

O come let us adore
Him,
Christ the Lord.

The Illuminator

Hark the herald angels
sing
Glory to the newborn
King.

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Sporn Tells Managers Future Is Bright In Spite Of Slight Business Decline

Despite the fact that there may be a slight business decline during the next three years, President Philip Sporn foresees a bright future for our company and the nation.

In an address to the managers of the American Gas and Electric System at the annual meeting last month, President Sporn discussed the company's 1953 record, the nation's economic situation and made some predictions of what's ahead.

In discussing the general economic conditions in which we will operate during the next three years, he said, "We are in a transition stage, but it would be a mistake to over-emphasize the sharpness of the transition."

Not A Sharp Decline

Mr. Sporn gave these as his reasons for believing that the business decline will not be a sharp one:

"We are definitely in for a period of reduced defense expenditures, but they will stay up at a level very close to \$40 billion a year.

"The continued increase in population at a rate of about 2½-million a year will have a major effect.

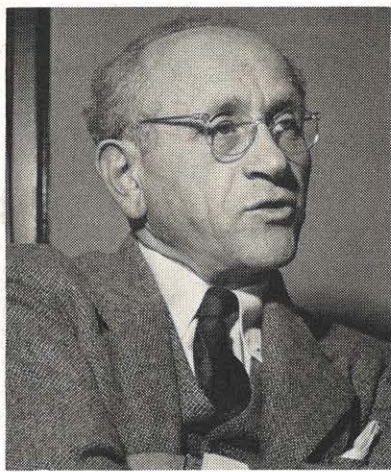
"Various forms of insurance now in force will temper substantially any decline in employment.

"There is the support by the government to our agricultural economy, to state and municipal programs of employment and to federal programs, if this becomes necessary.

"And finally there is the dynamic character of the American Economic system and the American psychology."

For all of these reasons Mr. Sporn said, "I think that the period we are coming into is a period of good business, perhaps not booming business, but perhaps better than any other that has been experienced prior to 1953, and that as time goes on even 1953 levels will be reached again and exceeded."

Our president said we have now come to the end of a ten-year boom



Mr. Sporn

which was born during World War 11 but held in restraint and then reached its full growth after V-J day.

It resulted when the demands of a population that had grown in size and prosperity could not be restrained. Coupled with this was the need for modernizing and expanding the country's productive facilities to meet the new demands. That factor, he pointed out, was responsible for the 1946-1950 boom.

Greater Demands For Power

Although our own industry will feel the effects of the transition period, there are several factors which will eventually bring about greater demands for power and vast expansion of the electric utilities in the future.

Mr. Sporn pointed to the fact that the population of the country is now 160 million, an increase of 37 million since 1933. And, he said, if the present trend continues, it will reach 221 million by 1975.

"This enormous growth will have a terrific effect on power and the amount of power that will be needed to take care of the great increase in population and to furnish it with the necessary mechanical workers, not at the 1952 level of 2,200 kwh per capita, but at much higher figures that

will have to be developed in the next quarter century if the standard of living is to continue to increase.

"It will have its effect on many of the factors involved in our operations, on the importance and availability of sites for power plants, on our ability to project and build the necessary transmission and distribution lines and on the standards of service that we will have to maintain," he told the managers.

Another important factor which will have a great effect on power is the continued mechanization of agriculture and the greater demand for electricity from the rural areas.

Further mechanization of industry, the expansion of existing industry, and the building of new ones will contribute greatly to increased demands for power in the future.

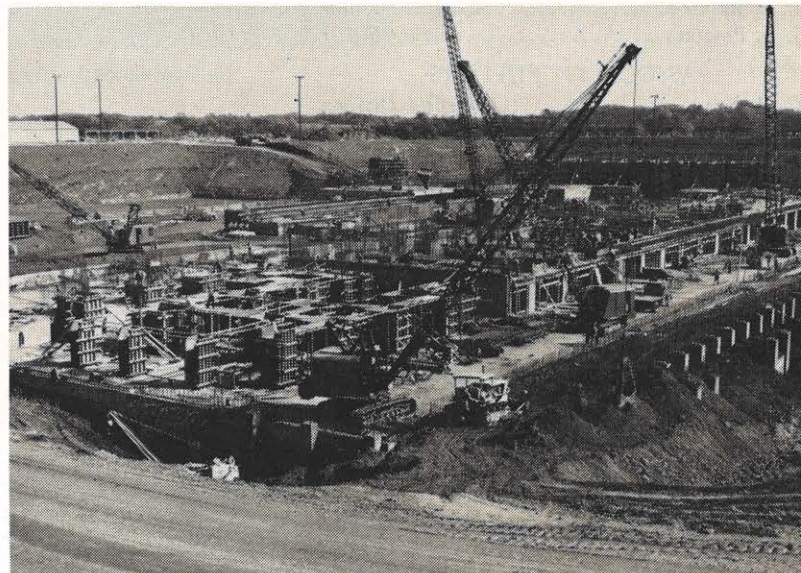
Human Resources

Mr. Sporn told the managers that in the future much greater emphasis will be placed on sales. He said that one of the most pleasing elements of this year's performance has been the sale of 104,877 ranges, water heaters and dryers during the first ten months on the AGE System. He is convinced that the figure will reach 135,000 units by the end of the year.

In discussing personnel, Mr. Sporn said, "We will have to do a great deal more work next year to develop our human resources—the men and women who are going to continue to plan, design, build and operate the system we have today and one that may double or actually be four times as big eventually.

"For that to happen, we must have the men and women to help bring it into being. We will need the same kind of people if the system, once it has come into being, is to continue as a sound and useful instrument, dedicated to the service of the people and the areas we have assumed the responsibility to serve."

Power Plants To Supply Atomic Plant In Ohio Almost Ready For Steel Work



A year's work is reflected in this picture of Kyger Creek plant. Steel work is scheduled to begin next month on the power giant that will supply the atomic diffusion plant under construction in Ohio.

A year ago ground was broken for the world's second largest electric generating plant across the river from Point Pleasant in Ohio. The million-kilowatt Kyger Creek plant will supply the atomic diffusion plant under construction in Pike County, Ohio.

Today—hundreds of thousands of manhours later—construction of this power giant is well along and on schedule. It is about ready to receive the first steel girders and beams and columns which will form its basic skeleton.

Kyger Creek is one of two plants being constructed by the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation, of which Appalachian, Ohio Power and I&M of the AGE System are a part. The plant will cost about \$145 million. Its sister plant, Clifty Creek plant in Indiana, with a capacity of 1,200,000 kw, will cost \$175 million.

At last report almost 72,000 cubic yards of concrete had been poured while 2,930,000 cubic yards of earth have been moved in excavation and leveling work. Another 159,000 cubic yards of gravel backfill have been moved.

Excavation for the main plant and coal storage areas is completed and almost completed in the cinder storage area. Fill work is finished in the main plant area and in the coal storage dikes and is nearing completion in the cinder storage and switchyard areas.

At Clifty Creek, about 33,500 cubic yards of concrete has been poured while 3,075,000 cubic yards of earth had been moved. Steel work at both plants is scheduled to begin next month.

Cornelison Elected President Of Kiwanis Club At Williamson

O. P. Cornelison, Williamson district personnel supervisor, recently was elected president of the Williamson Kiwanis Club.

In the past, he has been active in various community affairs. During the past year, he served Williamson's Kiwanis Club as vice president and chairman of the program committee. The year before he was chairman of the club's Better Home Show.

Mr. Cornelison also is active in the Chamber of Commerce, Elks, American Legion and the Pond Creek, Tug River Mining Institute.



Mr. Cornelison

W. S. Kitchen Named To Office Of Safety Executive Committee

W. S. Kitchen, system safety supervisor, was recently elected vice chairman of the executive committee for the Public Utilities Section of the National Safety Council.

Last year's secretary, Mr. Kitchen was voted into the new office at the annual National Safety Congress in Chicago during the latter part of October.



Mr. Kitchen

In his seven years on the committee he has also served as chairman of the special projects, program and training committees and as editor of the news letter. He is a representative of the electrical utilities, which joins the gas, communications and water systems in making up the Public Utilities Section of the Council.

Welch Employee To Lead Dimes Campaign

Thomas P. Lockhart, area sales representative for Buchanan County in the Welch district, has been named chairman for the March of Dimes campaign for the county next year.

Mr. Lockhart began in the Bluefield district on March 1, 1949, as an appliance serviceman helper. In September, 1951, he was transferred to the Welch district where he has been most active in church and civic affairs.



Mr. Lockhart

Huntington Service Building Is Rapidly Taking Shape



Brickwork is completed on the Huntington service building, expected to be finished in February.

The new Huntington district service building is rapidly taking shape as brickwork is complete. The building on the corner of Seventh Avenue and 11th Street is expected to be finished in February.

Two stories high and 170 ft. by 132 ft., it is constructed of reinforced concrete with brick and stone outside walls and the interior of salt glazed tile. It will house the following groups: garage, stores, transmission and distribution, division right of way, division engineering and AGE test

laboratory.

The building has an automatic sprinkler system, forced hot water heat system, air conditioning, and telephone switchboard. Shop areas and corridors on the first floor have cement finish floors while all offices and corridors on the second floor have asphalt tile.

A covered truck loading area is on the west end of the building adjoining the storeroom and line shop. An outside storage area of 5,473 sq. ft. is provided in the west yard area. Pro-

ective measures for outside material storage were taken by installing yard lighting and a fence.

Car sheds for passenger car and meter truck storage have been provided for 53 vehicles along the eastern yard area and to the rear of the building. Gas pump for servicing company vehicles is in the east yard area between the garage and car sheds.

Work on the building has been under way since the contract was let in November of last year.

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Your Opinion

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Our Christmas Activities

The Spirit Of Christmas

The activity of employees pictured on this page is an attempt to show that the Christmas season can mean more than shopping for Christmas presents, important as that may be. We feel there is a pronounced need to go back to the fundamentals of the observance of the birth of Christ.

Recent years have increasingly emphasized the commercial aspects of the season at the expense of the religious theme. "It is more blessed to give than to receive" is a saying that applies to more than just temporal things. Giving also can mean giving our time, efforts, talents to further the spirit of Christmas.

For the underprivileged, food baskets and rebuilt toys don't call for a major financial effort on our part. And yet—think what these products of group and individual effort can mean to those in need.

A pain-wracked invalid confined to her bed must miss the cheery shout of a "Merry Christmas". And yet—a group of carolers stopping outside her window can give her more Christmas cheer than all the expensive presents.

Youngsters looking at gifts left by Santa Claus are overjoyed and keyed to excited pitch. And yet—later that Christmas morning they can listen in quiet reverence to that everlasting story of the birth of Christ whose day they observe.

Elaborate decorations shout the season's greeting. And yet—one of the simplest observances of the season is just saying "Merry Christmas"—and meaning it.



Employees of the Southern Properties do many things in their preparation for Christmas. Photo (1) Wayne Warren of Logan, helps daughter, Cynthia write Santa. (2) The children of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Trout of Roanoke rehearse for a Christmas pageant. (3) The Howard Christy family of Sporn Plant wraps Christmas packages. (4) The youngsters of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walters of Charleston do some Christmas wishing in toyland. (5) Children of Kingsport employees help mail Christmas seals. (6) Employees of the System Accounting department in Roanoke prepare a basket for a needy family. (7) Donald C. Brown's children of the Logan Plant give old toys for needy children. (8) Pikeville employees rehearse caroling for the holiday season. (9) Bluefield's Santa gets ready for a busy time.

Reddy Kilowatt As Santa's Helper On Christmas Eve

(An original poem by Florence R. Murphy, Williamson accounting department)

'Twas the night before Christmas
When all through the house
There was one creature stirring
But he was as quiet as a mouse.

The night was cold and dark
But as Santa came into view
Reddy was there waiting
To help carry his mission through.

In the corner stood the tree
For Santa to trim just right
And Reddy was there waiting
To help him with the lights.

Down the chimney came Santa
With his big bag of toys
And as he came he whispered—
"Don't you reindeers make any noise.

"For this is the night
All good little girls and boys
Are in bed with their dreams
Of Santa and his Christmas toys."

Then as he turned, he said—
"Ah, Reddy, I knew you'd be here
For I must depend on you
As I do my reindeer."

Reddy snapped to attention
As Santa turned on the lights
For it was his duty
To see that they burned bright.

Then quick as a flash
He filled the stockings with toys
And lots of things
To bring Christmas joy.

Said Reddy to Santa,
"Hurry, please do,
For it won't be long
'Til the dawn breaks through."

Said Santa—"I'm all through now
I'm just checking my list
To see if there is something
I could have missed."

Then he took his bag
Which was empty by now
And said to Reddy
"See you next year pal."

Then with a bounce
Up the chimney he went
And the last thing I heard
Was this greeting he sent—

"Merry Christmas to all
And to all a good-night"
But just before
He drove out of sight—

He added just one more happy
thought—
"Merry Christmas, from Reddy
Kil-o-watt."

Enlarged Fieldale District Office Has Open House



The new addition to the Fieldale office building is on the right, measuring 60 by 45 feet.

Open House at the enlarged Fieldale district office building was held November 9-13.

Hostesses for the conducted tours of guests were Jewell Wiggington, Betty Baker, Nancy Kitts, Audrey Harlowe and Mrs. Virginia Hancock. Refreshments were served and a souvenir given to those attending.

The night of November 13 an employee open house was held for em-

ployees, their families and friends. Cake and punch was served to the 150 who attended.

The opening climaxed a year of work on the building. In addition to enlarging the office by adding a 96-seat auditorium, a storeroom, lobby and other offices, the existing building was completely remodeled. The entire office will be air conditioned.

The auditorium has a demonstra-

tion kitchen on the stage. A preparation kitchen also connects with the auditorium.

By enlarging the building, all departments were brought together in the same building. Several departments had been housed in an adjacent building.

The existing building that was completely remodeled houses the meter, distribution, right of way, substation and commercial departments.



Getting ready to receive guests are, from left: Virginia Hancock, home economist; Bruce Cox, district manager, and Nancy Kitts, meter department.



Enjoying refreshments at a special employee open house are these employees and their families in the new auditorium. About 150 attended the employee open house held at night.

C. J. Bryan Heads Third Successful Kingsport Drive

For the third straight year the Kingsport United Fund Drive went over its goal. For the third straight year Clarence J. Bryan, assistant general manager of Kingsport Utilities, was general chairman.

