

Where all think alike,
no one thinks very
much.

—WALTER LIPPMAN

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Success depends on
backbone, not wish-
bone.

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AGE Wins The Coffin Award, Industry's Highest Honor



Mr. Claytor



Mr. Turner



Mr. Prentice

Claytor Retiring, Turner New Vice President Of AGE As Prentice Succeeds At Ohio Power

Graham Claytor, executive vice president of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation, will end almost half a century of service in the electric utility industry when he retires on July 1.

Mr. Claytor will be succeeded as executive vice president of the Service Corporation and a vice president of our companies by Harold Turner, vice president and general manager of The Ohio Power Company. Succeeding Mr. Turner at Canton will be A. N. Prentice, assistant general manager of Ohio Power.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Claytor began his long years of service in the

electric utility field at Roanoke in 1907 following his graduation from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. His distinguished career has been marked by great devotion to his company and the Old Dominion. Now he is retiring; however he will continue his active interest in the company as a member of the AGE board of directors.

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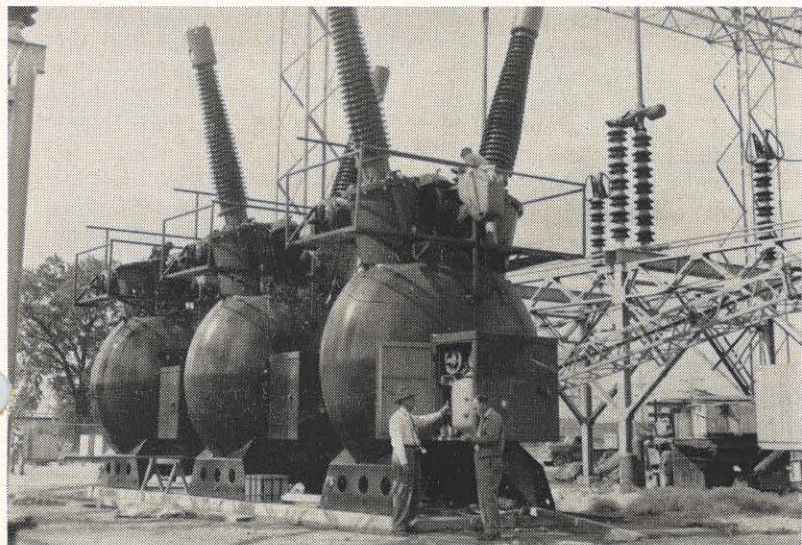
Mr. Turner, a 28-year veteran with the American Gas and Electric System, in assuming his new duties in New York will be returning to the

organization which he joined in 1926 and left in 1941 to become assistant general manager of Ohio Power at Canton. He was named vice president and general manager of Ohio Power in 1946.

In his capacity as executive vice president of AGE Service Corporation, Mr. Turner will direct the operations of the system, including the activities of the commercial, operating, production, transmission-distribution, labor relations, personnel and budget departments.

Mr. Prentice, as vice president and general manager of Ohio Power, will direct the company with which he has been associated most of his 26 years in AGE system.

World's Largest Breakers Being Put In Sporn Plant 330-Kv Substation



Inspecting the world's largest breaker unit being installed at Sporn 330-kv substation are A. C. Rogers, assistant superintendent of system substations, and H. O. Buckland, chief system substation operator. Five of these three-tank units are to be installed.

The world's largest and most powerful impulse breaker is being installed at Sporn 330-kv substation.

Three tanks, shown above, are needed to make one breaker, one for each phase. The breaker has an interrupting rating of 25-million kva.

Over-all height with bushings installed is about 27 feet. Each of the massive tanks contains 3,966 gallons of oil, about five times as much oil as used in a tank of a 132-kv unit.

Five of these 3-unit breakers will be installed at Sporn substation to serve 330,000-volt lines between Sporn Substation and Appalachian's Kanawha River Station, between Sporn and Ohio's Muskingum River Station and between Sporn and Kyger

Creek Station of OVEC. The other two are transformer bank breakers.

The first breaker was received in late April. Three are to be in service by August. The other two are to be shipped before November.

The tanks had to be shipped from the GE plant in Philadelphia on edge because of the width of almost 12 feet. They were unloaded from a flatcar close to the site.

An indication of their size is evident in weight. Each tank has a shipping weight without oil or bushings of 19,620 pounds. When filled with oil and with bushings attached, the three-unit breaker weighs about 85 tons.

President Sporn Accepts Award For Pioneering In Advanced Engineering

The electric utility industry's highest honor has been won by the American Gas and Electric Company.

The coveted Charles A. Coffin Award—given annually in recognition of outstanding achievement by an electric company—was presented to AGE on the basis of its "pioneering in advanced engineering" in 1953. The presentation was made June 2 at the annual Edison Electric Institute meeting in Atlantic City.

Accepts Award

President Philip Sporn accepted the award from Philip D. Reed, chairman of the board of the General Electric Company, on behalf of AGE, the AGE Service Corporation and all of the System operating companies, including our three companies.

The award presentation was broadcast by the Columbia Broadcasting System on its national network from 10:30 to 11 p. m., and included brief talks by Mr. Sporn, Mr. Reed and Walter H. Sammis, EEI president.

The Coffin Award was established 32 years ago by the Charles A. Coffin Foundation in the name of the first president of General Electric. In previous years holding companies like AGE had been ineligible to compete.

Five Finalists

AGE was one of five private electric utilities nominated for the 1953 honor. The five in turn had been chosen by a screening committee from a field of 33 companies which originally were cited for outstanding achievements by a nominating panel representing every section of the nation. The other four finalists were: The Cleveland Electric Illuminating

Company, The Connecticut Light & Power Company, The Texas Electric Service Company and Wisconsin Electric Power Company.

The final judging was performed by the following committee: Dr. James R. Killian, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology; C. W. Kellogg, past president of EEI, and Mr. Sammis. As a requirement of the competition among the five nominees, each company submitted a printed and illustrated presentation outlining and detailing the background and results of the program or achievement for which it was cited.

330 Network Cited

The AGE citation was as follows: "for pioneering advanced engineering concepts with resultant developments in equipment and operating efficiency, which in turn help electric utilities to maintain low prices for electricity while constantly improving service—this pioneering culminating in 1953 in the first transmission line in the U. S. to operate at 330,000 volts and the first generating equipment utilizing steam above its critical pressure."

The 330,000-volt transmission line to which the citation refers is the initial sections of the AGE System's new bulk transmission network which eventually will serve as the backbone of our power supply delivery. Parts of this network now are in operation.

The other engineering advance to which the citation refers is the revolutionary new boiler and generating unit to be built at The Ohio Power Company's Philo plant. The unit, employing steam for the first time above its critical pressure of 3,206

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Kentucky Company Changes Name

Kentucky Power Company is the new name of Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, Incorporated. The name change became effective the first of this month.

R. E. Doyle, vice president and general manager of Kentucky, in making the announcement to the public stressed that "only the name is being changed." He said, "There is no change in the company's corporate structure, its personnel, its policies or its services."

Kentucky Power Company, in addition to being a shorter name, more clearly indicates the area in which the utility operates. The company serves 89,000 customers in 17 counties in eastern Kentucky. It does not serve any part of West Virginia.

The old name came into existence in the early 1920's when electric service was being developed along the Kentucky and West Virginia borders. In those days, the company served some areas along the Tug River in West Virginia as well as parts of eastern Kentucky.

Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company was bought by American Gas and Electric Company in 1922. When AGE formed Appalachian in 1926, the area served by Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company in West Virginia became a part of Appalachian. That same year Boyd County Electric Company, serving Ashland, became a part of the Kentucky company.

Roanoke And Kingsport Jaycee Chapters Win Awards Under Presidents Jones And White



Mr. White

Mr. Faust

Roanoke and Kingsport were judged the best Jaycee chapters in their states at recent conventions. Both are headed by employees.

James E. Jones, Roanoke division engineering department, was elected state vice president of the Virginia Jaycees at their convention. Jim, president of the Roanoke chapter, also had the honor of accepting for the chapter the Giessenbier Memorial Trophy, awarded annually to the most outstanding Jaycee chapter in the state. Roanoke has won the award six times in 10 years.

In Tennessee, two other employees active in Jaycee work also had the honor of representing their Kingsport chapter at the convention where they were awarded the Giessenbier Trophy. They were Keene White, assistant payroll supervisor who is



James Jones, president of the Roanoke Jaycees and newly-elected state vice president, holds the Giessenbier Trophy awarded the Roanoke chapter for being the best in the state.

president of the Kingsport Jaycees, and John Faust, power sales engineer who is state vice president.

The Roanoke Jaycees had a field day at the convention, winning awards in 16 of 17 entries; having their entry, Dr. Peter A. Wallenborn, win the State Key Man award; seeing Bill Thornton of the Roanoke chapter win the Speak-Up Jaycee contest. Bill, the brother of A. G. Thornton, Jr., of the system station department, will represent Virginia in the national Jaycee speech contest.

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The Coffin Award

AGE has won the Coffin Award—the nation's highest honor for an electric utility.

The award was given on the basis of "pioneering in advanced engineering," especially noting the 330 kv network and the high pressure unit being developed. These, of course, are just a few of the many engineering advancements made by our companies in every phase of business.

They do stress, however, the importance of engineering to our business. Engineering is the base, the beginning from which improvements are made.

Pioneering for new ways to do things better can never end—any more than research engineering can be an end in itself. It takes people to keep things moving, to operate the equipment and maintain the service.

We need people to climb poles, to take dictation, to convince customers that electrical equipment is better and to do the thousand and one things required in our business. This is just a way of saying that it takes all of us to do a job or to win an award. Research is a never-ending part of our business just as your job is vital to the work.

It takes a lot of people to make a team. And a team is a group of individuals working together toward a common goal. In our case, that goal is dependable, economical electric service.

People Are Funny

"People are funnier than anybody."

These words to an old song are the simple truth. Witness this issue's Question of the Month. Nine employees have presented their most humorous company moments, both with customers and fellow employees.

This ability to laugh at one's self and to find the lighter side of a situation has become an American trademark. Such situations as pulling the hat down on the wrong fellow's head would be disaster in some countries. Here you can almost bet that the victim got a big laugh, too.

And where else can company employees and their customers laugh at and with each other over common misfortunes or mistakes?

Thousands of things happen each day to employees, no matter what their positions, that bring laughter and countless retellings. Employees with long service records hold regular audiences of younger men with their past experiences; the younger employee listens, learns and laughs.

That's what makes a company more than facts and figures, more than profits and investments.

That's what makes a company a human thing. After all, the company is made up of people. And people are funny.



MOSE JACKSON, Janitor, Kingsport



The most humorous experience, and the one I enjoyed most, happened about 23 years ago when I was firing at the steam plant. We had an employee who liked to kid a lot and who kidded me about ghosts . . . how he would see them every night going up and down the river and looking

around the steam plant.

One night he put on a white sheet to give me a good scare but my fellow employees had previously put me wise to what he was going to do. I had secured a blank pistol loaded with blanks and waited. I saw him out of the corner of my eye, dressed like a ghost, come around the boilers where I was firing. When he was about 15 feet away, I turned around.

I jumped like I was scared, yelled "I will kill you" and started to shoot. That was the fastest I have ever seen anyone run. He fell once but as soon as he hit the ground he was up and gone. Also he refused to mention the word "ghost" after that.

BETTY WALKER, Timekeeper, Kana-wha River Plant



I thought it would be different to describe my most humorous experience in the form of a poem. This incident happened during the early stages of construction, when we had to wear boots to be able to get into the plant.

Mud Cake Blues

On Monday as usual to work I came, with the sun above shining the same.

Like a lady, out of the car I did climb, and down I went as if dropped like a dime.

"Mud flew East, Mud flew West," and my white dress sure was a mess.

There I sat like a pig in a pen; no one did offer a hand to lend.

But all they could do was laugh very hard, For with all that mud, I appeared quite a card.

Out of the mud I managed to get and to all a picture I did set.

To this day they watch when it rains, for the laughter I caused gave many pains.

SARAH E. MOORE, Lighting Specialist, Bluefield



Eighteen years working with customers has brought interesting and amusing experiences. One instance occurred when I was calling on an interested store manager regarding stocking parts for electrifying and converting lamps. His large electric counter carried almost every item except

harps for supporting lamp shades.

I mentioned the absence of harps and explained in detail the types and sizes in greatest demand for lamps. To my surprise he said, "Do you mean them thar mouth harps?" A good friend nearby was following the conversation and, to keep from exploding, vanished to another area of the store!

From that day forth, the electric counter has all kinds of harps for lamps and if you want one of "them thar mouth harps," he can fill your need!

HOMER BRAGG, JR., Accounting Department, Charleston



My most humorous experience occurred during the summer of 1953. A customer called regarding her high electric bill. For 45 minutes she told me how the electricity was leaking out of the receptacles and light fixtures.

She said the odor made her sick and that she had gone to the doctor and also had her glasses changed. The odor and greenish gray smoke had discolored things and made holes in her nylon stockings. She said she was going to call the FBI as she knew someone was stealing her electricity by using radar on the meter—she could hear a clicking around the meter at night.

She finally inquired as to what she could do and I recommended she get an electrician to check her wiring. What I really wanted to say was: "Lady, you had better see a psychiatrist."

JOHN A. JONES, Mechanical Maintenance Department, Logan Plant



My most humorous experience was also my most embarrassing one.

In November, 1929, I went to the storeroom for some material and on entering the storeroom office, I noticed a man, whom I thought was A. F. Mitchell, sitting with his back toward me at the desk of his son, Hugh Mitchell, stores supervisor.

