

The actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts.

—LOCKE

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Two Are Mayors

Ten Employees Win Positions In Recent Municipal Elections Around System

Ten employees won positions in recent municipal elections. Four were from Sporn plant, three from Pulaski district, one from Welch district, one from Flat Top Power Company and one from Glen Lyn plant.

New Haven citizens picked four Sporn plant men on the June 1 election. Floyd Capehart, auxiliary equipment operator, was elected recorder. Elected to council were Clayton Athey, first assistant shift operating engineer; Tom Hoffman, control operator, and Edwin H. Clarke, master maintenance man.

Pulaski, Dublin and Christiansburg put employees on the town council. Marvin E. Lester, senior meter record clerk, was elected for a term of two years in Pulaski. He is one of the youngest councilmen ever elected in that city.

George R. Smith, Jr., meterman, also took his first political step and won a seat in the Dublin town council for a period of two years. The third Pulaski district employee, A. P. Jones, was elected to his fourth term on the Christiansburg town council. The area supervisor was elected for a four-year term.

For the third straight time, G. E. "Babe" Adams was elected to the Pocahontas town council. The area supervisor led the ticket among 15 candidates running for eight seats.

Northfork Mayor J. R. Anderson was returned to office June 1. He is a veteran service man of the Flat Top Power Company, a new AGE subsidiary in Welch district territory.

Another employee was re-elected



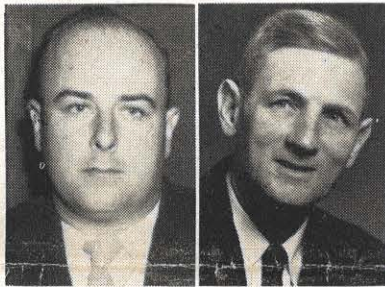
Mr. Capehart

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Mr. Smith

Mr. Jones



Mr. Adams

Mr. Anderson

mayor. He is Ira Wiley, Glen Lyn plant foreman, who is serving his third term as Glen Lyn mayor. He observes his 35th anniversary of service with the company in this issue of the paper and is pictured in a separate story.

EI Safety Awards Go To Southern Companies

Three Southern Properties companies have been presented Accident Frequency Reduction Award certificates by Edison Electric Institute in recognition of their respective safety records during 1953.

The companies honored were Kingsport Utilities, Kanawha Valley Power Company and Kentucky Power Company. It was the second successive award for the first two. Another AGE subsidiary, Indiana and Michigan Electric Company, also has been presented the award for the second year in a row.

The award recognizes electric utility companies that achieve a reduction in accident frequency rate of 25 percent or more during a given year, as compared with their average frequency rates of the preceding three years. The frequency rate is figured on the basis of lost-time accidents per million manhours worked.

Two Graduates Given Service Commissions



Lt. Phillips

Lt. Keehne

Sons of two Roanoke employees have received commissions into branches of the armed forces upon their June graduation from school.

J. Woodson Phillips, son of Mrs. Nelle Phillips, district local accounting, accepted a commission as lieutenant (jg) in the United States Navy Dental Corps at the same time he was awarded a degree as Doctor of Dental Surgery from the Medical College of Virginia.

W. F. Keehne, Jr., son of W. F. Keehne, system office manager, was commissioned a second lieutenant upon his graduation from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He also received a degree in Agricultural Economics.

Huntington Service Building Open House Marks Completion Of Over Year's Work

Open House was held for the Huntington Service Building on June 25-26. Friday night was the employee opening with the public visiting on Saturday.

The occasion marked the completion of over a year's work on the big building that houses six groups, several shops and offices.

About 1,000 people made the tour around the two-story building which is 170 ft. by 132 ft. The building on the corner of Seventh Avenue and 11th Street is constructed of reinforced concrete with brick and stone outside walls and the interior of salt glazed tile.

A talking Reddy Kilowatt and the Power for Progress display were exhibited and refreshments were served. The building houses the following groups: garage, stores, transmission and distribution, division right of way, division engineering and the AGE test laboratory. A story on the AGE lab was carried in the June issue of THE ILLUMINATOR.

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

A covered truck loading area is on the west end adjoining the storeroom and line shop. An outside storage area is in the west yard with yard lighting and a fence providing protective measures for outside material storage.

California—Here They Come

Lifetime Ambition Realized By Retired Bluefielder To Tour Country In Trailer

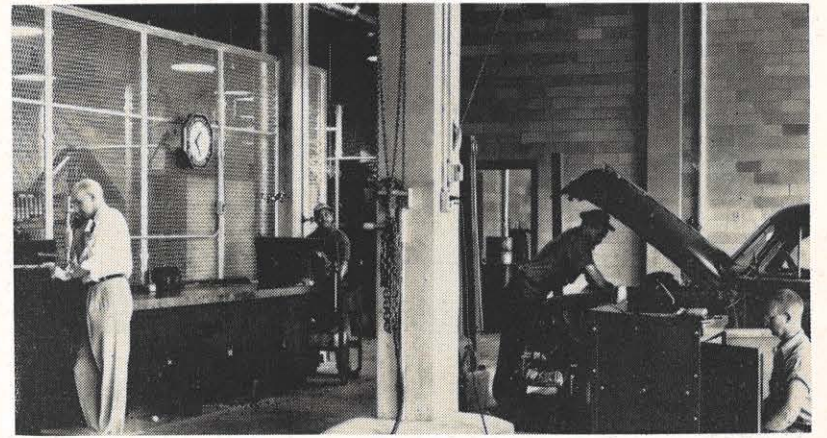


The Phelps family is pictured before leaving Bluefield on their tour of the U. S. with a trailer. The camera was presented Mr. Phelps by fellow employees upon his retirement last year.

A lifetime ambition to tour the United States is coming true for R. T. Phelps, retired Bluefield employee. He, his wife and son, Larry, left Bluefield in their new 37-foot trailer to see the country.

They plan to spend this summer in New England and then travel to California by the opening of the fall term of school. Along the way Mr. Phelps plans to photograph the country in color with the new Signet camera presented him by fellow employees upon his retirement in April of last year after 42 years' service.

Mr. and Mrs. Phelps have spent



Right at home in the new Huntington Service Building are these garage department employees. Working from the left are J. R. Callicoat, garage supervisor, C. E. Morrison, Guy N. Clarkson and Tommy Templeton. All interior walls are salt glazed tile.

Carl Allison Wins Trip To United Nations

Carl Allison has been awarded a week's visit to New York and the United Nations. The son of Denzil Allison, area serviceman in the Nitro-St. Albans office, is delegate from the Charleston area.



Carl Allison

His trip is made possible through a "United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth" project sponsored by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.



Taylor Bing and James Bragg are shown in the meter shop, another modern section of the new building which is air conditioned.

Logan Plant Returned To Line Last Month

Logan plant resumed operations June 21 after being out of service for 12 weeks due to repairs to the rotor of a 40,000 kilowatt generator. The rotor was repaired at General Electric Company's shops in Schenectady.

Originally scheduled to resume operations about mid-May, the plant was delayed going back in service because repairs on the rotor took longer than estimated.

As Logan plant was going back on the line, Unit 5 at Glen Lyn plant was removed from service June 19 for scheduled maintenance. Work is now progressing on the 110,000 kv unit, newest one at the plant.

Sebert Sisson Elected Hillsville Rotary Head

Sebert Sisson was elevated to president of the Hillsville Rotary Club from the vice presidency. He is area representative at Hillsville in the Pulaski district.



Mr. Sisson

A graduate of V.P.I., he is vice chairman of the official board of the Hillsville Methodist Church, a member of the board of directors and past president of the local business and professional men's association, and is active in other community work. He joined the company in 1948.

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Benefits Are Not 'Hidden'

Reading the answers to the question of the month on this page, it is apparent that employee benefits mean many things to many people. By and large, they include such items as retirement, life, sick and accident insurance, vacations, holidays, educational assistance, employee discounts, social and recreational activities and others.

These form a package that might be labeled "Security." As you well know, security is more than a word. It's a state of mind. A person works better when he feels that he is prepared for the future, whatever it may bring.

With such eventualities as sickness, hospitalization or death facing us all, we want to feel that we have prepared ourselves as best we can to lessen the burden on our families. This is done so regularly through company contributions added to our own contributions that we are apt to forget the real value of our employee benefit plans.

Of course, there are many factors that account for an individual staying with the company until he is a veteran employee. Wages, working conditions, opportunities, associates, company reputation, steady employment, all influence a person's decision to remain with his company. But not the least of these factors is that consideration called "employee benefits."

We've all heard the old expression that "you never miss the water 'til the well runs dry." That has application to the many "hidden" benefits we realize by virtue of being employees of our three companies.

If you are ever in doubt about the financial benefits you enjoy with your company, just have an insurance agent estimate the cost on a sick and accident plan or for a retirement plan similar to the one you now have. Then you'll see there's not a thing "hidden" about employee benefits. They're as plain as "security."

One Thousand Years

Back in October of last year we thought this paper had the biggest group of veterans receiving service pins that we would see for years.

There were 27 veterans with 20 or more years, representing 680 years of service. Separate stories on 35 and 40-year veterans brought the total to 31 employees with a total of 825 years.

Now it seems that large a group is becoming more commonplace. This month's issue establishes a new record for the number of employees pictured for receiving service pins. There are 44 employees with 20 or more years of service plus two with 35 years' service. These 46 employees have over 1,000 years of service.

Perhaps the increasing number of veteran employees in our companies is a sign that we are "coming of age." One thing is certain. As noted last October, "All of them by their record of long service testify that the company is a pretty good place to work."

Your Opinion

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

What do employee benefits mean to you?

DEWEY W. HENRY, Stores Department, Roanoke



To me employee benefits means security that I couldn't have any other way.

I know I couldn't have the same amount of life insurance, if the company didn't see to it that I could buy so much for so little. If it wouldn't be for our retirement insurance, most of us wouldn't be putting anything away for the day that we hope to retire. Our sick and accident insurance surely is a lifesaver on our pocket book, if we happen to be ill.

To sum up all the benefits given to me and my fellow employees, I say thanks to the company for taking an interest.

RICHARD P. MALLORY, Commercial Department, Huntington



As one who is completing fifteen years of service, I have learned to appreciate the many wonderful benefits which are second to none that our company has to offer. For instance, a few of our benefits are—the educational assistance program, vacations with pay, all holidays, discount on our electric service, and social and recreational activities. And the most important—life and hospitalization insurance and sick pay.

Monetary value from all these benefits to us has an average of \$46 per month, or approximately \$552 a year over and above our regular pay.

OLIN D. BOOTH, Auxiliary Equipment Operator, Philip Sporn Plant



This is the time of the year that all of us are thinking about our vacations. It's certainly a fine thing to have a vacation with pay every year; or have you thought about it lately? A paid vacation period each year is only one of the many employee benefits that we employees enjoy.

To mention a few others, there is holiday pay, jury duty pay, three days off with pay for a death in the family, sick leave pay, employee discounts, and also our retirement plan, insurance plan, social security, unemployment compensation, workman's compensation, etc.

To fully appreciate these benefits just look around at some other companies and see just how many of these benefits their employees enjoy. In fact, there are few other companies in the world that could compare benefits with the ones we enjoy.

Safety Slogan Means Life

Connecticut State Police safety slogan, blunt and to the point, has been adapted for circulation in their department by P. T. Smith and Marion Patitsel, system real estate and right-of-way.

The two men had the following slogan printed on cards for circulation and warning:

DEATH is a five letter word
so is SPEED

LIFE is a four letter word
so is SLOW

W. L. JOHNSON, Control Operator, Cabin Creek Plant



Employee benefits mean a lot to me in many ways, but few people stop to consider the importance of these benefits. I think it would be well if each employee studied this question carefully, for I am sure he would have a better appreciation of his job and company.

All of the insurances protect me and my family, and this provides me with a feeling of security. The liberal sick pay plan, the hospitalization, and all such group insurances are as good or better than that available to employees of other companies. The life insurance and retirement plans provide for me and my family when I retire or become disabled.

Other benefits such as assistance in the purchase of appliances, the rate I pay for the electricity I consume, and many other benefits are provided for me or are available to me. It would be difficult to attempt to put a money value on all these benefits for they provide an almost priceless service.

FRANK W. RICHARDS, JR., Meter Reader, Pocahontas



The benefits provided by our company provide peace of mind for me in the present, since these benefits mean security in the future. The hospitalization plan pays the greater part of my hospital bills if any member of my family is hospitalized; the sick and accident plan provides me with the assurance of some income in event I am disabled by illness or an accident and this, coupled with the sick pay plan, gives me a very liberal plan whereby I can still meet my obligations even though I may be disabled.

I am able to carry more insurance through the group insurance plan which gives my family protection; the retirement plan gives excellent returns for a small investment on my part. Vacations mean much to all of us and the educational program is providing me with a means of taking extra training that I otherwise could not afford.

In short, all these benefits mean much to me and my family and give us opportunities that we otherwise could not have.

EULA BRADFORD, System Personnel Department, Roanoke



To me "Employee Benefits" mean a long range of security and protection. In case of sickness or accident, income is provided when most needed. In event I continue working until normal retirement date, the plan will provide old age security.

The paid vacation and holiday plan mean a lot to me, as well as to each and every employee. This is a time in which one can relax, and at the same time look forward to payday.

In my opinion the recreational and social activities are of great benefit, to better acquaint each of us with fellow employees.

These are just a very small part of the benefits we as employees of A. E. P. (You and I) share each day.

K. W. BRADSHAW, Lineman, Kingsport



The many benefits which the company provides for me means security while I am on the job as well as when I reach the age of 65.

For example, our insurance program. During my recent illness, I did not worry about the many bills that would be coming in. Due to the company paying over half the cost, I can afford to carry sufficient insurance to cover the unexpected. In addition my salary continued during this period. If I can remain with the company until 65, the retirement plan will provide the necessary income in my old age.

I can plan on a two-week vacation with pay and a number of holidays with pay. The discount on certain electrical appliances and electric bill means a lot to me.

