

I have often
regretted my speech,
never my silence
—MAXIN

The Illuminator

Ill habits gather
by unseen degrees
—DRYDEN

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Highest Pressure Is To Be Used In New Unit

R. H. Ruff Elected New President Of Welch Lions Club

R. H. "Dick" Ruff, distribution engineer, was elected May 13 president of the Welch Lions Club. He has been active in the organization for seven years and has served as secretary, vice president and member of the board of directors.

Graduating from public schools at Elkhorn, he attended Washington and Lee University where he graduated in 1932 with a B.S. degree in engineering. He worked for the Crozer Coal & Coke Company



Mr. Ruff

until he came with Appalachian as a distribution engineer. He served three years with the Army engineers during World War II and saw overseas duty in the Pacific theater.

Dick has been active in civic and church affairs. He is a member of the vestry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. He recently was elected president of the Welch Little League. He has served as Cubmaster for six years, having built Cub Pack No. 36 into one of the top units in the district. He is also a member of the American Legion.

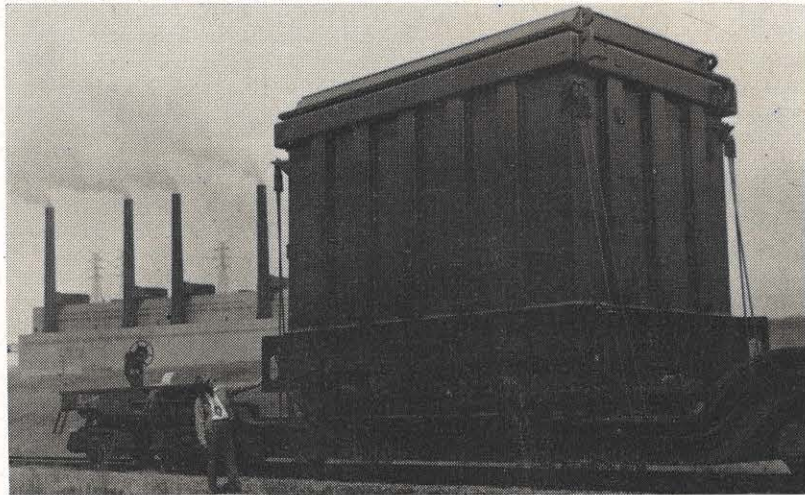
Fire-Damaged Unit At Tanners Creek Back In Service

The 150,000-kw generator at Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Tanners Creek plant which was damaged by fire in January was restored to service last month.

The unit had to be completely rebuilt as the result of the fire. Because of its complexity, all rotating parts had to be balanced before the unit was restored to full operation.

Generating capacity lost to I&M during the time of repair of the unit was made up by affiliated companies in the AGE System whose transmission facilities are integrated.

Giant Transformer Arrives At Sporn On Special Car After Special Routing



The 150-ton transformer tank on its special car towers above Hansford Buckland, chief system substation operator inspecting the giant at Sporn plant. The tank will be installed at the 330,000-volt substation under construction. The transformer top, weighing 30 tons, was shipped on another car.

A special railroad car, special routes and a special section of railroad were needed to get the first 330,000-volt transformer ever made in the United States to Sporn plant. This transformer and another will step up current generated at Sporn to 330,000 volts for transmission on the Glasgow and Muskingum 330,000-volt lines.

First of its kind manufactured in the nation, the transformer was shipped from the Sharon, Pa., plant of Westinghouse Electric Corporation. On its special underslung flatcar, the 15-foot high transformer weighing about 150 tons towered 18 ft. 1 in. above the rails. When the top and other parts are added it will stand 31½ feet and weigh 242 tons. The 30-ton top was shipped on another car.

Due to clearance on the railroads, it had to be shipped by special route from Sharon to Columbus, Ohio, via New York Central Railroad; from Columbus to Kenova, W. Va., via N&W, and from Kenova to Sporn plant at Graham Station, via B&O. The transformer was the heaviest single item shipped over the Ohio River Division of the B&O. To take it to the proper position at the substation, 800 feet of railroad track was laid.

The giant transformer is one of the forced oil, forced air type, rated at 150,000 kva. Nine heat exchanger units and 19,000 gallons of oil will be used to cool the transformer. A similar transformer is to be installed at Appalachian's new Kanawha River plant.

Construction work on the 330-kv substation has started under the supervision of H. A. Clarke, superintendent of the system substation department. The new substation will consist of the two 150,000 kva transformers, five oil circuit breakers and a control building.

George Turner Is VFW Post Commander

George Turner, Fieldale district area representative, was recently installed as commander of Post 7800 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This was the second time he has served as commander since the VFW post was organized in 1947.



Mr. Turner

He has also served as adjutant and quartermaster of the post that has its home in Patrick Springs.

R. R. Roush Prevents Possible Train Wreck

R. R. Roush, Point Pleasant district appliance repairman, is credited with preventing a possible train wreck.

Returning from a service call and crossing one of the town's busiest intersections across the B&O railroad tracks, Raleigh noticed a broken rail. A section about 6 inches long was broken from one of the rails and lying across the broken section.

He called the local passenger station. They inspected the rail and had the section crew replace it.



Mr. Roush

Steam Pressure To Be Almost Double In 120,000 Kw Unit At Philo Plant

A revolutionary development in the economical generation of steam-electric power was announced last month. A new boiler and turbo-generating unit, designed to cross the barrier of the "critical-pressure" of steam will be installed at the Philo Plant of the Ohio Power Company.

This unit, 120,000 kilowatt capacity, will be the most efficient ever built. It will utilize the unprecedented steam pressure and temperature of 4,500 pounds per square inch and 1,150 degrees Fahrenheit.

Announcement of the plans to build the unit was made by our president Philip Sporn; Alfred Iddles, president of Babcock and Wilcox, and Glenn B. Warren, vice president and general manager of the turbine division of General Electric. General

Electric will design and manufacture the turbine and Babcock and Wilcox will build the boiler for it.

The turbine will operate at 4,500 pounds per square inch, almost double the present highest steam pressure utilized for power generation.

The initial steam temperature of 1,150 degrees is 50 degrees above the present highest. It will be followed by two stages of reheat, the first at 1,050 degrees and the second at 1,000 degrees.

The entire project is being engineered by the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation, which will supervise the installation of the unit of Philo.

Mr. Sporn said that the project is the consummation of more than "30 years of continuous work and development on the AGE system to bring about more economical methods of power generation." He added, "The three companies involved in this project have cooperated during the past three decades on a number of projects looking toward the same objective."

"Many new ideas in turbine, boiler and plant design will be incorporated and tested in this development," Mr. Sporn stated. "Among these are the use of (1) steam pressure above the 'critical pressure' of 3,206 pounds per square inch; (2) initial steam pressure of 1,150 degrees Fahrenheit and (3) more than one stage of reheat.

"The use of higher pressures, higher temperatures and new ideas in reheat at Philo," Mr. Sporn declared, "will make possible not only new world standards of efficiency in generation of steam-electric power, but ultimately will make possible capital reductions by compressing size of units and bringing about more effective utilization of materials."

The new Philo Plant unit will be a development model and relatively small as modern generating units go. However, to cross the barrier of critical pressures, new concepts of turbine design will be required in this machine.

Watkins Is Elected To Office In C. Of C.

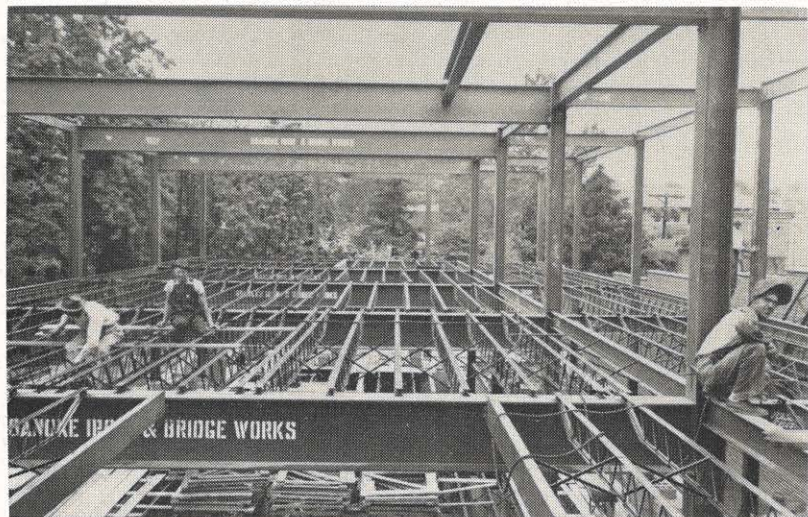
T. M. Watkins, Williamson district manager, recently was elected vice president of the Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce which serves Williamson and the Mingo County area.

Mr. Watkins has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1943. He has served as a member of the board of directors for the past nine years and is chairman of the better roads committee. He also is a member of the public relations and legislative committees as well as a member of the City Park Board. He is a past president of the park board.



Mr. Watkins

Pulaski Office Building Steelwork Completed



Steelwork was being completed on the Pulaski office building addition when this picture was made. Construction on the district office was held up for several months because of a delay in steel delivery. However, mid-May saw completion of the erection of steel by Roanoke Iron and Bridge Company. No further delay is anticipated for the building scheduled for completion by late fall. J. A. Brillheart of the Pulaski office is resident engineer on the job.

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Dreamland—U. S. A. Or Time To Wake Up

"What a line!" That was my first reaction as I stood there and watched the people in front of me moving toward the counters.

Pretty soon, however, I forgot about the mass of people to concentrate on individuals. One little fellow waved his arms so hard that I thought he was going to hit a big man who stamped the ground and occasionally bellowed. Listening, I found they weren't mad at each other.

"It's madness!" screamed the little guy. "I'm not going to take this lying down. I'll write my Congressman—I'll even write the President!"

"How're my wife and youngsters going to get along on this?" the big fellow shouted. "They can't live on what's left. I'm being robbed."

By this time I knew none of the people in the line were happy. The gesturing, shouting, movement—all foretold something unpleasant. I went to the head of the line to find out its purpose.

There I saw people dutifully paying out money. Some shouted, some cried, some cursed, some pleaded—but they all paid. Many turned from the counter, looked at their pocketbooks, shook their heads and said, "Just wait!" Their attitude plainly said, "Something will be done about this."

I finally cornered a man who had just paid. "What's this line for?" I asked. "Taxes—federal income taxes," he snapped.

"But wait a minute," I begged, "automatic pay check deductions take care of federal taxes." He replied: "Yeah, I know. But we pay this way once a year to remind us how much is coming out of each paycheck. We get our full checks on Friday and the following Monday we line up to pay our taxes. When I think how little I get and how much they take in federal taxes, I get mad clear through." He rushed away.

About then the line started to fade and I awoke in a cold sweat. That dream was too real for comfort. I certainly wouldn't...

But wait a minute. That fellow said that was the purpose of the line—to impress taxpayers how much they were paying to support the federal government. Maybe that line was a pretty good idea. You don't pay much attention to those taxes when they take them out before you get your money.

Maybe it would be a good thing for us once a year, once a month or every payday to stand in line and actually

Your Opinion

What benefits should you and your family get from your vacation?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LOLA HENSON, Engineering Department, Logan



For two weeks of the year I can become re-acquainted with my son and my family. We can again get to know each other and catch up on all the news. We will have time to say more to each other than just "good morning," "good-bye," and "good night." I can learn my son's latest sayings and habits. We can go on picnics, trips, and to the movies together.

Also, I can putter around the house doing the little odd chores I never seem to have time for when I am away working every day.

At the end of my vacation, we know each other and are better able to work together and can handle unforeseen situations with more understanding.

CHARLES J. MCGHEE, System Civil Engineering Department, Roanoke



During vacation we should relieve ourselves of the responsibilities and labor of our employment, and spend this time doing the things from which we and our families get the most enjoyment.

However we choose to spend it, we may enjoy the companionship of our loved ones for a few days, experiencing happiness even above that of everyday living. This enriches our lives, and provides for pleasant memories in the coming years.

Though we return to our roles as useful citizens with remorse, we are well rested, and just a little glad to be home.

LOIS GORDON, Meter Department, Roanoke



When we think of vacation, we immediately think of all the things we have been saving for that long awaited vacation. Then we realize that no human being could possibly crowd so many things into two short weeks. It is then that our benefits begin—planning a vacation together and working out ways and means of carrying out our plans.

Most of all, we will get a change from the everyday routine. Whether we spend our vacation at home or in a strange place, it means we will be together as a family, enjoying the same things in a leisurely, carefree manner, without having to consider the time element. We know that each day of two wonderful weeks will bring new pleasures to be shared together.

pay those taxes imposed by law. Then we would be more aware of how much is taken from our earnings.

With this increased awareness of taxes would come greater interest in how our money is spent. We would want to know more about where our taxes go. Needless to say, we would be darn sure that our money was spent only for necessary things.

If you need anything to keep you from being lulled into a dreamland of thinking of your paycheck only in terms of take-home pay, then take a long look at your paycheck stub next payday. Look at the amount you paid for taxes, an important part of your income.

G. W. McABEE, Mechanical Maintenance Mechanic, Logan Plant



The benefits that I believe my family and I receive from our vacation should be a complete rest for my wife and me, plus an enjoyable and educational time for the children.

I believe that a well-planned vacation is of great importance. It gives you enough time to visit friends and relatives and also to visit scenic and educational places throughout the United States. This type of vacation presents an opportunity for my wife and me to have a complete rest and the children to see historical and educational places that they have read about during their schooling.

If these benefits are received, the family will return to their home and work with greater enthusiasm for the coming year.

MONROE LYNCH, Steam Production Department, Kingsport



I believe the initial benefit that any employee and his family receives from a vacation would be a complete rest. Secondly, an employee gets his mind off his work so he can relax.

When the company gives an employee a paid vacation such as the employees in this company, it gives us a chance to visit some relatives who we may not have a chance to visit otherwise. Again the vacation helps us to get the many odd jobs done around the house which accumulate during the year but never have the time to get to.

GLEASON K. SMYTHERS, Distribution Records Clerk, Pulaski

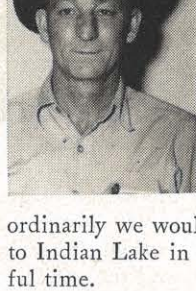


Our present mode of living—hurrying from one task to another—doesn't allow us to truly enjoy our vacations. "Vacation" is a derivative of "vacate" which means to leave or empty. So our vacations should give us "leave" of all business and home cares; and it should "empty" us of anxieties and frustrations and leave zest for a return to duties.

Finances play an important role; but plans well made with sufficient forethought can give you and your family the needed rest, recreation or travel.

Vacations at home can be enjoyable in presenting opportunities to do the many things we never have time to do otherwise; for after all a change from any one task to another is a rest!

LAWRENCE E. JONES, Troublemaker, Charleston



I think my vacation is an opportunity for me to spend a lot of time with my wife and children which due to shift work, I don't ordinarily get to do.

Each year we save up for our vacation and go someplace where we can all have a good time and do the things which ordinarily we wouldn't do. Last year, we went to Indian Lake in Ohio and all had a wonderful time.

DOROTHY CARDINAL, Accounting Department, Pikeville



I would say that the benefits my family and I should get from my vacation depends a great deal on the planning that has been done ahead of time. If the vacation has been well planned we should all be able to get some rest, relaxation and enjoyment. Nowadays the children get out of a vacation as the grown-ups.

I don't think a person should come up to his or her boss today and say "I want my vacation tomorrow." We very often hear some of the employees say that they have three weeks work to do at home during the two weeks vacation. I believe they are doing themselves an injustice by spending their vacation in this manner. My idea is that we should benefit most by making vacation time a happy and enjoyable time.

DOROTHY RUSSELL, Accounting Department, Sporn Plant



The benefits for an individual spending a vacation with the family would be the pleasure of being around the ones you love.

A vacation is a time for relaxation. Don't try to hit too many spots. Pick and choose your stopping places among two or three close to home. When you go camping to a park or forest, you get a lot more than just the scenery, although that in itself is always satisfying and often spectacular. In the more developed parks you can hire a guide, rent horses, boats and other outdoor equipment.

Everyone should enjoy a vacation that is restful because our choice of places to visit year after year is almost unlimited.

A vacation is a change, even if, as Mothers say, "It's just a change of sinks." Whatever our family decides upon, it will be different from our everyday life, enjoying the fun and excitement of being together after a long period of time.

Enjoy Life

By L. W. Self

Begin each day with a kind thought and a word of praise.

