

'55 May Be Nation's Best Economic Year, Sporn Forecasts At Managers' Meeting

"The recent business upturn will continue into 1955 and next year may well be the best economic year in the history of the country."

That was the forecast made November 9 by Philip Sporn, president of AGE and our companies, in his keynote address at AGE's Seventh Annual Managers' Meeting in Fort Wayne, Indiana. His address opened the three-day meeting attended by 235 managers and department heads of the AGE System.

Stresses Two Goals

In his review of every phase of the system's business, he stressed two goals: greater operating efficiencies and ways to get more new business. These were the main topics for discussion for the entire meeting.

He pointed out that we are experiencing a period of self-analysis

when efforts should be directed toward tightening practices and improving operating and selling techniques.

In looking ahead at the economy of the nation, Mr. Sporn said: "We can expect that the basic conditions of 1954—no war, no depression, no boom—will hold in 1955, but that the industrial upturn which started about two months ago will continue, and that 1955 may very well prove to be the best economic year in the history of the country."

Basis For Forecast

"I say this because we have these fundamentals with us—a continued dynamic population growth and a great many wants to be taken care of: more schools, hospitals, housing, television, food, clothing, and the tradition of a rising standard of living which I think will be reinforced with-

in the coming year."

He also foresaw: a continuation of the 1954 level of national defense expenditures, an increase in state and local spending, little change in the amount of expenditure for new plants and equipment, high industrial production and higher employment, bringing higher personal income and consumer spending.

"All of this," Mr. Sporn said, "should give us an increase in system peak of 250,000 kw and, assuming we have this, not less than 3,500,000 kw in 1955, 3,750,000 in 1956 and approximately 4,000,000 kw in 1957."

Above National Average

In highlighting the system's accomplishments in 1954, Mr. Sporn discussed the system's continuing rise
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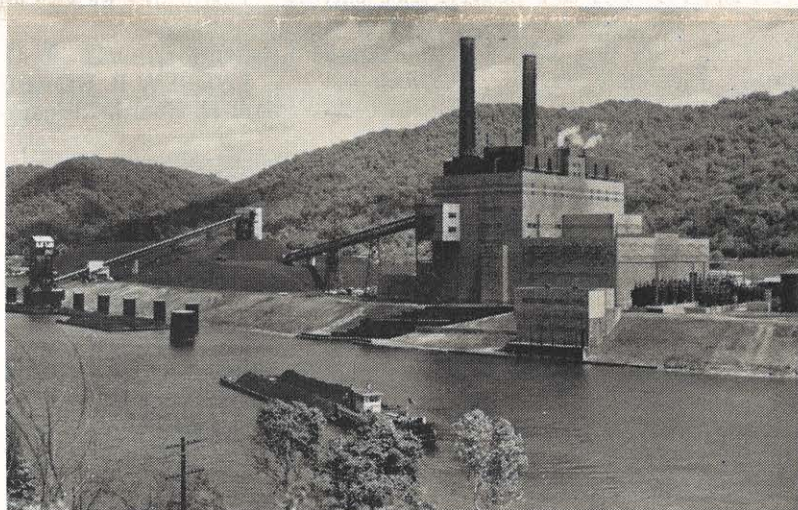
The Real Reason For Christmas



Luke 11:8-14. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Appalachian's Newest

Kanawha River Top Plant In Nation For Efficient Operation During 1953



Most efficient steam-electric generating plant in the nation in 1953 was Appalachian's Kanawha River Plant, shown here from across the river. The two-unit plant, having a capability of 430,000 kw, was completed in 1952.

Appalachian's Kanawha River plant was the nation's most efficient steam-electric generating station in 1953. The announcement was made after the release of the annual report of the Federal Power Commission.

Located at Glasgow about 20 miles upstream from Charleston, Appalachian's newest plant has a capability of 430,000 kilowatts. The two-unit plant was completed in 1952.

The FPC report, which lists plant production costs and annual production expenses, rates the plants according to their heat rates—British thermal units per kilowatthour of net generation. Kanawha's rating was 9,170 BTU.

AGE Plants Lead

The AGE System also boasts the second most efficient plant in the nation in 1953 with Tanners Creek plant of I&M. Tanners Creek's rating was 9,329 BTU.

In addition, another plant in the AGE System was rated seventh. Philip Sporn plant, jointly owned by Appalachian and Ohio Power, had a 9,594 BTU heat rate.

According to past FPC reports, the AGE System has had the nation's most efficient plant every year since 1950. Sporn plant had the lowest heat rate in 1950 and Tanners Creek plant was first in 1951 and 1952.

'Trick Or Treaters' Help Needy Family

A Halloween "trick or treat" idea proved more than successful for the Charles Jacksons.

The Kanawha Valley Power Company maintenance mechanic and his wife devised a card idea for the Calvary Baptist Church ninth grade Sunday School class that helped a needy family on the holiday. When a member of the class rang a door bell that night he would present a card that read "We think the neatest trick would be to treat a needy family. Give what food you can spare . . ."

People who answered their doorbells found they could spare a lot for the trick or treaters. They gave a bushel basket, burlap sack and numerous boxes of food for the needy family.



Managers' Meeting in the Van Orman Hotel finds these executives in an informal conference. From the left: J. E. Wright, vice president and general manager of Kingsport Utilities; G. L. Furr, vice president and general

manager of Appalachian; H. E. Turner, AGE executive vice president; Philip Sporn, AGE president; M. C. Funk, Appalachian vice president, and R. E. Hodges, assistant general manager of Appalachian.

Ralph Hale Honored As 'Top Scholar'

Ralph Webster Hale has been selected "Top Scholar of the Year" at the University of Illinois from a student body of over 23,000.



Ralph Hale

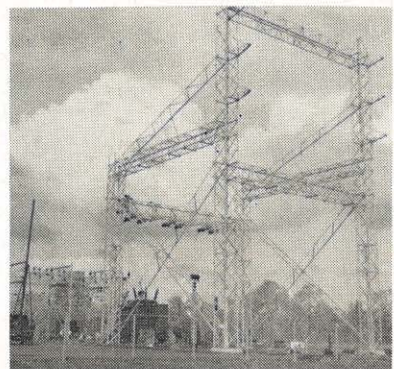
He is the son of Ralph Hale, Pineville area sales representative in the Welch district. Ralph held an "A" average his freshman year at the college and was presented a scholarship cup by the president of the Men's Independent Association at a special "Dad's Day Revue" held on the campus recently. The sophomore was one of two students to receive the award, which covers work from the last semester of the 1953-54 session.

Appalachian System Hits New Peak

A big moment in Appalachian system history came November 24 at 11 a. m. when a new peak load of 1,233,000 kw was set. Highest peak for Appalachian in 1953, 1,207,000 kw, was also on November 24.

The new peak came almost a month to the day after AGE became the first non-metropolitan utility to pass the three million kw mark on October 18. Since then AGE has set a newer peak, this one 3,198,000 on November 22. The Appalachian share of the AGE peak was 1,196,000 kw.

Kingsport Station Work Started On Glen Lyn Unit



This is the new West Kingsport 132/33 kv substation which is being built along with extensive construction on other Kingsport stations. The 132,000-volt structure is in the foreground.

Work got underway late last month on the new 225,000 kilowatt unit at Appalachian's Glen Lyn plant. Sollitt Construction Company of South Bend, Indiana, has been named general contractor for construction.

Excavating for the \$26,400,000 unit is the first step in a construction job expected to take about two years. Upon completion, this unit—largest to date in the AGE system—will more than double Glen Lyn's generating capability, raising it to 395,000 kw. Contracts have been awarded for the major equipment. General Electric Company will furnish the turbo-generator and Babcock & Wilcox Company will supply the boilers.

R. H. Lawson has been named Appalachian resident engineer and C. C. Stanley is office manager during the construction period.

Two Gallons Each

Merrill R. Atkinson, Logan district, and Walter C. Blankenship, Logan Plant, proudly show each other proof that each of them has now given two gallons of blood to the Red Cross blood program. They became the first men in Logan County to reach the two-gallon mark when the Bloodmobile visited the area November 10.

Major construction is underway in Kingsport, including a new transmission station and line, new facilities at Holston station and conversion of Lovedale station from 22 to 33 kv. Work on the new West Kingsport 132/33 kv station is nearing completion. The super-structure has been erected with the bus work completed on the 33 kv structure. The 30,000 kva transformer is installed and the automatic control house and facilities are over half completed. The 2½-mile transmission line is under construction.

At the Lovedale distribution station, the old transformer banks along with foundation, bus and cable installation have been removed. Two openings in the south wall will permit the installation of three 7,500 kva 33/12 kv transformers. One will be used as a spare.

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A Christmas Legend

ONCE UPON a time many years ago, in a land far—far away, there were three little children. They could not play like other little boys and girls because each had to help the other.

One could not see, one was too lame to run while the third was mute, not a word could he say. But as they sat in their circle on a rough earthen floor, the little mute child pointed at the window. There was a star nearby—glowing with mysterious force. The crippled child told the blind youngster of the wonderful light shining in the heavens.

In silent agreement they rose as one, each helping the other, to follow the path of this wonderful light. Despite their troubles as the mute and the blind child led the lame one, slowly—so slowly—they went on their way. Never once did they think of turning back as they made their way over the dark and craggy hills, lit only by the glow of the beckoning star.

Finally, they came to the place where a Child lay, with eyes closed in sleep. They edged closer for a peep at the Child.

First was the lame child who had been helped on his way; he told the blind one how lovely was this Baby lying in a manger. The mute, gazing at the Child so wondrously fair, let out a sigh of worship that told the blind youth even more.

And suddenly, the Child awakened and smiled. He seemed to know and to have heard their glad prayers.

As the light came softly through to the Child's bed, the lame child stood upright once more. The boy who was mute started sweetly to sing. The child who was blind looked with joy on the King.

One Solitary Life

HERE IS a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

While still a young man the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies.

He went through a mockery of trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

—Attributed to Phillips Brooks

Your Opinion

Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

RUTH BARNES, 11, Daughter Of Frank Barnes, Line Inspector, Welch District



We give gifts at Christmas to show our appreciation for the many things others have done for us. We also give them because when Christ was born on Christmas the wise men brought gifts to him. I think that most people give gifts so they can get the joy out of giving, but some people give them just so they can get gifts in return. We should all try to keep this from being one of our reasons for giving.

VICKY LYON, 10, Daughter Of J. A. Lyon, Wage And Salary Administration Supervisor, System



We give gifts at Christmas because Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ in a manger in the town of Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago.

The Wise Men from the East heard of the Christ child's birth. The Wise Men came bearing gifts of gold.

That is why we give gifts at Christmas.

ANDREW R. HOARD, 10, Son Of William H. Hoard, Kingsport Janitor



I think we give presents at Christmas because when Christ was born a long time ago, on a day which has been set aside for Christmas, people all over the world have been giving presents but not with the same meaning. I think we should give to some needy person with love in our hearts and not expect a present in return. Christ was given presents because his parents were poor and he was to be our King and everyone worshiped him.

NORA FRANCES ESTEP, 9, Daughter Of James Estep, Mechanical Maintenance Helper, Cabin Creek Plant



We celebrate Christmas because Jesus, was born on Christmas Day. The best gifts that was given was Jesus. When Jesus was born the three wise men brought him gifts. The Shepherd brought him gifts too. We give gifts at Christmas because we love one another.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that not all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have ever affected the life of a man upon this earth as powerfully as has this one solitary LIFE.



JACKE PECK, 11, Son of J. M. Peck, Jr., Area Sales Representative, Roanoke District



When Christ was born the shepherds saw the bright star in the east and were astonished by it. They followed it to the stable in Bethlehem where Christ laid in the manger. The Three Wise Men brought him precious gifts.

We give gifts today because we think of the Three Wise Men giving the gifts of love to Christ.

