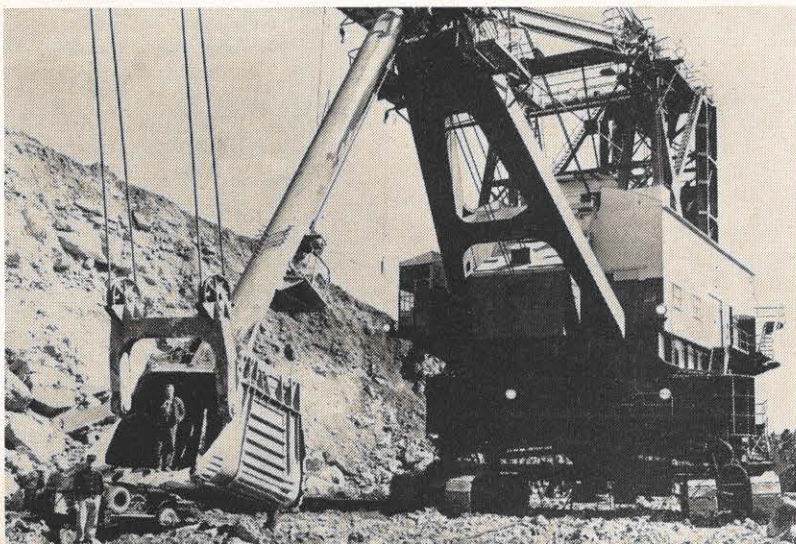


Mr. Dowdy

He served a term as "Tail Twister" that is still remembered because late-comers were often greeted by an electrified mat or electrified chair. He was often in minstrels and was a member of the club quartet. He also had a large part in developing club signs on the outskirts of the city for the benefit of tourists.

Typical of his close association with the Lions Club through the years is an incident Roy tells about himself. Seems that he drove his car to the hotel to attend a meeting. At the meeting he accepted a friend's invitation for a ride home and, unconcerned, left his car at the hotel.

Mr. Dowdy retired in June of 1952 after 39 years' service with the company. For the last 24 years he was customer service representative.



Ralph Damron, Pikeville district chief of party, stands in the 32-yard dipper while Bob Weddle, distribution engineer, stands on the ground nearby to give some idea of the immense size of the shovel. The electrically operated giant is 10 stories high to the top of the beam and weighs 2,500,000 pounds.

moved to reach the 15 to 20 foot seam of coal below. The 32-yard dipper picks up the load and can transfer it 115 feet away before it is unloaded.

After the dirt has been removed from the coal seam, a smaller shovel loads the coal into 30-ton trucks. Six of these huge trucks are in continuous operation, hauling coal around the top of the hill to the unloading chute where it is taken to the tippie down in the valley. After it is processed, coal is loaded into railroad cars for use many miles away where little is known of this spectacular operation atop the hills of Breathitt County.

Marilyn Wood Named May Day Attendant

Marilyn Wood was named one of three honor attendants to the King and Queen of May for the annual



Marilyn Wood

May Day Festival at Welch High School. She is the daughter of Earle Wood, Welch district rural and residential sales supervisor.

Marilyn is a senior and member of Tri-Hi-Y, Math Club, National Thespian Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Alpha Delta Delta Sorority, co-director of the Senior Stunt Show and Order of Rainbow Girls.

Members of the court for the Festival include Mary Ellen Lanter, daughter of W. T. Lanter of the stores department, and Jane Ellen Green, niece of Sank Smith of the personnel department.

A. R. Barber Heads Chamber Of Commerce

A. R. Barber, Hazard district manager, was elected president of the Hazard Chamber of Commerce.

Active in civic and church work, he is past president of the Lions Club, deacon and Sunday School superintendent of the Presbyterian Church and active in Boy Scout work in the district.



Mr. Barber

A graduate of Logan High School, he received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering and a M.S. degree in fuel engineering from V. P. I. He came to work for the company almost 20 years ago and worked as Hazard plant clerk, plant chemist and assistant plant superintendent before being promoted to assistant district manager, the position he held prior to his present position.

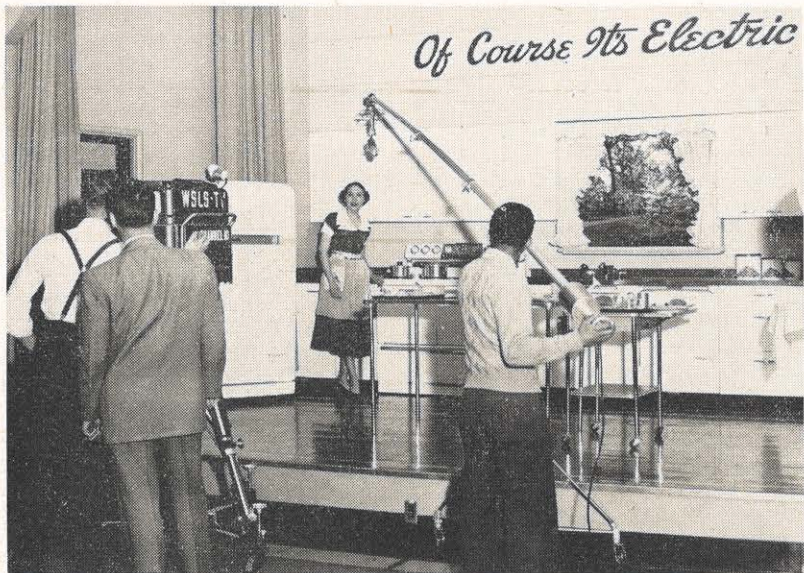
Safety Award Won By Kanawha Valley

Employees of the Kanawha Valley Power Company recently were presented a Certificate of Merit for their safety record during 1952.

The presentation of the award was made at a recent dinner given in honor of all KVPCo personnel. Paul Blizzard, a mechanical engineer for the company, accepted the certificate on behalf of his fellow employees from Sam Kitchen, system safety supervisor.

Kanawha personnel maintained a perfect record in their safety program during the year.

Martha Kirchner Conducts TV Show



Martha Kirchner, Roanoke home economist, demonstrates a recipe before the WSLC-TV camera in the company auditorium. "What's Cooking?" is the title of the program carried Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 1:30 p. m. Electrical appliance dealers and food distributors sponsor the show. Growing popularity of the program is evidenced by increasing requests for recipes. She usually prepares about four recipes on each program.

Pikeville Builds A Meter Laboratory



Pikeville's trailer meter testing laboratory is shown with its crew in the field prior to testing. Above, left to right, Ed Scott, Ernest Scott and Curtis McClung, meter supervisor, stand beside their equipment.

The Pikeville district meter department recently streamlined its field operations by placing a trailer laboratory into service. The new laboratory eliminates the handling of meters through the Pikeville shop.

The Pikeville laboratory, compact and complete within the trailer, is hauled to any location within the eight counties for service. Upon arrival, in any testing area, the trailer

is merely unhooked and service is obtained from a convenient pole. Testing is done right in the field by the two-man team.

The new laboratory was placed into service under the supervision of Curtis McClung, meter supervisor. The trailer shell was purchased from a Chicago firm and the fitting out of all equipment was arranged by district personnel.

TV Demonstration



Smoke curls up from the paper used for a house roof as A. J. Lambert shows what can happen on an overloaded circuit when a penny is used behind the fuse. The Roanoke district area sales representative at Rocky Mount gave the demonstration on WSLV-TV on April 2. He showed with a slightly larger wire and a small fuse that the same load would not burn the note book paper folded to represent the roof. He reminded the audience that they generally should not use any larger fuse than 15 amp. and no smaller than No. 12 wire to protect their homes. He also demonstrated the dangers of a kite line crossing electric wires.

Seven Awards Go To AGE Companies For Promotion Work

Seven of 31 national awards were carried away by AGE companies from the Annual Sales Conference of E. E. I. in Chicago in April.

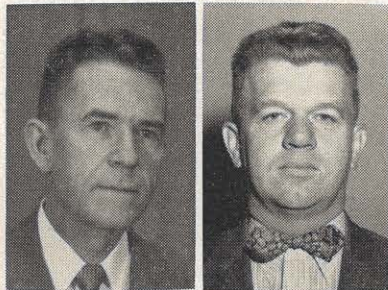
In addition to Appalachian and Kentucky and West Virginia winning George A. Hughes Awards for commercial cooking promotion, sister companies took high honors. The Ohio Power Company won the Hughes Award for electric range promotion while Central Ohio Light & Power Company won the Hughes Award for electric water heater promotion.

Of eight Hughes Awards presented, AGE companies won four.

Central Ohio Light & Power Company won a McCall Award for home service operations. Ohio Power repeated with a third place for the Frank Watts Award, recognizing promotional and sales efforts in rural areas.

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company won first prize for electric dryer promotion in one of four George Westinghouse Awards.

Sinclair And Rankin Elected To Posts In Alumni Chapter



Mr. Sinclair Mr. Rankin

Two system employees, Richard B. Sinclair and Emmett C. Rankin, both of Roanoke, have been elected to officers of the Roanoke V. M. I. Alumni Chapter. Sinclair will serve as vice president while Rankin has been named assistant secretary. Both were elected for the 1953 term.

Mr. Sinclair was first employed by Appalachian following his graduation at V. M. I. in 1931. He is a registered professional engineer and superintendent of system civil engineering.

Mr. Rankin, system substation engineer, was first employed by Appalachian following his graduation at V. M. I. in 1935. "Dutch" also is a registered engineer and a member of several societies and business organizations.

Both were commissioned during World War II and completed about four years of active duty.

Harry Miller Leads Successful Fund Drive For Ashland High Band

Harry Miller, Ashland district power sales engineer, recently headed a committee of service club members who raised funds to send the high



Mr. Miller

school's Tomcat Band to the national Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington.

The high school band was Kentucky's official band in the festival parade and won second place in competition with 53 bands from all over the nation. The band that won first place will take a trip to the Coronation in England.

Mr. Miller, president of the Ashland Rotary Club, was named general chairman of the civic club committee that worked with the Band Parents Association. Cost of the trip for the 110-piece band was estimated at \$2,500 but \$5,000 was raised with the help of the band giving a concert.