Do something to help another. Take satisfaction in the goodness and kindness you see in the people about you.

Observe the beauties of nature—love the flowers—listen to the birds—look up at the stars. You can be happy if you will.

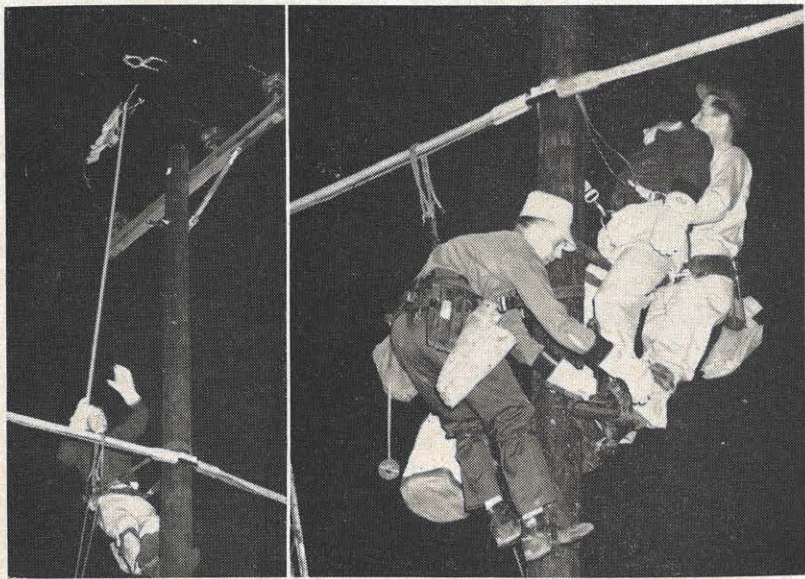
You will do more and better work—you will mean more to your friends—you will have more influence, if you maintain a cheerful attitude.

Happiness is not a matter of wealth or station—it is a matter of temperament and will. To be happy does not mean to be self-satisfied—or indifferent to poverty. It does mean that you can rise above circumstances—you can have a part in creating the atmosphere in which your life shall be lived.

This old world we're living in is mighty hard to beat. You get a thorn with every rose—but my, aren't the roses sweet!

(Mr. Self is a retired employee in the Huntington district.)

'Rescue' Part Of Safetyrama Program



A realistic act, which dramatized each phase of a poletop rescue, was one of the highlights of the recent Virginia State-Wide Safety Conference's "Safetyrama." This safety show and public demonstration, the first of its kind in the nation, was staged at Roanoke's Victory Stadium with nearly nine thousand spectators attending. Tons of equipment, months of preparation, and a small army of technicians and participants were required to execute the 12 major demonstrations. Above, left, Roanoke's line crewman, F. G. Lloyd, simulates a realistic shock as he attempts to remove a kite from the primary circuit. Note the electric flashover above the kite as he makes contact. Right photograph, Lineman Leroy Gregory attempts to restore breathing with poletop resuscitation while Herman Young removes Lloyd's climbers before lowering him to the ground. The Appalachian set was under the direction of W. C. Carper, Roanoke line foreman. Others participating were: S. R. Ferguson, L. F. Hogan, Carl Puffenbarger and S. L. Wood.

G. L. Poythress Made Civil Engineer Of Bluefield Division

G. L. Poythress has been promoted to Bluefield division civil engineer. Leroy has been in Bluefield since 1947 as assistant to R. T. Phelps who retired in April.



Mr. Poythress

Roanoke, he was employed as a draftsman in Bluefield. He transferred to Pulaski in December of 1941 as civil engineer in charge of surveying and drafting.

He moved back to Bluefield in 1947 as assistant to Mr. Phelps, a position he held until his promotion. He is a registered professional engineer in the state and takes an active interest in church work. He is on the Board of Stewards, member of the choir and superintendent of the Sunday School of the Trinity Methodist Church of Bluefield. He is married and the father of two children, Jacqueline and "Buckey."

Regional Utilities' Representatives Meet In Roanoke

Twenty-five operating and engineering representatives of the Southeastern Regional Operating Committee held their semi-annual conference in the auditorium of the Roanoke general office building. The group discussed various forms of communications, load regulation, load capacities, interconnections, and the economic factors involved in loading generating plants.

Representatives attending the regional conference were: A. J. Skaale, Carolina Power and Light; E. D. Early, Southern Services; H. E. McCormack, AEP; T. J. Williams, D. E. P. A.; Mead Warren, Aluminum Company of America; Earl Wild, Commonwealth—Edison; R. J. Cooper, Georgia Power; H. W. Oetinger, Duke Power Company; A. B. Sneed, AEP; G. L. Gilkeson, VEPCo; G. L. Dibble, South Carolina Electric; T. H. Mawson, Southern Services; W. E. Phillips, Leeds & Northrup; H. B. Wolf, Duke Power; W. J. Brogdon, Carolina Power; C. P. Almon, Jr., TVA; G. L. Furr, general manager of Appalachian; J. W. Kepner, AEP; O. H. Wade, Jr., Georgia Power; L. P. Julian, Duke Power; G. H. McDaniel, A. H. Willenar, and V. R. Peterson, all A. G. & E.; J. A. Stewart, VEPCo; and J. A. Ebeling of Appalachian.

Flooded Oil Fields Give Hope Of Brighter Economy For Area In Eastern Kentucky

About 1,000 feet below the surface of parts of the Pikeville district is a layer of sand, some 24 feet thick. A core sample of this sand looks like a grayish rock similar to granite.

There is one big difference, however. Weir sand has millions of barrels of crude oil suspended in its microscopic pores.

At present, five companies are actively engaged in forcing this weir sand to give up its treasure by water flooding oil fields. About 300,000 barrels of oil are expected to be produced this year by Cumberland Petroleum, Patterson Oil, Ashland Oil and Refining, Petroleum Exploration and Brundred Oil companies.

Within 18 months these five companies expect to be producing 5,000 barrels a day. Some idea of this recovery program is evident when you consider that there are 42 gallons in a barrel.

Most phases of both water and oil pumping are done electrically and eventually electricity will be the only source of energy for the operations. The method used in forcing the sand to release the oil is a story in itself.

Water from sources below the oil-bearing sand is pumped to the surface. It then undergoes purifying treatment more exact and complete than the average city water supply. This purification is necessary due to the micro-



Jarrett Wood, Pikeville district engineer at right, looks over one of the water pumping stations which has two 50 hp pressure pumps for water injection.

Prince Thornton Gives Conservation Lecture

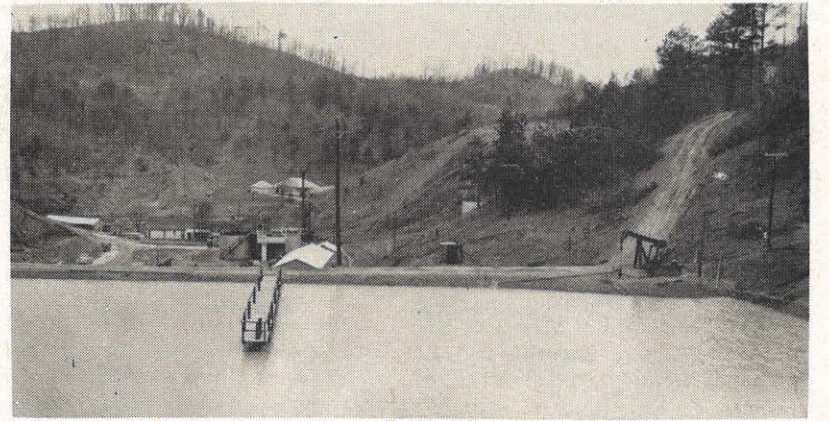
"Americans On Guard" was the title of a flannelboard presentation made by Prince Thornton before a recent meeting of Welch district foremen, supervisors and guests. The lecture was based on General George Washington's orders to "Post Only Americans on Guard Tonight" and emphasized the importance of conserving our renewable resources, particularly forests.

Using the flannelboard, he emphasized the important part that soil, water and forests play in national economy. The program was prepared with the cooperation of D. B. Bonebrake, forester for the Pocahontas Land Company. Prince, Bluefield district inspector, is well known for his work with religious and civic programs in the area.

Logan Appa-Lassies Hold Wiener Roast And Party

Members of the Logan district girls' club, the Appa-Lassies, recently sponsored a wiener roast and party which was held at the Sportsmen's Club at Millcreek. All employees of the Logan district were invited.

Members of the arrangement committee included: Mildred Hannah, Lola Adkins and June Abdoney.



This storage dam is typical of those used to water flood the oil fields. On the right is a pumping jack which pumps water out of the earth into the dam. Similar jacks pump the oil out. In the background is the water purification system and pumping station.

scopic pores of the sand through which the water must be forced. Impurities in the water, though invisible to the eye, can plug the pores of the weir sand.

This water is then injected into the sand over a thousand feet below the surface at a pressure of 1,200 pounds per square inch at sand face. This water, under pressure, drives the oil from the pores of the rock-hard sand.

By accurate spacing of these injection wells, the movement of this displaced oil can be controlled. Pumping jacks are located to bring the oil to the surface.

It is estimated that only 30% of the oil in the three-county area has been developed by the primary recovery method. This method is the pumping of oil from pools, without any pressure forcing. Oil fields in this area were developed in this way about 1920 and produced profitably until about 1938.

The oil field was idled until 1947 when one of the companies in the area started a small water flood and had results which made the flood profitable. Of the remaining 70% of the oil still in the ground, the secondary recovery method of using unnatural pressures to drive the oil from the sand will claim all but 10 to 20%.

Anticipated life of the water flood is from 12 to 20 years before pro-



Joe Slagel, manager of the Cumberland Petroleum Company which was a pioneer in the oil recovery program in the area, opens a valve at one of the pumping jacks to show Jarrett Wood, power sales engineer, the quality of the oil brought to the surface.

duction drops to a point where it is not economical to continue the flood. A field in Pennsylvania similar to those in the Pikeville district has been under some type of secondary recovery for over 30 years and is assumed to have potential production almost equal to the volume of oil previously produced.

All this not only gives hope to the oil companies in the Pikeville district, but also means that the economic picture in the Eastern Kentucky area will be much brighter.

Dances In Review



Carolyn Joyce Gravely, five year-old daughter of Mrs. Eunice Gravely of Fieldale, recently participated in a three-act review which was held at the Patrick Henry Elementary School. Carolyn portrayed the role of the Needle in a skit from "Grandmother's Sewing Basket." Carolyn is a student at the Ann Boyer School of Dance.

Mad Bull Causes Unique Injury Report

The following Accident Investigation Report was received by the System Safety Department:

"Description of Accident: Returning to truck after work; walking through field with other men of party; bull charged them as they were nearly across field; injury to toe happened in jumping through fence.

"Unsafe act or practice: Same as Number 1.

"Unsafe condition or hazard involved: Being in same field with unfriendly bull.

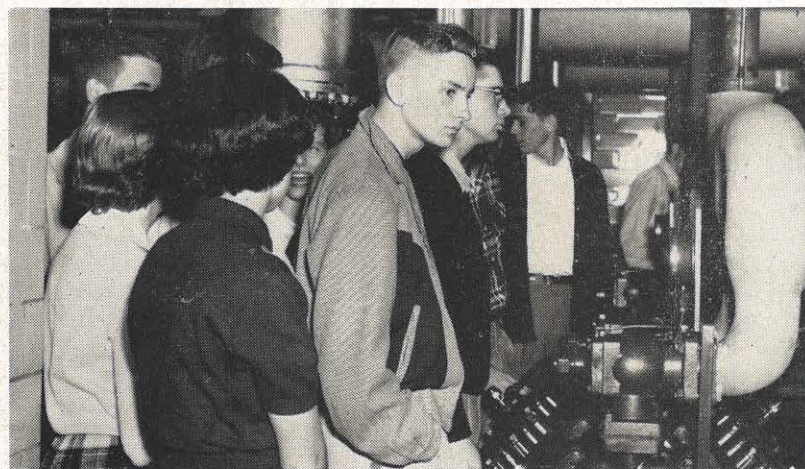
"Corrective or preventive action taken to prevent a recurrence: Men have been instructed to avoid personal encounter with bulls.

"Responsibility for this accident: Supervisory. Identifying characteristics of bull not recognized in time.

"Instructions: Instructions to withdraw not given in time for a safe and orderly withdrawal."

Not to be outdone, the system safety department's *Facts and Figures* report of the accident recommended the following corrective action: "To avoid future incidents of this nature, employees have been instructed to establish better public relations with all bulls."

Exchange Students Visit Roanoke Office



Manitowoc, Wisconsin, exchange students see something new as they inspect the heat pump installation at the Roanoke general office. Thirty Manitowoc students visited in Roanoke during the exchange period. While visiting in the city, the students attended classes at Jefferson High School and visited many of the major industries. While visiting the Appalachian office, J. D. Lawrence, assistant division manager, welcomed the group and explained the operations of our company.

Bluefield Division

Welch District

Mrs. Patricia Smith, engineering department, was named second vice president of the Junior Woman's Club.

Hugh P. Grubb, Jr., lineman, resigned.

Nathaniel Staples, recently returned from Korea, is the new janitor in the Welch service building.

"Pat" Christian, accounting department, entertained May 2 at her home with a shower honoring Barbara Shaw who became the bride of Ensign Thomas Whitney Reed on May 15.

Gladys Franklin, Barbara Weaver, Phyllis Henderson and Sue Bowles, all of the accounting department, complimented Miss Shaw with a shower in the Appalachian community room on May 8.

Glen Lyn Plant

Mabel Thompson and Robert R. Coffman are new employees.

Mrs. E. J. Stalker, wife of the stores supervisor, was elected a third term as president of the WSCS of the Methodist Church at Rich Creek and presented a life membership in that organization.

Sympathy is extended Kyle Wade on the death of his son who was recently killed in an automobile accident at Glen Lyn.

The following committee has been appointed to make arrangements for the annual company picnic: W. R. Johnson, chairman, A. R. White, Raymond Elliott, D. A. Buckland, Frank Agee, Leona S. Martin, N. J. Jessee, C. L. Spangler, Dudley Clemons and E. C. Quesinberry.

Paul J. Whittaker and E. E. Medley have returned to work after illnesses.

H. P. Johnson is now a grandfather.

John A. Thornton, J. P. Surber, J. C. Neely and G. C. Johnson, all retired employees, visited the plant last month.

Twenty members of the graduating class in electrical engineering at V. P. I. visited the plant on May 19.

Bluefield District

Jack Boyd, commercial department, returned to work after an operation.

Mrs. Lena G. Moseley, commercial department, attended an E.E.I. meeting of home economists in Louisville.

Mrs. Jay Farley, accounting department, was elected treasurer of the Bluefield Junior Woman's Club.

Jay Farley, H. H. Hutchenson and Bill Riley attended the State Jaycee Convention in Wheeling.

C. L. Shockey and C. M. Fletcher attended the State Safety Conference in Roanoke.

Sympathy is extended W. G. Cunningham, Narrows line crew, on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is also extended C. M. Fletcher on the death of his sister-in-law.

Mrs. W. J. Gillespie is recovering at home after being discharged from the hospital.

Bluefield System

Mrs. Mary Archer Murphy, system transmission line department, has returned to work after recovering from a broken arm.

Sympathy is extended R. T. Hypes, line department, on the death of his father.

W. P. Carter, superintendent, received word that his son, Lt. Robert Douglas Carter, will return to the

Happenings...



Around the Circuit



... among employees and their families

States this month after completing his 100th combat mission in Korea. Lt. Carter is a Sabrejet pilot.

Pulaski District

Sympathy is extended Stanley and Wysor Smith, Pulaski office, on the death of their father.

Brady Kidd, area serviceman at Floyd, was elected president of the volunteer fire department.

Shirley Miller, local office supervisor at Marion, has returned to work after being hospitalized for several weeks.

Sympathy is extended Manuel Akers, lineman at Wytheville, on the death of his mother and to Truby Lindamood, working foreman at Christiansburg, on the death of his sister.

Fred R. Poc, area sales representative at Marion, and John S. Sutphin, local superintendent at Marion, have returned to work after illnesses.

Mrs. C. H. Rhett, wife of the distribution department employee, has

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Kentucky

Ashland District

Roy Lee Sallee, engineering department, has transferred to the commercial department.

Lt. Clay Deck Weight, son of the assistant to the general manager, surprised his parents with a visit home from France where he is stationed. He returned to France where he will be stationed for another year.

