

The best use for life is  
to spend it for some-  
thing that outlasts life.  
—WILLIAM JAMES

# The Illuminator

Worry is interest paid  
on trouble before it  
falls due.  
—DEAN INGE

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## Plaques Presented

### Safety Recognition Given Kentuckians

Working safely brings its own reward, but national recognition is also achieved when an impressive safety record is made by employees of a company.

Kentucky Power Company received this recognition recently when three national groups presented plaques to the company for safety records.

But perhaps even more a reminder that it can be done were individual key chains given each employee. On one side is worded: "Presented to the men and women of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company for working 1,000,000 man-hours with no disabling injuries, between November 25, 1952, and January 17, 1954 inclusive." On the other Reddy Kilowatt is shown saying: "Please remember, any job can be done safely."

The company's outstanding safety record was recognized in recent presentations, held up until August because of the company name change. The National Safety Council Electric Utility, Group D, winner award was presented R. E. Doyle, Jr., vice president and general manager, because Kentucky had the best accident frequency rate, zero, for 1953 of any of the 45 competing electric utilities in the country.

The 1,000,000 man-hours without a disabling injury were recognized by the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company award plaque. And the Edison Electric Institute Accident Frequency Reduction Award was given "in recognition of the achievement by its employees of a 25 percent, or greater reduction, in its frequency rate during the year 1953 as compared with the preceding three years."

In addition, the National Safety



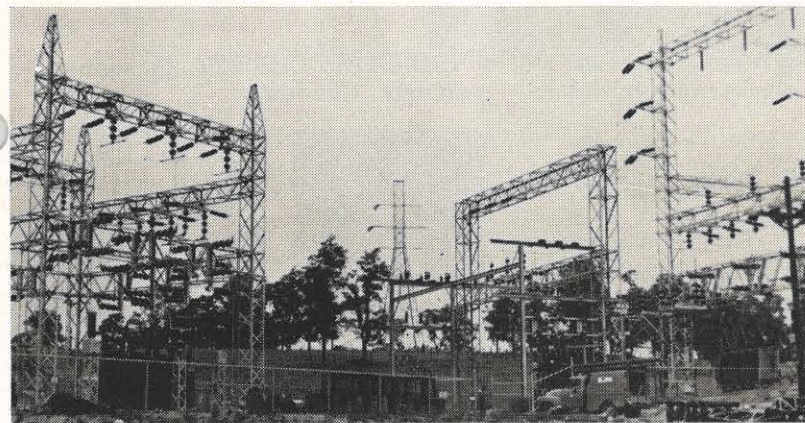
Three Kentucky officials hold national safety plaques presented the company recently. From the left: R. F. Millikan holds the Edison Electric Institute award, R. E. Doyle, Jr., holds the National Safety Council award, and H. S. Scott holds the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company 1,000,000 Man-Hours award. Mr. Millikan is general safety and employee relations supervisor, Mr. Doyle is vice president and general manager and Mr. Scott is assistant general manager.



This is one side of the key chain presented each Kentucky employee in recognition of their million man-hours without a disabling injury.

Council has advised the company that their 1953 record qualified them for the National Safety Council Award of Merit, and presentation will follow. The Council offers only one higher award, that for working three (See Kentucky Awards, Page 6)

### New 132,000-Volt Wythe Station Put In Service; Glen Lyn Is Power Source



New Wythe station in the Pulaski district has been put into service. On the left is the 88-kv section and on the right is the 132-kv section. The 132,000-volt line from Glen Lyn comes into the station in the middle of the photograph.

New 132,000-volt transmission station at Wytheville in the Pulaski district has been put into service and is connected to the Glen Lyn plant by a new 34-mile transmission line.

Wythe station will provide an additional source of power for Wythe and Smyth County areas. The main source of power for this region has been the Wythe 88,000-volt station from lines originating at Glen Lyn, Buck and Bylesby.

The new station, located on Route

11 adjacent to the old station, includes a 50,000-kva transformer which will step the 132,000 volts down to 88,000 or 33,000 volts for delivery to distribution stations in the area. Burgess & Ross, electrical contractors, did grading and foundation work, while line construction was done by the Keystone Construction Company under the supervision of W. P. Carter, system transmission line superintendent. J. G. Tapley of the system substation department was inspector on the job.

### Appalachian Now Leads AGE Sales; Huntington Tops

Two campaigns are complete but Appalachian commercial department hasn't relaxed any despite the present lead. Although the final results are in on two Appalachian Seven Months' sales contests, there still remains five months in the year-long AGE campaign.

With the completion of the two sales contests on July 31 Appalachian rose to first place in the residential sales contest in the Generator division of AGE with 72.9 percent of quota. Following are Indiana and Michigan Electric Company with 68.7 percent and Ohio Power Company with 57.5. Appalachian holds down second spot in the new-in-1954 Commercial-Industrial Sales campaign of AGE with 92.1 percent of quota. In first place is I&M with 97.7 and Ohio is third with 80.5.

In the Exciter division, Wheeling Electric Company holds the residential lead with 78.5 percent, followed by Kingsport's 66.6 and Kentucky Power Company's 60.9. In the C-I contest Kingsport leads with 120 percent, Kentucky is second with 77.6 and Wheeling third with 66.7.

Huntington division copped first place honors in both of Appalachian's Seven Months' sales campaigns.

Behind Huntington in the residential contest were Charleston, Roanoke and Bluefield divisions. Charleston overcame a Huntington lead to take first place on the district level. Williamson and Logan finished third and fourth.

### Claude Ward Becomes Lions Club President

Claude Ward, area sales representative in the Williamson district, was elected president of the Inez, Kentucky, Lions Club and took office recently.

He also holds the office of post adjutant of American Legion Post 173. He was first employed by



Mr. Ward

Appalachian in 1951 as a residential sales representative.

## January Construction Date

### Multi-Million Dollar Plant Of Kaiser Aluminum To Be Built Near Sporn Plant

Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation will build a multi-million dollar aluminum sheet and foil rolling mill on the Ohio River near Ravenswood, West Virginia, it was announced August 25.

The plant will be located on a 2500-acre site about eight miles east of Philip Sporn plant. It is in the Point Pleasant district of Appalachian.

Representatives of Appalachian, Ohio Power and AGE Service Corporation worked closely with Kaiser for many months in its selection of a site for the new plant. A major factor in the decision to locate at Ravenswood was the unlimited supply of electric power, according to Philip Sporn, AGE president who was personally active in the negotiations with Kaiser.

Construction is scheduled to begin around January 1 with the first stage—400,000 square feet—completed by mid-1956. This initial unit will have a rated annual capacity of 72 million pounds of sheet and foil and will employ more than 500 persons.

After the first unit is in produc-

tion, Kaiser plans to begin a second stage of construction—an expansion which will put some 32 acres under roof, provide employment for 2,000 workers and result in a fully-integrated rolling mill with an annual capacity of more than 250 million pounds of commercial aluminum sheet and foil products.

The company has not announced the cost of the project, but a certificate of necessity granted by the Office of Defense Mobilization amounted to \$66 million.

Initially the new plant will be supplied with heavy gauge coiled sheet from the company's Trentwood, Washington, plant where excess hot rolling capacity is available. When the second stage of construction is completed and the mill is fully integrated, pig aluminum requirements will be supplied from the firm's Chalmette plant on the Mississippi River near New Orleans.

The Ravenswood project is Kaiser Aluminum's first eastern sheet-and-foil plant. Production of this material now is concentrated on the West Coast.

### Big Two-Hour TV Show On October 24 Will Climax Light's Diamond Jubilee



Emblem for Light's Diamond Jubilee emphasizes the theme of "Light For Freedom—Power For Progress." This design is being used to familiarize the public with the Jubilee and is appearing on an increasing number of advertisements, posters, displays and so forth.

Biggest TV show of the year is coming your way October 24 with the climax of Light's Diamond Jubilee.

The Jubilee show from 9 to 11 p. m. that Sunday will be aimed at the largest audience ever to witness any show in any medium in the history of entertainment. Purchase of coast-to-coast time on three networks gives the show the most comprehensive coverage ever given a sponsored TV presentation.

The show climaxes the 75th anniversary of the invention of the incandescent lamp by Thomas A. Edison. Our companies are among the more than 300 major electrical manufacturing and utility companies participating in the celebration of Light's Diamond Jubilee.

Directing the two-hour show will be David O. Selznick, making his debut in the television medium. He enters the field with a background of some 30 years of outstanding motion picture production. His

"Gone With The Wind" amassed the biggest gross in the history of motion pictures. Others of his productions include "Rebecca," "David Copperfield," "A Tale of Two Cities," and so on.

Although little is known of the show's story or stars, it is not a variety show but one having dramatic unity. Mr. Selznick has said that he hopes to introduce certain new techniques not yet utilized on television.

In the four-state area served by our three companies, the following stations are scheduled to carry the program: WSLs-TV, Roanoke, WLVA-TV, Lynchburg, and Danville, Harrisonburg, Norfolk and Richmond in Virginia; WCHS-TV and WKNA-TV, Charleston, WSAZ-TV, Huntington, and Wheeling in West Virginia; Henderson and Louisville in Kentucky; WJHL-TV, Johnson City, as well as Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis and Nashville in Tennessee.

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## The Three Great Factors

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This editorial by Dr. George S. Benson is one of the best on the fundamentals of the American Way of Life. Dr. Benson is director of the National Education Program in Searcy, Arkansas.)

The three great pillars in our American way of life are: (1) faith in God; (2) constitutional government; and (3) a private enterprise economy. Let's take them one by one and briefly examine how they fit into the fabric and the strength of our nation and way of life.

### Factor No. 1

1. Faith in God. During all my years of educational crusading on the basic American principles, I have been restating this fundamental as the basis on which freedom is built. I've had perhaps a half-dozen letters from atheists protesting that faith in God is not a fundamental in the structure of American freedom. I have always said, in reply: men cannot really be free unless they are controlled from within, and the Christian religion is the most effective means of controlling people from within.

When our founding fathers came to America the desire for religious freedom was their great driving force. They were godly people. The first buildings erected as the Pilgrims worked their way gradually westward from Plymouth and Jamestown were crudely constructed church buildings. The people prayed to God for guidance and they placed their faith in God. Basic principles growing out of this great faith were written into every governmental document which went into the formation of our United States of America. The political structure gave people the right to be atheists, if they chose, but the structure itself was built on faith in God and upon Christian principles.

### Factor No. 2

2. Constitutional government. This is the second great fundamental factor in the American way of life. Our founding fathers did not use one time the word "democracy" in either the Constitution or the Bill of Rights. They were building something far better, a Constitutional Republic. The Constitution guarantees certain rights for all people, minorities or majorities. They all have the same rights in America.

Under a democracy the majority decides each issue and the minorities may find themselves terribly neglected, ignored or steam-rolled. When the guillotine was taking heads off hundreds and hundreds of people in Europe, many innocent people were victims. Why? There was no constitutional safeguard, no constitution giving a lone citizen the right to challenge his government. The majority was in control. When someone in the majority said, "Off with his head," off it came. In our country one man standing on his constitutional rights can challenge his government, even sue it. Minority protection is not a principle of "democracy" but of a constitutional Republic.

### Factor No. 3

3. Private enterprise economy. There are



**THOMAS C. DORTON, Lineman, Kingsport**



Although I had a number of narrow escapes while in the service during the last World War, and was also wounded, the one I remember the most happened during the latter part of 1952 while with this company.

The line gang I was working with was in the process of converting the present 4-kv line to 12-kv. At the time of my narrow escape I was standing on a utility platform and had just completed covering all primary conductors. I started to remove my safety belt to assist a fellow employee, who was at the time installing a similar utility board on the opposite side of the pole. At this point the metal fitting, attaching the board to the locking chain tightener, broke and the board fell immediately to the ground. If it had happened several seconds later, after removing my safety belt, I would have come down with the board.

**FRANK A. HARRIS, Meterman, Roanoke**



My closest call came during World War II. I was a radio operator on a two-engined land based bomber doing anti-submarine work.

It happened over the ocean about 100 miles from land. Red lights began to flash in the pilot's cockpit, a few seconds later strong fumes of gasoline filled the inside of the plane and one of our engines stopped. My first thoughts were of fire and our plane all alone, 100 miles out over the ocean.

A gasoline line behind one of the engines had broken and by cutting the gas off to that engine the threat of fire was prevented. With only one engine we were rapidly losing altitude. To lighten the plane the bombs were dropped.

By the time these things were done we were only 150 feet above the ocean. The next 60 minutes were anxious ones. The plane could not gain a foot of altitude. It seemed that the next big wave would reach up to us. What would a gust of wind do to us? What if the one overburdened engine should misfire just once? Yes, we made it back to our base, and Old Mother Earth under my feet felt mighty good.

two distinct types of economic systems which people may have. One is a government-owned economy, and the other is an economy owned by private individuals. There might be a combination of the two for a short time but a combination could not last long. Ultimately the government must own the property, the factories, the farms, the businesses, and the homes; or the private citizens must own these things.

As a result of our private ownership economy we have competition in a free market, we have dreamers who invent and develop, we have producers who astonish the world; and we have the greatest outpouring of material wealth the world has ever seen—and most important, its distribution throughout the whole population is the most equitable yet attained in any country.

In a world of chaos, Americans must strengthen these three great factors in our way of life through understanding, dedication and hard work.

**SUE CAREY, Home Economist, Hazard**



Reminiscent meanderings come to my mind with the question of my narrowest escape. Many such incidents bring a reflective smile, which sometimes fades with the sobering thought of what might have happened.

My "closest call" was a traffic situation where I was meeting an oncoming car while another car was in the process of passing me. My first thought was to get off the road, but the shoulder was narrow. There wasn't time for the passing car to pull ahead of me and I dared not slow down, lest the driver attempt to move in behind me.

That narrow shoulder was my only alternative. Quite miraculously, the oncoming driver had the same thought at the same instant. With two wheels of each car on each shoulder, the passing demon-driver, abreast of the mid-stripe, zoomed along toward his destination. There is but one destination for such a driver—six feet under.

**C. A. KENDALL, Shift Supervisor, Cabin Creek Plant**



About 25 years ago, I was working No. 1 turbine room here at the plant. Just outside the plant was a gas well which was used to supplement the gas supply to the plant. A compressor was connected to the gas line to increase the flow. All of this was enclosed in a brick house where there was no ventilation to dispense any leakage.