This year the drive went \$52,612 over its goal of \$180,000. The goal was reached in 15 days with additional funds pushing the total to \$232,612. Like most businesses and industries, Kingsport Utilities had 100% employee participation.



Mr. Bryan

In expressing his appreciation for the fine response of the citizens, Clarence also paid tribute to the many workers who helped make the drive a success. He has had evidence of the appreciation of his work in behalf of the drive. He won the first Red Feather Oscar for outstanding community service. As general chairman of Kingsport's first United Campaign in 1951 he won the Oscar established by the *Kingsport Times-News*. All three drives he led went well over their quota.

In addition to this work, he has been on the School Board, a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club, a director in the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Executives Club, a deacon in First Baptist Church where he has been Sunday School teacher and choir member and council member for Scout work.

Welch Man To Lead Red Cross Drive

Warren P. Pearson, power sales engineer for Buchanan County in the Welch district, has been voted chairman of the 1954 American Red Cross drive in that area.



Mr. Pearson

Active in the church and civic work of Grundy, where he lives, Mr. Pearson began working with the company on February 16, 1949, in the Bluefield district as an agricultural engineer.

On March 1, 1949, he was transferred to the Welch district.

'Illuminator' Wins Kentucky Award



H. S. Scott, assistant general manager of Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company at left, accepts the award to *The Illuminator* at Louisville. Presenting the award is Paul Grubbs, chairman of the appraisals committee.

"THE ILLUMINATOR" won a meritorious achievement rating last month at Louisville, Kentucky. It was one of many publications judged in the Second Annual Publications Awards of the Associated Industries of Kentucky.

The award was presented the company paper for "excellent accomplishment of purpose, appearance, editorial achievement and originality in telling the business story in employee-management communications." Accepting the award for Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company was H. S. Scott, assistant general manager. The company publication was invited to enter the Kentucky contest although it also serves employees in other states.

Welch Club Members Hold Halloween Party

Halloween was the theme of a dance held by the Welch district Employees' Recreation Club on October 30.

About 40 employees round and square danced during the evening in the Appalachian Community Room. Refreshments were also served.

Retired Bluefielder Honored For Service

O. C. Keeney, retired employee in the Bluefield Division, was one of three West Virginians recently honored by the United States government.



Mr. Keeney

Mr. Keeney was recognized for his unselfish donation of time and effort to the United States Weather Bureau during the past 37 years. He is a cooperative weather observer and serves an estimated 90 hours a year recording temperatures, precipitation and other weather data for the bureau.

Mr. Keeney retired in 1943 after 32 years with the company. He was in the right-of-way department in Bluefield.

Pulaski Employee Is New Member Of Red Cross Gallon Club

John F. Spencer, station supervisor, is Pulaski district's newest member of the Red Cross Gallon Donor Club.

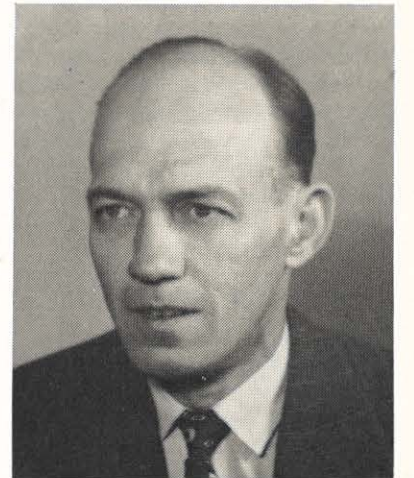


Mr. Spencer

When Mr. Spencer contributed his eighth pint of blood to the Red Cross recently he received a club pin for donations.

He has been with the company for 34 years. He began on August 1, 1919, as an electrician, and moved up to foreman within a few years. He was then promoted to district station supervisor.

Jackson Is Promoted To Stores Supervisor In Logan District



Mr. Jackson

Harold R. Jackson, who has been employed as assistant stores auditor for the system accounting department, has been named Logan district stores supervisor. Mr. Jackson's promotion became effective November 16.

Harold, a veteran employee of thirty years service with the company, was first employed at Cabin Creek as a materials clerk. He was promoted to assistant stores supervisor, then later, stores supervisor. In 1947, he was elevated to assistant stores auditor in the system accounting department. He retained that position until he was transferred to his present assignment.

Harold is a native of West Virginia. He is married and the Jacksons are the parents of one son. The Jacksons plan to make their home at Logan in the near future. They have been residing at Charleston.

Harold succeeds Gene Leeson who is now making his home in Texas.

'There's A Crooked Road Ahead'



This turn was one of the difficulties in moving the new 10,000 kva transformer to the Leslie County station in the Hazard district. Weight of the transformer when assembled is 125,000 pounds. This unit was received at Yerkes, Kentucky, and moved to Leslie station under the supervision of the system substation department. This makes the second 10,000 kva unit installed at the station. The new unit is expected to be put in service next month after work is completed by personnel of the Hazard district and the system substation department.

Roanoke Division

Lynchburg District

Mary T. Dulaney, home economist, is a new employee.

Doris D. Stanley, distribution line department, has returned to work after an operation.

C. H. McCarthy, Jr., Reusens Hydro plant, has returned to work after an appendectomy.

Herbert A. Brooks, commercial department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Peter Candler, son of H. L. Candler of the commercial department, is recuperating from an operation.

Mrs. James B. Doss, wife of the military service employee, has returned home from the hospital after an operation.

Lt. and Mrs. J. W. Ferguson have returned to the United States from Villefranche, France, where they have resided since May, 1952.

Lyda McCarthy, daughter of C. D. McCarthy of Reusens Hydro plant, fractured her leg when she fell from a swing recently.

Mrs. E. L. Sutor, Jr., wife of the accounting department employee, has returned home from a North Carolina hospital after an operation.

Edwin Davis, son of Hampton Davis of the building service department, has returned home from the hospital after having pneumonia.

Sympathy is extended C. W. Hogan, accounting department, on the death of his father.

Fieldale District

Roger Hylton, groundman, resigned to enter the army.

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

Harold Martin, Jr., clerk of the engineering section, T&D department, has returned to work after two and a half years in the Air Force.

Marjorie Prilliman visited the office recently. Mrs. Prilliman was an employee in the managerial department.

New employees include Geraldine Lawless, local accounting, and Penn Reynolds, line section.

Aubrey Bradshaw, on military leave, visited the office recently.

Recent blood donors include James Dunham, J. W. Wright, Jr., W. G. Gourley, Earl Bullard, and Joel Wilson.

Larry Beheler, appliance serviceman, returned to work after an extended illness.

Earl Joyce has been moved to the local accounting office as a meter reader. Earl was employed in the line section.

Roanoke District

Mary Jane Davis, clerk-stenographer, is a new employee in the local accounting office. She attended National Business College and is originally from Matoaka, W. Va.

Recent blood donors include R. E. Dennis and J. E. Stebar of the line department; J. I. Muncey, power sales department; and D. E. Trout, managerial department.

Mrs. Marion Bratton, local accounting, has returned to work after recovering from four broken ribs resulting from a recent automobile accident.

Verdie Linkenhoker, local accounting, has returned to work after a tonsillectomy.

Norma Jean Fields, cashier, has returned to work after recovering from an operation.



Happenings...

Around the Circuit

... among employees and their families



Charleston Division

Cabin Creek Plant

John W. Dunaway and Boyd B. Briggs are new employees.

Sympathy is extended A. R. Hoffman, plant office supervisor, on the death of his mother-in-law.

F. M. Williams, boiler operator, suffered broken bones in his feet and ankles and cuts and bruises about his face when he fell from a ladder in the No. 2 boiler room on October 20. Employed by the company for over 19 years, Mr. Williams is now at home following several days in the hospital.

Beckley District

Mrs. Helen Troutman, senior petty cash clerk in the accounting department, returned to work after a six-week illness.

Sympathy is extended Roy Fitzwater, employee in the Rainelle area, on the death of his father.

Mrs. Nell Cody, clerk stenographer in the T&D department, has returned to work after an operation five weeks ago.

R. R. Smith, meterman, has returned to work after an operation several weeks ago.

Philip Sporn Plant

Earl Q. Teaford, chemist, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Pomeroy Emergency Squad.

Sympathy is extended Roger Phillips, helper in the maintenance department, in the recent death of his father.

Dwight R. Wallace, auxiliary equipment operator, has returned to work after being confined to his home due to an injury.

Mrs. Carrie Sheets, wife of Charles Sheets, control operator, was elected to the Northern Rural School District School Board. She is the first woman to receive such an honor in this district.

Harold Marquis, maintenance foreman, and family have moved into their new home in the Layne Ohlinger addition.

Milford Mowrey, helper in the results department, and family have moved to a home they recently purchased at Kaylong, W. Va.

New employees are Arthur Wehrli, chemist; George W. Nash and Berl F. Wallace, laborers; and John N. Lewis, coal handler.

Directors and managers of the Rural Electrification Association and their wives, members of the Licking Electrical Cooperative of Utica, Ohio, recently toured the plant.

Charleston District

Lyle Heldreth's son was home on leave in November.

Pat Toman, Charleston accounting, and Francis Crawford, St. Albans accounting, resigned.

Donald A. Loy is a new employee of the commercial department.

Gladys Kidwell, Nancy Duncanson and Reva Sue Harrell, Kanawha plant construction accounting department, resigned.

New employee in the Kanawha plant construction accounting department is Pat Brinkley.

Bill Taylor, Kanawha plant construction accounting department, returned to work after recuperating from injuries he received in an automobile accident.

New employees at Kanawha plant are H. L. Henry and Pat Grady, (See Charleston, Page 10)

Kingsport

Fred Pierce, distribution department, has returned to work following an operation.

Joe B. Baker, meter department; Arthur W. Stair, commercial department; and Reese Scarlett, station supervisor, are taking the University of Tennessee Extension Electronics evening course at Bristol, Tenn.

John Faust, commercial department, was recently elected secretary of the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce Fire Prevention Council.

W. D. Trent, meter department, has returned to work following a recent illness.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Tipton Hatcher on the death of her father.

System

Harry Spenceley, substation department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Harry Runnion, substation department, (See System, Page 9)

Huntington Division

Logan District

Corbett Brumfield and Walter Shelton, linemen, recently attended a hot line school at Huntington. George LeGrande, line foreman, also attended, and Joe P. Gills, H. J. Collins and J. A. Kovich observed during part of the sessions.

Dora Lee Satterfield joined the company on October 26 to replace Pauline E. Vorn, maid, at the Man office.

Sue Ann Porter was hired as a junior clerk in the local accounting department.

Logan Plant

Dallas Hayner, maintenance mechanic, has returned to work after a recent injury.

J. H. Jones, maintenance man, has returned to work after a recent illness.

Carlyle Toney, turbine operator, has returned to work after a recent illness.

Mark T. Valentine, Logan attorney, was guest speaker recently at the Logan plant supervisors' regular monthly meeting.

Williamson District

George T. Boothe, Jr., has returned to work in the meter department after being on military leave for two years in the Air Force.

Mrs. Jack Riddle, wife of the engineering department employee, is recuperating after an operation. She is a former employee in the engineering department.

Mrs. George Hairston, wife of the miscellaneous department employee, returned home from the hospital after an extended illness.

Sympathy is extended H. A. Cross, Jr., on the death of his uncle.

Huntington District

Mrs. Betty Jane Boggs is a new employee in the T&D department records section, replacing Miss Geraine Lapool.

Miss Martha Bailey, home economist, (See Huntington, Page 8)

Bluefield Division

Pulaski District

J. R. Hudson, Pulaski stores, has returned to work after a recent illness.

David Angle, son of L. C. Angle, Jr., commercial department, is recovering from a recent operation.

Jean B. Sharp, rural department, resigned December 1.

Tony Blair, son of R. J. Blair, rural department, is recovering from an attack of scarlet fever.

Sanders H. Bryant, Saltville, has returned to work after an operation.

D. B. Smith has returned to work after being confined to his home by illness.

Sympathy is extended F. E. Rouse, Claytor, on the death of his mother.

Abingdon District

Mrs. H. F. Pierce, wife of Henry Pierce, lineman, is recuperating after being hospitalized with pneumonia.

Sympathy is extended James E. Fields, meter department, on the death of his father.

Louis Gillenwater, son of Ward and Nellie Gillenwater, janitor and maid, respectively, was recently hospitalized when he received a broken leg in a football game.

Edith Stevens, clerk-stenographer, was elected secretary of the Cancer Association of Washington County at a dinner meeting held in the AEP auditorium November 17.

Mrs. Doris Fleenor, secretarial-stenographer, has been elected corresponding secretary to the Washing-



And a Merry Christmas To you, too, Santa

Makes Plans At Library

Home Means Much To J. E. Hopkins Of Roanoke Who Did His Own Building



James and his wife sit on the front porch of the home they built through almost three years of hard work. They also planned and designed the home down to the smallest detail. It is located on a 19-acre tract south of Roanoke.

Home to James E. Hopkins is not only "where the heart is" but also where he has been spending all his spare time since January of 1951.

The completed home that he and his wife built about five miles south of Roanoke has been appraised at \$12,000. The Roanoke division engineering department employee figures he saved about \$4,000 by doing all the work and purchasing the materials.

It wasn't an easy job—especially for James who says: "I am not a carpenter, plumber, electrician or mason, but I do have a fair knowledge of mechanical and structural drawing. I spent two or three hours each night for about six months making notes and studying all the information I could dig up from the city library before I started construction."

He and his wife cut the first log for the house on January 7 of 1951. That summer they peeled the bark from the logs by hand with a draw knife and treated them after renting a mule and dragging them down from the mountain. He describes this as "quite a job."

Spring of 1952 they completed the foundation, building their own forms and mixing the concrete. Sills and sub-flooring were finished by August. January of this year saw the last work on the rafters while the windows and roof were completed in March.

Working to beat Old Man Winter, James and his wife completed the wiring, plumbing and heating and three rooms (bedroom, bath and kitchen) by October 1 when they moved in. As James says, "We still have two rooms not quite completed but are living comfortably and still working on it."

The outside walls are stuccoed cinder block and vertical logs. Inside rooms are of polished pine logs and knotty pine.

In summary James says: "We weren't financially able to have an architect to do our drawing or planning or a contractor to build for us so we began our struggle of doing everything toward building our home right down to the smallest detail. I am still not an expert as a carpenter, electrician, plumber or mason, but I have had a full course in all of them."