CAROLE CLAY BARBER, 9, Daughter Of A. R. Barber, District Manager, Hazard District



Christmas is a happy time of year. It is the birthday of Jesus. When Jesus was born the wise men brought gifts to him because they loved him. Today we give gifts to our friends because we love them. When I see the windows full of gifts and hear the Christmas Carol's I feel very happy in my heart. And when I see children that don't get to have Christmas I feel sad, and I feel as if I want to help them in some way. When I open my presents on Christmas morning I feel as if Jesus were here. It is nice to give gifts and it is nice to receive gifts but the way you feel in your heart is what counts.

JOAN BASHAM, 11, Daughter Of J. Howard Basham, Assistant Credit Supervisor, Charleston District



A lot of people don't think of the real meaning of giving gifts at Christmas. As we all know, the greatest gift to the world was Jesus. The next gifts were those the wise men brought to the baby, Jesus.

Some people are selfish and just give gifts so that they might receive. Some think they have to. Then some people give gifts and think of the true meaning of giving gifts which is with love for one another and most of all in remembrance of the greatest gift of the world—Jesus Christ.

THOMAS HANLEY, 9, Son Of T. J. Hanley, Meter Department, Logan District



We give gifts at Xmas because Long ago when Jesus was born, some Wise men came and gave gifts to him.

Now today we celebrate his birth and call it Xmas. We give gifts to celebrate Xmas too. If Jesus was not born on Xmas we would still give gifts to people because we like, or love them. That's why We give gifts at Xmas.

MICHAEL TAYLOR, 11, Son of John W. Taylor, Junior Maintenance Man, Philip Sporn Plant



This question is often thought over, but is it one answer? Do we give gifts to show our love for one another, or just so they will send us a gift, next year. Do we think of Christmas as Jesus's birthday, or as a day of opening gifts, just to see what we received, do we give these gifts having a thought of love for whom ever we our sending them to? do we give these gifts for the same reason the wise men gave gifts to Jesus? To show love, respect for God, the creator of the world, the maker of all men. when we give gifts to one another, we must try to remember it's not the gift that counts it's the way you give it.

CHARLES EDWARD JOHNSON, 8, Son Of H. P. Johnson, Glen Lyn Plant Shift Supervisor



The meaning of Christmas is Christ. Christ is love and that is why we want to give gifts at Christmas. Nearly two thousand years ago the wise men traveled to Bethlehem seeking Jesus and when they found Him they presented gifts of love.

Christmas is a joyful happy time when families come together for reunions and find gifts of love for each one. Christmas time causes people around the world to give gifts to the poor and needy.

Harreld Transfers To OVEC Plant As Abolin And Balliet Move Up

With the transfer of J. B. Harreld to Kyger Creek plant of OVEC, two Kanawha River plant men were moved up. Mr. Harreld, assistant plant manager, is going to the million-kw plant in the same capacity.

Succeeding him as assistant plant manager at Kanawha is T. W. Abolin, operations supervisor. N. D. Balliet, plant engineer, was promoted to operations supervisor.

Mr. Harreld went to work in 1935 with Indiana Public Service Company at Marion in the engineering department. After that company became I&M, he was fireman in the Elwood plant. He later served as junior heating engineer, assistant plant superintendent and plant superintendent at the Muncie plant.

He was superintendent of system operations for I&M at Marion before going to Twin Branch plant at South Bend in the incremental study group. He went to Sporn plant in April of 1949 as plant engineer and became supervisor of operations in 1950. He transferred to Kanawha in June of 1952 as assistant plant manager.

A native of Indiana and a graduate of Purdue University, Mr. Harreld is married and has one son.

Mr. Abolin, who is moving up to assistant plant manager at Kanawha, also has a background of service with I&M. A graduate of Purdue, he was employed as an electrician and engineer by I&M in 1940. He served three years as an officer in the Navy, returning to I&M in 1946.

He transferred to Logan plant in January of 1948 as results engineer, later becoming supervising engineer. He transferred to Kanawha River plant as operations supervisor in October of 1952. A native of New Jersey, he is married and has three



Mr. Harreld



Mr. Abolin

Mr. Balliet

daughters and a son.

Mr. Balliet, who succeeds Mr. Abolin as operations supervisor, was employed by AGE in 1947 and worked at Windsor plant of Beech Bottom Power Company as test engineer, at Logan plant as results engineer and at Kanawha River plant as assistant results engineer. He was promoted to plant engineer in February of 1954.

A native of New Jersey, he graduated from Rutgers and did post graduate work at Purdue. He is married and has one daughter.

Roanoke Parties To Offer Much Variety

Hotel Roanoke is the location of the Roanoke Christmas party for employees and their guests. A variety program leads off the party at 8 p. m. on December 17 in the ballroom and adjoining parlors. Bingo follows.

Dancing will be to the music of Price Hurst and his orchestra, featuring Norma Jean Fields, vocalist, who is a Roanoke district cashier.

Two parties for employees' children will be held in the company auditorium December 21. Christmas stockings filled with fruit, candy and nuts will be passed out by Santa. There also will be a Christmas movie and group singing.

Christmas party for Negro employees will be held at the Hotel Dumas Saturday night, December 18. A buffet dinner will be followed by dancing.

Eyes Checked For Safety's Sake



Bad eyesight threatens the safety of the employee and his fellow workers. For that reason R. C. Anders, Pikeville substation foreman, has his eyes checked by Gene Hale, district personnel supervisor. He was one of 89 Pikeville district employees to have their eyes examined by the Keystone Teletinocular machine which determines if professional advice is needed for defective vision. The machine, used in the driver training program in 1948, was used on all employees who drive automotive equipment or who are assigned jobs which require normal vision for safety. Of the 89 examined, 28 had defective vision to some degree while 11 learned their vision was defective to the extent that their safety was threatened.

TV Program Helps Jaycees Get Out The Vote



Lending a hand to the Roanoke Jaycees in helping to get out the vote in the November 2 elections was Prince Thornton, public relations department. He is shown presenting the flannelboard "Power of Your Vote" talk. The 30-minute telecast was made by WSLV-TV as a public service. Prince's efforts helped establish a Roanoke record for voter turnout in an off-year election. In addition to giving this presentation to Roanoke division employees as part of the recent Employee Information Program, Prince is well known for his talks on "The Magic of Electricity" and "Americans On Guard." The latter talk he has given on television under the sponsorship of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Conservation and Development.

John Griffie Wins Funk Award For 4-H Club Work

John W. Griffie, Charleston district area sales representative, is the 1954 winner of the M. C. Funk Award for West Virginia. This award, named for vice president Funk, is made annually in the two states to the area sales representative whose territory has a state winner in the 4-H Club Farm and Home Electric Project.

Mr. Griffie

The award entitled John to

an all-expense paid trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, November 26-December 3. The state winner was Paul C. Davis of South Charleston, now a freshman at West Virginia University where he plans to major in electrical engineering. Paul's father, Bradford Davis, was the winner of the state 4-H Alumni Award.

Kanawha County was the winner of the 4-H program for its extensive county program conducted by 4-H club agents in cooperation with Appalachian representatives. Company representatives conducted 45 workshop classes in electrical projects for club members.

Santa To Visit Welch On December 17

Santa puts in his first appearance in the Welch district at the party on December 17 for Welch area employees and their guests. This party features a dinner and square dance.

Dinners for the other offices and parties for all the children will be held early the next week. Plans call for them between December 21-23.

E. P. Owens Named Head Of Improvement Group

Earl P. Owens, Pulaski assistant local office manager, has been elected president of the Shiloh Community Improvement Club.

He is a member of the Ruritan Club and a deacon and trustee of the Christian Church. He lives on a farm near Shiloh.

Mr. Owens

Bluefielders Plan For Dinner And Dancing

Bluefield district's Christmas party will be held at the West Virginian Hotel on December 17. A buffet dinner will be followed by a visit from Santa.

Dancing starts about 9:30 p. m. Carol Shockey, district personnel supervisor, is general chairman.

Elected Officers In Fieldale AEP Club



New officers of the Fieldale AEP Club are shown above. From the left: Hurd Mason, stores department, president; Gladys Walker, PBX operator, secretary, and Harold Martin, clerk in the engineering section, treasurer. Absent at the time was Lewis Ingram, meter department, who is the new vice president.

'55 May Be Nation's Best Economic Year, Sporn Forecasts



LEFT: Some Appalachian managers enjoy a coffee break at the AGE meeting in Fort Wayne. From the left: S. R. Pritchard, Huntington; J. P. Gills, Bluefield; Bruce Cox, Fieldale, and C. C. Darrah, Williamson. RIGHT: Talking



over some points made in the meetings are these Kentucky Power representatives. From the left: R. P. Thomas, Ashland; F. M. Baker, Pikeville, and Herbert Kincaid, Ashland.

above the national average in residential usage of electricity and the addition of 430,000 kilowatts of new generating capacity to the system.

"We are continuing to pull ahead of the national average in residential usage," Mr. Sporn said, "and, by the end of the year, we ought to be up to or slightly ahead of 2,750 kilowatt-hours per year per average residential customer and will probably be some 200 kwhrs above the national average. We also expect to end the year with approximately 1,000 additional homes heated completely with electric heating."

He went on to say, however, that the residential progress could be further enhanced by additional promotion of the electric heat pump by employees of the system to supplement the progress the commercial departments are making.

Describing the prevailing conditions of the system, he said that AGE is still in a period of transition and adjustment, "and we must keep on increasing residential consumption and

improving domestic load factor while continually increasing the efficiency of our plants."

Top Plants

To illustrate what is being done in increasing the efficiency of system plants, he cited the fact that Appalachian's Kanawha River Plant was the world's most efficient plant in 1953 and should repeat its record this year. He also said Ohio Power's Muskingum River Plant should establish a record for being the lowest cost coal-burning plant either this year or in 1955.

He later discussed the addition of Unit 2 at Muskingum Plant and Unit 3 at Tanners Creek, both 215,000-kw units, which went into commercial operation earlier this year and brought to five the number of extremely efficient high-pressure, high-temperature units in the world—all on the AGE System.

Topics And Leaders

Following Mr. Sporn's address, the managers considered the following topics: contracting and purchasing

equipment and services; operating economies, including administrative practices, savings in and by accounting practices, electrical operating economies and economics in power production; getting more business, including residential, farm, commercial and industrial; and area development.

Some of the sessions were led by executives from our three companies while many other Southern Properties' managers and department heads took part in the discussions. Among those on the three-day program were, in order of appearance: J. C. Hansbarger, James P. Gills, U. K. Vaught, H. S. Scott, W. Keehne, G. L. Furr, J. P. Cruickshank, W. P. Carter, W. E. Coleman, C. B. Talley, F. M. Baker and W. P. Booker.

Also J. E. Wright, C. Coughlin, H. Andrews, H. L. Cushing, L. L. Koontz, M. C. Porterfield, Joe Gills, D. C. Kennedy, C. K. Kirkland, G. Weatheron, Paul Kelsey, W. J. Gillespie, Jr., A. R. Barber, B. D. Painter, D. P. Minichan, Dorman Miller, R. P. Thomas and C. W. Lovell.

Bluefielders Finish First Aid Courses



Six Bluefield employees successfully completed the standard, advance and instructors American Red Cross first aid courses recently. They are, from the left: M. M. Bostian, electrical engineer; Robert Crowder, lineman; Annie Hubbard, maid; David L. Kendrick, Jr., clerk; Fred Mullins, meterman; and Clyde Wysor, lineman. Ralph Kahle taught the 20-hour standard course, Mrs. John Magann the 12-hour standard course and Harrell Dial the 10-hour instructors course. Although these employees took the course at the Bluefield YWCA in the evening, plans are being made to offer a company program of first aid courses in the district. Ira Henderson made the above layout.

Loganite Wins House In Drawing



Mary Elizabeth Davis, understandably skeptical at first, finds that she is the lucky owner of a house and lot, won through a drawing.