On this particular day I was on the 11-7 shift, and I went out to this house to start the compressor. When I threw the switch, there was an explosion which threw me right out the door. When I came to, my clothes were burning, but I was able to extinguish the fire. I finally managed to get back in the plant where I was given treatment and sent to the hospital. In those days the trip to Charleston was an ordeal for a well man. However, after three months in the hospital and two months at home I was able to get back to work. I have worked at Cabin Creek for 38 years but that explosion 25 years ago almost terminated my employment here or anywhere else.

**EDNA Z. McNIEL, System Accounting Department, Roanoke**



The most exciting time of my life was about 9 on a stormy evening early this August when lightning paid a surprise visit to my home. I had just been in the kitchen to warn my mother that she had better get away from the sink, and when she did so I went to my dining room to look at my canaries.

Mother had no sooner gotten away from the sink when there was the loudest crack of thunder I have ever heard, and mother said it seemed there were balls of fire and shafts of lightning all over the kitchen. The lightning had entered the room somehow and warped a section of the bracket around my sink, tearing up the linoleum, followed the chrome and struck a wooden piece on the wall several feet away. Nothing in the window was disturbed and I still don't know how the lightning got in.

**H. H. HUTCHESON, Commercial Sales Representative, Bluefield**



My narrowest escape as I recall happened when I was at the ripe old age of ten. Our family and big collie dog, Laddie, were camping on the Greenbrier River. We kids always took the dog swimming with us and he loved it as well as we.

One morning I was swimming by myself when I saw the dog on the bank watching me. I called Laddie and he immediately jumped in the water and started swimming toward me. Usually he swam around us, but this time he came directly toward me and put his paws on me pushing me under. He did it several times and getting short of breath, and not a champion swimmer, I was afraid I was a goner.

Suddenly I grabbed his tail pulling him under, and with that he set sail for shore and towed me into the shallow water.

**WILLIE M. WALLS, JR., Commercial Sales Representative, Logan**



My narrowest escape happened when I was aboard the USS Yorktown, in the Pacific on June 4, 1942. We had been alerted for the attack on Midway Island. I was at a battle station near the bridge when we were attacked by Japanese planes. Five direct bomb hits were scored, and during one I received several pieces of shrapnel in both legs and arms.

A few minutes later while lying on deck, enemy fighter planes strafed us and two machine gun wounds in leg and arm were mine. After being torpedoed the ship was abandoned. Put in a life raft wearing a preserver, I drifted until picked up by a destroyer. It, in turn, was sunk within three hours after we had abandoned the Yorktown. A cruiser later picked survivors up and I was taken to a hospital where I remained for seven months before getting out of the Navy.

**CHRISTINE CHRISTY, Personnel Department, Charleston**



It was the time a boy friend and I stopped at a filling station to have a windshield wiper blade changed. A stranger suddenly jumped in the front seat of the car and commanded Jack to start driving.

I don't know if he really had a gun or not, but I was not inclined to argue, for he held his hand under his jacket, right next to me. Something kept telling me to act natural so I talked to him casually, but my mind was racing about 90 miles a minute. I got very sentimental about it all, and wondered how many people would be sorry when my body was discovered.

He wanted us to take him out on Fort Hill, but Jack stopped suddenly at the C&O bridge and told the man to do whatever he intended there in the light. He reflected a few minutes, apologized to me, and got out of the car, thereby spoiling my chances of making a very dramatic departure in this nightmare that only needed the "dum-dum-dum" to make it just like a Dragnet production!

# Appalachian Employees Become Actors In AGE Film

Traditional sun glasses and loud sport jackets weren't in sight, but, just the same, 27 Appalachian employees turned to acting recently.

Employees at Roanoke and Glen Lyn plant were feature players when a sound-slide series on safety to be distributed throughout the AGE system was filmed in Appalachian territory during July and August.

The series is a follow-up to others originating in Indiana and Michigan Electric Company and Ohio Power Company territory. One called "Customer Relations" was filmed earlier this year at I&M and in 1953 "Better Communications" was made at Ohio.

Like the other two, the new series is designed to stimulate discussion of problems that are presented. Each of the five sequences in the safety series presents a problem, aiming toward discussion and possible preventions and solutions. The program has been designed to present not only the main theme of the five stories but also possible sidetracking into related problems.

H. P. St. Clair, Jr., of AGE public relations, directed the production and L. E. Johnson, system public relations, did the photography. Working with them were D. C. Duncan, system safety director; W. S. Kitchen, system safety supervisor; T. A. Kirby, Roanoke district safety supervisor; R. A. Armistead, Roanoke district line and station supervisor; R. G. Amos, Roanoke district line foreman, and C. E. Jones, Glen Lyn plant personnel supervisor. All photography was done in Roanoke and at Glen Lyn.

"Do Exactly As I Say," one of the stories, concerns a foreman who

does not like to have his judgment questioned and wants no questions from his men. His men act accordingly, although they know better, and the result is a substation explosion. Cast members include H. C. Arthur, W. S. Jones and H. A. Hale.

"Wise Guy" exploits the familiar theme of an old-timer who resents having to teach a new man his job and the safety problems that are created. Characters are N. J. Jessee, H. P. Johnson and R. B. Ratcliff.

"And Be Careful" involves a supervisor who means well when he breaks in a new man in the stores department but fails to go into detail on safe practices. R. E. Ratcliffe and B. H. McKeever carry the acting load.

A lineman torn between doing what is safest and what seems easiest is the theme of "Now Or Safely." Presenting the problem are D. W. Plaine, L. G. Gregory, S. S. Snidow, P. B. Stump, W. E. Collins, A. R.



In the picture on the left, a briefing is held before shooting begins on one of the scenes in the safety slide series. Talking things over are, from the left: L. E. Johnson, system public relations, who did the photography; Harry P. St. Clair, Jr., AGE public relations and director of the film; T. A. Kirby, Roanoke dis-



strict safety supervisor; and Officer R. C. Padgett of the Roanoke Police Department, who helped in traffic sequences. RIGHT: A scene at Glen Lyn plant shows N. J. Jessee, H. P. Johnson and R. B. Ratcliff presenting a plant safety conflict in "Wise Guy," one of the sequences in the slide series.

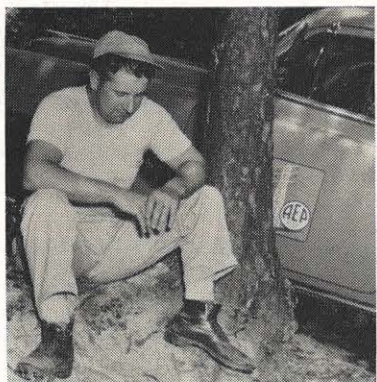
Vaught and J. C. Thomas.

The final sequence involves four separate driving cases. A power salesman who disobeys a traffic sign, an impatient troublemaker who passes on a hill, a preoccupied engineer who

doesn't pay attention to his driving and a home economist who disobeys speed limits are involved. The supervisor faces the problem of what to say to each employee.

Cast of the safe driving sequence

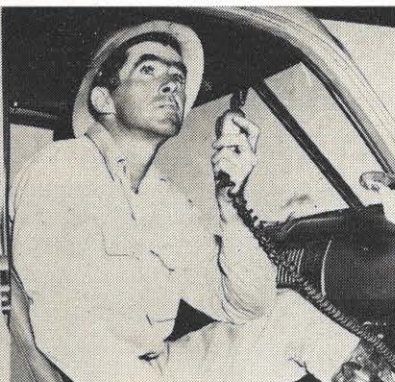
includes J. T. Goggin, H. E. Nash, F. G. Lloyd, D. M. Rusmisell, George Poole, Marshall Covey, L. A. Fulcher, Alma Obenschain, C. O. Roberson, Lucy Hill, Mary Ann Grisso and C. R. Paxton.



F. G. Lloyd portrays a shaken troublemaker after a traffic accident in the safe driving sequence.



W. S. Jones and H. A. Hale debate a substation safety problem in "Do Exactly As I Say."



L. G. Gregory uses his two-way radio to talk things over with his boss in "Now Or Safely."



R. E. Ratcliffe and B. H. McKeever present stores department problems in "And Be Careful."

## Hamilton Promoted; Ferguson Succeeds



Mr. Hamilton Mr. Ferguson

Howard M. Hamilton, a veteran of 33 years service with Appalachian, has been promoted to the position of assistant disbursing agent of the company. He succeeds H. P. Dodd, who retired on September 1.

Succeeding Mr. Hamilton as consumers billing supervisor, is Lawrence E. Ferguson, who has been assistant consumers billing supervisor.

Mr. Hamilton was first employed as a cashier with the Indiana General Service Company in Muncie, Indiana, in 1921. Three years later he became associated with the Indiana and Michigan Electric Company as a local office auditor.

He was transferred to Appalachian as chief clerk in 1927 and became consumers billing supervisor in 1931.

Mr. Ferguson began his career in the electric utility business as a part-time employee of the old Roanoke Railway and Electric Company, while still a student at Jefferson High School in Roanoke. In 1927 he assumed fulltime duties with Appalachian in the accounting office in Roanoke.

In 1931, when the billing office was established, Mr. Ferguson was transferred to that department and in 1947 became assistant consumers billing supervisor. He is a 30-year vet.

## Welch Operator On Retiring Gets Fishing Gear Gift



Mr. Derifield

The first thing Lawrence Derifield planned to do after retiring the first of this month was to catch up on his fishing and hunting. The Baileysville station operator in the Welch district was given new fishing equipment by fellow employees at a dinner in his honor on August 26 at the "Cowshed."

He says he plans to catch up on his favorite pastimes which have been badly neglected in recent years. He then plans to remodel his old family farmhouse on Twelve Pole Creek in Wayne County where he is going to make his home.

Employed in Sprigg plant on May 22, 1922, he fired the boilers and operated the turbines for 18 years. In 1939 he went to Fieldale as operator of the 132 kv station there and transferred to Baileysville station in 1943. In his 11 years there he not only operated the station but kept the grounds in tip-top shape.

Mr. and Mrs. Derifield are the parents of six daughters and a son. Their youngest daughter enters Marshall College this fall.

## S. R. Pritchard Will Lead BSA Council

S. R. Pritchard, Huntington district manager, was seated recently as president of the Tri-State Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, at a Camp Arrowhead meeting.

During the past year he has been finance chairman of the Lawaca district and prior to that time he was a troop committeeman of Boy Scout Troop 2 for several years.

When Mr. Pritchard worked for the company in Logan, he was a member of the executive board of the Logan-Boone-Mingo Area Council and when in Welch, a member of the Southern West Virginia Area Council.

## Mrs. Louise Allison To Lead Kingsport B&PW

Mrs. Louise M. Allison has been elevated to the presidency of the Kingsport Business and Professional Woman's Club for the 1954-55 term.



Mrs. Allison

Mrs. Allison, wife of Gus Allison, Kingsport stores department, was vice president last term. The two recently returned from the club's national convention in St. Louis, where Mrs. Allison represented her local chapter. She is assistant cashier of the Kingsport National Bank.

## Four Appalachian Employees' Articles Featured In 'Monthly Operating Notes'

Four Appalachian employees contributed three articles to the July issue of AGE's *Monthly Operating Notes*.

G. W. Unangst, Charleston district meter supervisor, wrote "Heat Lamps Aided Splicing In Cold Weather," in which he pointed out that he has found a heat lamp can be used successfully to warm joints, tape and splicers' hands when manhole, transformer vault or transformer platform work is required in the winter.

W. L. Wilshire, maintenance foreman at the Kanawha River plant, contributed "Minimizing Duplicate Work Orders." The article states that green tags have been adopted for work orders and attached to the equipment, preventing men on different shifts sending in duplicate and variously worded requests.

W. K. Evans, chief dispatcher, and J. A. Moore, maintenance supervisor at Cabin Creek plant, combined to author "Uncoupling Motor-Operated Disconnects With Modified Jack." The two pointed out that much hard work and hazards caused by fly ash, dirt, snow and ice were eliminated when a modified automobile jack was used to easily uncouple the disconnect switches.

## Brackens Creek Station Gets Major Rebuilding

A rebuilt Brackens Creek substation with over seven times as much capacity was put in service August 13. It is located in the northern part of the Beckley district.

Compared to the old station's capacity of 400-kva the new station has 3000-kva capacity. In addition to rebuilding the station, 19,100 feet of distribution line was built and replaced.



Mr. Unangst Mr. Wilshire



Mr. Evans Mr. Moore

## Kay Kirchman Elected Girls' State Judge

Kay Kirchman was elected a judge of the Supreme Court at West Virginia's Girls' State at Jacksons Mill.

She is the 16-year-old daughter of Mrs. W. B. Kirchman of the Williamson district commercial department.

Kay was sponsored by the K-Appa-K, girls' club of the Williamson district. A senior this fall, she was one of four juniors selected from her school to attend the meet where 365 girls participated. She is a member of the Dash Club, treasurer of the French Club and a cheerleader.



Kay Kirchman

## Bluefield Division

### Pulaski District

J. F. Spencer, Pulaski station supervisor, and his wife are the only man-wife team in Pulaski County who are members of the Red Cross Gallon Club.

Recent blood donors include G. K. Smythers, distribution records, C. H. Rhett, engineering, and Roy L. Madison, meter.

Major L. C. Angle, Jr., recently returned from two weeks at Fort Lee. The commercial department employee served as provost marshal at the post.

W. H. Brodie, Claytor Hydro, has returned to work after several months illness.

### Glen Lyn Plant

Sympathy is extended E. E. Thompson on the death of his father-in-law.

### Bluefield District

Billie Lee Bates, accounting, and Helen Maynard, commercial, have resigned to return to school.

Robert Wimer, engineering, and Joe Ann Cantrell, accounting, are new employees.

Sympathy is extended G. C. Roach, line department, on the death of his father, and Harry J. Swecker, retired employee, on the death of his mother.

Mrs. Henry Walk, wife of retired employee H. W. Walk, is recuperating at home after breaking her leg.

Phil Fry, Princeton serviceman, has returned to work after a recent illness.

Carol L. Shockey, personnel supervisor, has been elected to a three-year term on the Bluefield Chapter American Red Cross board of directors. Mrs. J. S. Dodd, wife of the commercial department employee, has also been elected to a post in the Bluefield Red Cross Chapter.

### Welch District

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bivens on the death of her sister-in-law, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis DeFelice on the death of his sister-in-law.

Sympathy is also extended Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Settle on the death of her mother.

