

Creative thinking has the capacity to change you, your business and the world.

—ROBERT P. CRAWFORD

# The Illuminator

Be courageous. Be as brave as your fathers before you. Have faith. Go forward.

—THOMAS A. EDISON

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## \$26 Million Addition

### New 225,000 Kw Unit To Be Installed At Glen Lyn Will More Than Double Capacity

Construction is expected to start in about a month on a 225,000-kilowatt generating unit at Glen Lyn plant. Estimated cost is \$26,400,000.

The new unit which is scheduled for completion in late 1956 will more than double Glen Lyn's present generating capability, raising it to 395,000 kilowatts. Now ranking fourth in size among Appalachian power stations and ninth among all of the AGE System plants, Glen Lyn will rank second and sixth respectively after the expansion.

Among the world's most efficient electric power producers, the new unit will have the energy producing capability to serve everyone in a city of about 1,200,000 population. It will operate at a steam pressure of 2,000 pounds per square inch and at a temperature of 1,050 degrees F. It is expected to produce a kilowatt-hour of electric energy from about seven-tenths of a pound of coal.

President Philip Sporn said in making the announcement, "The decision to proceed with the expansion of Glen Lyn at this time is evidence of the company's faith in America's future and especially the future of the territory in which we operate. Our studies indicate that, barring some catastrophic event which we do not want to believe will happen, the load that the American Gas and Electric System will have to carry in 1956 will require this additional capacity. This unit then is our answer to whether we believe in a bright next

### 857 Babies Have Been Delivered By Grundy Janitress

Many doctors can't boast a delivery record equal to that of Vinia Collins, janitress in the Grundy office of the Welch district. She has delivered 857 babies in the past 18 years.

Included in this number were eight sets of twins. The registered midwife in the State of Virginia has never lost a mother or child in these 18 years.

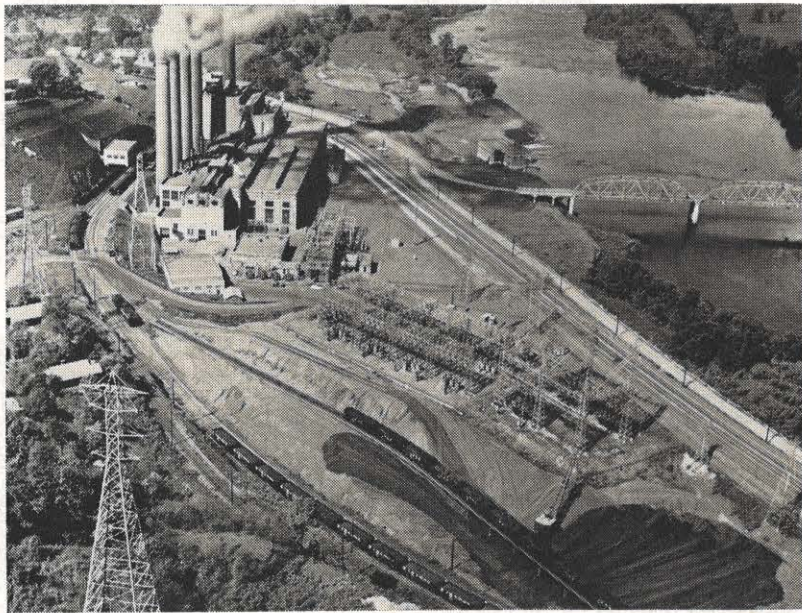
Most of her deliveries have been in homes where a doctor is unavailable. Vinia is always willing to make a call any time of the day or night, regardless of the weather. Many of the calls come from doctors whose schedule makes it impossible for them to make the calls themselves.

Her calls usually come from people who live far from traveled roads. It's not unusual for Vinia to travel by car or truck as far as possible and then be met by some member of the family with a horse to continue her journey on horseback.

Although hers is demanding work, she takes all difficulties in stride. Basic to her work for the area's people is her realization of the great service she is rendering.



Vinia Collins



This is an aerial photo of Glen Lyn plant where the new unit will be added. This plant on New River began operating in 1919 with a capacity of 15,000 kilowatts. Additions were made to the plant in 1920, 1924, 1927 and 1944. The new unit will double Glen Lyn's present capacity, raising it to 395,000-kw and making it rank second among Appalachian plants.

year and in a bright year after that." "This new unit," President Sporn

### Ground Broken For Huntington Office

Ground was broken September 9 for the new Huntington office building.

Contract for construction of the building in the 1100 block of Sixth Avenue was awarded Neighborgall Construction Company. A two-story structure of brick and steel, it is near the new Huntington service building.

With 80-foot frontage and extending back 200 feet, it will be built to accommodate a future third floor if needed. The modern office will feature a 300-seat auditorium, demonstration kitchen, preparation kitchen and display area. It will house division and district personnel.

### Reddy Featured By School Band



Cavorting in front of the Vinson High School band and majorettes is Reddy Kilowatt. And why not? The Huntington High School was playing the "Reddy Polka." Event was the pre-game pep rally through the Huntington downtown streets recently, with Reddy, portrayed by Bill Stewart, high school sophomore, starting out in a convertible and ending up dancing and cavorting with the majorettes. At the game half-time ceremonies the band did take-offs on television commercials and included in their selections was Reddy himself. The band formed a light bulb, played the Reddy Polka and Reddy danced. Bernard Young, band director, adapted the polka for his band and arranged the game formation.

said, "will burn an additional 600,000 tons of coal per year, all of which will come from producers in the Glen Lyn area. This, we feel, is of material significance to the entire coal mining industry."

The new unit will be the sixth of a series of similar machines on the seven-stage AGE System. Four of these units, the only high pressure units of this capacity operating anywhere in the world today, have been placed in service on the AGE System in the past 15 months—two of them at Appalachian's Kanawha River plant. The fifth such unit, now nearing completion, is scheduled for operation in about two months.

Total generating capability of the entire AGE System will be boosted to 4,330,000 kilowatts with the completion of the new unit. Of this amount, 2,710,000 kilowatts will have been started since World War II, in an unprecedented expansion program which has kept one step ahead of the continuing growth and development of the territory served by the system.

### Helen Hayes And Joseph Cotten Are Among Stars On Jubilee TV Show

Helen Hayes and Joseph Cotten will be among a group of big-name stars of stage and screen to appear on "Light's Diamond Jubilee." The two-hour TV show on October 24 climaxes the 75th anniversary of Edison's invention of the electric light.

The Sunday night show between 9 and 11 will be broadcast over 354 inter-connected stations, the largest network in television history. David O. Selznick, producer of the four-network spectacle, has said he cannot divulge the nature of the program, which has been called "the best kept secret in Hollywood."

Mr. Selznick also has announced the signing of five other prominent television and movie stars. They are Walter Brennan, who has won two Academy Awards in supporting roles; Thomas Mitchell, also an Academy Award winner and who appeared in "Gone With the Wind" and "High Noon" among his many films; and Brandon de Wilde, brilliant youngster, who scored in "Shane."

Guy Madison, movie star who has made "Wild Bill Hickok" famous on television and Kim Novak, movie newcomer, will also appear in the show.

Other noted personalities associated with the show sponsored by more than 300 major companies, including our own, are Victor Young, Ben Hecht and King Vidor. Young, noted composer and conductor, will compose a complete original musical score for the show as well as conduct a special orchestra. However, Selznick says that the TV show will not be "a musical show."

Hecht, famous author and dramatist, is putting the finishing touches on the master script while Vidor will direct an important part of the show. The latter with film credits on great pictures all the way back to "The Big Parade" is making his TV debut with

### Good Deed Turns Into Sales Plan In Welch

Who says good deeds don't pay? What started as a helpful gesture by L. H. "Pete" Myers turned out to be an unusual sales promotion.

It all started when the Welch district area supervisor was asked by members of the "Old Time" Baptist Church on Belcher Mountain if he could install a transformer so they could hook up ranges to cook for about 1,500 members who would attend an annual association. They planned to take ranges from their homes, install them in a school house and prepare food for the expected crowd.

Pete, however, had a better plan. He arranged to have installed six ranges that had previously been used in the school-loan program.

Ladies of the church evidently enjoyed cooking on these electric ranges. When the association ended, five of the six ranges had been bought by women who had not previously owned an electric range.



Mr. Myers



Selznick in this big spectacular from a season of spectaculars.

### Uncle John, Now 108 Years Young, Waited For Edison's Light



'Uncle' John Salling and Grady Cole, Abingdon area representative, laugh about the pine torch Mr. Salling used for lighting before Edison's light bulb was invented.

"Uncle" John Salling of Abingdon was born one year before Thomas A. Edison. Thus, he had to wait 33 years (until 1879) for the first electric light bulb to be invented.

Edison died 23 years ago, but John Salling, like Edison's light bulb, lives on. He's believed to be the oldest customer on Appalachian lines, listing his age this year as "at least 108."

Mr. Salling is Virginia's only surviving Confederate veteran and has been given the honorary title of General. But his friends and neighbors call him "Uncle" John. His eyesight and hearing are amazing for one so advanced in years. Even his hair is still its original black with just a few traces of grey.

Mr. Salling was one of the original signers bringing electricity into his community, Slant in Scott County. He has used everything including pine torches for lighting, but is most happy with Edison's invention.

### Scholarship Awarded Employee's Daughter

Highest musical scholarship given by West Virginian Wesleyan College at Buckhannon was awarded Betty Jane Rupert. Majoring in music, she won the voice scholarship.



Betty Rupert

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rupert of Charleston. Mr. Rupert is test engineer in the results department of Cabin Creek plant.



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## Light's Diamond Jubilee Emphasizes Electrical Era

Earth, air, fire, water—these are the four elements that sustain life. All of us take them pretty much for granted.

We take electricity pretty much for granted, too. It's our fifth element because it's just as essential to our lives.

Yet electric service is less than 75 years old. Many people living in this country were born and brought up without electricity.

Yes, we can live without electricity—but how would we live?

Suppose we had to fill and clean a dozen or more oil lamps a day? Think of the time and work it would take! Yet it would take all those lamps to give as much light in one room as we now get with the single flick of an electric switch.

Or suppose some of us had to use a "sad" iron, carrying it from stove to ironing board and back? Or toast bread before an open fire? But electric heating, from kitchen ranges to toasters, gives heat exactly where it's needed—cleanly, conveniently and efficiently.

When was the last time you saw anyone put a big, dripping chunk of ice into an ice box or slave over a washboard? Electric motors handle those chores and give the power of many hands.

How many hours a day do radio and television contribute to our entertainment? They are just two in the field of electronics which is only beginning to play its full role in the home—today in entertainment and tomorrow in automatic controls.

In a completely electric home, the use of electrical servants saves two full days of household chores in a week. Use of these same electrical servants in business and industry gives us more products, of better quality and at less cost, while lightening the work load.

How would we live without electricity? We'd live—sure. But not as comfortably, not as conveniently, not as economically and certainly not at the high standard we enjoy today.

Yet the electrical era is only 75 years old. It started in 1879 when Edison invented the first electric light with an electricity supply system to make it practical. That's the event being celebrated by Light's Diamond Jubilee this month, climaxed by the two-hour TV spectacular on October 24 at 9 p. m.

Just as thousands have worked during the past 75 years to give more and better electric service, so will thousands of us continue to work for a better and brighter future—with electricity.

## All For One: One For All

Alexander Dumas' famous Three Musketeers had a slogan that has lasted through the ages. With their swords raised, points touching, they pledged, "All for one, one for all!"

What they meant was that they could

# Your Opinion

With the observance in October of Light's Diamond Jubilee, how would you live without electricity? Explain.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### VIRGIL BREWER, Engineering Department, Ashland



did several years ago.

Just the thought of doing without electricity and the conveniences derived therefrom is in itself a horrible thought at best.

Without electricity the country as a whole would still be the same as it was years ago, namely small communities, bad roads, no street lights, radio, television, refrigeration, automobiles, and all the modern conveniences we have in our modern way of living.

### J. L. TWITTY, Meter Supervisor, Point Pleasant



plenty of pasture and some tillable land as well as woodland. With this setting and an agreeable companion, life wouldn't be too bad.

An occasional trip to the general store to trade produce for a few necessities and catch up on the news and gossip would be the alternative to a trip to the super market and watching TV.

At least we would not be bothered with the phone and some irate customer wanting service.

do things better working together. They knew that individually they could never be as strong as they could collectively.

That is the idea behind your Community Chest, United Appeal or similar fund raising campaigns. These groups are preparing for their annual appeal to the public, again in a concerted effort.

By giving to the organized drive you are benefiting many member organizations. The advantages to both the campaign and you, the giver, are many. For instance, volunteer worker time is saved, economy is brought to fund raising, funds are distributed fairly and in accordance with needs and more dollars are devoted to the purpose for which they are given. Then too, you the donor are able to budget your giving.

In the next few weeks you'll be approached for your donation. Think it over; you'll be glad you gave.

### Greatest Lessons Of History

Asked if he could summarize the greatest lessons of history in a single volume, famed historian Charles A. Beard replied that he could do it in four sentences—

1. Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad with power. 2. The mills of the gods grind slowly but exceedingly fine. 3. The bee fertilizes the flower it robs. 4. When it is dark enough, you can see the stars.

### MABEL LEE THOMPSON, Junior Clerk, Glen Lyn Plant



of the time, entertainment, luxuries and electrical appliances which we consider necessities today.

To live without electricity, conditions would revert to the days of our great-grandfathers, leaving us with the use of oil, gas or water as our only source of power which everyone will agree is by far inferior to electricity.

### LUCY S. HILL, Local Accounting Office, Roanoke



hard work, which allows us more time for devotion to other things.

The foundation that we needed for our growth has literally depended on modern electric lighting—the instrument that has freed us from the limitations of darkness and so multiplied our powers of sight that we have been able to do things and go places that our grandfathers could not have imagined.

### H. D. VEASEY, System T&D Department, Roanoke



There would be oil lamps or open fires instead of electric lights. There would be the spring house or ice house for refrigeration. There would be stacks of cord wood for heating and cooking. Instead of rest and relaxation there would be plenty of hard work, cutting the wood, carrying the water, and raising the food stuff necessary to eke out a living in such an existence.