ANNA WETZEL, Home Economist, Point Pleasant



When considering the meaning of employee benefits I began to realize that they could be described in two words—security and protection.

One thinks of security as the feeling of being safe and protection as being kept from harm.

The knowledge that through company benefits, such as sick and accident insurance, hospitalization, and retirement, one's self and family is secure and protected will do much to establish the sense of well being. It dispels from one's mind the fear of financial obligation.

It was once said, "There are two days about which nobody should ever worry, and these are yesterday and tomorrow." Through company benefits provided employees, one could say, "One need not worry about yesterday, today and tomorrow because security is established."

DORA ADKINS, Meter Department, Ashland



It gives one a feeling of security to know our company has made provisions for us to meet the almost unbelievable expenses illnesses incur nowadays. Our sick and accident and hospitalization insurance usually covers the major portion of all the expenses pertinent to an illness.

Permanent disability or death would place my family under obligations which might become burdensome were it not for the contributory and the non-contributory life insurance made possible by our company. There is a good deal of satisfaction to be derived from the knowledge that the small deduction from my paycheck each payday makes retirement age seem a goal.

I feel that the welfare of my family and myself is far better because of these benefits.

Use Horsensense To Control Horsepower

This safety slogan, submitted by Christine Christy, personnel department, was the winner in Charleston district's monthly safety slogan contest.

Your Safety Team

Every Employee In System Is Concern Of Health And First Aid Subject Group

Four subject committees of the Appalachian General Safety Committee are concerned with the safety and welfare of designated groups of employees. The fifth group is concerned with the safety and welfare of every employee.

That group is the Health and First Aid Subject Committee, whose work touches every employee in the system.

During past months THE ILLUMINATOR has carried articles on The Line Subject, Substation Subject, Plant Subject and Miscellaneous Subjects Committees. These four plus the Health and First Aid Subject Committee, work under the jurisdiction of the General Safety Committee, and have been set up by G. L. Furr, vice president and general manager, to consider and recommend safe practices for the employee groups that are their vital concern.

Work of the Health and First Aid Subject Committee will close this series in THE ILLUMINATOR. W. J. Gillespie, Jr., Bluefield district manager, is chairman of this group, and working with him are D. C. Kennedy, Lynchburg district manager; H. M. Hamilton, system billing supervisor in Roanoke; and B. H. McKeever, Roanoke district meter supervisor.

In the first aid phase of their work, these men are concerned with the continuance and improvement of the first aid training program for employees and see that there is an adequate number of first aid instructors among employees throughout the system. They see that any new first aid methods originating from the American Red Cross are incorporated immediately in the training program.

W. G. Cunningham Is Ninth District Head

W. G. Cunningham, a member of the Narrows line crew in the Bluefield district, was elected commander of the Ninth District of the Virginia American Legion recently.



Mr. Cunningham

Last year Mr. Cunningham was first vice commander. He is past commander of Post No. 203 and a member of 40 and 8. He is captain of the Giles County Life Saving Crew and chairman of the First Aid Committee of the Giles County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Cunningham was first employed by Appalachian in 1938 as a draftsman. He worked in Bluefield nine years before his transfer to Narrows.

Four Roanokers Elected Jaycee Officers



Plenty pleased with Roanoke winning this Giessenbier Memorial Trophy for best Jaycee chapter in the state are these newly elected officers in the Roanoke Jaycees. From the left: Richard J. Stinnett, system civil engineering, vice president; Richard R. Snedegar, division engineering, board of directors; Jack M. Burnett, power sales, vice president; and Jack A. Palmer, public relations, board of directors. Both Stinnett and Burnett have served on the board and both have been presented Key Man Awards for past service. James E. Jones, division engineering, is the retiring president and automatically serves on the board for the coming year.



Mr. Gillespie

Mr. Kennedy



Mr. Hamilton

Mr. McKeever

They supervise physical examination methods in the health phase, as well as employee re-examinations every five years. They are interested in working conditions of the employee, such as lighting, ventilation and even such subjects as dog and tick bites. Further, they develop educational material on personal health problems, such as how to combat the common cold, what to eat for health's sake and others.

These, then, are the men on your safety team—the ones who bring into reality your suggestions and improvements—for safety's sake.

Four Pulaski Employees Awarded Aid Certificates

Four Pulaski district employees recently completed a 15-hour refresher course for First Aid Instructors and were given their new certificates.

They are W. H. Spangler, line supervisor; O. B. Kidd, area supervisor; S. C. Smith, line inspector, and Betsy Wrenn, home economist. Mr. Spangler assisted Howard Dial, Red Cross representative, with conducting the course in the Appalachian auditorium. Special emphasis was given to frostbite, atomic burns and the back pressure arm lift method of artificial resuscitation.

Robert Runyon Wins High Rating On Piano

Robert Runyon received an excellent rating at the state music festival in Lexington, Ky., recently. He is the son of Clyde Runyon, right-of-way agent in the Williamson district.

Robert's piano renditions of Bach Two-Part Invention No. 8 and "Für Eliss" by Beethoven brought him this honor. A freshman at Belfry High School, Robert has won this rating for three years in a row.

P. C. Kelsey To Head Club In Huntington

Paul C. Kelsey, Huntington district engineer, was recently chosen president of the Foreman-Managers Club.

The election was held at the last meeting of the season. Mr. Kelsey, who was elevated from the vice presidency, will be installed October 12.

A graduate of Purdue University in 1928, Mr. Kelsey came to work with Appalachian in 1935 after being employed by two other companies in the AGE system. He is also a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.



Mr. Kelsey

Center Of Attraction



Popular personality at the Huntington Home Show was this Reddy who entertained adults and children for a week. Children were thrilled when Reddy in front of the Appalachian booth recognized them, answered their questions and sang his catchy little song upon request. Reddy was assisted by Bob King and Bob Kuster, both of the Huntington commercial department.

A. P. Whitt Of Glen Lyn Plant Retires On First



Mr. Whitt

A. P. Whitt, boiler maintenance foreman at Glen Lyn plant, retired the first of this month after more than 30 years of service.

Employed in January of 1923 as a boiler repair foreman, he has held that position during his service. Born in Russell County, he is married and has four daughters and three sons. One son, George, is an auxiliary equipment operator at the plant.

Mr. Whitt takes pride in the company and the men he trained in maintenance work during his service and says that he feels "opportunities today" are much greater for a young man than when he started working. He and Mrs. Whitt reside at Kelleysville and plan to take life easy in his retirement.

Five Southern Properties Employees Contribute To May Issue Of AGE Notes

Five Southern Properties employees contributed four articles to the May issue of AGE's *Monthly Operating Notes*. With the printing of next month's issue, AGE will mark 25 years of employee idea recognition through *Notes*.

George E. Hervey, assistant Charleston district superintendent, and L. C. Shaffer, lineman, contributed "Some Precautions In Changing To Network System." In the article they told how additional safety and service precautions were taken in their conversion from radial to a network distribution system in downtown Charleston, outlining the precautions taken.

Two Philip Sporn plant employees contributed articles. George L. Wright, maintenance man, wrote "Simple Tools Aid Aerotec-Tube Installation" in which he described the use of a simple tool and method of prying serrated bolts into place when installing aerotec tubes.



Mr. Hayes

William R. Hayes, master maintenance man, was author of an article entitled "Extending Life of Ash Disposal Pump Liners" in which he described a method of counter-boring the holes so that the screw heads would come below the surface and thus protect the liners and seals.

Final article was written by A. L. Merrifield, Huntington district engineer. Called "Guy Angle-And-Tension Calculator," it described a calculator devised by Mr. Merrifield to figure in short time where a guy should be run and what strength it should have. Answers can be obtained in three minutes, according to the author. He also included in the article a reproduction of the calculator, a sample problem, and a note saying the calculator would be sent to anyone on request.

Pulaski Employees Named To Several Church Posts

Several Pulaski district employees were recently named to posts in the First Methodist Church of Pulaski.

D. P. Minichan, district manager, was made a trustee for three years. He is also a member of the church property and grounds committee.

J. B. Brillheart, Jr., draftsman, and Mrs. John F. Spencer, wife of the station supervisor, were selected to serve on the board of stewards. G. K. Smythers is the new superintendent of the adult division of the commission of education, and along with Mr. Brillheart is on the commission of finance. Mr. Smythers is also serving on the board of stewards.



Mr. Hervey

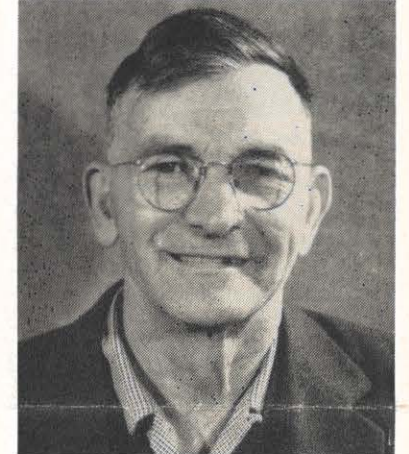
Mr. Shaffer



Mr. Wright

Mr. Merrifield

Sam Hill Retires After 35 Years At Glen Lyn Plant



Mr. Hill

On July 1, 1919, the first unit at Glen Lyn plant started in operation. On that day Samuel Hill, auxiliary equipment operator, started to work at the plant as a water tender.

On his retirement the first of this month, he was presented his 35-year pin by L. E. Turner, plant manager. During that time he watched the plant grow from its original 15,000 kw to its present 180,000 kw capacity. He was one of three active employees who started work on the first day of operation that remained.

Born in Summers County, he attended public schools there. Hunting is his favorite pastime. He says, "Now I will get to do a lot of it." He and his wife live at Glen Lyn.

Reusens Gates Get Paint

All eight spillway gates at Reusens hydro plant in the Lynchburg district are getting a complete spot painting job for the first time in 7 years. Handling the work are J. A. Porter, C. D. McCarthy, W. B. Spencer, Morris Lewis and W. R. Worley, Jr.

Locked In Narrows Stockade For Shaving



Paying the penalty for shaving without a license is D. R. Whittaker, area supervisor in Giles County of the Bluefield district. A beard is required for men as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of Narrows in June. Seeming to enjoy his discomfort while he holds his new license are members of the Narrows line crew—with beards. Looking on from the left are Robert M. Fields, D. M. Davis, W. B. Rasnake, Arthur Bowling and Orville Taylor. Others who have grown beards for the anniversary are Glen Lyn plant employees Roy Trent, R. B. Ratliff, Mack G. Leonard, Raymond Elliott, J. C. Hare, O. L. Dixon and G. C. Thompson.

Roanoke Division

System

Nancy Simpson was honored with a miscellaneous shower June 16. Hostesses were Frances Whitlock, Margaret Carter, Adrena Harmon and Reba Turner.

Sympathy is extended Frances Thrasher, system accounting, on the death of her grandfather.

Molly Ann Harvey is a summer employee in system personnel.

Barbara Long is a new system commercial employee.

Bonnie Peters, bride elect of Pfc. William J. Walker, Jr., was given a surprise shower June 15 at the home of Mrs. Jewell Woolridge. Mrs. Eula Bradford was co-hostess.

Nell Eller, who recently resigned from system commercial, was given a dinner by the women employees of the Roanoke building fourth floor.

Mary Ann King, daughter of W. Earl King, system appraisal, graduated from Radford College with a BS degree in education. She will teach this fall.

Roanoke District

Earl and Judy Robertson were given a surprise housewarming by local accounting employees. He is customer service representative.

Rupert Ansel Shank, Jr., is a new employee in the mail room.

E. L. Munday, Jr., district commercial manager, has been appointed chairman of the attendance committee of the Roanoke Lions Club.

Jackie French, five-year-old daughter of J. W. French, power-sales engineer, is recovering from a broken arm received in a recent fall.

E. T. Jones, member of the Reserves, 370th Heavy Truck Company, has returned from summer camp at Ft. Eustis.

Recent blood donors include W. P. Booker, Roanoke, and Bobbie J. Ramsey, G. D. Bratton, Jr., A. G. Adams and K. M. Spicer, Rocky Mount.

Norman Shelton, son of J. C. Shelton, Rocky Mount line foreman, has returned home after a recent operation.

Mrs. K. M. Spicer, wife of the Rocky Mount line department employee, has returned home after an operation.

A. J. Lambert was recently elected director of the Rocky Mount Junior Chamber of Commerce for a two-year term.

Fieldale District

W. G. Gourley, T&D department, and F. D. Duckworth, meter section, attended the Virginia state-wide safety conference in Norfolk recently.

Sgt. Billy Webster recently spent several days leave with his wife, an employee in local accounting. He recently returned from overseas duty.

Gladys Walker, PBX operator, recently received word that her husband, Cpl. Donald Walker, now serving with the Army in Germany, has been nominated Soldier of the Week, based on character and physical achievement.

Irene Adkins, T&D, has returned to work after an extended illness.

New summer employees in the T&D department include Douglas Cooper and Robert Shelton.

Lynchburg District

Jasper Davis, commercial, has returned to work after an extended illness.



Sympathy is extended C. E. Stahl, T&D, on the death of his brother.

Richard T. Campbell, engineering section, has resigned.

Mrs. R. L. Hatch, wife of the Reusens Hydro plant employee, is recovering at home from a fractured ankle.

Kentucky

Hazard District

Walker Bowman and Willie Jones, only two retired Hazard employees, were honored at a recent dinner recognizing Mr. Bowman's June retirement. A. R. Barber, district manager, presented Mr. Bowman with a piece of luggage on behalf of the Hazard employees.

Sympathy is extended Homer G. Combs, stores, on the death of his nephew.

Juanita Horton, student at Berea College, will work for the summer as home economist.

Harry Barnett, son of Fred Barnett, line foreman, received his mechanical engineering degree from the University of Kentucky recently.

Pikeville District

Anita Webb, 17-year-old daughter of Albert Webb, truck driver-groundman, received the typing medal for the best typist in the graduating class of Pikeville High School. She is enrolled now in the Bowling Green Business University.