As was customary with Andy, I, feeling the part of the practical joker, walked up behind him, pulled his hat down over his eyes causing his glasses to fall into his lap and vigorously rubbed his face with his hat. I then slapped his hat back on his head and caught him by the forehead and pulled his head back. Much to my horror, I looked into the face of Mr. J. R. Wampler, plant superintendent.

A. H. JOPP, District Commercial Manager, Pikeville



It was some 16 years ago when I was somewhat new with the company that I was sent to survey and engineer five and one-half miles of rural line in Rowan County, Kentucky, not more than seven miles from Morehead, a city which boasted of having some of the modern conveniences of indoor plumbing and electricity.

Of course, we found it necessary to make our headquarters in midst of the area being served rather than at Morehead. The exact reason for this escapes me at the moment, but after three days of cutting brush and staking out the proposed line, our survey party of two came upon the right-of-way people, Clifford Smith and Clem S. Howard. Their looks and glances at me seemed to indicate: "What happened to him?"

After due questioning it came out—I had brought an electric razor and my bristly appearance only reflected in part my attitude at the time. I had just underestimated the speed of which power is made available in some areas.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ELEANOR J. WINTER, Managerial Department, Logan District



When asked this question I immediately think of an experience which I doubt that I'll ever forget. I laugh about it now, but at that time I was quite embarrassed and worried.

Being fresh out of business college at my first job and not entirely familiar with the routine, I was sitting at the counter in the cashiers' cage on a quiet summer day when there were very few customers. It was extremely warm (no air conditioning), and unthinking I put my head down on folded arms and quickly fell asleep.

Presently I was aroused; and as I lifted my head, completely forgetting where I was, I gave out with a big yawn, stretched both arms wide, and looked directly into the eyes of the office supervisor who was leaning over the counter. He had gently patted me on the head.

E. P. RAIDEN, System Right of Way Department, Roanoke



I could answer this question with several different stories, most of which I do not think would be printed. But a few years back I called at a property, found a man sawing fence posts, asked him if he was Mr. Smith.

He stated he was: I told him I was with the Power Company and would like to talk to him. He stated he was too busy to quit sawing the fence posts, with a one-man saw, as a party was coming for the load right away. As he had a two-man cross cut saw handy, I volunteered to help him. We finished in a little over an hour. While I mopped the perspiration off, I told him what I was after. He stated I did not want to talk to him as the property belonged to his brother.

When I called at the property, I found the property owner working in the field, explained our proposition, came to an agreement on amount of consideration and prepared agreement. Property owner requested me to sign his name for him, because he was so nervous. After I signed his name and requested him to make his mark, he looked at his signature and stated, "Hells-a-fire, I could done better than that."

BESSIE L. JOHNSON, Cashier, Lynchburg District



Thinking of some humorous experience, I can't recall a day out of the many that someone of our faithful public hasn't given cause for a chuckle. For instance, the day a shy looking lady said she wanted a personal word with me.

She said her husband had died and left her a home. After a proper period of mourning she had remarried and her present husband was without funds or a job. In trying to be head of the household, the customer's husband had transferred everything into his name, including the lights.

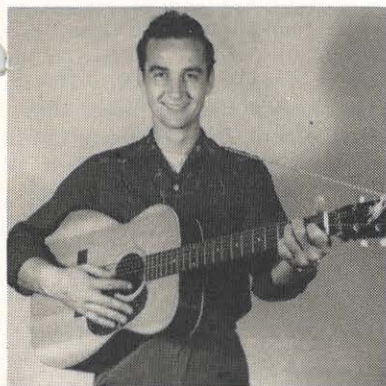
In a low voice, she assured me she trusted this present husband, but would like the service in her deceased husband's name as she wanted to be sure nothing happened to her only possession, her home.

'Doc' Collins Accepts Kingsport Safety Award 47 Years' Service



B. S. "Doc" Collins, oldest employee with Kingsport, receives the National Safety Council Award on behalf of the employees from D. C. Duncan, system safety director of Appalachian. The award was presented May 7 during the general safety meeting. Kingsport won the Group D, electric division, of the Public Utilities Section Safety Contest by working 244,235 manhours during 1953 without a disabling injury.

Western Music And Meter Reading Keep Eddie Lovejoy Busy



Eddie Lovejoy, singer of mountain music, holds his favorite instrument, the guitar.

Spare time? Eddie Lovejoy has no spare time. All day he reads meters for the Charleston district, and at night and on week ends he hauls out his guitar to make radio and guest appearances. Now featured on a WKNA-TV program in Charleston, Eddie has been on radio and television ever since his debut in 1943 at the age of 17 on "The Farm Hour" over WCHS. Since then he has done some "pickin' and singin'" for six other radio stations.

Eddie firmly believes that hillbilly stars are born, not made. In speaking of his start in the mountain music field, Eddie says, "I just picked up a guitar when I was 12, and it kinda came naturally."

His popularity grows steadily in the area, because he is called on more and more to play for dances, other entertainment, and of course, his television and radio shows.

His biggest thrill? Probably the time he appeared with Carl Smith, "Grand Ole Opry" star from WSM, at the Municipal Auditorium last year. Carl was voted the most popular hillbilly recording artist last year.

Employees Work On Band Festival In Bluefield

Several Bluefield district employees recently participated in behind-the-scenes work on the annual Region VIII Band Festival held in Bluefield.

John Munsey, engineering; Fred Richmond, division commercial; Carl Warrick, distribution engineer; Jay Farley, distribution records; and Ernie Linkous, stores, all members of the Greater Bluefield Junior Chamber of Commerce, worked on the project.

Each year 25 to 30 bands parade before an estimated 30,000 spectators.

Employees' Wives Honored By Sorority



Mrs. Keatley Mrs. Muir

Wives of two Beckley district employees were recently chosen "Girl of the Year" by two chapters of Beta Sigma Phi national sorority.

Mrs. Kenneth Keatley, wife of the Beckley lineman, was given that honor by the Beta Iota chapter of Mount Hope in Founders Day ceremonies.

Mrs. J. W. Muir, wife of the Beckley head distribution record clerk, received her honor from the Beta Rho chapter of Beckley, also in Founders Day ceremonies.

"Girl of the Year" title is based on loyalty to the sorority, leadership, friendliness and activeness in all phases of chapter work.

Graham Claytor's Long Career Is Ending

Graham Claytor's career with the American Gas and Electric Company System has been a long, distinguished and colorful one. His service has extended just three years shy of half a century, and for 32 years he has served in executive capacities with AGE and its predecessor companies.

During this span of time, he has witnessed the growth and progress of the electric utility industry and, as right-hand man to two presidents, the late George N. Tidd and Philip Sporn, has contributed to a large degree to this growth and progress within the AGE system. In the period of his direct association with the company, dating back to 1926, the AGE system has developed into a fully-integrated system that today ranks as the nation's leading producer of electric power.

Now he is retiring. He will retire July 1 as executive vice president in charge of operations of the AGE Service Corporation. He will, however, continue his active interest in the company and its activities as a member of the AGE board of directors.

Graham Claytor was born and reared in Virginia, a heritage of which he is intensely proud. He was graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, which he now serves as a member of the board of directors.

Reflecting his years of devotion to both his company and the Old Dominion, it was most appropriate that Claytor Dam in Western Virginia should be named in his honor.

A little story that Mr. Claytor likes to tell about the naming of the dam is typical of both the man's modesty and his humor. It seems that an old friend of his, driving in the dam's vicinity, lost his way. He inquired of an elderly native the direction to the dam. She told him. Then the friend asked her, "Just who is this fellow Claytor the dam is named after?" And she replied, "Oh, he's been dead a long time."

Graham Claytor was born December 29, 1886 in Bedford, Va., where he spent what he describes as an eventful boyhood. Today, Bedford is one of the more than 2,300 communities served by the AGE System.

The years 1906-08 were particularly important ones to young Graham Claytor. He was graduated from V. P. I. in 1906 and took employment with the General Electric Company as a student engineer. In 1907 he joined the engineering staff of the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company. In 1908 he was married. His wife is the former Gertrude Harris Boatwright, gifted poetess whose works include the collection of poems, "Sunday in Virginia."

His rise in his chosen profession was rapid. By 1922 he was assistant general manager of the electric companies serving both Roanoke and Lynchburg, Va., owned at that time by a Philadelphia company, The American Electric Power Company. In 1923 he was named chief engineer of the latter company and two years later he was appointed its general manager.

When American Electric Power was acquired by AGE in 1926, he was transferred to New York and named operating vice president of several of AGE operating subsidiaries, including Appalachian Electric Power Company, which had assumed ownership and operation of the Roanoke and Lynchburg properties. When the AGE Service Corporation was formed in 1937 he was elected operating vice president and a director. He was elected vice president of AGE in



Graham Claytor helped conduct this demonstration in 1908 for the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company at what was then McBaine's Department Store. He is in the center. The man behind the counter at left is Kyle Marsh, now living in Washington, whose father at that time was superintendent of The Stone Printing Company. At right is Roscoe Woltz, then superintendent of light and power. This was the first electrical show held in Roanoke.



As for Mr. Claytor's future plans, he fully intends to continue to follow in retirement his favorite pastimes of sailing, hunting and fishing, golf and particularly radio. An inveterate amateur "Ham," he operates Station W2MYL at his Greenwich Village residence and in this pursuit has talked with other hams the world over. Another hint as to the future is evidenced in the fact that Mr. Claytor currently is building a summer cottage at his favorite retreat—on the shores of Claytor Lake, of course.

Coffin Award

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1943, a director in 1944 and a member of the board's executive committee in 1951. He became executive vice president of the Service Corporation last December. In addition, he is a vice president and director of all AGE operating companies, as well as a number of other smaller subsidiaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Claytor, who will observe their 50th wedding anniversary four years hence, are the parents of three sons: Graham 4th, a Washington attorney; Robert B., a Norfolk and Western Railway attorney in Roanoke; and Richard A., Lieutenant (jg) in the U. S. Navy. They also have three granddaughters and two grandsons. Their residence is at 32 Washington Square in mid-Manhattan.

Mr. Claytor served as a captain in the U. S. Army during World War I. He is a fellow of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and an honorary member of Alpha Omicron Circle and the V. P. I. chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership honor society. He is a member of the board of governors of the Railroad and Machinery Club, New York.

pounds per square inch, will operate at a boiler pressure of 4,500 p.s.i. This developmental unit will have a capacity of 120,000 kilowatts.

In its presentation, AGE traced the history of the System's pioneering in electrical and mechanical engineering and concluded with particular emphasis on the philosophy and concept of the 330,000-volt line and the 4,500-p.s.i. unit.

Aid Certificate Awarded O. C. Glover, Mullens

Okey C. Glover, Mullens line crew of the Bluefield district, has received his first aid instructor's certificate and plans to begin work immediately.

An active first aid and safety worker in the Mullens area, he hopes to conduct first aid classes among employees and community organizations. He is scout master of a Mullens Boy Scout troop and also plans to put his knowledge to use there.

A supervisor in the Ground Observer Corps of the Air Force, he has been with the company since 1940.

Illuminator Wins Copy Contest



This certificate was awarded "The Illuminator" for first place among employee newspapers in the national Public Utilities Advertising Association 1954 Better Copy Contest. "The Illuminator" competed with other employee publications among the larger companies. These were classed as Group A utilities having 400,000 or more customers. All 12 of last year's issues of "The Illuminator" were judged in the contest. There were over 2,000 entries in the 22 classifications which covered many phases of advertising and communications.

Ever Ready Club Elects New Officers



In recent elections the above employees were elected to offices in the Roanoke Ever Ready Club, composed of about 20 Negro employees. They are, from the left: J. B. Butler, treasurer; Willie E. Smith, secretary; and Lawrence E. Hopson, president.

Bluefield Division

Bluefield District

Mrs. J. S. Dodd has been appointed Junior Red Cross chairman of the Bluefield Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mary Helen Kirby, Pearisburg home economist and vice president of the Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club, attended the 47th annual convention of the Virginia Woman's Clubs in Richmond recently.

Mrs. Robert H. Stowers, wife of the substation maintenance crew employee, is recuperating at her home in Bluefield from a recent operation.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Lacy H. Wallace, Richlands, on the death of their son, and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stowers on the death of her father.

P. M. Trent, retired employee now living in Florida, visited the office recently.

J. S. Dodd, district rural and residential sales supervisor, was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the Bluestone Watershed Association.

William H. Kahle, Princeton line crew, returned to work after an illness.

Glen Lyn Plant

Mrs. R. N. Wilkinson is recuperating at home after a critical operation.

Retired employees Louis H. Wiley, J. C. Neely and R. E. Hare visited the plant during the month.

R. L. Wisley returned to work following an illness.

C. E. Jones attended the recent state safety conference in Norfolk.

Sympathy is extended Betsy Holdren on the death of her grandmother.

Pulaski District

Aulden E. Lemons, sales representative, has recently been promoted from captain to major in the Air Force Reserve. He recently returned from two weeks duty at Mitchell Field.

G. P. Williams, Jr., son of the surveying crew employee; John Blair, son of R. J. Blair, rural and residential sales; and Miller Bennington, son of Fred Bennington, Galax, were recent hospital patients and are improving.

Sympathy is extended R. J. Blair, rural and residential sales, on the death of his father.

Brownie Yeager, power sales department, attended the Business and Professional Women's Club state convention at Old Point Comfort recently. She served on the state elections committee.

Welch District

Mrs. Patricia Smith, engineering, and Frances Brooks, home economist, attended the recent state convention of Junior Woman's Clubs held in Charleston.

Roy L. Franklin, personnel, attended the recent state convention of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Bluefield.

B. E. Bates, meter supervisor, and L. H. Myers, area supervisor, attended the meeting of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors held recently in Charleston.

J. C. Smith, Jr., commercial manager, and William B. Belchee, power sales engineer, attended the West Virginia Industrial Development Conference held in Morgantown. They also attended the spring meeting of the West Virginia Coal Mining Institute.