### SHIRLEY GRUBB, Clerk-Stenographer, Abingdon



Imagine driving your automobile at night before 1908 when the first electric lamp was installed. Only two automobiles had six lamps each: head, side, tail and speedometer. Vibra-

tion was a problem; lamps grew dim; they had to be changed and reflectors cleaned. Night driving was hazardous under the best of conditions. Not until 1933 were prefocused lamps introduced and today such automobiles have as many as 35 lights.

So even though God put electricity in the universe of nature, where scientists discovered it, engineers and their associates have made it available to man for his use.

### ANN L. KENNEDY, Commercial Department, Huntington



know it. We would be bewildered and practically helpless if we were suddenly forced to revert to living under the conditions of the past centuries. It would take years to learn to provide ourselves with the bare essentials of living which we are today accustomed to purchasing in a finished, "ready-to-use" state.

In the meantime, the tediousness of trying to learn, and the frustration of slowness, would probably drive us nuts.

### HAROLD POWERS, Meter Section, Kingsport Utilities



ing, entertainment and the various other things electricity makes possible.

So, if we were faced with the problem of doing without electricity, we would have to do things much in the same way as they did, depending on coal, wood or some other substitute that served before electricity. It would certainly mean more work, less play, and doing without many of the luxuries we now enjoy. Let us all be thankful electricity is here to stay.

### SHIRLEY GRIMM, Clerk-Typist, Philip Sporn Plant



until something happens to the line and you are without electricity. Then you begin to wonder what you will do. You get out the candles for light, cook on a gas stove and many other things which are not familiar to you.

To do without electricity for only a few hours proves to be quite a problem; what would it be to do without it completely? I do not believe the time will come when we will have to return to the old methods. "How would you live without electricity?" It is really quite difficult to say.



## Electronics Has Been Hobby, Life, Livelihood Of Bob Hall, System Employee, Since Childhood

When he was small, Bob Hall spent most of his spare time with the railroad telegraph operator in his home town, begging to learn about the business.

His childhood persistence has lingered as the system electronics engineer from Charleston has grown older. Outside of his work, which is concerned with electronics, he spends most of his spare time with—you guessed it—electronics.

In his Dunbar home basement Bob has set up a workshop where he practices as an amateur radio operator and builds electrical machinery. He has constructed a single manual electric organ and an elaborate audio system for high fidelity record playing. To go along with his system he has a \$2,000 collection of Hi-Fi recordings.

With two transmitters in operation Bob is a military affiliate with the Army emergency system. He has contacted Europe and Africa on the larger of his two sets. To prove he is no babe in the woods in the field of electronics, Bob won the branch prize of the AIEE while a third-year college student for writing "Industrial Applications of Radar." *Electrical World* has published an article by him, as well as *AGE Monthly Operating Notes*. He holds an American Relay League Certificate for 35 words per minute code speed, radio transmission's highest award.

Bob's current project is an improved electro-cardiogram. Present machines record body potentials such as brain waves and heart voltages but Bob's machine will have those potentials shown on a picture screen, like in a television set. Doctors could use it to much advantage during operations and other times because they could see what happened when it happened.



Bob Hall poses in his basement workshop, where he pursues his work in the field of electronics.

## Employee's Daughter Wins Cake Contest

Old-fashioned cake baking contests were part of the sales campaign in Abingdon district. Eleven of the contests were held throughout the district.



Nancy Clatterback

Nancy Clatterback, daughter of W. B. Clatterback, Russell County line crew, won one of them at the Cleveland Methodist Church over several older opponents. She is 14.

Mildred Edwards, home economist, and C. M. Wagner, dealer representative, conducted the contests in cooperation with appliance dealers. In addition, Prince Thornton of system public relations presented his talk "The Magic of Electricity" at each contest and demonstration.

## W. M. Thompson Dies Of Heart Attack

William Martin Thompson, 50, Pulaski appliance serviceman, died suddenly September 11 at the Pulaski Hospital after suffering a heart attack at his home in the early afternoon.

Mr. Thompson began his company employment in January, 1936, and spent his 18 years in the appliance service department. He had become quite well-known to customers and employees alike.

Pallbearers at his funeral included these employees: Frank Lowman, J. L. Marshall, A. E. Lemons, J. F. Brown, K. M. Sharp, C. S. Hale, G. R. Roseberry and R. J. Blair. He is survived by his wife and a son, W. M., Jr.

## Bluefield Building Exterior Renovated

Contractors have been busy the past few weeks giving the Bluefield office building a face-lifting.

All concrete, mortar joints and bricks in need of repair have been fixed or replaced and stone and tile coping on the side of the building has also been replaced. Copper flashing was installed around the roof and the whole building has been cleaned and sand-blasted.

When all the scrubbing is finished a colorless waterproofing will be put over the entire outside.

## Reddy Asks For Pay: Customer Poets Say Money's On The Way

Reddy Kilowatt is becoming an inspiration to poets all over the system. Since Reddy has begun asking for overdue payment of bills in poetic form, the answers have been flowing in from all over. And almost all of them are said poetically.

Reddy is shown on bended knees on the bill pleading: "Dear Boss: I've worked for you with all my might, I gave my best both day and night. Like other workers I need my pay, Won't you please pay me what's due . . . Today?"

Then followed the amount of the bill. A choice reply came from a Williamson district customer who said: "Mr. Reddy Kilowatt: What you say I know is true, But I also work hard to pay you. I was so busy on that day, I forgot to bring your pay. So get up off your knees, Here is \$12.58 I know will please."

A Huntington customer both praised and admonished Reddy in this reply: "Dear Reddy: Inspired by your pathetic plea, Today I'll pay and spread some glee, For the light you give I'm very proud, If I am late don't squawk too loud." A postscript to the poem added: "I'll squawk enough if I think the bill too much."

A Lynchburg man was a bit more to the point. He simply said: "Just send the bill; no speeches from Kilowatt please."

And a minister from Lynchburg district answered in another tone: "O yes dear friend of mine, I am sorry that I am behind time, So I am paying up today, So you will continue to be, That noble friend of mine."

A Williamson district customer enclosed a poem with a check made out to Reddy Kilowatt for payment of her bill. The customer advised: "I read your note and thought it nice. Therefore I think it's good advice. For when you read this quip through and through, You'll see I sent a check for you."

## Kingsport Host To Teachers On B-E Day

For the fifth straight year city school teachers were guests of Kingsport Utilities as part of Business-Education Day. About 20 toured Kingsport properties.

Jack Isley, in charge of the tour, introduced J. E. Wright, vice president and general manager, who welcomed the teachers and gave a short background of the company. The company film, "In Our Part of the Country," was shown before the teachers were taken to Holston station where Lou Herr, chief operator, explained station operations.

Assisting with the tour were S. H. Chandler, Jr., F. S. LaRue, W. B. Jones and W. Z. Trumbo.

## Central Ohio-Ohio Power Merger Application Made

Applications to merge Central Ohio Light & Power Company into Ohio Power Company were filed September 7 with the Securities & Exchange Commission, Washington, and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Columbus. Effective date of the merger is dependent on its approval by the commissions.

Both companies are AGE subsidiaries. Central Ohio, with headquarters in Findlay, provides electric service to about 25,000 customers in the areas around Findlay and Wooster. Ohio Power, of Canton, serves over 400,000 electric customers in more than 50 of the state's 88 counties.

## Roanoke Firm Sets Sign Precedent



"Outdoor advertising's answer to television" is this three-dimensional billboard in Roanoke, believed to be the first of its kind in the nation. Stanford & Inge erected the unusual "3-D Bulletin" recently, and according to company officials it has aroused many comments and sales results. Displays are changed once a week. The structure is 23 feet high, 53 feet long and the showroom is 9 by 38 feet. The showroom is illuminated with 28 150-watt flood lamps and lettering is raised from the surface and illuminated with white neon tubing. It is fronted by green cement and a white picket fence.

## Huntington Veteran Completes 35 Years

Azel C. Walters, Huntington district stationman, completed 35 years' service with the company September 1 and received his 35-year pin.

He was employed on that date in 1919 as lamp trimmer and in 1929 became substation operator. He has continued in this section throughout his employment.

Mr. Walters is married and has one child. He is a member of the Baptist Church and enjoys hunting and fishing during his spare time.



Mr. Walters

## Ernest L. Norman Retires October 1



Mr. Norman

Ernest Lee Norman retired October 1 after completing more than 22 years' service with Appalachian. He was a janitor in the Bluefield district.

He joined the company in 1932 after several years with other companies in Bluefield. Born September 16, 1889, at Pocahontas, he received his early education at Coopers, West Virginia, and Mount Airy, North Carolina. He worked for Graham Hotel, Graham Iron Works and the N&W in Bluefield, Virginia, before joining Coles Baking Company at Bluefield, West Virginia, and Northfork. He then came to the company.

He and his wife reside in Bluefield, Virginia, where he pursues his hobbies of wood working, plumbing, metal working, hunting and gardening. He plans to rest awhile before devoting his time to gardening and raising flowers, something he said he hasn't had much time for 'til now.

Mr. Norman has an enviable safety record with the company—during his 22 years he was never involved in an accident requiring medical attention or resulting in lost time. He is a member of the Bluefield Baptist Church.

## Blows Its Top



A district serviceman never knows what's in store for him when the telephone rings. Three Pulaski district employees found that out recently when they were called to handle a transformer blaze. W. M. King, serviceman, is shown extinguishing a fire that resulted when pressure blew the top off a 3-kva transformer. O. B. Kidd, area supervisor, and R. C. Nickols, working foreman, aided Mr. King in scaling a service truck ladder to put out the fire. After cooling, the transformer was removed and replaced.

## Brother! Better Beware Bountiful Bear!



What this picture lacks in clarity it makes up in action. The gentleman showing his heels to Bruin is John Kahle, residential sales representative in the Bluefield district, who decided to have his picture made with a bear in the Smoky Mountains. This he did despite "Beware of Bear" signs. The idea was to get as near the bear as possible to show they were real buddies. A friend was to make the picture. About the time John got near the bear, the bear decided to get a lot nearer John. John took off. So did the camera man who took this on the run. Although John succeeded in getting his picture made with the bear, he hastens to point out that loose gravel under his feet was the only thing that kept him in the picture.



## Roanoke Division

### Fieldale District

Danny and Ronny Brown, sons of M. W. Brown, local accounting, were among the 300 children who attended the fishing rodeo sponsored by the Elks Club recently.

J. D. Higgins and Paul Bryum, commercial, were among the Jaycees who worked on Martinsville's first Tobacco Festival.

Virginia Hancock, home economist, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Blood donors for the past month included J. W. Wright, local accounting; W. R. Naff, engineering section; W. G. Gourley, T&D department, and L. W. Jenkins, commercial department.

Nancy Kitts, meter department, attended the Grand Visitation of Mrs. Veva Spain, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Pulaski and Wytheville recently.

### Lynchburg District

Morris A. Langford, line and station section, has returned to work after an extended illness.

### System

E. H. Lockhart is a new system station employee.

Mrs. George E. Elder, wife of the system station employee, has returned home after being a hospital patient.

Members of the Appa-Mo Club and guests held a wiener roast and square dance September 17.

S. L. Hopper, accounting, has returned to work after an illness.

George Robert Thomas, 11-year-old son of S. A. Thomas, accounting, is a polio patient at Memorial and Crippled Children's Hospital in Roanoke.

Gordon D. Conner is a new system accounting employee.

### Roanoke District

R. L. Mills, power sales engineer, was elected treasurer of the Grandin Court Civic League recently.

Nancy Gearhart, division personnel department, and Edith Rusher, division engineering, who are resigning in the near future, were honored with a shower at the home of Annise Craig recently. Assisting hostesses were Ruth Lucas, Diana Bohon and Joy Nash.

Sympathy is extended Beatrice Eakin, residential-rural, on the death of her father.

W. I. Whitefield, Jr., residential-rural, and Shirley Wilhide, home service, have left the company to resume school.

Margaret Smith is a new residential-rural employee.

Kazim Patrol of Roanoke won first honors in competitive drill at the recent Mid-Atlantic Shrine convention at Virginia Beach. Employees from Roanoke in the patrol are J. G. Tapley, S. S. Snidow, Vernon Armstrong, B. H. McKeever and L. L. Crowell.

Edith H. McLemore, daughter of F. T. McLemore, meter department, graduated at the Memorial and Crippled Children's Hospital on September 9 and will serve as resident nurse at Hollins College.

Betty Dalton, who has resigned from the billing office, was entertained at a miscellaneous shower on September 24 at the home of Mrs. D. N. Thompson, Jr.



New employees include Rebecca F. Manning, billing.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Jessie Chase on the death of her brother-in-law.

Barbara Ann Boitnott, residential and rural sales department, has been transferred to division personnel to replace Mrs. Nancy Gearhart who will resign in the future.

Essie I. Edwards has been transferred from Fieldale to Rocky Mount to replace Bobby Ramsey, junior cashier clerk, who has resigned.

A. J. Lambert, area sales representative in Rocky Mount, has resigned.

## Kentucky

### Ashland District

J. W. Ellis, engineering, attended the quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Kentucky Credit League at Kentucky Lake.

Approximately 150 persons attended the annual picnic for employees, their families, guests and retired employees September 3, in Central Park. Games, prizes, favors and food were on the day's agenda.

August 31 was the date of the annual picnic of the Quarter Century Club at Camden Park. The Club consists of 26 of the Ashland employees who have attained 25 years of service.

### Hazard District

Bradley Dixon, meter superintendent, and Roy Miller, commercial, have returned to work after extended illnesses.

Everett Bush, T&D department, won third place in the recent state bow match at Burnside.

Sympathy is extended Adrian Combs, substation department foreman, on the death of his mother.

Jeff Tate, an active worker in the Mount Zion Baptist Church, was recently elected president of the Men's "A" Club. He is also president of the usher board, treasurer of the Brotherhood, member of the board of trustees and a deacon.