Martha Kirchner Heads Home Economists' Group



Miss Kirchner

Martha Kirchner, Roanoke home economist, was elected district chairman of the west central district of the Virginia Home Economists Association. About 300 members of the association attended the annual meeting in Roanoke, March 19-21.

Other Roanoke home economists attending were Mrs. Betsy Stewart, Mrs. Gloria Allen and Ann Hervey.

Transformer To Serve Underground



This new 5,000 KVA transformer recently was placed into service at the Seventh Street Station in Roanoke. This additional capacity raises the total to 20,000 KVA serving the underground distribution system in the downtown section of the city. The network has been served from thirty underground vaults of variable sizes. Construction is currently underway on four new vaults and the increasing of the size of three existing ones. Looking at the transformer is put in service are, from the left: D. D. Neilsen, General Electric Company; R. A. Armistead, W. S. Jones, W. S. Shanks, R. G. Amos, Jr. and R. W. Swain, all of the Roanoke Substation Department.

Son Of Retired Man Wins State Honors; Eggs Sell For \$82



To fifteen year-old Ronald Malcolm, son of a retired Huntington district employee, Norman Malcolm, the winning West Virginia's top agricultural awards is becoming a habit. Ronald recently entered the West Virginia Ham, Bacon and Egg Show, then won first prize for the best dozen of eggs exhibited in the contest. The eggs were auctioned to the public following the contest. This dozen of eggs sold for \$82, the highest price ever paid for eggs in the West Virginia contest. Last fall, Norman was a member of the Poultry Judging Team winning state honors. He also represented West Virginia in the national contest which was held at Kansas City. Ronald is a sophomore at the Buffalo Valley High School where he is an honor student at BVHS. Prior to retiring, Mr. Malcolm was a member of the Huntington district meter department.

David Collins Elected Commencement Speaker At Huntington High

David Collins was elected one of two honorarians for commencement exercises at Huntington East High School for the 1953 graduating class. He is the son of Mrs. Laura Collins, Huntington office engineering section.

David Collins

David is president of the Torch Society and Latin Club, historian of the Hi-Y, a member of the East High Boys' Quartet, band, orchestra, choir, Art Club, Key Club, program committee of the PTA and has a role in the senior play. He will enroll in Marshall College in September to major in music.

Rainelle Employees Give Party For W. W. Ford

Rainelle employees of the Beckley district gave W. W. Ford a farewell party on April 2. He is transferring to the Oak Hill office. He was presented a television table as a farewell gift.

Charleston . . .

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Conner.

W. C. West, meter department, has returned to work after an illness.

Mrs. Reba Hodges who resigned was given a surprise dinner party by girls of the Charleston office.

Cecil Tolbert, Montgomery, has returned to work after a knee operation.

Mrs. James Moore, wife of the Montgomery office range serviceman, and Mrs. James Bostic, wife of the Montgomery office distribution department employee, gave a shower in honor of Mrs. Hubert Shabdue, wife of the area sales representative.

Danny Meade and John Bull are new employees in the system meter department.

New employees in the Kanawha River plant operating department include: R. T. Hardy, C. F. Hodges, Jr., George Youell, Jr., L. C. Lively, Jr., D. R. Beagle, A. D. Drennen, Luther Boyd, C. C. Murrill, J. B. Armstrong, C. M. Jones, Jeanette J. Gwinn, H. P. Johnson, G. R. Hartman, H. G. Higginbotham, F. L. Gilliland, S. G. Browning, H. B. Dodson, M. J. Surrent, W. S. Humphrey, J. W. Minder and Kenneth Fridley.

Madge Hudnall and Mrs. Jean Thomas are new employees in the construction department at Kanawha River plant.

Beckley District

Several employees of Rainelle and their wives participated in shows sponsored by the Junior Woman's Clubs of Rainelle and Rupert. Mary Sperow and Mrs. I. J. Jones took part in the style show of the Rainelle club. Robert Price, J. E. Vines, W. W. Ford, Jr., and O. C. Hall took part in the minstrel of the Rupert club.

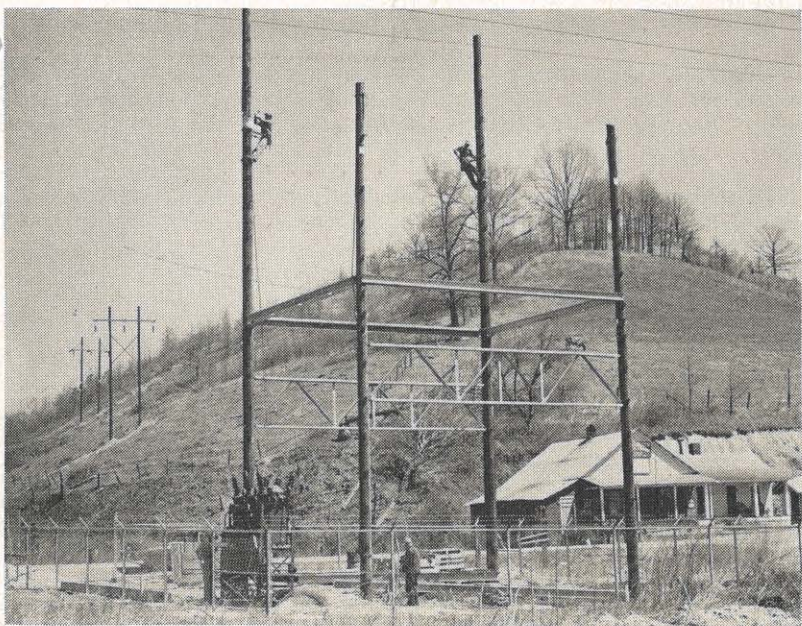
W. W. Ford transferred to Oak Hill from Rainelle.

Sympathy is extended W. E. Ward on the death of his grandfather.

Sympathy is extended Lora Mae Withrow on the death of her grandfather.

Mrs. Ann Hayes, commercial department, resigned.

Helechawa Station Work Progresses



Construction continues on the Helechawa 66/33 kv substation in Wolf County of the Hazard district. Robert L. Adams, left, and Vernon Hurt work on poles while Gaine Stidham and Carlyn Byrd handle work on the ground. The new station is expected to be completed in June and will provide the district with a third source of power. It will be interconnected with a new 66,000-volt line from the new Morehead-West Liberty line and the Hazard-Jackson-Helechawa 33,000-volt line. This station will consist of a 6,000 kva three-phase transformer and two oil circuit breakers.

**R. P. Thomas Elected
Ashland Optimist Head**

Rufus P. Thomas, power sales engineer at Ashland, was elected president of the Ashland Optimist Club. He served as vice president last term.



Mr. Thomas

A native of Bedford, Virginia, he has almost 30 years' service with the company and its associates. He was employed as a meter tester and worked in Huntington and Logan. He was in residential sales and rural work before becoming a power engineer at Ashland.

He is a member of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers and has been active in Boy Scout work. He is married and has one child.

Closed Cafe—Went Fishing

J. Arthur Randall's Brother Visits Him After Separation Of 46 Years



J. Arthur Randall, Kingsport meter supervisor at left, and his brother talk things over after a separation of 46 years. Nathan lives in California and owns the Wagon Wheel Cafe in Fiddletown, about 35 miles east of Sacramento. (Photo by Gretchen Whisnant, Kingsport Times-News.)

For 46 years J. Arthur Randall, meter supervisor with Kingsport Utilities, had not seen his brother, Nathan. Then Nathan who lives in California decided it was time to do something about it. He and his wife packed their car and motored from Fiddletown to Kingsport.

"I hadn't seen Nathan since I was 12 years old," Arthur said. "I expected him to be much taller." Oddly enough, Nathan expected Arthur to be shorter. Aside from that the two brothers didn't have much difficulty recognizing each other.

The two men have quite different temperaments. Arthur has been with Kingsport Utilities since 1926. Nathan, however, left home at the age of 14 with wanderlust. He toured quite a few western states and Canada before settling in California in 1905.

He now owns the historical Wagon Wheel Cafe in Fiddletown, 35 miles east of Sacramento. The town has several historical distinctions. Mark Twain did much of his writing there in a country store and the town was once notorious as a rendezvous for "bad men and bandits."

His cafe is closed and a sign on the door says, "Gone Fishing." The sign has been on the door for a year. Nathan, an avid fisherman, said: "I just decided one day that I was tired of running the business and wanted to go fishing. In fact, when I decided on the spur of the moment to come East I was waiting on my fishing license from Mexico."

Asked if he would re-open the cafe when he returned to California, Nathan just shook his head and smiled. "Maybe," he said, "when I'm finished with 'Gone Fishing.'"

Logan . . .

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parents before returning to West Virginia University.

Gene Leeson, Jr., son of the stores supervisor, recently visited his parents. He is a student at Bowling Green Business University.

A group of supervisors visited the Kanawha River and Philip Sporn plants. Making the trip were P. M. Vannoy, J. T. Shriver, T. F. Valley, W. H. Honaker, M. H. Stevenson, O. F. Toalston, Gene Leeson, H. J. Collins and Joe P. Gills, district manager.

Mrs. Ann Pozega, home economist, and June Abdoney, Logan plant, had roles in a play presented by the Junior Woman's Club on April 13.

Thirteen Veterans Receive Service Emblems



These veteran employees received service pins for more than 20 years of service during the past month. Top row, from the left, all 30-year veterans: Miss Bessie L. Johnson, Lynchburg; Roy T. Dixon, Charleston; J. M. Brown, Pulaski; E. I. Skeens, Glen Lyn Plant. Second row, Dock Jordan, Kenova Plant and George Conner, Pulaski district, both 30

years; Helen E. Braid, Charleston, and S. E. Gittings, Abingdon, both 25 years. Third row, R. D. Powell, Abingdon; F. H. Rouse, System; Roy Birnbaum, Huntington; Paul Harlan, Huntington, all 25 years, and C. W. Browning, Kenova Plant, 20 years.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—25 YEARS: S. E. Gittings, Commercial Department; R. D. Powell, Transmission & Distribution Department. 15 YEARS: Ralph Sowers, Transmission & Distribution Department.

Beckley District—5 YEARS: Joseph F. Cox, Accounting; Eugene O'Neal, Transmission & Distribution Department; S. R. Snuffer, Transmission & Distribution Department.

Bluefield District—15 YEARS: H. H. Hutchenson, Commercial Sales Representative.