Glen Jean Shepard of St. Petersburg, Fla., a former PBX operator, was a visitor in the Welch office recently.

Thurmond Belcher, Grundy line gang groundman, has returned to work as a T&D clerk after four years in the Air Force.

Thomas P. Lockhart, Jr., Grundy area representative, has been appointed treasurer of the Buchanan County Fair Association.

Walter T. Lanter, head material clerk, has been appointed a member of the Community Election Committee of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation program of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Eleanor Knott, home economist, and Franklin Philpott, junior T&D clerk, have resigned.

Employees resigning to reenter college are W. L. Weller, Jr., Catherine Covington, Willis Robinson and Joseph Alvarez.

Elmer Paul Shortridge, Grundy meter reader, has resigned to enter college.

## Who Needs A Fork?



Real yummy! That's what these youngsters thought of the watermelon served at the Roanoke district picnic at Lakeside on August 7. Walnut Avenue employees joined the district for the outing and swelled the number attending to about 500. In addition to the picnic, many enjoyed swimming and amusement park rides.

## Kentucky

### Pikeville District

Ira Smith, lineman, has returned to work following an appendectomy.

David Ratcliff and Troy Lee have returned to work following fractures received in softball games.

Martha Rutherford is a new accounting employee.

Sympathy is extended Tilden Justice, meter reader, on the death of his mother, and Bruce Prater, meter record clerk, on the death of his father-in-law.

## Young Hoofers



Peter Pan Follies in Welch featured daughters of three Welch district employees. They are, from the left: Sarah Chaffins, daughter of W. A. Chaffins, merchandise order and billing clerk; Francine Adams, daughter of Fred Adams, line inspector, and granddaughter of S. P. Bell, retired employee; and Carolyn Rhudy, daughter of J. B. Rhudy, meter serviceman.

## Charleston Division

### Charleston District

New employees include James Fizer, engineering; Peggy Trail, commercial; Robert William Keener, system meter; Leonard Sutherland, accounting; and Jacqueline Akers, Whitesville office.

Employees who have resigned to return to school include: Carol Cole, accounting; Richard Stoakley, meter; and Bobby Watson, stores.

Others who have resigned include Mary James, commercial; Carol Ferguson, commercial; P. E. Thompson, line section; and Anna Lee Mullins, Whitesville office.

Joe Burdette, commercial, served on the lighting committee for the annual North-South All-Star football game played in Charleston August 14.

Sympathy is extended F. B. Thompson, stores, on the death of his brother.

Lois Wilson, managerial, was guest of honor at a bridal shower given by Ouida Miller, division commercial, at her home. Women attending from the Charleston office included Roberta Sisson, Delores McDowell, Juanita Hively, Thoma Jarrell, Freda Shipley, Golda Johnson, Phyllis Rowe and Jane Abbott.

Jo Snyder, senior cashier-clerk, Clendenin office, has been elected secretary of the Civics Department, Clendenin Woman's Club.

Annual all-girls swim-dinner party was held at Kanawha Country Club August 3. Attending were 80 women employees from the Nitro, St. Albans, Cabin Creek, Kanawha River, Montgomery and Charleston offices.

### Philip Sporn Plant

George Wolf, Clarence Tennant, Keith Arnold, Robert Gilmore and Glen Cartwright have entered Chester Hill Country Club's annual golf tournament.

Sympathy is extended Leslie Ingels, guard, on the death of his brother, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ohlinger on the death of her father.

Paul Huber, conveyor operator, has returned to work after recovering from a broken leg.

### Beckley District

Billie Ann Anderson is a new home economist.

Mrs. Dorothy Barker has returned to work after several days' illness.

William R. Jessup, Oak Hill area employee, has resigned to continue his schooling.

### Kanawha Fun



These children are probably thinking that walking on eggs would be easier. They are part of the crowd that gathered recently at Beckwith 4-H camp for Kanawha River plant's annual employee picnic. The object of the game, one of several held for children, was to race with a balloon tied to each ankle. Sounds easy? Balloons have a likeness of getting under feet which can have disastrous results. Food was served to 285 guests at the picnic by members of the Service Club.



### Abingdon District

Residential and rural department employees held a hamburger fry at Back Bone Rock. Millie Edwards, home economist, was in charge of arrangements.

Shirley Grubb, residential and rural department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Beverly Pierson Marion, former home economist, visited the Abingdon office with her husband. She lives in Indiana as a home demonstration agent.

## Huntington Division

### Huntington District

New employees include Nancy Jo Criddle, system billing, and James A. Shaffer, Jr., T&D engineering.

Sympathy is extended Mary Lou Young on the death of her father. She recently resigned her position with the system billing office.

### Williamson District

Patricia Eisel, commercial, has returned to work after a recent illness.

Lawson King, son of E. E. King, played center for the East in the annual East-West High School football game in Lexington, Ky., August 14. The King family attended the contest. Lawson will enter the University of Kentucky this fall.

Sympathy is extended Burnice Sowell, transportation, on the death of his father-in-law.

### Logan District

Tennis C. Ferrell, collector, resigned to enter school.

Also resigning were Faith D. Harris, who will accompany her husband to Alabama, and Lola D. Adkins, engineering.

Mrs. Golden Clark of Gallup, New Mexico, recently visited employees in Logan. She is a former commercial department employee.

Appa-Lassies held a wiener roast and swimming party at Holden August 5.

### Ashland District

Dave Broughton, engineering, has returned to work after recovering from a serious knee injury.

Sympathy is extended Emil Green, engineering, on the death of his father-in-law.

### Hazard District

Willie Jones, retired employee, is recuperating at his home at Dryhill after undergoing treatment at a Lexington hospital.

Bob Bibb, commercial, attended a two-week Army Reserve training course at Fort Knox.

### Curiosity Killed Snake

What happens to a five-foot black-snake when he becomes too curious? Pikeville district employees found out when they discovered the remains of just such a snake on a breaker in Draffin substation recently. The blacksnake was dead and badly burned.

## Kingsport

Cecil C. McClellan, line section, has returned to work following a recent illness.

Jake B. Sells, line section, broke his ankle in a recent motorcycle accident.

I. W. "Bill" White, retired employee, is now at home following hospital surgery.

## Roanoke Division

### Fieldale District

Irene Adkins, clerk in the T&D department, resigned.

Ammon Sears, Stuart office area supervisor, has returned from Cuba. He accompanied a boy scout troop there as vice chairman of scouts in that area.

Virginia Hancock, home economist, attended the home economist meetings at Myrtle Beach August 22 through 25.

The district held its annual picnic

at Fairystone Park recently. Fried chicken and the trimmings were served.

### Lynchburg District

Freeman L. Moore, Jr., junior PBX operator, has resigned.

Harold W. Nelson is a new junior PBX operator.

Four employees recently completed two weeks of summer encampment with the 29th Infantry Division, Virginia National Guard, at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. They include Captain G. C. Wheeler, Lieutenant J. F. Wilson, Jr., and Lieutenant H. M. Figg, Jr., all of engineering section, and Sergeant G. W. Stone, Jr., stores.

Edward F. Lacy, Jr., meter, spent two weeks active duty at Fort Knox in the Army Reserve.

### Roanoke District

Mrs. H. L. Fringer is a new employee in the local accounting office contract department. She came from system accounting.

Mrs. Lillian Spradlin, who has resigned from the contract department, was entertained at an August 9th dinner.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. J. W. Stephens on the death of her father. Mr. Stephens is an employee in division engineering.

### System

V. C. Nelson, system control wireman, has returned to work after a recent illness.

R. L. Hall, system electronic engineer in Charleston, has returned to work after recovering from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Mrs. V. S. Likens, wife of the system station department employee, has returned home from the Lewis-Gale Hospital.

Women employees on the fourth floor, Roanoke office, honored Mrs. Gerry LaPradd, who recently resigned from system personnel, with a dinner August 20.

Mrs. Connie Smith is a new system personnel employee.

Ann Middlekauff Manning, system accounting, has resigned.

### J. F. Spencer Gets 35-Year Emblem

John F. Spencer, station supervisor in the Pulaski district, completed 35 years' service with the company on August 1 and was awarded his service pin.



Mr. Spencer

He started with the company in 1919 with the sub-station maintenance crew with G. E. Calahan. This work carried them all over the old A. E. P.

system, now the Bluefield and Roanoke divisions with the exception of the City of Roanoke.

In 1930 he transferred to the Pulaski district. He is married, member of the First Methodist Church, Elks Club and the Red Cross Gallon Club for blood donations.

### Weaver Believes Her Hobby Is Teacher As Well As Useful Art



Mrs. R. G. Skinner prepares to turn out another line of fabric in an article she is weaving. The finished mats are being rolled on the beam beneath the loom.

Mrs. R. G. Skinner is a weaver of patience. She is also a weaver of threads, and she believes that patience necessarily accompanies the weaving of threads into beautiful and useful articles.

Mrs. Skinner, who has become proficient in the art of weaving, found that it was a good teacher of patience and also taught her to finish what she starts. She attends weaving classes three nights a week, doing so for three years.

The wife of R. G. Skinner, Charleston division commercial manager, Mrs. Skinner says that the weaver is limited in his designs only by the bounds of his imagination. When she carefully arranges different colors of thread in preparation for the shuttle on her weaver, she controls her pattern with a foot paddle. One tiny line of fabric is produced at a time, but from the machine will emerge a beautiful carpet, or perhaps an apron or place mat.

Mrs. Skinner says that weaving is not as complicated as it looks. Her comment on weaving is: "It's worth while, it's fun and it's fascinating."

### Scott Promoted Recently; 'Illuminator' Heeds Not

Through an error last month, Milton W. Scott was listed as being promoted to residential and rural sales representative in the Point Pleasant district.

Actually Mr. Scott was promoted to residential and rural sales supervisor in Point Pleasant. The story also carried promotions of four other Charleston men.

### Roanoke Collector Retires Recently



Mr. Dearing

Henry W. Dearing, collector in the Roanoke local accounting department, was retired recently due to ill health.

Mr. Dearing joined the company August 2, 1926, as an electrician and worked in various capacities until he became a collector. His work has carried him to all parts of the district.

He lives in Roanoke and he and his wife have one son and four grandchildren. Mr. Dearing expects to work around his home and plans to raise a garden and some chickens.

### Lucky Winner



No, he wasn't so excited he climbed a pole. It's just that W. O. Settle, Charleston district area serviceman in the Clendenin office, was on the job when he was awarded this television set in a Charleston sales contest, "Watt's The Difference." Bud Murray, district commercial manager, congratulates Mr. Settle while C. V. Harris, Clendenin area supervisor, looks on. The contest, helping Charleston district to win the Appalachian Seven Months Sales campaign, ran from April to July 16. Employees turned in prospects to be eligible for the TV set, and Mr. Settle's name was the one drawn in the lucky draw contest. Total of 932 prospects were turned in and 399 sales made. Mrs. Anna Lee Mullins of Whitesville and Mrs. Edith Wright and Russ Garten, both of Charleston, turned in the most prospects.

### Real Pleasure To Eat Here



Housewife's dream is the Mack D. Williams' kitchen in Kingsport. The Kingsport appliance repairman was not satisfied with the kitchen in a home he recently bought so he tore everything out and started with four bare walls. Using his wife's ideas and his own he gradually converted the room into one of completely modern design. Cabinets are made of knotty pine with magnetic latches and open from both sides. Above, his wife, Mary Frances, serves Mr. Williams and son Johnny Mack from her built-in range. All other major appliances and the sink are also built in and the whole project is topped off with diffused lighting.

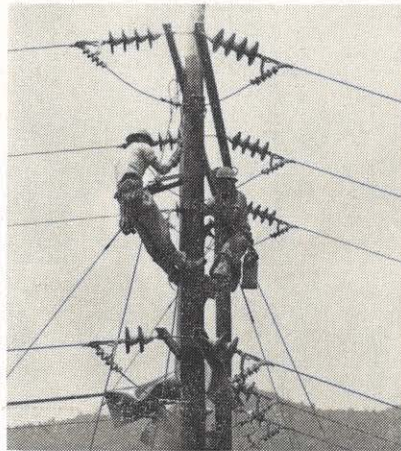
### Hills Hamper Workmen

## Pikeville Pole Replacement Is Not Easy Job

Replacement of poles is a difficult job under ordinary circumstances, but when the poles are located on a steep hill the job becomes that much harder.

That's the problem line crews in the Pikeville district face in most of their pole replacement jobs. Pikeville country is mountainous, and when poles are located on a hill the truck and winch line used in the operation have to be operated from the bottom. Transportation of tools and the poles themselves becomes a problem in itself and portable radios become a necessity.

These problems were faced and overcome in a recent two-pole replacement operation near Drift, Kentucky. Holes, which have to be ten-foot deep, were blasted with dynamite because of the rocky terrain. Then poles were brought to the area by trailer from Pikeville and a winch line and careful rigging transported them up the hill. During the operation the 44-kv line was de-energized



LEFT: Jess Collier and Ireland Layne hang blocks in preparation for the setting of a second pole in the structure. RIGHT: Red Clark, Ira Smith and Hylton Williamson busy themselves on the ground while the linemen above prepare for sending up of the winch line.

but the accompanying 12-kv line remained energized for customers.

Transfer of conductors and material from the old to the new began and after careful work the job was completed without incident. Final step

was removal of the old poles to the pole yard.

Taking part in this particular operation were Denver Layne and Oscar Hamilton, line foremen; Jess Collier, Ira Smith, Dennis Red Clark, Hylton Williamson, Ireland Layne, and Bob Crutchfield, linemen; Cecil Deboard and James Burke, groundmen; and James McReynolds, Albert Webb and Charles Ratliff, truck driver-groundmen.

### Three Camp Counselors, Including Employee's Son, Land At Ashland After Long Canoe Trip



End of a 235-mile canoeing trip is in sight for these three camp counselors. They are, from the left: Chuck McMullin, John Gordon and Jim Wieland.

Three camp counselors, one of them an employee's son, canoed 235 miles down the Ohio River to Ashland recently.

Making the lengthy, eight-day trip was John Gordon, son of R. L. Gordon, Ashland district employee. When the three landed from their camp in Washington, Pennsylvania, they fell to on steak, mashed potatoes and chocolate cake at the Gordon home. They made the trip without a tent and carried mostly dehydrated food. They borrowed their equipment from Camp Buffalo, where they were counselors.