Summer employees include Ernest Chaney, meter; and Fayette Elswick and Colleen Zorn, student home economists.

Mae Nell Crum, home economist, and Gherlene Brown, contract clerk, have resigned to be married.

Winfred Ray Miller is a new engineer trainee while Mrs. Emogene Black is a new accounting employee.

Ashland District

Jamie Sue Stone resigned from local accounting.

Mrs. Charlotte Schweitzer, home economist, recently completed a flower arranging course sponsored by the Ashland Garden Club.

Huntington Division

Logan District

Summer employees include Lois Ruth Frey, student home economist, and Delbert Ray Parker, student engineer.

Donald Ray Coffey is a new truck driver-groundman in the Madison area.

Robert Porterfield, son of the district manager, is a member of the Lions Club team in the Logan Little League.

M. M. Donohue, T&D station section, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Logan district employees who attended the recent National Guard camp at Camp Pickett were Robert K. Craddock, Jr., Francis X. Coffey, H. S. Jimison and Paul F. Sammons.

Howard J. Collins, personnel department, and his wife attended the recent Lions Club state convention in Bluefield.

Dorsie G. Drake has returned to work as a rodman after two years in the Army, including Korean action.

Huntington District

New employees include Lorene Hardwick, Barbara Markin and Wanda Tolliver, accounting; Peggy Cremeens, system billing; Leanna K. Ford, T&D records section; and June Goodloe, commercial.

Temporary employees include Lois M. Taylor and Mary Lee Hansbarger, commercial, and Clark Hansbarger, accounting.

Paul C. Kelsey, district engineer, has attended the American Institute of Electrical Engineers convention in Los Angeles as a delegate of the Ohio Valley Section.

Sympathy is extended Clyde Thompson on the death of his mother, and Mrs. Laura S. Collins on the death of her mother.

Sympathy is also extended Vernon Galloway on the death of his mother and Berchard C. Hoover on the death of his father.

Doris Ramsey, daughter of Jesse Ramsey, Huntington system billing office, received her AB degree cum laude from Marshall College.

Williamson District

Summer employees include Margaret Carrico and Lawson King, engineering; Ruby Robinson and Anita Floyd, commercial; J. B. Lawson, Jr., line and station; Sara T. Hammond, meter; and Charles Williamson, accounting.

Sympathy is extended B. L. Curry on the death of his grandfather.

Farley Bentley has returned to work after an extended illness.

Bluefield Division

Bluefield District

F. B. Flournoy, commercial, has resigned.

J. W. Farley, Jr., records, and John R. Munsey, Jr., engineering, have been elected to the board of directors of the Bluefield Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Ryland Y. Bailey is a new employee in the commercial department.

Summer employees include Helen Maynard and Nancy Lawrence, commercial.

Betty Sue and Billie Lee Bates, daughters of L. W. Bates, assistant Bluefield division manager, graduated from college recently. Betty Sue graduated from Radford College, majoring in chemistry and biology, and will teach this fall. Billie Lee graduated from Bluefield College and will work in the accounting department this summer.

Welch District

Ramsey A. Jones, area sales representative, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Sympathy is extended William Hulme, distribution record department, on the death of his father, and Carol Sue Bowles, accounting, on the death of her father.

Sympathy is also extended Otho J. Bragg, commercial, on the death of his father.

Lt. Roy L. Franklin is attending National Guard summer camp at Camp Pickett.

Annie Fortuenzo is a new accounting department employee.

College students who have summer employment are Joseph Alvarez and Willis Robinson, Switchback; Billy Horne and Catherine Covington, Welch; Ralph W. Hale, Pineville; and Paul L. Adams, Pocahontas.

Sue Bowles, Welch accounting, and Martha Shupe, Grundy accounting have resigned.

R. H. Ruff, Welch Lions Club president, attended the recent state Lions convention in Bluefield.

Abingdon District

Mrs. James E. Prater, wife of the appliance serviceman, has been elected vice president of the Jayettes, while Mrs. Ancel Hutton, Jr., wife of the senior general clerk in accounting, was elected treasurer.

Claud K. Kirkland, district manager, has been elected vice president of the newly organized Abingdon Chamber of Commerce.

Leon F. Valley, area supervisor, has been elected vice president of the Lebanon Lions Club.

Margaret Phalen is the new Dickenson County home economist.

Summer employees include Lois Jones, Russell County student home economist, and John Quillen, Jr., T&D department.

Pulaski District

Summer employees include David Hale, Claytor hydro; Barbara Connelly and Margaret Covey, student home economists; T. F. Carrico, engineering; and W. B. Gordon, Jr., rural and residential sales.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ryan, on the death of her sister.

Dana, infant daughter of E. L. Shaw, Jr., Byllesby, has returned from a Richmond hospital where she was a patient.

Carl Schmidt, accounting office, has returned to work after an extended illness.

D. B. Smith attended the recent VFW convention in Roanoke as commander of the Dublin post.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Webb entertained the Pulaski office women employees in the new Pulaski auditorium recently with a fried chicken dinner.

Glen Lyn Plant

Mrs. J. C. Thompson, mother of Ruth Thompson, senior time clerk, underwent an operation at Charlottesville.

Mrs. A. E. Cecil, retired employee, has returned home after treatment at Memorial Hospital in Princeton.

Charleston Division

Charleston District

New employees include Eugene Wolfe, Katherine Daubenspeck and Eunice Sadler, accounting; Betty Shamblin, North Charleston office T&D record section; Sheldon Luxenburg and Juanita Wolfe, system meter and William Barker, T&D meter section.

Durward Duffield is a new employee in the Virginia Street garage, replacing Ralph Byrnside, who entered military service.

Summer employees include Billy Joe Smith and Lou Romano, station section; James Hamrick, Arlie Dolin and Richard Stoakley, meter section; Robert Watson, stores; Charles Elkins, commercial; Alex Ghiz and James Craft, Jr., T&D engineering section; Betty Johnson, meter; William Witzel, Kanawha Valley Power Company; Margaret Taylor, accounting; John Hamilton, Turner station; and Marlene Spradling, Joan Lawrence, Joannette Donohue and Joan Davis, student home economists.

Employees who have resigned include Rudolph Jennings and Bonnie Brown, accounting, and Gloria Kinyrey, system meter.

Sympathy is extended Jack Skelton, meter section, on the death of his father.

Pauline Hamilton Lanham, commercial, participated in the Women's International Bowling Congress tournament in Syracuse, N. Y.

Lillian Cole, daughter of Ray Cole, garage supervisor, is spending nine weeks as a counselor at Camp Chantituck, Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Florence Hastie, widow of John J. Hastie, recently sailed for Northwick, Cheshire, England. She will also tour France and Italy. Accompanying her are two relatives. Mr. Hastie was system supervising breaker engineer before he retired in 1950. He died last year.

John Atkins is the new VPI co-op student working in the office.

George Unangst, meter supervisor, and his wife recently entertained Mme. Collette Stourtze of Paris, France. Mrs. Unangst went to school with the French school instructor, who is in this country on a Fulbright commission.

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Kingsport

New employees include J. A. Randall, Jr., meter; Betty Thompson, commercial; Clarence E. Bryan, engineering; Forrest Isley, transportation; Barbara Anderson, accounting; and Hunter Wright, line.

Sympathy is extended Mose Jackson, miscellaneous department, on the death of his mother, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Presley, line section, on the death of her father.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Kilgore, line section, on the death of his mother.

Gene Bryan, son of C. J. Bryan, assistant general manager, was named a delegate to Boys State from Dobyns-Bennett High School.

George W. Gott, meter, Cecil C. McClellan, line, and Jake Sells, line, have returned to work after recent illnesses.

Walter Tibbetts Donates Second Gallon Of Blood As Four Others Join Red Cross Club

Four Appalachian employees have become recent members of the American Red Cross Gallon Club and one other has risen to the two-gallon mark.

Walter Tibbetts, Charleston division, gave his 16th pint of blood in three years to the Kanawha-Clay chapter of the Red Cross recently. The four men to enter the select gallon circle are E. A. Jackson, Jr., Bluefield, accounting; T. J. Rose, meter, and William F. Machir, T&D, both Point Pleasant; and D. B. Smith, Pulaski, engineering section.

Mr. Tibbetts gave his first pint of blood in 1951 after listening to a radio appeal for blood for the wounded in Korea. Today he says, "I can't understand why more people don't give their blood. It takes so little time and doesn't hurt at all." He came with the company in 1941 and is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University.

Mr. Jackson joined Appalachian in 1948 and gave his eighth pint of blood in a recent bloodmobile solicitation. Both Point Pleasant men also gave their eighth pints during bloodmobile solicitation in their area. Mr. Machir has been an employee since 1946, and Mr. Rose joined the company in 1949. Mr. Smith, a resident of Dublin, has been with the company for eight years.

George Hervey Promoted To Colonel In Reserves

George E. Hervey, assistant Charleston district superintendent, has been promoted from major to lieutenant colonel in the Army Signal Corps Reserve.



Col. Hervey

His 22 years' service with the army began at West Virginia University where he was an ROTC student. He graduated in 1932 and was commissioned. He won his first lieutenant bars in 1935. During World War II he saw extensive action in North Africa and Italy and was promoted to captain. At the end of the war in 1945 he was promoted to major.



Mr. Jackson Mr. Rose



Mr. Machir Mr. Smith

Smith Boys Handle Grass Problem



Practically everyone admits spring is a nice time of year. But once a week that nice, green grass makes people wish spring hadn't come. That's the way David and Daniel Smith felt. Shown above with their father, James P. Smith, Kingsport lineman, the boys decided to take grass cutting matters in their own hands. They are shown looking at their finished product, a homemade electric power mower. The boys couldn't persuade their father to buy them a power mower, so they built a wooden frame, attached it to the regular lawn mower, removed the motor from their father's jig-saw, added a pulley wheel and motor belt, and had Reddy Kilowatt to work for them. Mr. Smith's comment? "They're my boys."

Active Ashland Youth To Head Two Centre Groups

Gordon Scott, rising senior at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, has been elected president of both Phi Delta Theta social fraternity and the Interfraternity Council.

Gordon, youngest son of H. S. Scott, is a business administration major. He is a member of the Centre golf team, the student-faculty committee on commencement and public occasions and plays many intramural sports.

J. M. Orr Named Life Saving Crew Officer

J. M. Orr has been named first lieutenant of the Washington County life saving crew, a post which places him in command when the crew's captain is absent.

The Abingdon district station man is a charter member of the crew. The group has recovered eight bodies from Holston River as part of their work and Mr. Orr recovered the last one from an 80-foot depth.

The crew also is called for all emergencies such as wrecks, fires, accidents and work at all large public gatherings.



Mr. Orr

Niagara Hydro Plant, 48-Year-Old Vet, Made Completely Automatic With New Equipment

Niagara hydro plant, a veteran of 48 years with Appalachian and its predecessors in Roanoke, has been made completely automatic.

In work extending over 10 months Cofer Construction Company of Roanoke, under the supervision of Paul J. Johnson, system hydro supervising engineer, has installed all new equipment in the plant, which is located on Roanoke River east of Vinton.

Two new vertical turbo-generator units, each rated at 2,200 horsepower, have been installed to replace the four original horizontal units. Niagara Hydro plant was originally constructed in 1906.



C. T. Smith, Niagara Hydro plant operator, stands beside the new automatic controls just completed at the plant.

Huntington's Chamber Of Commerce Elects Stillman President

Hugh D. Stillman, Huntington division manager, recently was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce at Huntington.



Mr. Stillman

In the past, Mr. Stillman has been extremely active in civic affairs. He was vice president of the organization last year and is past president of the Huntington Industrial Corporation.

He is a veteran of more than 30 years' service with both the Kentucky company and Appalachian. He has worked at Hazard, Pikeville, Logan and Huntington.

Mr. Stillman, a graduate of the University of Michigan, holds a master's degree in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Williamson Man's Son Accepts Scholarship

Lawson King, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King of Williamson, recently accepted an athletic scholarship at the University of Kentucky.

Lawson, an outstanding high school gridster, was cited for athletic abilities while playing with Belfry High School, Belfry, Ky. During his junior and senior years, he was outstanding on both the offense and defense.

He made all-conference center both years and was named to the All-State second team as a senior. Lawson hopes to major in electrical engineering at the university.



Lawson King

Pikeville Students Honored At Schools



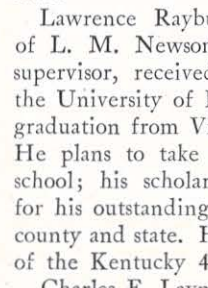
Lawrence Newsom Charles Layne

Sons of three Pikeville district employees were honored on their recent graduations from college and high school.

Ralph Wilson, 21-year-old son of Charlie Wilson, janitor, received a Chicago Tribune ROTC medal for military achievement, scholastic achievement and character, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army. He received these honors upon his graduation from Marquette University June 9, where he starred three years on the varsity basketball team.

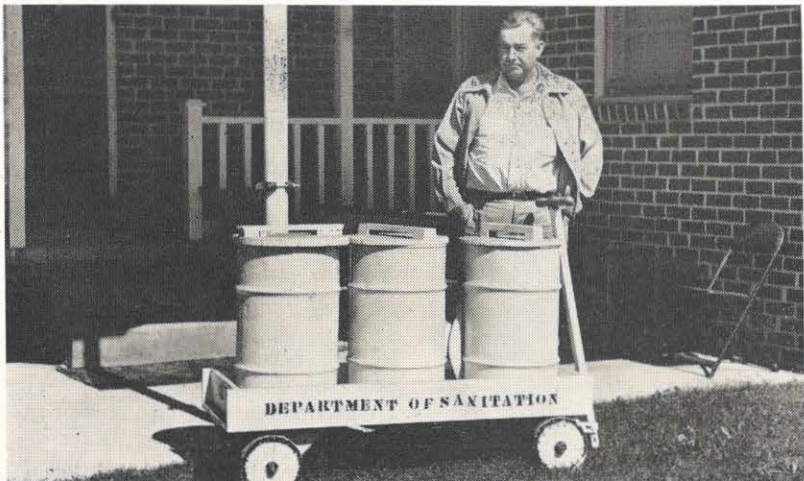
Lawrence Rayburn Newsom, son of L. M. Newsom, district records supervisor, received a scholarship to the University of Kentucky upon his graduation from Virgie High School. He plans to take agriculture at the school; his scholarship was awarded for his outstanding 4-H work in the county and state. He is vice president of the Kentucky 4-H Club.