### Pikeville District

Mrs. Gail Smith, cashier, has resigned.

Three employees have resigned to return to school, including Colleen Zorn and Fayette Elswick, student home economists, and Ernest Chaney, engineering student-temporary.

## Kingsport

Howard Brooks, T&D department, line section, and Marjorie Bridwell, cashier, have returned to work after recent illnesses.

Sympathy is extended Fred Pierce, line section, on the death of his father.

Clarence J. Bryan, assistant general manager, has returned to work after an illness.

## Charleston Division

### Beckley District

Charles Varner, substation, has returned to work after a military leave of absence with the Army.

Ronny Wright, son of E. L. Wright, drafting, is on the 1954 edition of the Woodrow Wilson High School football squad.

Judy Buckland, daughter of C. H. Buckland, engineering, and Bobby Smith, son of R. D. Smith, accounting, are members of the Woodrow Wilson High School Flying Eagle band.

E. R. Biggs, stores, has been promoted to sergeant with his Reserve Unit.

Jean Kay Brash, Oak Hill office employee, appeared as a model for Georges' Dress Shop in a style show sponsored by the Oak Hill Business and Professional Woman's Club.

Bob Thompson, Randy Woodyard, Richard Lemons and Douglas Crawford, temporary employees, have resigned to resume their schooling.

Waldo S. LaFon, district manager, has been appointed to two civic posts. He will be chairman of the United Nations Observance Week Committee and has also been appointed chairman of the publicity committee for the coming Boy Scout drive.

### Charleston District

Included among summer employees who have resigned to return to school are Richard Shamblen, T&D meter section; Betty Speas, Montgomery accounting office; and Marlene Spradling, Joan Davis and Joannette Donahoe, junior home economists.

Other summer employees resigning are Lawrence Shamblen, James Hamrick and Arlie Dolin, meter section; James Craft, Jr., engineering; Charlie Elkins, Joan Lawrence and Alex Ghiz, commercial; Lou Romano, station section; and Margaret Ann Taylor, accounting.

Erma Calvert, T&D meter section, recently attended the International convention of the Pilot Club in Boston. She is chaplain of the local club.

Jennie Hall, accounting, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Sympathy is extended Romie Carte, meter section, on the death of his mother.

New employees include Willa Jean Sturm and John Stevens, meter section, and Paul E. Bryant, junior air conditioning engineer.

Lynn Cavendish, engineering section, and Billy Jo Smith, line section, have resigned.

Luncheon was held in the Charleston office conference room recently honoring Mrs. Erma Calvert, who will marry G. H. Surface in October.

### Kanawha River Plant

New employees as laborers are C. H. Petry, B. B. Briggs, J. W. Dunaway and D. B. Pritt.

C. A. Willson, co-op student, has returned to work from a summer at VPI.

### Point Pleasant District

M. G. Simmons, truck driver-groundman, and J. V. Mann, district manager, have returned to work after recent illnesses.

W. C. Gilmour, personnel supervisor, has been appointed superintendent of the Christ Episcopal Church Sunday School.

Sympathy is extended C. W. Jewell, area serviceman, on the death of his mother.

Blood donors during August were J. R. Crump, line foreman; T. J. Rose, meter department; W. M. Pancake, engineering; and W. F. Machir, T&D records.

### Philip Sporn Plant

Plant picnic was held recently at Bailey's Lake. A large crowd of employees enjoyed swimming, bingo, games and contests.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nease on the death of her mother.

John Gilbert, senior bookkeeper on military leave of absence, recently visited the plant while on furlough.

Tommy Simmons, barge attendant; Charles F. King, maintenance department helper; and Stanley Harbour, assistant control operator, have returned to work after illnesses.

Two employees have returned to work from military service. Gerald Kelly, maintenance department helper, and Harold Russell, tractor operator, returned after two years in the Army.

## Bluefield Division

### Abingdon District

Millie Edwards, home economist, attended the state 4-H Farm and Home Electric Congress in Richmond and served on the banquet committee.

Johnny Quillen, laborer, and Lois Jones, home economist, summertime employees, have resigned to return to school.

R. E. Crusenberry, working foreman, and Robert J. Weisfield, area sales representative, have returned to work after illnesses.

### Bluefield District

Emily Cowling, payroll, has resigned to move to Florida and Kenneth C. Skeens, stores record clerk, has resigned to re-enlist in the Navy.

Bluefield male quartet of Dixon Jones, Leroy Poythress, Alfred White and Arnold Crotty presented a musical program at the Bland County Fair recently.

Nancy Lawrence and C. S. Bowling, Jr., summer employees, have resigned to return to school.

Sympathy is extended Edward B. Gregory, Tazewell line crew, on the death of his father, and M. E. Rich, records supervisor, on the death of his brother-in-law.

Robert Runion, Mullens meter reader, Phil Fry, Princeton area serviceman, and J. D. Butler, Narrows lineman, have returned to work after recent illnesses.

### Pulaski District

Sympathy is extended J. F. Spencer and R. J. Blair on the death of their mother-in-law, and to the family of W. M. Thompson.

Sympathy is also extended Eugene E. Fanning on the death of his brother and R. H. Cornett on the death of his father.

Daughters and sons of employees entering college are Joan Carol Payne, Nancy Kidd, R. C. Nickols, Jr., Gary Whitaker, Freddie Carrico and Freddie Schmidt.

### Welch District

Robie E. Green has returned to his job of meter reader in the Grundy area from military leave with the Air Force.

Pvt. William O. Slade, on military leave of absence from the storeroom, was a recent visitor in the office. He is now stationed at Fort Devins, Massachusetts.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Pearman on the death of her father.

Roy Franklin, personnel department, attended the Middle Atlantic Institute of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce in Richmond. He is secretary of the local chapter.

Gladys Franklin has resigned to accept a position in Washington, D. C.

### Glen Lyn Plant

About 450 persons were present at the annual plant picnic at Narrows. Rain interfered with activities during the day but games, contests and food kept employees and their families busy.

Sympathy is extended J. O. Oxley on the loss of his father and A. P. Whitt on the loss of his mother.

Mrs. R. Y. Woodburn has returned home after being confined to the St. Luke's Hospital for treatment.

Retired employees J. A. Thornton, Samuel Hill and Louis Wiley were visitors at the plant during the month.

Dale E. Vest, coop student, has returned to VPI for his second school assignment.

## Huntington Division

### Williamson District

Summertime employees who have returned to school are Patsy R. Varney, J. R. Hartzog, Jr., Ruby Robinson, Sara Hammond, Margaret Carrico, Charles Williamson, Lawson King, Anita Floyd and J. B. Lawson, Jr.

Mrs. C. C. Darrah, wife of the district manager, is recuperating at home after an operation.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Alberta DeWese, managerial department, on the death of her husband.

### Logan District

Howard Raper, engineering department, returned to work after an operation.

Miller Porterfield, Jr., son of the district manager, is playing fullback for the 1954 Logan Wildcats football team. He recently came to Logan from Welch.

Sympathy is extended P. C. Gosney, Madison area supervisor, on the death of his mother.

Delbert Ray Parker, T&D department, resigned to return to West Virginia. (See Logan, Page 5)



## Versatile Charleston Artist Paints In Many Media; Defender Of Surrealism

It has been said, "Art is I, science is we." In that case, there's a lot of D. D. Duffield scattered around on canvas.

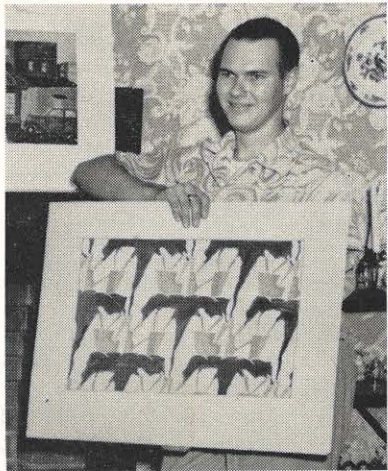
The Charleston garage employee is an accomplished and versatile artist, as evidenced by his many paintings. Although he concentrates mostly on landscapes and still lifes in oils, he also does cartoon sketches, charcoals, pen and ink drawings and water colors, using all types of colorings.

He has even ventured into the world of surrealism, which he stoutly defends. He insists that art was never meant to imitate but is an interpretation. "In surrealism, you try to portray an idea, something that is intangible." The finished painting may be regarded as a masterpiece by one and trash by another, he believes. "Critics are like the blind men who wanted to see an elephant," he explains. "They argued about what it looked like because each man touched it in a different place. And it's the same with art—it's how you feel."

Mr. Duffield majored in art at Stonewall Jackson High School and took classes at Mason School of Arts and Morris Harvey College. His oil painting of a woodland scene won a national Scholastic magazine award and honorable mention at Carnegie Tech. But he does not believe it is his best work.

Strangely, Mr. Duffield is more sentimental about a sculpture he posed for than about his own work. It was done by a friend, Bob Reynolds, who later contracted polio and was paralyzed from the neck down.

Mr. Duffield's expression of tem-



D. D. Duffield poses with two of his many paintings. The one he holds is a textile design, done in pink, light blue and maroon, which he calls "Magic Valley." The smoke from the stacks forms the foundation for the repetition of the pattern.

perament is also portrayed in his work in dramatics with the Ole Towne Players of Charleston. He has appeared in many of their productions.

He also works closely with Troop 62, sponsored by the Salvation Army. He's now assistant Scoutmaster and was one of the troop's organizers. The troop is composed mostly of underprivileged boys and juvenile delinquents recommended by the police department. This is his real satisfaction. "After all," he says, "a lot of people might paint a picture, but it is a real accomplishment to put color and meaning into drab, distorted lives, and there is no work of art on earth as great as God's little children."

## Flower Ribbon Winners At Sporn



Wives and relatives of Philip Sporn employees walked off with several ribbons at the recent New Haven Garden Club flower show. Winners are, front row, from the left: Mrs. Frank Ward, Mrs. Philip Wolpert, Susan Wolpert, Mrs. Paul Nease and Mrs. H. L. Dyer. Second row, from the left: Mrs. Edwin Stein, Mrs. Edward Ryan, Mrs. Tom Hoffman and Mrs. William Zerkle. Mrs. Stein was also sweepstakes winner of the show.

## Three Company Men Inducted Into Army

Three Appalachian employees were called into service recently.



Mr. Caudle

S. V. Caudle, Kanawha River plant test engineer, reported for induction into the Army, September 20. Mr. Caudle received his mechanical engineering degree from West Virginia University in January this year and joined the company in February. After receiving the system training program for engineers he was transferred to Kanawha May 16.

Franklin D. Chambers, Logan district groundman, entered the Army September 8. He joined the company September 15, 1952.

R. L. Martin, electrical engineer in Beckley, entered the Army, August 31. He was employed by the company on February 1, this year.

## Appalachian Shown On Film, In Talks On Charleston TV Show

Appalachian was recently featured on "Parade of Progress," a television presentation of station WKNA-TV in Charleston.

A three-minute film was shown which covered some of the operations out of the North Charleston Service Center. The film began with an identification sign from the door of one of the line trucks. From there it shifted to trucks loading and leaving the service building for work. Also shown were scenes of office employees at their desks and a group of men in a safety meeting. The film ended with a shot of the drafting room, where men were working at their drafting tables. Appropriate narrative went along with the film.

At the end of the film C. B. Talley, district manager, participated in a ten-minute question and answer period with Dick Reid, program master of ceremonies. Mr. Talley told the viewers of the adequacy of power for all in the "Magic Valley." He gave the locations of the steam plants that provide power for Charleston and surrounding area.

The "Parade of Progress" program consists of movies and narrative depicting the progress made in Kanawha Valley industrial development.

## Logan District . . .

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ginia University. He will graduate in January as an electrical engineer and enter military service.

Robert L. Goff has returned to work as a meter reader after four years in the Navy.

W. M. Walls, commercial sales representative, won \$25 from Hot-point for best entry in a contest.

## Huntington District

Sympathy is extended J. C. Hansbarger on the death of his mother, and T. M. Payne on the death of his father.

Sympathy is also extended A. W. York on the death of his mother.

June Goodloe, home economist, appeared as one of several models at the annual Civic League style show September 16. The show was designed to raise funds for a chapel in the new Cabell County Hospital, now under construction.

William A. Joseph is a new T&D engineering section employee.

## Logan Plant

N. R. Pridemore, mechanical maintenance helper, has returned to work after four years in the Air Force.

J. W. Frey, shift supervisor, has returned to work after a recent illness.

## Pulaski Elects Employee Fund Officers



Officers for the Pulaski district Employees' Fund were named at a recent election. To serve one year will be, from the left: Brownie Yeager, director; G. K. Smythers, director; Nancy Eskridge, secretary-treasurer; R. H. Cornett, director; and L. C. Angle, Jr., general chairman.

## Changing Sporn Tractor Tire Is Real Job



Changing a tire on a Euclid tractor at Sporn plant takes more than just a jack and lug wrench. Here, three men mount a new tire. James Russell operates the lift to move the huge tire into position while William Zerkle, on the left, and Ralph Rottgen help steady the tire being placed on the hub. Cost of the tire is over \$2,000 and the recap price is over \$1,000 each. Recapping is done in Alabama which is the nearest place to handle such a large tire. The tires are used on the Euclid coal moving equipment which weighs 31 tons and hauls 20 tons of coal per trip.

## Walton Promoted At Glen Lyn Recently

R. H. Walton, Jr., test engineer at Glen Lyn plant, has been promoted to boiler maintenance foreman, replacing A. P. Whitt who recently retired.

Mr. Walton was employed by the company on January 17, 1949, in the maintenance department after receiving his mechanical engineering degree from VPI.

He served in the Armed Forces from 1943 through 1945 and was previously employed by the Hercules Powder Company at Radford.

Mr. Walton resides at Rich Creek with his wife and son. He is a deacon and relief pastor of the First Baptist Church.



Mr. Walton

## Bill Mundy Receives Lieutenant Rating

Bill Mundy received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Army at Fort Sill recently.



