

It matters not
how long we
live, but how.

—PHILIP JAMES BAILEY

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Regrets are the
natural property
of gray hairs.

—CHARLES DICKENS

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OVEC Units Producing Power For AEC Plant

Only Two Years Needed To Build Two Units

Kyger Creek and Clifty Creek plants of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation are now delivering electricity to the Atomic Energy Commission's new gaseous diffusion plant near Portsmouth, Ohio.

The first 200,000 kilowatt units at each of the plants went into operation last month, just a little more

than two years from the time the contract to supply electricity to the AEC plant was signed.

The unit at Kyger Creek plant, located at Cheshire, Ohio, went into operation about a month ahead of schedule and the one at Clifty Creek at Madison, Indiana, was approximately on schedule. These two units

will be followed by nine additional machines, bringing OVEC's total generating capability to 2,200,000 kilowatts when the final unit is completed in 1956.

Sporn Notes Significance

Philip Sporn, president of OVEC and our companies, in commenting on the beginning of operation of the two plants, said, "For size, scope and speed this accomplishment has been without precedent. OVEC actually made the transition from drawing board to operation in a little more than two years—a comparatively brief interim for any major power project."

He continued, "We are very proud that this achievement has been brought about by private industry on time and with maximum economy. In all of our work during the past eventful 27 months, we have been consistently concerned to keep costs to an absolute minimum and we believe that we have succeeded."

"In a sense, all of us who have had a part in sponsoring this project feel that, in OVEC, we have accepted a trusteeship on behalf of the federal government. We feel that it is our responsibility to make certain that the government never bears unreasonable or inequitable expenses. And in fact, it has been our goal to do a better job in every respect for the AEC than anyone else could do."

Three AGE Companies In OVEC

OVEC was organized October 1, 1952, after the AEC had called upon the private electric utility industry to provide the tremendous power requirements of the then projected Portsmouth plant. Fifteen electric companies, including Appalachian, Ohio Power and Indiana and Michigan Electric Company, teamed together to form OVEC and agreed to meet the needs as outlined by AEC; basically more power than ever before required by a single customer—power to be made available in a hurry, under extremely high standards of dependability and at the lowest possible cost.

The 25-year contract was signed October 15, 1952. It called for OVEC to supply 1,800,000 kilowatts of electricity—or in terms of energy, approximately 15,000,000,000 kilowatt-hours a year.

Both Are Mammoth Plants

Ground was broken at both Kyger Creek and Clifty Creek in December, 1952. Clifty Creek will have six 200,000 kilowatt units or a total capability of 1,200,000 kilowatts—greater than any steam power plant operating today. It will represent an investment of about \$175,000,000 upon completion. Kyger Creek will have five units of the same size totaling 1,000,000 kw and representing an investment of about \$145,000,000. All units will operate at a steam pressure of 2,000 pounds per square inch and a steam temperature of 1,050 degrees F. and are expected to burn about 7,500,000 tons of coal annually.

The power generated by the two plants will be fed via 330,000-volt transmission lines — highest voltage lines in the nation — to the AEC plant.

No Fatal Accidents

Pulaski Tops In Appalachian Safety; Kentucky And Kingsport Rate Well



D. P. Minichan, Pulaski district manager in dark suit, accepts the National Safety Council Trophy from D. C. Duncan, Appalachian system safety director. Pulaski employees had the best safety record last year in Appalachian. Watching the presentation made last month before the district employees were W. H. Spangler, district safety supervisor at left, and Thomas Ryan, assistant district manager.

No fatal accidents was one of the highlights of last year's safety record for our three companies.

Pulaski, with 486,416 accident-free manhours, won the National Safety Council Trophy for having the best record in Appalachian where 10 other groups also had no disabling injuries.

Kentucky Second In AGE

Kentucky Power Company rated second in AGE behind Beech Bottom Power Company with Kingsport third. Kentucky's frequency rate was about one third that of the average for the electric utility industry. Three Kentucky employees suffered disabling injuries as the company totaled 834,483 manhours of work.

Pulaski district's 253 employees in winning the Appalachian top award worked 470 consecutive days with a total of 621,378 consecutive accident-free manhours since their last disabling injury. D. C. Duncan, system

safety director, last month presented the award to D. P. Minichan, district manager, before employees who also had the lowest automotive accident rate of any district. This was the third time within the past five years the district had the best auto safety record.

Glen Lyn Plant Tops

Last year was the first since 1946 that a major steam plant completed the year without a disabling injury. Glen Lyn plant employees piled up 408,604 manhours since their last disabling injury on October 3, 1953.

Other groups in the Appalachian system without disabling injuries last year were: Lynchburg, Logan, Fieldale and Point Pleasant districts; system accounting, real estate and right-of-way, civil engineering and meter; and Kanawha Valley Power Company.