John, a student at VPI and director of the craft shop at Camp Buffalo, said they covered 53 miles the first

day. Accompanying him were Chuck McMullin of Wellsburg, W. Va., and Jim Wieland, of Allison Park, Pa.

### Lynchburg Girl Writes Outstanding UDC Essay

Sandra Hooper recently won local and state awards in annual United Daughters of the Confederacy essay competition.

The daughter of Robert G. Hooper, Lynchburg district meter section, Sandra took second prizes for her essay entitled "Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy."

A senior this fall, she is president of the Eta Gamma Chi sorority, literary editor of the school magazine and a member of the Assembly committee and student council.

### Lynchburgers Take Cooking Classes

What's cooking? Plenty—if the interest of Lynchburg women employees is any indication.

Sixteen of them completed a series of cooking schools conducted by Mrs. Mary T. DuLaney, home economist. She conducted the two-hour sessions after receiving a number of requests for a cooking school.

Covered in the six sessions were oven meals, surface meals, broiling, canning and freezing, baking, preparation of salads and quick meals. Attending were Virginia G. Deaner, Joyce A. Brown, Jeanette T. Almond, Bessie L. Johnson, Doris D. Stanley, Sallie L. Moore, Sally K. Pollok, Agnes L. Dillard, Anne C. Carson, Jane D. Armistead, June B. Woodson, Joyce G. Via, Eliza M. Blankenship, Joan P. Smith, Kay V. Hudson and Jeanne P. Ramsey.

### Gifts Presented Frank Drenner On Retirement



Mr. Drenner

Some people think of retirement as a time to sit in an easy chair and just relax, but not J. Frank Drenner. Frankly, Frank was surprised when one of his daughters presented him an easy chair and stool and told him the family was anxious for him to use it in his retirement.

The general serviceman in the Logan district retired August 31 after 33 years with the company. A group of employees honored him at a dinner on August 12 and presented him with a gift. Other employees also presented a gift to this popular old-timer.

Frank first worked for the company in 1914 and later in 1919. He started as a lineman in 1921 and remembers working with a team of gray mules through mud and brush to install lines in the mountainous territory.

He started trouble shooting in 1925. Since that time he has been on call 24 hours a day and worked 33 years without any disabling injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Drenner are the parents of six children, five of whom are living. Frank says he has been getting ready for retirement for several years and plans to remain in Logan, working around his own home and some rental property he owns.

# Veterans Receive Service Emblems



These company veterans received service pins for 20 or more years' service in recent weeks. TOP, from the left: A. C. Fife, Logan, 30 years; O. M. Jones, system, 30 years; V. W. Hinton, Pulaski, 30 years; B. H. McKeever, Roanoke, 30 years; Earle Wood, Bluefield, 25 years; and Helen Sue Spangler, Bluefield, 25 years. MIDDLE, from the left: C. D. Weight, Ashland, 25 years; A. L. Heldreth,

Charleston, 25 years; Waddie E. Crouch, Lynchburg, 25 years; Paul Johnson, system, 20 years; and C. E. Martin, system, 20 years. BOTTOM, from the left, all 20 years: A. R. Barber, Hazard; Charles D. Turner, Hazard plant; Reginald P. Jackson, Welch; A. J. Wilkinson, Charleston; L. E. Jones, Charleston; and Raymond Ray, Logan plant.



## Appalachian Electric Power Company

**Beckley District**—20 YEARS: Charles Ellison, area serviceman; W. P. Jennings, area serviceman; 10 YEARS: Emma Jean Wilson, senior merchandise order and billing clerk; 5 YEARS: R. R. Griffith, area supervisor A; Archie Riner, Junior T&D clerk, records section; R. W. Martin, engineering aide; Frances Jones, senior cashier-clerk; Paul E. Pauley, head T&D clerk, records section.

**Bluefield District**—25 YEARS: Earle Wood, division residential and rural sales supervisor; Helen Sue Spangler, secretarial stenographer, division personnel.

**Cabin Creek Plant**—10 YEARS: George Perdue, boiler maintenance helper.

**Charleston District**—35 YEARS: E. L. Smith, general foreman, line section; 25 YEARS: A. L. Heldreth, station foreman, station section; 20 YEARS: L. E. Jones, general serviceman; A. J. Wilkinson, general serviceman; 15 YEARS: J. B. Eplin, meter serviceman B; J. H. Basham, assistant credit supervisor; 5 YEARS: C. E. Spradling, commercial sales representative; R. L. Loudermilk, commercial sales representative; W. G. McGraw, area sales representative.

**Fieldale District**—5 YEARS: F. D. Duckworth, meter supervisor; Virginia G. Hancock, senior home economist.

**Glen Lyn Plant**—10 YEARS: C. E. Pennington, coal conveyor operator; B. M. Brown, electrical maintenance man.

**Huntington District**—15 YEARS: George C. Everett, Jr., division residential and rural sales supervisor.

**Kanawha River Plant**—15 YEARS: C. E. Richards, assistant control operator.

**Logan District**—30 YEARS: A. C. Fife, station foreman, T&D station section; 5 YEARS: R. M. Oakley, meterman C; Glenneeda V. Perry, junior petty cash clerk.

**Logan Plant**—20 YEARS: Raymond Ray, boiler operator A; 15 YEARS: M. F. Morrison, plant office supervisor.

**Lynchburg District**—25 YEARS: Waddie E. Crouch, lineman A, T&D line and station section; 15 YEARS: Robert L. Hatch, hydro plant supervisor, hydro production department, Reusens; Leslie D. Wright, meter serviceman A.

**Pulaski District**—30 YEARS: V. W. Hinton, meter supervisor.

**Roanoke District**—30 YEARS: B. H. McKeever, meter supervisor.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—5 YEARS: Earl Q. Teaford, chemist.

**System**—35 YEARS: W. P. Carter, system transmission line superintendent; 30 YEARS: O. M. Jones, system supervising electronics engineer; 20 YEARS: P. J. Johnson, system hydro supervising engineer; C. E. Martin, system control wireman A; 15 YEARS: J. W. Kepner, assistant superintendent system operating; 5 YEARS: G. E. Elder, system substation man B.

**Welch District**—20 YEARS: Reginald P. Jackson, stationman A, Switchback; 10 YEARS: Otho J. Bragg, commercial sales representative.

## Kentucky Power Company

**Ashland District**—25 YEARS: C. D. Weight.

**Hazard District**—20 YEARS: A. R. Barber, district manager; Charles D. Turner, watch engineer, Hazard plant.

## Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

10 YEARS: Fred Pierce, groundman, T&D line section; Clarence M. Carter, lead draftsman, T&D engineering section.

## Huntington Crews Finish Aid Course



Boyd Thompson demonstrates first aid on D. B. Dawson as part of a 12-hour advanced Red Cross first aid refresher course for Huntington district rural line crews of Milton, Hamlin and Wayne. Included in the instruction was the arm lift-back pressure method of artificial respiration, transportation and splinting, wounds and their care and bleeding control. Shown watching from the left are: Carlos Akers, instructor, Samuel Spears, George Akers, Ira C. Handley, E. C. Davis, E. C. Berry, W. H. Holly and Stonewall Fannin.

## Preston's Address Missed

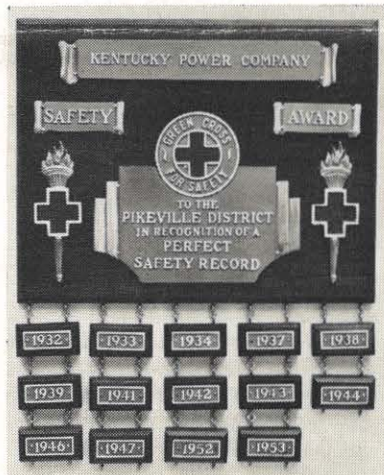
Overlooked in retired employees featured last month in THE ILLUMINATOR was S. T. Preston, former Charleston district manager. His address is 549 East French Avenue, Orange City, Florida.

## Chest X-Rays Made

Chest X-rays to combat tuberculosis were made of 515 employees in the Roanoke area in early August. The program, sponsored by the state and city health departments, was carried to industries.

## Kentucky Awards . . .

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All three Kentucky districts received plaques like this. At the bottom are dates of the years that district worked without a disabling injury.

million man-hours without a disabling injury.

Recognition didn't stop there. In individual district meetings recently each district was presented a plaque denoting the years they have worked without disabling injuries. The plaques were designed by O. O. Henderson of Ashland.

Finally, each employee who qualifies is annually awarded a pin denoting a year free of disabling injuries. Presentation of these awards and plaques was handled by the Kentucky Power Company Accident Prevention Committee, organized in 1952.

## Welch Service Building Gets 75-Ft. Neon Sign

New neon sign on the Welch service building cut out a lot of questions.

For the past eight years people have been asking employees in the downtown Welch office how to get to the service building. As the building had no sign, directions necessarily got complicated. The new sign corrects this situation as it is 75 feet long.



## Appalachian Electric Power Company

### ABINGDON DISTRICT

JAMES RICHARD WARDEN from engineering aide to commercial sales engineer; W. L. SMYTHERS from lineman to engineering aide.

### BECKLEY DISTRICT

EUSTACE ROBERTSON from meter serviceman C to meter serviceman B; PAUL E. PAULEY from material clerk, stores, to head T&D clerk, T&D department.

### BLUEFIELD DISTRICT

ALICE H. COALTER from office messenger, local accounting, to clerk typist, T&D records section; ROBERT M. COOPER from rodman, T&D engineering section, to material clerk, stores; ARNOLD E. GILLESPIE from junior draftsman, T&D engineering section, to junior T&D clerk, T&D records section; D. J. WYSOR from junior T&D clerk, T&D line section, to meterman C, T&D meter section.

### CHARLESTON DISTRICT

R. W. PALMER from station man B to station man A, T&D station section.

### HUNTINGTON DISTRICT

ALICE D. GILCHRIST from stenographer to secretarial stenographer; WILLIAM H. LOCKHART from meterman C to meterman B; TROY W. HATFIELD from meter service helper to meterman C.

### KANAWHA RIVER PLANT

J. W. MINDER, chemist, transferred to Kyger Creek Plant.

### SYSTEM

BEE WARREN from system accounting to system station department.

## Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

GEORGE W. GOTT from meterman C to meterman B, T&D meter section; LINDSAY WADE, JR., from lineman C to lineman B, T&D line section; LOIS BLAKELY from authorization clerk to junior bookkeeper; ANGELA MORRISON from junior contract clerk to authorization clerk, accounting department.

## Joyce DeBusk Graduates

Joyce DeBusk, daughter of John DeBusk who is Welch district area serviceman, graduated from Johnson Memorial Hospital in Abingdon and is now a registered nurse. She entered Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore to specialize in pediatrics.

## C. B. Shull, Retired, Dies At His Home

Charles B. Shull, retired employee in the Sprigg area of Williamson district, died July 13 at his home.

He was employed as a carpenter and retired May 1, 1942. Survivors include his wife and three children.

## H. P. Dodd, Vet With 40 Years, Retires On First



Mr. Dodd

H. P. Dodd, assistant disbursing agent at Roanoke, retired September 1 after more than 40 years' service. A stag dinner was held in his honor August 30 by associates at Yearly Haven. He was presented a set of wood golf clubs, a golf bag and golf balls. The Appa-Mo Club, of which he is a member, also presented him with a complete fishing tackle outfit. He was first employed in May, 1914, as a bookkeeper in the local accounting office of Appalachian in Bluefield. He transferred to the System accounting department in Roanoke in 1930 and was promoted to his present position in February, 1950.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Dodd is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church; a member of Lakeland Lodge 190, A. F. & A. M.; York Rite Masonic Bodies, Bluefield; member of the Shrines' Uni Kedem Temple in Charleston and past master of Mercer Lodge No. 160 in Bluefield.

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

## W. P. Carter, Of System T&D, Gets 35-Year Emblem

W. P. Carter, superintendent of system transmission line department in Bluefield, observed his 35th anniversary of company service and was presented his 35-year pin by J. P. Cruickshank, general superintendent of system T&D department.

Employed September 1, 1919, in the construction department, for the first seven years he received extensive training and experience under the late O. H. White in substation and highline construction and operation. He was appointed general superintendent of the Bluefield-Clinch Valley district in April, 1926, and served in that position until his promotion to his present position in April, 1944.

He has been an active contributor to AGE Operating Notes and received the Annual Award for the outstanding article of 1950 with "Mechanical Clearing of Rights-of-Way." He is presently serving on the line subject committee of the general safety committee.

Born in Florence, Alabama, in 1899, he received his education in schools there. His hobby is a workshop in his Bluefield home.

## Roanokers Named To AIEE Posts As Three Go To Convention

Several system and Roanoke district employees were installed as officers of the Virginia Mountain Section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers at a recent meeting.



Mr. Clarke

Henry A. Clarke, system station superintendent, was elected chairman of the group. Serving on the executive committee for the coming year are J. B. Whitmore, Roanoke division commercial manager; E. W. Woody, system substation department; and E. L. Munday, Jr., Roanoke district commercial manager.

Mr. Munday retired as chairman of the group and was presented a past chairman pin and certificate of recognition by Mr. Clarke.

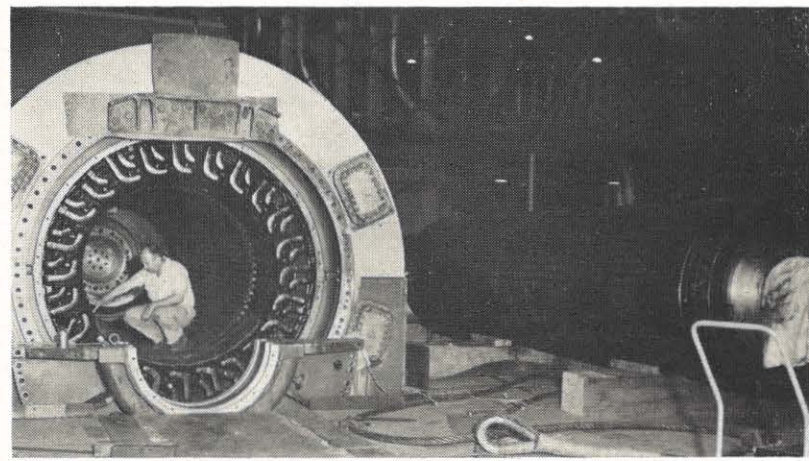
Mr. Clarke represented the Virginia Mountain section at the national meeting of the American Institute of Engineers at Los Angeles. Two other Appalachian men also attended. They were Paul C. Kelsey, Huntington district engineer representing the Ohio Valley Section, and George W. Unangst, Charleston meter superintendent representing the West Virginia Section.