Logan Employees Are In Lions Minstrel

Logan employees, who are fast becoming known for their greasypaint chores, again donned the make-up for the seventh annual Logan Lions Club Minstrel.

Paul Vannoy, district commercial manager, was general chairman of arrangements, directed the music for the show, and contributed a solo, "You're My Everything".

Howard Collins, personnel supervisor, took the role of Creote, an end man, and also sang a solo, "Hard Hearted Hannah". Bartlin Montigel of the Logan plant was a member of the chorus.



This kitchen with breakfast nook shows the vast amount of time spent on planning as well as working.

Minstrel Madcaps At Abingdon Show



Minstrel time in Abingdon found these employees taking part in the Jaycee show for the benefit of Abingdon youth work. From the left are: Carson Carmichael, Jr., commercial sales representative; Robert J. Weisfeld, area representative; Paul S. Dunn, administrative assistant, and James E. Prater, appliance serviceman. Absent when the picture was made was Lewis Thomas, merchandise order and billing clerk who also was in the show.

Safety Man Speaks At District Meeting

William Roll, executive assistant of the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, was recent guest speaker at a general safety meeting of all employees in the Williamson district.

Mr. Roll spoke on "Safety Mindfulness" and warned against resting on past laurels. He commended the district on their safety record, but warned them that dependence on such a record is bad.

At the meeting T. M. Watkins, district manager, presented to the group for debate a plan for forming a district employees chest fund for the support of charities on both the local and national levels. The plan called for one annual drive for all contributions. Final plans are now being formulated.

Holston Sub Repairs



System transformer repair crew members under Foreman R. L. Lewis mount radiators on a transformer from the No. 1 20,000 kva bank at Holston substation in Kingsport. Work on the bank, undergoing general repairs, re-gasketing and painting is expected to be completed next month. Frank Noe and Jim Ward of Holston station assisted with repairs. Members of the system substation department on the job were J. E. Glover, J. E. Moore, K. D. Ferguson, W. M. Connor, C. E. Carter and L. C. Woodford.

Contacts In 43 States, Canada, Keep Abingdon Radio Ham Busy With Hobby



Henry F. Pierce, radio ham, sits before the transmitters he has built or converted to amateur use.

Henry F. Pierce, Abingdon district lineman, is a busy man with his large scale hobby.

Since 1952, when he earned his amateur license, Mr. Pierce has made over 500 contacts in 43 states and Canada from his home in Meadowview, Va., as an amateur radio ham. His station call, W4YQW, or "William Four Yesterday Queen William", can be received over 40 meter phone and code, 75 meter phone and 80 meter code.

He has been interested in radio for many years and only recently enlarged his interests to include television. He has already completed a course in radio and television, and is now taking another course in advanced

Girl Scouts Take Hydro Tour



Several members of Girl Scout Troop 101 of South Charleston recently toured the hydro-electric installation at Winfield, as part of their work in conservation. R. W. Speas, plant supervisor, at the left, is explaining the complicated mechanism of a control board to the girls. Among those making the tour were Patty Jones, niece of S. A. Rich, system employee at Charleston, and Sue Older, daughter of C. T. Older, substation employee.

Gene Bryan Heads Boys At Kingsport Banquet

Gene Bryan was toastmaster at a recent dinner honoring fathers of Royal Ambassadors, a Baptist boys' organization. The son of C. J. Bryan, assistant general manager of Kingsport Utilities, holds the highest rank in the organization in Kingsport.

The Rev. M. H. Moorehead, a missionary to Japan, was guest speaker. Also present was Minoru Watarai of Japan, a student at East Tennessee State College.

Ashland Employees Top Community Fund Quota

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company employees in Ashland went over their quota in the community fund drive. With a quota of \$2,250, they gave \$2,299.

Part of the credit of the successful drive is given to the benevolent funds of several departments which topped previous contributions. The commercial department employees belonging to the fund gave an average of \$18.60 per year, allowing them to increase the amounts to other agencies in addition to the Community Chest.

Leadership Sessions Held In Bluefield

Fifteen men from four districts attended the Conference Leadership Program conducted in Bluefield, W. Va., October 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28. Each member had an opportunity to demonstrate the conference leadership techniques during the sessions.

The conference was conducted by Fred W. Elberle, state supervisor, Division of Vocational Education, Charleston.

Those in attendance were: Welch—F. L. Bocock and Roy L. Franklin; Abingdon—Rufus Bondurant, James Booth, Jr., P. S. Dunn, W. C. Lindamood, C. K. Rowland and L. F. Valley; Bluefield—J. M. Cole, H. S. Meadows, W. H. Riley, Jr., P. E. Thornton, J. B. White and D. R. Whittaker; Pulaski—H. B. Newland.

Appointments For Utilities Association

Members of committees for the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias have been named by E. H. Will, president of the association and official of the Virginia Electric and Power Company.

The following Appalachian employees were among those appointed: accident prevention committee, D. C. Duncan; area development, Dorman M. Miller, chairman, and H. D. Stillman; load building, H. L. Cushing; publicity, G. S. Dunn, and rural, L. L. Koontz.

Wild And Woolly



This wild and woolly character has been giving Jack Harris a bad time. Jack, London hydro plant utility operator of Kanawha Valley Power Company, has been keeping the coon since it was caught by the Pratt Fire Department atop a telephone pole. Recently the coon escaped so his daughter Helen, who was alone at the time, locked it up in her parents' bedroom and turned off the lights. When Jack came home the bed covers were torn up and a dresser full of cosmetics had been carefully mixed on the floor with some broken glass. The coon was on the dresser trying to figure out who the character in the mirror was. From the look on his face, he must be wondering the same thing about the cameraman.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—30 YEARS: J. S. Carter, Line Section; 5 YEARS: Edith M. Stevens, Commercial Department.

Beckley District—30 YEARS: W. E. Mitchell, Line Section; 15 YEARS: R. E. Presley, Stores; 5 YEARS: R. M. Crouse, Meter Section; J. W. Muir, Record Section; R. R. Smith, Meter Section.

Bluefield District—20 YEARS: C. J. Light, Stores Supervisor; 15 YEARS: M. R. Callaway, Engineering Section.

Cabin Creek Plant—25 YEARS: L. C. Hartman, D. C. Vickers, W. L. Johnson; 15 YEARS: H. W. Kirk; 5 YEARS: G. E. Woody, E. G. Clevenger, J. R. Summers, R. W. Fleming.

Charleston District—30 YEARS: F. P. Styles, Division Rural & Res. Sales Sup'v, H. J. Grimm, Division Transmission and Distribution Department, Walter Stricklen, Transmission and Distribution. 20 YEARS: W. A. Quarrier, Line Section; 15 YEARS: V. K. Casto and C. F. Casto, both Division Transmission and Distribution Department, R. W. Trail, Kanawha River Plant; 10 YEARS: R. B. Allen, Local Accounting; 5 YEARS: J. D. Porter, J. P. Fulkner, Ernest Kavinsky, J. R. Burdette, all Commercial Department.

Fieldale District—5 YEARS: Audrey S. Harlowe, Local Accounting.

Glen Lyn Plant—30 YEARS: Cecil C. Brown, Control Operator.

Huntington District—30 YEARS: W. E. Dillon, Line Section; 25 YEARS: S. W. Mustaine, Jr., Local Office Manager; 20 YEARS: Austin R. Neal, Jr., Division Transmission and Distribution Department; 15 YEARS: Carl L. Phillips, Commercial Department; 5 YEARS: R. E. Morrison, Engineering Section, B. V. Winkler, Engineering Section, Frederick C. Leap, Line Section.

Logan District—15 YEARS: Caleb White, Miscellaneous Department.

Logan Plant—25 YEARS: A. V. Hannah, Shift Supervisor.

Lynchburg District—15 YEARS: Loyd M. Miller, Commercial Department; 10 YEARS: Charles D. Mattox, Accounting Department; 5 YEARS: Nicholas K. Langhorne, Stores Department.

Pulaski District—5 YEARS: C. H. Wirt, Transmission and Distribution Department.

Roanoke District—30 YEARS: J. L. Ferris, Station Section; 25 YEARS: L. A. Fulcher, Rural and Residential Sales Supervisor; 15 YEARS: A. J. Good, Line Section; 5 YEARS: K. M. Spicer, Line Section.

System—20 YEARS: S. A. Rich, and Harry Spenceley, both of System Substation Department.

Welch District—10 YEARS: William T. Colling, Jr., Accounting Department; 5 YEARS: Lawrence E. Lane, Line Section.

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

Ashland District—20 YEARS: E. C. Cassidy, General Commercial Department; 10 YEARS: Louise Woodie, Local Accounting Department.

Pikeville District—10 YEARS: Milford Layne, District Engineering; 5 YEARS: William Barnett, Commercial Department.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

20 YEARS: Loomis E. Nutter, Distribution Department, R. L. Herr, Holston Substation; 15 YEARS: Paul R. Dunn, Meter Department, C. E. Green, Distribution Department, Wilson Z. Trumbo, Personnel Department; 10 YEARS: C. A. Arnold, Substation Department; 5 YEARS: Walter M. Drinnon, Substation Department, Joe B. Baker, Jr., Meter Department.

Reddy Kilowatt Turns Heads With His Faces At Abingdon Halloween Party And Carnival



Putting the final touches on their Reddy pumpkins are, from the left, Paul Dunn, Geraldine Wilkins and John S. Orr. They caused quite a bit of favorable comment at an employee Halloween party as well as at a Kiwanis Club carnival.

Reddy Kilowatt faces on pumpkins caused quite a stir during the Halloween season in Abingdon. Nine pumpkins with various expressions were used for decorations at the Abingdon district Halloween party.

Red light bulbs were wired for the nose and illumination of the face while bent wires were used for the hair. The designers of the Reddy pumpkins were Geraldine Wilkins,

clerk-stenographer; John S. Orr, field time and material clerk, and Paul S. Dunn, administrative assistant.

This new Reddy idea caught the attention and interest of employees at the district party as well as the general public while they were displayed in the office windows and on the grandstand at the Abingdon Kiwanis Club's annual Halloween Carnival.

These Veterans Get Service Emblems



These veterans received pins last month for 20 or more years of service with the company. Top row, from left: 30 YEARS: W. E. Mitchell, Beckley; F. P. Styles, Charleston; H. J. Grimm, Charleston; Cecil C. Brown, Glen Lyn Plant; J. S. Carter, Abingdon. Second row: James L. Ferres, Roanoke. 25 YEARS: A. V. Hannah, Logan Plant; S. W. Mustaine, Huntington; W. L. Johnson, Cabin Creek; L. A.

Fulcher, Roanoke. Third row: L. C. Hartman, Cabin Creek Plant and D. C. Vickers, Cabin Creek Plant. 20 YEARS: R. L. Herr, Kingsport; S. A. Rich, Roanoke; W. A. Quarrier, Charleston. Fourth row: E. C. Cassidy, Ashland; C. J. Light, Bluefield; Harry Spenceley, Roanoke and A. R. Neal, Jr., Huntington.

Hazard Man's Son Wins Top Honors In Area Swine Contests



Tyler Cornett and his champion are shown with a few of the ribbons won in Eastern Kentucky competition.

Tyler Cornett, son of R. T. Cornett of Hazard, recently won first place in the Pure-Bred Swine Contest at the Knott County Fair.

At the Annual 4-H Achievement Meet which recently was held at Jackson, Kentucky, Tyler won first place in the Swine Project and the Junior Grand Champion in the pure-bred classification. In this contest, he entered competition with participants representing seven counties of Eastern Kentucky. In 1952, Tyler produced the Grand Champion in the same contest.

Tyler is a student at the Carr Creek School. He is active in 4-H and is a member of the school's basketball squad. He also has a keen interest in Scouting and is a member of an Explorer Post.

Mr. Cornett is a member of the Hazard district accounting department.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Beckley District—Joyce Jones, from Jr. Clerk to Clerk Typist.

Philip Sporn Plant—Oscar O. Casto, Jr., from Barge Attendant to Helper, Maintenance. Paul E. Forbes, from Laborer to Helper, Maintenance. Clarence S. Jordan, from Coal Handler to Barge Attendant. Robert R. Moore, from Barge Attendant to Helper, Maintenance. Jack W. Needs, from Laborer to Helper, Maintenance.

Welch District—Charles I. Taylor, from Serviceman B to Serviceman A.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

James J. Potts, from Lineman "A" to Working Foreman. Monroe Lynch, from Boiler Operator "A" to Groundman. Elbert H. Presley, from Lineman "C" to Lineman "B". Loomis E. Nutter, from Line Foreman to Line Supervisor. Floyd S. Russell, from Working Foreman to Line Foreman.

Logan Office Remodels For Room



Overcrowded conditions were eliminated when the rear of the third floor of the Logan office was remodeled recently. A conference room which had been used as an office was also made available again when those offices were moved to the new section. A large storage room was converted into seven offices for several commercial and personnel department employees. Fluorescent lighting, asphalt tile floors and acoustical ceilings added a finishing touch to the new section. In this picture, the employees are shown in front of their new offices. They are, from the left, John Shriver, W. E. Bivens, Ohley Bennett, Emil Gore, Sue Cook, Jean Hambrick and Ann Pozega, all of the commercial department, and Howard Collins of the personnel department.

Employees Help Community Contest Work In Virginia



Ralph Metz, left, president of the Pleasant Grove Community Club, shows the check the club won in the contest to J. A. Dunham, Fieldale district area representative.

Community improvement contests which drew to a close last month found many Appalachian employees working in or with communities. Some were judges for the final competition.

The second-place winner of the Roanoke area contest, Pleasant Grove, had James Dunham working with it.



Miss Moore

James, Fieldale district area representative, helped the club several times and showed a film at one of their meetings.

Among the area contest judges were Sarah Moore of Bluefield and Albert W. Cook of Roanoke. Sarah, Bluefield division home lighting specialist, was one of three judges in the Bristol Area Community Improvement Contest. The contest boundary included all of the Abingdon district as well as other counties in southwest Virginia and east Tennessee.



Mr. Cook

Albert, system agricultural sales engineer, was one of three judges in the Roanoke Area Contest covering 12 counties. The two weeks of judging the winning county winners was done last month. Many other Appalachian personnel worked closely with community clubs in their area, assisting them with electrical applications in homes and on farms. Many provided programs for regular club meetings.