C. R. Settle, district superintendent, has been elected a director of



the Welch Lions Club. R. H. Huff, engineering, immediate past president, will serve on the board of directors.

Betty Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Jackson of Switchback has received her B.A. degree from Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky.

New employees include McKinley Cornett, electrical engineer at Switchback; Thelma Mae Charles, junior clerk at Grundy office; Franklin P. Philpott, Jr., junior T&D clerk; and Emanuel B. Cohen, senior T&D clerk.

Abingdon District

James L. Q. Moore, Jr., bookkeeper, has been elected secretary of the Gate City Lions Club, while W. C. Lindamood, local office manager, and immediate past president of the club was named to the board of directors.

Ancel Hutton, Jr., senior general clerk, has been elected to the board of directors of the Abingdon Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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Logan District

M. R. Atkinson, administrative assistant, attended the International Convention of Kiwanis in Miami recently.

Eleanor Winter, managerial department, was elected to the board of directors of the Logan Junior Woman's Club recently.

Among the Logan persons taking a refresher course in first aid instruction recently were W. H. Honaker, assistant district superintendent, Nicholas Roomy, Jr., assistant local office manager, and H. J. Collins, district personnel supervisor. Chuck Dial, Red Cross area representative, was instructor.

Paul M. Vannoy, commercial manager, attended the industrial development conference at West Virginia University recently. Logan's mayor and a councilman accompanied Mr. Vannoy.

Edith Friend, Madison home economist, resigned May 31.

A group of town office employees and their guests held a wiener roast at Blair Mountain recently. Those attending were Ona Murray; Mary E. Davis; Allen, Mary Frances and Linda Elkins; Mr. and Mrs. P. M. and Karen Vannoy; Mrs. Dottie Lahm; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. and Nancy Jane Collins; Ruby Walls, Buddy Simmons; Mildred Hannah; Buddy Walls; Evelyn Stuckey; T. Ferrell and Chester Elkins.

John T. Shriver, residential and rural sales supervisor, has returned to work after several weeks' illness.

Nicholas Roomy, Jr., assistant local office manager, received the Scouters' Award for basic Scouter training advancement at the annual Boy Scout banquet of the Chief Cornstalk Council in Logan.

Williamson District

Employees now taking the Dale Carnegie Effective Speaking and

Human Relations course are Ernest Bevins, Jay Runyon, Woodrow Holbrook, Moir Nowlin, E. J. Clouser, Clyde Runyon, C. R. Wilson, Jr., and Claude Ward.

Sympathy is extended Kermit Epperly on the death of his grandmother.

New employees include Eddie Solovey, accounting; Vivian Ransom, commercial; Bobby Pinson, T&D line and station section; and Janet Coleman, engineering.

Summer employees include J. R. Hartzog, Jr., and Patsy R. Varney, accounting.

O. P. Cornelison and J. L. Richmond were guests of honor at a dinner recently. Both men were recently transferred out of the district.

Huntington

Employees returning to work after illnesses were Harry Irons and Pearl Lester, production department; C. N.

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K. W. Bradshaw, lineman, and Monroe Lynch, groundman, have returned to work after operations.

Fred Pierce, groundman, has returned to work after hospital treatment.

William L. Beeler, meter reader, has returned to work after an illness.



Lynchburg District

Cpl. John Cloyd recently visited his father, F. M. Cloyd, district commercial manager.

Kenneth R. Higginbottom, groundman, has returned to work after two weeks with the Seabees at Great Lakes.

Fieldale District

L. W. Jenkins, area representative, was selected as chairman of water system promotion for Henry County. G. W. Turner, also an area representative, will handle the same duties in Patrick County.

Paul Byrum, power sales engineer, returned to work after a tour with the Army.

Sympathy is extended L. B. Wood, T&D, on the death of his infant daughter.

James Percy Lawrence and James R. Rakes are new employees in the engineering section as part-time PBX operators.

Joy Webster, local accounting, has returned to work after an extended illness.

J. W. Vaughan, district commercial manager, was elected a vice chairman of the Patrick Henry district of the Boy Scouts, while Ammon Sears, area supervisor, was elected to the same post for the Patrick county area.

System

Ruth Sachers, system personnel, has returned to work after a recent opera-

tion.

Recent blood donors include J. M. Bradley and W. A. Irvin, Jr., system real estate and right-of-way department.

Mrs. Mary Hall, stenographer in the executive department, was recently elected president of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Salem Second Methodist Church.

Howard Hamilton has returned from Miami, Florida, where he attended the Kiwanis International convention as a delegate from the Roanoke club.

Roanoke District

Sympathy is extended J. B. Bell, division right-of-way agent, on the death of his mother.

J. L. White, division supervising engineer, attended a meeting of the Southeastern Electric Exchange in Miami, Florida, recently.

J. G. Brittain and F. G. Wells, local accounting, and Albert W. Cook, system commercial department, were delegates to the Grand Council meeting and convention of the United

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Pikeville District

B. P. Bogardus, district supervising engineer, was recently appointed to the Pikeville school board.

Sympathy is extended Charlie Wilson, janitor, on the death of his brother.

Ernest Brashear, distribution engineer, and Virgil Carter, collector, have returned to work following illnesses.

Mildred Louise Johnson has resigned from the accounting department.

Bowlers in the district ended their season with a banquet recently. Bill Zoellers was presented an award as outstanding bowler and the Circuit Breakers were honored as top team.

Ashland District

Bill Holbrook, distribution department, was named team manager and Buddy Preston, meter department, was elected team captain at a recent meeting of the softball team.

Tom Watkins, Jr., engineering, has resigned to accept another position.

Bettye R. McGinnis is a new purchasing department employee.

Clay C. Daniels returned to the distribution department after four years with the Air Force.

Helen Eaton, chairman, Bill Schweitzer and Dave Criswell, committee, were re-elected for another term as officers of the commercial department benevolent fund.

Hazard District

Sue Carey, home economist, attended the state convention of Business and Professional Women at Kentucky Lake State Park.

Mrs. Marvin Meadows, wife of the commercial department serviceman, is at home recovering from a recent operation.

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Charleston Division

Philip Sporn Plant

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Brown on the death of her mother, and Paul Fitzgerald on the death of his father.

Sympathy is also extended Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Sayre on the death of her father, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Clarke on the death of her father.

John Gilbert, senior bookkeeper on military leave of absence, recently visited the plant while being transferred from Texas to North Carolina.

Clarence J. Ackley, barge attendant, recently resigned.

The following Sporn plant employees are running for office in the June 1 city election in New Haven: George MacKnight, John Dyer, Bethel Vance, Tom Hoffman, Edwin Clarke, Floyd Capehart, Clayton A. Athey, Karl Wiles and Charles Weaver.

Pt. Pleasant District

Lieutenant (jg) Frank Aldred, Jr., son of F. A. Aldred, recently spent a few days leave with his family before departing for a second Korean tour of duty.

Among those donating blood were T. J. Rose, meter; W. F. Machir, record section; W. M. Pancake, engineering; Harry Chambers, stores; Paul Rairden, right-of-way; and J. R. Crump and G. C. Fowler, line and station.

Cabin Creek Plant

Linzie Vance, William Harris and W. R. Brooks have returned to work after extended illnesses.

Sympathy is extended R. W. Fleming, results clerk, on the death of his father.

G. E. Briers, results engineer, attended the Republic Control School in Chicago for one week recently.

Beckley District

Mrs. Mildred Webb, accounting, and Ruth Cokeley, Oak Hill home economist, have returned to work after illnesses.

Mrs. R. D. Smith, wife of the accounting department employee, is in a Charlottesville hospital.

New employees include Robert Leslie Martin, in the employee training program and Chester Pate and Bob Thomas, temporary employees in the T&D station section.

Kanawha River Plant

Sympathy is extended J. L. Bryant on the death of his father, and J. W. Fore on the death of his wife's mother.

Sympathy is also extended E. L. Thigpen on the death of his mother.

Jesse McClain has returned to work after recovering from injuries sustained in a plant explosion.

Charleston District

New employees include Vernon Kirk and Blair Pauley in the T&D meter section, Helen Erskine, Nitro office accounting department, and Bonnie Brown, accounting department payroll office.

Employees who resigned include Geraldine Estep, Nitro office accounting department, and Patty Horn, division commercial department.

Helen Porter, commercial department, won the monthly safety slogan contest with "Be alert, don't get

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Ralph K. Gaw Of Turner Sub Gets 35-Year Emblem



Mr. Gaw

Ralph K. Gaw, system operator at Turner substation, recently received his 35-year pin.

He started to work with the Logan County Light and Power Company in May of 1919 and held positions as ash handler, fireman, boiler water tender, oiler, auxiliary pump, turbine and switchboard operator and chief operating engineer.

In 1923 he spent three months at Windsor plant to observe line dispatching and system operation. Upon his return to Logan plant he was promoted to chief operator. Trouble dispatching then was really a problem and the chief operator was on call 24 hours a day, ready for any emergency.

Ralph was promoted in 1926 to system operator at Turner substation when the system operating department was being organized. He has since seen the system grow to its present size while serving at Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaw are residents of Dunbar where they are active in civic and church affairs. They have a son, Donald, who is a graduate of West Virginia University, a veteran and the father of a son.

Ralph is a member of the Elks Club and the Sleepy Hollow Golf Club where he likes to spend leisure hours. He also is an ardent supporter of the athletic program at Dunbar High School.

Employee's Relatives Get Graduate Degrees

Husband and brother-in-law of a Huntington district employee became the first brothers to receive graduate degrees at the same time in West Virginia University history recently.

G. Wayne Smith, husband of Pat Smith, Huntington commercial department employee, received a doctorate in history. Mr. Smith's brother received a master's degree in electrical engineering at the same commencement exercises.

Mrs. Smith joined the company on August 1, 1948.

R. B. Allen Elected To Bancroft Position

R. B. Allen, collector in the Nitro-St. Albans area office in the Charleston district, was elected to the Bancroft Water Commission for four years. Three men serve on the commission.

The town of Bancroft, incorporated in 1952, built a water system at a cost of \$216,000. It also will serve three nearby communities.



Mr. Allen

AGE General Lab Set Up In Huntington Service Building

Huntington's new service building is unique in our service area because it houses the General Laboratory of the AGE Service Corporation.

This modern, well-equipped lab will be used to make numerous chemical tests and investigations associated with the operations of the AGE system. The lab is directed by R. G. Call, assisted by W. F. Huss, and has 14 employees.

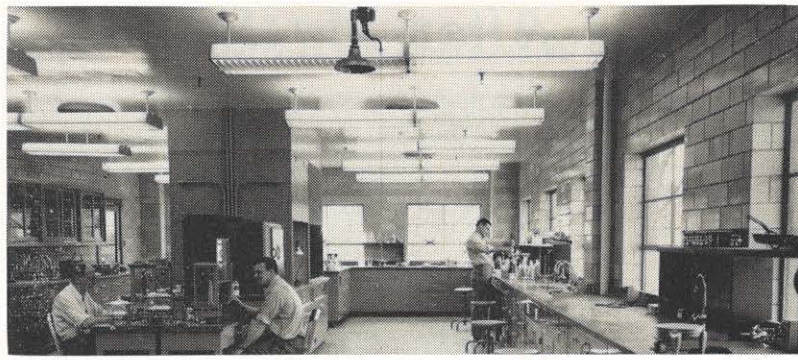
It occupies 8,500 square feet of the building's second floor. In addition to separate rooms for the various types of analytical work, it consists of offices, library, shop and darkroom.

Included are laboratories for oil, paint, coal, metallurgy, microscopy and general chemistry. Space also has been provided for future installation of spectrographic, X-ray defraction and test boiler equipment.

The oil laboratory is one of the most complete in the electric industry for testing insulating and lubricating oils. New oils, and frequently oils in service, are tested by many types of equipment to determine their suitability for use.

The coal lab is fully equipped to determine the heat content, ash fusion temperatures, grindability, volatile characteristics, moisture, ash, sulfur and fineness of the various types of coal used at AGE system plants.

The general chemistry lab is used principally for chemical analysis of water and various deposits. The paint lab seeks to improve the AGE paint specifications by testing samples supplied by manufacturers. Tests are made by brush or spray painting test specimens of various materials and subjecting them to various physical



Working in the general chemical analysis room on the second floor of the new Huntington service building are, from the left: J. H. Leist, A. L. Carrman and T. H. Langstaff. This is only one of several rooms used for the various types of analytical work by the General Laboratory staff of the AGE Service Corp.

tests and to two types of life tests. Part of the life tests is made by placing samples on exposure racks at Wheeling and Charleston. Other life tests are accelerated by placing the samples in a weatherometer, where they are subjected to short intense cycles of ultraviolet radiation, water spray, etc.

The laboratory is air conditioned to eliminate dust and the effects of changing room temperatures on the various tests. Distilled water is supplied by an automatic still equipped with a pressure distribution system.

Abingdon . . .

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Robert J. Weisfield, area sales representative, attended the recent state Chamber of Commerce convention in Washington.

Joe E. Collins, residential and rural sales supervisor, has returned to work after an operation, while A. D. Rosenbalm, lineman, has returned after an extended illness.

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hurt."

Sympathy is extended Joe Witts, North Charleston office janitor, on the death of his mother.

Girls in the district recently held the first wiener roast of the season at Daniel Boone Park.

Dorothy J. Morris is a new employee replacing Betty LeFevre, who resigned, in local accounting. Betty Sue Speas is a new employee in the Montgomery accounting department.

E. C. Flannery, division office manager, was elected manager of the district softball team.

Hazard . . .

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Lewis Craft, Bruce Muncy, Bob Bibb and Jack Caudill, commercial department, attended the Cincinnati-New York baseball game in Cincinnati recently. They were the district's winners in the individual sales promotion contest which closed recently.