How would you like to win a house? Well, Mary Elizabeth Davis thought she would like to, but never really hoped that she would be the lucky one.

It all started when the Logan district commercial department stenographer was called upon to sell tickets to raise money for a Boy Scout swimming pool. The person holding the lucky ticket would win a house near Logan. Mary had ten tickets to sell and when nine were gone she decided to take the last one.

She laid her ticket aside and forgot it. The drawing was held at a football game but Mary wasn't there and didn't know she was the new owner of a house. When a friend called to congratulate her she could hardly believe it. So the next morning she got on the phone to check up, and sure enough, the house and lot, valued at \$1,800, was hers. Her next problem is what is she going to do with her prize.

Roanoke's C. E. Moore Has Data Entry Published

Edison Electric Institute recently notified C. E. Moore, Roanoke district commercial sales representative, of the publication of his data sheet entry on the all-electric cooking installation of the Franklin Memorial Hospital.

The commercial cooking and water heating committee of EEI publishes data sheet entries for distribution to subscribers throughout the country. Along with notification of the publication Mr. Moore received an award of \$15.

Top History Student Wins State Honor

Being top girl in history in her high school won Donna Lou Gosney a trip to Charleston to take part in "Know Your State Government" ceremonies.



Miss Gosney

The daughter of Paul Gosney, area supervisor at Madison in the Logan district, will represent Scott High of Madison and tour the State Capital as well as meet the Governor. The top boy and girl students in the entire school are chosen annually for the award.

In addition to scholastic honors, Donna Lou has been a majorette for four years, is a member of the band, a thespian and charter member of her school's chapter of the National Honor Society. She also is active in choir work at the Baptist Church.

Meter Employees Assume Life Saving Crew Posts

Two men from Roanoke meter section have been elected officers in the Williamson Road Life Saving Crew.

Gordon Brown, meter serviceman, was named second lieutenant and Frank Harris, meterman, was elected sergeant. The crew serves the Williamson Road and Hollins Road sections of Roanoke and works closely with other units in the city.

Welch Office Heating Gets New Treatment

After 28 years' service the old tank providing heat for the Welch commercial office building played out.

The old tank with nine 10-kw immersion heaters, with a 2,000-gallon water capacity, was replaced with 48 1-kw strip heaters. James W. Nunnery, meter serviceman, installed the heaters under the direction of Karnes Hoge, division air-conditioning engineer.

A Job For Jim

Becoming Employee Of Our Companies Takes Many Steps

Lots of people know Jim Frazier. Although he's a new employee in the Charleston district T&D engineering section, he has fit in right from the very first day on the job.

Jim graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in June—one of thousands of high school graduates in the Kanawha Valley who were seeking employment. He joined the throng in making the rounds of employment offices.

Wanting to become a draftsman, one of his first stops was at the power company. There he learned that

there's more to becoming an Appalachian employee than meets the eye.

His hopes received a boost after the interview because he was told he would be considered for the position of tracer along with several other applicants. The rest is now accomplished fact as Jim got the job.

However, as he and other new employees throughout our companies learn, getting on the payroll is quite a procedure. Using Jim as an example, let's follow him through the employment process in this series of pictures.



SECOND: As the reports are favorable, Jim is interviewed by J. F. Melton, district engineer. Mr. Melton approves of Jim for the job but explains that he will be working as a tracer during his probationary period because of lack of experience. He outlines the job for Jim and tells him about the department.

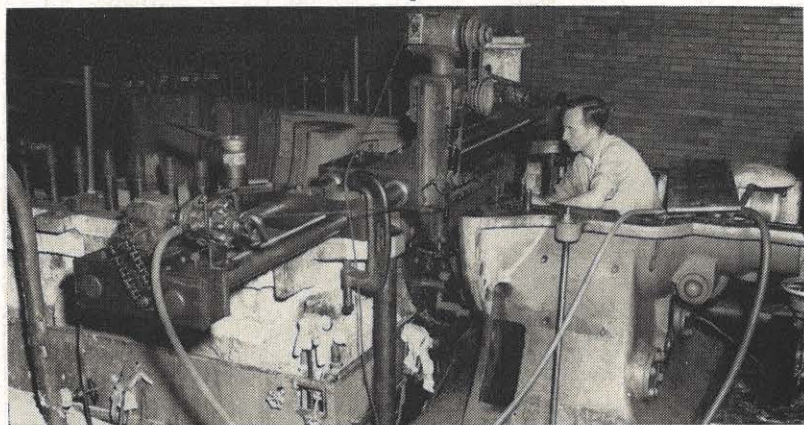


FIFTH: John Frazier, district safety supervisor, shows Jim about company cars and checks his driving ability. Jim is given a safety manual and assigned to a safety meeting group.



SIXTH: First day on the job finds W. H. Turner, lead draftsman, explaining a point. Jim, like all employees, works for six months on a probationary basis to qualify.

Difficult Machining Operation On Turbine Made Easy At Cabin Creek



Leonard Carnifax operates the machine he helped put together for a difficult machining operation at Cabin Creek Plant.

A little deep thinking and fast action saved much time and effort at Cabin Creek plant during a recent outage of turbine No. 5.

While the turbine was out it was decided that its operation could be improved by making some changes which required the cutting of a two-inch horizontal keyway in the lower wheel casing in addition to a similar keyway in the front pedestal bracket adjacent to the keyway cut in the wheel casing.

Leonard Carnifax, machinist, and Albert Moore, maintenance supervisor, saved the day when they came up with a machine they called the "Traveling Miller," which performed the operation in a minimum of time and at a great economy.

The turbine might have been shipped to some company equipped to do the work if the two men and their helpers hadn't come up with their machine.

Peggy Jo Thornton Is Elected To State Post

Peggy Jo Thornton was recently elected state social vice president of the Virginia Baptist Student Union at a meeting in Alexandria. The daughter of Prince Thornton, system public relations department, is a junior at Roanoke College and was a delegate to the convention.

She graduated from Bluefield College last year where she was a member of Baptist Student Council, choir and touring choir, Phi Theta Kappa honor fraternity, annual staff, Christian workers group and social vice president of B. S. U.

Since coming to Roanoke where she is a member of the First Baptist Church, she has served as beginners' superintendent in vacation Bible school and superintendent of the beginners Sunday school. She is majoring in religious education.



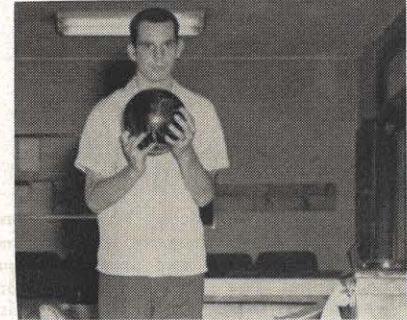
FIRST: Jim makes his application to W. R. Witzel, Charleston district personnel supervisor, who encourages him to relax and talk about himself. Mr. Witzel decides from Jim's conversation that he is a likely prospect and tells Jim that he will be considered when an opening comes. As the T&D department needs a draftsman, Jim's references are checked by Paul Parsons, personnel assistant, as well as scholastic standing and school activities.



THIRD: Jim gets his physical examination from Dr. R. B. Price. This is a test all prospective employees must pass before a final decision is made to employ them.



FOURTH: Getting the doctor's OK, Jim talks to A. W. Brendel, senior personnel assistant, who explains company benefits. Then Phyllis Rowe, stenographer, put him on the payroll.



SEVENTH: Joining fellow employees in the Kilowatt Bowling League, Jim gets to know fellow employees from other departments. Here he wins not only games but friendship as well.



EIGHTH: At last, it's payday. Out of his first check, Jim keeps some money for expenses and deposits some in a savings account. Next spring he hopes to buy a new car.

All Paid For

Fleenor's Almost Finished House They Have Spent Three Years Building



The house in the top picture is the result of work like that being done in the bottom photograph. The house belongs to James E. and Doris J. Fleenor, Abingdon district employees. The two are doing almost all the work in construction of the house and hope to finish next year.

Work that began three years ago is almost ending for the James E. Fleenor of Abingdon. The result is a house, built almost entirely by the two.

Mr. Fleenor is an Abingdon district meterman and Doris, his wife, is a district secretarial-stenographer. When they returned from a vacation in 1951 they decided that they would build themselves a house and started looking for their "just right" house plans. When they found what they wanted, Jim built a cardboard scale model, adapting rooms to their ideas. What they came up with was a house with the living room, dining room, kitchen and breakfast nook on the front and the garage, den, two bedrooms and bath on the back. They also planned a full sized basement. There they hoped to place a photograph dark room, recreation room and laundry room.

Ground was broken March 17, 1952, by a bulldozer and here the Fleenors took over the work themselves, digging the footing and laying the concrete blocks. Now they were ready for a mill list for lumber and the like and Jim's grandfather, who had been in the building business, was called on for advice. The list was made, supplies ordered and sub-flooring started in August.

Pretty soon the studding was started, the storm sheathing nailed on, rafters raised and a temporary roof installed. Part of the house was brick and the first professional help was hired. But here too, the Fleenors got in their licks, aiding the brick layer mix mortar and carry bricks. Jim installed white asbestos siding and tempered masonite and by December the two had put in 800 hours on the house.

While the winter snows fell the Fleenors wired their house, including an intricate high fidelity music system running into the kitchen, bedroom and living room. Window frames were ordered and cut to Doris' likes by Jim and after a few practice tries he did a professional glazing job in the windows.

Spring, 1953, came and with it the completion of the cornice work, concrete window sills and guttering. Vacation time found Jim putting the asbestos roof on the dwelling and Doris painting the steel window frames.

After the inside of the house had been insulated Jim hired professional men to install his heating system. Then he and his tireless wife began the arduous task of pouring the concrete basement floor, a job which involved pouring the night before and before-breakfast trowelling. Plumbing was the next problem — after a plumber had worked for two hours one night Jim took over the job and finished up. He had closely observed the plumber working and learned how it was done.

When the knotty pine walls were put in several rooms in the spring of this year the Fleenors could see that perhaps they would finish by the deadline they had set for themselves—early 1955. The fireplace was built, several small adjustments made in various parts of the house and other tasks that seem endless were taken care of.

But every night, six until 10:30, and all day Saturday, you'll find the Fleenors working on their home. They're not worried about any debts on the house—they've paid as they've gone along. Furniture is the next big financial item on the agenda, but until then, the Fleenors will tell you to just pull up a nail keg and enjoy the house the Fleenors built.

Shrine Mosque Site Of Charleston Party

Charleston district adults Christmas party will be held December 17 at the Shrine Mosque. Plans call for a banquet followed by a variety show presented by employees. Dance music will be furnished by Paul Rowe and his Lamplighters. Retired employees are invited to attend.

Employees' children will be entertained at the State Theatre on December 11. Cartoons and a cowboy movie will be shown. Santa will see that every child gets candy, fruit and nuts as well as a lapel pin of Reddy Kilowatt.

Paul Parsons is general chairman of the committee. Others in charge of arrangements are: Howard Basham, Paul Skaff, "Boots" Sisson and Christine Christy, entertainment; B. R. Currence and S. H. Eskins, decorating and arrangements; Herman Summers, Juanita Hively, Helen Porter and Christine Christy, invitation; Christine Christy, advertising; Sylvia Hinchman, Virginia Austin and Denny Caldwell, children's party.

Charleston Groundman Enters Military Service

Charles Lee Conner, Charleston district groundman, left November 5 for military service with the Army.



Mr. Conner

In the T&D line section, he has been with the company since April 13, 1953. A graduate of Widen High School, he is a resident of Charleston.

Officers Elected



New officers for 1955 of the K-Appa-K girls' club of Williamson district are pictured above. They were named at a recent meeting where also plans were completed for the club's annual Christmas party. Officers are, front row from the left: Lorraine Corea, treasurer, and Frances Keadle, vice president. Back row, from the left: Virginia Stafford, secretary, and Irene Kirckman, president.