Anita McClure has been chosen an alternate to attend Girls' State of Kentucky from Ashland Senior High School. She is the daughter of John McClure, right of way agent.

Hazard District

Mrs. J. W. Scholtens is recuperating after an operation.

Mrs. Ferman Berkhead is recuperating after an illness.

The Volta Club entertained with a wiener roast at Bear Branch. Present were Kay Cornett, Nell Buttram, Mary Franks, Peggy Gambrell, Margie Buttram, Leyburn Cody, Sue Carey, Allen Smith, Imogene Smith, LaRedith Pratt, Doshia Sizemore, Joyce Combs and Gay Boyer.

L. B. Ferguson, plant superintendent, was recently elected a member of the Lexington Court #121 Royal Order of Jesters. He was initiated May 9 at the annual Tri Court Meeting in Louisville.

During the company sales campaign, January through April, the Hazard district made 147 sales or 226% of quota. Bob Bibb, C. A. Zoellers, Louis Craft and Roy Miller, commercial department, and A. R. Barber, district manager, received a trip to Cincinnati to attend the Cincinnati Reds and New York Giants baseball game.

Margie Buttram, cashier, was a member of the graduating class at Hazard High School. Majoring in commerce, she completed her studies in December but wanted to receive her diploma with her class.

Kingsport

Enoch Bledsoe, steam production department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Toby Thompson, daughter of Blanche of the meter department, was elected counselor of the girl's freshman dormitory at the University of Tennessee.

Ralph Casteel, accounting department, and family spent a week in Washington where Ralph's son is in the armed forces.

Charleston Division

Philip Sporn Plant

Sympathy is extended Harry Sayre, guard, on the recent death of his father.

Robert Johnston, test engineer, has been elected secretary of the New Haven Fire Department.

Sympathy is extended Jesse Abel, maintenance man, on the death of his father.

The following employees were elected officers in the New Haven Lions Club: Karl Wiles, secretary; Robert Johnston, treasurer; Robert Cooke, tail twister; and Jack Frey, board of directors.

Keith Arnold, second assistant shift operating engineer, was elected to the board of directors of the Hartford Tigers Baseball Team.

Edward A. Ryan, junior maintenance man, has returned to work after an illness.

Mary E. Ruttencutter is a new employee in the accounting department.

Beckley District

Russell Douglas Murray, four-year-old son of lineman D. E. Murray, broke his arm in a fall at home.

Betty Jean Meriwether is a new employee in the commercial department.

Bernard Cocker, 11-year-old son of the head of the engineering department, lost his finger in an accident.

W. P. Jennings, Rainelle area, has returned to work after an illness.

Charleston District

Mrs. Mara L. Singleton, accounting department at Montgomery, attended the state convention of W. Va. Federation of Junior Departments of Woman Clubs at Bluefield.

Mrs. Betty Smith, accounting department at Montgomery, has returned to work after an illness.

Jack Lloyd, local superintendent at the Montgomery office, served as chairman of the W. Va. Tech Scholarship Fund Drive.

Mrs. Hettye Bower, home economist at Montgomery, served as matron-of-honor at the marriage of her sister, Bettye, at Princeton on May 16.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. Young on the death of their infant son on May 16. Mr. Young is employed in the substation department.

Sympathy is extended A. T. and B. H. Blizzard on the death of their brother. A. T. Blizzard is employed in the distribution department and B. H. Blizzard is employed in the substation.

Cabin Creek Plant

Mrs. Jacqueline Ramey is a new employee in the stores department.

Sympathy is extended J. K. Daniels on the death of his brother.

W. L. Wilshire transferred to the Kanawha River plant.

Point Pleasant District

James Morrison and James R. Hoffman have returned to work after recovering from injuries.

Bill Allen received honorable mention at the Ordnance Grade School Talent Show. He is the son of W. L. Allen, meter department.

Mrs. George Arthur, wife of the distribution department employee, was costume designer for a musical story play given by the first grade of Central Grade School.

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Huntington Division

Williamson District

Ann Ardigo, engineering department, resigned.

Claude Ward, residential sales representative at Inez, has returned to work after a tonsillectomy.

Margaret Morris, accounting department, resigned to move to Bowling Green.

Mrs. Farley Bentley, wife of the line department employee, has returned home from the hospital.

W. F. Giles, district commercial manager, was chosen a lay delegate from the St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Williamson to the Diocesan Council, governing body of the church in West Virginia, held in Moundsville on May 12-13.

Mrs. Irene Kirchman, commercial department, transferred to the accounting department.

Mary Louise Kessinger, home economist, resigned.

Recent blood donors include: Fred Alley, O. P. Cornelison, Bernard Curry, Bill Barbour, Bill Stratton, Frances Keadle, Allen Cross, Fred Varney, Jack Daugherty and W. H. King.

Huntington District

Members and guests of the Joule Club attended a dance at the Fraternal Hall where Gene Lindsey's orchestra played.

Blood donors last month included Betty Jane Steinert, executive department, and Georgia Marcum, transmission and distribution department.

Dick Kitchen has returned to work after an illness.

C. H. Campbell and son, Jimmie, recently won round-trip train tickets and box seats to a major league baseball game in Cincinnati. They won the tickets on the television sports quiz show, Family Feud, where they defeated another father-son team.

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Roanoke Division

Fieldale District

Alvin T. Hundley, transmission and distribution department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Willie Naff, rural sales representative, returned to work after spending 28 months in the Army. He is employed in the right of way department.

System

Mabel Ferguson, system accounting office, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Ann Kellermann, accounting office, resigned. She was honored with a bridal shower at the Vinton War Memorial on May 20. Hostesses were the girls of the work order section of the electric plant department.

Recent blood donors include Virginia Maxine Kitts and Helen Sprinkle, accounting office.

Geraldine Sorrels and Eileen Montgomery, accounting office, resigned.

Bob Calhoun, son of Glen of the accounting office, was a member of the best drilled squad at V. P. I.

Jacqueline Hankins, billing office, resigned to join her husband who is stationed at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Richard R. McKinney is a new employee in the substation department.

H. M. Hall, system relay, has returned to work after serving in the Navy for the past two years aboard an aircraft carrier.

Mrs. Doris Lawrence, who recently resigned from the personnel department, was honored with a dinner at Archie's by the fourth floor girls.

Ruth Sachers, personnel department, has returned to work after recovering from an injury in an automobile accident.

B. D. Painter, commercial department, has returned to work after an operation.

Madge Cushing was one of eight students tapped at William and Mary College by Mortar Board, women's senior honorary leadership society. She is the daughter of H. L. Cushing, assistant commercial manager.

Roanoke District

Dale Foster, son of R. M. Foster, rural department, is recovering after an accident.

J. W. Hall, agricultural engineer, appeared on the program of the annual meeting of the Virginia Section of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers at Natural Bridge, May 1-2.

D. R. Spicer, line department, has returned to work after completing a four months' advanced Officer's Training School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He is a captain in the National Guard.

O. S. May, line department, returned to work after an extended illness.

Steve Snead, local accounting office, has returned from a cruise with the Navy.

Mrs. C. M. Dennis is recovering after an illness at her home in Bluefield. She is the mother of R. O. Dennis, supply room.

A group from the local accounting office sponsored a buffet-dinner dance at Yearly Haven on May 29.

Frank Wells and Jesse Brittain, local accounting office, were delegates to the Guard Council Convention of

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LOOKING AT
Unusual Industries
IN OUR AREA

Skilled Craftsmen Follow Ancient Art

America's only manufacturer of antique sheet glass, the Blenko Glass Company of Milton, West Virginia, is located in the Huntington district of Appalachian. Here at Milton, visitors see skilled craftsmen carrying on an ancient art with tools and equipment like those used five hundred years ago in Venice, Italy.

In producing decorative pieces and sheet glass of precise color, the Blenko craftsmen are considered among the best in their field. All products are handmade and each step in the glass-blowing is dependent upon the skilled hands and eyes of the craftsmen. Molds, rough applewood forms, are used at Blenko to produce only the general shape of the product while it is still molten glass. Blenko, not only creates the many colors used in stained glass windows, but produces big quantities of free-blown tableware such as pitchers, vases, lamps, tumblers and many other items.

Until 1893, practically all colored glass for windows was manufactured in Europe. In that year, William Blenko, an enterprising British glass maker decided to establish a sheet glass business in America. He opened his first plant at Kokomo, Ind., and made sheet glass at the rate of 200 square feet each day. American artists assembling stained-glass windows were prejudiced and refused to buy glass other than that made in England. This caused Mr. Blenko to close his plant and to return to England where he opened another factory and exported to American artists for about five years. His second American venture at Point Marion, Penn., and

Blenko Only Antique Glass Plant In U. S.



Blenko Glass Company plant at Milton, West Virginia

a third at Clarksburg, West Virginia, also were unsuccessful. In both plants, he employed British craftsmen but the artists' objections caused both plants to fail. With the assistance of his son, William H. Blenko, the plant's present owner and manager, the British glass maker launched his fourth attempt to operate a glass plant in this country. The production of colored sheet glass was started at Milton in 1922 and American stained-glass window artists, at last,



Final shaping of a Blenko vase is being done by one of the finishers. Initial shape was obtained by using an applewood mold.

began to buy Blenko glass.

The Milton plant's growth was on a modest level until the depression caused the demands for stained glass to all but cease. This set-back proved just another bump for the Blenkos. To keep the plant in operation, free-blown tableware and decorative pieces were developed and readily sold during the early thirties. They continued this practice through the depression and gradually re-established themselves in the sheet glass business.

Today, Blenko is the only company in the nation producing glass sheets by the muff process. The company manufactures thousands of square feet of antique glass in more than one thousand tints and shades. Its principal product, however, is decorative table and glassware. Blenko's daily production will average about three thousand assorted pieces. These items are distributed throughout the nation and exported through showrooms located at New York, Chicago, Houston, Atlanta and Los Angeles. They include about three hundred items in eight colors.

In producing these unusual hand-blown specialties, teamwork is the key to Blenko's success. The plant's craftsmen actually work as teams which are referred to as shops. Each shop or

team is composed of six workers. The "blower" and "finisher" are highly skilled men of each shop and supervise the production of the items they may be assigned. The "blower's" skill controls the final shaping of the piece. The "gatherer" collects a gob of molten glass from the furnace on the end of the blowpipe when the "blower" needs more glass for the product—and so on through the team to the "mold boy"—an apprentice, who opens and closes the applewood molds at the "blower's" direction. The final operation is completed by the "finisher" before the products are annealed for six hours in the lehrs, which are annealing ovens. When the finished glassware emerges at the delivery end of the lehr, the pieces are allowed to cool, inspected, then packed in corrugated cartons or wooden boxes for shipment.

The Blenko plant has grown throughout the years. Under its continuing expansion program, the construction of a new plant was started



W. H. Blenko, Jr., secretary of the company, inspects a lamp base. Blenko produces a large number of unusual lamps.

last July and the new building was built straddling the old structure. When it was completed, the old building was dismantled and removed. It would be difficult for any of the company's 130 employees to say where the old left off and the new began as they continued their work without a single day's interruption.

Today, after a modest beginning, Blenko products can be found all over the world. Its colored glassware is sold in practically every major department store and gift shop and Blenko's artistry in antique glass also is widely recognized. Blenko's glass is in the windows of the American Memorial Chapel on the Meuse-Argonne battlefield at Romagne, France and at the new cathedral in Monterey, Mexico. More familiar landmarks include the windows at St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Harkness Library at Yale University, the National Cathedral in Washington, the Chapel at Duke University and Grant's Tomb in New York City.



A Blenko glassblower starts the forming of a vase with a gob of hot glass on the end of his blowpipe.

Pulaski . . .

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returned home from the Pulaski hospital.

Mrs. Robert Carson, whose husband works in the distribution department, has recovered after an operation on her hand.

Anne Giles, home economist, was honoree at a bridge-canasta party given by girls of the Pulaski office at the "Blair House." Marie Marshall and Nancy Eskridge captured high awards while Miss Giles was presented a gift of silver.

Sympathy is extended R. C. Jenkins, Hillsville line crew, on the death of his father.

Sympathy is extended O. B. Kidd, local superintendent, on the death of his brother-in-law.

Annie Francis, Marion accounting

office, has been named a director in the Pilot Club.

Izella Hurst, 9-year-old daughter of Christie Hurst, Pulaski lineman, has been a patient at a Winston-Salem hospital.

Winifred Jackson, Pulaski payroll department, was appointed District Deputy Grand Lecturer at a recent session of the Eastern Star in Richmond.

Blood donors at a recent visit of the Bloodmobile included the following Pulaski office personnel and wives of employees: Roy Madison, Mrs. Roy Madison, W. M. King, R. C. Nickols, John F. Spencer, Garland Bruce and Mrs. G. K. Smythers.

William C. Groseclose, Marion accounting office, has been named general chairman for the fund drive of the Red Cross in Smyth County.

Abingdon District

Sympathy is extended Charley Hefner, distribution record clerk, on the death of his father.

Gordon Craig, area sales representative, was elected treasurer of the Abingdon P. T. A.

Ruth Caldwell, cashier, was elected secretary of the Abingdon Business and Professional Women's Club.

J. J. Roseberry, line foreman, was elected vice president of the Washington County Life Saving Crew board of directors. A. C. Hutton, Jr., general clerk, was elected treasurer while J. M. Orr, substation man, was named first lieutenant.

Sgt. D. C. Landreth, employee on military leave, visited the office while home on leave from France.

Sam F. Dillard, meter record clerk, resigned.

Roanokers Sponsor Inter-Club Dance



Members and guests of Roanoke's Camavo and Trifori Clubs enjoy dancing during a recent outing at Rockledge Inn on Mill Mountain. The dance was the Roanoke area's first inter-club venture and was attended by 214 persons. Members of the two clubs are employees on the first four floors of the general offices. Twelve assorted prizes were awarded and refreshments were served. Music for dancing was supplied by Price Hurst and his orchestra. Members of the Camavo-Trifori dance committee included: Hope Dalton, Mary Nelson, Mary Hall, Evelyn Akers, Billie Dehart, Sam Kitchen, Jean Cassell, Mildred Dowdy, Tom Shepherd, Bill Henley, Harold Laughon, Clyde Skeen, Tom Smith, Dutch Rankin, Nell Smith, Howard Roop, Jimmy Hunt, Shorty Jones and Johnny Johnson.

Marion Paitsel Gets Army Commission

Marion P. Paitsel, on military leave from the system real estate and right of way department, was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers at Fort Belvoir on May 5.

He and his wife, Elnora, spent a 15 day leave at home before moving to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where he is assigned as a photo mapping officer. He entered military service in January of 1952.



Lt. Paitsel

Freddie Burton Elected Fraternity President

Freddie Burton, a junior at West Virginia University, has been elected president of Gamma Phi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He is the son of A. G. Burton, dealer sales representative in the Bluefield district.

He also was honored when officials of the university selected him as a member of the "Mountaineers," a group made up of campus leaders and honor students.



Freddie Burton

Bluefield Educators Tour Company Property On B-E Day



Pictured above are a group of educators with company personnel visiting the South Bluefield substation during Bluefield's second annual Business-Education Day. B-E Day is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Mercer and Tazewell County boards of education. The program for those educators who visited Appalachian started in the office building where L. W. Bates, assistant division manager, spoke on "The History, Development

and Part the A. E. P. Company plays in the Community." C. L. Shockey, personnel supervisor, and W. J. Gillespie, Jr., district manager, took the group on a tour of the office building. Following the tour of the building, the group visited the Bluefield Avenue and South Bluefield substations. That afternoon the group heard a lecture by Dr. Alfred Downes, research department of Carbide and Carbon Chemical Corporation.

Six Veterans Get Service Emblems



These six veteran employees received service pins during the past month for 20 years or more service. From the left, top row, N. J. Jessee, Glen Lyn Plant and R. G. Skinner, Charleston, each with 30 years service. Second row: F. M. Cloyd, Lynchburg and J. B. Bell, Roanoke, each with 25 years service. Third Row: Virginia Mottice, system operating department, Roanoke, and Larry Beheler, Fielddale, each with 20 years service.

C. H. Yoho Made AGE Fire Protection Head

Charles H. Yoho was appointed fire protection supervisor for the American Gas and Electric System, effective May 1. Mayor of Martins Ferry, West Virginia, and an expert in fire prevention and control, he has served with the Martins Ferry Fire Department since 1933 and twice was captain of its hook and ladder company.