J. W. Scholtens, assistant district manager, and A. R. Barber, district manager, took part in the Hazard Lions Club minstrel recently. Mr. Scholtens was an end man and Mr. Barber a member of the chorus.

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Chapman, transportation; Diane Van-Osdol, system billing; Jim M. Wy-song and Ann L. Kennedy, commercial; and Stella Butterick and Betty G. Adkins, T&D records section.

New employees include Barbara Leitner, Hope Adkins and Alberta C. Lunsford, accounting; Dorothy M. Phelps, temporary meter employee; and Ruby Jean Stanley, division commercial.

Sympathy is extended Dorcas H. Lindsey on the death of her father.

R. S. Brashear Gets Beckley Promotion

R. S. Brashear, Beckley district commercial manager, was promoted to district superintendent on May 1.



Mr. Brashear

Employed as a distribution engineer at Hazard by the Kentucky company in 1933, he transferred in 1942 to Charleston district distribution department. He later went to the commercial department as power sales engineer.

In 1950 he was promoted to Beckley district commercial manager. He is married, the father of two children. He is a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers and the New River Winding Gulf Electrical, Mechanical and Mining Institute.

R. A. McConnell Of Kingsport Dies

Robert A. McConnell, Kingsport meter reader, died May 11 at his home in Church Hill. Death was due to a heart condition.

Born at Gate City, Virginia, he was 41 years old. He came with the company in June of 1948 in the engineering department as a rodman. In 1949 he assumed his duties of a meter reader.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son. Funeral services were held at Jenkin's Chapel in Hawkins County, Tennessee.



Mr. McConnell

Aerial Bug Drops In On Employee's Farm

David Criswell had someone "drop in" to see him on his farm. The Ashland district area sales representative had a helicopter land on his land at Hutchins.

The craft belongs to a large construction company which has a job nearby involving 300 workers. By using the "aerial bug" the company can send officials on liaison work.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Bluefield District—20 YEARS: C. L. Stacey, District Commercial Manager; 10 YEARS: Juanita L. Crouch, Accounting Dept.; J. R. Pendleton, Jr., T&D Dept.

Charleston District—30 YEARS: O. M. Smith, Accounting Dept.; 15 YEARS: C. R. S. Garten, Accounting Dept.; 10 YEARS: R. E. Larabee, Division T&D Dept.; 5 YEARS: Sylbia M. Hinchman, Commercial Dept.; Kyle Wilson, Montgomery T&D Line Section.

Cabin Creek Plant—10 YEARS: Edward Huffman, Boiler Maint. Helper.

Glen Lyn Steam Plant—10 YEARS: Kyle Wade, Mech. Maint. Man; H. W. Dent, Mech. Maint. Helper; J. L. Wiley, Utility Operator A.

Huntington District—5 YEARS: Bernard L. Moore, Commercial Dept.

Logan District—10 YEARS: Mary L. Goodman, Commercial Dept.

Logan Plant—10 YEARS: W. G. Workman, Coal Conveyor Operator; A. R. Evans, Auxiliary Equipment Operator.

Lynchburg District—25 YEARS: Charles H. McCarthy, Jr., Hydro Operator B, Reusens Hydro Plant; 20 YEARS: Clarence D. McCarthy, Hydro Maint. Mech. A, Reusens Hydro Plant; Robert H. Porter, T&D Line and Station Section.

Point Pleasant District—30 YEARS: J. L. Twitty, Meter Supervisor; 5 YEARS: J. K. Shinn, Engineering Asst.

Pulaski District—20 YEARS: Stanley C. Smith.

Roanoke District—40 YEARS: H. C. Arthur, District Station Dept.; 25 YEARS: J. T. McClain, Managerial Dept.; 20 YEARS: A. J. Hendricks, Building Service Dept.

System—40 YEARS: H. P. Dodd, System Accounting Dept.; 35 YEARS: R. K. Gaw, System Operating Dept.; 30 YEARS: H. C. Williams, System Substation Dept.

Philip Sporn Plant—5 YEARS: Paul E. Huber; Dwight K. Sayre; William W. Wentzell; Clyde T. Clark.

Welch District—20 YEARS: Emory C. Brown, Station Man A, Switch-back.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District—30 YEARS: Harry B. Matney, Meter Dept.

Hazard District—5 YEARS: Colcene Branson, Accounting Dept.; Nell Bittram, Managerial Dept.

Pikeville District—10 YEARS: James Bailey, Auto Mechanic Helper.

Coal Never Had It So Good!



This bevy of beauties, including a company employee, are Queen Bituminous XII and her court, who will preside at the Biennial Southern Appalachian Coal Exhibit in Bluefield May 26-28. Held last time in Cleveland, Ohio, the show alternates between the two cities. Hundreds of manufacturers will exhibit everything from a gadget to hundred-ton monsters, all of interest and value in producing coal. Queen Bituminous, alias Ann Francisco of Pocahontas, perches on a coal car in the Pocahontas Exhibition Mine. With her are, from the left: Laura Blankenship of Coalwood; Iris Sykes, junior clerk in the Bluefield office, and Betty Lou Dotson, Keystone.

Wandered Into Mountains

Little Lost Girl Found After Big Search

Lost: One small, 2½-year-old girl. Last seen playing in her yard. Believed to have wandered into nearby mountain wilds. May be identified by two pet dogs accompanying her. **Reward:** A hug for the rescuer and the fervent thanks of her parents.

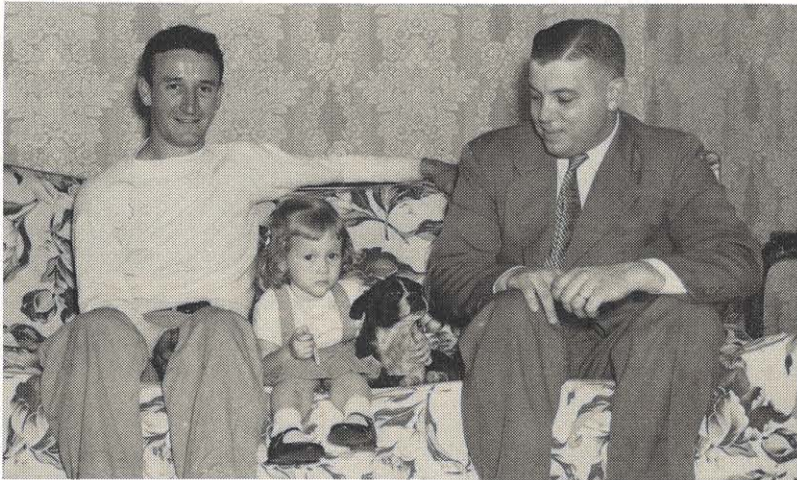
No such ad appeared in a newspaper but it tells the story of Debbie Lynn Johnson, small daughter of Bill Johnson, Logan district employee. Debbie decided one evening to take her pet dog out to play. She, her bull dog, Scampy, and Boy, a dog belonging to her grandfather, T. H. Johnson, Logan plant guard, wandered into the mountains near Logan about 7 p. m. Soon 300 volunteers answered the parents' plea for a search.

About this time Orville Napier, Logan plant employee, was painting in the basement of his home. He heard that the child was missing and joined a search party. When the search party's attempts appeared futile, Orville decided to strike out on his own. He put himself in the place of a child, wondering what he would do if that young and lost in the mountains.

Skirting all obstacles that would be insurmountable to a child, Orville crept along cautiously for 1,200 feet. Then he heard dogs barking in the distance.

He was hurrying along in that direction when something nipped his heel. A bit startled, he whirled and flashed his light into the eyes of a tail-wagging dog. At the sight he regained his composure and flashed his light around the immediate area.

And sitting under some brush,



Very happy to be home are the two little figures in the middle. The girl is Debbie Lynn Johnson, who wandered away from home, and the dog is Scampy, whose barking brought a rescuer to his mistress' side. On the left is Debbie's father, Bill Johnson, Logan district employee, and on the right is Orville Napier, Logan plant employee who found Debbie in the mountains.

silent and still, was little Debbie. Orville went over and she grabbed him tightly around the neck. She said she wasn't scared, but her little legs were scratched and she sniffled with the beginning of a cold.

Orville said later that his happiest moment was when he could place the little girl in the arms of her father. Debbie's mother asked the child where she had been.

Debbie gave a reply typical of a child who loves her pets: "I've been after Paw's puppy and Scampy, and they were mean and they wouldn't come home. Take me home and give me a bath."

And home they went. Little Debbie has recovered except for the cold and a few touches of poison ivy. Boy, Debbie's grandfather's dog, rejoined his master. And Scampy, the

dog who led Orville to the dramatic rescue, is glad to be home, too.

Glen Lyn Employees Play For Jaycee Convention

E. C. Weatherly and Ervin E. Thompson, Glen Lyn employees, recently entertained at the annual banquet of the West Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce convention in Bluefield recently.

Harry Spenceley Of System Sub Retires In June



Mr. Spenceley

Harry Spenceley, system substation foreman at the Roanoke 132 kv station, retired the first of this month after 21 years of service.

"Spence" was born in Kent County, England, and went to Canada in 1912 to work as an electrician in the Hollinger Gold Mines in Ontario where the temperature often was 40 to 50 below zero, with winter lasting nine months. He entered the United States in 1918 and worked as an electrician in Detroit.

He was employed by I&M at South Bend and later spent two years with the Duquesne Light Company in Pittsburgh. He joined Appalachian as an electrician in 1933.

In the 21 years with the company he has had experience with many kinds of construction and maintenance work, from wiring switchboard panels to overhauling and rebuilding heavy pieces of equipment like transformers, circuit breakers and condensers.

Having traveled over the entire system as a member of the system substation department, he is well known. Between 1933 and 1950 he was active in softball and is remembered as a good pitcher.

After he and Mrs. Spenceley vacation in Florida, they will continue to live in Roanoke where he expects to do a few odd jobs, and spend a lot of time playing golf and following his hobby of photography.

Employee's Son Gets Youth Of Month Title

Bobby Carpenter was recently chosen "Youth of the Month" by the Tug Valley Junior Woman's Club and the *Williamson Daily News*.



Bobby Carpenter

Son of R. L. Carpenter, Williamson T&D department, Bobby was awarded a certificate by Lahoma Maynard, president of the woman's club. He is a member of the Hi-Y, the Key Club, and is master councillor for the DeMolay Chapter. A member of the school band for five years, he is on the band committee. He is a member of the First Methodist Church, where he serves as assistant secretary of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and has been elected president for the coming term.

He enjoys sports, television, fishing and traveling and plans to be a mortician upon finishing school.

Unusual Bake Sale Held At Pt. Pleasant

Appalachian cooperated with the Pt. Pleasant Lions Club recently in helping the club to raise funds for one of its charities.

Fifteen members of the Pt. Pleasant Lions Club baked their favorite recipes on electric ranges installed in a new Kroger store in Pt. Pleasant. The ranges were installed in the front of the store along with all the necessary cooking utensils and ingredients which were furnished by Kroger.

Home economist Anna Wetzel of Pt. Pleasant and Mrs. Sybil Miller, home economist for Thomas Field Company in Charleston, helped the members of the Lions Club to mix their recipes.

After the baking was over the members of the club sold their products and realized \$37 for the club. The Lions Club members hastened to point out that no ready mixes were used.

W. Bowman Ends 24 Years Of Service With June Retirement



Mr. Bowman

Walker Bowman, a veteran of 24 years service in the Hazard District, retired June 1.

He joined the company in March, 1930, as a member of the line department, headed by H. D. Shuck, now retired. Later he was transferred to Hazard plant where he worked until retirement. He worked for the Piedmont Oil Company as a teamster before joining the company.

Mr. Bowman was born in Beattyville, Lee County, Kentucky, on May 31, 1889, and returned to his farm in that county after retiring.

Watkins Goes To Division Post; Darrah Successor



Mr. Watkins



Mr. Darrah

T. M. Watkins, Williamson district manager, assumed new duties as assistant to the manager of the Huntington division on June 1.

At the same time C. C. Darrah, Beckley district assistant manager, succeeds Mr. Watkins as Williamson district manager.

A veteran of more than 40 years' service in the electric utility field, Mr. Watkins became associated with the American Gas and Electric Company at Hazard. He was associated with the Kentucky company at Hazard and Pikeville before becoming Williamson district manager in 1943.

He has been active in civic affairs in Williamson, serving as vice president of the chamber of commerce, president of the city park board, a member of the Kiwanis Club and a member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Watkins is married and the father of two children.

Mr. Darrah, a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has been associated with Appalachian since 1931 when he was employed as a meter tester in Charleston. He has been assistant manager at Beckley since 1947. Prior to that time he served as assistant district manager at Williamson and held other positions at Welch and with Kentucky at Hazard.

He is a member of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, past president of the New River and Winding Gulf Electrical and Mechanical Institute, past president of the Beckley Rotary Club and has been active in other civic affairs. He is married and has one child.

Sporn Plant Plays Host To Ohio Engineer Class

Tour of the plant, a movie and talks were on the agenda when Philip Sporn plant recently played host to the Ohio University engineering class.

The group saw the movie "In Our Part of the Country" and listened to Joe Edwards, supervisor of employee relations for Ohio Power Company, who spoke on company opportunities for graduating engineers, and Paul T. Schneider, who discussed Sporn plant.

The entire group was then taken on a tour of the plant.

Claytor Toured



Approximately 35 engineering students at Virginia Military Institute were conducted on a tour of Claytor hydro plant recently. Shown above with a few of the cadets is Paul Johnson, hydro supervising engineer, who explained operations to them. Col. J. S. Jamison, Jr., head of VMI's electrical engineering department, accompanied the cadets.

Milford Layne Wins Vacation Contest

Milford Layne doesn't have to worry about vacation plans. His are already made.