Engineers Attend Kanawha Meetings

Several engineers, including a large number of graduate engineers who have joined Appalachian, Ohio Power or Indiana and Michigan within the past two years, were guests of the Kanawha River plant during an orientation session the week of October 19.

The program, similar to the Power Plant Orientation Course for Junior Engineers held at Philip Sporn plant in 1951, was under the direction of A. H. Beiler, head of technical education and training section, of the New York Office. Other AGE officials who participated were T. T. Frankenberg, C. P. Lugin, F. A. Lane, G. H. McDaniel, G. W. Bice, E. B. Morris and J. E. Geue.

In addition to the new engineers, several others also attended for observation purposes. Meetings were held in the recently completed cafeteria-assembly room.

Turn On The Refrigerator, Dear

Heat Pumps For Home, Office, Are Reality

"Is the refrigerator on, dear? It seems a little cool in here."

"But honey, I keep telling you it's not a refrigerator," the man of the house answers the little woman.

"Oh I know, but that's the way the salesman explained it to me."

And she's right. For the revolutionary heat pump, which this couple uses to both heat and cool their home, is much like a refrigerator.

Now most people don't think of a refrigerator as a heat transfer unit—heat inside the cabinet is transferred outside into the room. And a heat pump is also a heat transfer unit. Perhaps what confused the little woman is the word "heat" in heat pump, which implies only a heating function.

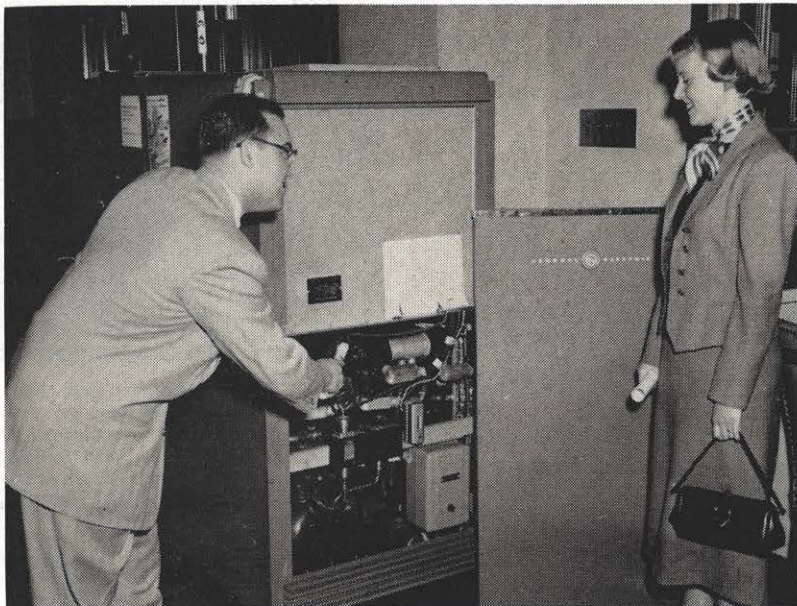
The only difference between the two, outside of capacities, is that the heat pump is built to automatically reverse its cycle. In winter, heat is picked up outside the house and pumped to the inside. In summer, heat in the house is pumped outside. In other words, it is a year round air conditioner.

The outside source of heat can be the air, a body of water, such as a well, or the ground itself. Heat, as everyone knows, flows from a hot to a cold object. There is heat in all substances, air for instance, at all temperatures down to about 460 degrees below zero. The heat pump absorbs heat by maintaining a surface at a lower temperature than the source. The cold surface is obtained by the evaporation of a substance called a refrigerant. The refrigerant generally used is freon and boils or evaporates about 20 below zero. After it is evaporated, the refrigerant gas is compressed, its temperature rises and it can then give off the heat absorbed by condensing or changing back to a liquid. The refrigerant is used over and over again.

The big difference between the heat pump and conventional fuel-fired heating systems is that the fuel-fired systems, whether coal, oil, gas or others, produce all their heat from the fuel rather than making use of natural elements as the heat pump does in its transfer of heat.

Half a dozen manufacturers have gone into heat pump production, some using water and some air as their heat source. The products they turn out are packaged units, designed for both home and commercial use, depending on, of course, size.

Already eight Southern Properties buildings have heat pumps, most of them tailor-made. They include buildings at Lynchburg, Abingdon, Pulaski,



Ralph Colwell, power sales engineer in the system office, explains the inner workings of a packaged heat pump to Mary Nelson, Roanoke district cashier.



The modern Roanoke Public Library building is one of four in Roanoke with a commercial heat pump installation. The heat pump in the library like most commercial pumps is tailor-made.

Montgomery, Logan, Pikeville and Kingsport; and the system office in Roanoke. An experimental pump has been installed in the control building of the Philip Sporn plant. All but Logan and Kingsport pumps use air as the heat source. These two utilize water.

In addition there are seven residential and four commercial installations in the Appalachian area, five residential and five commercial installations in the Kingsport area, and one residential pump in the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Co. area.

The heat pump, which is a fairly recent thing despite its long history of experimentation, in which the American Gas and Electric system has taken a leading role, has many advantages. For instance, it is a clean way to heat and cool the home. There's no fuel mess. Construction of homes may be made simpler too.

You won't need a chimney, and the idea that windows must be placed to afford a maximum cross ventilation will become obsolete. And the air that comes into your home will be filtered.

So a heat pump is simply a packaged heat and air conditioning unit, designed for carefree, year round comfort. It has passed the experimental stage and gone into production, and with continual improvements promised it may become one of the most popular temperature regulators on the market.

So—"turn on the refrigerator, dear."

C. M. Bailey Elected To Lions Club Post; Wife Heads Auxiliary



Mr. Bailey

Mrs. Bailey

Chalmers M. Bailey, Bluefield division right-of-way supervisor, recently was elected first vice president of the Bluefield Lions Club while his wife, Irene, became the first president of the newly organized Ladies Auxiliary.

Mr. Bailey has been active in Lions Club projects and has served on various committees during the past ten years. In addition to this work, he also was appointed vice chairman of the Recreational Committee of the Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce.

Plans Are Complete For Holiday Party At Glen Lyn Plant

Plans have been completed for a combination Christmas and New Year's party for the employees of the Glen Lyn Plant. The holiday feature will be held on December 30.

Tentative arrangements call for a dinner which will be held in the plant's assembly room. The meal will be served by members of the Glen Lyn Christian Church and E. A. Painter will be master of ceremonies.

Members of the party committee include: Raymond Compton, Jr., chairman; J. O. Heslep, Carl Patten, E. A. Painter, D. E. Kettlewell, R. R. Coffman, A. R. White, Norma J. Lambert, J. E. Thompson and H. M. Mann.

Son of Employee Earns Cub Award

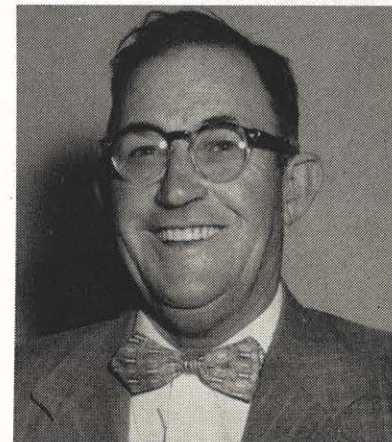
Ched Yearout, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Yearout of Princeton was recently awarded the Webelos Award, a coveted honor in the Cub Scouts.



Ched Yearout

Ched's father is assistant division personnel supervisor of the Bluefield district. The Webelos Award is the equivalent of the Eagle Scout rank in the Cub's big brother organization, the Boy Scouts of America.

Charleston Line Foreman Retires First Of Month



Mr. Stricklen

Walter Stricklen, veteran Charleston district line foreman, retired the first of the month.

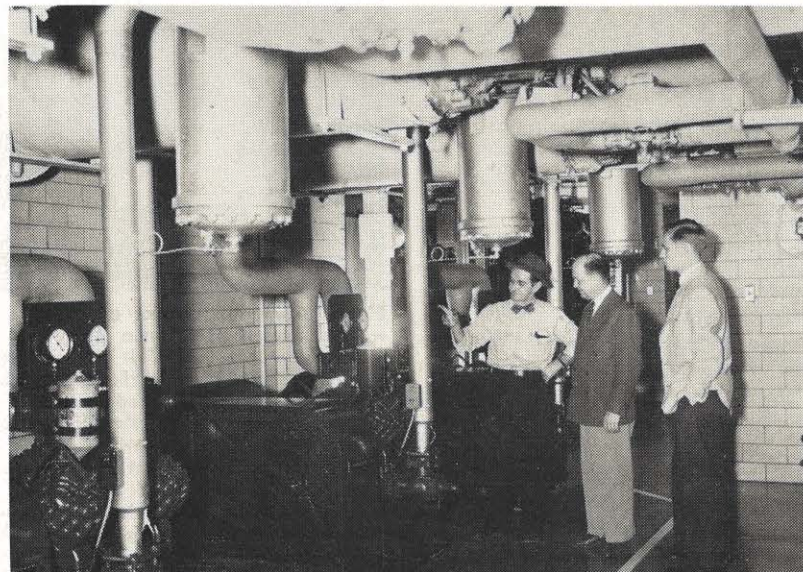
He was born at Elkview, W. Va., and attended schools in that area. At the age of 13 he began three years of service with the telephone company, and left them to join our company. A year later he returned to the telephone job, and then in succession worked for Libby-Owens Ford and the street car company. In 1923 he returned to Appalachian.

In 1917 he wed Viola Edens and they celebrated their 36th anniversary June 10 of this year.

"Juiceharp" started as a lineman in 1923 and in 1939 was shifted to troubleman. In 1945 he was promoted to foreman and remained in that capacity until his retirement.

He built many lines that are in service today, including the Red House-Leon line. One point he has noted in his many years of service is that the safety program in effect today is a 100 per cent improvement over the one in existence when he went to work for the company.

"Juiceharp" has quite a reputation as a bird hunter, so he plans to move outside Charleston and hunt and fish for awhile. He says that he will also do a few odd jobs



Johnny McLain, Roanoke division heat pump service engineer, points out part of the heat pump installed in the Roanoke system office building to W. H. Coffey, assistant tax and statistical supervisor, and Dick Lovegrove, public relations department.

Glen Lyn Employee Saves Man's Life After Automobile Plunges Off Bridge

The date was November 6. Estil W. DeHart, Glen Lyn Steam plant maintenance man, was working busily in the substation lot.

Suddenly a crash broke into the usual substation noises. Mr. DeHart looked up in time to see an automobile leave the bridge spanning New River and plunge into the icy waters 40 feet below.

He called to a passer-by, Darrel McCoy, and together the two men

launched a small fishing boat they found on the shore. The car had settled upside down on the river bed, its wheels protruding above the water line. The two men reached down into the car's



Mr. DeHart

interior and pulled out the trapped John Haven Roop, of Narrows.

They applied artificial respiration and in a few moments the victim was

again breathing regularly. The two were joined by a number of Glen Lyn employees, and the group transferred Mr. Roop to Giles Memorial Hospital. He was later removed to the Jefferson Hospital in Roanoke.

Although the 24-year-old accident victim remained in serious condition with a skull fracture, his life had been saved by two men who knew how to act quickly and properly.

Heart Attack Fatal To G. D. K. Conner Of Roanoke



Mr. G. D. K. Conner

Gordon D. K. "Chuck" Conner, 63, system real estate and right of way employee of Roanoke, died at his home following a heart attack on October 31.

Mr. Conner was widely known over the system through his associations with the companies of the Southern Properties and the telephone companies of the Virginias. He began his long career in the utility business when he was employed by the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company at Logan in 1919. He was a member of the construction department he helped to organize. When the main offices were established at Huntington, he moved to that city. Later, when the company was purchased by A. G. & E., he was transferred to Charleston. In 1925, two years later, Mr. Conner was transferred to Roanoke. He had made Roanoke his home since that time.

Mr. Conner was active in church affairs. For a number of years, he was an elder in the Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church. Mr. Conner also was a Master Mason.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hattie B. Conner; one daughter, Harriet N. Conner; and one son, Gordon D. Conner.

M. C. Porterfield Advances To Welch C Of C Presidency



Mr. Porterfield

M. C. Porterfield, assistant Welch district manager, was recently elected president of the Welch Chamber of Commerce at its annual membership meeting.

Mr. Porterfield was elevated to this position from the vice presidency.

In addition to his work on the Chamber of Commerce, he has served as head of the McDowell County United Appeal, a director of the Rotary Club, a director of the Little League baseball organization, and a member of the board of stewards of the First Methodist Church.

Son Of Logan Man Wins Scout Honors



Donald Stevenson, center, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Stevenson, above, is having his newly won God and Country Award pinned to his uniform by his mother at a recent Scouting dinner at Logan. The Reverend A. J. Coffey, pastor of the First Christian Church, made the formal presentation to Donald and four other Scouts at this awards ceremony. Mark Lutman, scout executive for the Logan, Boone and Mingo area, was the principal speaker for the Awards dinner. Mr. Stevenson is meter department supervisor in Logan.

Compete For Prizes At Tri-Fori Halloween Dance



Roanoke Tri-Fori members and their guests competed for four prizes at their Halloween party. These were the finalists among the many costumed at the dance at Vinton War Memorial. Judges were D. C. Duncan, W. A. McClung and Russell Krammes. From the left: Barbara Owen, Jack Owen (a winner), Edith Crowell, Jim Mundy, Jewell

Woolridge, Gerry LaPradd (a winner), Frances Ebeling, Jim Ebeling, Pauline Palmer, Sam Kitchen, Martha McClung, Paul Johnson and Glenn Brammer (a winner). The fourth winner dressed as a witch was a guest of Dick Shepherd.

Spurs Cause Long Search For 'Lost' Army Lieutenant



David E. Kettlewell, Glen Lyn steam plant, packs the riding spurs that led him on a seven-year search for a lieutenant he served under in World War II.

A pair of riding spurs, a "lost" lieutenant who wanted a particular souvenir, a battle wound, and another soldier who remembered the lieutenant.

Those are the elements of another unusual story out of World War II. It concerns David E. Kettlewell, chemist at the Glen Lyn steam plant, who tells how he's been searching for seven years for a man so he could send him a pair of riding spurs, and how he finally found him.

It all started in January, 1945, when Lieutenant Martin D. Watkins gave his rifle platoon last minute instructions on the night mission of neutralizing one of the remaining "pill boxes" west of the Roer River. Before the attack began, the lieutenant played "Home Sweet Home" on his harmonica and chatted with Mr. Kettlewell. When the latter casually remarked about the souvenirs they might get, the officer replied that the only souvenir he wanted was a good set of spurs.