Serving Overseas



"The Illuminator" in Korea is the caption of this picture sent by W. R. Naff who recently returned to the United States and received his discharge from the Air Force. On military leave since 1951, he is back at work in the Fielddale district as area sales representative. He says that brighter moments of his stay overseas and that it meant almost as much to him as a letter from home. The issue in the picture is July, 1951. In addition to serving in Korea, he spent some time in Japan where he was impressed with the modernization of the country.

Huntington . . .

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Mr. Campbell is assistant billing supervisor.

Keith Atkinson and Virginia Frye Wagoner, system billing office, resigned.

Logan District

Margaret Tyler, line department, was elected president of Beta Sigma Phi and installed May 18. She also was a bridesmaid at the wedding of Mary Ann Hartman and James K. Gordon in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Mary Elizabeth Davis, commercial department, and Elizabeth Marilyn Savas, personnel department, honored Mrs. Mary Alice Fowler, managerial department, with a stork shower on April 29 in the office auditorium.

Eleanor Winter, managerial secretary, was program chairman at a Junior Woman's Club program in the auditorium on May 11.

Ann Valley, daughter of T. F. Valley, local office manager, was elected chaplain of the West Virginia chapter of Pi Beta Phi. She is also junior political representative of the fraternity and a member of YWCA and of Mountain-Lair committee.

New employees include: Nathan Paul Cantley, serviceman helper; Paul Gene Lawson, groundman replacing C. L. Van Bibber; Albert J. Davis, transportation department; Elba Samson, meter reader replacing A. B. Blevins; Corbett Brumfield, lineman, and Tennis C. Ferrell, meter reader replacing S. A. Lilly.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Beckley District—5 YEARS: H. R. Miller, Transmission and Distribution Department; J. A. Kirby, Meter Department.

Bluefield District—15 YEARS: William T. Goodloe, System Transmission Line Department; 10 YEARS: Prince E. Thornton, Transmission and Distribution Department.

Charleston District—30 YEARS: R. G. Skinner, Division Commercial Manager; 5 YEARS: Irene S. Akers, Accounting Department.

Fielddale District—20 YEARS: Alonzo B. Beheler, Commercial Department.

Glen Lyn Plant—30 YEARS: N. J. Jessee, Shift Supervisor.

Logan Plant—5 YEARS: J. H. Porter, Electrical Maintenance Helper.

Lynchburg District—25 YEARS: Francis M. Cloyd, District Commercial Manager; 5 YEARS: Virginia G. Deaver, Commercial Department.

Roanoke District—25 YEARS: J. P. Bell, District Right-of-Way; 10 YEARS: Frances E. Rader, Meter Department.

System—20 YEARS: Virginia Mottice, System Operating; 10 YEARS: H. I. Roop, System Transportation; Robbie A. Sink, System Accounting; Edna Z. McNeil, System Accounting; 5 YEARS: J. O. Addison, System Operating.

Welch District—5 YEARS: Grace Fizer, Transmission and Distribution Department; Louis G. DeFelice, Transportation Department; Oral R. Lamastus, Substation Department.

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Ashland—15 YEARS: W. D. Gesling, Engineering Department. 10 YEARS: Otto Sanders, Transportation Department and Doris Sutton, Main Accounting; 5 YEARS: Charles Howard, Meter Department; Jesse Centers, Transmission and Distribution Department.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

40 YEARS: B. S. Collins, Steam Production Department; 10 YEARS: Curtis H. Hurd, Distribution Department.

Pt. Pleasant Men Are Honored By F. F. A.



Mr. Spiggle

Mr. Darby

Two commercial department employees of the Point Pleasant district, James Darby and John Spiggle, recently were honored by the Future Farmers of America when they were presented Honorary Farmer degrees. Farmer degrees are awarded each year to persons making outstanding contributions to the FFA program.

Mr. Darby was presented his degree by members of the Wahama High School Chapter of the FFA at Mason, West Virginia. He was cited for his work and cooperation in teaching farm and home wiring and other applications of electricity.

Mr. Spiggle's recognition was made through the Point Pleasant High School Chapter of the FFA. He has given instructions in the use of electricity and is the chairman of the Mason County Drive for the State Youth Camp at Ripley, West Virginia.

R. C. Fitch Named I&M Division Head

Roland C. Fitch recently was named manager of the Twin Branch Generating Division of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company. He succeeds Wayne M. Yeknik who resigned.

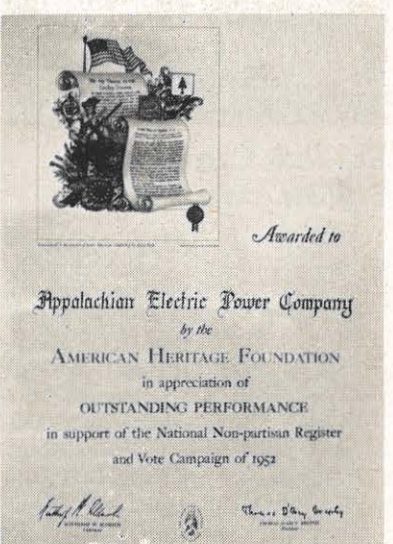
Assistant division manager since 1949, Fitch is a veteran of almost 19 years' service with I&M. Twin Branch is the largest steam plant in Indiana.

Students And Engineers Tour Cabin Creek Plant

Two tours of Cabin Creek plant were made last month.

On May 7, A. R. McClung and J. Milton Propps, professors, and a group of 21 students in electricity and engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology were conducted on tour. The next day the American Institute of Electrical Engineers under the direction of George Unangst, district meter supervisor, conducted a tour of 22 high school graduating seniors who indicated a desire to become electrical engineers.

Award Presented



Appalachian last month was presented this award by the American Heritage Foundation for outstanding leadership and performance "in support of the National Non-Partisan Register and Vote Campaign of 1952." C. M. Vandenburg, executive director of the Foundation, wrote that over 15,000 entries were judged and that the Awards Committee unanimously decided to grant a special award to Appalachian. The Foundation is a non-partisan, non-political educational organization functioning in the interests of a higher level of citizenship throughout the United States.

Bedinger Named To Chaweva Club Board

Joe Bedinger, a member of the Charleston district commercial department, recently was elected to the board of directors of the Lake Chaweva Club. Joe also was appointed to head the health committee of the organization.

The Lake Chaweva Club is composed of the lake's property owners and the name is an abbreviation of Charleston, West Virginia. Each member assists with the maintenance of roads about the two-mile lake, control of fish, social and recreational facilities, construction, membership and health. Lake Chaweva is located about twelve miles from the Charleston city limits.



Mr. Bedinger



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Beckley District—James M. Crane from Appliance Serviceman "B" to Area Sales Representative; Joseph F. Cox from Cash Poster to Contract Entry & Final Bill Clerk; Mary E. Hancock from Contract Entry & Final Bill Clerk to Senior PBX Operator; Mildred Webb from Senior Cashier to Contract Entry & Final Bill Clerk; Lora Mae Withrow from Jr. Clerk to Jr. Cashier Clerk.

Charleston District—Robert L. Farrell, Distribution Record Clerk, Montgomery, to Area Sales Representative, Point Pleasant District.

Logan District—W. E. Bivens from Area Sales Representative to Dealer Sales Representative.

Philip Sporn Plant—Russell G. Ellis from Master Maintenance Man to Muskingum River Plant.

Point Pleasant District—T. J. Stansel, Local Accounting, to Kyger Creek Plant; Estel D. Boggess from Charleston District to Point Pleasant Distribution Department.

Welch District—Roger McClanahan from Lineman "B" to Lineman "A".

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

Blanche B. Thompson from Meter Reader to Senior Record Clerk; William G. Hartgrove from Boiler Operator "A" to Plant Maintenance Man "B"; Charles P. Mae from Plant Maintenance Man "B" to Plant Maintenance Man "A"; Ray P. Cloud from Plant Maintenance Man Helper to Boiler Operator "B"; Lois Blakely from Jr. Clerk to Authorization Clerk.

LOOKING AT
Unusual Industries
IN OUR AREA

Steelco Products Widely Distributed

"If there is a practical gimmick to be made—there is a good chance the Steele brothers of Ashland can build it—then manufacture it on a sound production basis." Both Homer and Harry Steele, Ashland inventors and manufacturers, will tackle most any reasonable problem and come up with a practical solution to it—even if they have to invent it.

The development and the production of the Steelco Gutter Screen is a typical example of their inventive natures and the method in which they pool their talents. Both Homer and Harry operate separate businesses. Homer heads the Steele Manufacturing Company while Harry is president of the Steele Plastics Company, however, the facilities of both organizations often are used to produce some of their projects.

The Steelco Gutter Screen, for example, came into existence as Homer battled an annual problem at his home. Falling leaves clogged the house's gutters and drains and caused dirty water to overflow and run down the side of the house. The ladder climbing and messy gutter cleaning did not appeal to Homer and he decided to do something about it. As a result, the first of the gutter screens was fabricated.

The gutter screens were so successful on Homer's residence the brothers decided he should patent the idea and market the product. All experimental tests were successful and trial sales were established. The first

Gutter Screens Are Made At Ashland



Homer and Harry Steele check the layout of a new product on their shop drawing board. A plastic model of a new turbine engine can be seen at right.

salesman handling the gutter screens accepted the line on a part-time basis. After his first day in the field, he dropped his other items and returned with a brief case filled with screen orders. The next three days were equally as successful so the Steele



This Steelco employee operates the machine which presses angles and tabs into the wire mesh of the Steelco Gutter Screens.

brothers tooled their plant for production.

Steelco's self-shedding gutter screen is a re-inforced wire mesh unit which fits over the guttering. It prevents trash and leaves from clogging the drains and is manufactured in various sizes to conform with all standard guttering.

Since the idea was conceived in 1950, the production of Steelco Gutter Screens has grown by leaps and bounds. The project now provides steady employment for as many as eight persons and production figures have climbed to more than ten thousand feet each day. C. W. Quarles, one of the Steelco's leading representatives, covers as many as twenty states and assisted materially in the distribution of the screens to more than two thousand dealers.

The Steelco Gutter Screen is not the Steele brothers' first business venture nor invention. In the mid-thirties, Harry came up with the first patented project, the Snap-Up Gas

Cap. This item, familiar to practically all motorists today, came about while the Steeles operated a rural business. A jammed key in a customer's gas cap preceded the "crackerbarrel session" where the idea for the invention materialized. In a few weeks, Harry constructed his model which was electrically operated from the dashboard.

From 1935 until 1942, Harry and Homer produced and sold these caps on a large scale. Material shortages during the war caused him to turn to other fields and the rights for the cap were sold to Scott E. Roberts, an Ashland businessman.

After the war, Harry became the production manager for Mr. Scott and continued in the gas cap business for about three years. At that time, Homer, in addition to operating a grocery, invented the present Fen-



Harry Steele checks packaged and sealed cartons of gutter screens prior to shipment to practically every state in the nation.

Dor-Lok, a locked fenderflap which fits over the gasoline cap of post-war automobiles. More than ten thousand of these units were sold to automotive dealers.

Other inventions, either with patents pending or being cleared through the patent office, include Harry's revolutionary new turbine engine. It employs the jet principle and was developed primarily for use in automobiles and airplanes. Harry estimated the various models, according to requirements, would be small and compact. They would average about one pound in weight per horsepower. Several patents are pending on various plastic merchandising displays as well as a new Ever-Full storage bin.

Fact is, the Steele brothers are never satisfied to rest on their past achievements. Both have completed plans for more useful and time-saving gadgets which will be beneficial to many of us.



A Steelco worker completes the final operation in the fabrication of gutter screens. This machine punches and turns the tabs. All machines used in this operation were designed and built by the Steele Brothers.

A. E. Lemons Takes War College Course

A. E. Lemons, Pulaski district residential sales representative, attended a field economic mobilization course at the Army War College at the University of Pennsylvania, April 10-May 1. Capt. Lemons was one of 320 officers selected from the First Air Force and Third Military District to take the course.

During World War II he served as an intelligence staff officer. Speaking of the course, he said: "Economic mobilization planning is a difficult operation, involving the combined efforts of both government and private facilities."

He defined economic mobilization as the application of human, material, productive and physical resources of a nation to the support of military effort. Of these factors, he pointed out that the people of the nation are most important and that public opinion is vital in the creation of an economic mobilization.

Beckley Men Praised For Assisting Mining Group

Waldo S. LaFon, Beckley district manager, recently was issued a Certificate of Cooperation on behalf of a number of district personnel from V. C. Salazar, project manager of the productivity and technical assistance division, Mutual Security Agency.

The citation praised Beckley personnel for their understanding and cooperation in assisting a team of German miners touring the Raleigh and Fayette county area. The team was making a study of housing and living conditions of the area.

A documentary film of the tour was made in that section.

Williamson Group Complete Courses

Twenty-three Williamson district employees recently completed classes of instructions in Practical Electricity and Mathematics. The classes are a special program offered each winter to area personnel for educational and social purposes. The program has been under way for several years.

Williamson employees completing the classes were: E. E. King, Alous Williamson, Millard Phillips, Gene Hall, Harold Akers, John Lusk, Allen Cross, Jay Runyon, Jack Maynard, Claude Ward, Ralph Williams, Milton Cole, Jack Akers, C. L. Miller, Hubert King, Clyde Runyon, J. L. Richmond, Richard Wilson, W. F. Giles, T. M. Watkins, O. P. Cornelison, Ford Muncy and Victor Harris.

W. C. Gilmour Elected President Of P. T. A.

W. C. Gilmour, Point Pleasant office manager, has been elected president of the Parent-Teacher Association of Ordnance Grade School. His term begins in September.



Mr. Gilmour

Active in P.-T. A. work, he has a daughter, Shirley, in the fourth grade. He is also chairman of the finance committee.

Employed in July of 1937 as a meter reader, he has worked in the Logan and Charleston districts. He served in the armed forces for over two years during World War II.

Selected To State Band For Excellence



These youngsters of Sporn plant employees were chosen members of the Class C State Band at the State Band Festival in Huntington last month. Their Wahama High School Band received superior rating in its division, one of three bands of 25 to receive this honor. From left: Jane Lawrence, string bass; Donna Lee Bumgarner, clarinet; Mary Lawrence, bass drum, and Tommy Vance, french horn. Jane and Mary are daughters of John Lawrence, control operator. Donna Lee is the daughter of Claud Bumgarner, material clerk. Tommy is the son of Bethel Vance, control operator.

McDaniels Of Sporn Plant On Good Terms With 'Old Man River' And Boats



John poses with his boat which will go as fast as 35 miles per hour. He built it from plans, taking two years of spare time.

"Old Man River" is no stranger to John McDaniels, Philip Sporn plant master maintenance man. John looks forward to summertime because it means boat time and a chance to cruise the river.

John recently built a hull from drawings secured from *Popular Science* magazine, with some of his own ideas included in the design. He spent two years of his spare time building it. The boat is powered by a 25 hp Johnson motor and will reach a speed of 35 miles an hour.

One of the major items in constructing the boat was inserting 3,000 brass wood screws. He estimates the cost of the hull at \$135. This estimate, of course, does not include his labor.

John has always lived near the river and considers the river a friend.

He says that as far back as he can remember he had some sort of boat. He first started building "john boats" and this is his first attempt at building motor boats. However, he is going ahead with plans to build a racing hull.

He highly recommends his hobby to anyone who lives near a body of water big enough to make boating a pleasure. He says he realizes two things with his hobby. First, he likes to build things. Second, he gets a great deal of pleasure and personal satisfaction from the use of the boats he builds.

At present he uses his boats only for pleasure riding and short trips. However, he expects to take some long trips in the future. When he completes that racing hull, he expects to enter some races.

B. S. Collins Is 40-Year Veteran At Kingsport



Mr. Collins

Burnett S. "Doc" Collins, Kingsport Utilities' steam plant working foreman, completed 40 years of service with the company May 10. At the time of his fortieth anniversary, Doc was confined to the Holston Valley Community Hospital as the result of an illness. He is now recovering at his home in Kingsport.

Mr. Collins began his lengthy career with the Utilities May 10, 1913 as a fireman at the steam plant. He has served as fireman, substation operator, boiler room man, boiler room foreman and working foreman. He says, "In the old days, we only had one customer—the Portland Cement Company. We fired four small boilers and did everything by hand. We could feel we were going places—and look what has happened to Kingsport today. We worked at least twelve hours a day—six days a week—and sometimes as much as thirty-six hours continuously."