Lt. Mundy

He is the son of C. F. "Preacher" Mundy, Mullens area supervisor in the Bluefield district. Bill has been in service since September, 1953, and received his basic training at Camp Pickett before entering Officer Candidate School.

Mr. and Mrs. Mundy traveled to Fort Sill to witness their son's commission, and he spent his furlough with them in Mullens before returning to Fort Sill for assignment. Prior to military service he was enrolled in Marshall College and was a standout in basketball at Mullens High School.

## Trailer Designed, Built By Employees Valuable In Kingsport Sales Efforts



The mobile trailer, stripped to a stage, was centered in the Kingsport exhibit at the recent East Tennessee District Fair. Working in the Kingsport booth were M. D. Williams, who built the trailer, Rebecca Lee, home economist and M. C. Simpson, commercial manager, all in the exhibit on the left. Sue Nottingham, home economist, sits at the desk while Arthur Stair, power sales engineer, explains a wall heater to Philip Nelson, appliance serviceman.

Helping Kingsport's 1954 sales campaigns was the addition of a mobile display unit planned in late 1953.

The unit, a trailer with canvas covering and let-down sides, was designed by A. W. Stair, power sales engineer, and built by M. D. Williams, appliance serviceman. The trailer was designed to accommodate all types of appliances and can be stripped down to provide a stage, as demonstrated in the recent East Tennessee District Fair.

At this fair a range, water heater, clothes dryer and talking Reddy Kilowatt were set up on the trailer-stage between other parts of the Kingsport exhibit. An estimated 10,000 per-

sons registered for prizes at the booth during the six-day fair and saw all types of electric resistance heating and a connected water heater. Many sampled home economist cooking.

The trailer has been used throughout the year to carry demonstrations to rural areas. Its advantage is that it can be set up at any crossroads, rural store or customer's yard. Demonstrations are arranged by F. S. LaRue, rural representative, and conducted by Rebecca Lee and Sue Nottingham, home economists. The exhibit is called "Reddy's Parade of Modern Living" and has been seen by 1,027 persons this year. A "dryer parade" is planned next for the trailer.



**Airborne Job**

**Lime-Coated Substation Insulators Must Be Cleaned Twice A Year By Line Crews**

Insulators located on structures around large lime plants soon become heavily contaminated with solidified lime dust. The condition exists in the Bluefield district, where these insulators get a housecleaning every six months.

Two Bluefield line gangs recently made such a cleaning in the Giles County area. They waited until the lime plant was down and the power off to renovate insulators in an entire substation in one day. Working nearby, the lime company cleaned their own insulators at the same time.

Narrows storeroom had a supply of dead end 33-kv insulators on hand to replace ones on the line, so that ones removed could be taken back to the storeroom and cleaned at a more leisurely pace. But it isn't practical to remove all insulators and so some had to be cleaned on the job.

This is done with revolving steel wire brushes, called scratch wheels,



**D. R. Whittaker, Giles County area supervisor, uses a scratch wheel on some insulators that had to be cleaned on the job.**

either chucked-up in small electric drills or on flexible shafts.

When the insulators are cleaned a thin coat of hot wax, really a mixture of paraffin and benzine, finishes up the job. This coating won't prevent lime dust from collecting but it does make a hard cleaning job a little easier.

**Miller Named Co-Chairman**

Dorman M. Miller, Appalachian industrial agent, has been named co-chairman of the industrial development committee of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. Object of the group is to attract new industry and encourage expansion of existing plants.

**R. H. Ruff Appointed Lions Zone Chairman**

For his work as immediate past president of the Welch Lions Club and for "interest in Lionism in general," R. H. Ruff has been appointed Lions Club zone chairman.

The Welch district electrical engineer was named to his post by W. R. Cook, governor of district 29-W. The governor commented on Mr. Ruff's outstanding Lions work in the past in a letter announcing the appointment. He has been a member for 8 years and has served as member of the board of directors, secretary, first, second and third vice president and president.



**Mr. Ruff**

**Trap Expert**



**Last year he was runner-up in the handicap event but this year Walton Meador took first place honors in both the handicap and doubles events in trap-shooting championships at the Tri-Angle Sportsmen's trap grounds. Mr. Meador, Bluefield division radio engineer, won a sterling silver salad fork set and a steak knife set for his outstanding shooting. He used a Remington repeater in this his third year in the matches.**

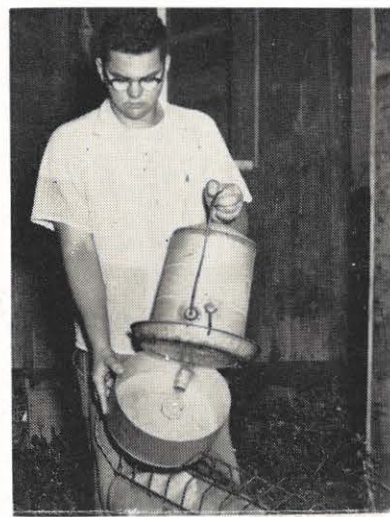
**Shipman Realizes Street Light Goal**

Shipman is an unincorporated town of about 500 population in Lynchburg district. Although slight in population the town is big in spirit.

Several years ago citizens agitated for street lights, and when the Shipman Civic Club was formed last year street light installation was one of their first projects. Spearheaded by Mrs. Annie L. Pickett and Mrs. H. O. Sherman, the town realized their goal Labor Day when Mrs. Pickett threw the switch that lit 16 2,500-lumen street lights.

Working closely with the club and town was Loyd T. Smith, Lynchburg administrative assistant. The lights were turned on during a jubilee in honor of the event at Shipman Fair Grounds, where Channing H. Moon, president of the club, introduced officials present for the ceremony.

**Electric Contest Is Won By Son Of Pulaski Man**



**Freddie shows one of the projects that helped win 4-H Club honors, an electric water warmer for poultry.**

Outstanding work in the 4-H Club electric project won Freddie Rotenberry a trip to the 4-H Electric Congress in Richmond, September 2-3. The son of F. E. Rotenberry, Claytor hydro plant supervisor, was Pulaski County winner.

The Congress is held each year by the Extension Service and co-sponsored by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation along with Appalachian and other power suppliers in the state.

In four years Freddie has completed 18 club projects and has won the county medal in gardening and poultry. His electrical work included helping to rewire the basement of his home, construction and wiring of a brooder house and layer house, making an electric warmer for the chicken's water fountain, improving his study room lighting and making general repairs to home appliances.

One of the two boys from Pulaski County to attend the 4-H Club short course at V.P.I. this summer, Freddie is helping his father to build an irrigation project for watering truck crops. The Rotenberry family lives at Fairlawn where they are active members of the Presbyterian Church.

**E. M. Elliott Joins AGE As An Engineer**

Edward M. Elliott, formerly an electrical engineer for EBASCO Services, Inc., New York, has joined AGE Service Corporation as an engineer in the interconnection agreements section of the system planning and operations department.

Mr. Elliott worked for EBASCO from February, 1948, through June of this year. He is a graduate of Fordham University's School of Law and the United States Naval Academy.

**Bean Picking Becomes Atmospheric Job In Carol Shockey's Garden**

Believe it or not, those 20-foot bean plants in Carol Shockey's garden are midgets among their breed.

They are part of the bean family called "Burma Wonders," and rumor has it that the plant attains heights upward to 28 feet. But Mr. Shockey, who is Bluefield district personnel supervisor, is not unhappy that his haven't grown past 20 feet. He can hardly reach the top now, even using a ladder, and picking beans off near the top becomes a struggle. But it's worth it, because the bean is sweet and meaty.

Mr. Shockey's tale of the beans and "Jack and the Beanstalk" run parallel. Like Jack, Mr. Shockey started with just a few beans, sent him by a friend stationed in Burma. He planted them, and the next year harvested enough to make a real planting. This year he has canned several quarts of the beans.

Unsuspectingly, he erected only 10-foot poles at the beginning of the year, but when the plants reached his television antenna and started running toward the house he had to put up some extensions. And he can't help wondering what next year's planting will hold.



**Carol Shockey stretches to pluck a choice bean off his 20-foot high Burma Bean plants.**

**Bluefield Economist Active Scout Worker**

Mary Helen Kirby is a busy woman. She's home economist in the Bluefield district, and in her outside hours she has become active in scouting, church and clubs.



**Miss Kirby**

She also does some oil painting and pastels and collects stamps. But her chief work lies in Girl Scouts. She is leader of Troop 39 in Pearisburg, composed of 30 girls. She's been with the troop for two years and has helped 85 percent of the girls earn second class badges. Now they are working on plans to raise money for a new Scout hut.

Recently Miss Kirby was chosen Leader of the Week by the Southern Appalachian Girl Scout Council. In addition to her Scout work, she is vice president of the Junior Woman's Club and a Sunday School teacher. She joined Appalachian in April, 1951.

**'Look At The Hair' Is The Way To Tell Buster Twins Apart**



**The Buster twins pose in front of their line crew truck. That's Kyle with the short hair on the left and Lyle on the right.**

They say that the only way you can tell Kyle and Lyle Buster apart is that Kyle has his hair clipped short. But if Kyle needed a haircut, you'd be lost when trying to identify them.

That's the predicament facing Montgomery office employees in the Charleston district. Kyle and Lyle are also employees and ones working around them have just about given up trying to tell them apart. Kyle is a timekeeper and Lyle a truck driver, on the same crew.

The identical twins are 28 years old and have been employed since 1947. Until they entered service in 1945 they were never separated.

Mrs. Buster remembers that they were always of the same temperament and one never made a decision unless he consulted the other. She also remembers when they were in the first grade how they planned a surprise birthday party for themselves, only the surprise was on their mother when they brought their friends home from school. One other time the two received a rooster and hen. Lyle was disappointed when Kyle's hen started laying eggs so he put his rooster in a pen and declared that there he would remain until he layed some eggs too.

Their first separation came when Lyle entered the Air Force in 1945 as a crypt technician. Five months later Kyle joined the Army as a telephone maintenance man. But they did receive their discharge just four days apart in 1947.

Kyle is married and has a son. Lyle is single and lives with his parents, but their homes are just a few doors apart.

**At Least It's Cool**



**No, that's not a man on the wrong end of a fishing line. It's Jimmy Oliver, Hazard district line department employee, carrying out another of the varied duties of a lineman. During construction of a rural line extension, employees found that there were no boats or bridges to help in carrying the line across the Kentucky River. So Jimmy gamely shucked his clothes and started wading and dragging. A couple of times he thought he might have to swim but he got that line across.**

**Appears At Southeastern Meet**

A. R. Neal, Jr., Huntington division supervising engineer, presented a paper at the Southeastern Electrical Exchange meeting at Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham on September 24. His paper was titled "Shield Wires on Medium Voltage Transmission Lines."



**David M. Davis, Giles County line crew working foreman, perches in a high place to apply a hot wax solution to insulators.**

**Sylbia Hinchman In Third Year Of Child Care Personnel Work**

Finding a director for Child Care Centers, Inc., early in 1952 has led Sylbia Hinchman, Charleston district home service supervisor, to a permanent job with the organization.



**Miss Hinchman**

After successfully finding a director, Miss Hinchman was asked to stay on as personnel director of the group and since then has done all its hiring and employee policy making.

The organization is designed to help mothers who are forced to work. They may leave their children at the Child Care office, where they can be sure the child gets proper care.

Each child gets milk or fruit juice in the morning, lunch and chances to finger paint, sing or play in the playground until parents come to call for them in the afternoon.

Miss Hinchman was first employed as a Huntington home economist in 1926. She came to the home service department in Charleston in 1949. She is a past president of the Charleston Quota Club, is on the membership committee of the YWCA and a member of the Dayton-Cincinnati Chapter of the Electrical Women's Round Table.



Stepping Up The Ladder

# OVEC And IKEC Transfers Bring Many Promotions

Promotions of many plant men were made with the recent transfer of employees of our companies to plants of OVEC and IKEC. Although they leave the AGE System in one sense, in another they continue. Appalachian, Ohio Power and I&M are among the 15 companies who combined to form these two companies to supply electric energy to the atomic energy plant near Portsmouth, Ohio.

The OVEC generating plant is Kyger Creek at Cheshire, Ohio, while Clifty Creek is the name of the IKEC plant at Madison, Indiana.

### Seven From Sporn Plant

Seven men transferred from Philip Sporn plant. They include H. E. Marquis, L. J. Hennon, D. E. Tuite, P. E. Henderson, C. M. Weaver, W. A. Dennis and H. W. Christy.

Marquis, maintenance foreman, went to Clifty Creek as maintenance supervisor. Employed in 1949 as maintenance man at Sporn, he was promoted in 1950 to maintenance foreman. Married and the father of four, he is a member of the Lions Club, Masonic Lodge and Shrine.

Hennon, assistant shift operating engineer, transferred to Clifty Creek as shift operating engineer. Employed in 1933 as janitor at Philo plant, he held many positions before transferring to Sporn in June of 1949 as assistant shift operating engineer. Married and the father of a daughter, he is a member of the Lions Club and belongs to the I.O.O.F. at Philo.

Tuite, master maintenance man, went to Clifty Creek as maintenance foreman. He was employed in 1949 as senior helper, became maintenance man and was later promoted to master maintenance man. Married and the father of two, he is a member of the Jaycees, Masonic Lodge and American Legion.

Henderson went from Sporn as shift operating engineer at Kyger Creek. Employed in 1935 as helper in Philo plant, he held many positions and went to Sporn in 1949 as control operator. He became first assistant shift operating engineer in 1953. Father of a son, he is a member of the Rotary Club and Masonic Lodge.

Weaver transferred to Kyger Creek plant of OVEC as maintenance foreman. Employed as maintenance man, he was promoted to master maintenance man in 1951. He is married and has three sons.