Charles F. Layne, 16-year-old son of John Layne, janitor, was valedictorian of his graduating class at Perry Cline High School in Pikeville. An A student, he has entered West Virginia State College.



Ralph Wilson

Fools Friends With His Handiwork



You've been "took." That's your first reaction after going home with Dave Whittaker to see his "homemade garbage disposal." Dave, area supervisor at Narrows in the Bluefield district, always gets a laugh when he displays the disposal above. Seems the garbage truck misses his house by half a block. He got tired of loading the garbage cans in his car and unloading them at the pick-up point. So Dave built the small wagon to fit the three cans. He parks the wagon with cans in it back of his kitchen. On garbage day he pulls the wagon to the pick-up point and pulls it home after the garbage man empties the cans. To complete his disposal, he even painted "Department of Sanitation" on it.

Woman Of Week



June H. Davis, Huntington receptionist, was recently honored by the "Huntington Herald Dispatch" as "Woman of the Week." The article spoke of her 38 years with Appalachian and her hobby of helping other people. The article went on to say that Miss Davis has made quite an art of cooking banana bread, and then listed her civic activities, including president of the faithful Workers Class and assistant Sunday School teacher in her church, member of Morris Memorial Hospital board, conference club of the YWCA and member of the advisory board of Bradshaw-Diehl department store.

Watkins Given Present

T. M. Watkins, Williamson district manager who is now assistant to the manager of the Huntington division, was honored May 28 at the Sprigg County Club with a dinner. E. E. King, on behalf of the employees, presented a television set to Mr. and Mrs. Watkins. About 80 employees attended.

Families Tour Kanawha Plant At Open House



Kanawha River plant's control room was a popular spot on the tour of the plant on June 13 when employees played host to their families and guests at an open house. Shown above in the air-conditioned room where D. E. Everson, control operator at right, explains the operations are Mrs. Paul Evans, Paul, his mother and a guest. A large number braved the simmering afternoon heat to get a look at the interior of the place they had been hearing so much about. In addition to the control room, other points drawing comment were the cafeteria, the first aid room and other air-conditioned areas. Refreshments were served in the cafeteria at the completion of tours.

Mrs. Herbert Davis Leaves For Visit To Her Home In England



Mrs. Herbert C. Davis and her daughter, of Huntington, pose just before leaving for a visit to her native land, England.

Eight years away from home, and now she's on her way back.

Mrs. Herbert C. Davis, wife of the Huntington district T&D department employee, sailed May 28 for her native land, England, after eight years in this country.

She and her six-year-old daughter will visit in that country for several months before coming back to Huntington to live. Mrs. Davis came to the United States in 1946 as a new bride. She met her husband while he was serving with the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Davises will land in Southampton and from there journey to her home at Maidenhead, in Berkshire, as guests of her mother. They will also visit her sister in northern England.

Another sister, Sheila Johnson, was in Huntington for a visit in 1948. She liked it so well she returned to England, saved her money and returned to live.

There's just one thing that bothers Mrs. Davis about returning to England—driving a car on both sides of the ocean. Just as she gets used to driving on the right side, she goes back to England for a visit. Then, when she gets accustomed to driving on the left side of the road, she returns to the United States.

"I'm a highway menace on both sides of the water," she laughs.

George Patterson Made Assistant At Ohio Power

George V. Patterson, executive assistant in The Ohio Power Company's Canton office, has been appointed assistant general manager of the company. In his new post, he will be assistant to A. N. Prentice, who on July 1 became vice president and general manager of Ohio Power, succeeding Harold Turner. Mr. Turner was promoted to AGE executive vice president.

Mr. Patterson, a 19-year veteran with Ohio and graduate of Ohio State, started as a meter installer in Canton. He served as power engineer, assistant manager of the company's commercial-industrial department in the general office and was promoted to administrative assistant in 1950. He became executive assistant in 1952.

Huntington Employees Elected To VFW Posts

Two Huntington district employees, members of East Huntington VFW Auxiliary Post 9738, were recently elected to posts in district 8 of the organization.

Mrs. Betty G. Adkins, T&D records section, was named president of the district while Mrs. Ethel H. Hyldahl, T&D engineering section, was elected secretary.

New Officers Named For Ashland Group

Felicia Billips was elected president as the Quarter Century Club of Ashland held its annual dinner meeting recently.



Miss Billips

R. L. Gordon was named vice president and Louise Cash secretary as the district employees elected officers and discussed other business at the annual affair. D. V. Lockwood, retiring president, welcomed new members Annis Ketterer, James B. Simpson and Frank Huffman, Jr., and guest R. E. Doyle, Jr.

As her first act the new president announced plans for a summer picnic meeting.

Attending the banquet were H. S. Scott, R. A. Macomb, R. F. Millikan, C. R. Sanford, Dan Lake, W. B. Garnett, Sebe Burchett, Henry Lyle, John T. Weidenheller, Virgil Brewer, Paul A. Scaggs, A. R. Surbaugh, J. W. Ellis, Jr., and H. T. Mitchell.

Kennedy Now Lynchburg District Manager

D. C. Kennedy, acting district manager of the Lynchburg district since January of this year, has been promoted to district manager. The promotion was effective the first of this month.

Mr. Kennedy, who was promoted to acting district manager upon the death of G. Roberts Neubauer in December, was assistant manager of the district from 1945 to 1954. He was employed by the company in 1932.

W. O. Slade Of Welch Enters Army June 14

William O. Slade was called into the Army June 14.

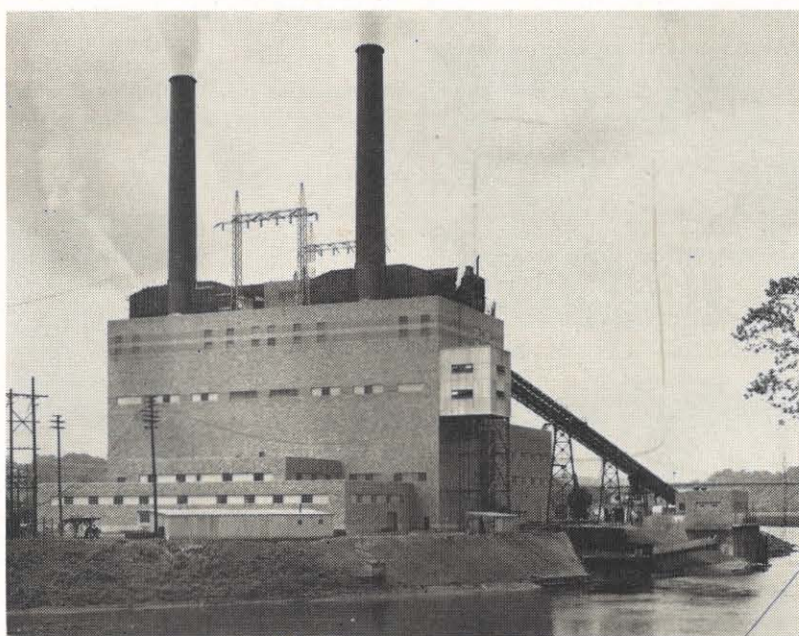


Mr. Slade

A graduate of Elkhorn High School, Mr. Slade will be stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

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Unit Two At Muskingum River In Use



Unit Two of Muskingum River plant of Ohio Power went into service last month. This 400,000-kw plant is a twin of Appalachian's Kanawha River plant. The Ohio plant is the fifth major power generating station to be placed in operation on the AGE System in the past eight years. When Unit 3 of the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's new Tanners Creek plant goes into operation, scheduled for October of this year, the net capability of the System will be raised to 3,996,000 kilowatts.

Burdette Made Lions Officer

Joe R. Burdette, Charleston district appliance serviceman, has been elected first vice president of the Cross Lanes Lions Club. Burdette, a veteran of World War II, was employed by the company in November of 1948.

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Carol Virginia Raines, daughter of Mrs. Gretis Raines, PBX operator, graduated from West Virginia University with a BS in business administration.

Storm Action



Severe electric storm in Beckley knocked out a main double circuit 44,000 volt line on South Fayette Street recently, blocking traffic for an hour and a half. Daniel E. Murray, lineman, is shown as he stopped traffic while other members of line crews in the background hastened to repair the lines. A driver of a trailer truck rendered aid to the company when he jacked up his truck in the middle of the road to help stop traffic for the linemen. There was also a failure in a Beckley substation transformer but service over the entire city was restored a little over three hours after the failure.

Kanawha River Plant

Sympathy is extended H. T. Ferrer, Jr., on the death of his daughter.

Beckley District

H. D. "Buck" Shuck, retired employee, is recovering from a recent heart attack in the Shady Grove Sanitarium in Eminence, Kentucky.

J. H. McNeish is a temporary employee in the T&D section, while Robert L. Brinkley is the new Oak Hill area sales representative.

Sympathy is extended G. D. Covey on the death of his brother.

Philip Sporn Plant

New employees as temporary laborer include Richard Athey, James E. Barton, William Ward, Keith McClung, Charles Stanley, James E. Sanborn, Robert L. Denison, John H. Taylor, Ronald E. Gillilan, Theodore C. Fisher and Paul E. Lanham.

Sympathy is extended William Baronick, senior payroll clerk, on the death of his mother, and Donald Brown, chief chemist, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Sympathy is also extended John Carpenter, auxiliary equipment operator, on the death of his father.

Employees Work All Of May Without Bad Injury

Employees of Appalachian, Kingsport and Kanawha Valley completed the month of May without a disabling injury. The last time this was done was in September, 1946.

G. L. Furr, vice president and general manager of Appalachian, in a letter to employees in the June issue of *Facts and Figures*, pointed out that 4,224 employees worked 659,283 man-hours in May without a disabling injury. He said: "I want to congratulate each employee . . . for this splendid accomplishment and to express the sincere hope that all of you will do your individual part in making other months as happy and free of serious injury as was May."

R. N. Hurt, AGE, Gets Promotion

Robert N. Hurt, personnel assistant of AGE, was promoted June 1 to supervisor of employee relations, AGE Service Corporation.

Under F. G. Lippert, director of personnel administration, Mr. Hurt will be responsible for rendering advice and technical assistance to the operating companies and Service Corporation on employee relations and safety matters.



Mr. Hurt

Before being promoted to the AGE personnel department in 1951, he was Appalachian employee relations supervisor. A native Roanoker, he was employed in the distribution department in 1937.

He was secretary to the Roanoke division manager, later Roanoke district safety director. He was promoted to employee relations supervisor in January of 1950, following his promotion to the system personnel department in 1947.

He served as president of the Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce and had been director, vice president and president of the Roanoke Jaycees as well as a national director.

B. C. Hoover Gets College Degree

Nineteen years is a long time to work for a college education. That's why Burchard C. Hoover was mighty glad to receive his BS degree from Marshall College in June.

The Huntington chief of party in the survey unit graduated from high school in 1935 following his employment by the company as a night PBX operator in March. In September of 1935



Mr. Hoover

while still an operator he enrolled at Marshall College and attended day classes part time.

In 1941 he transferred to the survey unit of the T&D department and by 1943 had advanced to party chief. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he completed extension courses in 1945 and 1946 from the University of West Virginia in electrical engineering and concrete and soil testing. He enrolled again at Marshall in 1951 and took evening classes until his graduation.

Appalachian Employees Featured In Magazine

Articles written by two company employees and a picture of two others with their invention were featured in the May issue of *Electric Light and Power*.

Both have appeared in previous issues of THE ILLUMINATOR. The article, written by H. D. Veasey and J. W. Stephens, division engineering, and called "Portable Line Voltage Recorder Cuts Chart Cost" appeared also in AGE *Operating Notes*. The picture showed C. H. Feiszli and R. L. Boyd, Logan plant, with a model turbine they built for training purposes.

Both features appeared in a section of the magazine called "Utility Man's Notebook."

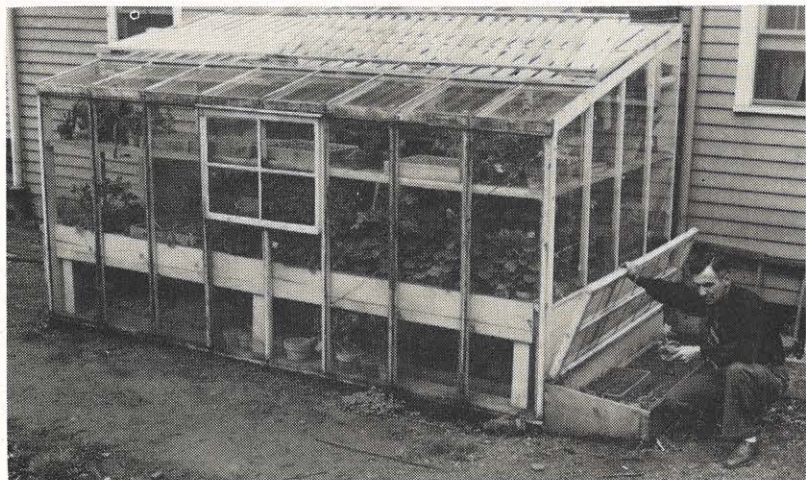
Sporn Accepts Coffin Award



Philip Sporn, president of AGE and the Southern Properties, is shown at right as he accepts the coveted Charles A. Coffin Award on behalf of AGE at the annual Edison Electric Institute meeting in Atlantic City last month. Philip D. Reed, left, chairman of the board of directors of the General Electric Company, made the presentation as Walter H. Sammis, president of the E. E. I., looked on.