## Three Cats



Huntington division's three cats line up to have their picture taken. They are, from the left, Pussy Cat, Petunia and George "Cat" Everett, division residential sales supervisor. Petunia is of the skunk side of the feline family and has proved herself useful in division sales promotion. It seems that the district manager with the lowest percentage of sales quota becomes Petunia's keeper until he can climb off the bottom of districts. Whoever takes his place also gets Petunia. Petunia has some other names; among the mentionable ones are Sweet Willie and George Junior Cat. Whatever the name, commercial employees agree he has real sales in "scent"-ive.

## Unit Two At Sporn Gets Overhaul



Overhaul of Unit 2 at Sporn plant saw the low pressure generator opened for the first time since it was installed over four years ago. Frank Titus, maintenance foreman, is shown inspecting the huge stator which weighs 240 tons. On the right can be seen the large rotor, weighing 75 tons, which has been removed from the stator. The unit was removed from service July 25 and is scheduled to return to service early this month.

## Kingsport Veteran Retires To Farm



Mr. Collins

"Of course, I'm looking forward to retirement, but I'll miss the old steam plant and all the fellows over there," said B. S. "Doc" Collins several days before retiring September 1. The Kingsport Utilities employee noted, "The company has been mighty good to me and you won't find a better place to work."

Doc with 41 years of service is the last of the "old-timers" at the Kingsport steam plant which is now in "cold reserve." He began May 10, 1913, as a fireman. He served as substation operator, boiler room man, boiler room foreman and working foreman.

Preparing for retirement, he sold his home in Kingsport and bought a brick home about six miles out of town. Surrounded by 22 acres of land, Doc plans to raise cattle, pigs, some grain for winter feeding, plus a large garden each summer along with a big strawberry patch.

The best part of this work, according to Doc, is that "If I feel like working, I will; if not, I'll just sit." He gets good television reception and likes to watch the ball games and wrestling matches.

He was born September 5, 1889, at New Canton, Tennessee. The Collins have one daughter.

## Customer's Letter Makes Reddy Blush

Reddy's face was red at work in the Pikeville district the other day after receiving a short poem from a customer.

Reddy sends out his delinquent notices in poetic fashion, begging for his wages, and a recent one backfired. The customer's answer came back:

Dear Reddy Kilowatt,  
I believe you're fakin'  
My range payments' been taken  
Your bookkeeper is not on the ball  
If she didn't give me credit at all.  
Wages paid \$6.33

Sincerely yours:  
A check found that the customer was right.

## Special Day Honors Retired

Glen Lyn plant retired employees were honored recently with a Retired Employees Visitation Day. Sixteen attended the program which started at 10 a. m. with checkers and card games.

E. E. Thompson and E. C. Weatherly furnished music for the occasion. L. E. Turner, plant manager, welcomed the group at a luncheon and presented his collection of picture slides.

C. E. Archer, assistant plant manager, presented A. P. Whitt, A. H. Hare and Samuel Hill, all retired this year, with gifts from plant employees. L. H. Saunders, Bluefield division personnel supervisor, was guest and made a talk. The group toured the plant in the afternoon, taking special interest in jobs which they had done with the company before retiring.

Others attending were John A. Thornton, J. C. Neely, C. B. Wills, Harvey L. Clemons, H. G. Holdren, J. C. Thompson, R. Watson Wilkinson, Mitchell H. Wilkinson, George C. Johnson, R. Ed Hare, J. O. Smith, Louis H. Wiley and J. G. White.

## Freedom's Lamp In Dunbar Gets Assist From Reddy Kilowatt



Freedom's Lamp in Dunbar now burns all the time, thanks to Reddy Kilowatt.

Thanks to Reddy Kilowatt, the firemen at Dunbar are more at ease these days. He has taken over their task and trouble of keeping "Freedom's Holy Light" burning.

The Freedom Lamp was presented to the city by Mayor D. L. Salisbury. Dedicated on Lincoln's birthday in 1953 in an impressive ceremony on the city hall lawn, the Freedom Lamp began as an oil burner.

"Of course," Mayor Salisbury said, "it will have to be refilled often." This job fell to the firemen. The mayor also said that when the lamp was lit "every effort will be made to keep it aflame forever." But the elements stepped in and trouble keeping the lamp burning started. It wasn't easy getting up in the early hours of the morning to refill the lamp when a gust of wind blew the flame out.

So the firemen got permission to convert the oil burner to gas. The change was terrific! Terrifying too, most of the time. Freedom's Lamp, at times, turned into a flame thrower that lighted the entire city hall.

"The flame shot out all of five feet," Fire Chief Dana Thumm said. "I suppose we piped too much gas to it."

So, last Christmas Day the Freedom Lamp was converted once again, this time to electricity, and now everyone is happy. Mayor Salisbury and his firemen are quite content to leave the job of keeping Freedom's Lamp burning to Reddy. And that's a job right up Reddy's alley.

## Senter, Gilbert And Evans Receive Sporn Engineer Promotions



Mr. Evans

Mr. Gilbert

Three Philip Sporn plant employees have been promoted. Russell E. Senter has been moved up to plant engineer and Charles H. Evans succeeds him as results engineer. In turn James P. Gilbert will replace Mr. Evans as assistant results engineer.

Mr. Senter is a native of Suffield, Connecticut, where he attended Suffield Academy. A graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, he joined AGE as a test engineer in New York on June 21, 1948. He was transferred to Sporn May 1, 1949, as test engineer and became results engineer January 16, 1951.

Mr. Senter is married and has three children. He is a deacon in the New Haven Lutheran Church.

Mr. Evans, a native of Pomeroy, Ohio, attended high school there and graduated from Ohio University. He was first employed as a test engineer at Sporn on July 15, 1949. In February, 1952, he became assistant results engineer.

He and his wife reside in Pomeroy where he is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the American Legion.

Mr. Gilbert attended Monongah High School in his home town, Fairmont, and is a graduate of West Virginia University. He joined the Company February 1, 1951, as a junior test engineer at Sporn and later became test engineer. A member of the Federated Church and the American Legion, Mr. Gilbert resides in Pomeroy with his wife.

## Picnic Perils



Oops! Well, that's the risk you take when you blow bubble gum. This girl had a little bad luck during the bubble blowing contest at Cabin Creek's annual employee picnic recently. Retired employees were among the over 400 people attending the picnic. U. G. Ellis was awarded a prize as the oldest retired employee. He will soon be 82. Other retired employees attending were A. L. Carnifax, John T. Ferguson and S. M. Pickens. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kendall won the prize as the longest married couple, 40 years, among the active employees. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rogers have been married the shortest length of time, two years, and L. C. Williams, his wife and seven children represented the largest family. In addition to several rounds of food, the crowd also enjoyed many contests, swimming and a watermelon feast.

**Cuts Travel Time**

**West Virginia Turnpike Opens: Many Power Lines Moved**

First 36-mile section of West Virginia's new \$133-million turnpike opens early this month between Beckley and Princeton.

The 88-mile "highway in clouds" splits the heart of Appalachian territory in West Virginia, running from Charleston to Princeton. Thirty-two of its miles are in Charleston district, 44 miles in Beckley district and 12 miles in Bluefield district. The entire turnpike is scheduled to open by November.

When completed, engineers estimate the toll road will take less than half the time it now takes to travel between Charleston and Princeton.

Construction of the turnpike meant mountain tops had to be carved away, rivers and gorges spanned by 76 bridges, a half-mile tunnel built, fills made and streams diverted. Along with all this work went the relocation by Appalachian employees of many miles of transmission and distribution lines in the three districts.

In the Charleston district alone, about 12 miles of 44,000-volt lines were relocated to clear the new highway. Marmet substation had to be completely relocated. At many places where lines crossed the new highway the number of crossings were reduced in half. Distribution lines were relocated at 36 different points. Some steel towers had to be relocated because of slides.

Service to the half-mile long Memorial Tunnel located between Cabin Creek and the four-mile fork of Paint Creek, was provided from Gallagher and Tom's Branch stations. Two miles of new 2300-volt line was built from Giles Station to provide emergency lighting service to the tunnel.

In the Beckley district, nine distribution crossings over the new super highway were removed between Camp Creek and Ghent; 54 crossings reduced to 11 in the Ghent-Mossy distribution; nine crossings reduced to three in the Mossy-Milburn line. Four 44-kv crossings near Milburn were rebuilt and six 44,000-volt crossings in the Mossy-Milburn line reduced to two.

In the Bluefield district, 27 distribution crossings were reduced to three in the Oakvale Road-Camp Creek section.

**Davis, Peirce Named To Legion Offices**



Mr. Davis Mr. Peirce

Two Bluefield district employees have been elected to posts in Giles County Post 68 of the American Legion.

David M. Davis, working foreman, was elected commander of the post while Charles A. Peirce, lineman, was named to the board of directors. Mr. Davis is a World War II veteran while Mr. Peirce served in World War I.

Mr. Davis joined the company on April 1, 1946, and through a series of promotions worked up to his present position on June 22, 1953. Mr. Peirce joined the company on August 20, 1915.



Section of four lanes in West Virginia Turnpike near Beckley shows the use of concrete creeper lanes for trucks. The highway has two 12-foot concrete traffic lanes throughout with these added lanes on grades to permit passing. Its three service areas, restaurant and service station facilities are located at Bluestone, Beckley and Morton. Interchanges are at Princeton, Beckley, Mossy, Chelyan, Kanawha City and Reed.

**J. D. Russell Is Promoted To AGE**



Mr. Russell

J. D. Russell has been promoted to AGE System planning and operating department as field engineer with headquarters in New Jersey. He has been in the distribution records department of the Abingdon district since 1950.

He recently completed 35 years' service with AGE properties. He has worked at Hazard plant, Cabin Creek plant, Logan plant, Twin Branch plant, Charleston division and the AGE valuation department.

A graduate of two electrical training schools, Mr. Russell is a native of Campbellsville, Ky. He is married and the Russells have two daughters and four grandchildren.

He is a veteran of World War I, a member of the American Legion and the 40&8. The Russells are members of the Sinking Springs Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Russell planned to move to Orange, New Jersey, early this month.

**C. B. Burner Elected Lions Club Leader**

C. B. Burner was installed recently as president of the East Bank Lions Club. He is personnel supervisor at Cabin Creek plant and has been with the company since 1951.



Mr. Burner

He is a charter member of the club, having served in various offices and on several committees. A graduate of Morris Harvey College, Mr. Burner is also active in the Boy Scouts, the Baptist Church and other community activities.

**Carl Phillips Heads Hamlin Fire Co.**

Carl L. Phillips, Huntington district area sales representative, has been named president of the Hamlin Volunteer Fire Department.



Mr. Phillips

Recently the 17-man department has been completely reorganized. Land has been obtained on which a new fire house will be built. Plans have been completed for a horseshow, proceeds to go toward construction costs and new equipment.

Mr. Phillips has been an employee since November 22, 1938, and went to Hamlin as area sales representative July 17, 1951. He is married and has two children.

**Waving At Passing Trains In Youth Has Led Mose Jackson To Railroad Hobby**



Mose Jackson's son Eddy checks on his father's engineering talent as the two exhibit their model railroad.

Trains have always played an important part in the life of Mose Jackson, Kingsport janitor.

When he was a boy he would wait for a train to pass so that he might wave to the conductor or engineer. The fascination continued when he was a young man working in the train yards.

And today trains still captivate his interest, even though on a smaller scale. For now Mose has his own trains, models which he runs on tracks he has arranged in his home. At night he and his seven-year-old son put three complete models through their paces on 85 feet of track on a 4 by 13 ft. platform.

His son, Eddy, is an experienced operator and handles switching duties just like his father.

The 36-year veteran with Kingsport and his trains were honored recently when East Tennessee District Fair officials asked him to display the

**Robert Johnston And Eight Others Named Lions Club Officers**

Philip Sporn plant employees swept practically all offices when the New Haven Lions Club held recent elections. Nine employees were voted into posts in the organization.

Robert Johnston, plant test engineer, was named to the presidency, while first, second and third vice presidents elected were Karl Wiles, payroll supervisor; Jack Frey, second assistant shift operating engineer; and Lloyd Hennon, first assistant shift operating engineer, respectively.



Mr. Johnston

John Dyer, test engineer was voted secretary-treasurer and Robert Layne, maintenance department helper, was elected tail twister. Directors elected were Clarence Tennant, shift operating engineer; Robert Cook, instrument maintenance man A; and Clayton Athey, first assistant shift operating engineer.

Mr. Johnston was first employed at the plant in 1951 as a junior test engineer. He is a troop committeeman in the Boy Scouts and a member of the fire department. Married and the father of two daughters, he is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a M.E. degree.

**Montgomery Lions Tour Kanawha Plant, See Film**

Dispensing with their usual business, members of the Montgomery Lions Club paid a visit to Kanawha River plant recently.

Sixty members toured the plant, ate dinner in the cafeteria and saw the company film, "What Is Electricity?" H. C. Skagg, plant manager, talked to the group about the significance of the plant in the Montgomery area.

**Miles A. Steckel Of System Meter Retires On First**



Mr. Steckel

Miles A. Steckel, system meter superintendent, retired September 1, after more than 40 years with the company.

Dinner attended by close friends and fellow workers from the Southern Properties was held for Mr. Steckel August 28 in Charleston. He was presented a gift of appreciation and friendship.

Mr. Steckel was employed by the Virginian Power Company at Cabin Creek on March 1, 1914, as supervisor of meters and substations and helped in the construction of the Cabin Creek plant and substation. He was promoted to general meter superintendent on September 1, 1936. On August 1, 1946, he moved up to his present position, with headquarters in Charleston, and assigned duties over the Southern Properties of AGE.

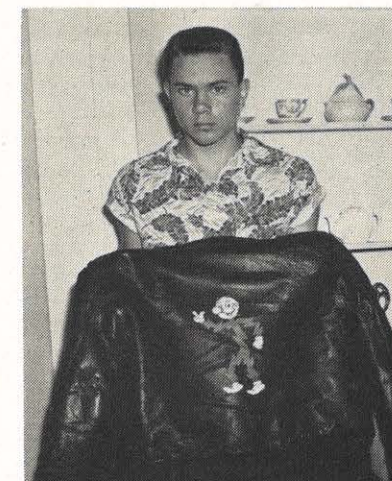
He was born August 25, 1888, at Egypt, Pennsylvania, where he received his education and experience with various companies in the electrical field.