Mr. Layne

The engineering record clerk in the Pikeville district won \$450 cash and \$150 in accommodations at Daytona Beach Florida, in a recent Jaycee contest. He was presented his prize by Ernie Brashear, distribution engineer who is president of the Pikeville Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Logan Employees Complete Course



Part of the 58 Logan district employees who recently completed the Westinghouse transformer course are shown above at a dinner honoring them. Other employees were honored at a similar dinner. G. F. Schwartz, district engineer, was instructor for the two classes. Edward J. Wood was his assistant. All men completing the six-week course received certificates. Mr. Schwartz was given a fishing rod and reel by his students. Identified above are, from the left: E. L. Adkins, F. X. Coffey, Floyd Hayner, O. F. Toalston, V. C. Mauck, Forest Browning, H. K. Spears, Hugh Stillman, A. C. Fife, Nicholas Roomy, Jr., Boyd Richardson, G. F. Schwartz, H. J. Collins, T. L. Henritze, Hursten Swiney, G. F. LeGrande, Merrill Atkinson, D. A. Kinser, Paul Hager, Harold Trussell, W. K. Shelton and James Sullivan.

A. R. Barber Of Hazard Presented High Scout Honor

A. R. Barber, Hazard district manager, received the Silver Beaver Scout Award at the Annual Appreciation Dinner of the Lonesome Pine Council.

Highest award given in the Council, Mr. Barber was presented the Silver Beaver for his distinguished service to boyhood at a meeting April 26 at the Green Meadow Country Club in Pikeville.

Recently elected vice president of the Council, he is also finance chairman for the district. He was chairman of the Kentucky River District in 1949 and 1950 when the district had the greatest percentage of membership increase of any district in the Scout Council. In Hazard he is committee chairman of Troop 90 of the First Presbyterian Church where he is a deacon and Sunday School superintendent.

In addition to Scout work, he is president of the Hazard Chamber of Commerce, vice president and director of the Kentucky River Development Association, vice president and director of the Memorial Gymnasium and a member of the advisory board of the Salvation Army.

D. P. Minichan Heads Pulaski Rotary Club

D. P. Minichan has been elected president of the Pulaski Rotary Club. The Pulaski district manager will serve during the 1954-55 term.

Mr. Minichan was elevated to the presidency from his 1954 term of vice president of the club.

An active civic worker, Mr. Minichan joined the company on September 4, 1930, as a salesman in the Roanoke district. During the next 15 years he rose to senior power engineer, and on January 1, 1946, became commercial manager. In August of that same year he was named division commercial engineer and on January 1, 1947, became Pulaski district manager.

Ceramics Hobby Is Bluefield Business



Often a hobby will turn into a profitable business. That's what happened to Mrs. Frances Gills, left above, and Anne Kell. Several years ago they took up ceramics as a hobby, and became so successful at it that they decided to open their own studio. Mrs. Gills, wife of C. T. Gills, Bluefield garage supervisor, and Miss Kell now teach the art of ceramics as well as sell the finished product and student supplies. Under the name K&G Ceramic Studio, they make and sell trays, lamps, clocks, figurines and other ornaments. These items are baked in an electric kiln at a temperature of 1900°. Their students have formed a ceramic club, sponsored by the two ladies.

They Put It On The Line

Meal Takes Much Work At Kanawha Plant

Wholesome food in a gleaming atmosphere. That's what employees at Kanawha River plant get in their new cafeteria.

Both regular and guest customers agree that the cafeteria offers everything needed for eating pleasure.

But much work and attention to details went on behind the scenes of the food counter. Herbert Shearer, operator, and his staff worked long and hard to make the kitchen, as well as the eating space, what an employee would want.

The accompanying photographs tell the story of the work that went on before that first meal could be served.



Gleaming in all its shining splendor is the Kanawha cafeteria. The kitchen is behind the serving counter.



Herbert Shearer, left, operator of the cafeteria, and W. M. Cornett, plant personnel supervisor, go over some of the plans of operation.



After literally tons of food have been bought and interviews made to fill his staff, Mr. Shearer and his assistants begin preparation of the first meal, a major task. Food is cooked in large quantities. The first day the cafeteria served not only employees but 150 guests.



Now the tenseness begins. With a wide variety of food prepared, Mr. Shearer and his staff anxiously await their first customer.



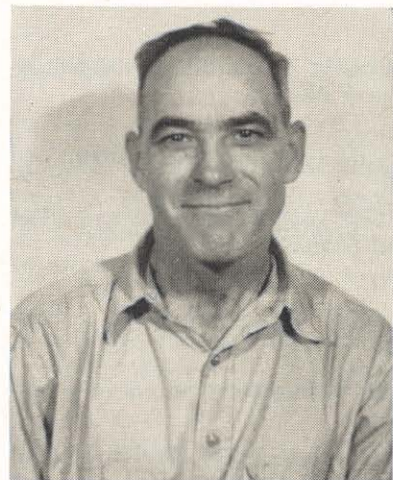
And here they come! Employees pour through the cafeteria door. Now Mr. Shearer and his staff can begin planning tomorrow's meal.

President Philip Sporn Elected Club Director

Philip Sporn, president of AGE and our three companies, has been elected a director of The Economic Club of New York.

The non-partisan club is composed of business, industrial and financial leaders. Its objectives are the analysis of economic, social, governmental and international problems through open discussion and the development of informed opinion on those issues that affect public policy.

R. E. Hastings, Of Cabin Creek, Dies Suddenly At Work



Mr. Hastings

Ronald E. Hastings, plant janitor at Cabin Creek, died suddenly while at work April 29.

The 52-year-old man had been an employee at Cabin Creek since March 17, 1943. He is survived by his mother and four brothers. Two of them, S. V. and L. E. Hastings, are also employees at the plant.

Mr. Hastings was a lifelong resident of Kanawha County, and a member of Chelvan Methodist Church, and Olive Branch Lodge No. 38, IOOF, of Marmet.

Funeral services were held at his church May 1 and burial was in Montgomery Memorial Park.

Employee And Husband Of Employee Are Officers In New Welch Jaycees

The newly formed Junior Chamber of Commerce in Welch has elected the husband of an employee as its first president and an employee as its first secretary.

Don Smith, husband of Pat Smith, Welch district engineering department, is the new Jaycee president. Roy Franklin, Jr., personnel assistant, is the organization's first secretary.

Both of these men were active in organizing the Welch chapter. The charter was presented to the group at a recent meeting.

Employee's Son Is Knighted For Grades

James Henderson was recently made a Knight of the Golden Horseshoe by West Virginia's Governor Marland.



James Henderson

The honor came when the youth finished high in Mason County's Golden Horseshoe test on eighth grade West Virginia history. He was second with a score of 166. James is the son of Paul Henderson, first assistant shift operating engineer at Sporn plant. A student at Wahama High School, he plays a clarinet in the school band and is president of the Luther League of the New Haven Lutheran Church.

Kennedy Elected To Bank Board

D. C. Kennedy, manager of the Lynchburg district, recently was elected a member of the board of directors of the Lynchburg National Bank and Trust Company.

Mr. Kennedy, a 21-year veteran of the company, is active in other civic affairs. He is a past president and member of the Exchange Club; vice chairman of the Lynchburg Planning Commission; member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Oakwood Country Club; and a member of the board of directors of Central Virginia Industries, Inc.

He is a native of Charleston and was graduated from West Virginia University in 1932 with a degree in electrical engineering.

Glen Lyn Dancers



Children of Glen Lyn employees who recently participated in a dance recital at Rich Creek Theatre are, front row, from the left: Glynda and Drema McClaugherty, daughters of R. K. McClaugherty. Second row, from the left: Sally Knight, daughter of O. S. Knight; Susan Archer, daughter of C. E. Archer; Carolyn and Linda McClaugherty, also daughters of C. K. McClaugherty; and Charles Johnson, son of H. P. Johnson.

Had To See It To Believe It



"It ain't so," said Joe Lewey, Pearisburg area serviceman in the Bluefield district, when he saw this meter housed in a tea kettle. But it was. Seems a customer was doing a major remodeling job on his house and accidentally broke the glass meter cover. In order to keep the rain out of the meter until its cover could be replaced, the customer cut out the bottom of an old aluminum tea kettle and fastened it as shown above. It does the job nicely.

H. P. Dodd Sees 40 Years' Service With Appalachian



Mr. Dodd

H. P. Dodd, assistant disbursing agent at Roanoke, was recently awarded his 40-year service pin.

Mr. Dodd was first employed in the utility business in May of 1914 as a bookkeeper in the local accounting office of what was then the Appalachian Power Company, Bluefield. He transferred to Roanoke in 1930 in the system accounting department.

Promoted to departmental supervisor in 1934, he rose to his present position in February of 1950. He also serves as assistant disbursing agent of Kingsport Utilities and Kanawha Valley Power Company.

An elder in the First Presbyterian Church, he is active in civic affairs. He is a member of Lakeland Lodge 190, A. F. and A. M., Roanoke, York Rite Masonic Bodies, Bluefield, and a member of the Shrines' Uni Kedem Temple in Charleston. He also is a past master of Mercer Lodge No. 160 in Bluefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodd are the parents of two children, a daughter who lives in Roanoke and a son who is a student at the Medical College of Virginia. They have two grandchildren.

C. B. Talley's Son On Magazine Cover

Vincent C. Talley, analytical engineer with GE at Schenectady, was featured on the front cover of the May issue of Electrical Engineering. He is the son of C. B. Talley, Charleston district manager.

Vincent received his B.S. degree in electrical engineering at Ohio University in 1950 and his Masters at the University of Michigan in 1951. Following his graduation he was employed by GE and assigned to the analytical department. He is married and the father of a child born May 18.

Jerry R. Whitehurst Is Jaycee President

Jerry R. Whitehurst has been elected president of the Princeton Junior Chamber of Commerce.



Mr. Whitehurst

The Bluefield district area sales representative is a charter member of the club and served as a director last year. Mr. Whitehurst joined the company on July 3, 1950, as an engineer trainee out of Roanoke system. When he completed this program on January 1, 1951, he was assigned as an agricultural sales engineer to Bluefield. On October 1, 1952, he was reclassified to his present position.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Beckley District

Thomas Lee Humphries from Appliance Serviceman B to Appliance Serviceman A.
 Fred O. Helm from Power Sales Engineer, Jr., Beckley district to Power Sales Engineer, Sr., Charleston district.
 Owney C. Hall from Area Supervisor "A," Rainelle to Area Supervisor "A," Oak Hill.
 William W. Ford from Power Sales Engineer, Jr., Rainelle to Power Sales Engineer, Sr., Beckley.

Charleston District

Floyd H. Taylor, Jr. from Power Sales Engineer, Jr., Charleston district to Point Pleasant district.
 C. H. Hawes from Inspector, Jr., to Line Inspector, T&D Line Section.
 D. F. Boggess from Inspector, Jr., to Line Inspector, T&D Line Section.

Huntington District

Victor D. Altizer from Record Clerk to Head Material Clerk, Stores Dept.
 Louise E. Brown from Sec.-Stenographer to Private Secretary, Jr., Division Managerial Dept.
 Liston E. Ernest from Jr. Clerk to Jr. PBX Operator.
 Stella F. Buttrick from Clerk-Stenographer to Jr. T&D Clerk, T&D, Record Section.
 Randall M. Hogsett, Jr. from Jr. Power Billing Clerk to Sr. Mdse. Order and Billing Clerk, Commercial Dept.
 Edsel D. Staten from Jr. Cashier, Accounting Dept. to Jr. Power Billing Clerk, Commercial Dept.
 Sue Coleman from Clerk-Stenographer to Sec.-Stenographer, Division Personnel Dept.
 Doris A. Schuster from Clerk-Stenographer to Sec.-Stenographer, Division Commercial Dept.
 Jane Swann from Bill Listing and Checking Clerk to Jr. Billing Machine Operator, System Billing Dept.
 Richard Baumgardner from Groundman to Truck Driver-Groundman, T&D Dept., Line Section.
 Frederick W. LeMaster Turbine Aux. Equipment Operator A, to Turbine Operator A, Production.
 George W. Keyser Utility Operator A to Turbine Aux. Equipment Operator A, Production.
 J. B. Browning from Coal Conv. Operator-Utility Man to Utility Operator A, Production.

Kanawha River Plant

S. V. Caudle from Welch district to Kanawha River Plant.

Logan District

W. M. Hill from Meter Serviceman C to Meter Serviceman B.
 J. M. Sullivan from Station Man Helper to Station Man C.
 Mary Elizabeth Davis from Clerk-Stenographer to Stenographer.

Pulaski District

Ann S. Poe from Sr. Contract Clerk to Contract Entry and Final Bill Clerk.

Philip Sporn Plant

Donald C. Brown from Chief Chemist, Logan Plant to Chief Chemist, Philip Sporn Plant.

Welch District

Perry Hatmaker, Jr. from Sr. Distribution Record Clerk to Area Sales Representative.
 Alfred Perdue from Field Time and Material Clerk to Sr. T&D Clerk, Record Section.

Williamson District

Ruby Jean Stanley from Engineering Dept., Williamson to Huntington district office.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District

John Moran from Distribution Engineer to Head of Electrical Section, Engineering Dept.
 Emil Green from Engineering Aid to Distribution Engineer, Electrical Section.
 Dish Nash from Distribution Dept. to Construction Section, Engineering Dept.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

Kingsport

Arnold D. Reynolds from Meter Serviceman B to Meter Serviceman A.
 Marbeth G. Carrol from Jr. Bookkeeper to Sr. Bookkeeper.

Ohio Power Man Is Promoted To Wheeling

W. J. Stewart, assistant southern division manager of The Ohio Power Company, has been promoted to assistant general manager of Wheeling Electric Company. The promotion was effective the first of last month.