Kingsport employees had a record of 237,149 manhours during 1954 with one disabling injury.

C. C. Darrah Heads New Industry Group

C. C. Darrah, Williamson district manager, was recently elected the first president of the Tug Valley Industrial Corporation.



Mr. Darrah

The organization was formed by business and professional men for the purpose of attracting small industries into the section.

W. F. Giles, district commercial manager, will coordinate the activities of Appalachian and Kentucky in helping gather information needed for industrial prospects. Mr. Darrah was named Williamson district manager in June, 1954, after serving as assistant district manager at Beckley and Williamson. He joined the company in 1931 as a meter tester in Charleston and has also worked in Welch and Hazard.

A graduate of VPI, he is a member of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, past president of the New River and Winding Gulf Electrical and Mechanical Institute, past president of the Beckley Rotary Club and has been active in other civic affairs.

Mundy Honors Crew; Heads Chamber

C. F. "Preacher" Mundy was honoree and did the honoring in two recent events.

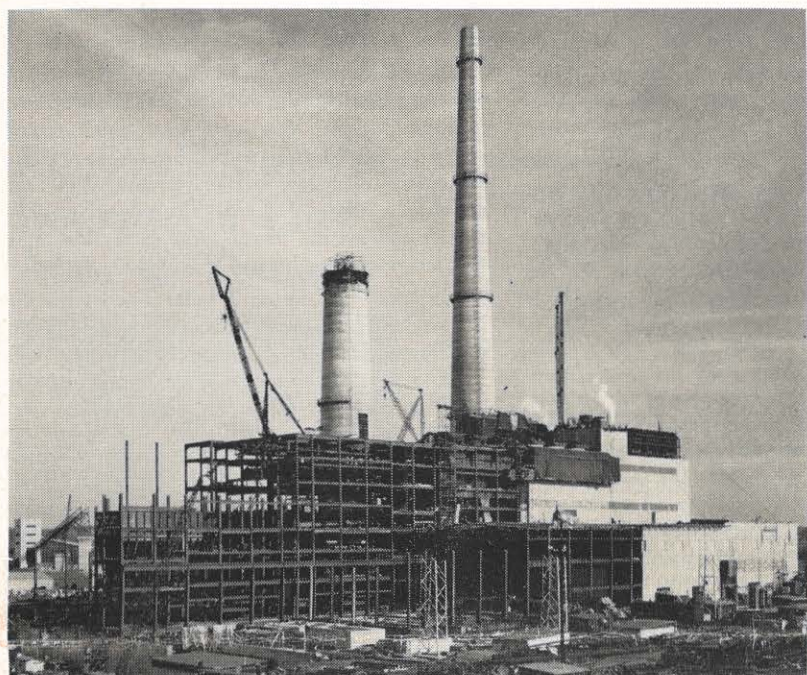
The Mullens area supervisor in the Bluefield district was elected president of the Mullens Chamber of Commerce. He has held several committee posts and served on the board of directors of the Chamber in past years.

The honoring that Mr. Mundy did was a repeat. Again in 1954 his employees worked the year without a disabling injury. As in the past, Mr. Mundy set them up to steaks. The employees in turn bought him a hat.

The crew's turnout for the steak dinner was the same as its no disabling injury record—100 percent. Present were Chester Smith, S. F. Litteral, O. C. Glover, A. G. Ferrell, J. E. Chapman, C. S. Bowling, C. L. Farley, E. E. Hash, Earl Gragg and R. A. Runion. The crew worked 22,567 hours in 1954 without a disabling injury.



Mr. Mundy



Upon completion in 1956, Kyger Creek Plant will have a generating capability of 1,000,000 kilowatts and will be one of the world's largest steam power stations. It is one of two plants being built by the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation to supply electric power to the Atomic Energy Commission's new \$1 1/4-billion Portsmouth (Ohio) diffusion plant.

Kingsport's New Service Building Is Occupied By Crews In Early January

"Happy New Year" had real meaning for Kingsport employees moving into their new service building on January 3. The building has a heat pump for year-round air conditioning and various size space heaters.

Cumberland service building, on the corner of Cherokee and Main streets adjacent to Cumberland station, is headquarters for the T&D line and station sections and for the ores and transportation departments.

The line section includes an office for L. E. Nutter, lines supervisor, locker and shower rooms. The station section next to the locker room includes a work shop and office for R. C. Scarlett, station supervisor.

Gordon C. Warrick, transferred from Appalachian in Roanoke, will handle automotive repairs with the help of Andy Skelton, previously a guard at the steam plant.