But fate was against him; he was seriously wounded in the ensuing battle and did not return to his men. Later Mr. Kettlewell ran across a pair of spurs in a small village on the Ellie River and mailed them home, expecting to send them to his officer after the war.

But when he returned to the states he was unable to locate Lieutenant Watkins, even though he wrote several of his army buddies. One day he was leafing through a few old copies of the "Stars and Stripes", the Army paper, and ran across the lieutenant's home town.

He wrote, and the postmaster in the lieutenant's town turned out to be the lieutenant. Much to the officer's pleasure, the spurs were mailed a few days later.

Charleston Employees Prepare For Parties

Final plans have been formulated for the adults' and children's annual Christmas parties in the Charleston district.

The children's party will be held in the State Theatre at 10 a. m. December 12, while the adults will hold their party December 18 at the Shrine Mosque beginning at 6:30 p. m.

Members of the various committees for the parties are: general chairman, Paul Parsons; program—Howard Basham, Paul Skaff, Roberta Sisson, Oscar Kallmerton; decorations and arrangements—B. R. Currence, Paul Curry; children's party—Imogene Legg, Denny Caldwell, Helen Boothe; invitation—Henry Grimm, Juanita Hively, Christine Christy; advertising—Harold Allen.

Mrs. Is Proud Of 'Miss' Title But Happy She's A Mrs.



Mrs. Ann Toney

Here's one Mrs. that proudly wears the title of Miss.

She's Mrs. Ann Toney, wife of Gene Toney, an employee at the Cabin Creek plant, who was recently named "Miss Pioneer" by her high school classmates, although she has a husband and a year-old son.

Married two years ago, the 17-year-old Cabin Creek beauty will finish high school this spring. She dropped out of school for a year while having her son, Eric.

When she entered the "Miss Kanawha Valley" contest her husband baby sat so that his wife could go to the judging during the Morris Harvey-West Virginia Tech football game. The judges thought her wedding ring was all a joke before she convinced them that she was really married.

She says that there have been three great events in her life: marriage, Eric, and her selection as "MISS Pioneer".

Huntington . . .

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omist, has resigned to go to work for WSAZ-TV, where she will be featured on the local television show, "Maida's Kitchen."

Sympathy is extended Scott Boyer on the death of his father-in-law.

Sympathy is extended L. M. Smith, Kenova Plant, on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is extended K. R. Kearns on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Pearllean VanOoteghem on the death of her mother.

Frederick C. Leap, groundman in the T&D line section, returned from military leave of absence October 26. He left for his tour of duty with the Seabees on October 24, 1951.

Snow White, Friends Appear In Abingdon



Eleven Abingdon district employees, wives and friends added a novel touch to the annual Halloween party for employees when they appeared as the main characters of Walt Disney's creation of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The seven dwarfs, Snow White, the wicked queen, Prince Charming and the old witch entered the party in costumes they had made themselves, singing "Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, It's Off To Work We Go." Tom Crabtree, meter reader, and his wife won the prize for the best dressed couple and Bertha Prater, wife of the Abingdon district appliance serviceman, won the prize for the best dressed individual. Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree came as an elderly couple and Mrs. Prater as a convict. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eller and Mrs. Margaret Henderson acted as judges. From the left are Mrs. Jack Eller, a guest, as the witch; Mrs. Jack Frier as Grumpy; Paul Dunn, administrative assistant, as Sleepy; Doris Fleenor, managerial department, as Sneezzy; Betty Weisfeld as Doc; Bob Weisfeld, area sales representative, as Dopey; Jack Frier, district personnel supervisor, as Happy; Shirley Grubb, rural and residential department, as Bashful; Rosa Dunn as Snow White; Jack Eller, a guest, as Prince Charming; and Mrs. Margaret Henderson, a guest, as the queen.

No Service Interruption

Handling Tools Safely Is Stressed At Hot Line Schools In Two Districts

Continuing a program stressing safety and non-interruption of service to customers, hot line tool training schools were recently conducted at Beckley and Huntington. Dave Keller, demonstrator for A. B. Chance Company which manufactures hot line tools, conducted the programs.

In Beckley all members of the district distribution department participated in a hot line school and demonstration. Two jobs were accomplished during the school.

An old pole was removed and a new pole placed in a 44,000 volt line. Then they removed an old pole and placed an H frame in its place. Both jobs were done with stress put on use of proper tools with safety and efficiency without interruption of service to customers.

At the Huntington school were: James Dunlavy and George Akers, Huntington district foremen; Fred E. Varney and Ernest Bailey, Williamson district foremen; W. K. Shelton and C. Brumfield, Logan district linemen; E. D. Boggess and William Strickland, Point Pleasant district linemen.

Others who observed the program



Hot line tool training at Huntington shows, from the left: Fred E. Varney, Williamson district foreman; Dave Keller, A. B. Chance Company demonstrator, and Ernest Bailey, Williamson district foreman.

in Huntington included Paul Harlan and Carlos Akers, Huntington district; G. A. LeGrande, Logan district, and W. H. Stratton, Williamson district.

Three Parties Have Been Scheduled For Roanokers' Holidays

Three Christmas parties have been planned for Roanoke area employees and their families.

On December 18, white employees and their guests will be entertained at the Hotel Roanoke. An entertaining program will precede dancing and the music will be supplied by The Townsmen.

Saturday, December 19, the colored employees and their guests will hold their dinner dance at the Hotel Dumas. Final arrangements have not yet been completed.

The children's party will be held December 23. Tentative plans call for two groups which will possibly meet at two and three-thirty in the afternoon.

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ment, has returned to work after a recent illness.

H. E. Moore, Jr., substation department, has returned to work after being a patient in the Charleston General Hospital.

Eleanor Wolford Kloetzly, who has been with the transmission line department for 22½ years, resigned on November 13 to join her husband Dave in Delaware, Ohio.

Lassie Mae Duty recently joined the Bluefield office staff of the system transmission line department.

C. Richard Lovegrove, public relations department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Mrs. Kathryn Hampton Bush of the billing office has resigned. Her co-workers entertained at a luncheon in her honor on November 6. She was showered with gifts from the office and the Appa-Mo Club. Mrs. Blanche Carper Nottingham of Chapel Hill, N. C., a former employee of the billing office, was a guest.

Sympathy is extended S. L. Hopper on the death of his mother-in-law.

Dolores H. Deadmore has resigned her position with the company.

Kingsport Utilities Employees Receive Promotions Recently



Mr. Nutter Mr. Potts

Three Kingsport Utilities employees were recently promoted in the distribution department, including Loomis E. Nutter, who moved from line foreman to line supervisor.

Mr. Nutter replaces H. F. "Cap" Wilhoit, who died in September. He came with the company on November 3, 1933, and on January 1, 1937 was promoted to line foreman.



Mr. Russell

Floyd S. Russell, working foreman, will fill the vacancy left by Mr. Nutter's promotion. Mr. Russell came with the company as a lineman on January 6, 1947, and moved up to working foreman on December 1, 1949. He has had six years experience as a lineman with the company previous to his 1947 employment.

Moving up to working foreman was J. J. Potts, who came with the company on June 30, 1943, as a groundman. The first day of 1944 he was promoted to lineman.

Mr. Russell holds the Edison Electric Institute award for saving a life, while Mr. Potts holds the Edison Electric Institute citation for rendering valuable aid in saving a life.

Employees Advance In First Aid Work

Sixteen Williamson district employees moved into an advanced Red Cross first aid course after recently completing the standard classes.

When the 16 complete the advanced course they will receive advanced certificates. The first classes of the elementary course began two months ago, under the guidance of Clyde Runyon and O. P. Cornelison.

The students are Gene Hall, Hubert King, Farley Bentley, Jack Akers, Kermit Epperly, Roland Staten, Thurman Ball, Harold Akers, Fred Alley, Aloys Williamson, Milt Cole, Dick Wilson, Glenn Felty, Millard Phillips, Joe Hatfield and Chester Davis.

Company Personnel Rough On Snakes



"Snakes alive! These power company employees wouldn't give an oversized night crawler an even break if they thought he was a distant cousin to a snake." Left photograph, David M. Davis, left, and Orville Taylor hold a three and one-half foot rattler they mangled with a digging bar while doing maintenance work near Celco Heights, Virginia. This rattler had 10 rattles and one button. Davis and Taylor are members of the Narrows, Virginia, line crew. Right, George R. Whitt of the Glen Lyn Plant holds a fifty-eight inch black snake who decided to bed down underneath a water cooler when the mercury was in the upper nineties outside. George made his visit a sad mistake.

Grundy Collection Office Enlarged; To Handle Welch Accounts In Virginia



Shown above is the new office staff at Grundy. Seated is Joseph S. Stinson, local office supervisor. Behind him, from the left, are Guinele Mitchell, Frances Hardy, Martha Shupe, Rinda Gay Perkey.

The collection office at Grundy in the Welch district has been enlarged and will now have a staff of five people instead of the one cashier.

The office will not only handle all of the Buchanan County accounts but also those Virginia accounts in the Welch district. Open house was held in the Grundy office December 1 for all the county customers.

Heading the list of new office personnel is Joseph S. Stinson who comes to Grundy from Bluefield as local office supervisor. He worked in Bluefield from 1946 to 1949, and returned there in 1950. He now

resides in Bluefield but will move to Grundy.

Guinele Mitchell has been with the company since 1936, and will serve as a general clerk. She was a cashier in the Grundy office until 1940 when she was transferred to the accounting office in Welch.

Frances Hardy, a new employee, will be a clerk typist in the new office, while Martha Shupe continues as cashier, a position she has held since 1952. Rinda Gay Perkey will work as a clerk typist. She came to Bluefield on Sept. 23, 1953, and was recently transferred to the Grundy office.

Daughters Reign As Festival Queens



Mary Ann Martin Elizabeth Hager

The daughters of two system transmission line department men were elected queens of social functions recently.

Mary Ann Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Martin of Princeton was chosen queen of the annual Princeton High School band carnival.

In Bluefield, Elizabeth Ann Hager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Hager, was crowned queen at the annual carnival sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association of Ramsey Junior High School.

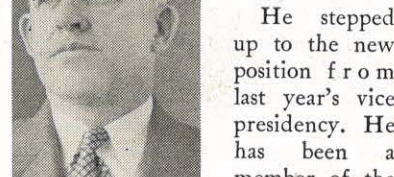
Lil Abner Caught



Despite the fact that Al Capp married off Lil Abner to Daisy Mae, it seems the big Dogpatch boy just doesn't like girls. In this photo he was even reluctant to pose with Daisy Mae. Posing at half time of the Morris Harvey-Appalachian College football game, are Jack Lawhorn, son of Myrtle Lawhorn of the Charleston accounting department, and Mrs. Pat Kelley. The event was the annual Sadie Hawkins day celebration at Morris Harvey, where the students voted Jack, president of the freshman class and a member of the Sigma Delta Phi, as their own Lil Abner.

Baker Voted Head Of Pikeville Club

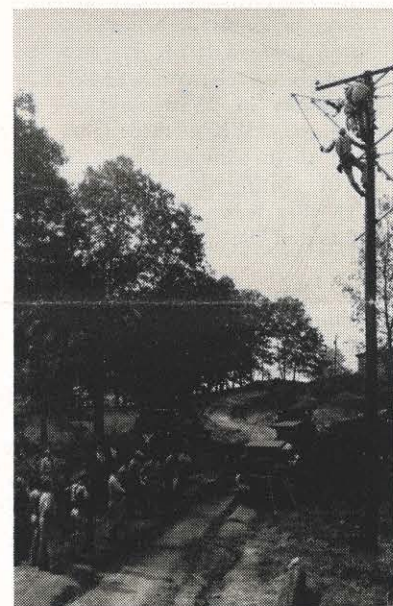
F. M. Baker, district manager at Pikeville, was recently elected president of the Pikeville Kiwanis Club for 1954.



Mr. Baker

He stepped up to the new position from last year's vice presidency. He has been a member of the club for 18 years.

He is also active in church affairs, having served as treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church of Pikeville for many years.



Beckley district distribution department employees watch linemen Charles Flint and Kyle Ellison with Dave Keller, manufacturer's representative. Two actual jobs were completed in the school.

Quotas Exceeded In Sales Campaign; Top Salesmen Rewarded

Every district and every salesman exceeded 100 per cent of quota as the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Co. completed one of the most successful sales campaigns in company history.

The final report showed that the company and dealers sold 5,007 units in the first nine months of 1953. Of these, 1,073 were sold by the company.

The top salesmen were awarded an eight-day trip to Florida in mid-October. Roy Miller, Hazard district; Lynn Jennings, Pikeville district; Charles Schiffler, Ashland district; and H. J. Bonta, residential sales supervisor of the Hazard district, motored to Miami via St. Augustine, where they did some sight seeing. At Miami Beach they were joined by Earl Sigler of Hotpoint and J. W. Crouch of the Bluefield Supply Co. There they swam, deep sea fished, and took a boat trip through the Inner Island Waterways.

On the return trip the group saw the water show at Cypress Gardens in Central Florida.

Annie Hubbard's Wedding Cakes Sure To Please



The cake gets last minute touches by Annie May Hubbard, wedding cake specialist of Bluefield.

Which Bluefield employee gets married next? Ask Annie May Hubbard who no doubt has the specifications for the wedding cake.

Annie, Bluefield office maid, has baked hundreds of wedding cakes in the past 25 years. Since she came to work with Appalachian in 1937 she has baked a wedding cake for just about every employee who has been married.

She bakes these cakes in various sizes according to the number of people to be served. She remembers baking one huge 3-tier cake to serve 125 people. The cake broke and she had to start another one. She turned the broken cake over to employees who ate it before the prospective bride ever saw it.

Annie bakes cakes for charity organizations, garden clubs and other groups. When the Bluefield office building was opened to the public in 1939 she baked four bushels of assorted cookies for the occasion.

System Employee Called Into Army In November

Marvin R. Craig, Jr., system civil engineering department, was inducted into the Army November 5. He is taking his basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He was employed as a tracer in the engineering department in November of 1952.



Mr. Craig

Thornton Is Elected To Area Soil Post

Prince Thornton, Bluefield district line inspector, recently was elected soil supervisor to represent Mercer County in the Southern Soil Conservation District of West Virginia. The term of office for the post is three years.