Roanokers Win Dinner

Cashiers in the Roanoke office were honored with a dinner recently by O. C. Caldwell, local office manager. The cashiers balanced perfectly for April.

They include Norma Jean Fields, D. B. Stoner, Mary Nelson and Mary Lou Wirt.

Veterans Receive Service Pins



Veterans receiving service pins for 20 or more years service are pictured above. TOP ROW, from the left, all 30 years: H. C. Williams, system; C. K. Thigpen, Charleston; O. M. Smith, Charleston; Harry B. Matney, Ashland. SECOND ROW, from the left: J. L. Twitty, Point Pleasant, 30 years; C. H. McCarthy, Jr., Lynchburg, 25 years; J. T. McLain, Roanoke, 25 years; A. J. Hendricks, Roanoke, 20 years. THIRD ROW, from the left, all 20 years: R. H. Porter, Lynchburg; C. D. McCarthy, Lynchburg; Frank K. Umberger, Jr., Kingsport; Paul M. Vannoy, Logan. BOTTOM ROW, from the left, all 20 years: Stanley C. Smith, Pulaski; Oakley E. Freeman, Huntington; C. L. Stacey, Bluefield; Emory C. Brown, Welch.

H. C. Arthur Saw Temporary Job Last 40 Years At Roanoke



Mr. Arthur

A temporary job grew into 40 years of service for H. C. Arthur, Roanoke district stationman. He was presented his diamond-studded service pin by W. P. Booker, district manager, in May.

Mr. Arthur jokingly says he was first employed temporarily for two weeks with the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company when he was 17 years old at the Walnut Avenue plant. He worked on both maintenance and operations.

When the Walnut Avenue plant was taken out of operation in 1953, he was a turbine operator. He then transferred to the district station department as stationman.

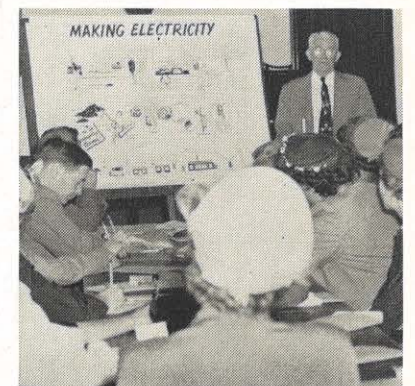
Married, he is the father of a married daughter. He attends Belmont Christian Church.

C. H. Allen Elected Assistant Treasurer

Clyde H. Allen, 41-year veteran with AGE, has been elected an assistant treasurer of the AGE Service Corporation.

Mr. Allen succeeds M. A. Tinkham, who retired April 1, as head of AGE's bill checking department, a part of the company's auditing function. Starting in 1913 with the Rockford, Ill., Electric Company, then an AGE subsidiary, Mr. Allen went to the AGE office in New York in 1922. He has been engaged in auditing work on field records of the System since that date.

B-E Day Tour



L. H. Saunders, Bluefield division personnel supervisor, is shown discussing "History, Development and the Part Appalachian Plays in the Community," with a group of school teachers. The event took place when Bluefield observed its annual Business-Education Day recently. The teachers were conducted on a tour of Bluefield facilities by C. L. Shockey, personnel supervisor; Ira W. Henderson, administrative assistant; and J. W. Compton, district superintendent.

Children's Favorite

Response To Recent Reddy Kilowatt Comic Book Offer Shows Popularity

Just mention Reddy Kilowatt in company areas and you'll get many instant responses of recognition. People will say, "Oh, you mean that real lively little fellow on TV who jumps around all the time and gets so much done at once."

Reddy has become a popular fellow, and especially with the children, since his recent limited offer on WSAZ-TV in Huntington of his comic book, "Reddy Made Magic." Cavorting all over the television screen, Reddy offered the book to everyone, and latest figures show that about 500 books have been mailed out.

This represents over 120 communities in the Bluefield, Charleston and Huntington division areas and Kentucky Power Company and Ohio Power Company areas.

The letters, written only the way a child can write, best express Reddy's appeal. One little girl who signed herself "Your friend," said "I look at everything he 'dose' on TV." He's been called Ready Kill-a-watt and Freddy Kilowatt, but whatever the



Jane Abbott and Christine Christy, Charleston personnel office, answer requests for Reddy comic books.

name it's still Reddy.

One of the most heartwarming letters came from a Precious, W. Va., girl, who wrote: "My girl friend gave me two copies of Reddy Kilowatt and I gave one of the two to a sick boy and I would like to know if you would send me 20 more copies for sick people and some of my friends." Her request was promptly filled.

Another youngster said: "My brother and I love you very much we like you on TV. My daddy has a tie clasp of you. My mommy and the family sing your song everywhere, and at home to."

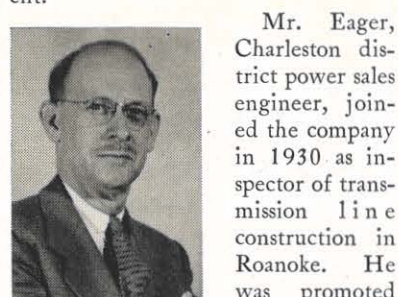
Another request stated: "Please send me 10 comic books. I want one for each one of my brothers and sisters. But if you can't spare that many, please send me one. I enjoy seeing that little Killowatt man."

Along with a drawing of Reddy wishing him a Happy Easter, a little girl also enclosed an interesting letter which read: "Dear Ready Kilowatt, I would like to have a book of yours. I think that you are so quiet on TV. Could you send me a picture of you. I have a picture of Imogene Coca and Dinah Sore. Give all my love to everyone. Would you send me a letter."

Whatever the letters said, they showed that Reddy is becoming a real personality. These are tomorrow's customers; the way Reddy's doing things, they will be satisfied customers.

E. F. Eager Succeeds Brashear At Beckley

Eugene F. Eager has been named Beckley district commercial manager to succeed R. S. Brashear, who recently moved to district superintendent.



Mr. Eager

Mr. Eager, Charleston district power sales engineer, joined the company in 1930 as inspector of transmission line construction in Roanoke. He was promoted to assistant valuation engineer in 1931; in 1936 he was transferred to AGE in the same capacity. He has been in the Charleston commercial department since 1948 dealing principally with coal mining customers.

Born September 1, 1905, at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, he attended Knoxville public schools and the University of Tennessee. He received his degree in civil engineering from Georgia Tech in 1928.

He is active in the Kanawha Valley Mining Institute, Charleston Electric League, and is a Mason, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the National Rifle Association. A member of the First Presbyterian Church, he is married.

R. V. Schussler, AGE, Dies Suddenly

Ralph V. Schussler, system operating department of the New York office, died suddenly at his home in East Orange, N. J., April 6.

He had been with AGE since 1927, beginning with the Atlantic City Electric Company. From 1939 to 1948 he worked in the New York valuation department and in 1948 was transferred to the Bluefield district distribution department. In 1951 he went back to the New York office.

He was active in Masonic work in Bluefield and was past worthy patron of Bluefield Chapter 66 of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was also area secretary of the American Bowling Congress.

A member of Trinity Methodist Church in Bluefield, he is survived by his wife, two daughters and one granddaughter.

Ohio's J. B. Whitmer Named To OVEC Post

Jeffrey B. Whitmer, personnel assistant in Ohio Power's Canton general office, has been appointed wage and salary supervisor of OVEC.

Mr. Whitmer has been with Ohio Power since 1940. He attended Akron University and is a veteran of World War II.

Roanoke . . .

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Commercial Travelers of America held recently at Hotel Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Goggin attended the Maccabees convention in Richmond recently. He is employed in local accounting.

Mrs. Mary Nelson, cashier, was given a surprise house warming by local accounting employees. Hostesses were Norma Fields, Evelyn Akers, Mary White Jacobs and Dot Mason.

Recent blood donors include R. A. Armistead, line and station department; M. L. Waggoner, local accounting; and E. W. Holland and A. R. Martin, Rocky Mount.

Sympathy is extended Gordon Brown, serviceman, on the death of his sister.

O. B. Murphy, appliance service, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Mrs. W. W. Scott, wife of the line department employee, has returned home after a recent operation.

J. D. Lawrence, assistant division manager, has been appointed to the fire safety committee of the State Chamber of Commerce by its president.

A. M. Beatty, stores department, has returned to work after a recent operation.

Florida Meeting Place Of Retired Employees



Two Beckley retired employees recently had a reunion in Florida. L. H. "Jack" Williams, retired foreman, visited W. D. "Uncle Bill" Cox, former general foreman in the Beckley district. The photo above is evidence of Jack's statement that the fishing was good. In the picture from the left are Mrs. Williams, Mr. Cox and Mr. Williams.

Ten Employees Contribute Articles To April Issue Of AGE Operating Notes



Mr. Moore



Mr. Carnifax



Mr. Hesson



Mr. Payne



Mr. Unangst



Mr. Frazier



Mr. Baker



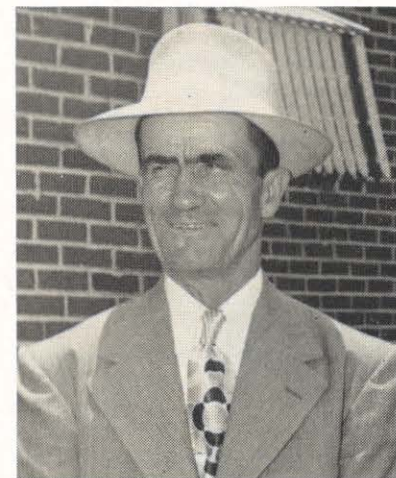
Mr. McClung

April issue of *Monthly Operating Notes* featured seven articles by ten employees in the Southern Properties.

J. A. Moore, Cabin Creek plant supervisor of maintenance, and L. H. Carnifax, mechanical maintenance mechanic, collaborated to produce "Combined Scarfing—Reaming Tool Speeds Boiler Tube Replacement." The tool designed and made by the authors simultaneously scarfs and reams the tube ends without the disadvantage of commercially available tools.

Another Cabin Creek man, O. A.

A. H. Hare Of Glen Lyn Plant Has Retired



Mr. Hare

A. H. Hare, working foreman at Glen Lyn plant, retired the first of this month after 12 years' service.

He joined the company in December of 1941 as a special guard. He later transferred to the coal handling department as locomotive engineer and promoted to working foreman in June of 1947.

Born at Narrows, Va., in 1889, he worked for the company at three different times. In 1918 he was employed at Switchback substation and in 1921 at Glen Lyn. Prior to his last employment with the company he was police chief of Narrows for 12 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hare live in Narrows and are the parents of three daughters and a son, J. C. Hare, who is also employed at Glen Lyn plant. His eldest daughter is residing with her husband who is in the Armed Services in Turkey.

Mr. Hare said upon retiring, "I have worked all over the country and I have never worked for any company that treated me as good as the Appalachian." Although he has been ill for 10 months, he plans to do some fishing and hunting when he feels better.



Mr. Wolpert



Mr. Smith

Hesson, maintenance foreman, authored "Grinding Valve Seats With Air Motor Saves Time." The article pointed out that grinding valve seats by hand is a slow, hard and tiresome task and that the air motor can do the job in one-fourth the time.

Two Philip Sporn plant men also contributed to *Notes*. Philip J. Wolpert, operation supervisor, wrote "Portable Ash-Tub Sluicing Nozzle" which described the use of a 2½-inch solid-stream nozzle and fire hose to move the slag and clinkers in the ash tubs to the outlets.

A. L. Smith, Sporn maintenance supervisor, was author of "Overcoming Coal-Slippage On Feeder Tables" which described a method of drilling small holes in coal feeder tables to reduce slippage and to reduce the table top wear.

George W. Unangst, Charleston district meter supervisor, and John C. Frazier, safety supervisor, combined to produce an interesting article called "A Warning," in which the two men treated the subject of dog bites. The article explained 3½ by 5-inch two-color stickers that have been distributed on the eight steps a person should take when he has been bitten by a dog. The men warned of the dangers of rabies and included a replica of their sticker in the article.

Two Pikeville district men, Curtis McClung, meter superintendent, and F. M. Baker, district manager, contributed an article called "Trailer For Field Testing of Meters," in which they traced the history of field testing of meters and told how early in 1953 they launched such a program in their district. They also described, by words and pictures, the trailer they found best suited for the work, and listed advantages of testing meters in the field.

E. M. Payne, Roanoke district storeroom employee, wrote the final article, "Fork-Lift Adapter For Wire Reels." He described an adapter that could be placed on fork-lifts to safely and easily move wire reels. An adapter is slid over each fork lift and set in place by screws. A 2-inch wire pipe is used as an axle and fitted in the adapters. An added safety precaution is provided when the fork lifts are tilted slightly toward the truck.

Reddy Rates Raves

Reddy also drew rave notices from television critics. One of them, by Nancy C. Brady, *Charleston Gazette* staff writer in her "TV Test Patter" column, is quoted:

"Most commercials shouldn't happen to a dog. Despite this, there is one commercial that is every bit as good as any program.

"Reddy Kilowatt is one of the most engaging little performers in television. Not only does Reddy's nose light up in a most surprising manner but the musical background for the commercial is sprightly, bouncy and sounds like the kind of music self respecting kilowatts would enjoy."

Hammer, White Named Club Officials



Mr. Hammer Mr. White

J. E. Hammer, Beckley district personnel supervisor, has been named to offices in the Civitan Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce while H. B. White, Jr., local office manager, also received a Civitan post.

Mr. Hammer was elected to the board of directors of the Civitan Club while Mr. White was named secretary for the sixth consecutive year.

Mr. Hammer also became second vice president of the Beckley Jaycee organization. During the last year he has served as chairman of the traffic-safety committee of this group, which won a first place certificate at the state convention.