The stores department, with an area of 3,850 square feet, is under



Looking over material in the new service building is L. E. Nutter, lines supervisor at left, and D. P. Blankenbeckler, stores supervisor.

the supervision of D. P. Blankenbeckler. Moving materials from the old storeroom started after Christmas in order to be ready for the official moving on January 3.

A loading ramp extends the length of the storeroom where line trucks are stored at night to make easy loading and unloading. A 10-unit car shed adjoins the station for storing passenger cars and small trucks.



Kingsport's recent snow found crews working out of the new Cumberland service building which was occupied January 3. Cumberland distribution station is located in the rear.

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Private Enterprise Does The Job

Fifteen privately-owned electric utilities have met a challenge. A little more than two years ago the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation, a group of electric companies operating in the Ohio Valley, took on the tremendous job of building two of the world's largest generating stations to supply the power requirements of the Atomic Energy Commission's new plant near Portsmouth, Ohio.

Today, the first units at the Kyger Creek and Clifty Creek plants are supplying power to the AEC plant. This accomplishment is without precedent in the electric utility industry. It stands as a monument to the planning, the engineering and the know-how of the privately-owned electric utility companies.

It was in October, 1952, that AEC and OVEC signed a contract calling for the largest amount of electricity ever demanded by any one customer. The 25-year contract called for OVEC to supply 1,800,000 kilowatts of electricity to the Portsmouth plant of AEC.

The contract called for more than that. The power had to be made available in a hurry. It had to be the most dependable possible and it had to be supplied at the lowest possible cost.

In early December, 1952, ground was broken at Cheshire, Ohio, and Madison, Indiana, for the two plants—Kyger and Clifty. Since that time work has gone on rapidly. Along with the building of the two plants went the construction of a 338-mile ultra high voltage line which connects the two plants to the AEC plant.

This nationally important power project, in all of its phases—conception, planning, engineering, design, financing, construction and now operation—is an example of free enterprise at work.

The sponsor companies of OVEC are proud and happy to have had the opportunity to show that a job as big and as important as this could be done and done well by private enterprise.

How Old Are You?

Youth is not a time of life—it is a state of mind; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over love of ease.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

You are young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear, as young

Your Opinion

Who is the most interesting person you ever met and why?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

MRS. ELOISE PIERCE, Senior Meter Clerk, Beckley District



Since I am inclined to admire the person who has worthy accomplishments to their credit, a sort of hero worshiper, I would say the most interesting person I ever met was a missionary to Africa. As I sat and listened to him tell of the work being done there, I felt that life could not possibly be lived to the fullest until I had a "hand" in the work.

Another interesting fact was that my young son was so enthralled with him that he, too, was ready to pack his pack and take off for Africa. But, we have both simmered down and back to our normal way of life.

BONNIE COMPTON, Cashier, Pikeville District



The person whom I find most interesting is Mrs. Frances Huffman, a young co-worker in Pikeville district, and with whom I share the duties of cashier.

Mrs. Huffman has her own little world that she chooses to live in, and she enjoys it immensely. She is ambitious, both for herself, and for her husband and son. This so-called world of hers is made up of patience, understanding, cooperation, dependability and many other splendid traits of character.

I have often wondered how she can go from day to day without a frown or an angry word despite the many problems and difficulties encountered in her job. These and many other fine qualities make Mrs. Huffman an interesting person for anyone to know.

GEORGE T. BOOTHE, JR., Meterman, Williamson District



Perhaps the most interesting person I ever met is a Mr. H. P. Hancock, electrical engineer for the Norfolk and Western Railroad, who resides in Roanoke, Virginia. He is just a year or two over seventy, yet is as active physically as most men of half that age, and mentally he is a genius.

One of his constant worries while yet a young man was his fear of becoming irritable and unpleasant as he grew older. Everywhere we traveled he was greeted by real friends who showed just what friendship with such a man could mean. Some of his theories as to a full, rich useful life here on earth inspired me deeply and I only hope that I might travel along roads in life that would lead to becoming such a person as he.

as your hope, as old as your despair.

So long as your heart receives messages of beauty, cheer, courage, grandeur and power from the earth, from man and from the infinite, so long you are young.

When the wires are all down and all the central place of your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then you are grown old indeed and may God have mercy on your soul.

—By an unknown author.

GEORGE G. MAC KNIGHT, Head Bookkeeper, Philip Sporn Plant



I first met Sidney Allen when he was a student at Marshall College where he was above average academically and socially prominent among faculty and students alike. Although he was handicapped by being blinded during World War II, he did not expect and would flatly refuse to accept sympathy.

Sid made friends easily as he was genuinely interested in people; enjoyed having a crowd about him engaged in lively conversation concerning many and varied topics, spinning a few yarns or spreading good cheer among others. I admired Sid for having the courage to attend college, to further his education, but most of all, I enjoyed being with him as he was one of the most interesting persons I have had the pleasure to be associated with.