Outside interests include two hobbies, stamp collecting and a home workshop. He is an active young people's worker, and includes among his accomplishments assistance to the Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Charleston, where he resides.

**Kingsport Holds Picnic**

Kingsport employees and their families enjoyed the company's annual picnic and outing at Warriors' State Park August 18. Total of 296 persons participated in boating, horseback riding, pony rides, bingo, horse-shoe pitching and eating.

**Reddy Artist**



Reddy Kilowatt has become the favorite art subject of Bill Bell and his neighborhood friends. Bill, the 14-year-old son of Claude Bell, Switchback station man in the Welch district, has always wanted to be a commercial artist. After completing an art course this past school session, he got his chance. He paints figures on the backs of leather jackets for his friends and Reddy is in the most demand. Above he exhibits one of his recent paintings. He also collects old guns and makes models of antique automobiles.

**Employee Appointed Grand Page Of Star**

Mrs. Neva Shepherd, Princeton office cashier, has been named Grand Page in the Order of the Eastern Star.



Mrs. Shepherd

She will serve for the Grand Chapter which will meet in Huntington October 8-9. Grand Pages are named by the Worthy Grand Matron, and to achieve the honor the person must have been a Worthy Matron. Mrs. Shepherd was Worthy Matron last year in Princeton. She has been active in the organization for the past 11 years.



### Charleston Safety Supervisor Has Developed Highly Effective Flannel Board Safety Story

John C. Frazier has received high praise for a flannel board presentation he has worked up on safety.

Called "A Basic Accident Control Plan," the presentation makes strong use of over 70 colorful cards and cartoons to illustrate points in the talk. Mr. Frazier, Charleston district safety supervisor, has presented the 40-minute story before many groups, including the Virginia State Safety Conference, and more recently, the AGE Safety Directors' meeting in Roanoke.

Primary point of the talk is the importance of close work between operations and safety for the employee's safety. The story is divided into four parts, including the importance of cooperation, aids to be used in this integration, reminder of accident sequence and the supervisor's part, and procedures to cope with unsafe acts and conditions.

The presentation was recently featured in an article appearing in the *Public Utilities Association Reporter*, a publication of the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias.

Mr. Frazier has been with the company since 1946. He became a line inspector in the line section upon employment and was promoted to his present position in 1952. He is married and has two daughters.

### S. W. Whaples Dies After Long Illness



Mr. Whaples

Sidney Wilson Whaples, 75, retired Charleston district groundman, died August 5 at his home at Kanawha Two Mile after an extended illness. Mr. Whaples has been retired since March 1, 1939.

He began employment in 1904 as a repairman in the water department of the West Virginia Water and Electric Company, later added to the Appalachian system.

He was the father of A. F. Whaples, Nitro-St. Albans office area serviceman. Born November 23, 1879, at Pocatlico, he was a member of the Starcher Baptist Church at North Charleston.

He is survived by his wife, seven sons, three step-sons, three daughters, two step-daughters, three sisters and 26 grandchildren.

### Point Pleasant Picnic Boasts Food And Games

About 230 Point Pleasant district employees and guests attended the annual picnic at Harmon Park on July 25. In addition to food, a wide assortment of games and contests were played.

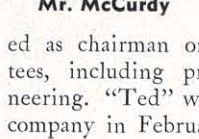
Arrangements were made by J. K. Shinn, C. H. Murray, Jr., Anna Wetzell, Diana Reidler, Bernice Roush, Vonda Barnette, J. D. Spiggle, S. N. Johnson, F. H. Taylor, W. C. Gilmour, J. L. Twitty, E. M. Sterrett, J. R. Ware, Elizabeth Mattox, Judith Ray, Paul Rairden, J. V. Mann and G. E. Roberts.



John C. Frazier illustrates a point in his flannel board safety presentation.

### Azel McCurdy Heads Safety Engineers

Azel McCurdy, Jr., Huntington district personnel supervisor, was elected chairman of the West Virginia Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers at a recent Huntington meeting. He was vice chairman of the group last year.



Mr. McCurdy

He had served as chairman on various committees, including program and engineering. "Ted" was employed by the company in February of 1926.

### Turner And Cook Elected Officials In Our Companies

Harold Turner and Donald C. Cook were elected vice presidents and directors of our three companies at a meeting of the board of directors in New York City.

Mr. Turner, who is vice president of the Ohio Power Company and succeeded Graham Claytor as executive vice president of the AGE Service Corporation on July 1, also was elected vice president and a director of Wheeling Electric Company and Indiana & Michigan Electric Company. He is former general manager of Ohio Power.

Mr. Cook, an executive vice president of the Service Corporation, also was elected vice president and a director of Wheeling Electric, I&M and Ohio Power, in addition to being named to the board of directors of Central Ohio Light & Power Company.

### Cardox Story In Magazine

Article describing Cardox Corporation operations near Cabin Creek plant appeared in the August, 1954, issue of *Plant Engineering*.

The article, taken from one appearing in the March, 1954, issue of *THE ILLUMINATOR*, tells how flue gas is taken from Cabin Creek plant for conversion into carbon dioxide.

### Williamson Employees Head P. T. A. Groups



These three Williamson district employees were recently elected presidents of P. T. A. groups. From the left: Mrs. Lorraine Corea, accounting department, South Williamson grade school; H. W. Cerrato, engineering department, Belfry grade school in Belfry, Kentucky, and Mrs. Wilma Justice, commercial department, Williamson Main Building grade school.

### J. E. Vickers Has 35 Years' Service

J. E. Vickers, Beckley district station operator A, celebrated 35 years with the company on July 17 and received his 35-year pin.

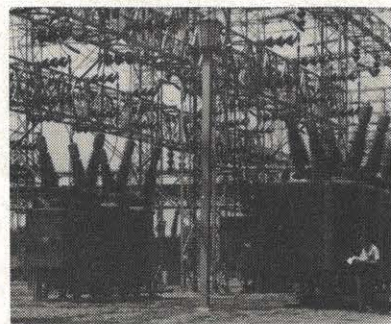


Mr. Vickers

Mr. Vickers joined Appalachian as a lineman on July 17, 1919, when he was 24 years old. In 1933 he was promoted to utility man and in 1937 to a district serviceman. In 1943 he moved up to his present position.

A native of Montgomery, where he received his primary education, Mr. Vickers is married and the father of one. His favorite hobby is hunting. When given his 35-year pin Mr. Vickers stated that there "has certainly been a lot of changes and improvements in the company since the time I was employed." He stated that the methods, tools and equipment with which to work are much better than they were when his experience with the company began.

### Breaker Changes



Installation of the 330,000 kv system made necessary 18 circuit breaker changes at the Philip Sporn plant substation. Rupturing capacity of breakers has been doubled to 10,000,000 kva. The lower rated breakers will be shipped to other stations to replace still lower rated breakers. Other construction at the substation includes the erection of two bents for sleet melt facilities on the Kanawha and Muskingum 132 kv circuit.

### Roanoker Writes Article

E. M. Payne, Roanoke stores department, recently had an article published in *Electrical World*. The article, entitled "Fork Lift Adapter Facilitates Handling Wire Reels," appeared also in the April *Monthly Operating Notes* and in part in the June issue of *THE ILLUMINATOR*.

### Bell Article Features AGE

Story on AGE system appeared in the August issue of *Long Lines* magazine, publication of the Bell Telephone System. The four-page story, complete with photographs of many of the AGE facilities, is one of a series appearing in the magazine entitled "Our Interesting Customers."

### Growing Garden Of Roses Is Blooming Hobby Of Charles Kinzer, Welch District Lineman

What would you say if someone told you about a rose garden in which 1,400 blooms came out during a year, an average of over three dozen a day?

You'd probably wonder who the person was who spent all his time taking care of the flowers.

His name is Charles Kinzer and he's a lineman at Pocahontas in the Welch district. His rose garden is a spare time hobby rising out of two plants his mother started 25 years ago. Those two and 33 varieties are flourishing in Mr. Kinzer's garden after six years of careful work. Plans call for adding a few more varieties each year until the garden is full.

Mr. Kinzer says that his biggest pleasure comes when he gives blooms

to persons who are sick or who admire beautiful roses.



It takes careful work to produce blooms like the ones in Charles Kinzer's rose garden.

### O. H. Gregory Gets Credit For Joe Witts' Talent

"Don't know him!"

That's the reaction you'd probably get from any employee at the North Charleston service building if you inquired about O. Houston Gregory.



Mr. Witts

But what these employees don't know is that they have been working with him since February 23, 1953. O. Houston Gregory is the pen name for song writer-poet Joe Witts, one of the janitors at the building.

It's been 20 years since he wrote his first lyric, and since that time Joe has turned out 300 poems, 96 song lyrics, eight complete songs and two patriotic songs. Highlight of his career came when Crown Publications of New York in 1940 published his book of poems, "Contemporary Poetry From Here And There."

"I always liked to write," Joe says, "and once aspired to be a poet." He won several high school literary awards which spurred him on to the many poems and songs he has turned out since. He's unable to read music so when he gets an inspiration for lyrics he approaches a professional song writer with his idea.

Joe has never had a song published, but that doesn't worry him. Although he would like for one of his songs to be published and become popular, the satisfaction he gets from just setting down the words keeps him hoping. He explains that Tin Pan Alley is hard to crack unless you have the name. Thousands of songs go unpublished every year because publishers are always swamped.

Joe is vice president of Song Writers Associated of Charleston, Inc., an organization with 40 members. Theme of his songs are love and nature. He writes both "pop" tunes and hillbilly music. And he hopes to go into musical commercials.

So watch out for the name O. Houston Gregory on a music sheet. When you see it, you can say, "I know him—that's Joe Witts."

### Dental College Graduate

Ola Melton, daughter of Arthur Melton, Hillsville lineman, recently passed the Virginia State Dental Examiners Board for Dental Hygiene given at the Medical College of Virginia. She graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Dentistry.

### Hudson Named To AGE Position



Mr. Hudson

Floyd E. Hudson, administrative assistant in the general office of Ohio Power Company, has been named operating manager of transmission, distribution and utilization for the AGE Service Corporation.

A native of Gardiner, Maine, he received his early education in Maine and then attended Wentworth Institute in Boston, where he was graduated in 1924.

Mr. Hudson began his 30-year career in the electrical field in 1924 when he joined the Westinghouse Electric Corporation at East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. From 1929 until 1948 he served as electrical, planning and rate engineer, respectively, and assistant to the general manager of the Bangor, Maine, Hydro Electric Company. For the next four years, he served as assistant vice president for Day and Zimmermann, Inc., consulting engineers in Philadelphia.

He joined AGE in October, 1952, as an administrative assistant with the Indiana and Michigan Electric Company and a year later was transferred to Ohio in that same capacity.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he served from 1943 through 1945 with the rank of lieutenant commander in the civil engineering corps.

### Cabin Creek Boy Wins College Scholarship

President's scholarship at Morris Harvey College was awarded Vincent Edward Tyree, star athlete at East Bank High School for three years. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Williams with whom he makes his home. Mr. Williams is boiler operator at Cabin Creek plant.

The scholarship was announced August 9. A 1954 graduate, he was a basketball star who was a member of the sectional, regional and all-tournament teams. He also was a member of the baseball team and manager of the football team.

**Ready For Fall**



Facing the fashion season with a bright new look, Norma Jean Fields, Roanoke office cashier, models an ensemble in Roanoke's Smartwear-Irving Saks. Her "Domino Suit" by Dan Millstein in imported worsted flannel features interesting cuffs and collar of grosgrain and velvet and the soft feminine touch of a velvet bow. There's interest in the texture of her camelcrest coat, fall's fashion wonder, luxurious Strook camel's hair, for the first time in beautiful colors.

**Charlene Litchford Is Honored With Shower**

Party and miscellaneous shower was given Charlene Litchford, Lynchburg employee and bride-elect of F. W. Thompson, on July 26, at Mrs. Virginia G. Deaner's home. Mrs. June B. Woodson was co-hostess.

Attending were Mrs. Joyce A. Brown, Mrs. Joan P. Smith, Mrs. Jeanette T. Almond, Mrs. Doris D. Stanley, Mrs. Eleanor B. Wood, Mrs. Jeanne P. Ramsey, Mrs. Eliza M. Blankenship, Nancy R. Roberts, Jane W. Plunkett, Kay V. Hudson, Sally K. Pollok, Bessie L. Johnson, Jane D. Armistead, Anna Lackey, Agnes L. Dillard and Anne E. Carson.

**Huntington Women Are Auxiliary Officers**

Two women employees in the Huntington district T&D department were recently elected officers in the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Ethel Hyldahl, draftsman, was installed as president of Unit 16 while Mrs. Laura S. Collins, stenographer, became sergeant at arms at the same meeting.

**Wedding Vows Solemnized For 15 Couples**



Brides and bridegrooms among company employees during recent weeks are pictured above. TOP, from the left: Mrs. J. D. Higgins, Fieldale; Mrs. Robert L. Kosnoski, Beckley; Mrs. Conrad M. Powers, Cabin Creek; and Mrs. Joseph F. Cox, Beckley. MIDDLE, from the left: Mrs. Burt Cleveland Horne, Jr., Roanoke; Mrs. Phillip Taylor, Charleston; Mrs. Paul D. Allen, Cabin Creek; Mrs. James Albert Wheeler, Roanoke; and Mrs. Letcher A. Graham, Roanoke system. BOTTOM, from the left: Mrs. William W. Walker, Charleston; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall, Logan plant; Mrs. Robert Ross Griffith, Beckley; and Mrs. Fred William Thompson, Lynchburg.

**New Arrivals**

CARTER CHADWICK is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Self, born July 28. Mr. Self is an Abingdon district employee.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLIE P. MAY announce the arrival of a son, Darrell Keith, on July 30. Mr. May is employed at Kingsport.

A daughter, DONNA SHERIAN, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Lingar. Mr. Lingar is employed at Kingsport.

MR. AND MRS. R. T. HARDY are the proud parents of a son, Charles Curtis, Jr., born July 25. Mr. Hardy is a Kanawha River plant employee.

DAVID ANDERSON II, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Mathews, was born July 21. Mr. Mathews is employed at Kanawha River plant.

MR. AND MRS. C. C. MURRILL are the proud parents of a son, Charles Curtis, Jr., born July 19. Mr. Murrill works at Kanawha River plant.