Mr. Collins was born September 5, 1889. He is married and the Collins are the parents of one son. Doc expects to retire in about one year and when he was asked about his plans he replied, "My plans include quite a bit of fishing. The rest of the time—I'll just sit."

Jerry Burnette Wins Charleston Talent Show

Jerry Burnette for the second year won first place in the instrumental section of the annual talent show for students of Lincoln Junior High School in Charleston. Thirteen years old, he has been studying piano for six years. He is the son of

Jerry Burnette

Carter Burnette, Kanawha River plant safety supervisor.

Jerry won in final competition against five contestants. His selection was Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

Doctor Prescribes Pleasant Cure For Fisherman's Disease

Most doctors' prescriptions are not pleasant, despite the good they do. But Ammon Sears, local superintendent at Stuart in the Fieldale district, was given a prescription on April 28 that was mighty pleasant.

Here's the prescription addressed "To Whom It Concerns":

"This is to certify that on May 1, 1953, 'Honest' Ammon Sears will have a severe case of 'Troutitis.' This disease is very contagious and fatal if not properly treated. I, therefore, prescribe: That 'Honest' Ammon Sears secure a fishing pole, a can of red worms, a pair of boots, and other necessary equipment; that he be required to carry said paraphernalia to the trout stream at high noon on May 1, 1953.

"Of course we are practically certain that 'Honest' Ammon will catch no fish, but the treatment prescribed is a sure cure for 'Troutitis.'"

The letter was signed by a doctor. Although we do not know at this time if Ammon went fishing, there is no possible reason to assume that he would dispute the doctor's diagnosis or refuse the remedy prescribed.

Pikeville Seniors Tour Local Offices

About 15 high school seniors recently visited the Pikeville office where they were conducted on tour by Gene Hale, personnel supervisor, and Leon Huffman, right of way agent.

The tour began at the service building where the students were shown the tools required to build and maintain power lines and substations. Within the building they were shown the repair garage, the substation shop and the storeroom.

The class returned to the main office building where department heads explained the functions of their departments. These included the meter, engineering, commercial and accounting departments. Following the tour, refreshments were served by Mary Lou Draughn and Mae Nell Crum.

Daughter Of Beckley Man Sings In Musical Program

Martha Ellen Snider, daughter of E. O. Snider, Beckley district administrative assistant, recently was featured in a musical program at the International House in New York City.

Miss Snider, a graduate music student at Columbia University, presented several vocal solos during the event. She also is a member of the college choir which recently presented a concert at Town Hall.

Mr. And Mrs. John Lindamood Share 13-Year Hobby Of Beautifying Yard



This backyard scene is the result of 13 years of planning, planting and hard work for Mr. and Mrs. John Lindamood of Bluefield. Stone for the pool came from many states.

John W. Lindamood and his wife are justly proud of their beautiful backyard. The yard represents 13 years of planning, planting and hard work.

The Lindamoods live at 2017 Wythe Avenue in Bluefield. They have lived in Bluefield since the early days of the company. John is communications foreman in the Bluefield division and has worked with the company for 32 years.

An unusual feature of the pool in their yard is that the rocks are gathered from many states where he has traveled. The pool is surrounded with ivy, sedum, phlox, tea roses and American holly. These were selected to give continuous color throughout the summer months.

A mill stone in the garden was originally quarried in North Carolina and sent to Wytheville where it was used in an old mill. It was still in use at the mill when John bought it. The stone's counterpart is in another part of the garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindamood's hobbies include collecting many varieties of wild flowers that are naturalized in some part of their landscape. The garden is bordered by native hemlock, flowering quince and other flowering varieties of shrubbery that frames the panel of well-kept lawn.

The border planting also serves as a shelter and nesting place for the many species of birds that are regular



Mr. and Mrs. John Lindamood

residents of the Lindamood property. As guests, the birds are fed during the wintry months.

Looking back over the 13 years of work on their hobby, the Lindamoods are proud of the results. They gladly traded their weed-infested back lot for the present well furnished outdoor living room.

38 Roanoke And Fieldale Supervisors Complete 5-Hour Training Program

Thirty-eight supervisors of the Roanoke and Fieldale districts recently completed a 5-hour training course on Accident Control. The training was given by T. A. Kirby, district safety supervisor.

Prior to being awarded training certificates, the group covered injury and accident statistics, daily practices, corrective procedures, accident reports and protective equipment.

Roanoke . . .

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the United Commercial Travelers at Huntington, May 21-23.

Mrs. Alma Wright, local accounting office, was honored upon her resignation with a luncheon-shower by Mrs. Bee McCraw, Mrs. Dorothy Wiley, Mrs. Alma Obenchain and Mrs. Alice Naff at Mrs. Naff's home on May 16. Mrs. Victoria Dooley also honored Mrs. Wright with a luncheon at her home on May 21.

Recent blood donors include: J. R. Loving, Jr., meter department; E. M. Payne, stores department; J. O. Bowling, Jr., line department, and K. M. Spicer, Rocky Mount.

Tommy Abshire, meter department serviceman, has returned to the hospital for an operation and treatment of injuries received in an accident last July.

Price Grisso, serviceman in the meter department, feels he is a qualified authority on the care of tonsillectomy patients since all three of his children have had their tonsils removed in the past two months.

The mother of Frank Harris, meter department, has returned home from the hospital where she has been receiving treatment for several weeks.

Chipper Abshire is recovering from rheumatic fever. He is the son of T. W. Abshire, meter department.

Mrs. Ruth Lucas, division personnel department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

C. B. Yearout Named Scout Commissioner

Charles B. Yearout was named Council Commissioner of the Southern West Virginia Area of the Boy Scouts of America. The area covers five counties.



Mr. Yearout

He is assistant Bluefield division personnel supervisor. Announcement of his appointment was made May 14.

Logan Plant Supervisors And Wives Attend Dinner



Logan plant supervisors and their wives are pictured at a recent dinner where the Rev. Arnold B. Poole gave a talk on "The Importance of the Home." From the left, facing the camera, are: Mrs. A. B. Poole, C. E. Marshall, George Frey, Mrs. Bartlin Montiegel, C. H. Feiszli, Mrs. J. A. Patterson, J. R. Warren, Mrs. T. H. Whited, Bartlin Montiegel, Mrs. B. W. Lanthorne, M. F. Morrison, Mrs.

C. E. Marshall, Mrs. J. W. Frey, S. D. Brinegar, Mrs. Bee Queen, B. W. Lanthorne, Mrs. George Frey, Bee Queen and Mrs. M. F. Morrison. With backs to the camera are: J. A. Patterson, the Rev. Arnold B. Poole, Mrs. W. G. Matthews, D. C. Brown, Mrs. S. D. Brinegar, Mrs. D. C. Brown, J. W. Frey, Mrs. C. H. Feiszli and T. H. Whited.

Iron Bars Do Not . . .

Housewife Takes Job As Police Matron In Jail



Working behind bars was a little unnerving at first for Mrs. John Telisko, police matron of Kanawha County Jail. (Photo courtesy Charleston Gazette)

Bars at the windows—bars at the door—bars all around. Mrs. John Telisko says she was "petrified" on her first day at work as police matron of Kanawha County Jail.

The wife of the Kanawha River plant maintenance man now enjoys the job she took last December. A housewife for 13 years and mother of three children, she lives in Cedar Grove.

Why did she take the job? She explains it this way: "John and I know how important a good education is for boys and girls today. We want our children to have a solid foundation before they start out in the world. This way we can give them so much more."

Mrs. Telisko herself had to quit school because of lack of finances and her father's health. She worked for four years in a grocery store near her home and supported herself until she was married.

Although she is a deputy sheriff, she does not carry a gun nor does she make arrests. When women are brought in, she searches them and calls a doctor if they need medical attention. She says most women are booked on drunkenness.

Instead of bullying and ruling her prisoners with an iron hand, she believes that kindness is the best policy. She goes out of her way to do things for them. Locating relatives is the most popular request.

Although she has been police matron for only five months, she enjoys her work more every day. "I see my husband and children every night and I'm on duty from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.—five days a week. What more could you ask for?"

Tour Kanawha Plant



Two British engineers, J. A. Shand, center, and Dr. Eldred, right, discuss details of the turbine control room with James B. Harrell, assistant manager at the Kanawha River Plant. The English visitors are making a tour of steam generating plants in the eastern part of the United States. Both were impressed with the progress made in the American electric utility industry. The engineers also toured the Cabin Creek Plant.

Mrs. Peery Returns From Germany Tour

Mrs. Irene Peery, cashier in the Tazewell office of the Bluefield district recently returned from a six weeks' visit in Munich, Germany. She was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ray Boothe, and Major Boothe. The Boothers have been living in Germany about three years.



Mrs. Peery

Her impression of the German people and their country was: "Germany is the cleanest and neatest country I've ever seen. Wherever you go there are flowers, neat farms and the people are nice and polite. Some of the costumes seem strange, many of the men wore short pants and the women always wear aprons. The people ride bicycles, young and old. They are great believers in outdoor life and love to eat."

She was impressed with the bomb ruins in Munich and at Obersalsberg where Hitler and Eva Braun lived; with the good condition of Mad King Ludwig's castle which was built in the 1800's; with St. George's Cathedral in Venice and with the beauty of the Swiss Alps.

Margaret Willhide Gets Top Literary Honors

Margaret Jane Willhide, a 16-year-old junior at Roanoke's William Fleming High School, was recently awarded top honors in the creative writing contest of the Virginia Literary League. Her original short story, "The Whip Hand," was given sweepstakes honors as best in the State.



Margaret Willhide

She is the daughter of J. G. Willhide of the system operating department. Active in school affairs, she is secretary of the Beta Club, a national honorary society.

Wins Music Rating



Patricia Ann Lykins, 12-year-old daughter of Ed Lykins of the Pikeville district, recently won a superior rating at the Pikeville College Music Festival. Patricia won her rating in a special classification as she is too young for open competition. Only high school students with the same rating were considered for entry in the state meet. Patricia won her rating for her rendition of Beethoven's Alumbloott. Prior to winning rating on piano, she won an excellent rating at nine with a clarinet. She is a member of the Betsy Layne High School Band and a student in the eighth grade. She has been playing the piano only two years but has studied music since she was six.

Fourteen Couples Are United In Marriage

McCall-Groseclose

Miss Lila Alice McCall and William Henry Groseclose, Jr., were united in marriage May 30 at Pulaski, Virginia. Mrs. Groseclose is the daughter of the late G. C. "Mack" McCall, general foreman at Pulaski.

Messick-Hall

Mrs. Eleanor E. Messick became the bride of Arthur T. Hall, Kanawha River Plant Construction Department, in Roanoke, Virginia, April 18.

Harless-Jarrell

Miss Alma Harless, Whitesville office, became the bride of Pfc. Robert E. Jarrell on April 23.

Burk-Thompson

Miss Ann Burk became the bride of J. A. Thompson on April 17, in the Old Stone Church at Lewisburg, W. Va. Mr. Thompson is employed in Beckley.

Whitefield-Ross

The marriage of Miss Katherine Jane Whitefield and Lambert Stewart Ross was performed in the Camp Carver Chapel, Kobe, Japan on May 16. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Whitefield of Roanoke. Mr. Whitefield is Roanoke Division Manager. The bridegroom is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. William Alexander Ross, Pitlochery, Perthshire, Scotland.

Danforth-Yates

Miss Mary Beverly Danforth became the bride of Ophel Wade Yates, Jr., May 9 at Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Yates is the daughter of W. P. Danforth, Jr., Local Accounting Office.

Driskill-Stanley

Miss Doris A. Driskill and Joseph H. Stanley were united in marriage on May 9 at Lynchburg, Virginia. Mrs. Stanley is employed in the distribution department at Lynchburg.

Giles-Whitman

Miss Anne McPherson Giles became the bride of Robert Nisley Whitman May 30 at Bluefield, W. Va. Mrs. Whitman has been employed as home economist at Pulaski.

Shaw-Reed

Miss Barbara Shaw became the bride of Thomas Whitney Reed, Ensign, U. S. Navy, at the First Baptist Church in Welch on May 15. Mrs. Reed is employed in the Welch Office.

Hayslett-Perdue

Miss Mary Alice Hayslett, Kanawha River Plant Construction Department, became the bride of Carl R. Perdue on Friday, May 1, at Charlton Heights, W. Va.

Daughters Of Six Roanokers In Revue

Daughters of six Roanoke area employees recently appeared in the Floyd Ward Revue which was held at the Jefferson High School auditorium in Roanoke. The revue is an annual event with both matinee and evening performances.

Children taking part in the event were: Sharon, daughter of J. W. Stephens; Mary Lynn, daughter of E. L. Munday, Jr.; Jacque, daughter of J. W. French; Judy, daughter of W. P. Booker; Betty, daughter of H. E. McCormack, and Rosemary, daughter of L. E. Jefferson.



Here are some of the brides and bridal couples among employees who were married during the past month. Top row, from the left: Mr. and Mrs. James Kendall, Cabin Creek; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stanley, Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sang, Ashland. Second row: Mrs. W. H. Groseclose, Pulaski; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jarrell, Whitesville; Mrs. O. W. Yates, Roanoke. Third row: Mrs. D. C. Kloetzly, Bluefield; Mrs. T. W. Reed, Welch; Mrs. R. N. Whitman, Pulaski.

Wolfe-Hart

Miss Drusilla Wolfe became the bride of Arthur Hart on April 20 in a double ring ceremony at Racine, Ohio. Mr. Hart is employed at the Sporn Plant.

Clere-Kendall

Miss Billie Joan Clere and James K. Kendall were united in marriage April 15 at Dry Branch, W. Va. Mr. Kendall, who is stationed with the U. S. Navy at Philadelphia, is the son of C. A. Kendall, shift supervisor at the Cabin Creek Plant.

Wolford-Kloetzly

Mrs. Eleanor W. Wolford, employee of the System Transmission Line Department, Bluefield, became the bride of David C. Kloetzly, May 16 at Princeton, W. Va. Mr. Kloetzly is an employee of the Ohio Power Company.

Stafford-Sang

Miss Marlene Stafford of the Main Accounting Office in Ashland became the bride of Bob Sang on April 3.

Girls' Service Club Gives Safety Program

A safety skit in the form of a quiz on accident prevention highlighted the April meeting of the Bluefield Girls' Service Club.

Helen Spangler was quizmaster in the "College of Safety Knowledge" over "Radio-TV Station AEPC." She questioned the following: Helen Brinegar, Ernestine Johnson, Zelda Alderson, Patsy Mahoney, Mrs. Ira Mathena, C. L. Shockey and L. W. Bates. Each contestant was awarded a first aid kit for correctly answering the question.

Mrs. Lois Rounion was in charge of the program, assisted by C. B. Yearout. Assisting in the audience was Elsie Heifner.

New Arrivals

MR. AND MRS. W. R. MOORE are the parents of a daughter, Pamela Randolph, born Friday, April 26. Mrs. Moore is the daughter of Point Pleasant District Meter Superintendent, J. L. Twitty.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE JEFFERS are the parents of a daughter, Alicia Elizabeth, born May 10. Mr. Jeffers is a control operator at the Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. HURD MASON are the parents of a son, Bobby Green, born May 10. Mr. Mason is stores supervisor at Fieldale.

KATHY LYNNE is the new daughter born May 2 to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Prater. Mr. Prater is employed at Abingdon.

A son, DAVID JOHNSTON WOOD, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood on April 24. Mr. Wood is Commercial Manager at Welch.

A son, DWIGHT LEE, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith on April 14. Mr. Smith is employed at Switchback.

MR. AND MRS. NUMA D. BALLIET are the proud parents of a daughter, Barbara Jean, born May 3. Mr. Balliet is employed at the Kanawha Plant.

MR. AND MRS. PAT R. MORTON are the parents of a son, Wesley Reid, born May 8. Mr. Morton is a former employee in the Lynchburg District.

REBECCA ANN is the new daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Patterson on May 5. Mr. Patterson is employed in the Lynchburg District.

DANNY CECIL has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ball. He was born on May 15. Mr. Ball is employed at Sprigg.

A daughter, LOUISE ELAINE, was born on May 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Hawkins. Mr. Hawkins is employed at Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. EARL C. CARTER are the proud parents of a girl, Barbara Ann, born on April 30. Mrs. Carter is a former employee of the personnel department in Beckley.

MR. AND MRS. RALPH J. SORENSON are the proud parents of a son, Ralph James, born on May 14. Mrs. Sorensen is a former employee in Beckley.