O. L. Robinson In Solid With Family With Results Of Woodworking Hobby



Highly pleased with her pint-sized furniture is Stevie Lou, daughter of O. L. Robinson, who turned out the woodwork during his spare time.

You'll hear no complaints around the O. L. Robinson household in Welch. Mr. Robinson, local office manager, has put himself in solid with his wife, daughter and son with his hobby.

This hobby began when Mr. Robinson was a youth and watched his father work in his cabinet shop. Soon the young Robinson started making his own toys and today makes just about anything out of wood his family might want.

Mrs. Robinson points with pride to a bedroom suite finished in walnut and cherry that came from her husband's workshop. And his daughter smiles happily when you mention her father's talents to her—he has made furniture to go with her size, including a vanity, hutch cabinet, chest of drawers, doll cradle and doll youth bed.

Mr. Robinson's workshop is set up in his basement and includes such tools as circular saw, jig saw, drill press, planer, joiner, lathe, three sanding machines, self-contained spray gun, large work bench and various hand tools. In this shop he has made several walnut and mahogany tables, television lamps, end tables, picture frames, salt and pepper shakers, candlesticks and the furniture for his wife and daughter.

Mr. Robinson is also an avid golfer and has won several championships in Pikeville in tournament golf. Here, too, his woodworking hobby has come in handy—he made himself a practice putting green and a golf cart.

He is a graduate of Bowling Green Business College and a deacon in the First Baptist Church. He worked for the Kentucky Power Company from 1930 to 1946 and became assistant local office manager in Welch in 1949.

System . . .

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System

Mrs. G. M. Guill, wife of the system substation department employee, has returned home after being a patient in Roanoke's Jefferson hospital.

R. B. Greer, Jr., is a new employee in the Charleston section of the system substation department.

V. D. Rose, system substation department, has returned to work after being a patient in a Pulaski hospital.

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

Deloris Balochie, Steve Snead and Belle Wvatt, system operating, and Margie Rutrough, accounting, have resigned.

Gene Gillock, co-op student engineer at VPI, has been in the system operating office this fall and will return to that school the first of the year.

Ruth Sachers, system personnel, bride-elect of Ernest Ballou, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower November 15 at the home of Mrs. Jewell Woolridge. Mrs. Woolridge and Mrs. Jerry LaPradd, former employee, were hostesses.

Lynchburg Party Plans Include Dinner Dance

Lynchburg district's annual Christmas party will be held December 18 at the Oakwood Country Club. A dinner will be followed by dancing to Ted Simopoulos and his orchestra.

A Christmas program precedes the dancing with prizes for employees and guests. Committees will be appointed soon.

Charleston Lineman Gets 35-Year Pin

H. P. Asbury, Charleston T&D line section lineman, completed 35 years of service on the first of November and was presented his pin.

He began his service as a groundman in a distribution maintenance and construction crew in 1919. He was promoted to lineman in 1924.

He remained in a line crew until March 22, 1949, when he transferred to a street light maintenance crew. He is married and a veteran of World War I.

Fashion Highlights



Ladies' fashions get a brand-new look on these Kingsport meter department employees. They donned the women's apparel to entertain teachers of the Lynn View High School at a meeting in the company auditorium . . . all for the sake of their wives who were doing the entertaining. From the left: Jim Ford, general serviceman; Paul Dunn, meterman; Bill Bolton, assistant meter supervisor, and Bill Trent, serviceman. Mrs. Jim Ford was master of ceremonies.

Costumes Take Prizes At Halloween



LEFT: Cathy and Becky Weisfeld, daughters of Robert J. Weisfeld, Abingdon area representative, pose with costumes designed by their father. The girls wore their washer and dryer set over their heads and used the "doors" as peep holes. The costumes took third prize at the Kiwanis Carnival in Abingdon, where Paul Dunn, administrative assistant, was general chairman, and Claud Kirkland, district manager, and Joe E. Collins, residential and rural supervisor, were in charge of amusement booths. RIGHT: This costume, worn by Carolyn Rhudy, daughter of J. B. Rhudy, Welch district meterman, won first prize at the Welch Kiwanis Club Halloween contest. Mr. Rhudy designed the rig from heavy wire and orange cloth. It was judged most original in Carolyn's age division.

Employees Help Look

Two Little Girls Are Still Missing Despite Efforts Of Search Parties

Despite every kind of effort, two little girls of the Flat Top Mountain area in the Beckley district are still missing.

Eight employees of the Beckley and Bluefield districts joined in the search, using company radio equipment in an attempt to find the Agee sisters, eight-year-old Irene and six-year-old Mary, missing since November 1.

Clyde L. Farley, Bluefield district serviceman at Besoco, was working in Egeria on November 2. He learned that the two small girls were lost in the woods on the night of November 1 and last seen about 5 p. m. on their way home from school.

Finding that the story of the missing children had not been reported to law enforcement officers, he called Mullens substation by radio. He asked station operator Chester Smith to contact Mrs. Farley at Besoco and have her call the deputy sheriff at Odd.

In the meantime, C. F. Mundy, area supervisor, was working at Basin and heard Farley over his jeep radio. He called Farley and headed toward Egeria. When Mundy arrived he called the Beckley office by radio and had them report to the state police.

Mundy then started running the trails with his jeep, checking farm houses and reporting back by radio to Farley's truck so the deputy sheriff would know his findings. They spent the day in search and have been back.

An intensive search on Sunday, November 7, found four Beckley employees helping the Raleigh County Sheriff. They combed the area, using the company's portable radio equipment.

Searching from the Beckley district were W. E. Mitchell, line supervisor; E. L. Lawson, line foreman; L. D. McGraw, line foreman, and Eugene O'Neal, inspector. Their attempts were futile as no trace of the little girls was found.

A five-day search by the local unit of the National Guards also proved futile. E. J. Wood, Beckley lineman, was a member of the guard unit taking part in the search.

As the end of the month draws near, no trace has been found. Search officially ended November 20 with the sheriff still conducting a campaign to track down any clues.

City Manager Talks At Meet

Annexation of territory in Lynchburg was the topic of discussion by city manager Robert D. Morrison when supervisors of that district held their regular safety-operational monthly meeting recently. Mr. Morrison discussed proceedings necessary for the proposed annexation.

Retired Employees At Service Dinner



Six retired employees were among those present when the Pulaski district recently honored veterans receiving service pins for 20 or more years' service. Retired employees, pictured above, are, from the left: W. M. Carter, W. S. Johnson, W. S. Crawford, Lena Schrader, Walter Fray and Graham Claytor. About 40 employees with 20 or more years' service saw D. P. Minichan, district manager, present service pins to 18. Mr. Claytor, latest retired employee who was AGE vice president, spoke to the group about the busy time he was having in retirement and invited the employees to his lake residence. The early days of the company came in for their share of discussion by "Uncle Bill" Johnson and others.

All AGE Companies Near Sales Quotas

At this point in the AGE sales campaign indications are that all six companies competing will reach 100 percent of quota. Reports after ten months in the campaign show the companies in favorable position with respect to their quotas.

Appalachian is second in the Generators division with 97.9 of quota. Indiana & Michigan Electric Company leads with 99.6 percent and Ohio Power Company is third with 83.9 percent.

Wheeling Electric Company tops the Exciter division with 118.2 of quota, while Kingsport with 93.6 and Kentucky Power Company with 89.0 are second and third.

Beauty Contestant Places

Carolyn Sue Bryant was runner-up for the title of Miss duPont City in a recent beauty contest. The high school junior and majorette is the daughter of J. L. Bryant, Kanawha River plant control operator.



Using portable radio equipment, W. E. Mitchell looks for the two little girls who disappeared November 1. The Beckley district line supervisor was one of eight employees helping in the futile search.

Safety Film Given Premiere



Some of the cast members and others instrumental in its production pause before entering the Roanoke company auditorium for the premiere showing of "Let's Talk Safety", the safety sound slide film recently made in Appalachian territory. Shown are, from the left: Alma Obenchain, local accounting; G. South Dunn, system public relations director; Lucy Hill, local accounting; Mrs. Harry St. Clair, Jr.; Harry St. Clair, Jr., AGE public relations department and director of the film, and R. G. Amos, line department. Members of the cast were presented "oscar" and D. C. Duncan, system safety director, was master of ceremonies. R. E. Hodges, assistant general manager, cut the ribbon to open the auditorium for the first film showing.

AGE Director Dies In New York Hospital

Richard E. Breed III, 47, oldest director in point of service of the American Gas and Electric Company, died November 1, in a New York hospital. He had served on the AGE board of directors since November 8, 1939.

Mr. Breed, a resident of Washington, D. C., also served as a director of the Radiant Glass Heating Corporation and was founder and president of the Allied Aviation Corporation of Baltimore.

Roanokers Gallon Club Members



Mr. Martin Mr. Booker

Two Roanoke district men became members of the Red Cross Gallon Club when they contributed their eighth pint of blood recently.

A. R. Martin, Rocky Mount area supervisor, became a member when he gave to the Bloodmobile visiting in that area.

And W. P. Booker, district manager, gave his eighth at the Roanoke Red Cross Blood Center. Mr. Booker is chairman this year of the Roanoke Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Fore's Article Published

Electrical World has chosen for publication a Monthly Operating Notes article by J. W. Fore, Kanawha River plant stores supervisor. The article, describing a tool rack devised by Mr. Fore, received the magazine's merit award for usefulness and practicability.

Downtown Huntington Station Named For Him Is Energized By Ross Fulks, Retired Foreman



Energizing the new Huntington station is Ross Fulks, retired employee, whose name the station bears. Others are, from the left: Howard B. Hout, division station engineer; George N. Doggett, station supervisor; S. R. Pritchard, district manager; and Newell B. Kean, district superintendent.

The man whose name the station bears recently energized the new Ross Fulks station in downtown Huntington.

Mr. Fulks is a retired general substation foreman and had 42 years of service. The new station is located at the site of the former Huntington district garage building at 207 11th Street. The station includes a 5,000 Kva three-phase transformer and four 4-KV circuit breakers for the three outgoing circuits and the transformer bank. There is provision for future installation of a second three-phase transformer and additional breakers. The station receives power from the Johnson's Lane and 24th Street stations.

Williamson Parties Planned December 17-18

Plans for the annual Christmas party in the Williamson district call for a dinner at the Mountaineer Hotel on December 17 at 7 p. m. Following there will be dancing and bingo at the local office building. Bill Plymale will play for the dance and Blake Oney, commercial department, will be in charge of the bingo.

On Saturday, December 18, at 1:30 p. m., there will be a "Kiddies Party" at the company auditorium with movies and presents. The K-Appa-K's girls club will assist at the party as well as wrapping the presents for the children.

J. B. Harreld Uses Every Spare Minute In Twenty Months To Build New Home



Grass and shrubbery are already growing around the new, self-built home of J. B. Harreld. The ranch style house is located in Glasgow.

It takes a lot of hard work, patience and cooperation to build a house. But the finished product can be worth every sore finger, stubborn fitting and weather delay.

J. B. Harreld will vouch for this. The Kanawha River assistant plant manager recently completed his own home in Glasgow after 20 months of work. When he was transferred to the plant from Philip Sporn plant he found contractor bids were too high and decided to do it himself. Working in the basement of a home he rented, he pre-fabricated parts of his home during the winter. When summer came the actual construction started. By December, last year, the hardest part was over.

Today he and his family can sit back and enjoy the all-electric ranch-style home. He has installed a heat pump, disposal, dish washer, water heater, refrigerator, washer, clothes dryer and range.

In August, 1953, with help, Mr. Harreld laid the foundation and in four days wall panels and roof trusses, built earlier in his basement, were installed. Plumbing, heating and wiring were next on the list and by December the house was liveable, although the exterior surfaces was tar paper

and the interior bare studding. The rest of the work has been done at a more deliberate pace.