Cabin Creek Plant—10 YEARS: C. N. Bowen, Herman Hale, Brad Smith, C. M. Pettry.

Charleston District—30 YEARS: Ray T. Dixon, Meter Department. 25 YEARS: Helen E. Braid, Commercial Department. 15 YEARS: Keith L. Lazenby, Engineering Department. 10 YEARS: Georgie Sevy, Managerial; Jennie W. Hall, Accounting; William Webster, Accounting. 5 YEARS: E. F. Thompson, Garage.

Glen Lyn Steam Plant—30 YEARS: E. I. Skeens, Boiler Operator.

Huntington District—30 YEARS: Dock Jordan, Kenova Plant. 25 YEARS: Paul Harlan, Transmission & Distribution Department; Roy Birnbaum, Transmission and Distribution Department. 20 YEARS: C. W. Browning, Kenova Plant. 15 YEARS: C. E. Slusser, Transmission & Distribution Department. 5 YEARS: Marjorie A. Toney, Billing Department.

Lynchburg District—30 YEARS: Bessie L. Johnson, Accounting Department.

Pulaski District—30 YEARS: George Conner, Transmission and Distribution; J. M. Brown, Local Accounting. 10 YEARS: A. E. Francis, Local Accounting.

Philip Sporn Plant—5 YEARS: Dayton Phillips.

Roanoke District—15 YEARS: O. B. Gillispie, Line Department; Nelle L. Phillips, Local Accounting Department. 10 YEARS: G. M. Gray, Local Accounting Department; J. B. Kingry, Local Accounting Department. 5 YEARS: R. R. Snedegar, Division Engineering Department; G. D. Bratton, Jr., J. C. Thomas, Line Department.

System—25 YEARS: F. H. Rouse, System Operating Department. 10 YEARS: W. S. Kitchen, System Safety Department.

Welch District—5 YEARS: Ollie Ray Nunnery, Meter Department.

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Hazard District—5 YEARS: Fred Skaggs, Distribution Department.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

5 YEARS: Marbeth Carroll, Accounting Department; K. W. Bradshaw, Distribution Department.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Charleston District—Mrs. Betty Smith from Nitro Office to Montgomery Accounting Dept. Walter G. McGraw from Montgomery Office to Kanawha River Plant. W. G. McGinnis from System Meter to Local Meter Department.

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; Maurice E. Campbell from Car Washer to Groundman.

Point Pleasant District—Herbert J. Patterson from Groundman to Lineman C; Lester Cobb from Meterman C to Meterman B.

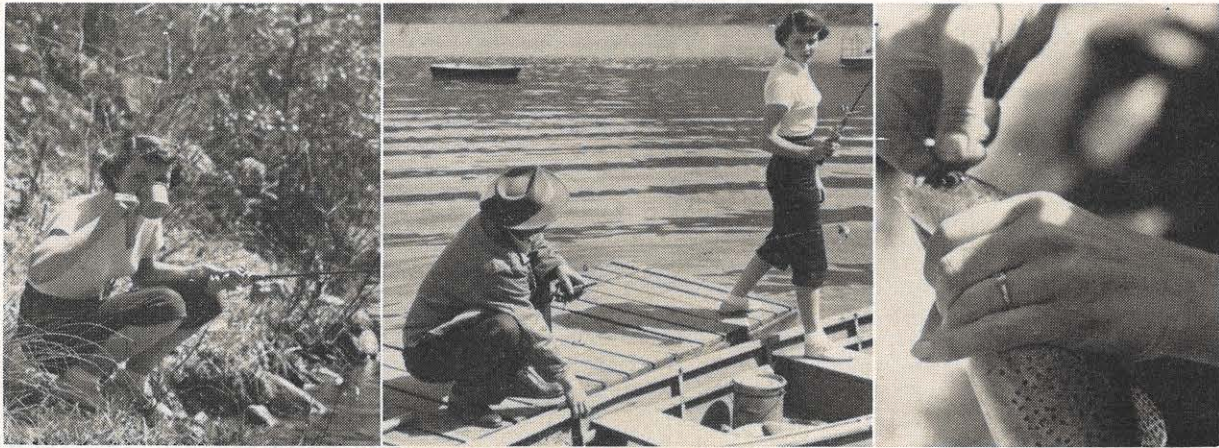
Philip Sporn Plant—Harold R. Fry from Laborer to Maintenance Helper; Oren L. Wright from Laborer to Maintenance Helper; Carl E. Searls from Laborer to Maintenance Helper; Farie Mae Milhoan from Jr. Payroll Clerk to Clerk Stenographer; Milford M. Mowrey from Filter Plant Operator & Sampler to Results Helper; Dorothy J. Russell from Clerk Typist to Jr. Payroll Clerk.

Welch District—Roy L. Franklin from Engineering Assistant to Jr. Personnel Assistant; Walter Thomas from Lineman C to Serviceman B; Luther J. Mills, Jr., from Groundman to Lineman C; Ray Nunnery from Meterman C to Meterman B; Jack Greene from Meterman C to Meterman B.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

James L. Kesterson from Appliance Serviceman B to Appliance Serviceman A.

Abingdon Anglers Give Safe Fishing Hints



In the left photograph, Virginia Lester was snapped drinking untested water from a stream. Unless you are positive of an adequate source of safe water, carry a canteen or thermos bottle when you fish. Center, Lloyd and Virginia demonstrate improper boat handling. The boat is slipping away from the float and could topple Virginia into the water. Good water safety means there also will be life preservers, an extra oar, and a bailing can in the boat. Right, Virginia removes the hook from her catch. Notice how securely she holds the fish. Injuries from hooks and fins are most common among fishermen.

The opening of fishing season throughout our territory will find many employees going fishing. Here are some safety suggestions for fishermen.

In fishing, not all accidents are the result of the improper handling of tackle and fish. Drownings, falls from slippery and moss-covered rocks, burns, and even forest fires can result from fishing trip accidents.

When going fishing, all members of the party should select clothing for protection—not glamour. Freedom and comfort are far more important considerations on a fishing trip. All persons should be properly licensed and observe all fishing laws. Fish and game laws are for your protection.

Trespassing and the destruction of private property often closes some of the best fishing sites to all sportsmen. It also is wise not to fish too close to other anglers. Their movements



Left, Virginia and Lloyd assemble their fishing equipment at the site. Equipment should be stored in a tackle box or disassembled while transported. Right, Lloyd lands another whopper. Bring the catch in slowly and pull it in either with the landing net or the leader. Keep a level head and watch your footing.

could endanger you or members of your party. Cast overhead only, especially if fishing from a boat. If

wading and casting, test each step for firm footing. After your catch is fried, be a good camper. Make positive that fire is out although you cleared a space before you built it. One small spark can destroy an entire forest and endanger hundreds of lives.

In the accompanying photographs, two Abingdon district employees, Virginia Lester and Lloyd Smith, demonstrate some of the do's and don't's of fishing.

Roanoker Awarded Oak Leaf Cluster For Korean Flights



First Lieutenant T. J. Meler, right, is shown receiving his second Oak Leaf Cluster.

Lt. T. J. Meler, a member of the Roanoke division engineering department, recently was awarded a second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal. The presentation was made at an award ceremony in Roanoke.

While a member of the Air Section of the 64th Field Artillery Battalion in Korea, he flew 118 missions against the enemy. As an aerial observer, he spotted enemy troop movements, installations and directed artillery fire. Lt. Meler was awarded his Air Medal after the completion of 40 missions.

Lt. Meler was employed with the company prior to being called for active duty in November of 1950. He resumed his duties in the engineering department in August of 1952.

C. R. Meadows Killed In Auto Accident

Clarence Randolph Meadows, 41-year-old auxiliary equipment operator at Glen Lyn plant, was killed April 5 in an automobile accident on Route 219 west of Oakvale, West Virginia.



Mr. Meadows

Also killed in the accident was Thomas Wayne Duncan, son of Frank B. Duncan, boiler operator at Glen Lyn plant. Thomas was visiting his parents at Oakvale while on Military leave from the Navy.

Mr. Meadows lived at Glen Lyn, Virginia, and was employed by the company in October of 1942. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Eugene Reed, Jean, Gay, Jack, Carol Fay and Carlos Ray, all of Glen Lyn.

Marvin Lester Elected Governor Of Y's Men



Mr. Lester

Marvin Lester of the Pulaski Y's Men was elected governor of the Mountain District during a recent convention in Pulaski. An employee of the company since 1945, he is a meter record clerk.

He has been active in Y's Men work for several years and served as vice president of the Pulaski club last year. He succeeds Edward Douglas of Bluefield as district governor.

Carl Schmidt To Head Pulaski High P. T. A.



Mr. Schmidt

Carl A. Schmidt, Pulaski local accounting office, has been elected president of the Parent-Teachers Association at Pulaski High School. His term begins next September.

He has been active in P-TA work for several years. His son, Freddie, is a high school junior. Mr. Schmidt is superintendent of the Sunday School at Woman's Memorial Lutheran Church.

Salem, Virginia, FFA Honors Jim Crouch



James Crouch, right, a member of the Roanoke district commercial department, was honored by the Andrew Lewis Future Farmers of America Chapter of Salem, Virginia, at their annual father-and-son banquet. He was given the organization's highest award, the honorary Chapter Farmer Degree. Don Otey, chapter president, made the presentations.

George Brammer Elected Honor Society Member

George Brammer was recently elected to membership in Roanoke's Jefferson High School chapter of the National Honor Society. He is the son of G. G. Brammer, system operating department.



George Brammer

A senior, he was one of 36 students admitted to the society based on scholarship, leadership, service and character. He attended the Model General Assembly in Richmond, April 9-12. He also serves the Hi-Y as chaplain and is treasurer of the senior class. He plans to attend Roanoke College this fall.

Ed Garner Head Of Band Boosters

E. R. "Ed" Garner, a member of the Bluefield records department, recently was elected president of the Bluefield Band Boosters Club. The Bluefield organization is composed of approximately two hundred parents who have children in bands.



Mr. Garner

Mr. Garner has also worked closely with the Boy Scouts and other organizations. His own son has been a member of the band for the past year.

Lynchburg Girl Is Tapped For Society

Miss Ann McCarthy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCarthy of Lynchburg, recently was tapped for admission into the high school chapter of the National Honor Society.