Dennis went to Kyger Creek plant of OVEC as assistant shift operating engineer. Employed in 1945 at Philo plant, he held many positions before



Above men are transferring to OVEC and IKEC from plants in the Southern Properties. TOP ROW, from left, all Sporn plant employees: H. E. Marquis to IKEC as maintenance supervisor; L. J. Hennon to IKEC as shift operating engineer; D. E. Tuite to IKEC as maintenance foreman; and P. E. Henderson to OVEC as shift operating engineer. SECOND ROW, from left, first three of Sporn plant: C. M. Weaver to OVEC as maintenance foreman; W. A. Dennis to OVEC as assistant shift operating engineer; H. W. Christy to IKEC as assistant shift operating engineer; Joe Jackson, Hazard, to OVEC as load coordinator. THIRD ROW, from left, all Cabin Creek plant employees: R. W. Taylor to IKEC as maintenance foreman; W. E. Vest to IKEC as assistant shift operating engineer; R. W. O'Dell to IKEC as assistant shift operating engineer and T. T. Hendricks to IKEC as control operator.

going to Sporn in 1950 as assistant control operator. He became control operator that same year. Married and the father of three, he is cub master in Scouts and Sunday School superintendent.

Christy transferred to Clifty Creek of IKEC as assistant shift operating engineer. He was employed at Philo plant in 1941 and transferred to Sporn in 1950 as assistant control operator. He was control operator at the time of his promotion. Married and the father of two, he is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Union Grange.

### Three Transferred From Hazard

Hazard had three men transferred. Joe Jackson went to OVEC as load coordinator while Leon Bianchinotti and Ferman W. Berkhead transferred to the Appalachian system as station operators.

Jackson, 28-year veteran in the Hazard district, started with Kentucky as a laborer. He worked at

many jobs at Hazard plant and was watch engineer at the time of his promotion. He is married and the father of two.

Bianchinotti transferred to Turner substation as station operator. He came with Kentucky in 1941 and held many positions at the plant before becoming watch engineer, the position he held at the time of his transfer. He is married and has one son.

Berkhead transferred to Baileysville station as station operator. He came with the Kentucky company in 1942 and worked at many positions at Hazard plant. He also was a watch engineer at the time of his transfer. He is married and has three sons.

### Cabin Creek Sends Four

Cabin Creek plant had four men to transfer to Clifty Creek plant of IKEC. They are R. W. Taylor, W. E. Vest, R. W. O'Dell and T. T.

Hendricks.

Taylor, electrical maintenance mechanic who has been at Cabin Creek since 1939, became maintenance foreman. Vest, control operator, who also has been at the plant since 1939, became assistant shift operating engineer.

O'Dell, control operator who has been at Cabin Creek since 1941, transferred as assistant shift operating engineer. Hendricks, boiler operator, became control operator in the move. He has been at Cabin Creek since 1942.

### Five Promoted At Kanawha

At Kanawha River where R. S. Lease, shift operating engineer, and C. D. Rice, assistant shift operating engineer, transferred to Kyger Creek plant of OVEC, five promotions were made. Affected in the plant promotions were R. A. Fields, D. E. Everson, C. E. Farley, F. H. Mannon and C. E. Richards.

Fields, promoted to shift operating engineer, joined the Kentucky company as a laborer in 1941 and transferred to Sporn plant in 1949 where he was control operator when he transferred to Kanawha in 1952. Married and the father of a son, he is a Navy veteran.



Mr. Fields

Everson was promoted to assistant shift operating engineer at Kanawha. Employed in 1929 by



Mr. Everson



Mr. Farley



Mr. Mannon



Mr. Richards

Appalachian, he had broken service until recalled to Cabin Creek plant in 1935. He was a boiler operator there upon his transfer as control operator to Kanawha in 1952. He is married and has a daughter.

Farley was promoted to assistant shift operating engineer. He joined Appalachian in 1934 as a laborer at Cabin Creek. He was turbine operator upon his transfer to Kanawha as control operator. Father of four children, his father is a retired Appalachian employee.

Mannon was employed at Logan plant in 1938 and transferred to Kanawha in 1953 as assistant control operator. He was promoted to control operator on the first of last month. He is married.

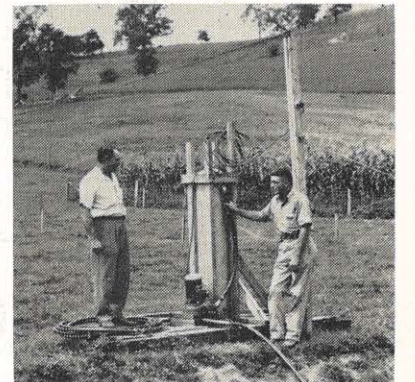
Richards, promoted to control operator, joined Appalachian as a laborer at Logan plant in 1939. He advanced through the operating department to auxiliary operator and transferred to Kanawha in 1953 as assistant control operator. He is married and has two children.

## Coffin Replica



R. E. Doyle, on the right, vice president and general manager of Kentucky Power Company, recently accepted a replica of the Coffin Award for his company. M. M. Hughes, on the left, manager of General Electric Company's Cincinnati office, made the presentation. The Coffin award is the electric utility's highest award and was presented to AGE for its 1953 accomplishments. Each operating company in AGE received a replica.

## Pulaski Man Builds Irrigation System



T. V. Harrington, on the right, proudly shows his homemade sprinkler and irrigation system to L. A. Sharpe, Pulaski area supervisor. In the background is Mr. Harrington's dairy farm and in the foreground his water supply.

Not satisfied with all the work electricity was already doing for him on his farm, T. V. Harrington recently built and installed an irrigation system.

The Pulaski district area serviceman at Independence got the notion for his system during a recent drought. He started with a small shallow-well jet pump and a range boiler tank which he mounted on a sled for mobility. To this he attached a homemade sprinkler system, with six sprinkler heads, each one equaling an inch of rain every eight hours. This summer he rotated the sprinkler on three acres of pasture and grazed six cows on the recently irrigated sections.

Mr. Harrington says that his next step is to install a large motor and pump with a dam across a nearby branch to give him some water storage so that he can install permanent sprinklers.

His farm is a dairy farm where he and his wife, with the aid of electricity, produce milk to sell.

## Harvests Melon Crop



Harvesting melons on his farm near Abingdon is R. Preston Miller, district transportation supervisor. Preston grew the only commercial melons in the area this year. He produced many truckloads of watermelons, cantaloupes and banana melons which were marketed in stores, by his children along the road near the patch and by his brother who is in the fruit business. The late season helps his market because melons from the South are all gone by this time.

## Lost Letter Found After Eight Years

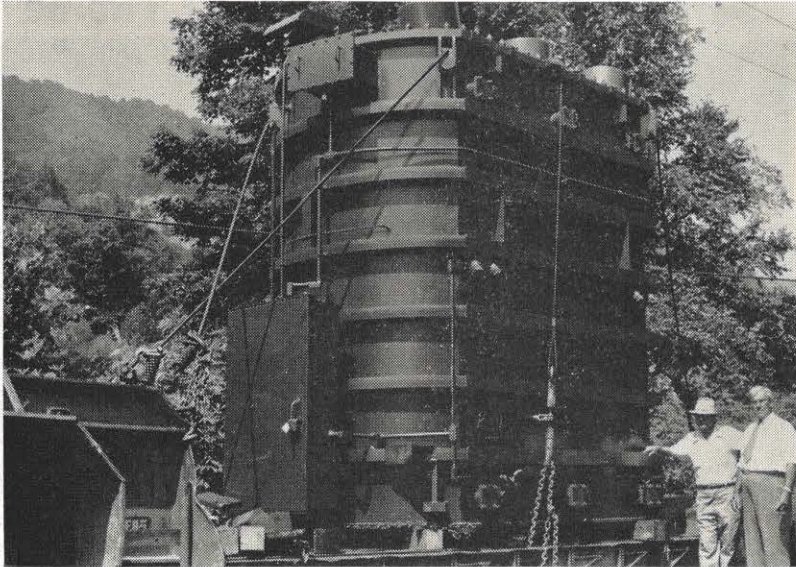
Lost and found. That's the short story of an 8-year-old letter sent to John H. Porter, Logan plant electrical maintenance helper.

The letter with some pictures were sent to John by his wife while he was aboard ship in the Navy in January of 1946. He misplaced it and assumed they were lost when the ship was decommissioned in August of that year.

John received a letter from a Mrs. Gaston in Jacksonville, Florida, saying that her husband had been doing some construction work on the ship and had found the letter and pictures. He thought John would like to have them, which were enclosed.

After eight years, the lost was found. The thoughtfulness of a non-acquaintance made quite an impression on the Porter family who believes that "little things can mean a lot."

## Sun Dial Transformer Weighs 61 Tons



Sun Dial station in the Coal River area of Charleston district is the destination for this 61-ton transformer. Looking over the 30,000-kva, 132,000-44,000-volt transformer are, from the left: H. C. Williams, system station foreman, and S. H. Eskins, Whitesville area supervisor. The new Sun Dial station will be tapped in the Baileysville 132,000-volt line completed recently from Kanawha River plant. The transformer was shipped by rail and trailer to the station site.



# Vets Honored For Service Anniversaries



Company veterans receiving service pins in recent weeks for 20 or more years' service are pictured above. TOP ROW, from the left, all 30 years: David W. Ritchie, Huntington; James T. Bing, Huntington; Jennings B. Jarrell, Huntington; L. E. Ferguson, Roanoke system; and R. G. White, Kanawha River plant. SECOND ROW, from the left, all 30 years: S. C. Smith, Charleston; C. L. Mollohan, Charleston; C. V. Thompson, Charleston; C. H. Hawes, Charleston; and J. D. Wingfield, Bluefield. THIRD

ROW, from the left: F. D. Lowman, Pulaski, 30 years; W. J. Reeves, Glen Lyn plant, 25 years; W. F. Giles, Williamson, 25 years; C. A. Fudge, Jr., Fieldale, 25 years; and V. M. Burger, Cabin Creek plant, 25 years. BOTTOM ROW, from the left: C. S. Chapman, Roanoke, 25 years; John P. McDermott, Lynchburg, 20 years; R. L. Aleshire, Radford Arsenal steam plant, 20 years; and S. R. McClure, Welch, 20 years.

## Dog-Gone Big Pin



Blackie Bass, the little dog belonging to Mrs. Billie Bass above, is shown with his service pin. The photographic enlargement of a 20-year pin was made by Ira Henderson, administrative assistant. Blackie and the plant were bought from a florist over 20 years ago and has served under three district managers with Mrs. Bass. A member of the rubber plant family, the plant is still in the original dirt. As sprouts appear she breaks them off and gives them to friends to start new ones. The secretary to the Bluefield district manager received her 30-year pin in January of this year.

## Snappy Tree Pulls Fast One On Owner

You can't keep a good tree down, and in this instance, that's meant more ways than one.

It all started when a windstorm blew down a 70-foot tree. As Dave Rowe, Bluefield area supervisor of Tazewell County, tells it, the tree barely missed the service entrance on the farm residence and completely demolished a coal house.

The roots of the tree lifted several tons of dirt and sod with them. So the owner decided the thing to do was to get rid of the tree and began by trimming off the tree about 20 feet from the bottom.

Then it happened. The tree sprang back up and into its original place. The roots replanted themselves, and the tree, a little shorter for its trip to earth, looked as if it might live.

The owner decided that a tree with that much spirit ought to have another chance, so he climbed up and finished his trimming job.

## Kanawha Veterans Honored

Kanawha River plant employees who received service pins during the year were honored at a dinner August 24 in the plant cafeteria. Twenty-seven, ranging from five to 30 years in service, were treated to a steak dinner, followed by introductions. D. C. Duncan, system safety director, gave a "play on words" talk on safety.

## Added Service To Carbide

Added facilities at the Carbide plant at Institute went in service September 1. They included a new 132-kv line and oil circuit breaker.

## Safe Driving Is Mobile Unit Theme



Trouble with the carburetor? Here's a woman who can fix it. She's Mrs. W. R. Witzel, wife of the Charleston district personnel supervisor, who recently completed an instruction course in car first aid as a member and chairman of a Red Cross Mobile Unit. Shown with Mrs. Witzel examining a carburetor is Harry Cooper, an instructor in the mechanics classes. The course includes everything from simple mechanics to traffic regulations. When a person completes the training she becomes a member of a mobile unit, which does such things as transport children to and from swimming classes and take people to donate blood. Aims of the course are safe driving and car know-how. Mrs. Witzel's unit contains 30 members.

## New Hazard Switching Station Near Completion

Work on the new Jackson Switching station in the Hazard district has just about ended. The station, located between Jackson 33-kv station and Helechawa 33/66-kv station, will assure customers of fast and automatic service.

The Jackson station has a load of approximately 1,000-kva serving 635 residential, 1,775 rural and several small commercial customers.

## Bluefielders Help Each Other In New Houses

S. E. Porter and Arnold Crotty are the first employees in the Bluefield district to heat their homes electrically.

The two are building new houses and helping each other install radiant heating cable. Mr. Porter, district instrument man, and Mr. Crotty, senior draftsman, figure that they will install about 3/4-mile of the cable in each house.

# Service Anniversaries



## Appalachian Electric Power Company

**Bekley District**—10 YEARS: A. B. Lilly, groundman; 5 YEARS: Robert Duren, janitor.

**Bluefield District**—30 YEARS: J. D. Wingfield, station supervisor; 15 YEARS: E. R. Garner, head distribution record clerk.

**Cabin Creek Plant**—25 YEARS: V. M. Burger, assistant shift supervisor; 15 YEARS: J. A. Moore, supervisor of maintenance; D. E. Ballard, boiler maintenance mechanic; George H. Slack, boiler operator; W. E. Vest, control operator; 10 YEARS: H. B. Cottrell, material clerk.

**Charleston District**—30 YEARS: S. C. Smith, payroll supervisor, C. L. Mollohan, area supervisor; C. V. Thompson, station foreman; C. H. Hawes, line inspector; 10 YEARS: E. R. Young, meterman; 5 YEARS: Dorothy J. Hively, managerial.

**Fieldale District**—25 YEARS: Albert Fudge, utility clerk; 5 YEARS: L. W. Jenkins, area sales representative.

**Glen Lyn Plant**—25 YEARS: W. J. Reeves, shift supervisor; 10 YEARS: C. M. Thomas, mechanical maintenance helper; J. B. Whitt, utility operator.