The house is of dry wall construction throughout. Paneling, which is glued to studding, is of solid poplar, solid ash, mahogany plywood and weldtex plywood. Exterior finish is mottled gray brick and natural-finished redwood. Set on a lot 70 by 160 feet, the house is 26 by 60 feet with 1,300 square feet of floor space, with attached garage.

Remaining work consists of downspouting, tile, acoustical tile, wall to wall carpeting and some cabinet finishing. Looking back on the project, Mr. Harreld says: "Anyone can do this that can use a hammer and saw and is willing to spend entirely all of their spare time for 20 months. Naturally, all this means he must have a wife who is willing to cooperate and enter into the thing with enthusiasm."



Mrs. J. B. Harreld and their son enjoy the comforts of their living room.

Service Pin Veterans



Veterans of 20 years or more among employees receiving service pins in recent weeks are pictured above. TOP ROW, from the left, all 25 years: Fred Barnett, Hazard; Katherine V. Kerr, system; and Thomas Griffin, Hazard. MIDDLE ROW, from the left, all 20 years: J. Thomas Bunton, Hazard; C. E. Farley, Kanawha River plant; and Samuel B. Metzger, Huntington. BOTTOM ROW, from the left, all 20 years: Larue Neice, Hazard; Hansel Stratton, Ashland; and W. B. Jones, Kingsport.

Harry C. Weiss Of Logan Plant Retires To Ohio



Mr. Weiss

Harry Claud Weiss, Logan plant mechanical maintenance man, retired November 1, after 35 years' service.

Retiring early because of illness, he plans to rest at his home at 1332 Hunter Avenue in Columbus, Ohio. He enjoys feeding nuts to the squirrels which are plentiful in his backyard. At last report, there was some complaint about Harry inviting them into the house for their food.

Born in Utica, Ohio, where he attended schools, at 14 he became a glass blower which he continued until he was 26. He went to work as a coal and ash handler with Ohio Power Company in 1919 and transferred to Logan plant in 1925.

Harry is an ardent baseball fan and has not missed attending the World Series games for the past 10 years. He hopes to make a trip to Arizona in the near future. He is the father of a daughter by a previous marriage. She is Mrs. Luther Scaggs of Logan.

Harry was entertained at a dinner in his honor prior to leaving. He was presented his 35-year pin. His remarks were that the company was a wonderful organization and that he was proud to have been associated with it.

P. C. Ray Completes 35 Years' Service

P. C. Ray, system assistant general bookkeeping supervisor, completed 35 years' service November 18 and received his service pin.

First employed as a general clerk by the West Virginia Water and Electric Company in Charleston in 1919, he was transferred to the Roanoke system accounting office in January, 1929, as a general bookkeeper. He was promoted to his present position in May, 1948.



Mr. Ray

Active in community affairs, he is a member of Lakeland Lodge 190, A.F.&A.M.; Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies and Osceola Lodge No. 47, Knights of Pythias. He also is on the church council of Christ Lutheran Church. He and his wife reside at 2314 Colonial Avenue in Roanoke.

C. J. Akers Becomes Safety Supervisor

Carlos J. Akers has been promoted to safety supervisor for the Huntington district. He rose to the new position from junior personnel assistant.



Mr. Akers

Mr. Akers joined the company in Huntington's line section in 1950 but shortly thereafter went into the Army. He was re-employed on November 1, 1952. He is a graduate of Logan High School and attended Marshall College.

Mr. Akers is married and a member of the Huntington district softball team and managerial bowling team.

Employees Give To Scouts As E. E. King Appointed To Post

One of E. E. King's first duties as finance chairman of the Mingo-Pike district of Boy Scouts of America was to receive a check from Williamson-Sprigg district employees for the Scouts.

The check came from the Employees Chest Fund and was one of nine contributions this year to worthy organizations. Mrs. Eugene Murphy, president, and Henry Kiser, treasurer, presented the check to Mr. King, Williamson district superintendent.

Mr. King was recently appointed to the Boy Scout position and it follows his activities as a member of the executive board and the Council Finance Committee.

Bluefielder Writes Article

Basil M. Vassar, Bluefield area sales representative, had an article published in the November issue of *Electricity On The Farm*. His story, "Grading Time Shortened," was on the use of fluorescent lights in tobacco grading.

L. M. Cobbs Receives 35-Year Service Pin

L. M. Cobbs, Charleston division personnel supervisor, received his 35-year pin November 26.



Mr. Cobbs

Mr. Cobbs first joined the electric utility industry in 1919, working for the Coalburg Colliery Company. It was later purchased and incorporated into the AGE system. During the years he has served as statistician and assistant to the division manager and was promoted to his present position June 1, 1951.

He was the first secretary-treasurer of the Charleston Credit Union and served in this capacity for 25 years. He relinquished the post recently. He has acted as advisor to many groups outside the company in organization of credit unions, and aided the West Virginia State Banking Commission in setting up annual examination forms for auditing credit unions.

He is married and a member of the Charleston Civitan Club.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—10 YEARS: V. W. GARETT, T&D, line & station section; 5 YEARS: J. A. SELF, T&D, meter section.

Beckley District—15 YEARS: L. W. THORNE, area serviceman, T&D.

Cabin Creek Plant—10 YEARS: L. T. BANDY, electrical maint. dept.; L. L. BRADLEY, electrical maint. dept.

Charleston District—35 YEARS: L. M. COBBS, division personnel supervisor; H. P. ASBURY, line section, T&D.; 10 YEARS: E. Q. MCGRAW, division T&D.; 5 YEARS: G. B. STUMP, commercial dept.; R. W. HAYES, T&D, station section; MARGARET EVANS, accounting dept.

Fieldale District—5 YEARS: GEORGE TURNER, area sales representative, Stuart.

Huntington District—20 YEARS: SAMUEL B. METZGER, division T&D dept.; 10 YEARS: DONALD L. HOPKINS, collector, accounting dept.

Kanawha River Plant—20 YEARS: C. E. FARLEY, ass't shift operating engineer; 5 YEARS: E. L. THIGPEN, ass't shift operating engineer.

Lynchburg District—5 YEARS: ALBERT W. HALEY, meter section, T&D dept.

Philip Sporn Plant—5 YEARS: EDWIN H. CLARKE, maintenance foreman; EARL H. KEEFER, chemist ass't; WYATT F. CHADWELL, master maintenance man; ROBERT G. GILMORE, master maintenance man; HERBERT F. ROUSH, ass't yard foreman.

Radford Arsenal Steam Plant—10 YEARS: WILLARD M. WILSON; 5 YEARS: FRED E. WYATT, ELDON L. GOFORTH, OTIS L. CARTER, WILLIAM M. CARTER, HOWARD B. BELCHER, LONNIS G. FURROW, GRIM R. HOPKINS, LLOYD A. LINKOUS, JOHN W. RAINES, ESTEL E. WEBB, HENRY L. HIGGS, WILLIAM T. SIMPSON, JAMES R. WILLARD, ROY M. LONG.

Roanoke District—15 YEARS: P. A. HARTMAN, commercial dept.; 5 YEARS: B. P. COLEY, division engineering dept.

System—35 YEARS: P. C. RAY, system accounting dept.; 25 YEARS: KATHERINE V. KERR, system accounting dept.; R. A. FULLER, system station dept.

Welch District—10 YEARS: THOS. B. HENLY, JR., draftsman, sr.; 5 YEARS: LAURINA VIRGILI, clerk-stenographer.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District—20 YEARS: HANSEL STRATTON, T&D dept.; 5 YEARS: ROY B. KIRK, meter dept.

Hazard District—25 YEARS: FRED BARNETT, line foreman; THOMAS GRIFFIN, local office manager; 20 YEARS: LARUE NEICE, line foreman; J. THOMAS BUNTON, clerk chemist, Hazard plant.

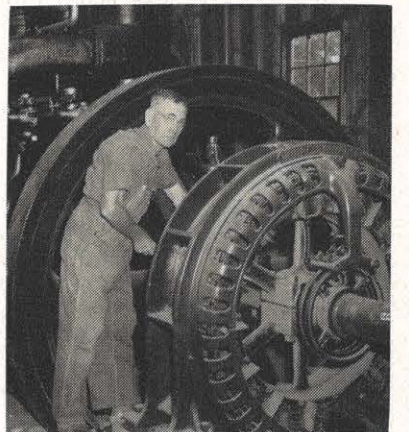
Pikeville District—10 YEARS: JAMES BURKE, groundman; 5 YEARS: FRANCES HUFFMAN, cashier.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

20 YEARS: W. B. JONES, dealer sales representative.

'All Torn Up'

C. J. Hewitt Bids Farewell To Old Friend At Stuart



C. J. Hewitt looks up from his work on the old diesel which he is dismantling. After serving as a power source and in standby status, the machine is being scrapped.

Two close friends have come to a parting of the ways. One of them is all broken up at the end of 15 years of close association.

After being operator of the Stuart diesel since 1939, C. J. Hewitt's last job at the plant is to dismantle the machine which is being scrapped. He now works at the substation but was naturally given the job of seeing that his "old friend" got the right kind of send-off.

Actually, the machine had not seen too much service for Appalachian since 1940 when a 33,000-volt line was built from Fieldale to Stuart, ceasing the diesel's operation except as a standby. It served its last years faithfully by generating electricity whenever the substation or line was undergoing repairs.

Exact age of the machine is not known because it was purchased by the Virginia East Coast Utilities. Appalachian bought it in 1931 when it had capacity of 150 kva. About 250 customers were being served by the diesel before the line was built in 1940. The line now serves over 3,500 customers.

Although he regarded the old piece of iron as a steadfast friend who could be counted on in time of need, Mr. Hewitt says he's glad the old diesel days are gone forever. He recalls many of the problems which were common to operating the diesel. For example, the only method of regulating the cycles in those days of the diesel was by an electric clock. Only two clocks existed in Stuart, one at the substation and the other at the local paper.

Each morning Mr. Hewitt would contact the paper to synchronize their clocks. This went on for two years until a synchroscope was put on the diesel.

But it was too late. Although the diesel did not know this, it was living on borrowed time.

Party Parade



Judges had to cast a critical eye at this bunch of ghosts, ghouls and comedians at the Point Pleasant district Halloween party. Pictured above are some of the contestants in the costume parade, except for the skeleton pictured partially just to the right of the ghost's head. Winners were Vonda Lee Barnette, most original; Patsy Yester, funniest; and Betty Johnson, who went the longest without being identified.

Three Appalachian Employees Write For AGE Operating Notes



Mr. Crist Mr. Fore

Three Appalachian employees contributed articles to the October issue of AGE's *Monthly Operating Notes*.

Clarence D. McCarthy, Reusens hydro maintenance mechanic A in the Lynchburg district, wrote "Accessible Storage For Ladders And Materials." In it he described a rack he developed for the convenient and easy storage of ladders and materials.

Mr. McCarthy

J. W. Fore, Kanawha River plant stores supervisor, contributed "Portable-Tool Rack Saves Space" in which he describes a portable-tool rack for frequently used tools, which saves space, is less expensive than fixed storage bins and permits handier and more efficient issuance of tools.

"Straightening Turbine-Shell Steam-Seal Strips" was written by J. L. Crist, Kanawha River master maintenance man. Mr. Crist wrote about a tool he designed for use in straightening turbine shell seal strips. By using it a normally arduous, time-consuming and somewhat hazardous job becomes relatively easy and safe.

Welch Supervisors Host To Coal Men At Glen Lyn

The Welch October safety-operational meeting was held in an unusual manner. Welch district supervisors and officials of Pocahontas Fuel Company toured Glen Lyn plant after the regular business.

Among company employees taking part in the tour were D. C. Duncan, system safety director; J. P. Gills, Bluefield division manager; A. F. Horne, Welch district manager; L. H. Saunders, Bluefield division personnel supervisor; C. E. Archer, assistant Glen Lyn plant manager, and Buddy Waldron, plant boiler maintenance foreman, who guided the group.