Mr. Thornton

Supervisors for districts are elected in the counties they represent while two others are appointed by the governor. The Southern district embraces a six-county area. Prince has presented major talks in the Bluefield area on "This Is Your Problem," "The Power Of Your Vote," and "Americans On Guard."

Withholding Tax Is Lowered As Social Security Tax Rises

When the new year rolls around, two changes in the tax deducted from your wages and salaries each pay day will go into effect unless Congress acts before January 1.

Social security payments will go up, but perhaps even more important will be the lowering of federal withholding tax. The tax will automatically be decreased December 31, unless Congress enacts legislation holding over 1953 rates. An act passed in 1951 because of the Korean police action expires at the end of the year, which will return the withholding tax to a lower level.

Actual deduction will amount to approximately ten per cent of the tax you are now paying. For instance, if you are paid \$100 ever two weeks and claim one exemption, the tax on your last paycheck was \$15.10. Beginning the first of the year that tax will be \$13.60, a reduction of \$1.50.

Meanwhile social security will be increased one-half per cent. From 1937 to 1949 you paid one per cent of your wages, from 1950 to 1953 you paid 1½ per cent, and beginning January 1, 1954 you will pay two per cent. For instance, if your salary in 1953 was \$2,500, you paid \$37.50 social security. In 1954 for the same salary you will pay \$50, a one-third increase.

The company, as your employer, will also pay the increase in social security.

Christmas Party Plans Made At Lynchburg

Christmas party plans for Lynchburg district employees are well under way. A buffet supper will be held at the Oakwood Country Club on December 22, followed by a program of Christmas music and other entertainment. Dancing from 9 to 12 will be to the music of Ted Simopoulos.

The following have been appointed to handle arrangements: E. R. Driskill, entertainment; Jeanne Ramsey, decorations; R. T. Campbell, door prizes, and W. D. Almond, reception.

Pole Top Rescue Training Given Powder Plant Men

He reaches, touches a wire and slumps. The lineman may live—if his fellow workers can revive him with pole top resuscitation.

This actual demonstration was part of a course conducted by three Pulaski district men for the line department of the Hercules Powder Company at Radford.

W. H. Spangler, line supervisor and safety director of the Pulaski district who was in charge of the course, was assisted by Frank Cecil and Jack Kidd, Christiansburg linemen. Mr. Spangler has conducted many of these training classes throughout the Bluefield division.

Officers Named At First Session Of Safety Committee



Mr. Hale

Mr. McKinney

With the appointment of members, the first meeting of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Co. accident prevention committee was held recently in the Ashland auditorium.

Gene Hale, Pikeville district personnel supervisor, was elected chairman, C. A. McKinney, Pikeville district superintendent, vice chairman, and W. B. Garnett, assistant secretary and general office manager of Ashland, secretary.



Mr. Garnett

R. E. Doyle, Jr., vice president and general manager of the company, who appointed the committee members, opened the meeting. He stated that the purpose of the committee was to increase the effectiveness of the accident prevention program by studying past safety records and make recommendations to the executive committee for increasing effectiveness. The committee is also to assist in the application of policies and procedures established by the executive committee.

Appointed to the committee were: Ashland—D. V. Lockwood, H. H. Kincaid, O. O. Henderson, P. B. Lumbard, D. E. Lake, G. A. Weather-ton, F. M. Jennings, W. B. Garnett and R. F. Millikan; Pikeville—C. A. McKinney, B. P. Bogardus, G. B. Hale and Curtis McClung; Hazard—Gaine Stidham, John Scholtens, James Burdsal, Morgan Ozee, Brad Dixon and L. B. Ferguson.

H. E. McCormack's Son Awarded Wings

Lt. Herbert E. McCormack, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McCormack of Roanoke, recently was commissioned second lieutenant and awarded his Air Force pilot's wings. The presentation was made at graduation ceremonies which were held at the



Lt. McCormack

Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

Lt. McCormack, since graduation has been assigned to the 456th Troop Carrier Wing at Charleston, South Carolina, where he is undergoing additional training.

Prior to his entry into the Air Force Herbert was a student at V. P. I.

Mr. McCormack is superintendent of system operations.

Harrison Williams, AGE Founder, Dies

Harrison Williams, one of the founders of American Gas and Electric Company, died November 10 at his country home on Long Island. He was 80.

Mr. Williams served as a member of the AGE board of directors and on its executive committee from incorporation of the company in 1906. He was a brother-in-law of the late R. E. Breed, another member of the group of founders and AGE president from July, 1910, to March, 1923.

At funeral services November 12, four company officials were among the group of honorary pallbearers. They were Philip Sporn, president and director; Graham Claytor, vice president and director; W. J. Rose, vice president and secretary; and C. V. Graham, director. Other honorary pallbearers included Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Arthur H. Dean, Allied delegate to the Korean peace conference.

J. J. Hastie Of Charleston Dies Of Heart Attack



Mr. Hastie

John James Hastie, 68-year-old retired system supervising breaker engineer, died at his Charleston home on November 6 of a heart attack.

Mr. Hastie was first associated with the electric utility business with The Ohio Power Company at Canton in 1923. He worked with them until June of 1926 when he transferred to Appalachian at Charleston in what is now the system substation department. He retired on April 1, 1950.

Born in England, he came to the United States in 1913. He and Mrs. Hastie visited relatives in England for six months in 1950 following his retirement. While there they observed their 45th wedding anniversary by visiting the same church in which they were married. In 1951 they toured the west in a 6,500-mile trip.

Mr. Hastie was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Kanawha Lodge 25, IOOF, the IOOF encampment, Salina Masonic Lodge at Malden and Beni Keden Shrine Temple.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, four brothers and a sister. His brothers and sister live in England.

Charleston . . .

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coal handling, and Patricia Tincher, office.

Sympathy is extended Paul Shipley, Kanawha plant, on the death of his brother.

Sympathy is extended Jack Crist, Kanawha plant, on the death of his father-in-law.

Sympathy is extended Bill Winebrenner, Montgomery office, on the death of his father.

Virginia Austin is a new employee in the T&D record section.

Richard Wolfe replaced D. D. Donohoe, who resigned, as collector at the Clendenin office.

Roanoke Man Has Article Published

The October issue of *Electrical South* magazine featured an article by J. W. French of the Roanoke District commercial department.

Mr. French told of the advancement in store modernization in Roanoke due to a trend to open type store fronts and high intensity window lighting in the article entitled "Trial Lighting Kit Offered Roanoke Store." The magazine appears monthly and is published by the W. R. C. Smith Publishing Co. of Atlanta, Georgia.

Two pictures of Roanoke stores, which appeared with the story, were taken by James Crouch of the Roanoke district commercial department.



LEFT: Jack Kidd is removed from the pole to the ground by Frank Cecil, the other Pulaski district lineman helping with the course, and the two powder plant linemen. W. H. Spangler, Pulaski district line supervisor and safety director

who conducted the course, watches. RIGHT: Morris practices the back pressure arm lift on Kidd. Watching from the left are: O. Z. Thurman, W. J. Christopher, J. C. Long, Spangler and Asbury.



Following pole top resuscitation, the victim is made ready for lowering to the ground. Radford powder plant linemen C. W. Asbury and M. E. Morris work with Jack Kidd, Pulaski district lineman who is the victim.

Ten Couples Are United In Marriage



Here are some of the brides and a bridal couple who were married during the past month. Top row, from left: Mrs. William Fisher, Charleston; Mrs. Claude Banner, Jr., Welch and Mrs. Gordon R. Poe, Marion. Second row: Mrs. Walter R. Jerichow, Roanoke; Mrs. Donald Walker, Fieldale and Mrs. Curtis H. Maxie, Roanoke. Third row: Mr. and Mrs. Delton Sayre, Philip Sporn Plant and Mrs. Franklin D. Frye, Kanawha River Plant.

Rhodes-Miller

Miss Deloris Rhodes of Beckley became the bride of Herbert Ray Miller on October 17, 1953 in the Methodist Church in Pulaski, Virginia. Mr. Miller is employed in the Beckley District.

Rakes-Walker

Mrs. Gladys M. Rakes and Donald Walker were united in marriage November 7, 1953 in Chesterfield, South Carolina. Mrs. Walker is employed in Fieldale.

Masterson-Maxie

Miss Dorothy Masterson became the bride of Curtis H. Maxie on October 23, 1953 at Roanoke, Virginia. Mr. Maxie is an employee of the Roanoke System Billing Office.

Wilkinson-Frye

Miss Helen Marie Wilkinson became the bride of Franklin D. Frye on November 7, 1953 at Cedar Grove, West Virginia. Mrs. Frye is employed at the Kanawha River Plant.

Crookshanks-Shultz

Miss Sue Crookshanks and John W. Shultz were united in marriage on November 13, 1953 at Chelyan, West Virginia. Mrs. Schultz is a Charleston District employee.

Robinson-Poe

Miss Donna Belle Robinson of Sugar Grove became the bride of Gordon Ray Poe of Richlands on November 7, 1953 at Marion. Mr. Poe's father is employed in the Pulaski District.

Coleman-Fisher

Miss Elberta Jayne Coleman became the bride of William Wetherhold Fisher on October 24, 1953 in the First Evangelical United Brethren Church in Dunbar, West Virginia. Mrs. Fisher is an employee of the System Operating Department working at the Turner Substation, Dunbar, W. Va.

DeBusk-Banner

Miss Reba DeBusk became the bride of Claude Banner, Jr. in a double ring ceremony performed at the First Baptist Church in Welch, West Virginia on October 23, 1953. Mrs. Banner is employed in the Welch District.

Chase-Jerichow

Miss Nancy Lee Chase and Walter Roy Jerichow were united in marriage on Saturday, October 24, 1953 at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Jerichow is the daughter of Mrs. Jesse Chase, Payroll Department, Roanoke.

Harrah-Sayre

Miss Grace Catherine Harrah became the bride of Delton Sayre on November 7, 1953 at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in New Haven, West Virginia. Mr. Sayre is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

D. Ramsey Adds 'Miss Marshall' Title To Honors



Miss Ramsey

Doris Ramsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ramsey, was recently named senior class queen and "Miss Marshall of 1953" by the students of Marshall College, in Huntington. Mr. Ramsey is in the Huntington system billing office.

As "Miss Marshall", Miss Ramsey reigned over the homecoming proceedings of her college. Her selection to the honor tops a long list of achievements at the school.

She was chosen to be listed in "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities" for 1953-54, a list of the outstanding college students in the nation. She has maintained a B average for four college years. During her freshman year she was named "Typical Freshman Girl" and she has been a cheer leader for three years. She is also a member of many honorary and social organizations.

Beckley District Plans Two Christmas Parties

Two parties have been planned for the Christmas season in the Beckley district.

December 11 the adults will hold their annual party at the Beckley Moose Club, to begin at 6:30. On December 19 the children will be entertained in the same Moose Club with a Christmas party.

Stumped For What To Buy?

Most Wanted Gifts For Christmas For That Special Guy Or Gal May Help You



This lady shopper is confused and a little disgusted. She knows what hubby needs but isn't too sure what he wants. She was thinking of pajamas, bathrobe, sportshirt and ties—but do you suppose



December 24 finds this fellow in a quandary. He has to run some errands after work as well as get his wife's Christmas present. His job is really tough because he hasn't decided what to buy.

What to buy? What to buy?

That's the big problem facing Christmas shoppers right now. And it's an extra big problem if you're thinking of that special guy or gal.

Perhaps the following shopping lists will help you.

FOR HIM

Think he's hard to please? Well, most men want any of the following for Christmas:

1. A suit with two pairs of pants—or a solid dark red tie.
2. A diamond stickpin—or a pair of cufflinks.
3. A smoking jacket (with monogram)—or a carton of his favorite brand of cigarettes.
4. A three-year subscription to Esquire—or a chance to grow a mustache.
5. A new car—or a pair of shoes with built-in cushioned instep.
6. A set of power tools—or a strong tool chest lock.
7. A good hunting gun (with case)—or a new yard rake.
8. Six paid lessons from Madame Lazonga's School of the Dance—or a ticket for a ringside seat at the wrestling matches.
9. Breakfast in bed for a month of Sundays—or a big homemade cake.
10. A real Santa Claus—or a rich uncle—or a money tree—or \$10 to call his very own.

FOR HER

You fellows stumped? Want a tip for your lady's Christmas gift? Look at these:

1. A full-length inexpensive mink coat—or a new oiled dust mop. (The mink coat is always foremost in a lady's mind.)
2. A year's subscription for personal maid service—or 2 pair of nylons of the same color.
3. A diamond dinner ring—or an overhaul job for the vacuum cleaner.
4. A Fifth Avenue evening gown—or a pair of bedroom slippers.
5. A vacation in Europe—or a window shopping trip downtown.
6. A red convertible—or a colorful head scarf.
7. A 6-ounce bottle of French perfume—or a dollar bottle of Tweed.
8. A full set of leather luggage—or a new purse.
9. A complete set of china—or four popcorn bowls.
10. A new living room suite—or 2 marbletop tables—or a pin-up lamp—or \$10 to call her very own.

Mrs. Claude Banner, Jr. Honored With Shower

Mrs. Claude Banner, Jr., a recent bride, was honored November 13 with a shower in the Appalachian Community Room in the Welch district.

Mrs. Elster Brown, Miss Guineline Mitchell, Mrs. Phyllis Jones and Mrs. Barbara Weaver were hostesses during the evening. All five are members of the Welch accounting department.

Color scheme for the party was pink and white, carried out in the decorations and refreshments. Games and contests were played by the 30 guests, and the honoree received many gifts.

Bluefield Miss Is In New 'Who's Who'

June Goodloe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Goodloe, Jr., has been named to the 1953-54 edition of "Who's Who In American Colleges And Universities." Mr.



Miss Goodloe

Goodloe is in the system transmission line department in Bluefield while Miss Goodloe herself worked in the residential lighting department last summer.

Selection for the honor is based on participation in extra-curricular activities, attitudes as they affect college citizens and their acceptance of responsibilities, good character, opinion of future usefulness to business and society, and average scholarship.

They're Engaged

MISS SALLY JEAN HARRIS to Ensign Eugene Paul McCoy. Miss Harris is employed in the System Billing Department Huntington.

MISS GAIL HYLTON to Linton Smith. Miss Hylton is an employee in the Pikeville District.

MISS NANCY IRVIN to Hugh F. Eads. Both are employees of the Local Accounting office, Ashland.