**Huntington District**—35 YEARS: Azel C. Walters, stationman; 30 YEARS: Jennings B. Jarrell, stationman; David W. Ritchie, chief electrician, Kenova plant; James T. Bing, meterman; 10 YEARS: John B. Kline, meterman.

**Kanawha River Plant**—30 YEARS: Grant White, shift operating engineer.

**Lynchburg District**—20 YEARS: John P. McDermott, working foreman; 10 YEARS: Hazel B. Bell, local accounting stenographer; 5 YEARS: James R. Dorman, meterman.

**Pulaski District**—30 YEARS: Frank D. Lowman, appliance Service-man; 15 YEARS: A. J. Lawson, junior T&D clerk.

**Roanoke District**—25 YEARS: C. S. Chapman, T&D engineering section; 20 YEARS: R. L. Aleshire, Radford Arsenal steam plant.

**System**—30 YEARS: L. E. Ferguson, consumers billing supervisor; 5 YEARS: J. E. Hunter, transportation supervisor.

**Welch District**—20 YEARS: Shelva R. McClure, line foreman.

**Williamson District**—25 YEARS: W. F. Giles, district commercial manager.

## Kentucky Power Company

**Ashland District**—15 YEARS: Mary F. Moore, main accounting.

**Hazard District**—10 YEARS: W. C. Haddix, production; Clark Hays, T&D.

## South Lynchburg Station Is Nearing Completion

Work on the 132-kv South Lynchburg substation is nearing completion. The new station provides a second source of power for the city.

Control and switchboard wiring and yard surfacing remain at the station as 90% of the other work by Jennings Electric Company is complete.

Right-of-way for the 132-kv transmission line has been cleared by Davis H. Elliot Company which has erected about one-fourth of the steel towers. Richardson-Wayland began construction August 30 of about 5 1/2 miles of 33-kv transmission line from the station to the Perkins Park station.

## Telephone System Gets Facelift For Improved Service



Mrs. Gretis Raines, PBX operator, is happy with her new switchboard quarters. Now she's away from distracting noises, customer inquiries, special deliveries and other disturbing interruptions. The recent change-over in Charleston also provided a magnetized back door lock which Mrs. Raines uses to let authorized persons enter the building during off-hours. To aid in the operation a mirror which allows her to see the door has also been installed.

When the switchboard was re-located recently, work designed to aid both employees and customers was completed on the Charleston office telephone system.

A second switchboard for emergencies was installed beside the old in their new location on the second floor, and 12 additional trunks were added. A centralized department has been designed in the North Charleston service building to expedite trouble calls. Five central office lines are now available, with a call working from one to another on busy signals.

Further, an unlisted number was added to the board for employees to use during severe storms and emergencies, when the main lines are busy with customer trouble reports.

Charleston's new number is DIckens 4-1611.



## Cabin Creek Plant Men Have Own Band



C. H. Marks, turbine operator at left, and W. E. Cadle, utility operator at Cabin Creek plant, have an interesting sideline to the hum of the turbines. They recently organized the West Virginia Ramblers, a string instrument group. Singing with the two employees are the Scott sisters, Ella June and Dorothy. Mr. Marks and Mr. Cadle have played together for four years. They now have a regular radio program over WKNA in Charleston and have appeared on WSAZ-TV in Huntington and WKNA-TV. They also have made many personal appearances.

## E. H. Clarke Assumes New Duties At Sporn

Edwin H. Clarke, Philip Sporn plant master maintenance man, has been promoted to maintenance foreman.



Mr. Clarke

A native of Graham Station, he attended Racine High School and the Huntington Trade School. He was employed November 1, 1949, as a maintenance man and became master maintenance man April 1, 1951. Before joining the company he worked for Westinghouse Manufacturing Company and the General Chemical Corporation.

Mr. Clarke is married and resides in New Haven, where he is a member of the town council.

## Pulaski Men Named To Carnegie Offices

Two Pulaski district men were appointed to district offices in the Dale Carnegie Clubs International at the recent Southwest area meeting at Yearly Haven near Salem.

A. D. Clark, district superintendent, and Gleason Smythers, senior T&D clerk, were appointed district 44 governor and secretary, respectively. The area includes clubs in the western half of the state.

## Two Cabin Creek Men Are Promoted



Mr. Hemmings

Mr. Curry

Two Cabin Creek plant men received promotions recently. F. E. Hemmings was promoted to shift supervisor while H. R. Curry became assistant shift supervisor.

Mr. Hemmings, an assistant for four years and a 25-year veteran, rose to his new position with the retirement of R. E. Williams. Residing at Cabin Creek, he is the father of four children.

Mr. Curry rose to assistant shift supervisor from turbine operator. He has been at Cabin Creek for 20 years. He resides at Marmet and is the father of two children.

## AGE Safety Manual Sent All Over World

Safety rules written for the employees of the Southern Properties are being read—and followed—throughout the world.

Following publication of the new AGE safety manual and a subsequent story about it in *Electrical World* magazine, requests for copies poured in from many points.

To date, the manual has been sent to Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Canal Zone, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Germany, Guam, India, Ireland, Italy, Malaya, Mexico, New Zealand, Puerto Rico and South Africa, as well as many in the United States.

## Pikeville Holds School Workshop



Chandos Tackett fries both fish and french fries as Mary Lou Draughn and Colleen Zorn, home economists, discuss the menu during a school lunchroom workshop in Pikeville recently. Mr. Tackett, power sales engineer, conceived the workshop idea. Workers in school lunchrooms are invited in for demonstrations and talks on the advantages of electric cooking in their lunchrooms. After morning registration A. H. Jopp, district commercial manager, welcomed guests and then Mr. Tackett introduced each piece of electric cooking. Lunch was served guests and high school principals who were meeting in town that day. The two home economists also demonstrated cooking electrically to the 45 persons. The program had been arranged after intensive work with school officials in Pike County.

## Reddy Lends Hand To Rainelle Area In Economy Program

Reddy Kilowatt is lending a hand to Rainelle area employees in the Beckley district to help with economy. He is calling attention to the high cost of materials and the importance of bringing in all scrap material.

Reddy does this by perching atop a board attached to the wall of the office on hinges. This allows both sides of the board to be used for display. Displayed on the board are items of material with a small strip of paper under each piece indicating the cost.

For scrap material collection, Reddy glues himself to the scrap box made from an old range crate. The top and one-half of the front side of the box has been hinged.



## Appalachian Electric Power Company

### Cabin Creek Plant

D. D. CAMPBELL from boiler operator C to boiler operator A; EARL O'NEAL from boiler operator D to boiler operator C; D. D. BOWMAN from boiler auxiliary equipment operator A to boiler operator D; N. S. SEARLS from boiler auxiliary equipment operator A to boiler operator D; R. N. PATTERSON from utility operator A to boiler auxiliary equipment operator A; S. E. MCCONIHAY from utility operator A to boiler auxiliary equipment operator A; W. P. VICKERS, JR., from assistant control operator to control operator; E. C. KINGERY from assistant control operator to control operator; L. R. COULTER from turbine auxiliary equipment operator A to assistant control operator; C. R. WHITTINGTON from laborer to assistant control operator; A. R. LIVELY from turbine operator B to turbine operator A; D. C. CASTO from turbine auxiliary equipment operator A to turbine operator B; D. E. RAINES from turbine auxiliary equipment operator B to turbine auxiliary equipment operator A; J. K. DANIELS from laborer to turbine auxiliary equipment operator B; B. E. CREASEY from laborer to turbine auxiliary equipment operator B.

### Kanawha River Plant

R. W. GWINN from auxiliary equipment operator to assistant control operator; L. E. HOLLINS from auxiliary equipment operator to assistant control operator; J. D. BOWLING from laborer to auxiliary equipment operator; W. J. REESE from laborer to auxiliary equipment operator; E. M. PELL from laborer to results helper; D. B. ANDY from laborer to results helper.

### Logan District

W. K. SHELTON from lineman A to general serviceman; RUBY WALLS from clerk-stenographer, commercial department, to junior cashier, accounting; ELBA SAMSON from meter reader to collector.

### Lynchburg District

JEANNE P. RAMSEY from stenographer to secretarial stenographer managerial; ANDREW A. FERGUSON from junior T&D clerk to senior T&D clerk, engineering section; JOSEPH O. FRANKLIN from junior meter clerk to senior meter clerk, T&D meter section.

### Point Pleasant District

HERBERT J. PATTERSON from lineman C to lineman B; MAVIS E. JORDAN from clerk-typist to junior PBX operator; ELLEN B. RICE from clerk-typist to junior contract clerk.

### Philip Sporn Plant

CHARLES M. HALE from auxiliary equipment operator to assistant control operator; GEORGE A. HOUT, JR., from filter plant operator and sampler to chemist assistant; EDWARD N. HUMPHREY from laborer to helper, maintenance; ARTHUR H. HART from laborer to helper, maintenance; DENNIS W. JOHNSON from laborer to helper, maintenance; WILLIS L. DUDING from assistant control operator to control operator; RAYMOND L. COLE from junior maintenance man to auxiliary equipment operator.

### Welch District

FERMAN W. BERKHEAD from watch engineer at Hazard to chief operator at Baileysville.

### Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

CARL J. RIDDLE from lineman C to lineman B; JOYCE PARSONS from engineering section, T&D, to personnel.

## George Ellis Joins Two Family Members In Retirement



George Ellis is shown with his father who he recently joined in retirement from Cabin Creek plant. A brother, Arthur, also is retired from the plant.

When George Ellis retired he joined his father and brother in retirement, all from Cabin Creek plant.

George, a 30-year vet and boiler operator, was preceded by his father, U. G. Ellis, who retired in 1945 after 17 years' service, and his brother, Arthur, who retired in 1949 after 21 years' service. George was employed as a janitor.

Looking back over his service, he noted many improvements in the company. Reluctant to retire, he said, "I am now, always have been and will always be one of the boys at Cabin Creek. My main interest is in this plant because everyone here has been so good to me."

As long as he can look next door and see his father enjoying retirement, George says that means a lot to him. He pointed out that "there aren't any better benefits to be found anywhere."

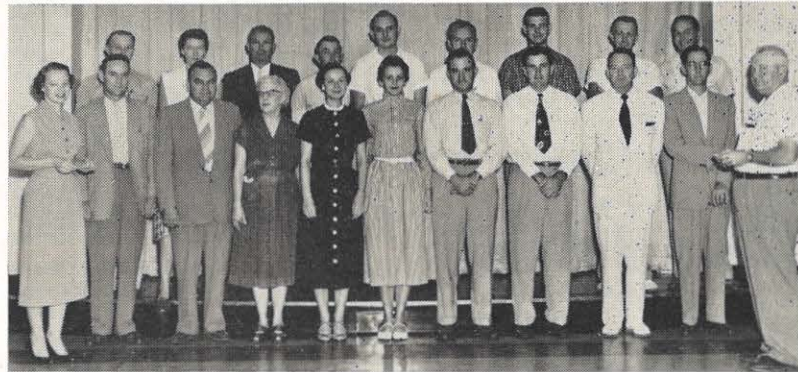
While George, his father and brother are retired, they are still represented at Cabin Creek by Sanford, shift supervisor with 26 years' service; Harry, maintenance man with 16 years' service, and Hardia, maintenance man with 14 years' service. All are brothers of George. George's son, O'Dell, boiler operator with 9 years' service, also works at the plant.

## Roanoke Window Display Wins Award In Contest

For the third straight year, a window display in the Roanoke office has won a Merit Award Certificate from the National Electrical Manufacturers Association in New York.

The award was presented Joy Nash for her display which featured the theme of "It's the Vacation Atmosphere You Go For," promoting electric fans and air conditioning with vacation climate in the home and office. Art work was done by J. E. Hopkins, Roanoke division engineering department, who assists with the displays.

## First Aid Certificates Awarded Pulaski Group



Pulaski commercial department employees receive Red Cross standard first aid course certificates from Betsy Wrenn, assistant instructor at left, and W. H. Spangler, instructor, at right. The class of 19 is one of the largest to complete the 18-hour course in Pulaski this year. Front row, from left: E. L. Whitley, R. J. Blair, Ruby Lowman, Adeline Newman, Margaret Covey, A. L. Graham, Jr., R. H. Love, A. E. Lemons and S. A. Dewey. Second row, from left: W. M. Thompson, Brownie Yeager, C. W. Dalton, F. D. Lowman, J. L. Marshall, W. C. Buchanan, W. B. Gordon, Jr., L. C. Angle, Jr., and C. N. Robinson. Frank Board was absent.

## Strange Ticket Marks Car Parked On Street

Many people return to cars to find a ticket fluttering on the windshield. Few received a note like K. P. Counts.

The Charleston local office manager was traveling in California with his wife. They parked in Los Angeles to go to a restaurant. When they returned they saw a slip of paper.

No, it wasn't a traffic ticket. It was a note from an ex-West Virginian who had seen the license tags. The note said: "Hi. Know anyone from Gassaway? I lived there."

It was signed by Sally Salisbury of Lecompton, Kentucky. Although nothing was said about "love and kisses", the note bore an assortment of lipstick prints.



# Twelve Couples Are Wed In Recent Weeks



Recent brides and bridegrooms among company employees include those pictured above. TOP ROW, from the left: Mrs. George E. Foresman, Bluefield; Mrs. Elster Robinson, Pikeville; and Mrs. Joe A. Allinder, Jr., Roanoke system. SECOND ROW, from the left: Mrs. David Parrish Minichan, Jr., Pulaski; Mrs. Bobby Doss, Welch; and Mrs. Harold Ray Ball, Huntington. THIRD ROW, from the left: Mrs. Bill Angelo, Charleston; Mrs. Albert James Lyne, Roanoke; and Mrs. William H. Mitchell, Jr., Charleston. BOTTOM ROW, from the left: Mr. and Mrs. Everett B. Gevedon, Ashland; and Mr. and Mrs. Larry J. Frontino, Charleston.