Green Thumb

Flower-Loving Jack Frey Can Enjoy Blooms Year Round With Greenhouse



Jack Frey of Sporn plant examines a plant from his greenhouse built last fall.

When winter winds blow, flowers and trees tuck in their foliage until warm weather comes round again. Now this sort of thing can be hard on those who love flowers and their blooms.

Jack Frey, assistant shift operating engineer at Philip Sporn plant, was faced with this problem, but he and his family came up with the perfect solution last year.

The green-thumbed Mr. Frey, his wife and two sons built a greenhouse last fall so that they could enjoy flowers all year. Attached to the house, the greenhouse is heated by the house heating plant and the temperature is controlled manually when high and low temperature alarms sound.

All the members of the family vie for the honor of growing the prettiest flower or getting the first bloom. Excitement mounts as a fresh crop comes in. And besides being a family hobby, the flower-growing project has other rewards. As Jack puts it, "We always have blooms for the church or a potted plant to take to a sick friend or neighbor."

All winter long such flowers as geraniums, snapdragons, amaryllis, African violets, gloxianias and begonias, including carnations, bloom. This spring the Freys have planted several hundred annual flowers to be transplanted to a garden later. As soon as the annuals are moved, chrysanthemums, asters and snapdragons will take their place.

The greenhouse, which took three months to build, is 8½ feet by 12 feet. Construction cost Mr. Frey about \$100.

D. C. Duncan To Head Exchange Committee

D. C. Duncan, Appalachian system safety director, was recently elected chairman of the accident prevention committee of the Southeastern Electric Exchange.



Mr. Duncan

Mr. Duncan rose from the vice chairmanship of the committee during a two day session of the Exchange in Roanoke June 14-15. Mr. Duncan was host at the meetings, attended by representatives of power companies from 12 states.

He will serve two years as chairman of the committee.

Mr. Duncan came with the company as a timekeeper in Bluefield on April 19, 1925, and nine years later became first aid instructor. On January 1, 1937, he moved up to assistant safety director for the company and on September 1, 1941, was promoted to his present position.

Fieldale Employees Give First Aid To Victim Of Bad Fall



These Fieldale employees rushed to the aid of a telephone company employee who fell from a pole. They are, from the left: Bruce Hogan, F. D. Duckworth and W. G. Gourley.

Quick action on the part of three Fieldale employees prevented much suffering to a telephone company man on the night of April 24.

The telephone company employee, Clarence Wilcox, was working 35 feet up a pole across the street from the Fieldale Appalachian office when he fell to the pavement below. Another telephone man came to the office for help and Bruce Hogan, substation man; F. D. Duckworth, meter supervisor; and W. G. Gourley, district superintendent, hurried across to investigate.

They administered first aid to the victim and made him ready for the ambulance which took him to the hospital. All of the men were working that night to restore service after a severe storm.

The family of the injured man sent a letter to the company employees, thanking them for their aid to Mr. Wilcox. His mother expressed the wish to thank each one of the three personally.

'Got A Secret'



Fieldale employees recently did their own version of the TV program "I've Got A Secret" in behalf of safety. Above A. L. St. Clair plays the part of Gary Moore during the program and interviews Leonard Jenkins who, like other guests, had a secret accident or injury that happened to them at home or work. The panel of Joe Higgins, Betty Baker, M. W. Brown and Eunice Gravelly had to guess the accident and what it involved. Nancy Kitts was guest of honor while Jewell Wigginton was announcer. Other guests with secrets were Virginia Mullins and Dillard Gravelly.

Ira Wiley Completes 35 Years Of Service At Glen Lyn Plant

Ira Wiley has completed 35 years of service as a foreman at Glen Lyn plant and was awarded his service pin.

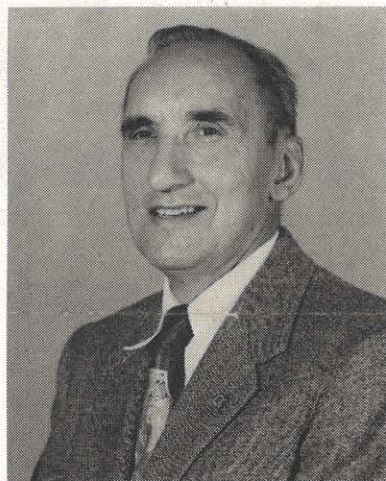


Mr. Wiley

Starting on the first day of operation of Glen Lyn plant on July 1, 1919, he has been in charge of the coal handling during his employment. Born at WilLOWton, West Virginia, he attended schools in Mercer County. He and his wife live at Glen Lyn and his favorite hobbies are fishing and hunting.

Mr. Wiley was recently re-elected to serve his third term as mayor of Glen Lyn. He has been active in municipal affairs and in the volunteer fire department.

C. T. Older Notes Company Growth On Retirement



Mr. Older

C. T. Older, Charleston division veteran, retired June 1 after more than 32 years' service.

The relay engineer joined the West Virginia Water and Electric Company on October, 1921, as a water meter tester. From 1923 to 1935 he served as electric meter tester and then moved to the station section. Before assuming his most recent duties with the company in 1950, he served as a station man, an inspector and tester and a maintenance man.

Born February 16, 1894, at Confidence, W. Va., he attended Charleston schools and took an extension course in electrical engineering at West Virginia Tech. He also completed an ICS course in electrical engineering.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Older saw overseas action with a field artillery unit in drives on Metz, Argonne and Alsace-Lorraine.

Charleston veterans will remember him as the manager of the first Charleston district softball team in 1923. On his retirement, Mr. Older said that he is much impressed with the company's rapid growth and changes during the last 20 years. He also speaks highly of the safety program.

He is married and has a son and daughter. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston, where he lives, and the Odd Fellows Lodge.

Mr. Older says: "I have no definite plans for retirement except to spend a lot of my time on the farm in Braxton County."

C. E. Moore, Head Counsel For AGE, Retires June 30



Mr. Moore

C. E. Moore, chief counsel and vice president of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation, retired June 30 after 31 years as an AGE attorney.

In his many years with AGE, Mr. Moore witnessed the company's growth and development into one of the nation's major electric utilities—an expansion which he helped guide, in its legal aspects, through the various governmental regulatory bodies holding jurisdiction over private utilities.

Mr. Moore started with AGE on June 11, 1923, upon receiving his law degree from Columbia University. He became chief counsel and was elected vice president on January 1, 1948, succeeding to positions held by John P. VandeVoort, who retired.

As chief counsel, Mr. Moore supervised a staff of four lawyers and a law clerk in the organization, as well as the outside lawyers who counsel AGE's seven operating companies.

Born July 11, 1889, in Bethel, Mo., he received his early education in Missouri schools and then received his A.B. degree from University of Colorado. A member of the school's football and basketball teams, he began a coaching career after graduation at a high school in the state of Washington.

During World War I, in which he served 27 months, Mr. Moore was a first lieutenant with the 78th division in France, where he was wounded in action.

He, his wife and son reside in Yonkers, N. Y. He is looking forward to many things in retirement, including golf and extensive traveling. He also wants to study things "he's always wanted to know something about," including philosophy. Which probably is a good philosophy in itself: when a fellow retires he's really only starting out.

Kingsport Employees Conquer Many Obstacles, Including Low Bridge, In Moving Transformer

Construction of a by-pass road under a railroad bridge was just one of the problems Kingsport employees had to meet when a new 40-ton transformer was moved through that city recently.

The 30,000 kva transformer was shipped into Kingsport by railroad and had to be transported to its permanent site at the new West Kingsport substation on Long Island by truck.

The road under the railroad bridge had to be lowered for clearance, but that was just one of the problems. Line Foreman Jack Morrison and Truck Driver James Gilliam and their line truck were called on to help the transformer over a sharp incline. Coy Arnold and Walter Drinnon, maintenance men, had to ride atop the truck to clear telephone wires.

R. C. Scarlett, station supervisor,

F. B. Duncan Gets His 35-Year Pin

Frank B. Duncan received his 35-year pin on July 1, an anniversary in two ways. He was employed July 1, 1919, at Glen Lyn plant. This was the first day of operation of the original unit.



Mr. Duncan

Employed as a fireman, he is now a boiler operator. He was born in Giles County and attended public schools at Bland, Virginia. He resides with his wife at Oakvale.

McClung, Grinstead Receive Club Posts



Mr. Grinstead

Mr. McClung

Two Bluefield employees were recently elected to top offices in the Bluefield Civitan Club.

H. H. McClung, head distribution clerk for the division, was named president of the group, while A. R. Grinstead, supervisor of the district records department, was chosen second vice president.

Mr. McClung served two years as secretary of the club and last year was first vice president. Mr. Grinstead, a charter member, has also served two years as secretary.

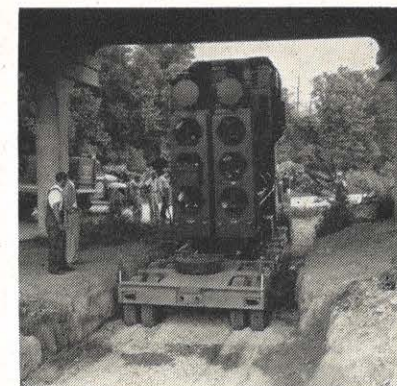
Francis Crisswell Is Salutatorian

Sitting on the platform during Erie High School graduation exercises as salutatorian was Francis Marion Crisswell, son of David Crisswell, Ashland area sales representative.



Francis Crisswell

Francis finished school with a 94.3 average. Now he plans to enter VPI where he will pursue work in mathematics, psychology and physics.



Bulldozer has just left the scene after excavating a roadway under this bridge, enabling the safe transport of the transformer at Kingsport.

handled the moving operation, and was aided by R. E. Wells, James Murdock, Edward Jones, J. D. Spivey and Howard Brooks.

These 44 Employees Have About 1,000 Years' Service



Recent weeks have been big ones for veterans receiving pins for 20 or more years' service. These 44 employees represent almost 1,000 years' service. **FIRST ROW**, from the left: 30 Years: E. P. Rairden, system; Earl King, system; Lawrence M. Hatten, Huntington; D. Floyd Johnson, Huntington; James Staples Dodd, Bluefield, and

Lon C. Drain, Glen Lyn. 25 Years: Fred M. Lawson, Pulaski; L. H. Lawrence, Pulaski; R. Y. Woodburn, Glen Lyn; Hampton Davis, Lynchburg, and F. E. Hemmings, Cabin Creek. **SECOND ROW**, from the left: 25 Years: W. E. Coleman, system; J. W. Craig, Roanoke; Mrs. Vera Haynes, Beckley. R. E. Shipwash, Bluefield.

H. R. Andrews, Philip Sporn. 20 Years: Joe A. Allinder, Cabin Creek; Patricia H. Hastings, Cabin Creek; F. M. Williams, Cabin Creek; N. M. Newcomer, Cabin Creek; R. H. Williams, Cabin Creek, and S. R. Pritchard, Huntington. **THIRD ROW**, from the left, all 20 years: C. C. Lance, system; H. O. Buckland, system; W. F.

Moore, system; O. A. Hawkins, system; William H. Ribble, system; J. W. Bryant, Roanoke; E. W. Holland, Roanoke; Ralph Slade, Welch; Joe C. Graham, Welch; Grover C. Shumate, Welch, and Robert G. Hooper, Lynchburg. **FOURTH ROW**, from the left, all 20 years: R. N. Orth, Charleston;

Joe P. Gills, Charleston; H. W. Mitchell, Charleston; E. C. Porterfield, Pulaski; Lincoln Bloebaum, Ashland; F. K. Umberger, Jr., Kingsport; Paul M. Vannoy, Logan; William S. Stallard, Hazard; H. B. Kidd, Bluefield; A. G. Burton and Sam Kelley, Bluefield.

Appalachian Electric Power Company
Beckley District—25 YEARS: Vera Haynes, asst. payroll supv., accounting dept.
Bluefield District—30 YEARS: J. S. Dodd, commercial dept.; 25 YEARS: R. E. Shipwash, T&D dept.; 20 YEARS: H. B. Kidd, div. T&D dept.; Sam Kelley, div. T&D dept.; A. Garfield Burton, commercial dept.
Charleston District — 20 YEARS: H. W. Mitchell, T&D, line section; Joe P. Gills, division manager; R. N. Orth, T&D, line section; 15 YEARS: P. P. Newman, T&D, engineering section.
Fieldale District—10 YEARS: D. G. Merriman, T&D, station section.
Cabin Creek Plant—25 YEARS: F. E. Hemmings, production, asst. shift operator; 20 YEARS: J. A. Allinder, chief chemist; R. H. Williams, production, turbine operator A; F. M. Williams, production, boiler operator C; Patricia Hastings, clerk-typist; N. M. Newcomer, production, control operator; 10 YEARS: E. L. Workman, production, utility man; 5 YEARS: J. D. Poore, production, laborer.
Glen Lyn Plant—35 YEARS: F. B. Duncan, boiler operator; Samuel Hill, auxiliary equip. operator; Ira Wiley, coal handling supv.; 30 YEARS: Lon C. Drain, turbine operator; 25 YEARS: R. Y. Woodburn, plant office supv.; 10 YEARS: L. O. Whittaker, coal conveyor operator; Patricia N. Dunn, stenographer; O. M. McClaugherty, asst. chemist; R. M. Trent, coal & ash equip. operator; W. M. Woodyard, mechanical maint. man.
Huntington District — 30 YEARS: David F. Johnson, produc-