Officers Elected



These employees were recently elected to offices in the Bluefield Girls Service Club and will be installed at the annual Christmas luncheon this month. They are, from the top: Elsie Heifner, division commercial, president; Ernestine Foresman, division commercial, vice president; Norma Jean Longanacre, accounting, treasurer; and Eulalia Footo, stores, secretary.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Beckley District

TONY C. PALLARES from appliance serviceman B to appliance serviceman A.

Bluefield District

JOSEPH S. STINSON from sr. general clerk, accounting dept., to head material clerk, stores dept.; JAY W. FARLEY, JR., from sr. T&D clerk to head T&D clerk; ERNEST W. LINKOUS from head material clerk, stores dept., to supply & building maint. clerk, records dept.; JERRY R. WHITEHURST from area sales representative, commercial dept., to electrical engineer, T&D dept., engineering section; BETTY W. FARLEY from stenographer to secretarial stenographer; ELIZABETH L. MUNSEY from clerk-stenographer to stenographer; ARCHIE G. PHLEGAR from engineer trainee to area sales representative, Pearisburg.

Charleston District

KENNETH ESTEP from groundman to lineman "C", T&D line section WILLIAM McDONOUGH from groundman to lineman "C", T&D, line section.

Huntington District

FRANCIS D. ADKINS from clerk-typist to authorization clerk, accounting dept.; LORENE HARDWICK from clerk-typist to credit & collection clerk, accounting dept.; ALBERTA LUNSFORD from jr. clerk to cash poster, accounting dept.; F. A. RICE from district meter dept. to Clifty Creek plant, Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corp.

Lynchburg District

ANNE E. CARSON from clerk-typist, local accounting dept., to clerk-stenographer, T&D, line & station section.

Logan District

LEONARD CRUM from auto repairman "B" to auto repairman "A"; S. C. HALSTEAD from groundman to lineman "C".

Logan Plant

J. L. PERSINGER from electrical maintenance man to Clifty Creek plant, IKEC; H. W. DYER from electrical maintenance helper to Clifty Creek plant, IKEC; C. L. STRAUGHAN from plant office to results dept.; J. H. PORTER from electrical maintenance helper to electric maintenance man; L. D. ADAMS from utility operator "B" to electrical maintenance helper; B. C. FERRELL, JR., from utility man to electrical maintenance helper.

Philip Sporn Plant

RALPH M. WEETHEE from laborer, labor dept., to helper, maintenance dept.; MAJOR F. JUSTICE from jr. maintenance man to maintenance man, maintenance dept.; HARRY R. LAYNE from helper to jr. maintenance man, maintenance dept.; PAUL E. HUBER from conveyor operator to crane operator, yard dept.; ROBERT F. HICKEL from operator to conveyor operator, yard dept.; BERNARD C. HOFFMAN from tripper operator to tractor operator, yard dept.; PAUL E. TAYLOR from barge attendant to tripper operator, yard dept.; MARION K. OHLINGER from coal handler to barge attendant, yard dept.; ERNEST L. DAMEWOOD from helper to jr. maintenance man, maintenance dept.; JOHN E. WERRY from laborer, labor dept., to helper, maintenance dept.

Welch District

MILLARD GIBSON from lineman, Welch district, to lineman, Switch-back.

Williamson District

H. D. HATFIELD from area sales representative, commercial dept., to head material clerk, stores dept.; EDDIE SOLOVEY from meter reader to rodman.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

CHARLES S. LINGAR from tracer to rodman; WOODROW BALL from groundman to truck driver-groundman.

Halloween Revelers Party At Charleston And Bluefield



Halloween parties were held by employees of the Charleston and Bluefield offices on October 28. The guessing game of Who's Who kept most occupied during the evening of fun. LEFT: Charleston employees line up the judging at Humphrey's Pine Room. Prizes went to Helen and J. D. Porter and Lois and Bill Walker for the best costumed couples. Judges were J. P. Gills, E. A. Murray and R. G. Skinner. Front row, from left: Mrs. Denny Caldwell, Mrs. J. A. Whitlock and Mr. Whitlock. Second row, from left: Ruth Harris, Katie Reynolds, "Sid" Miller,

Quida Miller, Lois Walker and Bill Walker. Third row, from left: Phyllis Rowe, Paul Rowe, Sam Horton, W. C. McMahan, Chris Christy, Harry Ross, Paul Surber and Ann Surber. RIGHT: Bluefield revelers pause in their games and fun to be judged in the company auditorium. These finalists are, front row from left: Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Grinstead; Mr. and Mrs. William T. Cooley, first prize for couple; Bess Hodges, and Mrs. Thalia Mathena, first prize for individual. Standing are: Mrs. Ann Williams and Patsy Mahoney.

Street Lighting Program In Lynchburg Will Give City Four Times More Light



Inspecting the new lighting on Rivermont Bridge in Lynchburg are, from the left: R. H. Porter, working foreman, in charge of installing the fixtures; D. C. Kennedy, district manager; J. R. Martin, line and station supervisor; and P. L. Bailey, district superintendent.

With work on bridges in the city already complete, Lynchburg is in the midst of getting the new, brighter look—four times as bright, in fact.

Appalachian will by 1956 completely modernize Lynchburg's lighting system. This work includes removal of old standards, replaced by the new, and adding of 6,000 and 10,000 lumen lights throughout. Effective lumen output on the arterial and business area streets will be increased four times when the program is completed.

The old lighting system consisted of 2,032 lights mounted on ornamental uprights and pulley type enclosed fixtures with holophane refractors. With the completion already of work on bridges and completion of business district light replacements soon the job will be half finished.

Hazard Plant Foreman Goes To IKEC Plant

A. N. Steele, Hazard plant foreman, has transferred to Clifty Creek Plant at Madison, Indiana. He is



Mr. Steele

master maintenance man at the IKEC plant.

Born and raised in Lee County, Kentucky, he came with Kentucky Power in August of 1923. He started as an oiler at the plant and worked in several capacities until 1936 when he was promoted to boiler room foreman.

In 1947 he became power boiler foreman and then in January of 1948 was raised to plant foreman. Owning a farm near Beattyville, he is married and the father of three daughters.



"These poles will last for at least 40 years." That's the remark H. W. Proffitt, Lynchburg line foreman, on the right, heard from a company official 40 years ago when he helped install them on the city streets. And Mr. Proffitt can vouch for the amazing prediction as he helps A. L. Ward, lineman, remove the poles. It's all part of street light modernization in Lynchburg, exactly 40 years after the official's uncanny remark.

Fisherman Lands Big Gar

It took an hour and 20 minutes, but it was worth it. That's how long it took Dave Rowe, Bluefield area supervisor, to land a 20-pound gar on a recent Florida fishing trip. He caught the fish with a 5½ ounce glass Shakespeare fly rod.

Invents Gadget



Jackson E. Boyd, Bluefield district appliance serviceman, shows his invention for roasting hot dogs. Tired of trying to roast several wieners on a fork or sharpened stick so that he lost half of them in the fire, he decided to do something about it. He bent the end of a heavy gauge steel wire into a coil spring-like shape and places the dogs between the coils. With his invention he can roast as many as six wieners at a time and they do not fall out. The more coils in the spring, the more dogs it will hold. To complete the job he uses the end of a broom stick for a handle. He is applying for a patent on his invention.

Fourteen Couples Take Wedding Vows



Brides and bridegrooms among employees during recent weeks are pictured above. TOP ROW, from the left: Mrs. Roy L. Franklin, Welch; Mrs. Lawrence Watts, Hazard; Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Purdy, system; Mrs. D. D. Duffield, Charleston; and Mrs. Ernest Wade Ballou, system. BOTTOM ROW, from the left: Mrs. Paul M. Westfall, Charleston; Mrs. Nolan Neel Rich, Bluefield; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Slone, Ashland; Mrs. Archie Riner, Beckley; and Mrs. Elmer Takach, Welch.

Tucker-Slone

Miss Carolyn Tucker and Joe Slone were united in marriage on October 15 at the Centenary Methodist Church in Ashland, Kentucky. The new Mrs. Slone is employed at Ashland.

Sachers-Ballou

Miss Ruth Sachers became the bride of Ernest Wade Ballou on Saturday, November 20, at Christ Episcopal Church in Roanoke, Virginia. The new Mrs. Ballou is employed in the system personnel department, Roanoke.

Board-Purdy

Nuptial vows were exchanged Saturday afternoon, October 9, by Miss Mary Frances Board and Alton B. Purdy at the First Presbyterian Church in Gallipolis, Ohio. Mr. Purdy is a Roanoke system department employee.

Duckworth-Mitchell

On September 10 Karen Duckworth and Eugene H. Mitchell were united in marriage at Leaksville, N. C. Mrs. Mitchell is the daughter of F. D. Duckworth, Fieldale meter supervisor.

McLane-Duffield

Miss Juanita McLane became the bride of D. D. Duffield on Friday, October 15, at Starcher Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va. Mr. Duffield is employed in the Charleston district.

Cummings-Westfall

Miss Barbara Lee Cummings became the bride of Paul M. Westfall on Wednesday, November 24, at the First Nazarene Church, Charleston, W. Va. Mrs. Westfall is employed in the Charleston accounting department.

Hoover-Rottgen

Miss Evelyn Grace Hoover and John Michael Rottgen were united in marriage on November 6 in the Methodist Church at Mount Zion, Penn. Mr. Rottgen, son of E. M. Rottgen, yard foreman at Philip Sporn plant, and the new Mrs. Rottgen will reside at Pensacola, Florida, where Mr. Rottgen is stationed with the U. S. Navy.

Slade-Takach

Miss Nancy Sue Slade became the bride of Elmer Takach in a ceremony followed by a nuptial mass performed in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Powhatan, West Virginia, on September 25. The new Mrs. Takach is the daughter of Ralph Slade, Welch station superintendent, and Mr. Takach is a former employee at Switchback.

Smith-Watts

Allene Smith and Lawrence Watts were united in marriage on November 24 at the home of the bride in Hazard. The new Mrs. Watts is an employee in the accounting department, Hazard.

Sykes-Rich

On November 6 Miss Iris Sykes and Nolan Neel Rich were united in marriage at the Grace Methodist Church in Bluefield, W. Va. Mrs. Rich is a Bluefield district employee and Mr. Rich is the son of M. E. Rich, Bluefield records supervisor.

White-Riner

Mazella Virginia White and Archie Riner were united in marriage at the St. Paul's Methodist Church in Baltimore on October 17. Mr. Riner is employed in the Beckley district.

Durst-Smith

Miss Sally Lou Durst and Luther O. Smith were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony, October 16, at the United Brethren Church in Point Pleasant. Mr. Smith is an employee at Philip Sporn plant.

Roush-Athey

Miss Jacquelin Roberta Roush and Richard Athey were married October 23 in a single ring ceremony at the St. Paul Evangelical Church in Point Pleasant. Mr. Athey is the son of Clayton A. Athey, Philip Sporn plant employee.

Forren-Franklin

On November 6 Anna D. Forren became the bride of Roy L. Franklin in a double ring ceremony performed in the First Methodist Church in Welch. Mr. Franklin is an administrative assistant in the Welch district.

Allene Smith Honored With Hazard Shower

Honored recently with a farewell dinner and bridal shower in the Hazard auditorium was Allene Smith, accounting department. Her mother, Mrs. Bethel Smith, and sister, Dana, were special guests.

Others attending were Imogene Smith, Margie Buttram, Sue Carey, Leyburn Cody, Pauline Garrett, Nell Buttram, Mary Franks, Kay Cornett, Joyce Combs, Mary Lou Combs, Eunice Dixon, Margaret Baker, La-Redith Pratt, Coleene Branson, Rita Barker, Gay Boyer, Mary Jo Gregory and Mrs. Louis Graef.