Mr. Hammer was employed by the company in 1948 and is also a member of the Beckley traffic Commission and the Beckley Presbyterian Church.

An employee of the company since 1923, Mr. White is married and the father of two children.

Twelve Couples Say Altar Vows In Recent Ceremonies



Some of the brides and bridegrooms married in recent weeks are pictured above. TOP ROW, from the left: Sgt. and Mrs. John J. Cristea, Welch; Mrs. William Preston Simpson, system; Mrs. Luke C. Smith, Roanoke. MIDDLE ROW, from the left: Mrs. Charles Richard Lovegrove, system; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fultz, Kanawha River Plant; Mrs. Paul F. Roush, Sporn Plant. BOTTOM ROW, from the left: Mrs. Ronald Edward White, Roanoke; Mrs. James Edward White, Charleston; Mr. and Mrs. John Layne, Pikeville.

Crawley-Cristea

Miss Donna Jean Crawley and Sgt. John J. Cristea were united in marriage on March 28 in Central Christian Church of Jacksonville, Illinois. Sgt. Cristea is a Welch district employee on military leave of absence, stationed in Washington, D. C.

Lieving-Roush

Miss Loretta Lieving became the bride of Paul F. Roush on April 15 at West Columbia, W. Va. Mr. Roush is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant substation.

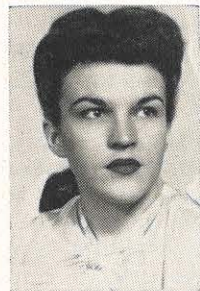
New Club Officers



New officers of the Pulaski Junior Woman's Club are Mrs. Lois K. Collins, left, and Mrs. Robert Love. Mrs. Collins, Pulaski accounting office, is corresponding secretary while Mrs. Love, whose husband is employed in the commercial department, is president. They have a total of 14 years' service with the club, both having served as department chairmen and special department chairmen.

Employee's Wife In Pulaski Awarded Title

Mrs. J. B. Brillheart, Jr., wife of the engineering section employee in the Pulaski district, was chosen "Girl of the Year" for the Exemplar Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Laura is president and charter member of the chapter.



Mrs. Brillheart

The award is based on leadership, ability and work. She was responsible for the charity work which included helping to furnish a home for welfare girls and contributions to a home for the aged. She is employed by a law firm and is an active member of the First Methodist Church.

Cooper-Simpson

Miss Nancy Lee Cooper and William Preston Simpson were united in marriage on April 28 at Roanoke. Mrs. Simpson is employed in the System Accounting office.

Suthon-Lovegrove

Miss Jane Bolling Suthon became the bride of Charles Richard Lovegrove on Thursday, April 29 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Waynesboro. Mr. Lovegrove is employed in the system public relations department, Roanoke.

Lois Wilson, Charleston, Nominated For Queen

Lois Wilson, stenographer in the Charleston managerial department, is a candidate for Queen of the fifth annual Stardust Ball.



Miss Wilson

The Stardust Ball is a dance presented annually by the Beta Sigma Phi sorority with a girl from each chapter chosen to compete for the title. She is one of 10 likely candidates and represents Omega Chapter. The sorority is an international charitable organization.

Mrs. K. Rowland Named Officer In Woman's Club

Mrs. Kelly Rowland was recently installed as president of the Clintwood Junior Woman's Club. She is the wife of the Clintwood local office supervisor in the Abingdon district.



Mrs. Rowland

The mother of three children, Mrs. Rowland is a registered nurse and an active civic worker. Mrs. Jack Osborne, wife of the Abingdon area serviceman, was installed as second vice president of the organization.

Gwinn-Fultz

Miss Josephine Gwinn became the bride of Kenneth Fultz on Thursday, April 15, at Glasgow. Mr. and Mrs. Fultz are employees at the Kanawha River Plant.

Perry-White

Miss Phyllis Jean Perry became the bride of James Edward White on April 17 in the Home School Chapel, Colcord. Mr. White is employed in the Charleston district.

Butcher-Rhodes

Miss Lucille Butcher became the bride of Robert G. Rhodes in a single-ring ceremony performed at Racine, Ohio, on April 16. Mr. Rhodes is an employee at the Philip Sporn Plant.

Williams-Layne

Miss Ellen Clara Williams became the bride of John Layne on Easter Sunday, April 18, in Huntington, W. Va. Mr. Layne is an employee of the Pikeville district.

Cornett-Saul

Miss Dorothy Belle Cornett and Bobby Lee Saul were united in marriage at the Villa Heights Baptist Church, Roanoke, on April 17. Mr. Saul is employed in the system Accounting office.

Carper-Smith

Miss Nancy Lee Carper became the bride of Pvt. Luke C. Smith on April 15. The ceremony was performed in the parlor of the First Baptist Church of Roanoke. The bride is the daughter of W. C. Carper, Roanoke line foreman.

Price-White

Miss Joan Marie Price and Ronald Edward White were united in marriage on April 24 at the Oakland Baptist Church in Roanoke. The bride is the daughter of L. H. Price, Roanoke line department.

Eddins-Horton

Mrs. Beatrice Eddins and John L. Horton were united in marriage on April 17 in Maybeaury, W. Va. Mr. Horton is employed at Switchback.

They're Engaged

MISS MARY CAMPBELL to J. D. Higgins. Mr. Higgins is an employee in the Commercial Department, Fieldale.

MISS CAROL SUE BOWLES to Howard Wise Linkous. Miss Bowles is employed in the Welch Accounting Department.

MISS MAVA JAMES to Lewis Parsons. Miss James is employed in the Charleston district.

Lynchburg Dancers



These Lynchburg youngsters took part in the Floyd Ward Revue on May 21-22 at E. C. Glass High School. Front: Winifred Weiling, granddaughter of J. R. Martin, line and station supervisor. Back, from left: Della Marie Dougan, daughter of L. G. Dougan, personnel supervisor; Sharon Ann Hudson, daughter of L. R. Hudson, personnel department, and Ellen Kennedy, daughter of D. C. Kennedy, district manager. Sarah Ward, daughter of John H. Ward of the T&D department, also took part.

Summer Styled



It's vacation time again and vacations mean new clothes, especially for milady. Georgia Marcum, Huntington district T&D employee, chooses a one piece black and white cotton coat dress by Carlye for her summer leisure. The dress has button trim on button three-fourth sleeves, a full skirt and self trim collar and cuffs with matching accessories. Mrs. Marcum, an employee since 1946, models this fashionable attire at The Smart Shop in Huntington.

Logan Employees Star In Little Theatre Play

Prominent in the cast of "The Heirs Get The Air," a Little Theatre play, were several Logan employees.

The play was presented to the Junior Woman's Club recently, and featured Margaret Tyler and Oretta Lamber of the T&D department, and June Abdoney of the plant, in leading roles. Miss Tyler is secretary of the junior department of the club.

Marlene Lucas Joins National Honorary Group

Marlene Lucas of Longwood College has been initiated into Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary journalistic fraternity. She is the daughter of



Miss Lucas

Mrs. Ruth Lucas, Roanoke division personnel department, and has been employed in the system real estate and right-of-way department during the past three summers. To be eligible for membership, a student must have served outstandingly on a publication for three semesters. Marlene was art editor for the school magazine. She also was recently initiated into Future Teachers of America.

Employees' Daughters In Roanoke Dance Recital

Several children of Roanoke employees participated as the Floyd Ward School of Dancing held its annual revue recently.

Also featured in the program was a scene at an Appalachian power plant. This came in the "Enchanted Roanoke" act.

Included among the participants were Judy and Patty Booker, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Booker; Jacqueline French, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. French; and Sharon Stephens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stephens.

Pikeville Girls Fete Williamson Group



The K. P. O. Club, Pikeville district girls' organization, recently entertained the Williamson district girls' club in Pikeville. Shown are a section of those attending as they sup on fried chicken, hot biscuits and all the trimmings. The two clubs visit each other at least twice a year, and sometimes combine for a week end together at a selected resort.



New Arrivals



CONSTANCE SUE is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bailey, born May 16. Mr. Bailey is an employee in the Abingdon district.

A son, JEFFREY ALLEN, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ansel C. Hutton, Jr., on May 18. Mr. Hutton is employed in the Abingdon district.

MR. AND MRS. WAYNE MATTHEWS are the parents of a son, Michael Wayne, born May 10. Mr. Matthews is employed at Kingsport.

A son, DERWOOD GILL, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Merriman on May 11. Mr. Merriman is employed in the Fieldale district.

MR. AND MRS. ROY R. GREGORY are the parents of a son, Gary Lee, born May 13. Mr. Gregory is an employee in the Abingdon district.

SANDRA CARMEN is the new daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Warden on May 14. Mr. Warden is employed in the Abingdon district.

It's a daughter, PAMELA JEAN, born to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Fields on May 16. Mr. Fields is an employee in the Abingdon district.

DANNY RAY is the new son born to Mr. and Mrs. Burke Taylor, Jr. on April 21. Mr. Taylor is employed in the Williamson district.

A son, FREDERICK LEE, was born on May 14 to Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey Ingles. Mr. Ingles is an employee in the Ashland district.

MR. AND MRS. ROY P. LAWSON, Galax, announce the arrival of a daughter, Patricia Kaye, to the family circle on March 17. Mr. Lawson is employed in the Pulaski district.

JUDY CAROL is the new daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Sandidge L. Drumheller on May 8. Mr. Drumheller is an employee in the Lynchburg district.

A son, GARY EUGENE, was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Medley on May 6. Mr. Medley is employed at the Glen Lyn Steam Plant.

MR. AND MRS. G. L. SMITH announce the birth of a son, David Gilbert, born May 16. Mr. Smith is an employee of the Glen Lyn Steam Plant.

RICKY LANE is the new son born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur L. Sluss on April 30. Mr. Sluss is employed at Princeton.

Born to MR. AND MRS. WARREN D. PEARSON, a son Stephen Martin, on May 12. Mr. Pearson is an employee in the Grundy office.

MR. AND MRS. R. J. WAGNER are the parents of a daughter, Jeanetta May born May 6. Mr. Wagner is an employee at the Kanawha River Plant.

JEFFREY LOUIS is the new son born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zerkle on May 10. Mr. Zerkle is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD G. ASH are the parents of a son, Richard Duane, born April 16. Mr. Ash is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

A daughter, JANET LOUISE, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Stivers on April 30. Mr. Stivers is an employee at the Philip Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT H. EASON are the parents of a daughter, Angela Lee, born April 15. Mr. Eason is an employee at the Philip Sporn Plant.

LARRY ALLEN is the new son born to Mr. and Mrs. James Duffield on May 6. Mr. Duffield is employed in the Charleston district.

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD IHLE are the parents of a son, Clay Timothy, born May 12. Mr. Ihle is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

MR. AND MRS. E. W. WOODY are the parents of a daughter, Kathryn Lynn, born April 27. Mrs. Woody is a former employee in the System Operating Dept., and Mr. Woody is employed in the System Substation Dept., Roanoke.

Charleston Employee And Son Plan Cruise On New River Craft 'Big Boy'



C. H. Hawes, at the right, and his son test their new cabin cruiser, "Big Boy," in preparation for a long river cruise.

"Big Boy" will become a familiar name among boat owners and viewers on the Kanawha River this summer.

"Big Boy" is the name of the cabin cruiser built by C. H. Hawes, Charleston district line inspector and his son, Chester.

The orange and white cruiser was launched May 2, just four months after construction started. Mr. Hawes and his son spent their spare time evenings and week ends building the craft, using plans from a national magazine.

Built of 14 sheets of plywood and 25 gross of brass screws, the boat is 15½ feet long and 5½ feet across

the stern. It is powered by a 12 hp Sea King outboard motor and travels 10 to 12 mph. Steering and motor controls are located in the cabin. Two bunk beds provide sleeping quarters and cooking facilities are to be added later.

Plans have been made to take "Big Boy" on a 200-mile cruise this summer. The voyage will take the Hawes westward down the Kanawha River to Point Pleasant, then on to Cincinnati, via the Ohio River.

Mr. Hawes, who lives at St. Albans, is a 30-year company veteran. His son, Chester, is a staff photographer for the *Charleston Daily Mail*.

Dock And Landing Make J. H. Quillen's Home On South Holston River Fisherman's Paradise

John H. Quillen can get out of bed in the morning, walk about 50 feet and throw a line in the water for a day's fishing.

Mr. Quillen, Abingdon district right-of-way agent, is completing a boat landing and fishing dock on the South Holston River, near his new home. All three members of the Quillen family, Mr. Quillen, his wife, Polly, and son, Johnny, are ardent fishermen. The new dock enables them to make the sport a real pleasure.

The landing is 14 by 10 feet and is floated on 16 steel barrels. The dock has two trap doors, one covering a wire compartment for keeping fish. The other compartment has three copper screen baskets for keeping live bait. He has mounted hooks for tying three boats and uses old automobile tires to cushion the edges. His plans



Mr. and Mrs. John Quillen try out the fishing from their new dock and landing.

call for chairs, a roof, tackle lockers and lights for night fishing.

An employee of the company since January 4, 1930, Mr. Quillen also has an Irish setter he uses for hunting.

Their new home is ideal for the sportsman: squirrels play in their yard, ring-necked pheasants fly up and down the river, and wild ducks stop on their way north and south. Best of all, plenty of fish are waiting to be caught.

Tennis, Anyone?



Gazing at the Charleston Women's City Table Tennis Tournament trophy is Virginia Cole, who won the tourney recently. Virginia, daughter of Ray Cole, Charleston garage supervisor, is a high school junior and an earnest competitor in the field of sports. She has won the high school badminton, shuffleboard and table tennis championships, plays basketball for her class's girls' team, plays volleyball, tennis and rolled high single game of 175 for Charleston's high school girl bowlers. This busy lass also entered the state table tennis tourney this year, but lost out when she met a nationally ranked player, Ohio's state champ. But she scored more points against this woman than anyone else in the tournament.