tion dept.; Lawrence M. Hatten, production dept.; 20 YEARS: S. R. Pritchard, district manager; 15 YEARS: James M. Scites, managerial dept.; William D. Hocker, misc. dept.; 10 YEARS: Raymond B. Bolt, accounting dept.; Minnie Dalton, misc. dept.; 5 YEARS: Maggie Watts, accounting dept.
Logan District — 20 YEARS: Paul M. Vannoy, commercial dept.; 5 YEARS: Mary Elizabeth Davis, commercial dept.
Logan Plant—5 YEARS: J. R. Ellis, mechanical maint. helper; J. R. Blankenship, Jr., personnel asst.
Lynchburg District — 25 YEARS: Hampton Davis, building service dept.; 20 YEARS: Robert G. Hooper, T&D, meter section; 15 YEARS: David E. Booth, production, Reusens hydro; 5 YEARS: Ralph H. Johnson, commercial dept.
Pulaski District—25 YEARS: F. M. Lawson, T&D, station section; L. H. Lawrence, T&D, line section; 20 YEARS: E. C. Porterfield, hydro; 10 YEARS: Pauline Y. Gatewood, accounting dept.
Roanoke District—25 YEARS: J. W. Craig, T&D, engineering section; 20 YEARS: J. W. Bryant, district station dept.; E. W. Holland, meter dept.; 15 YEARS: J. D. Cooper, T&D, engineering section; J. W. French, district commercial dept.; W. M. Mills, meter dept.; 10 YEARS: Jean S. Cassell, dist. commercial dept.
System—30 YEARS: Earl King, system appraisal dept.; E. P. Rairden, system R/E & R/W dept.; 25 YEARS: W. E. Coleman, system superintendent R/E & R/W dept.; 20 YEARS: C. C. Lance, system operating; W. H. Ribble, system operating; H. O. Buckland, system operating; O. A. Hawkins, system

accounting dept.; W. F. Moore, system accounting dept.; 15 YEARS: C. E. Fernatt, system station dept.; 5 YEARS: T. W. Old, system station dept.
Philip Sporn Plant—25 YEARS: H. R. Andrews, plant manager; 5 YEARS: Ralph E. Warner; James Bennett; Lawrence Hall; Harry Sayre; John Bryan.
Welch District—20 YEARS: Ralph Slade, station supv., Switch-

back; Grover C. Shumate, station section, Coalwood; Joe C. Graham, line section, Pocahontas; 10 YEARS: Charles W. Smith, station section, Switchback; 5 YEARS: Millard Gibson, T&D, line section; Eleanor D. Knott, commercial dept.
Williamson District — 10 YEARS: Victor A. Harris, meter dept.; 5 YEARS: Irene B. Kirchner, commercial dept.
Kentucky Power Company
Ashland District—20 YEARS: Lincoln Bloebaum, meter dept.
Hazard District—20 YEARS: William S. Stallard, accounting dept.
Pikeville District—5 YEARS: Charles Stayton, accounting dept.; Ernest Brashear, distribution engineer.
Kingsport Utilities, Inc.
Kingsport—20 YEARS: Frank K. Umberger, Jr., accounting dept.; 15 YEARS: James K. White, accounting dept.; 5 YEARS: Marjorie Bridwell, accounting dept.; Samuel H. Chandler, Jr., T&D, engineering section.

Surprise Party



Surprised but happy, Harry Spenceley accepts a savings bond from H. A. Clarke, system substitution superintendent, at a recent dinner. The bond, and a fishing rod, were given Mr. Spenceley when 29 fellow employees honored him on his June 1 retirement.



Appalachian Electric Power Company
BECKLEY DISTRICT
W. W. Ford, from power sales engineer, Jr., to power sales engineer, Sr.; **James M. Crane**, from area sales representative to commercial sales repr.; **G. D. Covey**, from area sales repr., to commercial sales repr.; **Maxine Prince**, from clerk-stenographer to stenographer; **K. K. Keatley**, from lineman "B" to lineman "A", T&D, line section.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT
Herbert R. Hill, from meter service helper to meterman "C", T&D, meter section; **Wilbur C. West**, from meterman "C" to meterman "B", T&D, meter section; **Christine Christy**, from clerk-typist to personnel clerk, personnel dept.; **Ronald E. Givens**, from meter reader, T&D, meter section to collector, accounting dept.
HUNTINGTON DISTRICT
Patsy L. Estep, from addressograph opr., system billing, to clerk-typist, commercial dept.
KANAWHA RIVER PLANT
Clayton Barker, from laborer, Cabin Creek Plant to coal handler, Kanawha River Plant.
PULASKI DISTRICT
Frank H. Board, from division residential sales repr., Bluefield, to dealer sales repr., Pulaski; **Gerald G. Roseberry**, from stores record clerk to head material clerk; **Dorothy N. Whitaker**, from stenographer, T&D, engineering section to stenographer, personnel dept.
PHILIP SPORN PLANT
Daniel M. Connors, from concrete engineer, Kanawha River Plant to concrete engineer, Philip Sporn Plant; **Charles W. Lidgard**, from asst. concrete engineer, Kanawha River Plant to asst. concrete engineer, Philip Sporn Plant; **Ben H. Philson**, from asst. concrete engineer, Kanawha River Plant to asst. concrete engineer, Philip Sporn Plant.

Black And White



Refreshing as a shaded patio cooled by sea breeze is this striking black and white ensemble worn by Delores McDowell, Charleston accounting employee. The dress features Empire silhouette with handspan waist and a great big swoop of skirt, with stand-alone petticoat. The frosty white bodice is prettied with lace and rhinestone buttons, styled by Sue Saunders. Just right for every summer dressy occasion, the frock is complimented by a black velvet hat and short white gloves. Mrs. McDowell, an employee since 1945, wears this sophisticated dark ensemble at Stone and Thomas in Charleston.

Scholarship Won By Employee's Daughter

Winner of a \$200 scholarship to William and Mary College and valedictorian of her class at William Fleming High School in Roanoke was Margaret Jane Willhide, daughter of J. G. Willhide of the system operating department.



Margaret Willhide

She won the state championship in creative writing for a short story last year when she also won second place in the district and state Latin Tournament. She also represented her school in the district spelling meet.

Graduates With Honors

Jo Ann Westerfield graduated from West Liberty State College on the academic honor roll. She is the daughter of Mrs. Bess Westerfield, Charleston accounting department. Jo Ann is a junior member of the Ohio Valley Academy of Denistry, a junior member of the American Dental Association and a member of Phi Delta Alpha Sorority.

Fifteen Couples Wed In Recent Ceremonies



Recent brides and bridegrooms among company employees are pictured above. They are: **FIRST ROW**, from the left: Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Moore, Huntington; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas K. Wirt, Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Doran Chambers, Logan; and Mrs. Omer Fisher, Jr., Logan. **SECOND ROW**, from the left: Mrs. Marvin Lee Pollard, system; Mrs. Howard Wise Linkous, Welch; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Robinette, Bluefield; and Mrs. R. G. McComas, Logan Plant. **THIRD ROW**, from the left: Mrs. James Barrow Shaw, Roanoke; Mrs. H. Clayton Colley, Welch; Mrs. Arthur A. Countiss, Abingdon; and Mrs. Wayne O. Nienke, Roanoke.

New Arrivals

A daughter, ANN HELMA, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Campbell on May 18. Mr. Campbell is employed at the Cabin Creek Plant.

A daughter, ELIZABETH ANN, was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hoyt on May 20. Mr. Hoyt is an employee at the Cabin Creek Plant.

SHERRILL LYNN is the new daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Martin on May 30. Mr. Martin is employed in the Charleston system meter department.

ROBERTA LYNN is the new daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. William R. Daniels on May 30. Mr. Daniels is an employee of the Kanawha River Plant construction department.

Born to MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH L. HOLLEY, a son, Richard Joseph, on June 23. Mr. Holley is an employee in the Huntington Stores department.

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD O. BALDWIN are the parents of a son, Thomas Francis, born June 11. Mr. Baldwin is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

JACKSON LEE, JR., is the new son born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Smithers on June 10. Mr. Smithers is employed in the Charleston district.

Born to MR. AND MRS. C. F. WHATELY, JR., a son, James Harrison, on June 13. Mr. Whately is employed in the System Substation Dept., Roanoke.

A son, BARRY WAYNE, was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wright, Jr., on June 5. Mr. Wright is an employee in the Fieldale district.

A daughter, ANN PAGE, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Benson Shelton on June 9. Mr. Shelton is employed in the Fieldale district.

MR. AND MRS. EARLE PEARSON are the parents of a son, William Earle, born May 24. Mrs. Pearson is a former employee in the Lynchburg district.

ROY ALLEN, JR., is the new son born to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Tibbs on June 3. Mr. Tibbs is employed in the Lynchburg district.

MR. AND MRS. J. D. BOWLING are the parents of a son, James Donald, Jr., born May 25. Mr. Bowling is employed at the Kanawha River Plant.

MR. AND MRS. B. P. MEADOWS are the parents of a daughter, Pamela Ruth, born May 19. Mr. Meadows is employed at the Kanawha River Plant.

MR. AND MRS. EUGENE E. FANNINE are announcing the birth of a daughter, Mary Kathryn, born May 16. Mr. Fanning is employed at Marion in the Pulaski district.

MR. AND MRS. ROGER THOMPSON are the parents of a new daughter, Ann Leslie. Mr. Thompson is employed in the Ashland district.

LEIGH ALLYSON is the new daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hammer on May 17. Mr. Hammer is an employee in the Beckley district.

Born to SGT. AND MRS. BILLY DALE SMITH, a son, Stephen Dale, on June 9. Sgt. Smith of the Welch district is on leave of absence and is stationed at Cheyenne, Wyoming. Mrs. Smith is a former employee in the Welch district.

MR. AND MRS. H. E. GUILLIAMS are the parents of a son, Timothy Gray, born May 24. Mr. Guilliam is employed in the Roanoke meter department.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. VanHoose, a daughter named CATHY JANINE, on June 7. Mr. VanHoose is employed in the Huntington district commercial department.

MR. AND MRS. R. W. MARTIN are the parents of a son, Kim Lee, born June 8. Mr. Martin is employed in the Beckley district.

A son, MATTHEW KENNETH, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bailey on June 3. Mr. Bailey is employed in the Bluefield district.

MR. AND MRS. JERRY BARTLEY are the parents of a daughter, Teresa Lou, born June 1. Mr. Bartley is employed in the Pikeville district.

A daughter, FRANCES GAIL, was born June 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ratliff. Mr. Ratliff is employed in the Pikeville district.

MR. AND MRS. AMOS NICKLES are the parents of a daughter, Virginia Gwendoline, born June 9. Mr. Nickles is an employee in the Hazard district.

They're Engaged

JANICE ELOISE MEADOWS to Joseph F. Cox. Mr. Cox is employed in the Beckley district.

ERNESTINE JOHNSON to G. H. Foreman, Jr. Miss Johnson is an employee in the Bluefield district.

IMELDA KING to Eugene Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe is employed in the Charleston district.

VIRGINIA LEE CLARK to Kenneth Harold Shaver. Miss Clark is an employee in System Accounting, Roanoke.

Wins Despite Odds



Looking at the six place settings of silver won in "McCall's" Set A Pretty Table contest is Mrs. Ammon Sears, wife of the area supervisor in the Fieldale district. She was one of 25 contest winners among 31,439 entries in the national contest. That meant her chances of winning were less than 1 in 1,000. She also drew a picture of her table instead of sending a photograph of it. But as a letter notifying her of the award said: "Your originality and excellent taste were deciding factors in the selection of your entry." Winners' names were published in the May issue of "McCall's" with the July issue scheduled to present a number of the prize-winning tables.

Jordan-Chambers

Miss Naomi Rose Jordan of Chapmanville became the bride of Franklin Doran Chambers of Stollings on Friday, June 11 at the First Church of Christ at Chapmanville. Mr. Chambers is employed in the Logan district.

Wilkins-Countiss

Miss Geraldine Wilkins and Arthur Alan Countiss were united in marriage in a ceremony on June 5 at the Methodist Church in Abingdon. Mrs. Countiss is employed in the Property Records Department in Abingdon.

Tyler-Fisher

Miss Margaret Tyler became the bride of Omer Fisher, Jr., on May 28 at the Nighbert Memorial Methodist Church in Logan. Mrs. Fisher was employed in the Logan office.

Pattison-Wirt

Miss Norma Jean Pattison and Douglas K. Wirt were united in marriage on May 15 at the Vinton Baptist Church. Mr. Wirt is the son of E. L. Wirt, Roanoke district garage.

Witt-McComas

Miss Mae June Witt became the bride of R. G. McComas on June 4 in a ceremony performed at the First Presbyterian Church in Montgomery. Mr. McComas is chief chemist at the Logan plant.

Eller-Nienke

Miss Nell Eller became the bride of Sgt. Wayne O. Nienke in a double ring ceremony performed at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Salem, Virginia, on June 12. Mrs. Nienke was formerly employed in the System Commercial Department, Roanoke.

Shanklin-Drain

Miss Norma Lee Shanklin and John C. Drain were united in marriage on June 5 at the home of the bride. Mr. Drain is an employee at the Glen Lyn Plant.

Alderson-Robinette

Miss Zelda Ann Alderson became the bride of Leonard W. Robinette on June 12 at the College Avenue Baptist Church in Bluefield. Mr. and Mrs. Robinette are employees in the Bluefield district.

Gills-Shaw

Miss Lucile Martin Gills became the bride of James Barrow Shaw on May 24 at the College Avenue Baptist Church in Bluefield. Mrs. Shaw is a former home economist in the Roanoke district and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Pitzer Gills. Mr. Gills is the Bluefield division manager.

Paying Phrase



"History repeats itself" is probably one of Mrs. James M. Cole's favorite expressions. Those three little words paid off big for the wife of the Abingdon district commercial sales representative recently on the radio show "The Phrase That Pays." Mrs. Cole poses with her prizes, two table lighters, portable radio, record player, collection of phonograph records, leather inlaid coffee table containing a silver chest and a 78-piece set of silverware. She had submitted her phrase earlier and won the prizes as a home contestant.

Milhoan-Theis

Miss Thelma Milhoan became the bride of Paul E. Theis on June 4 at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Pomeroy, Ohio. Mr. Theis is office manager at the Philip Sporn Plant.