MISS MARTHA ELLEN SNIDER to Clarindo Gaynor Tealis. Miss Snider is the daughter of Earl O. Snider of Beckley.

New Arrivals

MR. AND MRS. T. J. SHELTON are the parents of twin girls, Pamela Dawn and Jackie Lane, born October 28, 1953. Mr. Shelton is employed in Fieldale.

WILLIAM EARL is the son born October 1, 1953 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Roush. Mr. Roush is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

ROBERT WAYNE is the new son born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Couch on October 31, 1953. Mr. Couch is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR H. HILL are the parents of a son, Nickles Andrew, born November 10, 1953. Mr. Hill is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

NANCY LYNN is the new daughter born October 15, 1953 to Mr. and Mrs. James K. Reid. Mr. Reid is employed in the Lynchburg District.

MR. AND MRS. J. B. BRITT are the parents of a son, James Edward, born October 30, 1953. Mr. Britt is employed at the Cabin Creek Plant.

DALE EDWIN is the new son born November 9, 1953 to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Orr. Mr. Orr is an employee in the Abingdon District.

MR. AND MRS. SOLOMON ADAMS are the parents of a son, Gregory Robin, born October 11, 1953. Mr. Adams is employed at the Logan Plant.

MR. AND MRS. DON FUGATE are the parents of a new daughter, Dona Jo, born October 23, 1953. Mr. Fugate is employed in Hazard.

ADRIAN BRENT is the new son born to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Combs on October 30, 1953. Mr. Combs is employed in Hazard.

MR. AND MRS. LESLIE ERWIN are the parents of a son, Darrell Gene, born October 24, 1953. Mr. Erwin is employed in Huntington.

HERBERT LEE is the new son born November 5, 1953 to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Thomas. Mr. Thomas is employed in the System Accounting Department, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. T. P. BARNETT, JR., are the parents of a daughter, Rebecca Gale, born October 22, 1953. Mr. Barnett is employed in the System Accounting Department, Roanoke.

DEBRA ANN arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris, Jr., on October 24, 1953. Mr. Harris is employed in the Williamston District.

A daughter, KATHERINE LOUISE, was born on November 7, 1953 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green. Mr. Green is an employee in the Welch District.

MR. AND MRS. H. L. PRICE are the parents of a son, Gregory Allen, born September 27, 1953. Mr. Price is employed in Bluefield.

IVAN RODERICK is the new son born October 28, 1953 to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Richardson. Mr. Richardson is employed in Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. I. C. McCORMACK are the parents of a son, Michael Curtis, born October 26, 1953. Mr. McCormack is employed in Bluefield.

A son, DAVID LYNN, was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chapman on November 2, 1953. Mr. Chapman is employed in the Bluefield District.

Born to MR. AND MRS. ORVILLE J. WHITTAKER a daughter on November 9, 1953. Mr. Whittaker is an employee at the Glen Lyn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES S. MOORE are the parents of a son, Lewis Stanford, born November 2, 1953. Mr. Moore is employed in the Charleston District.

A daughter, MARY ELIZABETH, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Dunn on October 20, 1953. Mr. Dunn is employed in the Charleston District.

MR. AND MRS. CURTIS CHARLES are the parents of a daughter, Susan Brown, born November 3, 1953. Mr. Charles is employed in Pikeville.

MR. AND MRS. DON C. BEVINS are the parents of a daughter born November 6, 1953. Mr. Bevins is an employee in the Pikeville District.

1923 Model T Ford Is Sporn Man's Hobby; Used For Business, Pleasure



Denver Rice of the Philip Sporn plant and his family sit in his 1923 Model T Ford, which Mr. Rice prefers to newer automobiles for both business and pleasure.

Thirty years ago an enterprising man by the name of Henry Ford put on the road his twentieth make of an automobile. It was affectionately and technically known as the Model T Ford, and was quite the thing for all-around travel.

Today that same make car is still used for all kinds of travel. Take the case of Denver Rice, maintenance man at the Philip Sporn plant. Mr. Rice for the past six years has used a 1923 model Ford for almost all of his travels, including joy riding, hunting, fishing and going to work. His wife also has a car, and prefers hers to the Ford, although she admits that it was in the Ford that Mr. Rice proposed to her.

Mr. Rice has always worked around Model T's, first when a boy in his father's mechanic shop. Before going to Sporn he was a mechanic, and since that time has made the old automobile his hobby. Today's Model T is the second one he has owned.

Antiques Give Joe F. Lewey Real Pleasure



Joe refinishes an antique clock in his Pearisburg home.

Most hobbies give some pleasure but Joe F. Lewey gets four times as much pleasure with refinishing antique furniture. He finds the hobby interesting because he enjoys finding antiques, trading for them, refinishing them and finally possessing them.

The serviceman at Pearisburg in the Bluefield district finds most of the antiques around Giles County. Once he caught a farmer getting ready to make a tool box out of a solid walnut cupboard. Joe traded for it, refinished it and now has a beautiful natural finish walnut cupboard.

He is not interested in his hobby from the standpoint of selling antiques because he keeps them as prize furniture in his Pearisburg home. He has four antique clocks, two cherry corded beds, a cherry corner cabinet as well as several fancy oil lamps he converted to electric.

Five Generations Twice In 20 Years Is Thornton Rarity

Five living generations in one family is unusual. When it happens two times in a generation, it's a rarity.

But that is exactly what has happened in the Thornton family of the Bluefield district. In 1930 Joyce Thornton became the fifth living generation the first time it happened. In 1952 her son took her place as the fifth generation.

In 1930 Rebecca Comer Broyles was the first of the five generations, but she has since died. The other three in that group are also members of the new five, and are Launa Broyles Thornton, Samuel Thornton, and Prince Thornton. The 1952 addition is named Louis Edward Almond. Prince Thornton is a senior inspector in Bluefield district.



Five generations of Thorntons are represented in this photograph. From the left are Launa Broyles Thornton, great-great grandmother; Samuel C. Thornton, great-grandfather; Prince E. Thornton, grandfather; Joyce Thornton Almond, mother; and Louis Edward Almond.

The Model T is a member of the family to Mr. Rice. For instance, it gets the garage, while the other family car sits out in the open. On Sundays the family always goes cruising in the Model T, because, as Mr. Rice says, "It creates a lot of excitement. Old folks reminisce when they see it, and young folks haven't seen too many of them."

He has a large assortment of parts for the car, including an extra engine, which he has gotten from attics, garages and neighbors. Some of his parts he has gotten brand new—they've been stored all this time in their original wrappings.

His car is a three-door model and will attain the speed of 45 miles per hour.

Employees Shown Inner Workings Of Condenser

While the condenser at the Scarbro transmission station in the Beckley district was dismantled for cleaning and overhauling recently, members of the distribution department were given an opportunity to observe and receive instructions on its functions and the part it plays in supplying electricity to the district.

Those who did the showing and gave instructions were F. R. Frishette, division substation supervisor, and J. E. Mathews, Charleston district substation foreman, who acted as overseer in the overhauling.

Appa-Lassies Of Logan Hold Halloween Party

Fifty persons were entertained by the Logan Appa-Lassies at a Halloween party in the office auditorium October 30.

Skits, refreshments, and dancing were on the agenda of entertainment. Cora Lou Straughan, Logan plant, was awarded a prize for the most original costume.

Reddy Welcome Sight To Texans In Beckley

The Beckley district recently received added evidence that Reddy Kilowatt is more than a symbol to people when the office received a letter from the J. W. Durrettes, who had just moved from South Texas to Graydon in time to get in on the introduction of Reddy into the company.

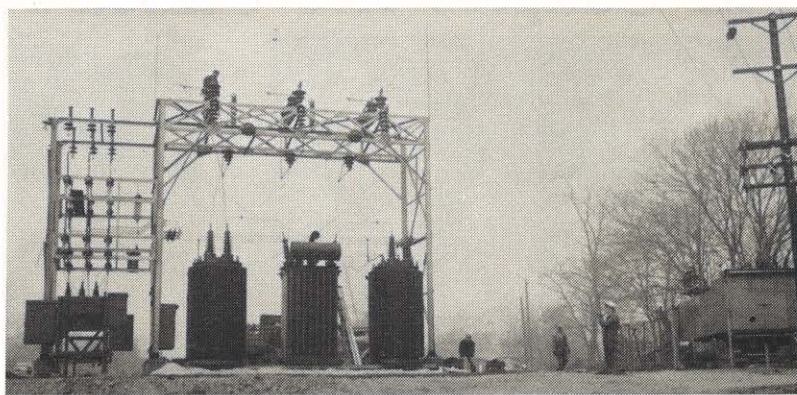
The letter said in part: "So glad that Reddy Kilowatt finally arrived in West Virginia. We have been used to Reddy in Texas. All of the Central Power and Light Company employees there think Reddy is 'it.' Every day they wear him on their ties and then he goes to church every Sunday on the lapel of their suits." It was signed "Good luck and more power, the Durrettes".

Reddy Float Scores Parade Victory



Reddy Kilowatt and an opponent "cooking" in a modern electric range were the high points of a float that took second place for five Pulaski district employees in a Saltville homecoming parade. The local high school and businesses sponsored the 32-float parade. Reddy was present on a float, while dry ice vapors furnished a realistic effect to the electric range stewing of Saltville's opponent. The five men who did the work on the float are, from the left, Fred Poe, W. C. Buchanan, Ray Debord, Fred M. Lawson, and S. H. Bryant.

Portable Sub Does Marmet Work



A portable sub carries the load while construction progresses on the new Marmet substation in the Charleston district. The new site for the substation was made necessary when the West Virginia turnpike was routed along the old location. The new station, on the banks of the Kanawha, will have a capacity of 2,500 KVA. The haziness in the background of this photo is caused by dense smoke from week-old forest fires in that area. At the right is the portable sub and at the left part of the new substation.

Sporn Plant Men Aid Mason Scouters In Preparing For Troop Amateur Radio Station



George Jeffers, seated, shows the Scouters how to operate an amateur radio set. Watching from the left are: Billy Frey, Karl Wiles, Jerry Wiles, John Taylor, John Taylor, Jr., Kenneth Taylor and Michael Taylor. Billy is the son of Jack Frey, shift operating engineer.

Father-son activities are on the upgrade at Mason where several Sporn plant men are active Scouters.

Their latest program is learning how to operate an amateur radio with the hope of having their own troop station. George Jeffers, control operator at the plant, is serving as instructor. He has operated an amateur station for several years.

John Taylor, junior maintenance man, is Scoutmaster of Troop 255 and has three sons in the troop. He started the troop in November of 1952 with sponsorship by the Mason Catholic Church.

Karl Wiles, payroll supervisor, is assistant Scoutmaster. He has a son in the troop.

'Man Of Many Talents' Is Good Title For William Brodie Of Claytor Hydro



Mr. Brodie displays some of his handiwork in the living room. Shown are his paintings on glass, arrowhead collection, model ship and ship planter.

Man of many talents—that's William H. Brodie of Claytor hydro plant.

He paints pictures on glass—makes pieces of furniture as well as slip covers—builds model ships with precise detail. His many activities around home also include outside work and his yard boasts bird baths, trellis and other decorative items of his handiwork.

When he feels like he wants a change in his home he goes right ahead and makes it. Mrs. Brodie says it is nothing for her to go away for a day and come home to find her kitchen redecorated and every item back in place.

Mr. Brodie is a native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, while his wife is a native of England. The Brodies were living in Halifax when the great explosion occurred in 1917 following the collision in the harbor of a French

munitions ship with a Belgian relief ship. The Brodies lost 21 relatives, including their daughter, in the explosion that took 1,196 lives.

Having worked in many places, Mr. Brodie came into Appalachian territory when he supervised construction of the first nine-foot lock on the Kanawha River at London. He has worked with Appalachian building power houses and embedded parts for hydro units at Marmet and Winfield prior to construction work at Claytor hydro where he is employed.

Being a man of many talents, he has many interests. Collecting Indian relics has become another of his many hobbies. He has 18 arrowheads and two spearheads found in the Claytor dam vicinity. A lover of flowers, he spends a great deal of time gardening but doesn't neglect the Persian cat and canaries.



'Squeaky' Snead Wins 1953 Dixie Stock Car Event



C. S. "Squeaky" Snead of the Roanoke office holds the 1953 Dixie Amateur Championship trophy he won in a fifty-lap stock car event.

C. S. "Squeaky" Snead, a Roanoke district employee who has followed stock car racing for about a year and a half, recently won the 1953 Dixie Amateur Championship classic at Lynchburg. Squeaky outdistanced the field over the fifty-lap grind by a wide margin.

The same night Squeaky pushed the 1937 Ford he was driving for the title, his brother, Gordon, made it an "All-Snead" meet. Gordon captured the Dixie Sportsman Championship. This is the first time in the history of the circuit that brothers have taken both championships. The Dixie Circuit includes many of the dirt tracks in western Virginia and Carolina.

In addition to his racing, which consists of driving for various stock car owners, Squeaky also is interested in flying. He is under a flight training program at Woodrum Field and hopes to earn his private license. Squeaky also bowls regularly as a member of the Roanoke district bowling league.

Pheasant Bagged In Home

There are many outstanding hunters in the Southern Properties but there are few who have the luck of O. C. Hall, area supervisor at Rainelle, West Virginia. There are times that O. C. does not get out and stalk for game—he just lets game come to him.

For example, a large hen pheasant recently flew through a window of his home and the impact left the bird dazed. O. C. captured his pheasant with his hands and left it with a neighbor who specializes in game care.

Bugs Hold One-Game Edge Over Amps In Williamson League

In the Williamson district, the Bugs and Amps are only one game apart after ten weeks of spirited bowling competition. The Bugs, with a one-game edge over the Amps, have chalked up 19 wins as compared to 11 losses.

In team play, the Bugs also hold seasonal records with 887 pins for high single game and 2,306 for the high series.

Individually, Sonny Runyon of the Varmints, has maintained the high average. Sonny's average is 154. Alex Doka, a member of the Bugs' team, holds the high single game honors with 224 pins while Ernest Bevins, another teammate, bagged the series laurels with a 532-pin count.

Grimes' Keglers Top Bowlers At Sporn



Members of the Grimes' Shift Bowling team, winners of the first period of the Philip Sporn Plant Bowling League, left to right, are: Buck Tennant, Gene Athey, Sonny Haggerty, Ralph Gibbs, Jr., and Floyd Capehart.