Christmas Shopper



Getting ready for the holiday festivities is Betty Copley, Logan meter reading clerk modeling an ensemble from Peery's. Miss Shelia Yeager, clerk, looks at Betty's outfit which includes an ice blue silk dress with pearl jewelry. On the counter is a black Swansdown loose coat of Blin-et-blin, an imported fabric from France. From the look of the packages on the counter, it would seem that Betty found something that caught her eye for a likely Christmas present.

They're Engaged

ROSE ANN MINNIX to Terry Pat Grady. Mr. Grady is employed at Kanawha River plant.

BETSY RAY WRENN to Alan Dyer Grose-close. Miss Wrenn is a home economist in the Pulaski district.

IRMA P. CHRISTIAN to W. C. Lane, Jr. Miss Christian is employed in the Welch accounting department.

EDITH M. STEVENS to Maurice W. Godbey. Miss Stevens is employed in the Abingdon district commercial department.

New Arrivals

A son, MACK, was born November 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pierce. He is employed in the line section, T&D department, Kingsport.

RICKY ALAN is the new son born to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Turnley on October 22. Mr. Turnley is meter serviceman in Martin, Pikeville district.

A daughter, REAMA KAY, was born on September 21, 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. Cummings P. Wyatt, Jr., of Grundy. Mr. Wyatt is employed with the Grundy line crew.

MR. AND MRS. R. J. B. BARNES are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Gale, born November 2. Mr. Barnes is employed in the Welch district.

A daughter, NANCY ELIZABETH, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Smith, Jr., on October 23. Mrs. Smith is a former employee of the Roanoke billing office.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD R. BARE, JR., are the parents of a son, Stephen Richard, born October 29. Mr. Bare is employed at Kanawha River plant.

DONALD EDWARD is the new son born November 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Barton. Mr. Barton is employed at Kanawha River plant.

A daughter, LYNN, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Bowman on October 29. Mr. Bowman is employed in the Kingsport T&D department.

BRUCE ALLEN, a son, born October 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Lucian T. Bias. Mr. Bias is a system station operator at the Turner substation.

MR. AND MRS. W. E. ZOPP are the proud parents of a son, William Edward, Jr., born November 15. Mr. Zopp is employed in the Beckley district.

MR. AND MRS. R. T. CORNETT are the parents of a son, Douglas Richard, born November 11. Mr. Cornett is an employee in the Hazard accounting department. Mrs. Cornett is a former employee.

A daughter, JACQUALINE SUSAN, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Bailey on November 3. Mr. Bailey is a Bluefield district employee.

MR. AND MRS. D. F. WOOLCOCK are the parents of a son, Danny Joe, born November 6. Mr. Woolcock is an assistant chemist at Logan plant.

MR. AND MRS. A. G. MEHLMAN are the parents of a son, Stewart Keeney, born October 13. Mr. Mehlman is assistant manager at Cabin Creek plant.

A son, STEPHEN MICHAEL, was born November 11 to Frank and Patricia Horn. Mrs. Horn is a former Charleston division employee.

MR. AND MRS. E. K. BIAS are the parents of a son, Kenneth, born November 9. Mr. Bias is an employee in the Logan district.

MR. AND MRS. MARION K. OHLINGER are the parents of a son, Timothy Lewis, born October 28. Mr. Ohlinger is employed at Philip Sporn plant.

DEBRA JEAN is the new daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Carder, October 30. Mr. Carder is an employee at Philip Sporn plant.

MR. AND MRS. LELAND C. BUMGARDNER are the parents of a son, Gary Wayne, born November 2. Mr. Bumgardner is an employee at Philip Sporn plant.

LUETTA CHARLENE is the new daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Weaver on November 4. Mr. Weaver is an employee at Philip Sporn Plant.

Young Lass Reigns As Kingsport Queen

Myra Ann Rayfield reigned as queen of the recent fall festival at Sunnyside Grade School near Kingsport.

The six-year-old daughter of J. G. Rayfield, Jr., Kingsport engineering section, served as queen with her king, Larry Overbey, during highlights of the festival and until new rulers are chosen next year.



Myra Ann Rayfield

Yuletide Candles Are Works Of Art In The Hands Of Mrs. A. W. Brendel



Mrs. A. W. Brendel stands behind some of the candles she made for this year's Woman's Club fair. Sitting among the large candles are several smaller Christmas tree candles, and the big one in the middle has tree limbs added for effect.

Christmas got an early start again this year at A. W. Brendel's home. Mrs. Brendel has been busy turning out fancy candles for the Yuletide season, a project she also handled last year.

The wife of the Charleston district senior personnel assistant makes the candles for the Charleston Woman's Club annual Lillian Herscher fair with proceeds going to charity and community work.

Making candles is not as simple as it sounds. First you need a mold, and when Mrs. Brendel began she made her own from cardboard and twine with Mr. Brendel's help. Next she

heats paraffin blocks and compresses them together, the wick in between. More paraffin is melted, beaten in an electric mixer and allowed to cool just enough so that it can be daubed on the candle to create a rough effect. And before the paraffin sets plastic "snow", silver and gold leaves, tiny colored Christmas bells and balls and sequins are added.

Larger candles are set in molds and Christmas tree candles are made in cone-shaped drinking cups. When lit, the candles give a transparent effect and tree limbs, painted white and daubed with plastic "snow" are added decorations.

Employees Take Eastern Star Offices



Three Bluefield district employees were elected to high offices recently in the Princeton Chapter 53 Order of Eastern Star. New officers are, from the left: Willard A. Johnson, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Willard A. Johnson, Worthy Matron; Mrs. Neva Shepherd, Past Worthy Matron and Grand Page; and Paul C. Kelley, Associate Patron. Mr. Johnson is a Princeton meter reader, Mrs. Shepherd, Princeton cashier, and Mr. Kelley, line inspector. All have served in other positions in the organization.

Pulaski District Nimrods Find Deer Hunting Good



Dallas B. Cassell, Marion lineman, bagged this eight-point buck on his first hunting trip. He was also the first Pulaski district employee to report in with a deer. The buck weighed 168 pounds.



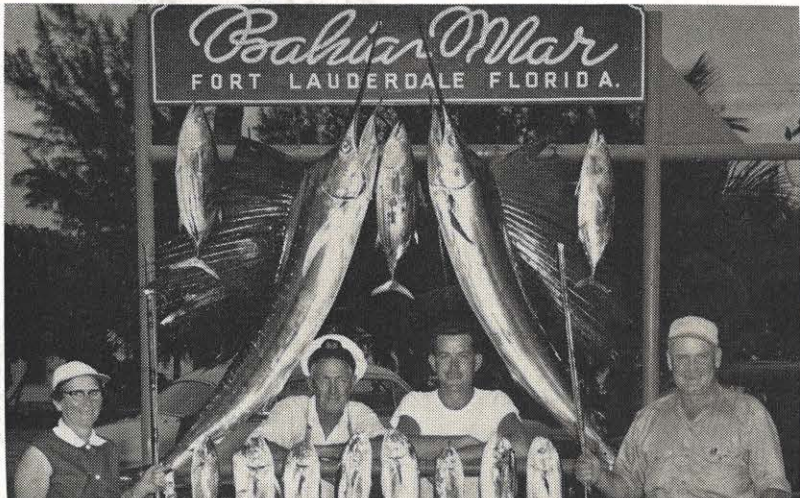
J. G. Butts, Marion lineman, traveled about two and a half miles south of Sugar Grove, near Marion, for this nine-point buck. The 163-pound buck was the second deer in two years for Mr. Butts.



George B. Chumbley of the Pulaski survey crew got the above buck, the first one he has bagged. He got the eight-point, 133-pound buck in the Mountain Lake section of Giles County.

Crowd Gathers

Florida Citizens Are Astounded When Fishing Party Lands Two Big Sail Fish



Mr. and Mrs. Leemon Lineberry stand on either side of the catch that astounded citizens of Fort Lauderdale. The Switchback station foreman and his wife are accompanied in the picture by a proud captain and mate.

People of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, were astounded recently to see a fishing boat coming into the harbor with two white flags on the mast, each flag indicating a sail fish had been caught. About 100 of them flocked to the dock to see the sail fish.

On the boat were Mr. and Mrs. Leemon Lineberry who had helped make the remarkable catches. The station foreman at Switchback in the Welch district and his wife were fishing with another couple and agreed to split the day's catch.

Fish Fry, Turkey Shoot Held By Pikeville Club

The Rod and Gun Club of Pikeville entertained their families recently with a fish fry at the home of L. M. Newsom, district records supervisor.

Members and wives alternated at the outdoor grill frying fish while the youngsters played basketball. Horse shoe pitching and target shooting were also on the day's agenda.

The target shooting was just a warm-up for a turkey shoot November 14 at the home of David Ratliff, material clerk. Several turkeys were among the prizes awarded.

And what a catch! The large fish, measuring 7 feet 3 inches, weighed 46 pounds and took the entire party 45 minutes to pull in. The other sail fish weighed 38 pounds and was 6 feet 9 inches long. The rest of the catch consisted of eight dolphins, seven albacores and one tuna.

The catch was made October 28 between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. It was one of the most remarkable catches for such a small group seen at Fort Lauderdale.

Fish Have No Chance Against Phil Cook

He's been fishing for five years. He's an expert with a fly rod. Many times he outfishes other members of his party. He's seven years old.

That's the story of Phil Layne Cook, son of Robert Cook, Philip Sporn plant instrument maintenance man, and grandson of Edgar Layne, plant janitor. Ever since he made his first catch at the age of two, with the help of his family, young Phil has been a fisherman of the most enthusiastic sort. He fishes often with his father, grandfather or great-grandfather, and never comes home empty-handed.

'Battle To Wire' In Roanoke Predicted

It's shaping up as battle to the wire for the giants of the Roanoke Bowling League.

Real Estate is leading the loop with a 20-10 record but right on their heels is Local Office aggregation with 19 wins and 11 losses. Ironically, these two teams meet on the final night of the first half, December 13, and there's a good chance the title will not be decided until then.

Tommy Mitchell, System Accounting, tops all bowlers with a 113 average while Hassell Hale, Substation, carries a 111 average. Melvin Waggoner, Local Office, vaulted to the front November 15 in both individual high single and individual high three-game set with 157 and 397, respectively. Local Office holds both team high single, 598, and team high three-game set, 1,677.

One Shot Did It



It took only one shot to down this 200-pound, nine point buck for C. L. Peters, Roanoke district auto repairman. Mr. Peters started his hunting day about 6 a. m., November 15, on Potts Mountain, 60 miles from Roanoke. At 10 he came across this fine specimen and made his first shot count from a 12-gauge shotgun. This picture appeared in the "Roanoke Times" the next day.

Grimes' 31-2 Record Tops Sporn Keglers

With just six weeks left in the first half of competition, Grimes' Shift has run up an amazing won and lost record in the Philip Sporn plant bowling league.

Grimes has won 31 games while losing only two for a towering .909 average. In second place is Emmerts Shift with 19 wins and eight losses. Tied for third are Labor and Carrolls Shift at 18-12. Tennants' Shift, Maintenance No. 2, Temporary Laborers, Maintenance No. 3, Maintenance No. 1, Office and Results follow in that order.

Hazard Employees' Children Leaders Of School Band, Football Team



Mainstays of the Hazard High School Bulldog band and football team are pictured above. In the top picture are, from the left: Janice Combs, Kent Combs, Fred Stidham and Dick Stidham. Halfback Jimmy Ozee is pictured at left in the bottom row and end Pat Stidham is on the right.

Six children of Hazard district employees are outstanding members of the Hazard High School band and football team, which sports a 6-2 record.

Pat Stidham, 15-year-old sophomore son of Gaine Stidham, district superintendent, is a glue-fingered end for the Bulldogs. Pat also is an outstanding scholar and member of the Key Club, besides lettering in football his freshman year.

Jimmy Ozee, also 15 years old and a sophomore, lugs the pigskin for the Bulldogs from his halfback post. The son of M. J. Ozee, district personnel supervisor, he is an above average student and active in all school activities. He is the lieutenant-governor of the Kentucky-Tennessee division of Key Club International.