Ann, a senior at the E. C. Glass High School, was chosen for her work as an outstanding scholar, leadership, service and character.

Mr. McCarthy is a member of the Lynchburg district accounting department.



Miss McCarthy

W. D. Toney Heads Huntington Jaycees

William D. Toney was recently elected president of the Huntington Junior Chamber of Commerce for a one-year term beginning the first of this month. He is the husband of Marjorie Toney, Huntington system billing office.



Mr. Toney

Mr. Toney, district circulation manager of the Huntington Publishing Company, has been a director of the Jaycees for three years and vice president for the past year.

Employees Elected Eastern Star Officers



These members of the Appalachian family recently were elected to office for the coming year in Chapter 113, Order of the Eastern Star, at Pulaski, Virginia. The newly elected officers, left to right, are: John R. Hudson, associate patron; Edra Smith, Adah; Lucille Spencer, wife of J. F. Spencer of the substation department, treasurer; Winifred Jackson, payroll department, secretary; and Vernon Hinton, meter department, trustee. Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Jackson, both past matrons of the chapter, will represent their organization at the State convention in Richmond this month. Although the chapter has only been organized since 1946, two of its members hold State offices. Gene Beamer, former employee, holds one of these. Kermit Jackson, husband of Winifred and worthy patron, was absent when this photograph was made.

Roanoke's Cashiers Have Perfect Month



For accuracy in the handling of receipts and perfect balancing during the month of March, the above group of Roanoke cashiers were entertained by O. C. Caldwell, local office manager, at Archie's Lobster House. This Roanoke group handled more than twenty-five thousand accounts involving \$1,981,270.58 without a single error. Those attending the dinner, standing, left to right, were: Mr. Caldwell, Norma Jean Fields, Marion Bratton, Mary Nelson, Eunice Pillow and Mary Lou Wirt. Seated, David Stoner and Barbara Williams.

Lest We Forget

Deaf Girl Who Was Losing Voice Can Really Appreciate Electric Service



Linda and her mother go through an exercise with the hearing aid at their home. Although she could read and spell when struck deaf, Linda was rapidly losing her voice because she had no way of knowing how words sounded. The special electric hearing aid is her only escape from a world of silence.

Electricity means many things to people. To a 12-year-old West Virginia girl it means she can hear again after living in a world of silence.

Little Linda Thomas was stricken deaf by spinal meningitis. She had to have a special audio hearing aid that stimulates the inner ear for sounds. The aid requires 110 volts to operate.

Through the generosity of neighbors on the Middle Fork of Pocahontas River near Sissonville, the money was raised to buy the much needed training aid. Linda now uses the aid in her lessons at home as well as at school. She also manages to listen to a radio program occasionally.

Unfortunately, at the time Linda received the hearing aid, the Thomas home did not have electric service. However, this difficulty was soon overcome through the efforts of Charleston and Point Pleasant district employees.

Words can't describe how much this hearing aid means to Linda. She was beginning to lose her voice before she got the aid. She could read and spell but she didn't know what the words sounded like.

You can appreciate how much the

aid means to her by seeing her carefully wrap each part with cloth after using it each time, placing it with great care into its carrying case and then wrapping up the case until only the handle shows. She takes the aid to the rural school about a mile away where her teacher, Mrs. Rosie Hunt, tutors her patiently.

After seeing Linda's progress through the use of her electrical hearing aid, Charleston and Point Pleasant district employees greater appreciated what electric service can mean. They thought all of us might appreciate a reminder. We do.

Abingdon . . .

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hospital for several weeks.

Calvin Jackson, line foreman, and Mrs. Jackson were installed as officers in the Clintwood Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Jack Osborne, wife of the area serviceman, is recuperating after an operation.

Russell County employees had a pot-luck supper April 14 at the Lebanon office. Louise Gilmer, home economist, served the food to employees and their guests.

Janith Valley, daughter of Leon F. Valley, line foreman, won the Russell County contest in public speaking for girls, becoming eligible to speak at the district contest in Bristol.

A/C Jackie Carter has been ill at his Army station hospital in New York state. He is the son of Jack Carter, Russell County accounting department.

Mrs. Ann Howard, distribution records department, resigned.

Mrs. Ancel Hutton, Sr., wife of the area serviceman, has returned home after treatment in the hospital.

Old Picture Received Of Byllesby Hydro

An old postcard picture of Byllesby hydro under construction was recently sent to THE ILLUMINATOR by R. R. Horner, editor of the *Norfolk and Western Magazine*. He received the postcard from James M. Stephens, retired railroad employee who found it in a trunk in his attic.

Mr. Stephens wrote Mr. Horner that he was an agent in the area from 1911 to 1913. He is now retired and lives at 540 Allison Ave., S. W., in Roanoke.

Bluefield Girls' Service Club Holds Two Events

The Bluefield office's Girls' Service Club held two functions during the past month. The Rev. Frank Rowley was the guest speaker at their regular meeting and members enjoyed a canasta and bridge party at the second outing.

The Rev. Mr. Rowley, rector of the Christ Episcopal Church, presented an interesting blackboard discussion on the subject, Christianity and Communism. "Christianity," he affirmed, "is the only solution for conquering communism." Zelda Alderson was in charge of the program.

Mary Lawrence Named Commencement Speaker

Mary Lawrence was selected valedictorian of the 1953 graduating class of Wahama High School. She is the daughter of John Lawrence, control operator at Sporn plant.



Mary Lawrence

Mary attended elementary school at Duncan Falls, Ohio, and was salutatorian of the eighth grade. She attended Philo, Ohio, High School for a semester and then Pomeroy Junior High and Pomeroy High. She moved to Wahama High in the middle of her sophomore year.

Lynchburg . . .

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Charlene Litchford and Freeman L. Moore, Jr. are new employees in the accounting department.

Sympathy is extended Charles D. Ross, distribution-line department, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Edward J. Rice, commercial department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Ralph R. Crockett, Peggy J. Hailey and G. W. Dolinger resigned.

Sympathy is extended Ralph Johnson, commercial department, on the death of his father.

Sympathy is extended Leroy G. Ramsey, Reusens hydro, on the death of his mother.

June Burch, commercial department, broke a wrist in a fall.

Warren T. Sublett, accounting department, has returned to work after an operation.

C. W. Hogan, accounting department, has returned to work after an illness.

The following were named committee members by the exalted ruler of the Lynchburg Elks: J. T. Hill, Jr., chairman of the investigating committee; R. A. Tibbs, house committee; L. T. Smith, minstrel committee; E. R. Driskill, dance committee, and W. A. Brown, husband of Joyce, dance committee.

Fieldale District

Gladys M. Rakes is a new employee in the transmission and distribution department.

Sympathy is extended Bruce Cox, district manager, on the death of his brother.

Derwood Merriman, substation department, and Bruce Cox, district manager, were cited by the Martinsville Rotary Club for being courteous while driving.

Betty Baker, commercial department, was given a surprise birthday party on March 31 at the Community Building in Collinsville.

Three Employees In Roanoke Symphony Orchestra That Makes Successful Debut



The above employees are members of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra which made its debut performance on March 31. From left: Willard L. Sutor, system accounting office; Winfred H. Hart, Jr., division engineering department, and Paul C. Bernard, substation operator.

Three employees are members of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra which made its debut March 31 in a concert at Jefferson High School. They are Willard L. Sutor, bookkeeper in the system accounting office; Winfred H. Hart, Jr., electrical engineer in the division engineering department, and Paul C. Bernard, Jr., substation operator at the Roanoke 132 kv substation.

The debut of the five-month old orchestra was described in the newspapers as "sophisticated . . . a real musical triumph . . . quite capable . . . a most successful program." Newspaper articles paid tribute to the con-

ductor and "to the players themselves—their talent, their devotion to long hours of practice and finally their eagerness to see the bombing of an orchestra for the Star City."

Mr. Sutor plays the violin. He sings in the Huntington Court Methodist Church choir and renders violin solos with and without the choir. He studied with private teachers in Lynchburg and at Lynchburg College, is a former member of the Lynchburg String Sinfonietta and the Randolph-Macon College String Ensemble.

Mr. Hart also plays the violin. He was a member of the Symphony Orchestra in 1941-42 and has studied under various teachers in Roanoke.

Mr. Bernard, percussionist in the orchestra, received his training at Jefferson High School. He has played with several local dance orchestras and played in the Band and Bugle Corps at Great Lakes Naval Training Station for a part of his time in the service.

Jack VanDevender And Father Die In Fire At Chelyan Home

Jack B. VanDevender, Charleston district groundman, died in a fire March 22 at his Chelyan home. His father also died and his mother was hospitalized with burns but released a few days later.



Mr. VanDevender

He had been with the company since March of 1947.

He returned from military leave last year and was a member of the West Virginia Air National Guard unit in Charleston. He belonged to the Chelyan Methodist Church and was a member of the Cabin Creek U. F. W.

Capacities Are Being Increased At Monroe

Lynchburg district's Monroe Station is being modernized to absorb the anticipated growth and expansion of the electrical loading in the Monroe, Virginia, service area. The station's capacity will be increased from 1,500 to 4,000 KVA. A new 2,500 KVA transformer will be installed at the site.

The Monroe Station, originally constructed in 1926, is one of nine stations along the 44,000-volt transmission line extending between the Reusens Hydro Plant at Lynchburg and Scottsville, Virginia.

The major part of the construction at the Monroe station will be underway about the middle of this month.

Win Contest Prizes



April Vermillion, left, and Gayle Porterfield won prizes in a recent cookie sale contest among 658 Girl Scouts of McDowell County. Gayle is the daughter of M. C. Porterfield, assistant Welch district manager. She won the first-place prize of a Scout knife for selling 83 boxes of cookies. April is the daughter of John W. Vermillion, meterman. She won third-place prize of a make-up kit. Both girls are members of Welch Troop No. 34 of which Eleanor Dillard, home economist, is leader and Barbara Shaw, accounting department, is assistant leader.

Nancy Scally Finds Sketching Hobby Interesting To All Who Like To Draw

"A sketching hobby can be lots of fun," says Nancy G. Scally, a Philip Sporn Plant employee. Nancy recommends art in its many forms—her favorite pastime since early childhood.