Grimes' keglers, maintaining a .875 percentage for league play, won the first third of competition in the Philip Sporn Plant Bowling League. The winners completed the first of three sections with 21 victories and 3 losses.

Maintenance Number 2, three games behind the winners, was runner-up with a .750 record. The Maintenance bowlers accounted for 18 victories while suffering 6 defeats.

Grimes' bowlers also copped team honors for both the high series and the high single games. In winning these honors, they took all first, second and third place slots. They rolled 2,534, 2,486 and 2,406 for the series and 968, 881 and 876 for the single events.

During the first period, individual

Bluffers Win First Quarter At Beckley



Members of the quarter winners in the Beckley District Bowling League, the Bluffers, left to right, are: Emma Jean Wilson, captain; Elmer Hutchinson, Elizabeth Hancock, W. C. McMahan, Ruth Cokeley and John Steele.

The Bluffers, by edging the Thermostats in a three-game roll-off, won the first quarter of the Beckley District Bowling League after the scheduled play was completed in a two-way deadlock. The Bluffers lost the first game 777 to 747 but bounced back to win the next two 704 to 681 and 666 to 661.

Robert Martin's 223 pins was high game for men while Elizabeth Scott posted a 162 for the women. Eliza-

beth's 127 average also is the high for the season. Elmer Hutchinson, with an average of 181 pins, copped the men's honors for the season's scheduled encounters. In the play-offs, Eddie Berginnis rolled a 201 high game.

At the completion of the first half, winners of the first and second quarters will roll for half honors. This roll-off will be played late in December and the winner will be entered in the finals for the season's championship.

Lynchburg Golfer Gets Third Hole-In-One

Roy A. Tibbs, a member of the Lynchburg district commercial department, is convinced that most good things come in threes. Roy recently carded his third hole-in-one of his golfing career.



Mr. Tibbs

Mr. Tibbs, while playing at the Oakwood Country Club at Lynchburg, scored his ace on the fourteenth hole. This was Roy's second hole-in-one experience on the course at this particular hole.

In the fall of 1951, Roy was winner of the "Ringer Tournament" which was played on the same course. In winning that event, he topped a field of more than eighty golfing enthusiasts.

Gets Commendation

Sank Smith, Welch district personnel supervisor who acted as polling superintendent for the recent Farmer's election in McDowell County, has received a letter of commendation from Carroll Greene, executive secretary of the West Virginia State Soil Conservation Committee.

Sons Of Sporn Men



Joe and Jack Ford



Kenneth and Johnny Taylor

Throughout the Southern Properties, sons of company employees have been playing on both high school and college elevens. Here are two sets of brothers who are members of the Wahama High School football squad. Above, Joe and Jack Ford, sons of Kermit H. Ford. Mr. Ford is a sub-station operator at the Philip Sporn Plant Station. Kenneth and Johnny Taylor are the sons of John Taylor. Mr. Taylor is a member of the maintenance department.

Five-Team Race At Charleston

Four teams are rolling towards the first half finish mark in the hotly contested Charleston District Bowling League race. Two teams are deadlocked for first place while two others, just one game behind, are tied for third.

The Turner Station keglers and the Divisioners are battling it out for the league's top slot while the Hydros and Live Wires are but a single game behind. To make the race even tighter, the Eyeballs are but two games behind the leaders.

In this closely fought competition, Carl Murray with 174 and Pauline Lanham, 159, maintain the season's high averages. Pauline also copped the women's high single and series games with 218 and 565 pin games. Floyd Taylor's 243 pins is the high single game in the men's classification while Frank Young clipped the series with 605. Other top league bowlers include Eldivia Cline and Dick Speas.

Circuit Breakers Hold Narrow Edge In Pikeville Loop

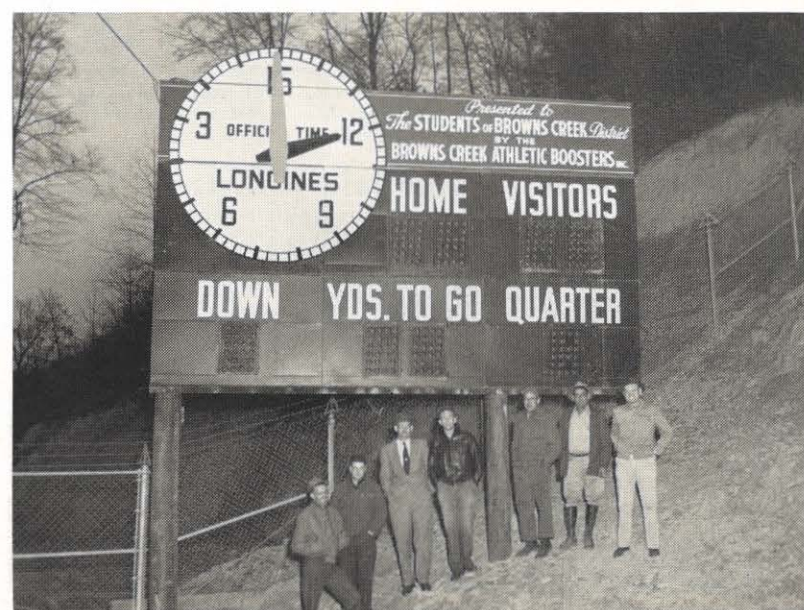
The Pikeville District Bowling League has reached the one-fifth mark in its sixty-three game schedule. Two teams are battling it out for top honors but no team is out of the running.

With 12 games under their belts, the Circuit Breakers, captained by Bill Zoellers, hold a narrow edge over Leon Huffman's Regulators. The "Breakers" have an 8 and 4 season's record while the Regulators are one game behind.

In the third and fourth place slots, Ernie Brashear's Reclosures have an even six and six count while Chester Smith's Transformers are in the hole with a three and nine record for league play.

Weddle and Brashear, with 151's, hold the high individual averages of the league. Weddle also copped the high series with his 528 pins and Brashear rolled the 209 high single game. For team play, the Reclosures won both honors. Their 2,089 and 785 games have not been topped for both high series and high single games.

Employees Erect Scoreboard At Stadium



Six employees and one ex-employee of the Welch district realized a successful completion to much time and effort when they saw a modern electric scoreboard installed at the Maroon Wave Stadium in Welch. The seven are members of the Welch Boosters Club, which paid approximately \$1,200 for the electrically worked scoreboard. From the left are Walter Thomas, Robert Hatfield (a former lineman), Frank Barns, Jack Green, Jimmy Nunnery, S. R. McClure, and R. H. Ruff.

Pulaski District Hunters Bag Deer



Four Pulaski district hunters were among those reporting kills during the current hunting season. Left photograph, Marvin Lester, meter department; Ed French, system; and Rudy French, son of Ed, are shown beside their kills. This party hunted during the season's first two days in Craig County, Virginia. Right, Bolen Shepherd of Hillsville displays his kill. Bolen made his successful hunt in the Comer's Rock section of Grayson County, Virginia. Mr. Shepherd is a member of the Hillsville line department.

Build Model Turbine At Logan Plant



C. H. Feiszli points to a detail in the small model turbine which he and R. L. Boyd, left, built at Logan plant for training purposes. The model enables maintenance employees to study and get a better understanding of the correct procedures in the alignment of bearings, couplings and diaphragms. Feiszli is assistant supervisor of maintenance and Boyd is mechanical maintenance mechanic. With the model the main principles of alignment procedures can be studied at times other than when a turbine-generator unit is undergoing repairs.

H. V. Barr Named To Be Manager Of Clifty Creek Plant

Howard V. Barr, manager of the Tidd Plant of The Ohio Power Company, recently was appointed manager of the new Clifty Creek Plant at Madison, Ind. The Clifty Creek Plant and the Kyger Creek Plant at Cheshire, Ohio, are the two OVEC projects to serve the new AEC plant in Pike County, Ohio.



Mr. Barr

Mr. Barr, a veteran of 35 years of experience in steam electric generating plants, has risen from oiler to manager of one of the world's largest plants. He began his lengthy career in A. G. & E. as an oiler at the Windsor Plant near Wheeling in 1917, then transferred to the Philo Plant in 1924. He served as shift operating engineer until 1940.

In 1940, Mr. Barr spent some time with the Mechanical Engineering Division of the AGE Service Corporation then returned to Philo as head of the results department. He was made assistant manager at the new Tidd Plant in 1947 then was promoted to manager in 1948.

The Clifty Creek Plant, now under construction, will have a capacity of 1,200,000 kilowatts.

Reddy Helps With Bluefield Christmas Lights



Frowns on Bluefield motorists' faces turned to smiles after they passed the truck that was temporarily blocking traffic. Reason for the change of attitude was the sign pictured above with Reddy Kilowatt which says, "Pardon Us Folks, we are installing Christmas lights." The signs were used on the back of service trucks while the lights were put up. Bob Crowder and Charlie Hedrick of the Bluefield line crew are shown examining one of the switchboxes before it was installed on a Christmas street light circuit. The lights were turned on Thanksgiving night.

First 200,000 Kw Unit At Muskingum Plant Undergoing Tests

Unit No. 1 at The Ohio Power Company's Muskingum River generating station near Beverly, Ohio, is expected to be placed in operation sometime during December. The unit is now in the test status.

The 400,000-kilowatt plant is a twin sister of the Kanawha River Plant, which went on the line in mid-August.

Early next year Muskingum Unit No. 2 is expected to be placed in service alongside her sister.

When Muskingum River Plant is operating full capacity, the generating capacity of the American Gas and Electric System will be boosted to 3,819,000 kilowatts.

In addition to Unit No. 1 the plant's 4½-mile-long conveyor system also is rapidly nearing completion. When the plant is in full operation it will employ approximately 125 persons.

At the peak of construction 1,300 workers were engaged in erecting the plant.

Employees' Wives Elected To Office



Wives of three Pineville employees in the Welch district were recently named officers of the Auxiliary to the Varney-Cline Post No. 133, American Legion. From the left are: Lucille Cook, wife of Ralph Cook, serviceman, elected chaplain; Evelyn Martin, wife of Jack Martin, groundman, elected president; and Janet Hendrick, wife of E. M. Hendrick, serviceman, elected secretary.

Named To Office



The A. E. P. Co. Club at Fieldale in recent elections named the following to office: Upper row—Jewell Wigginton, engineering section, vice president; and Earl Bullard, T&D department, president. Lower row—Peggy Edwards, local accounting, secretary; and Joy Webster, local accounting, treasurer.

Logan Man President Of W. Va. Engineer Society

Joe Kovich of the Logan engineering section is filling out the unexpired term of president of the Logan chapter of the West Virginia Society of professional Engineers.

The post was vacated recently when the former president moved from Logan. Mr. Kovich moved up from the vice presidency. A graduate of West Virginia University, he has been employed at Logan since December, 1937. He is a Navy veteran.

Miss Iris Sykes Represents Company As Bluefield Queen



Miss Sykes

Miss Iris Sykes, a member of the Bluefield district accounting department, was recently named queen for the annual Bluefield Christmas parade.

She was sponsored by Appalachian in the contest, and won out over 18 other entries. She received a radio-phonograph and a diamond ring for winning.

Six Recognized In 'Operating Notes'



Mr. Frier

Mr. Tapley

Mr. Clarke

Mr. L. G. Smith

Six Appalachian employees gained system-wide recognition when their articles appeared in the October issue of A. G. & E. Monthly Operating Notes. One employee was author of two articles; three were credited with single contributions; and two men were co-authors of the sixth article appearing in "Operating Notes".

R. A. Youngman, Fieldale district distribution engineer, was credited with two articles. His first manuscript described "Protecting Hot-Sticks From Abrasion," while Mr. Youngman's second article dealt with distribution transformers. It was entitled, "Simple Modification Of Old



Mr. Youngman

Units Saves Money."

A. L. Smith, Philip Sporn Plant maintenance supervisor, made his

fifth contribution of the year with his article, "Swing-Joint Room For Lift Truck." Mr. Smith is the leading contributor from the Southern Properties.

Edwin H. Clarke, also an employee of the Philip Sporn Plant, was recognized for his contribution, "Hard-Surface Patch on Coal Feeder Reduces

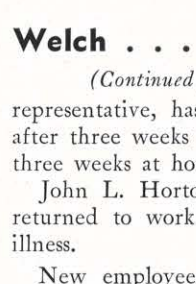
Erosion." J. G. Tapley, who is employed as system substation engineer at Roanoke, was credited with the description of using acid in cleaning coolers. His article was entitled, "Portable Equipment For Acid-Cleaning of Coolers."

From the Abingdon district, L. G. Smith, stores supervisor, and Jack B. Frier, personnel supervisor, were co-authors of "Getting More Participation In Safety Meetings."

Logan Man Named To Kiwanis Club Office

Nicholas Roomy, Jr., Logan accounting department, was recently elected vice president of the Logan Kiwanis Club for 1954.

In addition to his Kiwanis activities, Mr. Roomy is also a member of City Council, and active in both Boy Scout and church work.



Mr. Roomy

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representative, has returned to work after three weeks in the hospital and three weeks at home.

John L. Horton, Switchback, has returned to work after an extended illness.

New employees include John L. Hairston, janitor in the Welch commercial office; Frances Ann Hardy, clerk typist in the Grundy office; and Robert Lewis Walker, Welch service building.

Dinner, Gifts Given L. H. Williams And H. D. Shuck Recently

The department heads and supervisors of the Beckley district held a dinner recently for L. H. Williams, who retired last year, and H. D. Shuck who will retire in February, 1954.

Following the dinner, held at the El Chico restaurant, several of the oldtimers relived their days with the company. Then they gave presents to the two men, including suitcases, sport shirts, ties and socks.

Mr. Williams left the company with 18 years service while Mr. Shuck will have a string of 34 years with the company when he retires.

Guests at the dinner included M. O. Wilson, system personnel director; T. M. Watkins, Williamson district manager; W. F. Ficklin, retired Charleston division manager; C. W. Lovell, assistant division manager, and L. M. Cobbs, division personnel supervisor.

Both men said that they plan a lot of travel in the future. Mr. Shuck says that he will probably go to California soon.

Pulaski Office Work In Final Stages



With occupancy expected in two months, the Pulaski office building is being given the final touches. Here, workers apply acoustical board to the ceiling of the main lobby. Lighting fixtures are being installed, while painting, installation of air conditioning and finishing of floors will get under way soon. With the completion of the floor in the vault the telephone company can install their equipment.