In the band are two other sons of Gaine Stidham. Dick Stidham, a senior, is drum major, and Fred Stid-

ham, a freshman, plays in the band. Janice Combs, band sponsor, is a senior and sister to Mary Lou Combs, Hazard accounting department. Another member of the band is Kent Combs, also a senior, son of Walter Combs, assistant local office manager.

Reddywatts Lead In Charleston Bowling

The "Reddywatts" have been crowned first quarter champions in the Charleston district Kilowatt Bowling League. Led by Herman Summers, the "Reddywatts" ran up a 16 won, 7 lost and one tied record, edging L. O. McKinney's "Pulverizers."

Carl Murray holds high average for the season with a 178 closely followed by Paul Parsons' 176 and Dick Speas' 174. Pauline Lanham and Paul Parsons hold high singles and high series at the quarter mark.

Pulaski Bowlers In YMCA League Race



In the running for honors in the Pulaski YMCA Men's Bowling League are these Pulaski employees. With 22 weeks of play to go, this team has plenty of chance to climb from fourth place. From the left: Hinky Dewey, Warren Childers, Bruce McCall, Bob Carson, Quinn Harless and J. B. Brillheart, Jr. Carson has high team average of 103 while Childers has 137 high game and 350 high set honors.

'Cruisers' Cruise To Quarter Title



"Orange Cruisers", composed of the above employees, broke a three-way deadlock for first place on the final night of the first quarter of bowling in the Beckley district to take top honors for the quarter. Team members are, front row from the left: R. D. Smith, Regina Slayton, captain Clyde Marshall and James Kirby; back row from the left: Eddie Zopp, Eddie Berginnis and Jake Abshire. The Cruisers won three games on October 25 to move into first place. Elmer Hutchinson holds high men's game with a 224 while Elizabeth Hancock and Regina Slayton are tied with 199 for women's honors. Eddie Berginnis and Elizabeth Scott hold the high series marks with 615 and 482, while the "Klobber Klubbers" have rolled the high single game, 820, and the high series, 2297.

Point Pleasant Bowlers Lead In League



In first place since the season began are these members of the Point Pleasant district entry in the Good Fellowship Bowling League. Their 11-4 record tops all other clubs. Pictured are, from the left: F. H. Taylor, Jr., C. H. Murray, Jr., R. D. Tillis, T. J. Rose, W. C. Gilmour and O. W. Neal. Also on the team is L. C. Bias. Mr. Rose has the team high average with Mr. Tillis close on his heels.

Santa Claus Sounds A Lot Like Employee

There's a real mystery in Kingsport. Employees find that Santa has a familiar voice each evening as he broadcasts over Radio Station WKIN from his home at the North Pole.

Amid the howling winds of the far north, Santa reads letters written by Kingsport youngsters. Funny thing is that employees say he sounds just like W. B. "Deacon" Jones, dealer representative with Kingsport Utilities.

Retired Life Is Wonderful Says Elmer G. Clark



Standing in front of his Orlando home is Elmer Clark, retired Logan plant employee. He and Mrs. Clark are enjoying life in Florida.

"The most happy and successful years of my life." That's the way Elmer G. Clark, retired Logan plant employee, describes his life in Florida.

Elmer, who was employed from 1920 to 1943, moved to Florida where he purchased property. He was not exactly satisfied with the location so he made several trades, ending up in Orlando.

He now lives near a lake and owns three lots adjacent to the one on which his house is located. To occupy their time, the Clarks raise chickens, grow oranges and garden.

Elmer is the proud owner of a power lawn mower and takes great delight in using it. Their outlook on life, their interest in people and events help them enjoy retirement.

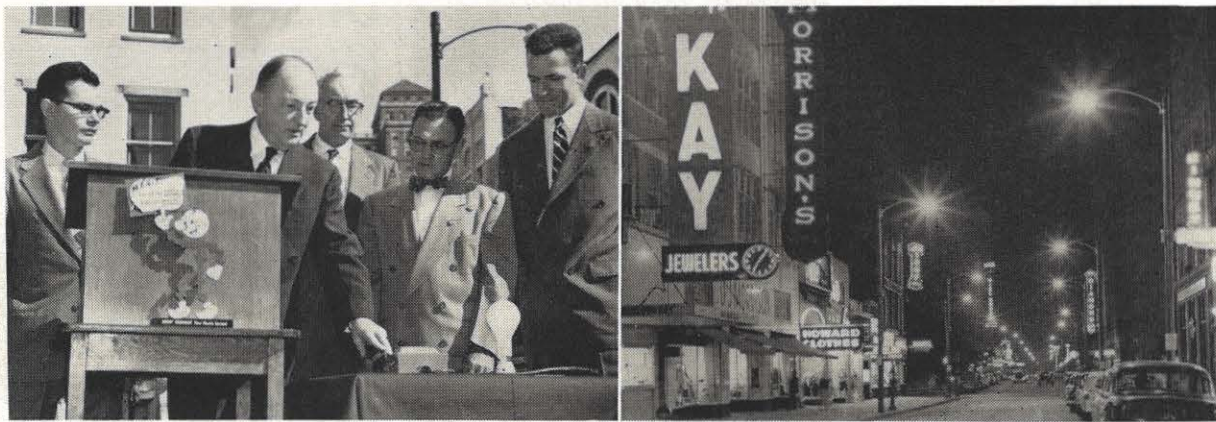
They say they enjoy THE ILLUMINATOR and look forward to it every month. They are particularly interested in hearing from some of their old friends or having them stop by 693 Lake Barton Road, Orlando, Florida.

Monster Gets Around



Earl Jackson, left, gets the Green Eyed Monster from J. S. Dodd, Bluefield district residential and rural sales supervisor. Earl, head bookkeeper, didn't have to keep the mask long because he scared up a sale. All of the Bluefield employees are taking part in the sales campaign which has helped keep Bluefield on the top in the campaign. Successful activities by employees are rewarded with green stamps.

Charleston's Whiteway System Dedicated



LEFT: Interested officials look on as Charleston's Mayor John T. Copenhaver pulls the switch that turns on the city's new street lights. Watching are, from the left: K. W. Fisher, Appalachian electrical engineer; Mayor Copenhaver; C. A. Perkins, Appalachian district superintendent; C. B. Talley, Appalachian district manager; and Lyell B. Clay, city solicitor. Photo courtesy "Charleston Daily Mail".

RIGHT: Like giant fireflies Charleston's new street lights stretch down Capitol Street. Note the absence of overhead wires, affording a new vista view.

Vines Becomes Turtle Club Member After Safety Hard Hat Saves His Life



J. E. Vines accepts his new Turtle Club hard hat from R. S. Brashear after he was admitted to the club. Looking on are, from the left: W. W. Bennett, Carl W. Smith, R. L. Hardy, I. J. Jones, Sam Snuffer (behind Mr. Brashear), A. E. Zutaut, R. R. Griffith and J. E. Hammer.

J. E. Vines recently became a member of the Turtle Club because a hard hat saved him serious injury and perhaps his life.

The Rainelle area line foreman in the Beckley district was recently presented membership in the exclusive club when, according to the membership certificate, "After completing his work on May 10, 1954, he stopped on his way home at a new house he was building to restack some cinder blocks which had been piled too high. One of the cinder blocks, weighing about 25 pounds, fell approximately 24 inches from the top of the pile and struck the safety hard hat he was wearing. Mr. Vines was uninjured because he was wearing a hard hat."

In addition to the membership certificate, Mr. Vines was awarded a wallet card, lapel pin and a new hard hat to which is affixed a Turtle Club decal.

Point Pleasant Girl Made Worthy Advisor

Carol Sue Machir was installed as Worthy Advisor of the Point Pleasant Assembly No. 23, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, at a recent public installation at the Masonic Temple. She is the daughter of W. F. Machir, T&D records section.



Carol Sue Machir

Sue is a member of the band, a Thespian understudy and member of the library club.

Raising Birds As Hobby Grew Into Part-Time Business For Leo Hill



Feeding time for his birds finds Leo plenty busy. He has over 100 parakeets and canaries.

If you like to feed birds, Leo C. Hill would be glad to have a helping hand. The employee at Philip Sporn plant has to feed 80 parakeets, 28 canaries and 2 Australian gold finches.

His hobby of raising these birds started last summer when someone gave him a parakeet. Interested in these birds, he bought several more. After reading everything he could and talking to bird fanciers, he decided to raise them.

Leo now specializes in color breeding and is interested in obtaining yellow face opalines and seafoam green luminous parakeets. While raising these parakeets he found there

was a market for his birds. He now sells them as fast as he can raise them.

He expects to raise 56 parakeets over eight weeks, which will give him a bird a day or 365 per year. The parakeets lay every other day and hatch 4 to 8 eggs in 18 days.

He says his hobby has turned into a profitable part time business even though he buys bird seed in 100-pound bags and spends about two hours per day feeding and caring for them. When Leo is on shift, Mrs. Hill takes over the job of caring for the birds. They plan to enter some of the birds in bird shows where they are judged on color, size and characteristics.

Busy Earl Teaford Adds Another Duty

Already active in civic affairs, Earl Q. Teaford recently added another duty to his many others when he was appointed Civilian Defense Director for Pomeroy, Ohio.



Mr. Teaford

Mr. Teaford, Philip Sporn plant chemist, is a native of Pomeroy. He was first employed at the plant August 16, 1949, as a chemical tester. Included among his many other civic activities are membership in the fire department, emergency squad, American Legion, Forty and Eight, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Eagles, Auxiliary State Highway Patrol and the Ohio Narcotic Advisory Board.

Ohio Power Buys Future Plant Site

Ohio Power Company has acquired about 650 acres of land along the Ohio River near Ironton, Ohio, as the site of a future 1-million kw steam electric generating plant.

Philip Sporn, AGE and Ohio Power president, said that construction of the new plant would be undertaken when demand for electric service called for the additional expansion of facilities. The proposed plant will be the sixth major power generating station to be built on the AGE System since World War II.

\$140,000 Won By AGE Employee

An employee of AGE, A. John Evans, was one of 11 persons in the United States to hit the Irish Sweepstakes jackpot October 27 for \$140,000, less taxes.

Mr. Evans, a member of the electrical drafting department, has been an AGE employee since July, 1940. He has a wife and two sons.

He wasn't the only Service Corporation employee to benefit from the Sweepstakes, however. Morris Epstein, structural drafting department, sold him the winning ticket and will be given a Sweepstakes' sellers' bonus for his effort.

'Litterbug' Becomes Object To Avoid In Charleston Campaign



C. B. Talley displays the litterbug poster used in Charleston's clean-up campaign. The poster was designed by Christine Christy, personnel, and has a three dimensional effect with the objects placed out from the background.

"Are you a litterbug?" That question is the one being asked most frequently in the Charleston district, because employees are becoming more "litterbug" conscious as the result of a new campaign. It was inaugurated by C. B. Talley, district manager, after reports showed customers sometimes complain about cross-arms, bits of wire and other scrap materials were left lying around poles in front of homes and on streets.

Mr. Talley started his program at an August monthly meeting and repeated his talk at the recent Supervisory Training program in Charleston. To clean up within the company a campaign, using a poster with a litterbug and the wording "I am a litterbug" has begun between the departments of the district. Each month the department judged the most untidy will have to display this poster.

'Neither Fire Nor Snow'



Flames from a \$75,000 oil plant fire roar near Forrest E. Phillips, but the Pikeville district general serviceman calmly disconnects the three-phase line serving the plant. Action took place in Shelbiana recently when fire struck the Gulf Oil bulk plant, destroying buildings, storage tanks, gasoline, oil, auto parts, a railroad tank car and several utility poles. To add to Mr. Phillips' danger it was snowing when he scaled the pole, as evidenced by the snow on side of the pole and the haziness in the background. Firemen spray a storage tank in the lower right hand corner to prevent further damage.