Miss Scally recalled that her hobby dated back to grade school days when she started painting scenery and other drawings for school activities. Although Nancy has had no formal commercial art training, she works in India ink, pastels, charcoal, pencil and oil. Some of her drawings have been completed in as little as forty-five minutes while others have taken many weeks to reach final form. Cartoons are her favorite work but she does a great deal of portraits.

Sometime in the future, Nancy hopes to do some studying in various forms of commercial art. Merchandising art also appeals to Nancy.



Nancy is making a rough sketch of her next drawing. Some of her work can be seen at her side.

Miss Scally, a newcomer to the Philip Sporn Plant, was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington prior to coming to the plant last fall. She makes her home with her parents at New Haven, West Virginia.

Collecting Salt And Pepper Shakers Means Never-Ending Hobby For Mrs. Adele Williams

Most collectors hope they will get one of every kind. Not Mrs. Adele Williams. She knows she'll never get every type of salt and pepper shaker because there's never an end to them.

Far from discouraging her, this is one of the things she likes about her two-year-old hobby. The Kingsport contract entry and final bill clerk says, "There will always be odd and unusual ones to be found—which makes my hobby interesting."

Adele has a group of friends who help with her collection. Whenever they visit or vacation and see unusual shaker sets, they bring them back to Adele. Most of the 60 shakers in her collection have been given her by friends.

Speaking of her collection, she says: "I have dogs, chickens, turkeys, horses and pigs. I have a little red school with a desk that has arithmetic problems figured on it along with the mouse that has just been eating on a big hunk of cheese. This was sent from Florida.

"From the corn belt, I have shakers in the shape of ears of corn. For people with cold feet, there is a pair of feet being warmed by a hot water bottle. I have china coffee pots from Canada along with pigs from Indiana. From the Smokies come the pigs made

Camavo And Trifori Clubs Plan Inter-Club Dance

The Camavo and Trifori clubs of the Roanoke general offices have completed arrangements for a jointly sponsored dance which will be held at Rockledge Inn on Mill Mountain, May 15.

This is the first inter-club venture for Roanoke area clubs and the committees are planning to entertain more than two hundred employees and their guests.

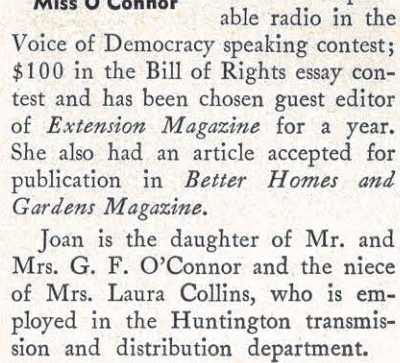
Members of the Camavo—Trifori dance committee include: Shorty Jones, Jimmy Hunt, Howard Roop, Nell Smith, Mary Nelson, Dutch Rankin, Hope Dalton, Jimmy Jones, Clyde Skeen, Harold Laughon, Bill Henley, Mildred Dowdy, Tom Shepherd, Jean Cassell, Sam Kitchen, Billie Dehart, Evelyn Akers and Johnny Johnson.

Miss O'Connor Wins Scholarship In Legion Oratorical Contest

Joan O'Connor, a junior at Charleston Catholic High School, recently won first place in the American Legion Oratorical State Contest after winning in the Charleston area. She received a gold medal and a four-year scholarship to any state-supported school, with the exception of West Virginia University.

In addition to winning the oratorical contests, during the past five months Joan has won a portable radio in the Voice of Democracy speaking contest; \$100 in the Bill of Rights essay contest and has been chosen guest editor of *Extension Magazine* for a year. She also had an article accepted for publication in *Better Homes and Gardens Magazine*.

Joan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. O'Connor and the niece of Mrs. Laura Collins, who is employed in the Huntington transmission and distribution department.



Miss O'Connor



Mrs. Adele Williams of Kingsport holds one of the unusual salt and pepper shakers, the cat and the fiddle, in her collection.

of black walnuts. There is also a spinning wheel with the old-timey rocker to go with it."

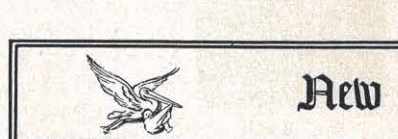
She is enthusiastic about her collection and says that she could "write a book" about it. She explained that "each set is personal and I can tell where I acquired it and when."

Adele intends to keep on collecting shakers as long as she lives. What happens to them then? "That's settled," Adele says, "because my niece has asked that they be willed to her."

Judy Roop Helps Set Troop Record By Sales

Judith Carolyn Roop won first place for Brownie Troop No. 59 of Huntington Court Methodist Church by selling 88 boxes of Girl Scout cookies of a total of 420 boxes sold.

She is the 8-year-old daughter of H. I. Roop, system transportation office in Roanoke, and a member of the third grade class at Huff Lane School.



Judy Roop

LILLIAN SUE is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Ferguson, Jr. She was born April 6. Mr. Ferguson is employed at Hazard.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT DAILEY are the parents of a son, Donald Lee, born March 23. Mr. Dailey is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

HARRIETT ONA is the new daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Layne on March 31. Mr. Layne is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. ELROY KAYLOR are the parents of a son, Jackson Eugene, born March 20. Mr. Kaylor is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

Born to MR. AND MRS. RICHARD H. SMITH a daughter on April 14. Mr. Smith is employed in the Huntington District Commercial Department.

A son, DAVID CHESTER, to Mr. and Mrs. Chester G. Smith, on March 26. Mr. Smith is employed at Mullens.

MR. AND MRS. ARNOLD E. GILLESPIE are the parents of a son, Stephen Edward, born March 23. Mr. Gillespie is employed in Bluefield.

A daughter, VICTORIA SHARON, was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cadle on March 10. Mr. Cadle is employed at the Cabin Creek Plant.

MR. AND MRS. O. G. ELLIS are the parents of a daughter, Sharon Lynn, born April 3. Mr. Ellis is employed at the Cabin Creek Plant.

Born to MR. AND MRS. G. E. BRIERS, JR., a daughter, Dianne Evelyn, on April 11. Mr. Briers is employed at the Cabin Creek Plant.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE C. FOWLER announce the birth of a new daughter on

Twelve Couples Are United In Marriage



Here are some of the brides and bridal couples who were married during the past month. Top row from the left, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Morrison, Kingsport; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Forbes, Sporn Plant; and Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Martin, Charleston. Second row: Mrs. E. J. Shaw, Jr., Pulaski;

Mrs. George Flutmus, Hazard; Mrs. Jack D. Owen, Roanoke; and Mrs. E. S. Allen, Roanoke. Third row: Mrs. C. E. McComas, Logan; Mrs. J. W. Higgins, Roanoke; Mrs. W. E. Zopp, Beckley, and Mrs. K. A. Jackson, Pulaski.

Woodford-Allen

Miss Gloria Delphine Woodford, Roanoke Home Economist, became the bride of Edward Slate Allen, March 28 at Roanoke, Virginia.

Mattox-Higgins

Miss Betty June Mattox and John Wesley Higgins were united in marriage on Saturday, April 25 in Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Higgins is the daughter of W. S. Mattox, System Accounting Office.

Wilson-Martin

Miss Mary Ann Wilson became the bride of Buford K. Martin, March 27 in Charleston, W. Va. Mr. Martin is employed in the System Meter Department.

Thurman-Owen

Miss Barbara Alice Thurman and Jack David Owen were united in marriage on April 25 at Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Owen is employed in the System Transportation Office.

Beamer-Jackson

Miss Mary Winifred Beamer and Kermit Allison Jackson were united in marriage April 11 at Pulaski, Virginia. Mrs. Jackson is employed at Pulaski.

Parker-McComas

Miss Virginia Lea Parker became the bride of Carl E. McComas on April 3 at West Hamlin, W. Va. Mrs. McComas is employed in the Logan District.

Halstead-Edwards

Miss Freda M. Halstead became the bride of Charles S. Edwards on March 14 at Kenova, W. Va. Mrs. Edwards is employed in Huntington.

Steele-Flutmus

Miss Mildred Steele and George Flutmus were united in marriage April 11 in Hazard, Kentucky. Mrs. Flutmus is the daughter of A. N. Steele, plant foreman, Hazard Plant.

Rhodes-Forbes

Miss Dorothy Rhodes and Paul Forbes were united in marriage March 19 at New Brighton, Pa. Mr. Forbes is an employee at the Sporn Plant.

Hampton-Shaw

Miss Jean Louise Hampton and Earl Lawrence Shaw, Jr. were united in marriage April 4 at Galax, Virginia. Mr. Shaw is employed at Bylesby.

Beckner-Zopp

Miss Loretta Gay Beckner became the bride of William Edward Zopp on Friday, April 3 at Clifton Forge, Virginia. Mr. Zopp is employed in the Rainelle office.

Kern-Morrison

Miss Thelma Kern became the bride of Hoyett R. Morrison April 4 at Kingsport. Mr. Morrison is an employee at Kingsport now on military leave.

Meter Department At Abingdon Holds Party

Abingdon district meter department employees held their second annual steak dinner March 20 in the company auditorium. Lloyd B. Lee, district superintendent, and C. W. Johnson, meter superintendent, made after dinner speeches. Cards were played in the meter department shop following the meal.

New Arrivals

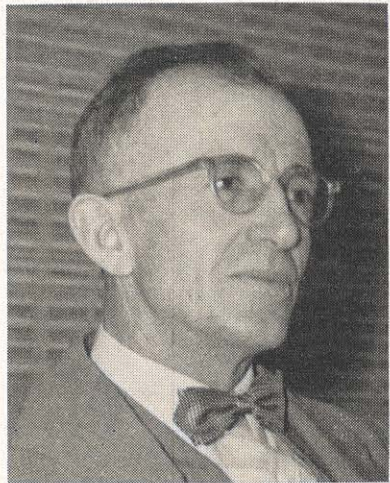
They're Engaged

MISS DIANE KATHRYN PHIPPS to Eugene E. Fanning. Mr. Fanning is employed at Pulaski.

MISS BETTY JANE MINNICK to Earle D. Pearson. Miss Minnick is employed at Lynchburg.

MISS ANN KELLERMANN to Allan W. Lindahl. Miss Kellermann is employed in the System Accounting Office, Roanoke.