GERALD WOODING is the new son born on April 26 to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McDearmon. Mr. McDearmon is employed in the system accounting office, Roanoke.

DEBRAH LYNN is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cordle born May 16. Mr. Cordle is employed at Ashland.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES P. WILLIAMS are the parents of a daughter, Cheryl Robin, born May 11. Mrs. Williams was formerly employed in the Roanoke local accounting office. Mr. Williams is on military leave of absence from the Meter Department in Roanoke.

DANIEL REED is the son born to Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Chatman on May 4. Pfc. Chatman is on military leave from the system real estate and right of way department, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. D. B. ROBERTS are the proud parents of a daughter, Frances Arlene, born April 24. Mr. Roberts is air conditioning engineer in the Roanoke division.

JONAH THOMAS is the new son born May 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Steuben Cain. Mr. Cain is employed at Hazard.

MR. AND MRS. GORDON C. WARRICK are the parents of a son, James Gordon, born May 13. Mr. Warrick is employed at Roanoke.

Washable Suits In Summer Spotlight



You'll be able to wear them, wash them, and wonder why you're so cool in summer's favorite "beat-the-heat" seersucker, chambray and cotton cord suiting.

Many women live in suits despite the soaring heat of summer and they refuse to compromise with ruffles and bows. This season's hot weather suit wearers can present a slick but glamorous look with a wardrobe that can be washed at home.

This year's fashions are black-accented white; red, navy, and brown trimmed with white and a variety of ice cream pastels all trimly tailored with long, short and three-quarter sleeve lengths.

Jackets are nipped in for waist appeal, but there are long and short ones, according to your taste. Swing skirts are popular, but for real suit-lovers there are also sleek straight lines.

Practically all of these suitings can be washed and most of them are machine washable. The designers are aware of your soap and water problems and have provided all washable findings. Travelers will find these tailored washable suits turn out well after packing, if they are folded in layers of tissue paper.

Kay Bowen Named Class Valedictorian

Kay Bowen has been named class valedictorian at Chelyan Junior High School where she has been an outstanding student for the past three years. She is the daughter of H. A. Bowen, plant stores supervisor at the Cabin Creek plant.



Kay Bowen

Kay has been active in extra-curricular work and expects to attend East Bank High School next year.

They're Engaged

MISS DOLORES RUSSELL to Ralph E. Miller. Miss Russell is employed in Point Pleasant District.

MISS ONA MARIE MURRAY to Master Sergeant Benjamin Carter Farris. Miss Murray is employed at Logan.

MISS NADA O. MAYS to William W. Sweeney. Miss Mays is employed at Lynchburg.

MISS ELIZA McDANIEL to Earl R. Blankenship. Miss McDaniel is employed at Lynchburg.

MISS CHARLOTTE REES to Bill Schweitzer. Miss Rees and Mr. Schweitzer are both employed at Ashland.

MISS VIRGINIA HOWELL to J. G. Conley, Jr. Miss Howell is employed in the Bluefield District.

Gulnare 4-H Club Of Pike County Wins Kentucky Company's Annual Contest



Bill Barnett, Pikeville district rural sales representative, right, presents a \$60 check to the secretary of the Gulnare 4-H Club. Gulnare won first place in the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company's annual contest. Mrs. Cline Burchett, advisor, is shown in the background.

The Gulnare 4-H Club, sponsored by the Gulnare Grade School located on Lower Johns Creek in Pike County, Kentucky, won the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company's 1952 4-H club contest. This is the fourth year Gulnare has won the contest. Clubs in 18 counties participate in the contest.

In winning the company-wide contest, Gulnare won \$10 in Pike County competition; \$15 in the district contest; \$35 in the finals for a total of sixty dollars. In addition to the cash awards, the 4-H champions were given a trip to Huntington where they appeared on "Farmer Click's" TV show with G. A. Weatherston, commercial manager for

the Kentucky company. Sally Newall, Pike County home demonstration agent; Harold Dowdy, county agent, and C. H. Fields, Pikeville district's rural and residential sales supervisor, also accompanied the club members during the trip.

Mrs. Cline Burchett, principal at Gulnare, advisor to the group, is responsible for the wide and varied program adopted by her club.

Other winners in the Annual 4-H Contest included Sandy Hook of the Ashland district, second place, and Hindman of the Hazard district, third place.

Armed Forces Call Two Employees



Mr. Brown Mr. Luther

Two men entered military service last month, one from Glen Lyn plant and one from the Fieldale district.

James E. Brown, utility operator at the plant, entered the Army on May 19. Employed as a laborer in May of 1950, he was promoted to utility operator in June of 1951.

Clinton Luther, Fieldale district local accounting department, entered the service on May 1. Employed as a groundman in January of 1951, he later transferred to local accounting as a meter reader.

S. D. Brinegar, Of Logan Plant, Gets 35-Year Emblem



Mr. Brinegar

S. D. Brinegar, Logan plant coal handling supervisor, completed 35 years' service with the company the first of last month. All this time was spent at the plant. He has one of the longest service records in the district.

Born in Branchland, West Virginia, he received his education in Lincoln County schools. He went to work for the Logan Light and Power Company on May 1, 1918, as an oiler.

He moved to the operating, meter and results departments before starting to work in the coal handling department in June, 1923, as a yard foreman. He was later promoted to coal handling supervisor.

During his service with the company, he has worked under nine plant managers and seen many changes around the plant and in the coal handling department. He has seen 16,500 hp. boilers installed and removed and the installation of the present high pressure equipment.

Married and the father of a daughter, he is a member of the Baptist Church of Logan and the Elks Club of Huntington.

Robert Weisfeld Elected VP Of Virginia Jaycees

Robert J. Weisfeld, Abingdon district dealer sales representative, was elected May 16 state vice president of the Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce. His election took place in Old Point Comfort at the annual state Jaycee Convention.



Mr. Weisfeld

As one of five state vice presidents, he will work with local chapters throughout southwest Virginia and direct Jaycee activities throughout the state. Bob was assisted in his race for the position by James E. Prater, Abingdon district appliance serviceman, who directed his campaign.

Bob is well qualified for this post with 11 years of active Jaycee work. He has served as publicity chairman of the Abingdon Chapter for two years; youth activities chairman of the Abingdon chapter for three years; awards chairman of the Abingdon chapter for a year; first president of the Lebanon chapter; chairman of the Christmas program for the Lebanon chapter; local and state director of the Lebanon chapter; "Get Out The Vote" chairman of the Abingdon chapter and state chairman of the "Voice of Democracy Contest."

Bob was employed by the company in February of 1949 as a laborer. He was promoted to rural sales representative that year and became a dealer sales representative in August of 1951.

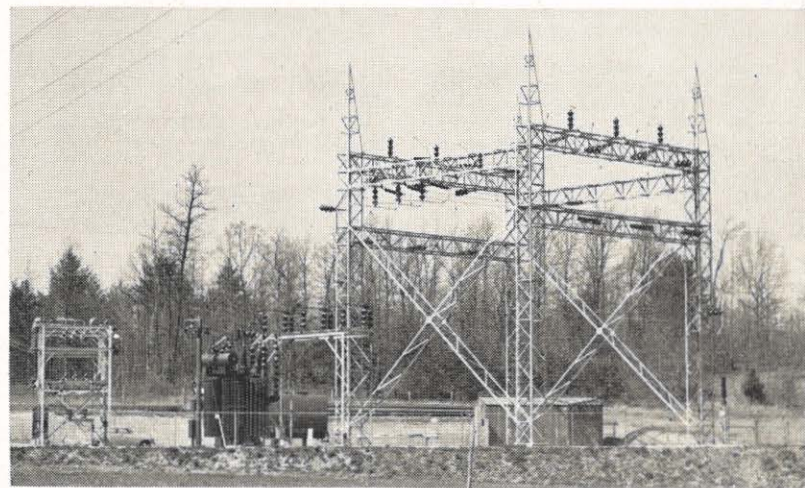
Old Car Barn Being Remodeled To Stores Building

Work is under way on the remodeling of the old Walnut Avenue car barn, converting it into a stores building in Roanoke.

The building, purchased from Roanoke Railway and Electric Company in 1948, is being remodeled to provide storage of the district material and system stock of relays, oil circuit breaker parts and substation material. Space is also provided for the storage and repair of appliances. About 25,000 sq. ft. of storage and office space will be available after remodeling.

The contractor, John W. Daniel and Company, has started paving around the outside of the building and work on the new loading platform. Jennings Electric Corporation, electrical contractor, has completed the installation of conduit.

New Floyd Station Serves Three-County Area



The new Floyd 132/12 kv substation above now serves Floyd County and parts of Montgomery and Patrick counties in the Pulaski district. Located on the 132-kv Claytor-Fieldale line, the station with three-phase transformer has a capacity of 5,000 kva. The new station will take about 1,500 kva load off the Cambria 33 kv station at Christiansburg.

Charleston Elec Credit Union Names Officers



Officers of the Charleston Elec Credit Union look over reports at a recent meeting. They were elected at the March meeting of the board of directors. From left: L. M. Cobbs, secretary-treasurer; J. D. Walters, vice president; C. B. Talley, president, and A. W. Brendel, assistant treasurer. The board of directors also includes H. F. Fennell and E. A. Murray, Jr. The supervisory committee is composed of G. B. Moir, Jr., F. C. Young and J. A. Allinder. The credit committee consists of A. R. Hoffman, E. H. Braid and C. R. S. Garten. Organized in 1928, the Credit Union now has assets amounting to \$26,074.19.

Huntington Court And New Franklin Stations Energized

Two Roanoke district stations, the Huntington Court Station and the new Franklin Station, recently were put in operation.

At the Huntington Court Station in Roanoke, the principal additions included a two-bay switching structure, three oil circuit breakers and a steel control house. This station has been greatly expanded and modernized since it was constructed in 1934. It now has a capacity of 8,000 KVA.

The Franklin Station, located on Route 40 near Rocky Mount, Virginia, is a new installation. It has a capacity of 3,750 KVA and its equipment includes a 375 KVA voltage regulator and an oil circuit breaker. The station serves an area as far north as Boones Mill and much of the western and southern sections of Franklin County. It is currently being supplied by the 33 KV circuit from Roanoke.

Mrs. Clark Peck Heads Abingdon Garden Club

Mrs. Clark Peck, Jr. was re-elected president of the Abingdon Garden Club. She is the wife of the Abingdon district distribution records supervisor.



Mrs. Clark Peck

Each year the Garden Club carries out projects of town beautification and civic interest. During Mrs. Peck's past term the club participated in the Tobacco Festival and the Highlands Festival; sponsored a city ordinance making the town a bird sanctuary and held two annual flower shows.

She and Clark, who is an amateur photographer, have made a collection of 35 mm. color slides of the members' gardens which are shown at meetings. Mrs. George G. Wood, wife of the local office manager, is also an active member of the club.

Mount Hope Station Is Placed Into Operation

Beckley district's new 1,500 KVA Mount Hope Station was placed into service May 17. The new facilities replaces the old 900 KVA station which served Mount Hope and the surrounding area.

The new station is equipped with three 500 KVA transformers, and air brake switch and other modern assemblies.

H. E. McCormack, Roanoke, Given 35-Year Pin



Mr. McCormack

H. E. McCormack, superintendent of system operations, completed 35 years of service with the company and its predecessors May 9.

Mr. McCormack's long career in the utility business began May 9, 1918 with the Virginia Power Company at Cabin Creek Plant as a boiler room employee. After a short period, he was made a switchboard operator and then load dispatcher. In 1921, "Mac" was promoted to chief dispatcher at Cabin Creek.

When the system operating department was formed in 1926, Mr. McCormack was transferred to Charleston as chief system operator then later was made assistant superintendent of system operations. In 1946, the department was reorganized and "Mac" became superintendent of system operations, the position he now holds.

In regional activities, Mr. McCormack has been a member of various committees where interconnecting systems and power problems are discussed.

Mr. McCormack is a member of the Greene Memorial Methodist Church at Roanoke, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Roanoke Country Club and the Shenandoah Club. The McCormacks are the parents of one son, Herbert, an Air Cadet, and one daughter, Betty, a senior at Andrew Lewis High School in Salem. Mr. McCormack and his wife make their home in Lee-Hy Park in Roanoke County.

Point Pleasant . . .

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Ellen B. Rice is a new employee in the accounting department.

Sympathy is extended W. C. Gilmour on the death of his mother.

Anna Wetzel, home economist, and Mrs. P. H. Steenbergen, wife of the district supervising engineer, attended the West Virginia Home Economics Association conference at Jackson's Mill on May 1-2.

Giant Mobile Transformer To Serve Three Companies

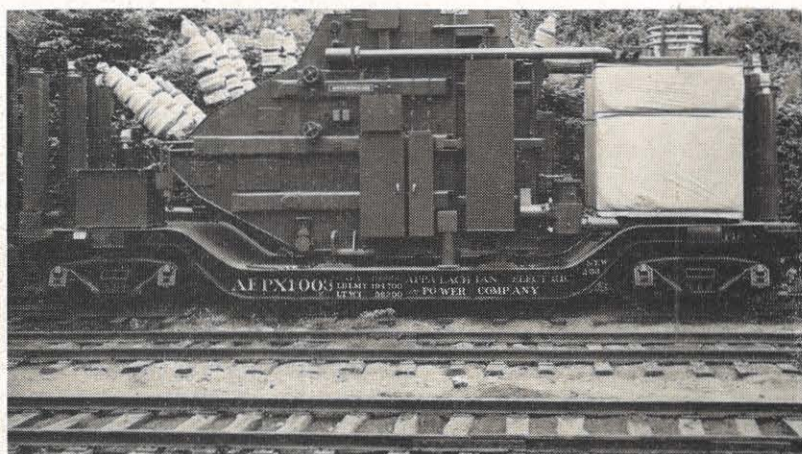
One of the largest mobile transformers in the nation has become a part of facilities of the Southern Properties. The mammoth 50,000 kva transformer on its special car is at Glen Lyn plant where it will be kept for shipment to points where it might be needed.

Weighing 191,000 pounds, the transformer is 15 ft. 2 in. high and 10 ft. 3 in. wide. The unit is so designed that minimum assembly is needed when it reaches its destination. Assembly will be under the supervision of the system substation department.

Although the transformer can be used on regular maintenance jobs, its primary purpose is for emergencies. In case of emergency caused by electrical failure of a transformer at a substation, this mobile unit would get special handling by the railroads and rushed to that point, anywhere on the Southern Properties System.

The transformer can replace any transformer bank at any step-down substation on our system with the exception of inter-company ties. It is adaptable for all voltages normally used on the AGE System.

This is not the first mobile transformer to be put in service on our system as we have two 15,000 kva transformers in service on flat cars. However, the big unit not only has 20,000 kva more capacity but also will do the job of both the other



The new 50,000 kva mobile transformer is shown on its special car at a siding near Glen Lyn plant, control point from where it will be shipped when needed to places on our system. The 191,000-pound unit will be used primarily for emergency substation work.

units.

One of the 15,000 kva units in service was used on the 132 kv system while the other was adapted so that it would operate on both 88 kv and 132 kv systems. The new transformer can be used on 132, 88 and 66 kv systems.

In the past, the 15,000 kva mobile transformer was the largest made. The 50,000 kva unit is a new de-

velopment by Westinghouse Electric Corporation. The Ohio Power Company recently got a unit of the same size for use on their system.

Ben Montague Of Charleston Ends His Long Service



Mr. Montague

Ben F. Montague, Charleston engineering department, retired May 31 after more than 33 years of service.

A native of Winston-Salem, he graduated from North Carolina State College with a degree in civil engineering. After working in municipal and railroad engineering fields, Ben went to work with the old Virginian Power Company in 1920 in Charleston. He helped with designs for Cabin Creek plant's No. 4 turbine, one of the largest units in service at that time.

He was placed in charge of the Charleston engineering department when the Charleston company was acquired by AGE in 1925. He assisted in setting up the system operating department, preparing diagrams of all plants and lines in the Southern Properties. For several years before and after the war his work was largely with rural lines.

In 1951 the engineering department was reorganized, its work enlarged and George E. Hervey appointed supervising engineer. Ben remained in charge of surveying and right of way until retiring.

He is married and they have one son, Ben, Jr. who is a doctor in Montgomery, Alabama. He is a member of the First Christian Church, the Kiwanis Club and Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He is a registered professional engineer of West Virginia and a former member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

He plans to take it easy for awhile. One of his favorite pastimes is relating his experiences while working on early surveys for railroads. He says while working on the Florida East Coast Railway he worked six days a week and spent Sundays hunting pirate treasures in the Florida keys. He adds wryly that he "never found anything, though."