Love-Skinner

Miss Lucy Temple Love became the bride of William R. Skinner on June 12, in a garden setting at the home of her parents. Mr. Skinner is the son of R. G. Skinner, division commercial manager, Charleston division.

Boutwell-Moore

Miss Beatrice Ann Boutwell became the bride of Herman L. Moore on May 15 at the Highlawn Baptist Church in Huntington. Mrs. Moore is employed in the Huntington district.

Bowles-Linkous

Miss Carol Sue Bowles and Howard Wise Linkous were united in marriage on June 4 in a ceremony performed in the First Baptist Church in Welch. Mrs. Linkous was an employee in the Welch district office.

Shupe-Colley

Miss Martha Shupe became the bride of S/Sgt. H. Clayton Colley on June 4 in the Grundy Methodist Church, Grundy, Virginia. Mrs. Colley was employed in the Grundy office.

Wingfield-Pollard

Miss Lelia Anne Wingfield became the bride of Marvin L. Pollard in a double ring ceremony performed on June 12 at the First Baptist Church, Roanoke. Mr. Pollard is an employee of the System Substation Dept.

Softball Tourney Will Be Held At Roanoke In August

Teams Get Ready To Compete For Champ's Crown

Roanoke is the location of the annual company Softball Tournament. J. A. Mundy, employee relations supervisor who made the announcement, said August 27-28 had been set up for the tournament which has not been held in Roanoke since 1949.

Games will be played at Roanoke's Wasena Park, featuring four diamonds. Two of the diamonds are lighted for night games. Plans call for only one game to be played at a time to prevent dividing spectator interest. Umpires and judges will be selected by the host district.

The first round play-off will be on Friday with the consolation and championship games on Saturday. Trophies will be awarded at a buffet dinner, Saturday.

As in the past, an all-tournament



Always strong contenders for championship honors in the Southern Properties Softball Tournament is the Beckley team. This year's group above hope to do as well as in 1950 when they were company tournament champs. They were runners-up last year. Front row, from left: J. E. Hammer, Waldo S. LaFon, Maxie C. Dwornick, Eugene O'Neal, Homer W. Greene, D. H. Williams and Bob Thomas. Back, from left: Fred Bonham, E. J. Wood, Paul Elliott, R. W. Martin, Eddie McGinnis, Arnold "Sam" Yost and Chester Pate. Not pictured are manager Jim McNeish, Bob Brinkley and William Wiseman.

team of 13 players will be selected. This will consist of one complete team, one extra pitcher, one utility infielder, one utility outfielder and one team manager.

The tournament committee is headed by J. A. Mundy and includes Phil Ray, W. A. McClung, D. C. Duncan, W. P. Booker, Ira B. Peters, J. G. Harvey and T. A. Kirby.



Logan Kilowatts softball team, made up of plant and district employees, returned home recently with a 9-7 win over Kanawha River plant under their belts. It was the fifth straight victory for the Logan team. They are now in third place in the Logan Businessmens League, sporting a 6-6 record. Team members, front row, from the left: Walt Chambers, Harold Jimison, Chester Elkins and manager Harold Jackson. Second row: Tommy Joe Hale, Ed Yeager and Sonny White. Third row: Paul White, Orville Napier, Johnny Hall and Caleb White. Fourth row: Jack Blankenship, Bart Montiegel, Jimmy Ellis and Roy Craddock.

Kanawha Team, Off To A Slow Start, Hits Stride

Defeat at the hands of the Logan softball team has not dampened the spirit of the Kanawha River plant aggregation.

Although the team has had to overcome many handicaps along the way, they have finally swung into season action. Several players have been injured and others have gone into military service, but the Kanawha team does not think their 9-7 loss to Logan is indicative of what the rest of the season has in store for them.

W. M. Cornett, plant personnel supervisor, says that if any other teams are interested in games with the Kanawha squad, to contact him for arrangements.

Shake Hula Skirts For Sake Of Charity

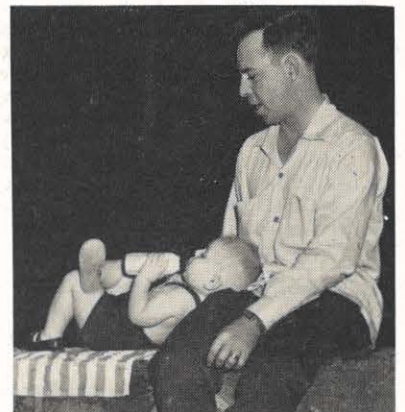
People will do a lot of things for charity's sake. Take the case of two Beckley district employees.

For the benefit of the Cancer Fund, Archie Riner and Russell Miller, both of the T&D record section, were in the chorus line of "hula-hula girls." Attired in hula skirts, wigs and other necessary bits of clothing, they swayed with four others.

Students Tour Reusens

A group of 21 physics and chemistry students from E. C. Glass High School recently toured Reusens hydro plant in the Lynchburg district. R. L. Hatch, plant supervisor, explained operations. The group was accompanied by A. J. Fielder, physics instructor, and F. A. Teass, general science instructor.

It's A Tough Life



"Picnics are O.K. but they sure wear a fellow down." That seems to indicate the attitude of little Randy Burgess as he rests on his father, Bob. The Huntington district and division commercial department picnic was held June 5 at Cabwaylingo State Park. Some enjoyed swimming; some enjoyed the games; some enjoyed the food. If you're wondering what Randy enjoyed most, take another look at the picture.

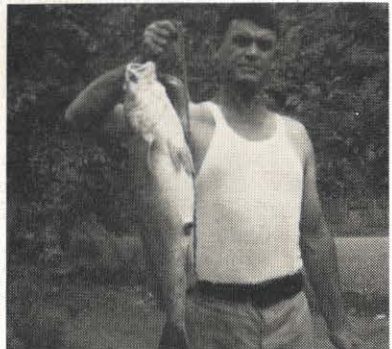


After a fourth place finish during the first half, the Charleston softball team has bounced back to take the second half league lead with a 2-0 record. Team members are, kneeling, from the left: Vernon Kirk, Bob Palmer, J. D. Porter, Cam Coffman and Lou Romano. Standing, from the left: Gene Watson, Jim Hamrick, Jim Smithers, Charlie Elkins and Bob Moss. Paul Parsons, Bobby Watson and manager Cliff Flannery are also team members.



Hoping to regain the company championship they won six times, Huntington leads the YMCA Industrial League with a 11-2 record. Team members are, kneeling, from the left: Dave Hanshaw, Dick Smith, Jim Blanchard, Randy Hogsett, Don Cottle and Earl Wellman. Standing, from the left: Jack Butler, Charles Derbyshire, Paul Baker, Bernie Moore, Jim Triplett, Bob Webster, Carlos Akers and Edsel Staten. Charles Porter and Jim Swann were absent.

Silver Giant



Cecil DeBoard, Pikeville groundman, holds a 30-inch silver carp he caught recently in the Big Sandy River near his home at Shelviana, Kentucky. The fish caught with a trotline, weighs 12 1/2 pounds.

Welch Enters Home Loop

For the first time in several seasons the Welch Municipal League has been revived. Consequently the Welch district softball team does not have to leave home to play a full season of ball. Manager Dick Ruff is expecting good things of his stalwarts in the four-team loop and in later company play.

Pulaski Has Picnic

Pulaski district employees and their families attended a barbecue picnic on June 19 at Claytor Lake. About 500 were present, including visitors from Bluefield, Roanoke and New York. O'Neal Amos was in charge of arrangements.

Man! Dig That Cat!



There are catfish and catfish, but here's a real catfish. This 50-pounder held by Fred Burnett, Bylesby hydro operator at right, and D. S. Jennings, a relative, was caught recently on a trotline at Austinville in the Pulaski district. The day after catching this giant, Mr. Burnett, E. L. Shaw, Jr., and King Mustard at Bylesby caught a 31-pound catfish in the hole where a turbine had been removed at Bylesby hydro.

Plant Golfers Form Competing Club

Twenty-two Philip Sporn plant men who enjoy spending their off-duty hours on the links have formed a plant golf club.

Although the first meeting is scheduled later, the group has already begun serious practice at the Chester Hill country club at Chester, Ohio, and has won one meet, that with four Philo plant golfers.

Keith Arnold, Clarence Tennant, Robert Gilmore and George Wolf successfully defended Sporn plant's golfing honor with a 15-stroke trouncing of the Philo linksmen. A return match is slated later.

Eddie Johnston Takes Golf Tourney



Thirty-six holes of good golf and the toss of a coin gave Eddie Johnston, system operating department, the Roanoke division golf tournament crown June 12. Mr. Johnston, at left foreground in the picture, was tied with Bill Jones, T&D station section, center, at the end of regular tourney play, and the flip of a coin decided the match. Total of 62 golfers toured the course the second day of the tournament. Lewis Mills, Roanoke commercial department, took gross honors for the day with a 73 and Dick Shepherd, system personnel, had low gross for the tournament with 158. Golfers from Fieldale, Lynchburg, Roanoke and system participated. J. D. Lawrence, assistant division manager, is shown presenting Mr. Johnston with a golf bag and Mr. Jones with a club.

Fish Fryin' Time



And to think these fish are only part of a three-day catch! H. H. Farley, Jr., Beckley district material clerk, exhibits part of the 108 fish he caught on a recent fishing trip to Tennessee-Kentucky Lake. Most of the fish were crappie and bass, the largest one a 3 3/4 pound bass.

Run Rabbits? Hurst's Beagles Are Tops



Christie Hurst, Pulaski district lineman, poses with his four beagles, which he has developed a hobby around. Mr. Hurst owns a 15-inch straight leg beagle female and three of her puppies, and devotes much of his time to their care and training. He also finds that they are good at flushing rabbits and pheasants, and takes them out to the fields often after work. He believes that a beagle is the best all-around dog—he says that they are gentle with children and do not shed their short hair all over the rug. Mr. Hurst has grassed pens for his pets, sloped so rain water will not settle. His hobby dates back to 1948 when he developed an interest in registered hounds and bought the female.

Banquet Honors Sporn Keglers



Posing with their team and individual trophies are members of the Grimes Shift bowling team, winners of the Philip Sporn Plant League. They are, from the left: Sonny Haggerty, Buck Tennant, Ralph Gibbs, Jr., and Gene Athey. Other members not pictured are Floyd Capehart, John Grimes and Bud Stivers. Mr. Gibbs also received two other honors at the recent bowling banquet, for high individual average and high individual game. Willis Dudding received a trophy for high individual three-game set. Members of Emmert's Shift team, runners-up, were also honored. Paul Scally, personnel supervisor, was master of ceremonies at the awards banquet, while short talks were given by Howard Andrews, plant manager, and Paul Schneider, assistant plant manager.

Jack Lawhorn To Study Six Weeks In New York

Jack Lawhorn, son of Mrs. Myrtle Lawhorn, Charleston local accounting office, has been awarded a scholarship to study six weeks at Chautauqua, N. Y.

The Silver Cross Circle of the International Order of King's Daughters And Sons made the presentation to the Morris Harvey ministerial student. He will study Christian leadership.

Honors For Don Wilson

Don K. Wilson recently received a Bachelor of Secretarial Science Degree from Century College of Commerce where he graduated with honors with one of the highest ratings ever made by a student at the school. He is the son of H. G. Wilson, record section of the T&D department at Logan, and is now on the faculty of the school.

Helping Little League



These Welch district employees are helping Little League Baseball make a good showing there. Left to right, kneeling: Jack Green, meter department, official league umpire, and Walter Thomas, service department, coach of the Lions Club team. Standing, from the left: Don Miller, accounting department, coach of the Rotary team; William Belchee, commercial department, manager of the Kiwanis team; R. H. Ruff, engineering department, president of the league, and Roy L. Franklin, personnel department, official league umpire.

Trophies Presented To Individual And Team Winners As Charleston Ends Bowling Season



Shown with their team and individual trophies are members of the Divisioneers, Charleston bowling winners. They are, from the left: D. H. Caldwell, J. D. Walters, E. C. Flannery, R. W. Speas, C. H. Murray and F. R. Frishette. C. W. Lovell was also on the team.

Individual and team winners were honored and new officers elected as the Charleston district Kilowatt bowling league closed out the season with a banquet recently.

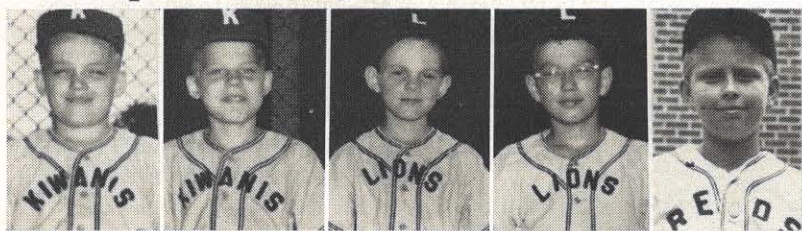
Joe P. Gills, division manager, presented individual trophies to F. C. Young, C. H. Murray, Floyd Taylor, Edith Wright, Pauline Lanham and Eldivia Cline. Handicap trophies

Queen Of Fishermen



Glenda Jean McGinnis wears her crown and holds the prizes given her for catching the biggest fish at the Beckley "Take A Kid Fishing Derby" on June 13. The six-year-old daughter of D. E. McGinnis, Beckley commercial department, caught a 14½-inch which won her the Queen's trophy and a casting line. About 1,000 adults and youngsters surrounded the lake in Little Beaver Park to take part in the derby sponsored by the Beckley Rod and Gun Club.

Play Little League Baseball In Welch



Moore Harris Bocock Ruff Farley

Little League baseball gets a big boost from these sons and grandsons of Welch district employees. From the left: Tommy Moore, grandson of C. E. Caldwell, retired employee, plays outfield for the Kiwanis Club; Warren Harris, grandson of S. H. Harris, retired employee, holds down second for Kiwanis; Dickie Bocock, son of F. L. Bocock, residential and rural sales supervisor, plays outfield for the Welch Lions Club; Greg Ruff, son of R. H. Ruff, Welch district electrical engineer, is an outfielder for the Lions, and Freddy Farley, son of C. A. Farley, area supervisor of Pineville, is catcher for the Reds in the Pineville league.