A son, DAVID BRUCE, was born July 29 to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hunley. Mr. Hunley is employed at Kanawha River plant.

A daughter, SUSAN LEIGH, was born August 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O. Witt. Mr. Witt is employed in the Lynchburg district line and station section.

DEBRA LYNN is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Collins, born August 17. Mr. Collins is employed in the Lynchburg district engineering section.

A son, RYLAND Y., JR., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Y. Bailey on July 30. Mr. Bailey is area sales representative in the Bluefield district.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT SHEFFEY, JR., are the parents of a son, Robert Edward, born August 8. Mr. Sheffey is electrical engineer in the Bluefield division T&D department.

A son, THOMAS ANDREW, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Emmet D. Hicks on August 17. Mr. Hicks is employed in the Bluefield engineering department.

MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL SENTER are the parents of a son, Eric, born August 13. Mr. Senter is Philip Sporn plant engineer.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT G. HART are the parents of a son, Bruce Edward, born July 30. Mr. Hart is a barge attendant at Philip Sporn plant.

KATHY ANN is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Haley, born July 9. Mr. Haley is an auxiliary equipment operator at Philip Sporn plant.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD L. LANNING are the parents of a daughter, Connie Jo, born July 24. Mr. Lanning is a maintenance man at Philip Sporn plant.

A son, JOSEPH E. II, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Cullen July 16. Mr. Cullen is a member of the Philip Sporn plant labor department.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES H. BENNETT are the parents of a son, Samuel Joseph, born July 16. Mr. Bennett is a control operator at the Philip Sporn plant.

MR. AND MRS. GAIL P. BUCK are the parents of a son, Jon Paul, born August 7. Mr. Buck is a junior maintenance man at Philip Sporn plant.

A daughter, MARY LUCINDA, was born July 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sherman L. Vealey. Mr. Vealey is chemist at Cabin Creek plant.

**Mary Sperow Honored**

Mary Sperow, Beckley home economist and bride-elect of Robert R. Griffith, was honored August 4 with a miscellaneous shower in the auditorium. Mr. Griffith is area supervisor of the Rainelle office. About 25 people attended and played games.

MR. AND MRS. N. PAUL CANTLEY are the proud parents of a daughter, Patricia Marie, born on August 14. Mr. Cantley is a Logan district commercial department employee.

MICHAEL LEE is the son born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Alderson on July 6. Mr. Alderson is employed in the Charleston T&D line section.

A daughter, RUTH ANN, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Jean on July 23. Mr. Jean is a general serviceman in the Charleston T&D line section.

MR. AND MRS. DEWELL B. DUNLAP are the parents of a son, Thomas Carroll, born August 1. Mr. Dunlap is employed in the Charleston district commercial department.

PAMELA JO is the name of a daughter born July 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Schrader. Mrs. Schrader is the daughter of O. B. Kidd, Pulaski.

MR. AND MRS. KERMIT JACKSON are the parents of a son, John Scott, born August 17. Mrs. Jackson is a former Pulaski employee.

MR. AND MRS. S. J. CORNETT are the parents of a daughter, Linda Carol, born August 17. Mr. Cornett is a member of the Hazard district meter department.

MARVIN LOWE, JR., is the name of a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Combs on August 17. Mr. Combs is a member of the Hazard T&D department.

MR. AND MRS. JACK R. BLANKENSHIP are the parents of a baby son, Thomas Richard, born August 6. Mr. Blankenship is employed in the personnel department at Logan plant.

A son, GREGORY ROBERT, was born August 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Phillips of Keystone. Mrs. Phillips is a former Welch district meter department employee.

THELMA RUTH is the daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lane on August 10. Mr. Lane is a Welch district lineman.

Twins, ELLEN KAY and CHARLES RAY, were born July 31 to Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hefner. Mr. Hefner is senior T&D clerk in the Abingdon district.

**Leads Girl Scouts**



Six-year-old daughter's interest in the Brownie organization several years ago led Mrs. Dorcas Webster, standing on the right, to work in the Girl Scouts. Mrs. Webster, wife of Bill Webster, Charleston office janitor, has been a troop leader for the past five years. She plans to continue the work although her daughter was married last month. In the above picture she and her assistant, Carolyn Nowlen, standing on the left, stop with their troop, Troop 90, on the way to a three-day camping expedition to the Burford farm on Tyler Mountain.

**Kirchner-Horne**

Martha Kirchner and Burt Cleveland Horne, Jr., were united in marriage on August 21 at the First Methodist Church, Pulaski. Mrs. Horne has been a home economist in Roanoke and will assume a similar position in Christiansburg.

**Wilson-Walker**

Lois Wilson became the bride of William W. Walker in a ceremony performed August 28 at Humphrey's Memorial Church, Charleston. Mrs. Walker is secretary to C. B. Talley, Charleston district manager.

**Bond-Taylor**

Susan Bond became the bride of Phillip Taylor on August 21 at Weston. She is a former home economist in the Charleston district.

**Meadows-Cox**

Janice Meadows and Joseph F. Cox were united in a ceremony performed August 14 in the St. Mary Methodist Church in East Beckley. Mr. Cox is contract entry and final bill clerk in the accounting department of the Beckley district.

**White-Hall**

Jacqueline White and Ralph Hall were united in marriage at the home of her parents in Matoaka on July 16. Mr. Hall is utility man at Logan plant.

**Stobart-Johnson**

Phyllis Stobart became the bride of George R. Johnson on August 7 at the Baptist Church in Racine, Ohio, in a single ring ceremony. Mr. Johnson is a member of the labor department at Philip Sporn plant.

**Campbell-Higgins**

Mary Campbell and J. D. Higgins were united in marriage at the Starling Baptist Church, Martinsville, on August 21. Mr. Higgins is area representative in the Fieldale district.

**Moore-Wheeler**

Ethelyn Faith Moore became the bride of James Albert Wheeler on July 24 at the First Baptist Church of Roanoke. Mr. Wheeler is employed as office messenger in the Roanoke local accounting office.

**King-Compton**

Bonnie King and James Paul Compton were united in marriage on August 13 in Pikeville. She is employed in the Pikeville district accounting department.

**Slack-Allen**

Barbara Ann Slack became the bride of Paul D. Allen on July 3 at the Methodist Church in Chesapeake. Mrs. Allen is the daughter of George H. Slack, operator at the Cabin Creek plant.

**Smith-Powers**

Alva Mae Smith and Conrad M. Powers were united in marriage July 20 at the Bassett Memorial Methodist Church. Mr. Powers is employed in the maintenance department and Mrs. Powers in the laboratory at Cabin Creek plant.

**Litchford-Thompson**

Charlene Litchford became the bride of Fred William Thompson on August 6 at the bride's home. Mrs. Thompson is a local accounting employee in the Lynchburg district.

**Snead-Graham**

Geraline D. Snead became the bride of Letcher A. Graham, USAF, on July 22 at the Hollins Road Brethren Church Parsonage. Mrs. Graham is an employee in the system real estate and right-of-way department.

**Sperow-Griffith**

Mary Alvira Sperow became the bride of Robert Ross Griffith in a ceremony performed August 21 in the Beckley Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Sperow is home economist in Beckley and Mr. Sperow is Rainelle area supervisor in the Beckley district.

**Jones-Kosnoski**

Joyce Ann Jones and Robert L. Kosnoski were united in marriage at the Methodist Church in Pearisburg on July 31. She is employed as clerk-typist in the accounting department at Beckley.

**Williamson Picnic Held**

Annual picnic for Williamson district was held at Sprigg Country Club on July 24. Games, golf, swimming and food were enjoyed by 225 employees and guests.

**They're Engaged**

JUANITA CAROL McLANE to Durward D. Duffield. Mr. Duffield is employed in the Charleston district garage department.

BARBARA WAGNER to B. M. Angelo. He is employed in the Charleston station section.

RUTH CALDWELL to John Buchanan Kelly, Jr. She is an Abingdon local accounting office employee.

NANNIE R. ROBERTS to Milfred Grayson Beane. She is senior payroll clerk in the Lynchburg local accounting department.

# Sporn Beats Huntington 5-3 To Win Appalachian Crown

Philip Sporn plant's well balanced softball team won the 13th annual Appalachian softball tournament at Roanoke by defeating Huntington 5 to 3 in the finals.

Roanoke avenged a first round loss by handing Beckley a 17 to 8 defeat to win the consolation finals.

The weatherman played tricks on the tournament and only on Saturday morning for the consolation semi-finals was the game played on a comparatively dry field. Thunderstorms Friday afternoon just before game time and again Saturday afternoon made the field slippery in spite of the fine work of the Roanoke Department of Recreation workers who did yeoman service in making

the field playable.

Despite falling and threatening weather, attendance at the games was good. The championship game Saturday night drew the biggest crowd but all games were played before faithful rooting sections. Most valiant effort was made by a group of Beckley girls, some of whom cheered themselves hoarse.

Umpires for the games were Fred Smith, John Cassell and Rex Mitchell. The latter two are from the city's department of recreation while Smith is a local high school coach.

Arrangements made by the local softball committee for the tournament included everything from programs to assistance in getting the field ready

for shape. A public address system was also provided. The committee was composed of Jim Mundy, chairman, W. P. Booker, Ira B. Peters, J. G. Harvey, T. A. Kirby, P. C. Ray, D. C. Duncan and W. A. McClung.

Scorekeepers were Bill Coleman and Raymond Taylor. Announcing the games were Sam Kitchen, Garnett Harvey and Carly Paxton.

## Seventh Inning Runs Make Sporn Champions

Two errors in the top of the seventh erased a one run lead and enabled the Philip Sporn plant nine to defeat Huntington 5 to 3 and successfully defend their Appalachian softball championship.

Up to the seventh inning Sporn had battled valiantly against the outstanding pitching of Paul Baker, who struck out 15 men and walked only 1.

A triple by Webster and a long fly to left by Wellman had given the Huntington team a 1 to 0 lead in the bottom of the fourth. Sporn came back in the fifth and tied it up on singles by Layne and Gilmore.

In the bottom of the fifth the roof caved in on Stivers, Sporn's starting pitcher and before he could be relieved by Searls, Huntington had tallied two runs on two walks and singles by Baker and Porter.

Haggerty hammered one of Baker's pitches over the right field fence in the top of the sixth to make it 3 to 2.

It was in the seventh that Huntington got the big jitters and lost the game. Baker gave up his only



Appalachian champions are these Sporn plant players. Front row, from left: Eugene Hesson, Pee Wee Wright, Dorwin Clark, Chuck Stanley, Buck Tennant and Bub Stivers. Second row, from left: Cricket Searls, Gerald Clark, Bob Gilmore, Bob Layne and Ralph Gibbs, Jr. Third row, from left: Billy Woodard, bat boy, Gene Athey, Dwight Sayre and Sonny Haggerty. Fourth row, from left: Alfred Smith, coach; Peck Zerkle, assistant manager, and Harold Marquis, manager.

walk to Clark, the first batter. Then Gibbs beat out an infield hit. Hesson struck out. With the infield playing in, Gilmore punched one through the legs of Hogsett playing third for Huntington and Clark scored to tie it up. Then Searls struck out. Sayre slammed one between first and second which got through Porter to tally two more runs and that was the ball game.

## Beckley Edges Roanoke In First Game 4-3

Roanoke staged a last-minute uprising in the seventh inning of the opening game before dropping a close 4-3 contest to Beckley on a slippery field. Rain delayed the opening game for an hour.

Trailing 4 to 0 as the result of a big fourth inning for Beckley, the Roanokers rallied strongly when Robert "Seabiscuit" Simmons led off in the seventh with a single. Bryant fled out, but Henry lashed a double which bounced over the fence in centerfield. Then Collins slammed a long home run over the left centerfield fence. McGinnis took over the mound chores from Martin for Beckley and snuffed out the rally.

The Beckley team got to Simmons in the fourth inning. They tallied their four runs on singles by Yost and Dwornick and a home run by Zopp.

## Welch Surprises Sporn But Loses 2nd Game, 4-1

Defending champion Sporn got off to an early start in the first game Friday night against the scrapping Welch club. Two errors in the first inning gave the Sporn club a 1 to 0 lead.

The 1953 champions were held at bay by Paul Hall, Welch pitcher, until the third inning when a double by Tennant and a single by Hesson resulted in another tally.

Welch loaded the bases in the third inning when Stivers, Sporn's starting pitcher, ran into a streak of wildness and walked three men in a row. Searls came on to take over mound chores and retired the side without any scoring. Welch gained a new lease in the fifth inning and pulled up to within one run of the defending champions when Tiller slammed a single and scored a minute later on Gibson's double.

It was to no avail; Sporn iced the game in the top of the seventh with a two-run outburst.

## Third Game Sees Beckley Beaten 4-2 By Huntington

Paul Baker and Eddie McGinnis tangled in a pitcher's duel in the nightcap as Huntington won 4-2.

Baker, ace Huntington moundsman, held the potent Beckley batsmen in check with only three hits, while McGinnis gave the powerful Huntington club only four hits. Loose fielding hurt McGinnis' sterling performance.

Three errors on one play in the first inning resulted in Webster tallying the first Huntington run. That's the way the score stood until the top of the sixth inning when the Huntington club got three more runs.

Beckley came to life in the top of the seventh to score two runs as the comedy of errors hit the Huntington infield. Brinkley got the only hit, a single, in the inning but three successive errors in the infield ahead of Brinkley's single resulted in the runs.

## Roanoke Defeats Welch In Fourth Game, 4-3

A three-run second inning and good pitching by Ferguson enabled Roanoke to defeat Welch 4 to 3 in the consolation semi-finals Saturday morning. It was a tight closely-contested game all the way. Welch took a one run lead in the first inning when Gibson slammed a home run over the fence after two men were out.

Roanoke came alive in the second inning when Paul Hall weakened slightly and gave up a double to Warrick, singles to Bryant and Henry and a walk to Peters to enable the Roanokers to take a 3 to 1 lead. In the third inning Roanoke got another run on two errors and a single by Bryant.

Welch battled back gamely and added two runs in the sixth inning when Tiller smashed a homer with Green, who had singled, on base.

## Roanoke Beats Beckley 17-8 In Fifth Game

Roanoke won the consolation finals of the tournament and gained a measure of revenge by handing Beckley a 17 to 8 defeat in the longest game of the tournament.