Roger Millikan Wins High College Honors

Roger C. Millikan recently received high honors at Oberlin College. He was selected for membership in Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honorary society, and Sigma Xi, national honorary research society. He was also one of four to be awarded the Harry N. Holms Chemistry Award, a \$300 award divided four ways.



Roger Millikan

Roger is the son of R. F. Millikan, safety director for the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company at Ashland. A senior, he will graduate this month with a major in chemistry.

He has received his appointment as a graduate assistant in chemistry at the University of California where he will work toward his Ph.D. degree in chemistry. This summer he will work in the General Research Laboratory of the American Cyanamide Company at Stamford, Connecticut.

Mrs. Alice Spencer Gets Guild Life Certificate

Mrs. Alice Spencer, assistant in the Welch district personnel department,



Mrs. Spencer

was presented life membership in the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church of Welch. The honor is bestowed upon outstanding women workers in the

WSCS and the Guild.

This was the first year that the Welch Guild has awarded the Life Certificate and careful consideration was given before Mrs. Spencer was selected the most deserving of the honor. She has been an active member of the Guild since 1942 and has served as president, secretary and treasurer. She is active in all types of church work.

Ashland Sponsors Booth In Home Show



"See your home in a new light" was the theme of the above booth recently sponsored by the Ashland district of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company at the Ashland Annual Better Home Show. The booth was visited by more than three thousand persons during the three-day showing and all were given invitations to visit eastern Kentucky's first light conditioned home. More than twelve hundred visitors inspected the model home in the Bellefonte section of the city. Booth visitors were given the "intensity meter test," and were shown the variety of lamps on display. Lamps also were given at a drawing the final night of the show.

Sara Sweeney, Charleston, Began Art Hobby After Receiving A Child's Gift

Mrs. Sara Sweeney, a member of the Charleston district accounting department, reversed what originally was intended as a practical joke and turned it into an interesting hobby. Since receiving a child's paint set from her husband a year ago last Christmas, she has completed a wide assortment of interesting paintings which are displayed from Anchorage, Alaska, to Punxsatawney, Penn.

Sara would be the first to tell you she had no idea her work would ever be considered for display. She had no formal art training but her abilities are reflected in her paintings. Sara has an unusual knack of reproducing interesting scenes from newspapers and magazines and giving them life and color. Some of these include a painting of President Eisenhower and an Alaskan USO building.

The painting of the president was based upon a photograph from a national magazine while the USO painting was developed from a newspaper clipping. Mrs. Sweeney's son, Harry, was featured in the "Sourdough Sentinel" after winning his Air Force Base's chess championship and the USO clipping was in the same issue.

Mrs. Sweeney was impressed with the USO photograph and decided to paint it for her son. When it was completed, Sara shipped it to Alaska.



Sara is shown with two of her paintings in her home. Much of her work is portrait, still life, religious and seasonal scenery of the nearby area.

The painting attracted so much attention that it soon was framed and hung in one of the rooms of the USO.

Mrs. Sweeney's immediate plans call for a painting of Mamie Eisenhower to go with the one she has of the president.

Sara has been a Charleston district employee for the past eleven years. Much earlier, she was associated with the Williamson Electric Company at Williamson, West Virginia, for about five years.

Living In Captivity

'The Thing' Gives Birth To Two Odd Offspring Sent From System Commercial Department



Youngest offspring of "The Thing" is the District Tail Enders' Award now residing in Williamson. He has a common family characteristic—a bushy tail.

Two little "Things" were recently born of "The Thing" in the system commercial department in Roanoke. Both are doing well in captivity.

When The Thing (symbolizing last place in AGE System Sales) was first sent to Appalachian five months ago from New York, there was some doubt that it would live in this southern climate. Some expressed the belief that it might thrive better in Ohio Power or I&M territory.

After the first critical month, no change was noted and The Thing stayed—and stayed. It was in the office of L. L. Koontz, system rural and residential sales supervisor, that it gave birth to two healthy offspring.

The oldest offspring resembles his mother. Mother Thing has a nice bushy coon tail gracefully flowing from a frame holding the Tail Enders' Award. The oldest youngster, the Division Tail Enders' Award, has a frame and general lines like its mother but is bedecked with a tail that might be from a fox.

The youngest offspring, the Tail Enders' District Award, is markedly different from its mother and brother. It strongly resembles a tramp but has one family characteristic—a bushy tail.

Huntington division received the job of nursing the offspring. The oldest youngster stayed in Huntington division offices but the youngest was sent to the Williamson district.

At last report, both were doing fine. However, indications point

toward their being sent elsewhere next month for additional nourishment.

Janith Valley Wins State Speech Contest

Janith Valley won the State Championship Award for public speaking at the contest in Charlottesville in late April. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Leon Valley, Abingdon district line foreman in Russell County.

Janith wrote her speech, "What Is America?" in the speech class at Honaker High School where she is a member of the senior class. Before winning the state contest among group two schools, she won the county contest and district contest in Bristol.



Janith Valley

Talented in music, she has been a member of the Glee Club for four years and is organist at the First Methodist Church in Honaker. She is president of the Future Teachers Club and member of the Beta Club. Next fall she will enroll at East Tennessee State College and prepare herself for public school music teaching.

Growing Many Varieties Of Fruit On A Few Trees Is W. C. Kidd's Hobby



Bill holds a limb which has had three new grafts placed on it this year. These grafts have already started to grow. Bill picks apples from the same trees during three seasons of the year.

Like a lot of different types of fruit on just a few trees? Just follow the example of William C. Kidd, Bluefield district supervising engineer who is an amateur horticulturist.

W. E. McCormick Of Charleston Retires May 1



Mr. McCormick

W. E. "Bill" McCormick, serviceman in the Charleston district meter department, retired May 1 after more than 35 years' service with the company and its predecessors.

Born in Kanawha County and a lifelong resident of the Valley, he went to work with the West Virginia Water and Electric Company in 1917. He first installed water meters. Later he was given a job on one of the two company wagons to run services.

Bill says that the service wagon dug post holes, set poles and often had to run around houses with service wires in order to make connections. He recalls when they never kept more than 50 meters ahead and had to cut many customers straight through and put them on a flat rate until they could get a meter.

Bill says that they worked 10 hours a day, 7 days a week in those days. He remembers when the Slack Street Station switchboard burned that the city was out of service for three days. He and others worked for a month then without going home, eating and sleeping on the job until it was finished.

He has worked as a serviceman in the meter department since its organization. He and his wife plan to live on his farm on Rocky Fork of Poca River. Bill hopes to have a nice garden and wants to put in a lot of time following his favorite hobbies, hunting and fishing. Active in church work, he is a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Charleston.

He made grafts on his present trees because he did not have any space for additional trees on his lot. His interest in the hobby grew from an Agriculture Department bulletin on the "Propagation of Trees and Shrubs" given him in 1945 by Ira Henderson, a fellow employee.

Bill has added the following grafts to his apple trees since 1945: Henry Clay, Early Harvest, Wolf River, Golden Delicious, Winesap, Wealthy, Grimes Golden, Anoka, Lodi, Rome Beauty, Delicious Red, Red Fleshed Almata and Rhode Island Greening.

Most of these are cleft grafts with several being bud grafts. One graft has been placed on an ordinary crab apple stock to obtain a dwarfing effect.

Five of six of the earlier grafts are now bearing. Bill says it is fascinating in the spring to see one tree with several varieties of blooms. He adds that it's even better to harvest apples from one tree in summer, fall and winter.

Bill summarized his hobby by saying: "And think—all this fun for the price of a pound of grafting wax and a pocket knife."

Daughter Of System Man Is Runner-Up In Beauty Pageant

Miss June Goodloe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Goodloe of Bluefield, was selected runner-up in the Miss West Virginia Pageant which was recently held at Morgantown. Miss Goodloe was one of three entries representing Marshall College of Huntington.

June entered the contest as "Miss Parthenon," the name of the college newspaper, following a preliminary contest at Huntington. Contestants were judged upon poise, personality, intelligence, charm, beauty and talent. Miss Goodloe sang ballads in the talent division of the finals.

June, a junior at Marshall, is a member of Kappa Omicron Phi and an officer of Phi chapter of Sigma Sigma. She also is House President of the sorority. She is an honor student and takes part in many campus activities.

In the past, she has been chosen as Queen of the Beaver Carnival; Home-Coming Queen at VPI; Spring Carnival Queen at Marshall; and Snow Princess for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Marshall.

Mr. Goodloe is a member of the system transmission line department at Bluefield.



Miss Goodloe

Sporn Plant Man Is Re-elected Head Of Hartford Tigers

Ralph Gibbs, Sr., a Philip Sporn Plant employee, recently was re-elected president of the Hartford Tigers Baseball Team, Inc. Ralph has served the club as president for the past three years.

The "Tigers," former champions of the Ohio Valley League, will play as an independent during the current season. The organization also plans to sponsor a Junior Baseball League for area teenagers. Several plant employees, in addition to Mr. Gibbs, are members of the Hartford Tigers.



Mr. Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs, who has been employed at the plant since 1950, also is active in civic affairs. He is a former councilman and water commissioner for the Town of New Haven. He is director of the choir and a class leader at the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Baker, Smith To Manage Huntington's Champions

Huntington district's Southern Properties softball champions recently met and elected officers for the 1953 season. Paul Baker, an all-tournament star for a number of seasons, will serve as co-manager with Ted Smith of the Kenova Plant.

Robert Webster was named equipment manager and James Wysong will handle publicity for the Huntington clouters.

Last year's records gave the district nine twenty-three victories while suffering but two defeats.

Welch Students Receive Honors In Area Schools



Miller Porterfield Judith Hulme

Three students, Judith Hulme, Raymond Lee Brown and Miller Porterfield, Jr., daughter and sons of Welch district employees, recently were honored for various activities in their schools.

Judith, daughter of William Hulme, has been elected to offices in two organizations at the Welch High School for the coming year. Judith has been named secretary of the Student Council and vice president of the Tri-Hi-Y. She also is drill captain of the Order of Rainbow for Girls. Judith will be a junior during her next term.

Raymond, son of Mrs. Elster Brown of the accounting department, was named one of the outstanding students in the recent county-wide spelling and arithmetic contests which were held in mid-May. Raymond and Miller Porterfield tied for first place in the Brown's Creek District's Mathematics Contest.

Miller, son of M. C. Porterfield, assistant district manager, also was elected treasurer of the Student Council at Welch High School.

Bluefield Man Is Among Nation's 6 Most Rabid Fans

Karnes Hoge, Bluefield air conditioning engineer, has been named sixth among the nation's Twelve Most Rabid Sports Fans. Karnes was chosen as a candidate for the Mid-Century Festival of American Sports Contest by George Springer, sports editor of the Beckley Post-Herald. For his selection, he received sporting goods equipment awards.

Karnes is widely known as "that fellow from Princeton with the blue shirt and denims that never wears a hat or coat regardless of the weather." If there is an outstanding sporting event in the southern part of the state, it is a safe bet that Karnes will be there.

In football season, he works the chains or the linesman's box at the Princeton games. He is the official scorer in Basketball. If it is West Virginia University, he'll be on the Mountaineer's bench. Where he has no favorite, he'll be in the front row at any event applauding good plays by either opponent.

He has a deep interest in young athletes and their welfare. He often buys them steaks, milk shakes and donates blood to their friends or families. Karnes is a father to all Princeton area athletes and to show their appreciation, the Princeton High School athletes recently presented Karnes with an electric shaver at a dinner meeting.

G. Marvin Shutt, chairman of the national contest, remarked, "Mr. Hoge certainly has an enviable record as a sports fan. His entry in the contest made the final judging a difficult task."

Bowling Team Is Given A Dinner At Lynchburg

Members of the Lynchburg district's bowling team recently were honored at a dinner party for their play during the 1952-53 season. The dinner was held at the Elks Club.

Lynchburg bowlers attending the dinner were: E. R. Driskill, H. W. Francis, J. W. Harris, C. H. Morris, L. R. Hudson and L. G. Dougan.

Hillville Lineman Finds Taxidermy Ideal Hobby For Average Sportsman

Over the past twelve years, Bolen Shepherd, a Hillville, Virginia, lineman, has followed the hobby of taxidermy. Bolen feels there is no other hobby that offers the sportsman any more genuine pleasure than stalking the woods and the streams for unusual specimens to mount for his den. This combination of sport and hobby increases his interest on hunting and fishing trips.

Mr. Shepherd's personal collection of pheasants, squirrels, foxes and other game reflects a great deal of work and a world of patience in order to preserve these creatures in their natural form. Many of Bolen's projects, especially his game heads, have been recreated exactly as they were when the animals were alive. Even after twelve years of experience in taxidermy, he still finds it difficult to make all specimens appear natural after they have been mounted.

Bolen's hobby, for the most part, has been limited to his own game as he has little time for custom work.

Point Pleasant Will Open Valley Loop

Point Pleasant district's softball squad has been scheduled to clash with the Somerville-Stout nine of Point Pleasant in their first game of the 1953 season. This game is the season's opener for the participants in the Ohio Valley Softball League.

Members of the district's 1953 squad include: Bobby Miller, Bill "Wimpy" Stricklen, Tommy Rose, Gene Wolfe, Charles Burdette, Charles Fowler, Harry Chambers, Clifford Stalnaker, O. W. "Benny" Neal and James Robert Hoffman. Hoffman is playing manager for the Point Pleasant clouters.

H. T. Mitchell Is Named '53 Manager At Ashland

At a recent organizational meeting at Ashland, Hugh T. Mitchell was named manager of the district's 1953 softball squad. The Kentucky nine has its hopes set on regaining the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company crown as well as participating in the Southern Properties' annual tournament.

To date, the Ashland nine has been rained out of all scheduled contests except one. In that game, Mitchell's nine emerged with a win.

Buckskin Foreman



C. F. "Preacher-in-Buckskin" Mundy, Mullins, West Virginia, line foreman, at a recent foreman and supervisor's meeting in Bluefield wears his new deer skin jacket. "Buckskin," like other ardent sportsmen, always wanted one of these jackets tailored from his own kills. He accumulated three skins over a period of several seasons and had the jacket made to order.



Mr. Shepherd is shown with several specimens he has mounted.

He believes his hobby is one most sportsmen would enjoy and it is inexpensive. A few dollars in materials can preserve a large collection and the tools used in this work can be found in the average home.

Pikeville's A.C.'s Win League Race



The Pikeville district's 1952-53 bowling champions, left to right, are: Lawrence Newsom, Gid Ison, Rodman Crutchfield; Corbin Bobbitt, captain; and Leon Huffman. Denver "Chomper" Layne was absent when this photograph was made.

Pikeville's A.C.'s, a bowling team with 26 victories and 16 defeats for the 1952-53 season, are champions of the district's four-team league. The Hot Taps and the D. C.'s, both with 22 and 20 records for the season, were deadlocked for second place while the Disconnects were fourth with 14 and 28.

For team honors the D. C.'s had the team single high game with 824 pins. The A.C.'s 2,189 three-game series was the best of the season.

Individually, Brashear's 229 pins was the high single game. Justice and Hale were close behind. Weddle copped the high series with 545 pins for the three-game set. Hale and Brashear were tied for second place honors.

Zoellers and Lee, tied at 150, maintained the highest averages for the year. Other high averages were posted by Weddle, Bobbitt, Hale and Brashear.

Seabiscuit Simmons Hurls No-Hitter In Loop Opener

Robert "Seabiscuit" Simmons, ace Roanoke area softball pitcher, launched his 1953 season in the Roanoke City Class "A" League by hurling a no-hitter against the powerful N & W nine.

Simmons, pitching for the Roanoke Scappers, looked as though he were in mid-season form. He fanned 6 of the 24 batters, walked one, and two others reached base on errors.

Seabiscuit is well-known in local, company and Virginia softball circles. He has participated in several company tournaments.

Trash Rake Trout



Paul Blizzard, left, and Burl Fewell of the Kanawha Valley Power Company, examine Paul's latest catch of rainbow trout. There normally is nothing unusual about catching trout—except that trout are rarely found in the Kanawha River. Because of area industry, bullheads and carp are about the only species to survive in these waters. This catch led the West Virginia State Conservation Commission into an extensive investigation. Large nets, sunk into water around the plant's tailrace, produced 123 catfish, 6 crappies, and a wide variety of other fish in one dipping. The fish were taken to a hatchery where they will be used for stocking ponds for public fishing. The commission now plans to visit all hydros to catch fish for stocking.