Appalassies Picnic

A group of Appalassies from Logan picnicked at Rock House near Man on June 16. Fried chicken and all the trimmings were served Marjorie Parkins, Faith Harris, Jean Williams, Jean Perry, Mary E. Davis, Mary F. Elkins, Wilma Randolph, Alda Jones, Carol White, Jean Hambrick, Oretta Lambert, Lola Adkins and Eleanor Winter and their guests.

Pikeville Club Presents Trophies At Horse Show

K. P. O. Club in Pikeville added an original chore to their club duties recently when members presented trophies and ribbons at the recent Pikeville Saddle Horse Show.

Pikeville Jaycees, sponsors of the show, called on the club to make the presentations. Those girls participating were Ruth Huffman, Mrs. Mary Stewart, Fannie Potter, Mrs. Gail Smith, Mrs. Frances Huffman, Bonnie King and Lois Coleman.

Paul Dunn Reels In Giant Tarpon; Wins Weekly Fish Contest



Paul Dunn is obviously proud of his prize-winning tarpon, a 68 pounder.

Three 200 yard runs, several jumps as high as 15 or 20 feet in the air and 45 minutes of vigorous fighting weren't enough to prevent Paul Dunn from landing a 68-pound tarpon on a recent Florida fishing excursion.

The Silver King catch enabled the Abingdon district administrative assistant to be a daily and weekly winner in the annual Sarasota Tarpon tournament sponsored by the Sarasota Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dunn won a cigarette lighter for the largest daily catch. When the fish was judged the largest for that weekly period, he was awarded a medium weight rod, reel and line.

For being the weekly winner Mr. Dunn automatically becomes a contestant for tournament's grand prize, a new automobile. To win, he must return to Sarasota and fish again for another giant of the deep.

Mr. Dunn caught his fish on May 29. Another member of his fishing party was also a weekly winner and received similar prizes.

Bluefielder Raises 'Fightin' Chickens'; First Game Bird Walked Out On Scrap

Earl Thomas, a Bluefield district employee, is a man who accepts a challenge with a smile. A childhood challenge is responsible for his interest in his hobby, the raising of a top breed of fighting cocks.

As a youngster, Earl had a keen interest in poultry. However, he had passed his tenth birthday before he was aware of any strain other than the "layin' and eatin'" breeds. Earl's father, sensing his fondness for chickens, bought him a game bird for the flock and that is where his hobby began.

Earl worked with the bird and named his first game cock "Round-head." All went well until Earl was ready to fight his charge. "Round-head" goofed—he ran from the fight. The fight was a flop and this flung a challenge that Earl accepted and finally overcame.

Today, although Earl does not fight his game birds, he raises an outstanding variety of fierce fighting cocks. He experimented until he developed the strain of bird he wanted. He now has some 30 roosters on the walks and ships them all over the country. Some shipments have been made as far away as Florida, Arizona and California. Earl's birds sell for fifty dollars a head.

Mr. Thomas, an Air Force veteran, served as a first lieutenant while on active duty. He is married and the father of one child.

Bad Break In Pikeville

David Ratcliff, stores record clerk in the Pikeville district, had a bad break in more ways than one in that district's first softball game. The Pikeville backstop suffered a fractured leg in the initial contest of the season, and will probably be on the sidelines the remainder of the year.

Champ's Form



Freddy Farley displays the form that won him the Pineville Grade School Marble Championship recently. The son of C. A. Farley, Pineville area supervisor in the Welch district, Freddy now plans to enter the Wyoming county championship.



Earl holds one of his game birds, "Sugar Ray." These roosters are black with brass-colored wings.

For Future Feasts



Group of men returned from Florida fishing trip recently with red faces. Mrs. Rebecca Keenan, the only woman in the party, came away with the largest fish, this 30-pound Amber Jack. Mrs. Keenan, Roanoke district switchboard operator in the local accounting office, had to have help from her husband when she hooked the beauty, but the prize was all hers. She shipped the fish home, had this picture taken and then cut it up and froze it for later feasts.

Canadian Catch



Canadian fish don't look any different from American ones, and they provide the same thrills at the other end of a fishing pole. Hubert Mullins, Cabin Creek plant, proved this to himself on a recent fishing excursion at Nepissing lake in Canada. He exhibits one morning's catch in the above picture. Most of the fish are pike and bass and run from 15 to 27 inches long.

Short Circuits Outroll Balls Of Fire For Huntington District Bowling League Crown



Members of Huntington's winning Short Circuits are, from the left: Pauline Smith, Betty Adkins, Doris Locke, Jim Dorsey and Ted Smith.

Short Circuits edged the Balls of Fire for the Huntington district bowling crown recently in a three-game playoff.

The champs won the first half of league play and the runners-up took the second half. Individual honors for the league went to Kermit Jarrell,

who took all the men's honors, and Doris Schuster, who swept the women's titles.

The Short Circuits also bowled the high three games for the season and the Low Voltage keggers rolled the high single game.

Kanawha Nightmare

Two Employees Injured As Turner Sub Is Rocked By Carbide Plant Explosions

Night was settling on the Kanawha Valley Friday, June 4. Men were peacefully working at the company's Turner substation and the nearby Institute plant of Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Company.

Suddenly a series of devastating blasts in the plant turned the area into a nightmare. Homes and buildings were damaged, and persons as far away as Charleston, 10 miles, reported hearing the explosions.

And Turner sub stood only 1,500 feet west of the plant site. Although the damage could have been greater, it was enough. An employee was injured in the blast and glass in the three buildings was shattered.

Oren Casto, operator, was caught by a falling light fixture and suffered a severed arm artery. Only the quick action of Ralph K. Gaw, system operator and Mr. Casto's working mate, saved him worse hurt. Mr. Gaw applied a tourniquet and stopped the heavy flow of blood from Mr. Casto's arm. He then summoned an ambulance and got the injured worker to a hospital.

Meanwhile, R. L. Hall, Jr., system electronics engineer, on his way to help at the substation, collided with an automobile driven by a doctor, who was also rushing to the scene. He



Oren Casto gets good care during his recovery from the badly cut arm he suffered during the Kanawha Valley explosion. Another employee, R. L. Hall, Jr., was hospitalized from injuries received in an auto collision while on his way to help at Turner after the explosion.

went to the hospital with cuts about the face and a broken breastbone and fractured rib.

Most of the visible Turner damage was in the control house where 21 overhead light fixtures were blown from the ceiling. Nearly all of the plate glass windows were shattered and one section of glass bricks, facing the blasts, was blown out. Steel gratings inside the operating room were lifted from the floor and moved by the force of the explosion.

The oil house and repair shop suffered many broken windows and one section of bricks was literally torn from the building. Despite the force of the blasts, however, not a single line in the station was interrupted.

Mr. Gaw himself was saved from serious injury because he was working in front of a steel paneled load control board. An examination of the area behind the board revealed that the window was blown to bits and pieces of glass were embedded in the paneling.

Mr. Gaw's comment during the aftermath of the explosion probably expresses the sentiments of thousands of others. He said: "It was plenty rough. I'd rather not be in another one."



"I'd rather not be in another one" was Ralph K. Gaw's opinion of the carbide plant explosion which rocked Turner substation.

J. M. Crane Is Made Oak Hill Cub Leader

James M. Crane, Beckley district employee of Oak Hill, recently was named leader of Cub Pack Number 30. Announcement was made following a business meeting at the Oak Hill Baptist Church.



Mr. Crane

Mr. Crane replaces W. C. McMahan who recently was transferred to Charleston as assistant to the district manager. Mr. Crane is an area sales representative at Oak Hill.

Huntington Man To Lead Engineer Society

William M. Langstaff was elected president of the Huntington chapter of West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers on June 12. He is a power sales engineer.

Past president of the Engineers Club in Huntington, he started in the commercial department in 1936 after 14 years' work with General Electric at Nela Park in Cleveland.



Mr. Langstaff

'Long, Hard Road' Leads Kanawha Man To Degree

Seven years of burning the midnight oil and sacrificing leisure time with his family has led to the realization of a dream for C. E. Allinder, Kanawha River plant office supervisor.

Mr. Allinder recently completed requirements for a B.S. degree in business administration, majoring in accounting, at Morris Harvey College.

In 1947 he entered West Virginia Tech but financial difficulties forced him to drop out until 1948, when he enrolled as a night student at Morris Harvey. Meanwhile he was employed by the company.

He carried six to nine hours a semester until he met the full requirements for his degree. A big help to him was his wife, Jean, who is a former Cabin Creek plant employee. They have two children and live in Marmet.

Commenting on his graduation, Mr. Allinder said: "It has been a long, hard road to follow but I had my heart set on a college degree. I feel that my wife should be commended as much as myself, as she has been my inspiration throughout my college career, encouraging me continuously to go on. She has had the job of running the home and rearing the children, while I have been going to school and studying. I hope, in the future, I can devote more time to Jean and the children."



Mr. Allinder

R. F. Millikan Will Steer Ashland Lions

R. F. Millikan has been elected president of the Ashland Lions Club.

H. H. Kincaid was named second vice president to serve with Mr. Millikan.

Mr. Millikan is general safety and employee relations supervisor while Mr. Kincaid is assistant district manager.

Both men took office July 1.



Mr. Millikan

Three Years Of Spare-Time Work Result In Five-Room Home For Sporn Employee



E. A. Ryan of Sporn applies finishing touches to his new home which he built in three years.

Following plans he drew up himself three years ago, Edward A. Ryan recently completed a new home for himself and his family.

The Philip Sporn plant maintenance man began in the spring of 1951 and after working on vacations, week-ends and at nights moved his family into the completed structure.

The house, measuring 24 feet by 38 feet, is a frame construction con-

Tinkering In Hobby Shop Helps Logan Worker Bring TV To Dead Signal Area

W. E. "Dick" Fortune, a member of the Logan Plant results department, will be among the first hobbyists who will tell you, "Hobbies grow like Topsy." Dick's solution to his own personal problem not only brought TV reception to a dead signal area but provides service for a small community. The hobby developed to such proportions that every member of the family now shares some of the newly acquired tasks. What's more—they like it.

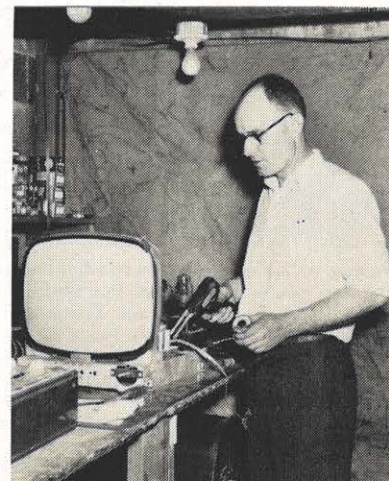
Dick's TV octopus was just an idea when Huntington's TV station, WSAZ, went on the air in 1949. West Logan, where Dick made his home, was a dead spot and reception was all but impossible. Dick decided to do something about it.

Experiments proved mountain-top antennas would provide reception, however, considerable picture quality was lost with the long leads. This challenge caused Dick to erect his own antenna and run a 4,000-foot lead-in cable to his home. The initial hookup provided service for two sets. Reception proved excellent—that's when the octopus began to move.

Requests began to pour in for a hookup on Dick's antenna. Today, TV service is provided for 70 homes over some six miles of cable. Six booster stations retain the picture quality all along the line and the service is regulated through Dick's basement hobby shop. The longest span was installed to provide reception for Dick's father's home. This stretch is more than one mile in length and crosses the Guyandotte River.

Dick's troubles did not end with the completion of the service. Instead, they multiplied. One problem led to another, so Dick studied TV maintenance by correspondence. Mrs. Fortune receives trouble calls and in a number of cases offered advice that led to TV corrections. Their son, Mr. Fortune's father, and now a neighbor, help maintain the system. Together, their projects remain a hobby that definitely is appreciated in West Logan.

Dick says, "All in all, our hobby is time-consuming; sometimes profitable; but always interesting." He indicated his tinkering with electricity and radio gave him the bug that launched the project. When asked his opinion of television programs, Dick replied, "Never look at 'em.'"



Dick Fortune solders loose connections on a neighbor's television set.

Company Service Of 31 Years Ends For L. M. Jordan



Mr. Jordan

Service of 31 years ended for L. M. Jordan, Charleston district line foreman, when he retired July 1.

Mr. Jordan began his employment July 5, 1923, with the old Virginian Power Company as a station man at Layland. He transferred to Beckley in 1928 as a troubleshooter and went to Cabin Creek in the same capacity in 1929.

In 1930 he was promoted to foreman of a transmission maintenance crew and worked out of Cabin Creek until moved to Charleston in 1945. He remained a foreman until October, 1951, at which time he became operator at the Slack Street substation. When the station was equipped with automatic controls in November, 1952, he again became foreman of a distribution line crew.

In recalling some of his work experience during the early years of his employment, Mr. Jordan gives one instance of how much time was needed to replace a string of 44,000 volt insulators. "You had to hire a horse, open switches to kill the line and then ride five or six miles to give the maintenance crew clearance. After repairs were completed the long ride was made back to the switching structure to close the switches and put the line back in service."

Today the same operation takes about an hour.

In addition to the vastly improved communication system and efficient operating conditions, he says "Safety is one of the most progressive programs the company has had during my years of service."

Born at Osie, Kentucky, July 4, 1889, he is a veteran of World War I and a member of the John Brawley Post of the American Legion in Charleston.

Married, he lives at Malden and has no definite plans for retirement except "to take it easy."

Welch Flower Fund Officers Named



These are the new officers of the Welch Flower Fund Committee. From the left: Porter R. Grubb, working foreman, director; Laurina Virgili, clerk stenographer, chairman; Alice Spencer, personnel assistant, treasurer, and Bill Pearson, lineman, director.