## Swindall-Robinson

Doris M. Swindall and Elster Robinson were married September 4 in Pikeville. Mrs. Robinson is employed in the Pikeville accounting department.

## Riffe-Gevedon

Alberta Riffe and Everett B. Gevedon were united in marriage September 3 at Ashland Presbyterian Church. She is a cashier in the Ashland accounting office.

## Glenn-Minichan

Tosca LeCgyne Glenn was united in marriage with David Parrish Minichan, Jr., September 5 at the University Chapel, Charlottesville. Mr. Minichan is the son of the Pulaski district manager.

## Phillips-Lyne

Helen Nelle Phillips was married to Albert James Lyne, TE2, USN, on August 28 at St. Peter's Chapel, United States Naval Base in Philadelphia in a double ring ceremony. She is the daughter of Mrs. Nelle Phillips of the Roanoke local accounting office.

## Waddell-Doss

Mary Waddell and Bobby Doss were united in marriage in Sparta, North Carolina, August 27. Mr. Doss is a junior draftsman in the Welch engineering office.

## Green-Mitchell

Lucy Ann Green and William H. Mitchell, Jr. were united in marriage at the First Baptist Church in Charleston on August 28. She is the daughter of William Webster, Charleston office janitor.

## Estep-Ball

Patsy Lynn Estep became the bride of Harold Ray Ball in ceremonies performed at First Church of the Nazarene in Huntington, September 3. She is employed in the Huntington commercial department and he is employed in the system billing office at Huntington.

## Johnson-Foresman

Ernestine Johnson and George E. Foresman were united in marriage, September 4 at the Bland Methodist Church. Mrs. Foresman is employed in the Bluefield division commercial department.

## Hill-Allinder

Mary Jo Hill became the bride of Lt. (jg) Joe A. Allinder, Jr., August 12 in Charleston. Mrs. Allinder is the daughter of Joe C. Hill, Roanoke system operating employee.

## Pugh-Frontino

Martha Ann Pugh and Larry J. Frontino were married at the Holy Family Church of Richwood August 7. Mr. Frontino is a Charleston commercial department employee.

## Wagner-Angelo

Sacred Heart Church in Williamson was the scene of the marriage September 4 of Barbara Ann Wagner and Bill Angelo. He is employed in the Charleston T&D station section.

## A. D. Clark's Daughter Heads School Group

Nicki Clark was elected president of the Junior-Senior Tri-Hi-Y at Pulaski High School. The 17-year-old senior is the daughter of A. D. Clark, Pulaski district superintendent. She is a member of the Spanish and Latin Clubs and treasurer of the Senior Girls' Club. An accomplished dancer, she plays the accordion and is an advanced piano student.



Nicki Clark

## Daughter Of Roanoker Is Girls State Officer

Janie Vaught recently served in several positions at the annual Girls State at V.P.I. She is the daughter of U. K. Vaught, system purchasing agent in Roanoke. In addition to being elected a delegate to the state convention which provides citizenship training for high school juniors, Janie was elected a member of her city council and was a member of the Girls State Glee Club. A senior this year, she has been on the Fleming High School honor roll and sings in the choir of Huntington Court Methodist Church.



Janie Vaught

## She Likes Baseball



Sometimes it really pays off to be a baseball fan. Take the case of Pauline Lanham, Charleston junior power billing clerk. She attended the closing game of the season for the Charleston Senators, September 11, and her name was the one pulled when a drawing for a fur stole was held. Pauline wears the prize above. Admiring it are, from the left: Mary Starcher and Katherine Daubenspeck, accounting, and Freda Shipley, commercial. The mink wrap, valued at \$1,000, was given by the ball club in cooperation with Steiger Furs.

## Accent On Style



Accent on modern style shows Joan Clayman, Kingsport cashier, modeling an ensemble from J. Fred Johnson & Company. Her outfit includes a black soft wool dress by Junior accent with brief cuff of French blue linen finishing with bracelet length sleeve. Ropes of gold links studded with pearls and matching bracelets accent modern fashion.

## Pie Too Neat To Eat So It Wins Contest

Did you hear about Emma Warren's pie? It won a prize because it was "too pretty to eat." All this came about as the result of the Williamson maid feeling sorry for the commercial department employees who manned a fair booth at Matewan. She baked them a beautiful apple pie which she sent them at the fair. The pie turned out to be one of those pies that are too pretty to eat so the boys entered it in the pie baking contest. Much to her surprise, as she knew nothing of this, the next morning the boys brought her a ribbon showing she had won second prize in the contest.

## Will Lead School Cheers

Joan Vannoy, daughter of Paul Vannoy, Logan district commercial manager, is sophomore cheerleader for Logan High School this year. Active in school affairs, Joan follows in her father's footsteps—he was a cheerleader at West Virginia University.



A son, STEPHEN DEFON, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Smith on August 24. Mr. Smith is a meter reader at Tazewell in the Bluefield district.

MR. AND MRS. R. L. SWAIN, JR., are the parents of a son, R. L., born August 21. Mrs. Swain was formerly a home economist at Christiansburg in the Pulaski district.

CAROLYN LEA is the daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Dalton on August 22. Mr. Dalton is employed at Pulaski.

Twin sons, KERRY DANIEL and GARY JOHN, were born August 29 to Mr. and Mrs. William Ehatt. Mrs. Ehatt is a former Welch accounting department employee.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Graham, a son, DAVID EARL. Mr. Graham is Bluefield division radio engineer.

WILLIAM AVERILL, JR., was born to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Chaffins. Mr. Chaffins is employed as merchandise order and billing clerk in Welch.

A daughter, DEBBIE ANN, was born August 25 to A/3 and Mrs. Jerry D. Akemon. Mrs. Akemon is a former employee of the Grundy accounting department in Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Litteral are the parents of a daughter, JACQUELINE RENEE, born August 6. Mr. Litteral is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Litteral of Switchback and Mrs. Litteral is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Carr of Pocahontas. Mr. and Mrs. Litteral are former employees of the Welch accounting department.

DANNY CARL is the new son born to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Young on August 14. Mr. Young is employed in the Charleston T&D line section.

BOBBY DAVID, JR., was born to Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Smith on August 21. Mr. Smith is employed in the Charleston T&D line section.

A daughter, PHYLLIS JEAN, was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Huffman on August 25. Mr. Huffman is employed in the Charleston T&D meter section.

ANN LESLIE is the new daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Whittington on August 23. Mr. Whittington is employed in the Charleston commercial department.

DORTHEA ALICIA is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Neal, born August 16. Mr. Neal is a janitor in the North Charleston service building.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Roush are the parents of a daughter, CATHY SUE, born August 4. Mr. Roush is a lineman in the Point Pleasant district.

DAVID CORNELL is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Fowler born September 14. Mr. Fowler is employed at Point Pleasant.

A son, MARK STANLEY, was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Miller on September 8. Mr. Miller is employed at Point Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Crawford are the parents of a son, RODNEY LYNN, born August 26. Mr. Crawford is employed in the electrical maintenance department of Cabin Creek plant.

ANNA LOU and BEVERLY SUE are the twin daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Henry, September 1. Mr. Henry is employed at the Kanawha River plant.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Peay are the parents of a daughter, JUNE ANN, born on September 9. Mr. Peay is employed at Kanawha River plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Titus are the parents of a son, ROBERT, born August 27. Mr. Titus is maintenance foreman at Philip Sporn plant.

SHARON YVONNE is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berl E. Wallace. Mr. Wallace is a member of the labor department at Philip Sporn plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack K. Butler are the parents of a daughter, JO ELLEN, born August 30. Mr. Butler is employed in the Huntington T & D line section.

DEBORAH LEIGH is the new daughter born September 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Garretson. Mrs. Garretson was formerly employed in the Huntington T & D records section.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Coffey are the parents of a son, PHILLIP ALLEN, born September 9. Mr. Coffey is employed in the Logan T & D line and station section.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McCoy are the parents of a son, C. C., Jr., born August 29. Mr. McCoy is a former Williamson accounting employee.

GARY MICHAEL is the new son born August 16 to Mr. and Mrs. James Preston, Jr. Mr. Preston is a meter reader in Williamson.

A daughter was born to MR. AND MRS. JUNIOR STANLEY on September 19. Mr. Stanley is employed in the Williamson T & D line and station section.

A son was born to MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL KOHARI on September 17. Mr. Kohari is employed in the Williamson transportation department.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Morrison are the parents of a daughter, JANE ELLEN, born September 13. Mr. Morrison is plant office supervisor at Logan plant.

A daughter, ELIZABETH ANN, was born August 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Worley, Jr. Mr. Worley is a Reusens hydro station employee in the Lynchburg district.

DAVID CORMAC, was born August 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. McCarthy, Jr. Mr. McCarthy is a Reusens hydro station employee in the Lynchburg district.

MARIE ANN is the daughter born September 3 to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hayzlett, Jr. Mr. Hayzlett is employed in the system station department.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fernatt are the parents of a daughter, PAMELA KAY. Mr. Fernatt is employed in the system station department.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Thomas are the parents of a son, RICHARD MANSON, born August 30. Mr. Thomas is employed in the system station department at Bluefield.

A son, KEVIN BRUCE, was born August 23 to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sutton, Jr. Mrs. Sutton is a former employee of the Ashland main accounting office.

MICHAEL KELSEY was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Kleykamp on August 21. Mr. Kleykamp is an employee in the Ashland main accounting office.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosco Blackburn are the parents of a daughter, WYNONA REGINA, born September 7. Mr. Blackburn is a Hazard line foreman.

ELIZABETH MAE was born September 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Curtis Anders. Mr. Anders is a Pikeville station foreman.

## Appa-Lassies Fight Polio

Logan Appa-Lassies recently made a \$25 contribution to the Emergency March of Dimes. Eleanor J. Winter, president, and Mary Elizabeth Davis, treasurer, presented the club's check to Howard J. Collins, chairman of the Logan County Chapter of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis and district personnel supervisor.

## They're Engaged

JOE ANN MAY to E. T. Jones, Jr. Mr. Jones is a Roanoke local accounting office employee.

IRIS SYKES to Neel Rich. Miss Sykes is employed in the Bluefield district commercial department and Mr. Rich is the son of M. E. Rich, Bluefield records supervisor.

RUTH SACHERS to Ernest Ballou. Miss Sachers is employed in the system personnel office, Roanoke.



### Charleston Bowlers Roll In New Season



Officers and team captains for the coming season in Charleston district's Kilowatt Bowling League appear in this layout heralding the new sports season. Beginning September 10, the league has 36 Friday night sessions. Front from left are: Roberta "Boots" Sisson, secretary-treasurer of the league; Wallace Mason, chairman, and Carl Murray, member of the governing board. Team captains are: (1) L. O. McKinney, Pulverizers. (2) Ronald Givens, Eyeballers. (3) Joe Campolio, Turner. (4) W. R. Witzel, Personnel. (5) W. C. McMahan, Comangers. (6) J. R. McGinnis, Engineers. (7) Jack Walters, Divisioners. (8) Bill Salmons, Pinheads. (9) B. C. Martin, Five Kavees. (10) Herman Summers, Reddywatts. Walters and Martin also are members of the governing board.

### Beckley Sportsman To Coach Basketball

It's a long way from electric appliances to basketball courts, but one man has made the jump.



Mr. McGinnis

D. E. McGinnis, Beckley district appliance serviceman, has recently been appointed head basketball coach at Beckley College for the coming season. D. K. Shroyer, vice president of the college, in making the announcement said that Mr. McGinnis was well-known in the area for his sports activities.

He started his basketball career with Woodrow Wilson High School in 1941 and when he entered service in 1942 he played the court game and other sports with first the Air Force Technical School and later the 303rd Bomb Group touring England.

When he returned from service he played basketball and softball two years for Beckley College and is a pitcher on Beckley district's softball team. He joined the company as a groundman in 1950 and in June of this year was promoted to appliance serviceman.

### Beckley Keglers Begin New Season



Ready to lead their teams through the new bowling season are these Beckley district captains. They are, front row from the left: Eugene O'Neal, Termites; Joe Cox, Honey Dippers; and Paul Pauley, Guys and Dolls. Back row, from the left: Regina Slayton, Orange Cruisers; Helen Troutman, Reddy Flashes; and Elizabeth Scott, Stoges. Emma Jean Wilson, captain of the Dynamos, and Elizabeth Hancock, captain of the Klobber Klubbers, are not pictured. About 54 persons opened the season September 13 after W. E. Zopp was elected chairman and Mrs. Parthenia Winner named secretary of the loop.

### Williamson Bowlers Name Officers For New Season

Williamson employees elected officers recently for their 1954-55 bowling season. Season opened September 23.

M. A. Cole was named president while J. E. Runyon is vice president. Betty Roach is treasurer and Frances Keadle is serving as secretary of the loop.

### Pikeville Employees Hold Picnic



Lib Stayton, left foreground, streaks ahead to win the sack race at Pikeville district's annual picnic. Mrs. Stayton's husband, Charles, is an accounting department employee. Employees and families played games and feasted at the all-day picnic at Dewey Lake. John Rasnick, Clifford Boyd and Claude Justice handled food arrangements, while Leon Huffman, Ernie Brashear, Bill Zoellers and Jess Collier were in charge of games and contests. H. R. Flanagan, R. H. Flynn, Oscar Hamilton and Rodman Crutchfield took children for rides in boats, and Mrs. Dorothy Cardinal and Mrs. Guialene Smith entertained them with games. The afternoon featured horseshoe competition.

### O. W. Dabney Expert In Shooting Pistol

O. W. Dabney, Jr., is making quite a name for himself among pistolmen in the Charleston area.



Capt. Dabney

The son of Oscar W. Dabney, Charleston right-of-way agent, Mr. Dabney is a captain in the Army Reserves. He has competed often in pistol matches and recently was one of 600 participants in the 69th renewal of the National Pistol matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. Civilian and military shooters from all 48 states and United States territorial possessions competed and Captain Dabney placed above 300 other men in the match.

This qualifies him as an expert and as an army instructor in the use of the pistol. In the Army Commanders small arms match at Fort Meade in May he placed second and in August placed eighth in the .22 caliber state-wide open competition at South Charleston.