Ray And Johnston Lead In First Rounds Of Roanoke Tourney

Phil Ray and Eddie Johnston, deadlocked with identical scores, 72 strokes net, took the lead following the first rounds of the annual Roanoke Division Handicap Golf Tournament. Ray shot a 110 round with a 38 handicap while Johnston slammed-out an 82 with a 10 handicap. Melvin Brown of Fieldale fired the low gross as he toured the Hidden Valley Country Club with a 79. Three golfers: Owen Hawkins, J. I. Muncey and Dick Shepherd had net 73's.

The 1953 event is a departure from previous tournaments. It was expanded to include all three districts and operated on the Callahan handicap system. The tournament is a 36-hole medal play and the final round will be held in the fall.

Following the first rounds, division golfers were served box lunches. Prizes and awards will be made following the finals.

Members of the Roanoke committee include: Eddie Johnston, general chairman; W. P. Booker, A. R. Main, O. A. Hawkins, Jesse Bussey, J. G. Harvey, C. E. Moore, R. A. Armistead, Noble Marshall, Dorman Miller and Lynn Munday.

Roanoke Enters Team In Softball League

Roanoke district has entered a team in the ten-team City Industrial league. League play in this "B" loop got under way May 21 when the company scrappers rapped out a 14 to 5 decision over the National Business College.

The 1953 season will be divided into two halves. Winners will enter a play-off for the championship.

Phil Ray of the system accounting office will manage the Roanokers. Players are: Gene Ferguson, captain; Dewey Henry, Gordon Warrick, Marvin Craig, Clyde Skeen, Bobby Saul, Carl Hedgecock, Jack White-nack, J. C. Rogers, Ronald Tucker, Kenneth Hubbard, Harry Shumate, Roy Howard, Rudy Leftwich, Wayne Webb, Tommy Bryant and Ira Peters.

Bluefield Softball Team Is Organized

Bluefield district has entered a softball team in the Bluefield City League for the 1953 season. The company nine will compete with teams from other industries.

At the organizational meeting, Ernie Linkous and Heber Stafford were elected playing managers of the Bluefield squad. J. W. Woods, Jr., was elected business manager.

The 1953 league schedule began May 18.

Sporn's Bowlers Are Given Awards For Season's Play



Raymond Smith, one of Sporn Plant's outstanding bowlers, holds the three trophies he won in league competition. Smith won a team trophy, high average and high series.

The 1952-53 bowling season at the Philip Sporn Plant ended early in May with the presentation of trophies and awards at the league's annual banquet. The annual event was held at the Eagles Club in Pomeroy, Ohio. Paul Scally served as master of ceremonies and short talks were given by Howard Andrews, plant manager, and Paul Schneider, assistant manager.

Emmert's Shift, winning team during the league competition, was presented the championship trophy. Members of the team also were presented individual trophies. Team trophy winners were Harlen Wehrung, Harry Davis, James Russell, Frank Bailey, Lester Damewood and Raymond Smith.

Trophies won for individual competition were presented to Raymond Smith and Ralph Gibbs, Jr. Raymond's 165 was high average for the season and his 563-pin set won the series laurels. Gibbs rolled a 231-pin game for the high single honors.

In the no handicap bowling, the finals were won by the Clinker Grinders. They won the championship after playing off a three-way deadlock with Carroll's and Emmert's shifts. Members of the Clinker Grinders' team are George Wright, Luther Smith, James Haggerty, Charles Yeager, Floyd Capehart and Carl Tennant.



Charleston Bowling League Honors Leading Keglers And Elects Officers



Three of the outstanding individuals of the Charleston district's Kilowatt Bowling League are from the left: Carl Murray, 167, high average; Pauline Lanham, 142, high average; and Cliff Flannery, 578, high series.

The presentation of trophies, awards and the election of league officers highlighted the Charleston district's annual bowling banquet.

For team honors, the Gravy Trains were presented the championship trophy. Members of this team included: Denny Caldwell, captain; J. O. Bartlett, Sox Campbell, Ray Cole and Charlie Crawford. Men and women gaining individual recognition included: Carl Murray, 167, and Pauline Lanham, 142, high average; Cliff Flannery, 578, and Eldivia Cline, 471, high series; Joe Britt, 246, and Rose Ann Smith, 188, high single game. Bill Salmons was named the most improved bowler in the loop.

New officers elected to head the Kilowatt Bowling League during the 1953-54 season were: Wallace Mason, chairman; Helen Porter, secretary-treasurer; Paul Blizzard, Cliff Flannery and Jack Walters, the board of directors.

Bowlers and guests attending the banquet were welcomed by Jennings Fulkner, chairman of the league, and heard short talks by C. B. Talley, district manager, and C. W. Lovell, assistant division manager. R. E. Hodges, Charleston division manager, presented trophies and awards.

'Coon Trains Dogs



Bill Conner, a Clinchfield Station operator of the Abingdon district, uses his pet raccoon, "Sherman," shown above, to help in the training of young hunting dogs. Sherman, while quite young, was trapped in Tazewell County. He developed into a nice pet to handle and often was carried about by small children. Later, Bill began to work him in the woods while training his coonhounds. Today, Sherman is getting a little old and much of his playful disposition has disappeared. He also has lost the sight in one eye but he still enjoys his climbs and robbing the pockets of his master. One of his favorite pranks is stealing cigarettes from Bill while he is romping about the yard.

Beckley Bowlers Honored At Banquet



Beckley bowling award winners included, front row, left to right, Regina Slayton, Elizabeth Scott and Elizabeth Hancock. Back row, Elmer Hutchinson, Maxie Dwornick and Leo Bias.

Members and guests of the Beckley District Bowling League completed the 1952-53 season with a bowling banquet and dance. Members of the league attended the banquet while the dance was open to all district personnel. Waldo S. LaFon, manager, served as toastmaster while Maxie Dwornick, chairman of the league, presented awards.

The Tear Jerkers were the winners of the league's sudden death play-offs with the Split Teasers and the High Voltage keggers. In addition to winning the championship, the Tear Jerkers also won team honors for high single game with 924 pins and the high series with 2,517. The team

is composed of Maxie Dwornick, captain; Eddie McGinnis, J. A. Kirby, H. W. Greene and Eugene O'Neal.

Special awards for the 1952-53 season were won by the following league bowlers. High average: Elmer Hutchinson, 173, and Elizabeth Scott, 128; high series: Elmer Hutchinson, 610, and Elizabeth Hancock, 469; high single: Maxie Dwornick, 236, and Elizabeth Hancock, 206; inter-district match high series: Leo Bias, 532, and Regina Slayton, 458.

Additional recognition was made to women breaking 150-pin games and to men crashing the 200 mark.

Cabin Creek Bowlers Given Banquet And Dance In Charleston

The Power Makers' Club entertained 38 Cabin Creek Plant bowlers and their guests early at a banquet at the Kanawha Airport Club Room.

Following the banquet, Mr. Mehlman made several presentations of awards. The Pulverizers won the Power Makers' championship trophy and individual trophies were awarded to Mrs. Jeanne Creasey and L. O. McKinney. Both league bowlers maintained highest averages.

At the close of the banquet, the plant bowlers were joined by their fellow employees at a dance which was held at the Sons Of Italy Club in Charleston. Don Osborne's orchestra supplied music for dancing from nine to one.

Jimmy Jones Elected Roanoke Jaycee President As Ira Peters And Jack Burnett Become Officers



Jimmy Jones, new Roanoke Jaycee president in the center, receives congratulatory handshakes from Ira Peters, left, and Jack Burnett who also were elected officers in the organization.

James E. Jones, engineer in the Roanoke division engineering department, was recently elected president of the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce. Active in local and state Jaycee work, he served this year as vice president of the local chamber. He has served a term on the board of directors and has been chairman of many Jaycee projects.

Ira Peters, district personnel supervisor, and Jack Burnett, engineer in the power sales department, were elected vice presidents and to the board of directors at the same meeting. Both have been active with Jack heading the "Get Out The Vote" drive.

All three men are married. Jack is the father of two daughters and a son while Ira has one son.

Jimmy has also been very active in Community Fund, Red Cross and other civic activities. He is a member of the Huntington Court Methodist Church where he is a youth advisor.

Ira has taken part in many fund raising campaigns and is a member of the Williamson Road Church of the Brethren, having served as Sunday School superintendent. He teaches a junior class.

Jack also has taken active interest in community and civic affairs. He is a member of the St. John's Episcopal

KUI Places New Station In Service At Kingsport

The Borden Mills Station, a new 10,000 KVA substation located at Borden Mills, Kingsport, Tennessee, recently was placed into operation.

The new station was constructed by Reese Scarlett, substation supervisor, and members of his crew. Line Gang Foremen Jack Morrison, Loomis Nutter and Sam Russell, together with their crews, also assisted during the construction.

J. L. Crist Is Wise Owl Club Member



J. L. Crist, boiler maintenance helper at the Cabin Creek Plant, second from right, accepts a life membership certificate to the Wise Owl Club from Sam Kitchen, system safety supervisor. F. E. Holt, left, and C. B. Burner look on. Membership to this organization is restricted to persons saving the sight of one or both eyes by the use of personal protective equipment. There are about 150 members throughout the entire nation. Three of these members are in the Southern Properties and this is the second Wise Owl Club award for employees of the Cabin Creek Plant. In January, Crist was using a heavy hammer and chisel to remove the fins of an economizer tube. As Crist struck the chisel a fragment of steel shattered the right lens of his safety goggles. His compliance with safe practices prevented the loss of his right eye. Crist recently was transferred to the Kanawha River Plant.

Two Charleston Men Elected To Eagle Posts



Mr. Foehr Mr. West

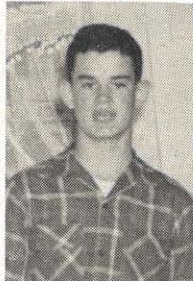
Two Charleston district employees, Stuart Foehr and Wilbur C. West, recently were elected to offices in the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Stuart was elected president of the Charleston organization while Wilbur will take over the duties of chaplain. Both men held offices prior to the recent election.

Both Stuart and Wilbur are employed in the district meter department. Stuart began his service with Appalachian in September of 1950 while Wilbur has been with the company since August of 1947.

Pikeville Youth Wins Speech Award

Lawrence Rayborn Newsom, 16-year-old son of L. M. Newsom, Pikeville records supervisor, recently was awarded an excellent rating in the state-wide Speech Festival which was held at Lexington, Kentucky.



L. R. Newsom

In addition to the state speech award, Lawrence also has received a superior rating in the Eastern Kentucky Festival sponsored by the Pikeville College. Lawrence is a junior at the Virgie, Kentucky, High School.

Miss Stalker Named Class Valedictorian

Miss Jean Carol Stalker, seventeen year-old daughter of E. J. Stalker of the Glen Lyn Steam Plant, recently was selected valedictorian of the Narrows High School's 1953 graduating class. Graduation exercises are to be held early this month.



Miss Stalker

Following graduation, Miss Stalker plans to enter National Business College at Roanoke during the summer.

Jean is the granddaughter of the late E. A. Stalker, former assistant office manager of the system's main accounting office at Roanoke. Mr. Stalker is stores supervisor at Glen Lyn.

Ghost Skit Presented At Fieldale Meeting

Ghosts with safety messages highlighted a skit presented in Fieldale on April 14. Nancy Kitts supervised the play and acted as a ghost. Others were M. W. Brown, James Dunham, Jewell Wigginton, Leonard Jenkins, Eunice Gravely and J. W. Vaughan.

Admission to the ghost club was restricted to death by carelessness and each ghost told of his experience. Miss Kitts concluded the program with a talk on "What's In It For Me," stressing the importance of good health free from handicaps caused by accidents.

Frank Alexander Family Most Active In Scout Work In Grayson, Kentucky

"The Scouting family of Grayson" is the title given Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alexander and their son, David. Their home on Third Street is the meeting place of most of the boys and girls in town.

Frank, Ashland district serviceman, is Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 160, sponsored by the Rotary Club. Arla, his wife, is the leader of the Girl Scout Troop and David is a second class Scout in the troop and doubles as Den Chief for the town's Cub Scout Pack. Mrs. Alexander also doubles as Den Mother when the Cub Pack needs extra help.

It all started 2½ years ago when Frank was transferred to Grayson. He had been a Boy Scout at Ashland years ago and believed in that old saying, "Once a Scout, always a Scout."

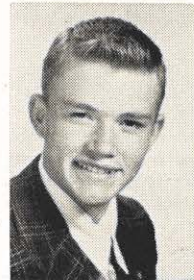
When local citizens came to Frank and told him that they had just lost their Scoutmaster who moved away and there were eight youngsters who were going to be mighty disappointed if they had to give up their troop, Frank couldn't say "no." That's when things started happening.

Today the troop has 32 Scouts registered and a waiting list ready to get in on the fun. Because the troop had all the members it could handle, Frank last year formed a separate Scout unit for the older boys, over 14 years. Today an Explorer Post of 14 boys in that branch of

Ralph Hale Graduates With Highest Honors

Ralph Webster Hale graduates from Pineville High School with highest honors. He is the son of Ralph Hale, Welch district area sales representative.

In addition to being valedictorian of his Class of 52 students, he is president of the student council and



Ralph Hale

member of the National Honor Society, of the basketball team and of the Varsity Club. Ralph is chaplain of the Senior Hi-y, has a leading part in the senior class play, is business manager of the school paper, student head of the visual aids department, delegate to Government Day in Charleston and delegate to the State Student Council Convention.

A member of the First Methodist Church of Pineville where he serves as an usher, he has been accepted as a pre-med student at the University of Illinois.



All Scouts! Frank is Scoutmaster, Arla is leader of the Girl Scout Troop and doubles as Den Mother and David is a Scout and also a Den Chief of the Cub Scout Pack.

Scouting is under the leadership of one of Frank's neighbors, Mr. Clifton.

And when the fellow townsmen decided the younger boys needed a Scouting program, Frank volunteered his help in organizing a Cub Pack. David has been one of the Den Chiefs since the Pack was organized more than a year ago. Mrs. Alexander mothers a little band of Brownies who are quick to testify that she bakes mighty fine cookies.

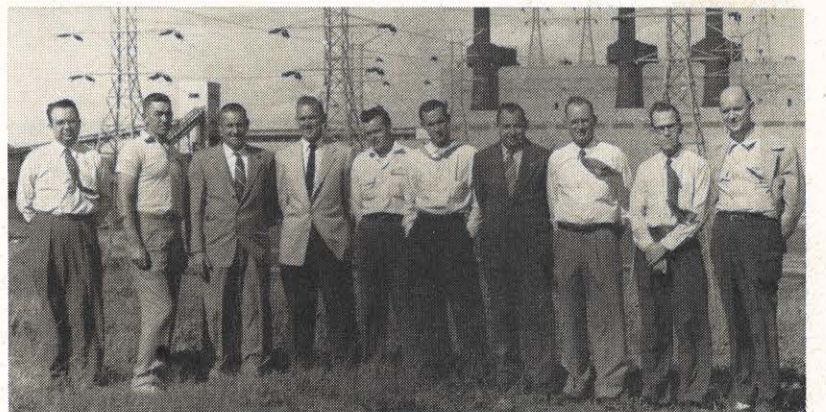
As if running a troop of 32 Scouts were not enough, Frank is active in the Rotary Club, church activities and finds time to do a little fishing with his family down on the Little Sandy and Tygart rivers.

Designs Insignia



H. R. "Herb" Miller holds the insignia he designed for the Beckley Chamber of Commerce. The engineering department draftsman developed the design from the idea of a mine car wheel representing the coal industry in the area. Each spoke in the wheel represents a phase of the Chamber's work: promotion of coal sales, trade, new industry, rural development programs, better roads and retail trade. The wheel rim represents the coordination effort of the Chamber while the higher rim represents the Beckley Area Chamber of Commerce.

Williamson Employees Visit Sporn Plant



Eleven Williamson district employees recently toured the Philip Sporn Plant. This was the first time some of the visitors had the opportunity to inspect a modern steam generating plant in operation. The Williamson visitors, left to right, are: J. L. Richmond, Ernest Bailey, Bernard Curry, Herman Mills, Eugene Hall, Jack Maynard, Alous Williamson, Fred Varney, W. F. Giles, and Clarence Price, Huntington division personnel supervisor. O. P. Cornelison made the photograph.