Quarter-Century Club Elects Three At Annual Meeting



Mr. Lockwood

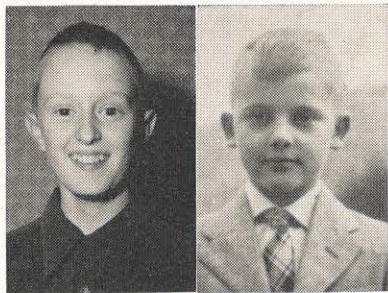
Quarter-Century Club members elected new officers at their annual dinner meeting at the Henry Clay Hotel in Ashland. They are D. V. Lockwood, president; R. F. Millikan, vice president, and Louise Cash, secretary.

Twenty of 22 employees with 25 years' service or more attended the meeting where J. W. Ellis, founder and past president of the club, expressed his appreciation for a year of fellowship. R. F. Millikan, chairman of the arrangements committee, presented a program highlighted by five-minute talks.

J. W. Ellis spoke on "Why I Thought It Worth While To Organize A Quarter-Century Club." R. L. Gordon discussed "What Value And Importance Do You Place On Hobbies?" "What Can A Quarter-Century Accomplish?" was the subject of H. S. Scott's talk.

The summer picnic meeting was announced. Attending the dinner in addition to those mentioned were Virgil Brewer, John T. Weidenheller, W. S. Burchett, W. H. Lyle, Paul Scaggs, Felicia Billips, S. S. Woolwine, Dan Lake, H. T. Mitchell, R. P. Thomas, R. A. Macomb, C. R. Sanford, A. R. Surbaugh and O. F. Sutphin.

Employee's Sons Win Spelling Contests



Benson and Leslie

Benson Dettinger and Leslie Farthing, eleven-year-old sons of two company employees, were winners of area spelling contests.

Leslie, son of Gilbert S. Farthing who is employed as a control operator at the Kanawha River Plant, won his championship in the recent Mission School contest at Cabin Creek. Leslie, a sixth grader, defeated Judy Bowen, daughter of the Cabin Creek Plant's stores supervisor, Howard A. Bowen, in the final rounds. Both Judy and Leslie spelled for some time before a winner could be determined.

Benson, son of Bernice Dettinger of the Charleston accounting department, also is a sixth grade champion. He won the spelling crown at Taft Grade School and then the regional title match which was held at Stonewall Jackson High School. Benson was defeated in the County meet.

Opening Held For Pocahontas Office Demonstration Kitchen

The formal opening of the demonstration kitchen of the Pocahontas office in the Welch district was held April 16, marking the latest improvement on one of the oldest company offices. The front part of the office was remodeled several years ago.

The Appalachian office has been operating on the corner of Center and Church streets for over 40 years. Although the original Pocahontas office of the company was located in the old Pocahontas Inn in 1911 when D. M. Bunn was general manager of the company, the next year the office was moved to its present location. W. K. Maxey was local manager at that time.

Displays for the demonstration kitchen opening were handled by C. T. Southern, district dealer representative, and Ramsey A. Jones, area representative. Appliances furnished by local dealers were displayed on the floor and in windows.

On the opening day Frances Brooks, home economist, with the aid of Southern, Jones and Reginald Pike, of the Jones Cornett Electric Company, demonstrated and talked to people who came in during the day about the appliances on display.

F. L. Bocock Speaks To Physics Class



Forrest Bocock uses a wiring board to illustrate line loads to the physics class.

Forrest L. Bocock, Bluefield district agricultural engineer, was recently a guest teacher at the Graham High School physics class. He was invited to give the students a practical everyday explanation of electricity by L. N. Dalton, principal.

Mr. Bocock used an adequate wiring demonstration board to show the students what happens when a line is overloaded. The following week the class made its annual tour through the Glen Lyn plant.

In a letter to the company, Principal Dalton said: "I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Appalachian Power Company for sending Mr. F. L. Bocock and Mr. Ira Henderson down to Graham High School to talk to our Physics Class.

"We thought that Mr. Bocock's talk and demonstration was very good indeed. It was presented in a very effective manner and on a level that high school physics students could understand. We hope that he and Mr. Henderson will be able to come back and visit with us again."

Two Logan Employees Elected To Club Offices

Two Logan district employees, Eleanor Winter and Margaret Tyler, recently were elected to offices in the Logan Woman's Club. Eleanor became the club's vice chairman of the junior department while Margaret was elected secretary.

The new officers will be installed at a dinner meeting late this month.

Eleanor is employed in the commercial department while Margaret is a member of the line department.



IN 1929 . . . The Pocahontas office looked like this in 1929. Sank Smith, Welch district personnel supervisor, sent this picture of himself and Ruth Macey. Ruth, now Mrs. Russell, is the sister of Mrs. John Barns, wife of the Welch district engineer.



IN 1953 . . . The Pocahontas office today is still located in the same room but many changes have been made. Pictured are Mrs. Jessie Hill, cashier clerk, and George W. Steadham, serviceman. The new demonstration kitchen can be seen in the rear.

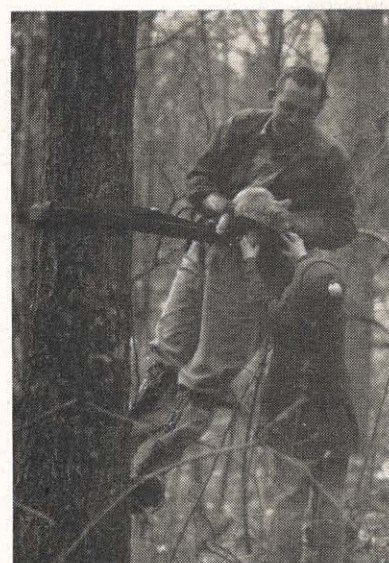
Appa-Lassies Give Basket To Needy Family

The Logan Appa-Lassies, a Logan district girls' club, sponsored two events during the past month.

Early in April, the Appa-Lassies presented a well-filled basket to an area needy family. Birdie Messinger, June Abdoney and Mary Elizabeth Davis were in charge of the project.

Later, during their monthly meeting, Mrs. Irene Kirchman and Mrs. Virginia P. McComas were honored by the club and Ruby J. Walls became a new member. Mary Alice Fowler presided.

Rescues Pet Cat



Edward R. Barrett, Kingsport general serviceman, returns a pet cat to its small owner after a separation of three days. The cat was chased up the tree by a dog and took refuge 40 feet above the ground in the customer's backyard. Kitty decided to stay up the tree despite the coaxing, food and pleas of its small owner. More than 72 hours of the sit down strike passed before the owner called Kingsport Utilities for assistance. Barrett's rescue was mighty heroic to the little girl and another of many reasons why Kingsport Utilities' employees take pride in their slogan of "your friendly electric service."

Hank Bostic's Work At Charleston Fire Praised By Two Men

H. L. "Hank" Bostic, Charleston lineman, recently was praised for his part in clearing trouble at a \$40,000 fire in Charleston. Both Capt. Claude Saunders, Charleston fire department, and Charles R. Armentrout, of the *Charleston Gazette*, were complimentary of Hank's work.

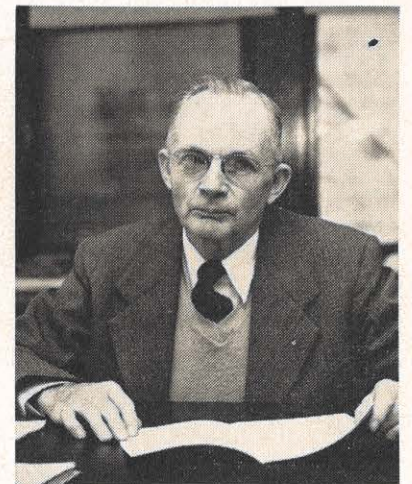
Captain Saunders praised Hank as a determined lineman who climbed a burning pole to cut some lines which were arcing brightly. After talking with Hank he said the pole had been afire before he went up but was out at the time. However, the pole caught fire again while Hank was up on it but the fire was so small that Hank didn't regard it as dangerous.

Mr. Armentrout interviewed Hank and dedicated a large part of his column on March 31 to electric linemen. The column was titled "An Electric Lineman's Job Is Just Routine."

The article said: "Hansford Bostic treated the incident as just another routine duty as he was summoned to Sents Street where there were some 'cherry red' live wires on the ground. He climbed a pole and cut the wires which were arcing dangerously." The writer went on to explain some of the duties of the troublemen of the Charleston district and recalled the spectacular fire on Virginia Street a few years ago.

He wrote: "Curious fire-gaping crowds are apt to focus their attention upon the firefighters, who admittedly perform the more arduous deeds at a blaze, while the lineman inconspicuously goes about his chore and then dismisses the whole thing as 'just routine'."

R. T. Phelps, With Almost 42 Years' Service, Retires



Mr. Phelps

Ryland T. Phelps, Bluefield division supervising engineer, retired March 31 after almost 42 years of service.

He was recently honored at a luncheon with about 65 of his close friends and associates attending. J. P. Gills, division manager, served as toastmaster and L. W. Bates, assistant division manager, presented Mr. Phelps with a 35mm camera on behalf of his fellow employees.

He graduated in 1910 from Washington and Lee University with a degree in civil engineering. After a short time with the Pocahontas Fuel Company, he was employed by the Appalachian Power Company in Bluefield on July 10, 1911, as a transitman and chief of party. He was later placed in charge of right-of-way, land surveys and drafting.

Since the early days, he has walked almost every mile of line in the Bluefield division and much of the Roanoke area. Even today he has a reputation for being "a good walker."

R. T., as he is better known to close associates, is married and the father of four children. His son, Dave, is employed in the system substation department at Bluefield and has worked for the company almost 15 years.

R. T. is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce. He is a past officer of the Masonic Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Associations in Bluefield and past patron of Bluefield Chapter No. 66 of the Order of the Eastern Star. He is also a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, southeast chapter, and the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Among his many interests are working around his home, gardening, raising flowers and amateur photography. R. T. has a faraway look in his eyes and says he would like to tour the country before settling down.

T. E. With Named Division Manager Of Ohio Power Company

T. E. With was promoted last month to Central Division manager of The Ohio Power Company succeeding R. C. Knapp, retiring because of illness.