Eddie McGinnis started on the mound for Beckley, but his performance against Huntington the night before apparently had taken too much out of him and he was no match for the Roanokers. Before he was taken out in the fourth inning, 25 Roanoke men had been to bat and 13 runs had crossed the plate. He was replaced by Wiseman.

Meanwhile, "Seabiscuit" Simmons, whom Beckley had defeated in the opening game of the tournament, was holding the Beckley team pretty well in check, though he had a bad second inning.

Collins hammered his second home run of the tournament for Roanoke and O'Neal got one for Beckley.



All-Tournament team includes eight men from the championship Sporn team. Front row, left to right: Ralph Gibbs, Jr., Sporn, second base; Sonny Haggerty, Sporn, left field; Bob Gilmore, Sporn, catcher; Earl Wellman, Huntington, right field; Paul Baker, Huntington, alternate pitcher; and Dewey Henry, Roanoke, utility outfielder. Back row, from left: Marvin Tiller, Welch, center field; Eugene Hesson, Sporn, first base; Harold Marquis, Sporn, manager; Buck Tennant, Sporn, third base; Cricket Searls, Sporn, pitcher, and Keith Evans, Beckley, utility infielder. Missing from the picture was Jack Collins, Roanoke, shortstop. The all-stars were picked by Jimmy Moynihan, N. & W.; Ernie Capito, Richardson-Wayland, and Bob Hunter, director of parks and recreation for the city. The first two are veteran softballers in the city A league. Announcement of the all-stars and presentation of awards to them was made by R. E. Hodges, assistant general manager of Appalachian. W. P. Booker, Roanoke district manager, made the opening remarks at the presentation ceremonies Saturday night. W. I. Whitefield, Roanoke division manager, presented trophies to Sporn, Huntington and Roanoke.

# Pikeville Victorious In Kentucky Softball

Pikeville district pushed across a run in the final frame to edge Ashland district 5-4 for the Kentucky Power Company softball championship August 21.

The final game was a fitting climax to the two-day double elimination tournament. During the course of the tourney Pikeville drew a first-round bye and then defeated Hazard and Ashland. Hazard beat Ashland, and was eliminated by losses to Pikeville and Ashland. Ashland, by virtue of their opening loss to Hazard and final-game loss to Pikeville was also eliminated. Games were played at Ashland's Central Park.

Charles hurled the championship game for Pikeville, Hale catching. Callihan was the losing pitcher and Wheeler was his catcher. Pikeville opened up a two-run lead in the initial frame but Ashland tied it in the third. Pikeville again went into a lead in the fourth, but Ashland went ahead 4-3 in the top of the sixth. Pikeville rallied for one in the bottom of the same inning and Charles stifled the losers in the seventh. The lead-off man for Pikeville in the second half of the final frame walked and came around on a single, walk and error for the deciding run.

Scorekeeper's tabulation showed that Pikeville collected 19 hits in two games, Ashland got eight in three games and Hazard drove out 22 hits in three games.

### First Game

Pitching gem of the tournament came in the first game when Mosco Blackburn of Hazard set down Ashland on no hits, 6-2. He faced only 25 men in the seven innings. Two



Pikeville district's Kentucky softball champions line up for the photographer. Team members include, front row, from the left: Hale, C. Ratliff, Zoellers, Lee, Justice and Charles. Back row, from the left: Newsome, Prater, Cline, Miller, Weddel, Collier and Rasnick.

reached base on errors, one walked and another was hit by a pitched ball. Ashland's two tallies came in the seventh. Click started for Ashland but the first five men reached base safely and scored, and Callihan went to the mound.

Blackburn led Hazard hitters with a home run and Strong tripled.

### Second Game

Hazard pitching was not as effective in the second game and the team lost 12-3 to Pikeville. Hudson started for the losers but after seven Pikeville runs scored in the third Blackburn relieved. Pikeville blasted eight singles, two doubles and two triples for their 12 runs.

### Third Game

Hazard was eliminated in their third straight game of the tournament when Ashland scored once in the sixth for a 9-8 win. Ashland had tallied seven times in the first inning and added another in a later frame.

But Hazard fought back with two in the third, five in the fourth and one in the sixth for a tie.

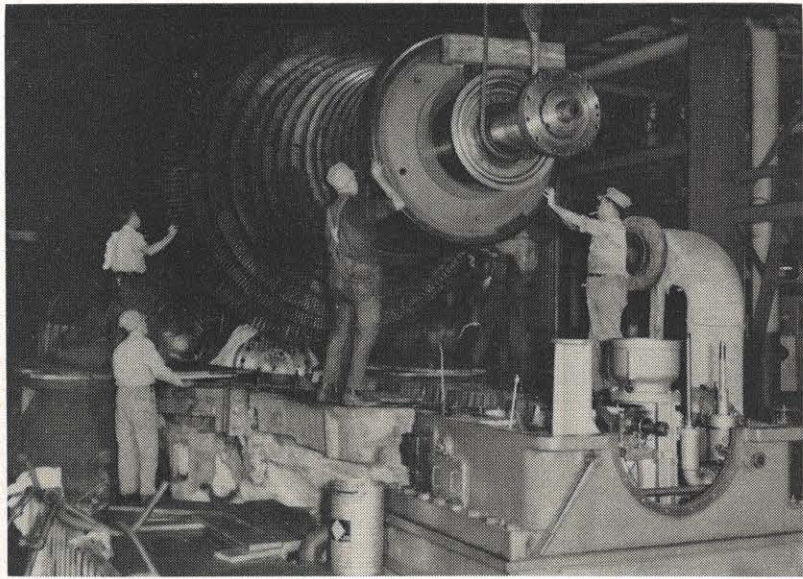
Click went the route for Ashland, Wheeler catching. Trent absorbed the loss; Strong was his backstop.

The game set the stage for Pikeville's win over Ashland in the final contest.



R. E. Doyle, Jr., Kentucky vice president and general manager, presented Newsome of the winning Pikeville team a championship trophy at a post-tournament banquet. Looking on at the right is Collier.

## Durable Turbine Back On Glen Lyn Line



Unit No. 5 at Glen Lyn plant was scheduled to go back into operation August 30 after two months off the line for an overhaul. In the picture above R. N. Wilkinson, lower left, directs the setting of the turbine wheel. The unit was taken off the line at 12:15 a. m. June 19. It was placed in service May 6, 1944, and since that time has recorded a net generation of 7,776,732,000 kw hours. It has been in service 98 percent of the time since 1944, including the longest period of continuous service of 19,875 hours and 16 minutes between December 22, 1946, and March 30, 1949. Since 1944 it has been in service 87,146 hours and out of service only 1,541 hours.

## Poff Retires; Plans Poultry Farm



Mr. Poff

Posey L. Poff, material clerk in the Roanoke district stores department, retired September 1, due to ill health.

He joined the company in August, 1937. Most of the years with the company he spent in the Walnut Avenue steam plant in Roanoke, serving as maintenance man and turbine operator. He also worked at Niagara Hydro and Stuart Diesel plant.

He was transferred to the stores department in November, 1953, when the Walnut Avenue plant was shut down.

Although he lives in Roanoke at present, he and his wife plan to build in the county where Mr. Poff can go into the gardening and poultry business. He and his wife have five daughters.

## Charleston Line Vet Honored For 35-Year Service Span

E. L. Smith, Charleston line veteran, completed 35 years' service with the company August 19 and received his 35-year pin.

The Charleston district T&D line section general foreman joined the Virginian Power Company in 1919 at Cabin Creek. He worked as a groundman in a transmission line crew until he received a leave of absence to attend college in 1929.

After graduation from Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana, with a B.S.E.E. degree in 1932, Mr. Smith returned to the company as foreman of a transmission high voltage insulator testing crew. In 1937 he was promoted to inspector of distribution and transmission line construction. He was promoted to his present position in 1948.

A World War I veteran, he served in the United States Navy from 1917 to 1919. Prior to entering service he was employed by the West Penn Power Company for two years.

Mr. Smith is married and the father of a son, now in the Navy. An avid hunting and fishing enthusiast, he resides at Chelyan.

## Logan Engineer Goes To OVEC Plant Post

Bartlin Montiegel, supervising engineer at Logan plant, was transferred to the Kyger Creek plant of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation August 16.

Mr. Montiegel will assume duties of plant engineer at Kyger Creek.



Mr. Montiegel

He came to Logan plant in April, 1951, as results engineer from Tidd plant of Ohio Power Company, where he was assistant results engineer. He later became supervising engineer.

Mr. Montiegel attended Brown University, Tufts College and Columbia University. He was graduated from Brown with an engineering degree. Prior to being employed in the AGE System he was associated with construction and surveying companies. He came to Tidd plant in 1948.

Married, he is the father of two children. He is a member of the Logan Lions Club and is a 32nd degree Mason.

## System Sub Engineer, 28-Year Veteran, Retired On First



Mr. Hoffman

Ben Hoffman, system breaker engineer in the system substation department, retired the first of this month after 28 years of service.

Employed by E. A. Turner construction department in July, 1926, he helped build the original Turner substation located on the Kanawha River below Charleston. He traveled over the system until he received serious injury by a hit and run driver in Roanoke in September of 1949. Since then he has been working in the system station office in Roanoke.

He is a member of the Elks Lodge and a veteran of World War I when he served with the Army in France. Prior to his Army service he worked for the street car company in his home town of Cincinnati.

## Abingdon Groundman Is Singing Group Member

Harold M. Boothe, Abingdon district groundman, is a member of a singing quartet that is fast becoming famous in upper East Tennessee and Southwestern Virginia.

Mr. Boothe sings soprano with the Holston View Quartet, which got its beginning at the Holston View Methodist Church in 1952. The quartet has appeared at many churches and singing conventions and has made several radio appearances.

Mr. Boothe joined Appalachian in 1948 as a member of the Scott County line gang.

## Frederick H. Howell Is Promoted In AGE System

Frederick H. Howell has been named administrative assistant to the president of AGE Service Corporation. He succeeds W. S. White, who was recently appointed office manager of the Service Corporation.

Mr. Howell, who was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1947 with a BS degree in electrical engineering, has served as an engineer in the system planning and operation department since joining AGE in November, 1947.

## Karl Wiles Of Sporn Is New Haven Mayor

When the mayor of New Haven resigned after three weeks in office, Karl Wiles was appointed by the opposition party as his successor.

The payroll supervisor at Philip Sporn plant has been town recorder for the past three years but his ticket was defeated in recent elections. The winning party chose him to fill the two-year unexpired mayor term.

Mr. Wiles is a native of Wheeling and attended Elliot Business College. He was first employed by the company August 1, 1933, as a janitor at the Windsor plant. He later became work order clerk, timekeeper, senior clerk and field accountant. He transferred to Sporn as senior time checker on August 1, 1947, and was promoted to his present position on January 1, 1950.

Married, he is the father of two children. He is first vice president of the Lions Club, member of the Boy Scout Troop Committee and St. Joseph Catholic Church and director of both the New Haven Recreation Foundation and the Esta Fidelis Association.

## Logan Man Re-Elected To Board Of Education

W. E. "Red" Bivens was re-elected to a six-year term as member of the Logan County Board of Education. He is dealer sales representative in the Logan district.

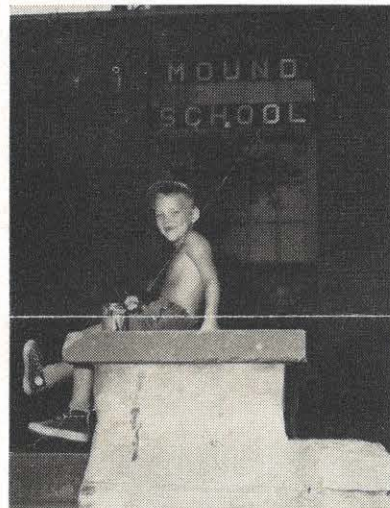
He has been a member of the board for several years. At present the Logan County school building program is one of the most ambitious in the state.

## Gate City Cashiers Work Without Error

Six months without a mistake—that's the record of Sylvia Darnell and Mrs. Betty Rhea Wells, cashiers at the Gate City office of the Abingdon district. The two women handled over 20,000 transactions during this time.

During the first six months of this year they handled \$234,285.84 in 20,389 transactions. Miss Darnell was employed in 1943 and Mrs. Wells in 1953, both working in the accounting department at Gate City continuously.

## Time Grows Short



Contrary to words in "September Song," it's a short, short time from May to September for youngsters heading back to school. The carefree youth flaunting a fishing pole in front of school is Philip Blizzard, son of Paul B. Blizzard who is mechanical engineer for Kanawha Valley Power Company. As vacation days dwindle down to a precious few, Philip gets in every minute he can at his favorite pastime of fishing. Last time he went fishing with his dad he caught a 13-inch bass. He needed help to land his prize but his father, being too far away, shouted at him to "run with it." Philip did, dragging the fish through the water and onto the bank. Although his methods are unusual, he got results. His father, meanwhile, didn't get a single bite.

## Jane Richmond Leads Team To Championship

It was more than just chance that the girls' team winning the Bluefield city softball championship boasted a member hitting .545 for the season.



Jane Richmond

She is Jane Richmond, wife of Fred Richmond of the Bluefield division commercial department and daughter of E. W. Hogg, Roanoke office. Jane was a catcher for the Rish Equipment Company girls' team which won 17 out of 18 games and took the city championship. They beat a Roanoke team during the season and went on to the state tournament where they won the first game.

## New Look For Old Pole At Arts Festival



Center of attraction is the piece of sculpture made from a discarded Appalachian pole. John Anderson of Abingdon was the sculptor. Robert Porterfield, founder of Barter Theatre on the left, was guide for these employees on tour of exhibits during the Highland Arts Festival in Abingdon, August 1-15. Employees looking on from the left: Carson Carmichael and Dick Warden, commercial; Ruth Dolinger, engineering; James Fleenor, meter; Doris Fleenor, managerial, and James Cole, commercial.

## Lynchburg Credit Union Officers



Lynchburg district employees recently climaxed the organization of their new credit union with the election of officers and a board of directors. Officers are, from the left: Secretary Joyce A. Brown, clerk-stenographer; president Edward F. Lacy, Jr., head meter clerk; vice president George W. Stone, Jr., stores record clerk; and treasurer Joseph W. McCarthy, assistant local office manager. Members of the board of directors include Lawrence G. Dougan, Charles W. McCarthy and Parks H. Snead. The credit union will make possible employee savings, loans and profits dividend paying to shareholders.