### Ronald Hurt Top Kentucky Rifleman



Top shot in Kentucky is Ronald Hurt, 14-year-old son of Vernon Hurt, Hazard substation employee. Ronald, shown practicing above, won the honor at a state conservation rifle meet in Frankfort recently after successful participation in school, county, district and regional meets. He won those with 150 out of 200 score, identical to his winning mark in the state. He shot from standing, kneeling, sitting and prone positions in the state competition. Ronald is a junior in high school, secretary of Junior Conservation and a blue ribbon winner in 4-H team demonstration.

### Roanoke Women Tops In Bowling League

Roanoke girls' bowling team has gotten the jump on the rest of the league and are currently riding on top with an 8-1 record.

Adrene Harmon, system accounting, captains the team. Other bowlers are Elizabeth Bosang, executive; Jeannette Kidd, system safety; Jean Cassell, commercial; and Jane Roberts and Margaret Carter, system accounting.

Jeannette Kidd is high bowler in the loop with an 111 average. Jane Roberts is serving as league secretary this year.

### For Future Fishing



First shipment of fish, 100 bass, from the Federal Hatcheries was added to the Sleepy Hollow Sportsmen Club lake recently. Jack Frey and Bethel Vance, club officials, are shown dumping the fish into the water. Members of the club are Philip Sporn plant employees and the lake is situated near the plant. Second shipment of fish, 1,000 blue gills, will be added later. The lake has been fertilized several times and club members have added bass they have caught at other sites.

### Bluefield Golfer Cards 165-Yard Hole In One

A golfer's dream of a hole in one was realized by Robert A. Sheffey, Jr., on September 11, when his six iron tee shot went into number three hole at Mercer County Country Club. The Bluefield division engineering department employee was playing with John Oxley, also of Bluefield, when the 165-yard shot went in the hole surrounded on three sides by water and



Mr. Sheffey

bounded by a highway.

The ace helped him card a 77 for 18 holes. His was the sixth hole in one made on the course. An ardent sportsman, he was a member of the Bluefield softball team.

### Dorton Brothers Are Winners

Tom Dorton and his brother, Billy, won racing events at the recent Church Hill Fair. Both are sons of Thomas C. Dorton, Jr., Kingsport lineman. Tom and his pony won the half-mile pony race and Billy took Jenny race honors.

### Sporn Leaguers



Active in New Haven Little Leaguers are these youngsters of Sporn plant employees and Keith Arnold, coach of the Lions Club team which finished third in a recent tournament. Front row, from left: Eddie Stein, Jr., son of Edwin Stein, maintenance foreman, and Dick Tennant, son of Clarence Tennant, shift operating engineer. Second row: Jerry Arnold stands beside his father, Keith, who is second assistant shift operating engineer.

### Employees Successful On Recent Fishing Trips

Two employees in Charleston made unusual catches on recent fishing trips.

C. K. Thigpen, coal procurement agent in Charleston for AGE Service Corporation, reeled in seven pike on a Canadian fishing expedition, the heaviest one weighing in at 15 pounds.

And Golda Johnson, Charleston district accounting department, caught a 12-pound barracuda in Florida. The fish was the first she had ever caught.

### Roanokers Open Season; Officials And Captains Named

Eight teams opened the 1954-55 bowling season in Roanoke recently after captains and league officials had been elected.

C. R. Paxton, division engineering, was named president and D. W. Ayers is vice president. Other officers are M. G. Covey, meter department, secretary-treasurer, and I. B. Peters, district personnel, official scorer.

Going into the last week of September system accounting team led the loop with a 5-1 record, while in second place were the system and local office teams. System team is made up of members of the system operating, T&D and public relations departments.

Billy Mills, meter, leads the league in practically every bowling department. He has high average, high single game and high three-game set. Substation team holds team high three-game set and local office squad has team high single.

### New Officers Steer Sporn Bowlers



Twelve teams opened the 1954 bowling season at Philip Sporn plant September 8. The team members chose their officers before rolling the opener, naming from the left above: Harry Davis, vice president; James Bennett and Charles Evans, co-secretaries; and Bob Gilmore, president. Karl Wiles was elected treasurer. Directors are Clayton A. Athey, Ralph Gibbs, Jr., Buck Tennant, Howard Rader and Rome Williamson. Teams are Emmert's Shift, Carroll's Shift, Grimes' Shift, Tennant's Shift, Maintenance No. 1, Maintenance No. 2, Maintenance No. 3, Labor, Temporary Labor, Results, Office, and Filter Plant and Laboratory.



### Hansbarger Named Drive Chairman

Julian C. Hansbarger has been appointed co-chairman of the first annual United Fund campaign in Huntington November 11-25.



Mr. Hansbarger

Mr. Hansbarger, assistant manager of the Huntington division, will be in charge of the Trail Blazer division, which includes corporate, executive and professional participation in the drive.

Born at Peterstown, he was educated in West Virginia schools and is a graduate of West Virginia University and the Eastman School of Business. Employed by Appalachian for the past 17 years, he was district superintendent and assistant district manager at Welch and district manager at Logan before coming to Huntington in 1953.

He served in the West Virginia Legislature for five consecutive terms. He is a member of Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, a Mason, Shriner and a member of the Huntington Rotary Club, Guyan Golf and Country Club and the Guyandot Club. He is married and has two children.

### Sporn Man President Of Recreation Group

Paul T. Schneider, assistant plant manager at Philip Sporn plant, has been elected president of the New Haven Recreation Foundation.

An active member in the organization since its beginning, Mr. Schneider was chairman of the board last year. The foundation was formed to purchase and reconition a recreation building for use of various organizations as a recreation spot for children. Skating and basketball have been made available and a swimming pool will be opened in the near future.



Mr. Schneider

Mr. Schneider came with the company as a draftsman at Philo plant in April, 1936. He later transferred to Windsor plant as a test engineer and came to Sporn as supervisor of operations in May, 1949.

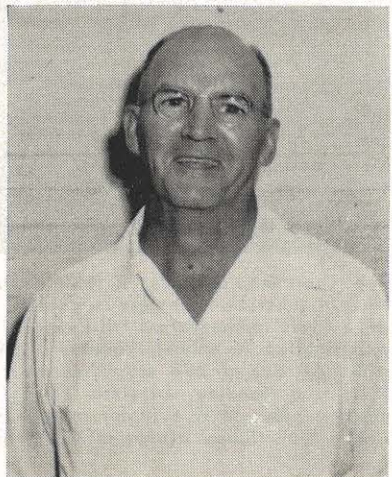
He is vice president of the New Haven Rotary Club and member of the Band Boosters and White Falcon Boosters. He is married and has one son.

### Claytor Employees Form Defense Group



Pulaski County Civil Defense effort got a big boost recently when seven Claytor hydro plant employees formed a Ground Observer Post. Shown above are from the left: Garland Covey, electrician; Irvin Akers, assistant operator; F. E. Rouse, Jr., operator; Sgt. H. A. Langevin, U. S. Air Force; Kenneth Phillips, operator; A. D. Thornton, plant maintenance man; and Lee Nance, assistant operator. F. E. Rotenberry, plant superintendent, is also in the group. Sgt. Langevin of the Roanoke Air Defense Center has been training the men.

### Cabin Creek Man Holds Meetings As Parting Gesture



Mr. Williams

R. E. Williams retired recently. As a parting salute to the company and its employees, he conducted the weekly safety meeting, during September, of Cabin Creek plant's operating department.

Mr. Williams, shift supervisor at the plant, completed over 40 years' service when he retired, 38 of them as a shift worker. He said that he conducted the meetings during September so that he might leave something of benefit to each employee.

Fellow employees honored Mr. Williams at a Ruffner Hotel dinner in Charleston, September 23. He was presented a pipe and lighter and a testimonial letter by associates.

Mr. Williams came to the Virginian Power Company to aid in the construction of Cabin Creek plant in 1912 and in 1915 joined the production department. He became a laborer and then a shift supervisor. He has served under seven different plant managers during his service span.

Mr. Williams joins a brother, L. A. Williams, in retirement and has another brother, F. M., and two sons, Max G. and R. H., still working for the company at Cabin Creek.

In commenting on his service career, Mr. Williams said he considered the company as being extremely fair to its employees, and that he thought the company provided good working conditions and an excellent benefit program so that security is possible during retirement. He also pointed out that there were no safety rules during his early life at the plant and considers the weekly safety meetings as being extremely important because they give all employees an opportunity to exchange ideas and make suggestions.

Mr. Williams and his wife plan to do some traveling, gardening and continue their activity in church and civic affairs.

### Unusual Survey Is Made In Charleston

A most unusual employee survey was recently completed in the Charleston district. Using only one source of information, the following facts about employees were discovered:

First, they like to hunt. The district has Wolfe, Buck and Badger as well as Bull and a Brendel. Hill, Mountse and Woods provide the location near the Mason and Dixon line.

Second, they are indifferent to most weather but like Frost and Raines.

Third, they have many hobbies, such as Cook, Baker or Weaver and some can Shell or Hull.

Fourth, they range in age from Young to Older. Naturally, the Older employee is retired.

Fifth, they are good mathematicians and are familiar with Talley and Counts.

Sixth, they watch television and have seen Abbott and Costello a lot.

Seventh, they are real fishermen and boast having Salmons, Sturgeon, Gills and Fisher.

Eighth, they are getting paid on the basis of the payroll . . . the one source of information for this survey.

### Bullseye



Bert Carter, shown above at his specialty, was recently chosen one of five outstanding campers during a two-week camping trip sponsored by the Kingsport Civitan Club. He competed with 200 boys for the honor. He is the son of J. V. Carter, a Kingsport lineman who was killed in April, 1952. Bert was outstanding in all sports and especially archery.

### W. H. Stricklen And W. O. Sallaz Assume Line Foremen Duties



Mr. Sallaz

Mr. Stricklen

Two Point Pleasant employees were recently promoted. W. O. Sallaz and W. H. Stricklen, both working foremen, have moved up to line foremen.

A native of West Virginia, Mr. Sallaz has been associated with the company 21 years, the entire time in the T&D department. He has served as lineman, troubleman, district serviceman and working foreman.

He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Rotary Club and United Brethren Church in Ripley, where he lives with his wife and two children.

Mr. Stricklen is a Kanawha County native and was first employed in Charleston as a laborer in 1946. He has also served as lineman and working foreman and was transferred to Point Pleasant when the district was formed in 1949.

A resident of Point Pleasant, Mr. Stricklen is married and has one child. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

### Appalachian And Kentucky Articles In August 'Monthly Operating Notes'

Five articles from Appalachian and Kentucky appeared in the August issue of AGE's *Monthly Operating Notes*.

A. E. Kirk, Ashland district appliance service man, contributed "Speedy, Effective Cleaning of Serviced Equipment," telling of an improvised electrically heated detergent tank used to clean counter-line cooking equipment and air filters.

A. L. Smith, Philip Sporn plant maintenance supervisor, was the author of "Marking Hoisting Rig To Speed Handling," describing the use of markings on the hoisting rig to determine whether the rig is in the same position with relation to the load each time it is handled.

"Protecting Hydrometers In Transit" was the title of an article by Harvey Martin, station man A at Switchback in the Welch district. The story described a carrying case for hydrometers.

Two men from Fieldale, A. B. Beheler, appliance serviceman A, and J. T. Wilson, helper, wrote "Storing 'Wrap-Around' Heaters in Service Trucks" in which they tell of a storing device they designed for service trucks. In this storage space they carry all sizes of Calrod "wrap-around" units.

W. J. Buchanan, Jr., Kanawha River plant maintenance supervisor, contributed "Removal of Slag Blowers In Emergencies." His contribution is a device for removing slag blowers from furnaces during emergency conditions.

### Jack Lloyd Re-Named Chamber President

For the first time in the history of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, the president has been elected to serve a second consecutive term.



Mr. Lloyd

The honor was recently bestowed on Jack Lloyd, Montgomery area supervisor in the Charleston district. He has been a member for six years and served on the board of directors for four years prior to his 1953 election to the presidency.

He is also a past president of the Golden Bear Club, a member of the Montgomery Lions Club and on the board of directors of the Upper Kanawha Valley Development Association. Mr. Lloyd joined the company in 1940 and has been area supervisor since 1949.

### M. L. Good Earns Music Master's At Northwestern

Melvin L. Good recently received his master of music degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. He is the son of A. J. Good, Roanoke district service department.

Mr. Good is a graduate of Andrew Lewis High School and received his bachelor of music education degree from Shenandoah Conservatory. At present he expects to begin an Army tour and then plans to resume studies at Northwestern.

### Cohn And Lane Assume High Offices In AGE

H. B. Cohn, chief counsel, has been elected a vice president of the AGE Service Corporation.

Mr. Cohn and F. A. Lane, deputy chief engineer, have been elected directors.



Mr. Kirk

Mr. Smith



Mr. Martin

Mr. Buchanan



Mr. Beheler

Mr. Wilson

### Kingsport Youth Shows Well In Bicycle Events

Bicycle safety was the theme as the Boys Club of Kingsport held a bicycle day recently.

Don Russell, 16-year-old son of F. S. Russell, Kingsport line foreman, was in the middle of activities, winning first place in a speed race and fourth in a slow race. He was disqualified in the obstacle course event, because, as he put it, "It was just too much for me." He won over 14 others in the speed race. Altogether several hundred boys took part in the safety event.

### Hair Trimmers



Sure way to beat the heat and barber's bills is to cut your own hair, or swap haircuts with others. That's what these Bluefield district employees have done. In the top picture, Bill Riley, commercial sales representative, cuts Bill Kidd's hair. Bill is district superintendent. In the lower photograph, Iris Sykes, junior clerk, gives Katherine Milam's hair a trim. Bill Riley learned the art while in the Army out west, and Bill Kidd grew up in a big family and has been cutting hair all his life. Iris began cutting her own hair, and then got in some practice on others in a YWCA summer camp. Now she does quite a bit of hair-cutting in the Bluefield office. All three take care of their families' and neighbors' hair.