Mr. With was Mr. Knapp's assistant for four years prior to his promotion. He became associated with Ohio Power as a power engineer at Dennison in 1926 and served in various capacities in Lima, Zanesville, Newark and Canton.

Mr. Knapp joined Ohio Power in 1924 and held many positions before becoming Central Division manager in July of 1949. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp have spent the past several months in Florida.

Sporn Plant Mascot



Ralph Gregory Gibbs III, the two year-old Philip Sporn Plant mascot, eyes a not pitch as he prepares for the 1953 season. Little Ralph, despite his age, is an ardent fan and likes most any game—that is if there is a bat or a ball connected with it. Ralph comes from a ball-playing family. His father, Ralph Gibbs, Jr., was Sporn's second-sacker last year. He played professional ball in the Wisconsin State League on a Yankee farm club. The mascot's grandfather, Ralph Gibbs, also a Sporn employee, is president of the Hartford Tigers Baseball Team, Inc., and currently pitches for the office softball team.

Pikeville Keglers Beat Williamson To Even Matches

In their second inter-district bowling match of the season, Pikeville's keglers evened the series on their home alleys when their four teams edged Williamson 8,065 to 7,999. In an earlier encounter at Williamson, the host teams downed the Pikeville bowlers.

The recent match was won by the smallest margin of any previous series between the districts. High single game honors were won by Williamson as they rolled a 760-pin contest. Pikeville claimed the three-game series as their bowlers scattered a total of 2,149 pins.

High individual honors were won by Waggoner of Williamson. He rolled a 206-pin game. Bevins of Williamson was second with 197 while Lee of Pikeville collected 188 pins. Waggoner, Bevins and Lee also copped the series honors for the meet. They scored 513, 507 and 499 respectively.

Upon conclusion of the matches, the bowlers enjoyed refreshments which were served in the company auditorium.

Officers Of Hunting And Fishing Club



Officers of the Appalachian Hunting and Fishing Club look over a map for possible sites at a recent meeting in Charleston. They were elected April 1. From left: Ken Judy, vice president; L. A. Goeller, secretary-treasurer; C. J. Kelley, member of the board of directors, and G. W. Unangst, president. Other members of the board of directors are C. B. Talley, C. W. Lovell and "Buss" Shaffer. The club was organized last year to obtain facilities for members to enjoy hunting and fishing privileges difficult to obtain as an individual. Membership is open to all local, district, plant, division and system personnel within the division boundaries.



1953 Softball Schedules Are Now Underway In Areas Of Companies

That familiar crack of the bat can be heard in practically every section of the Southern Properties as team managers put candidates through 1953's first softball practice sessions.

Lynchburg

The Lynchburg nine, under the supervision of veteran manager, Ernest Layne, already has launched its season schedule. The Hilltoppers, playing in the eight-team City Industrial League, opened their season April 27.

Point Pleasant

Practice sessions at Point Pleasant got underway during mid-April and early indications are highly favorable. James R. Hoffman has been elected manager while Clifford D. Stalnaker will serve as business manager.

Welch

The softball fever put in its first appearance at Welch early in April when the club elected officers for the coming season. William B. Belchee was elected manager and H. H. Bivens has been named business manager for the 1953 squad.

Beckley

Beckley's former champions, play-

Pulverizers Win The Cabin Creek Loop's '53 Championship

The Cabin Creek Plant's Pulverizers defeated the Boiler Room keglers to win the three-game championship play-offs of the Power Makers' Club Bowling League. The Pulverizers were the winners of the first half of season play while the Boiler Room won the final period.

Individual honors were won by L. O. McKinney, 160, high average; Jeanne Creasey, 131, women's high average; and L. O. McKinney, 234, high single game. Leonard McKinney's 592-pin set won the high series while Jeanne Creasey's 447 was high for women. Leonard McKinney's 540-pin three-game series also copped the play-off's laurels.

The Power Makers' annual bowling banquet and the presentation of awards will be made.

ing in the eight-team Inter-City Softball League, opened the 1953 season during the final week of April. Games are being played at the Pinecrest Sanatorium Field and the League will be split into two halves. A Round-Robin Tournament will determine the winner at the close of the season.

Sporn Plant

Practice sessions at the Philip Sporn Plant also are underway as the plant's nine prepare to enter an Inter-City League. Sporn will meet independent teams from several Ohio towns which include: Pomeroy, Middleport, Gallipolis, Pt. Pleasant, Syracuse and Chester. This new league is being sponsored by the Pomeroy, Ohio, newspaper, *The Sentinel*.

Logan

The Logan Plant and the Logan district have entered one team in the Logan Business Men's League for the current season. League play already is underway. The Logan squad is operating under the management of Jack Blankenship and Orville Napier is captain. Howard J. Collins, personnel supervisor, was elected to serve as the commissioner for the league.

Bowl In State Meet



Rose and Murray

Two Point Pleasant keglers, Tom Rose, left, and Carl Murray, Jr., recently participated in the West Virginia State Bowling Tournament at Huntington. With more than six hundred entries competing, Rose emerged 13th while Murray placed 78th. Rose maintained an average of 171 while Murray rolled 165. Both of the Point Pleasant bowlers are members of the transmission and distribution department.

Manager Is Surprised

F. M. Baker, Pikeville district manager, recently was given a surprise birthday party by members of the Pikeville office force.

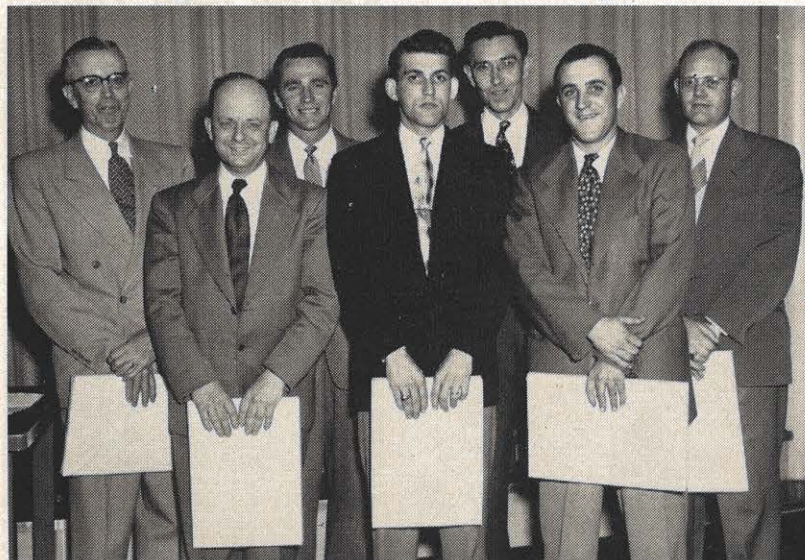
Mr. Baker, after being lured from his home to the office by an urgent telephone call, was greeted by the singing of Happy Birthday.

Roanoker Has Coached, Played And Managed His Championship Quintet

Reginald Oliver, a member of the Roanoke district distribution department, recently coached, managed and played with the Central Church of the Brethren's championship basketball team. Oliver's quintet won Southwest Virginia's Class C Gold Medal Tournament which drew entries from every section of the western part of the State.

Gordon Warrick, another district cager, was one of Oliver's star performers during the season.

Roanoke's Keglers Are Honored At The League's Annual Bowling Banquet



The Roanoke district bowling champions, the Kilowatts, are shown as they received their awards at the Roanoke District Bowling League's annual banquet. Members of the championship team are, back row, left to right, Phil Ray, Melvin Bradley, Burnley Stone and George Adkins. Front row, Wallace Coffey, Paul Clower and Tommy Bryant.

Roanoke area keglers recently attended the Annual Roanoke District Bowling League Banquet which climaxed the 1952-53 season with the awarding of prizes at the company auditorium. Wallace Coffey served as toastmaster; Elmer Haga pronounced the invocation; and W. P. Booker, district manager, made the presentations to outstanding bowlers.

The Kilowatts, after edging the Amps in the championship play-offs, were presented prizes for their outstanding season. Other teams recognized were the Ohms and Fuse Links. The Ohms captured the high three-game set for the season with 1621 pins while the Fuse Links rolled a 589 single game.

Individually, Leroy Gregory maintained the highest average for the season with 116 pins. He also copped the three-game series with a 403 season's mark. Lauren Himes' 168 remained the high single game for the season in league competition.

During the Annual Sweepstakes, an event in which 36 bowlers participated, Melvin Waggoner won first place. Doss Ayers, a very close second, was one pin behind the champion. Roy Howard and Elmer Haga finished third and fourth. Leroy Gregory won the Sweepstake's high single game honors.

KUI Bowlers Complete Season In City League

The Kingsport Utilities' keglers, after winning previous seasons in the City Industrial Bowling League, finished sixth in the eight-team loop. KUI bowlers for the 1952-53 season were: J. G. Rayfield, S. H. Chandler, H. F. Wilhoit, Wayne Mathews and Wilson Trumbo.

Pulaski Girls Win Bowling Play-Offs



The Pulaski girls' bowling team, while playing in A city league, recently captured the season's play-offs. Pulaski's team was second in league competition at the close of the season — just another encounter behind the champions. The A. E. P. bowlers, above, left to right, are: Opal Newland, Audrey Kingrea, Winifred Jackson, Lois Collins and Jeanne Duncan.

Jeanette Kidd Winner Of Season's Bowling Honors: Roanoke Finishes Fifth

Jeanette Kidd, a member of the system personnel department of Roanoke, recently won top honors for individual scoring in the Roanoke Women's Commercial Bowling League. Jeanette, while playing for the Blue & Gray keglers of the eight-team loop, rolled a 132 single game and posted a 360-pin three-game series. The Blue & Gray bowlers captured the 1952-53 championship.

Appalachian's all-girl team, also entered in the same league, completed the season in fifth place. The AEP bowlers, led by Margaret Carter, won 41 games and lost 43. Elizabeth Bosang's 328 pins took individual honors for the series while Adrena Harmon's 124 was the high single game for the team. Jane Roberts posted 318 and 123 for the company pin busters. Other members of the team included: Barbara Boitnott and Jean Cassell. Jean also served as secretary of the league.

Rocky Mount Cashier Is Key Bowler In League

Bobbie Ramsey, Rocky Mount, Virginia, cashier-clerk, is a member of the Bald Knob Bowling Team of the Rocky Mount Ladies' League. The "Knobbers" captured the first half of the league play and will compete in the play-off for the championship.