Trophies Awarded As Beckley Bowlers End Season With Banquet

Banquet, awards and a dance stamped an official close to the Beckley district bowling season recently.

About 90 people, including bowlers and their guests, watched as Waldo S. LaFon presented bowling trophies engraved in gold letters to team and individual winners. Fred Helm, chairman of the league, was master of ceremonies.

A dance followed the business, music provided by an orchestra in which Tommy Dickenson, an employee, plays.

Season winners, The Demons, were presented trophies. They included Keith Evans, Eugene O'Neal, Rhonald Meador, Dorothy Barker, Jennie Gaziano and L. C. Mollohan. Runners-up, the Eager Beavers, also were given trophies. Team members included Helen Troutman, J. A. Barker, W. S. LaFon, B. B. Corker, Robert Biggs, Mary Sperow and Eddie Zopp.

Pin of the "150 Club" was given Mrs. Parthenia Winner, while Hubert Farley, John Steele, J. W. Muir, K. S. Lazenby, C. A. Marshall and Nell Cody received "200 Club" pins.

Individual trophies awarded include, for men: high season average, Elmer Hutchinson, 177; high three games, Elmer Hutchinson, 590; high single game, Maxie Dwornick, 243; and high series inter-company match, Leo Bias, 627.

For the women, these were presented: high season average, Regina Slayton, 131; high three games, Elizabeth Scott and Elizabeth Hancock, 466; high single game, Nell Cody, 201; and high series inter-company match, Regina Slayton, 451.

Bates Throws First Ball

L. W. Bates, assistant Bluefield division manager, tossed out the first ball to open baseball in Bluefield, Virginia, where he is mayor.

At a ceremony before the game he was accompanied by Bluefield City Manager William L. Kell and Blue Gray Booster President Scott Litton.

Pikeville Softballers Begin 1954 Season



This big "P" stands for Pikeville. The men in the photos are the members of the 1954 Pikeville softball squad. Reading from top to bottom in the stem of the letter and then right to left the men are: Jess Collier, Bob Weddle, Bruce Prater, Leon Huffman, Perry Cline, Lawrence Newsom, Bill Zoellers, Tilden Justice, Charlie Ratliff, Dave Ratliff, Curt Charles and Troy Lee. Players not in the photograph are Sherlie Hale and John Rasnick. The Pikeville team is playing in the four-team city league.

Anglers Hook String Of Rainbow Trout



Colorado spinners and flatfish were used by R. L. Tucker, left, and Frank Webb, right, to bring home this string of rainbow trout from the Holston River on the opening day of trout fishing. The largest one, caught by Mr. Webb, weighed 3½ pounds and was 21 inches long. The two fishermen are both employed by the system substation department.

Sporn Champs Look To A Successful Season Again

The champs are ready again this year. The champs are members of the Sporn plant softball team, which last year annexed the Southern Properties' crown.

Again this year they will compete with six other teams from West Virginia and Ohio in the Ohio Valley Softball League. And to add to their hopes for another winning season the team will hold their home games on a new field.

Sporn Club Adding Final Touches To Fishing Lake

Most of the physical work has been completed on the Sleepy Hollow Sportsmen Club's new lake at Sporn plant and now members are waiting for the stocking of fish.

The dam and lake were built by members during their spare time, and recently they planted grass over the entire area and set out 1,000 trees. Work is still in progress on the playground area below the dam while other projects coming up include a permanent road to the site.

Roanoke Bowling Champs Awarded Prizes



Hi-Volts, Roanoke bowling champs, hold prizes presented them at the Annual Bowling Banquet in the company auditorium on April 26. From the left are: Dick Lovegrove, Ira Peters, Ralph Hicks, Doc Craft, Melvin Bradley and Captain Billy Mills. Price Grisso was absent. Leroy Gregory, president of the league, presided at the meeting where W. P. Booker, district manager, presented the prizes.

Steamers Win Crown As Banquet Ends Cabin Creek-Kanawha Bowling



Team and individual winners in the Cabin Creek-Kanawha bowling loop line up with their awards. They are, from the left: Bobby Vickers, Charles Hudnall, Jeanne Creasey, Gilbert Farthing, Harold Higginbottom, Wiley Gwinn, Leonard McKinney and James Britt.

Bowlers from Cabin Creek plant and Kanawha River plant spent a busy night recently when a banquet and dance officially marked an end to their season.

Awards were presented to individual and team winners in the loop and officers were elected for the coming year. And as usual, a controversy arose over which plant was going to capture next season's trophy.

Kanawha can relax for at least a little while, because the Steamers from that plant took this year's honors. They won the second half crown and then edged the Pulverizers from Cabin Creek, first half winners, by six pins in a roll-off, 2,870-2,864. Members of the winning team were Gilbert Farthing, W. M. Cornett, Bobby Vickers, Wiley Gwinn, Harold Higginbottom and Charles Hudnall.

H. C. Skaggs, Kanawha plant man-

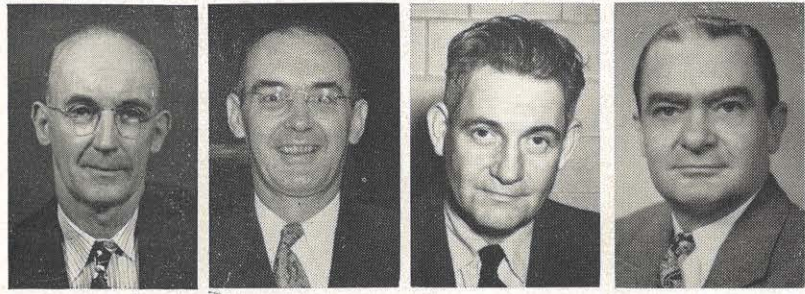
ager, awarded these men trophies and emblems. He also presented an achievement award to Bobby Vickers for being the bowler showing the most improvement in average over the season.

C. G. Coughlin, Cabin Creek plant manager, presented these individual trophies: Leonard McKinney, high three game series of 586, James Britt, high single of 235 and high average of 165, and Jeanne Creasey, high woman's average of 135, high single game of 182 and high three games of 491.

Gilbert Farthing was named league chairman for the coming season, Jeanne Creasey, secretary-treasurer and W. M. Cornett, Leonard McKinney and C. B. Burner, members of the board.

Your Safety Team

Miscellaneous Subjects Committee's Work Is As Varied As Name Implies



Mr. Callicoat Mr. Carrico Mr. Duckworth Mr. Valley

An office worker slips on the company building stairs; an employee is injured in a company vehicle wreck; a meterman cuts his hand on a defective glass meter cover.

These accidents, and many similar ones, are the vital concern of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, one of five under the jurisdiction of the Appalachian General Safety Committee. The motto of the five members of this group might well be "So that none shall be missed," because they work for the prevention of accidents in all company groups exclusive of the line, plant and substation sections.



Mr. Kirkland

That means they study safety methods for the office, engineering,

all phases of transportation, service, building service, stores and meter groups.

Claud Kirkland, Abingdon district manager, heads the versatile group, and working with him are Ford Duckworth, Fieldale meter supervisor; J. R. Callicoat, Huntington transportation supervisor; F. L. Carrico, Pulaski stores supervisor; and T. F. Valley, Logan local office manager.

Their jurisdiction is wide so their accident prevention methods are varied. They study all previous accidents to prevent recurrence, and study and recommend new methods and equipment for safety's sake.

Other groups in the General Safety Committee are the Line, Plant and Substation committees, which have been discussed in previous issues, and the Health and First Aid Subject Committee, which will be treated next month.

Herbert C. Davis Joins Gallon Club

Herbert C. Davis, Huntington district T&D department, recently became a member of the American Red Cross Gallon Club.



Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis contributed his eighth pint of blood to the Huntington-Cabell County Red Cross chapter on Armed Forces Day, May 15. He began giving blood to the Red Cross two years ago, previously having contributed to several hospitals.

Married and the father of one daughter, Mr. Davis served in the engineers during World War II from 1943 to 1946. A lieutenant in the National Guard, he was employed in Huntington on May 6, 1946.

Safety Dragnet In Roanoke Put Cops On Accident Trail

"Dragnet" was the theme of a recent safety program at Roanoke. Two cops, E. T. Jones and C. R. Paxton, were assigned to track down the biggest killer—accidents.

In their search they interviewed a traffic violator, Jesse Bussey; a housewife, Marguerite Gregg; a jaywalker, Vernon Willis, and a man working in his yard, Norwood Turner. Other parts were played by Evelyn Akers, pedestrian; D. M. Rusmisell, chief, and D. W. Ayers, motorist.

"Frank" and "Joe" found accident traps at each location. Three violators were booked on charges of a twelve-oh-oh, midnight binge, six-nought-six, violation of walk—don't walk signs, and ten-two-and-four, failure to consult a doctor.

Skits were punctuated by recorded Dragnet music, handled by Dick Stinnett. The off-stage voice of E. T. Jones was recorded and played at intervals during the skits by S. A. Thomas. Assisting on stage were Howard Fringer, Marion Paitzel, Dave Stoner and L. R. Buchanan. The program was written by Dick Lovegrove and Jack Palmer.



Caught in the "Safety Dragnet" at Roanoke is Vernon Willis, pedestrian at left caught jaywalking. C. R. Paxton, center, and E. T. Jones, Jr., played the two principal characters in the safety program presented in the general office building.

A. F. Horne Knows Birds Gladly Sing For Their Supper



A. F. Horne pours feed in his homemade bird feeder. Suet is attached to the tree below the feeder.

When you say "It's for the birds" you usually mean something isn't to your liking.

But when A. F. Horne says "It's for the birds" he is probably talking about something he has just bought for his neighborhood birds. The Welch district manager believes that if he feeds his feathered friends in the winter they will sing for him when spring and summer comes around.

Mr. Horne begins his feeding about the middle of December and continues it until he's sure there is food available elsewhere in the spring. Last winter he reports that the birds ate 50 pounds of seed and a large amount of suet. They seem to thrive on the suet, although the seed, which consists of commercially packaged wild life bird seed, is never passed up.

Four Winners Of Table Tennis Tourney



Four trophy winners of the Charleston district's Third Annual Table Tennis Tournament, left to right, are: J. A. Whitlock, Homer Bragg, Helen Porter, accepting trophy from C. B. Talley, manager; and Fred Brown.

The Charleston district commercial department employees all but walked away with the major events in the district's recent Third Annual Table Tennis Tournament. Of the four trophy winners, three were members of the commercial department. Fifty-one contestants participated.

Helen Porter copped the women's singles event as she defeated Barbara Cummings. Fred Brown dumped John Griffie for the men's title. Jim Whitlock and Homer Bragg won the doubles competition by downing F. E. Smith and Joe Burdette in the finals.

Mrs. Maude McCulloch To Aid TB Program

Mrs. Maude J. McCulloch, retired Bluefield district employee, has been appointed general chairman of the Mercer County chest X-ray program. The program is sponsored by the State Department of Health and the County TB and Health Association.

Active in many civic and social affairs, Mrs. McCulloch retired last April after 25 years of service. She is a former member of the Board of Directors of the County TB and Health Association.

Tazewell 4-H'ers Climax Year With Glen Lyn Tour

Trip through the Glen Lyn plant highlighted the entire farm and home electric project for 37 members of the Tazewell County 4-H clubs recently.

Accompanying the students were Margaret Groseclose, Tazewell County home demonstration agent, and Basil M. Vassar, agricultural engineer.

McPherson, White And Pearson Are Promoted June 1



Mr. McPherson Mr. White

Three Appalachian employees from as many districts assumed new jobs with the company on June 1.

L. Fillmore McPherson, Jr., formerly Abingdon district commercial manager, has been promoted to Bluefield district assistant manager.

In turn, J. B. White, Bluefield power sales engineer, became Abingdon commercial manager. Taking Mr. White's place in Bluefield was Warren B. Pearson, power sales engineer at Grundy in the Welch district.

Mr. McPherson is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and has been with the company since 1945 when he was employed as a power engineer in Bluefield. He has been commercial manager in Abingdon since 1948. Before joining Appalachian he worked for the East Tennessee Light and Power Company at Bristol.

He has held Abingdon offices in the Kiwanis club, the Washington County Development Association and has served as chairman of the White Top district of the Sequoyah Council of Boy Scouts. He has served on the board of deacons of the Baptist Church.

Mr. McPherson is married and has a son.

Mr. White joined the company in Pulaski in 1938. He entered the Air Force in 1942 and returned to the company in 1945. He attended VPI and following his graduation he was employed in Abingdon as a junior engineer. He moved to Bluefield as power sales engineer in November, 1952.

A registered professional engineer, he has served as assistant secretary-treasurer of the Southeast Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. He is married and has two sons.

Mr. Pearson is a graduate of Clemson University and was employed in 1949 at Bluefield as an agricultural engineer. He was transferred to Welch in March, 1949, and later assigned duties in Grundy. He is married and has two children.

Customers Visit Recently Remodeled Office



Several hundred people visited the recently remodeled Rocky Mount office in the Roanoke district May 21 and 22, where a talking Reddy Kilowatt provided information and entertainment. Above is an exterior view of the building. Added to the building was a garage and offices were remodeled for more working space. At the right Jennings French, district power sales engineer, explains a cut-away transformer to a customer, while in the background can be seen part of the Power For Progress display.



New Insignia



This is Appalachian's new company insignia which is making its appearance on office windows, company buildings and trucks. Twelve inches wide, the circular insignia which is a decal has the company name in yellow letters on a black background. Reddy holds red lightning bolts in a field of blue while a blue strip encircles the entire insignia. In addition to identifying company equipment, the insignia reminds the public of Reddy's service with the power company.