During the 90-game season, Bobbie rolled the individual high set and her average is one pin under the league mark. The "Knobbers" also won the team high game and series during the year.

Gene Hall Is Stork's Assistant On Hospital Trip

Gene Hall recently had to lend the stork a hand. The Williamson district engineering department employee delivered a baby in the back of an ambulance on the way to a hospital.

Gene often helps his father-in-law in a funeral home and ambulance service at Belfry, Kentucky, and has assisted in many types of cases. However, this was the first time he was a stork's assistant.



Mr. Hall

On this occasion, they received a call from McAndrews, Kentucky, to take an expectant mother to a hospital. On the way the father-to-be told Gene and his father-in-law that the hospital was going to be too far away.

Gene climbed through the ambulance window, comforted the distraught father and delivered a seven-pound boy. Upon arriving at the hospital, the doctor in charge said, "I couldn't have done better myself."

The father thanked Gene and told him he was "scared to death" and wouldn't have known what to do. Gene said he had heard doctors talk about similar situations and had read some about it.

He credited much of his aid to "just being calm and doing the best I could." Gene himself was the father of a daughter born about a month before he was called upon to be a stork's assistant.

Deacon Jones, KUI Employee, Is Given 35-Year IOOF Pin



W. B. "Deacon" Jones, left, receives a 35-year membership pin during the recent IOOF family night party. Otto A. Breith made the presentation.

W. B. "Deacon" Jones of the Kingsport commercial department recently was presented a 35-year Odd Fellow membership pin. The presentation was made by Otto A. Breith, former Kentucky lodge official, at the annual Family Night party which was held in the Utilities' auditorium.

Mr. Breith, who served as Grand Master of the Order in Kentucky in 1911, has been a close friend of Mr. Jones for many years. He was grand master when Deacon left the Odd Fellows' Home at Lexington where he attended school. They renewed their acquaintance when Mr. Jones transferred from Williamson to Kingsport in 1934. While making the presentation, Mr. Breith recalled some amusing remarks of the past that delighted the more than one hundred and fifty persons attending the party.

New Pocahontas Station Is Put In Operation

The Welch district's Pocahontas Station, a new 1,000 KVA distribution station, recently was energized and is now serving the Town of Pocahontas, Virginia, and the surrounding area. The new facilities replace the old 525 KVA bank previously used to serve the same area.

The new station has been located at a more accessible site. The original location was upon a hillside at the base of a cliff. The first 75 KVA bank was installed at that site by the old Appalachian Power Company when they took over the facilities of the Pocahontas Fuel Company about forty years ago.

The energizing of the new station completes the conversion of the Town of Pocahontas to 4,000-volt operation.

Dick Ruff Is Cited For Outstanding Work In Scouting Program



R. H. "Dick" Ruff, right, Welch district distribution engineer, recently was presented scouting's leadership award for his service to youth in the Cub Scout movement. The presentation was made to Mr. Ruff by C. C. Hupp, McDowell County scout executive, as members of Welch Cub Pack 36 observed the pack's sixth birthday at the First Methodist Church in Welch.

Five Pikeville Men Elected Officers In Two Organizations

Pikeville district employees were well represented after recent elections by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club. Five became officers in the civic organizations.

Ernie Brashear, distribution engineer, was elected president of the Pikeville Jaycees. He has been a member of the club since he came to Pikeville three years ago when he began working with the company. He was second vice president last year.



Mr. Brashear



Mr. Huffman



Mr. Hale

Leon Huffman, senior real estate and right of way agent, and Gene Hale, district personnel supervisor, were elected to the Board of Directors of the Jaycees. Mr. Huffman has been in the club for only a year but was active on all projects of the club. Mr. Hale has been with the Jaycees for over six years, having held the office of secretary, president and state director.



Mr. Flanagan



Mr. Wood

Daughter Of Pulaski Man Chosen Senator At Model Assembly

Joan Carol Payne, 17-year-old daughter of P. C. Payne of Pulaski, was chosen senator representing District 5 of the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y Clubs of Virginia. The recognition, honoring Miss Payne, was announced at the Model General Assembly at Richmond which was attended by approximately 350 students during the recent two-day session.



Miss Payne

Joan, a Pulaski High School senior, is active in school affairs. She is a member of the Student Council; secretary, National Honor Society; reporter, Beta Club; chaplain, Senior Tri-Hi-Y; and secretary of the Library Club. She also is a member of the Latin Club, G. A. A., Pep Club, Senior Girls' Club and the Spring Carnival Court. Joan plans to become a business major at Radford College next fall.

Mr. Payne is employed as district transportation supervisor.

Armed Forces Call Three Employees

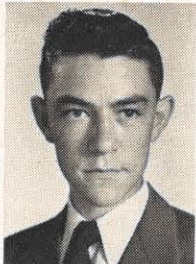
Three Appalachian employees entered military service last month. They were Maurice H. Cottle, Huntington district; Douglas A. Martin, Fieldale district, and Carl E. Baisden, Logan plant.



Mr. Cottle

Cottle, a PBX operator, entered the Army on April 9. He worked part time from June of 1950 to July of 1951 while attending Marshall College. He then became a night PBX operator and worked full time. He was a senior at Marshall College this year.

Martin, a clerk in the stores section of the Fieldale district transmission and distribution department, entered military service on April 9. He had been with the company at Fieldale for three years.



Mr. Martin

Baisden, laboratory attendant at Logan plant, entered military service on April 15. He reported to the Naval Training Station in Maryland. He was employed in September of last year.

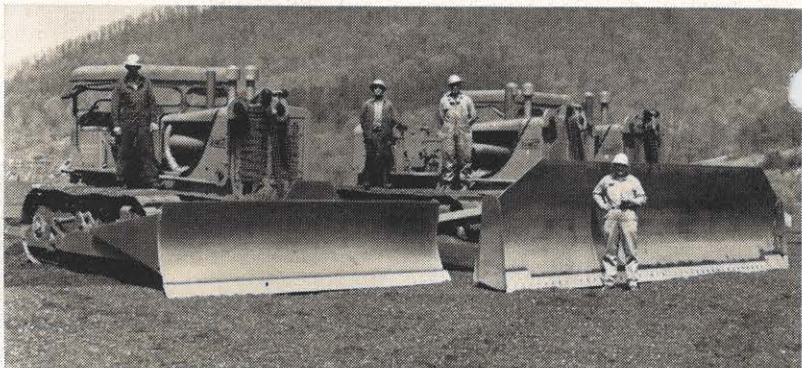
Two Cabin Creek Employees Die

Two Cabin Creek plant employees recently died of illnesses. They were William S. King and Kermit Massey.

Mr. King, plant janitor, died March 26 of a heart attack. Funeral services were held March 29. Born June 11, 1889, in Kanawha County, he is survived by his widow and four sons. He was employed at the plant in September of 1942.

Mr. Massey, stores record clerk, died April 8 after a short illness. Funeral services were held April 10 at Chelyan Methodist Church. Born at Chelyan on February 19, 1903, he is survived by his father, Frank, a retired Appalachian employee. He was employed at the plant in September of 1930.

One And One Makes Three In Case Of Bulldozer Made From Two Tractors For Kanawha Plant Use



H. L. Ballard, Kanawha River plant yard foreman, stands in front of the big blade of the coupled bulldozer that does three times the work of the standard unit at left. Standing on bulldozers, from left: B. O. Gardner, R. L. Bias and R. J. Wagner.

Add one and one and you get three. That's the result reported by Harry Ballard, Kanawha River plant yard foreman, on coupling two tractors together.

With the coupled unit they can do the work of three ordinary bulldozers. The new unit with its huge blade handles about a half a train carload of coal at a time—over 30 tons. The blade is about 25 feet long and 6 feet high.

Plans call for attaching a carryall to the bulldozer. Men at the plant

Con Breeding Awarded Honors In Germany

Herbert C. "Con" Breeding, Abingdon district engineering department employee on military leave with the Air Corps in Germany, was the first to be awarded the new "Airman of the Month" honors.



A/1C Con Breeding

In presenting the award, his commanding officer said: "Breeding not only efficiently and cheerfully performs all duties which are assigned him but also spends many additional hours performing duties important to this section but which are not in his particular line of duty."

A/1C Breeding is non-commissioned officer in charge of the radio storage room with the signal section on an air base in Germany. He worked with an Abingdon district survey crew from March 1949 to October 1950 when he entered military service.

Son Of Roanoker Is Selected Honor Man

Leonard Milton Fulcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Fulcher of Roanoke, recently was graduated with honors at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md.

Leonard, who served his company as Recruit chief petty officer, was named the Honor Man for the period this group was undergoing recruit training. During this "Boot Camp" training period, Leonard's company, which he headed, was the Honor Company of all those training at Bainbridge.



Mr. Fulcher

Following graduation, Leonard spent a fourteen-day leave with his parents prior to reporting back to Bainbridge for further assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulcher, Mrs. Lucy Hill and Miss Mary Ann Grisso attended the Graduation Review at which Leonard was honored. Mr. Fulcher is the Roanoke district's rural and residential sales supervisor.

Pt. Pleasant Man's Son Is Given Citation For Korean Service

Pfc. James A. Ferrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ferrell, recently was awarded the commendation ribbon for meritorious service while serving with the 461st Infantry Battalion in Korea between June 9, 1952, and February 6, 1953.

The citation, in part, reads: "Private Ferrell's manner of performance was outstanding at all times. He continually volunteered and was accepted for observation post duty in Company A, which required an exceptionally well-rounded mortar man."



Pfc. J. A. Ferrell

While serving as chief of an observation party, he drew praise not only for his accurate adjustment of mortar fire but also for his competence in the handling of heavy artillery fire."

Prior to entering the military service, James was employed with A. G. & E. at the Tanners Creek Plant of the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company.

Mr. Ferrell is an administrative assistant in the Point Pleasant district.

J. B. Whitmore's Article Published In Magazine

An article by J. B. Whitmore, Roanoke division commercial manager, appeared in an issue of General Electric's *Load Magazine*. "The Power Sales Engineer's Responsibility To Small Industry" stressed the importance of giving attention to smaller industrial customers.