MARY LOU GRAYBILL, Secretarial-Stenographer, System Appraisal, Roanoke



I have met a number of most interesting people but the person which impressed me most was the one who caused me to have faith, patience and understanding. It is our nature to wonder what the future holds for us, we feel depressed, irritable and at times almost despicable. There will be times of tension but we should not speak impulsively.

We can sustain happiness, if we will only count our Blessings and have faith in God. He will give us courage but we also have to do our part by doing our very best. I also discovered by treating everyone today as we would like to be treated tomorrow makes a happier atmosphere not only in our company but in our community and homes.

RYLAND Y. BAILEY, Area Sales Representative, Bluefield District



The most interesting person I have ever met is Mr. Paul N. Derring, General Secretary, Y.M.C.A. of V.P.I.

Through the careless negligence of a neighborhood youngster "Mr. Paul" lost his eyesight when he was twelve years old. In spite of this tragic experience he completed high school, graduated from William and Mary with honors, and later earned a Master's degree from Vanderbilt.

During the years of our friendship, "Mr. Paul" has had the greatest influence upon the spiritual development of my own life. Hundreds of letters from friends all over the world presented to him at a twenty-fifth anniversary celebration held in his honor eleven years ago is testimony that others, too, have felt a direct effect of the dynamic spiritual influence radiated by this great man. His life is a living example that with God's help we can accomplish great things in life in spite of tragic experiences.

PATRICIA A. HASTINGS, Clerk-Typist, Cabin Creek Plant



Alex Franco, a retired employee of the Valuation Department for AGE, is the most interesting person that I have met. He was the son of immigrant parents; and, although he had very limited schooling, he acquired a vast knowledge of literature, music, art, religion. In addition he learned to speak several languages.

His job took him to all the plants throughout the system and he sold the obsolete property to junk dealers. You were very much aware of his presence from the minute of his arrival. He always managed to take the best office and all objects that he could "steal, beg, or borrow." He could "hook" you on a deal and still convince you he had done you a favor.

He kept you constantly entertained with his interesting experiences. The place was a tumult with him here, but like a funeral when he left. I am so thankful to have known him, and he is one I could never forget.

W. P. DANFORTH, JR., Credit Supervisor, Roanoke District



The privilege of knowing Jim Eng, a Chinese, has been one of my most interesting experiences. Jim operated a laundry in Roanoke before moving to Brooklyn, N. Y. He was a frequent visitor in our old office building, with a good-natured greeting for everyone. He had no enemies because of his genuine fondness for friends.

Jim proved that Chop Suey is not a Chinese dish. He would prepare and serve dishes which could not be described. They included foods imported from China, such as Wun Gay and many questionable looking Chinese vegetables.

Jim, too, was a fisherman. One hot July day we took a fishing trip to Claytor Lake but ran into a storm. Jim's answer—"Too muchee lain, drive too long far, no catchum fishee."

LINDA DISHNER, Accounting Department, Kingsport



I have come in contact with many people whom I thought to be interesting, but I find it rather difficult to choose one who will be of the most interest to you, the reader. However, since I believe we are all interested in the Bible, I would like to tell you about Doctor George S. Noss who is a Bible teacher at Berea College, Berea, Ky.

Dr. Noss not only holds your utmost attention in conversation but also in his classes. He has seen the place where Christ was born and has taught in many foreign countries where the words "Christian Religion" had never been uttered. He can hold you spellbound with his experiences with these people of every creed, sect and nationality. He is not one to tell you what is right or what is wrong, but he gives you many ideas which enable you to form your own opinion about the teachings of the Bible.

Work Starts On New Marion Local Office



This is how the Marion office will look when completed.

A new office and service building is being built in Marion of the Pulaski district.

Grading started January 11 on the local office which will be 83 feet along its front on Broad Street and 97 feet deep. It will house all the company's facilities in Marion, providing space for the local business office, the commercial, home service, rural and line departments.

A 200-seat auditorium is an outstanding feature of the building made

of reinforced steel, concrete, brick and limestone. The auditorium will be available for use by civic and charitable groups for meetings. It is equipped with a stage, demonstration kitchen and adjoining work kitchen. An electric heat pump will furnish year-round air conditioning in the one-floor building. Ample parking space will be provided.

When completed, the office will provide headquarters for 22 employees of the Marion local office where about

9,500 accounts are handled. J. S. Sutphin is local area supervisor and Fred R. Poe is sales representative. Ellen Bell is home economist while Shirley Miller is local accounting office supervisor.

Contractor for the building is the Alley Construction Company of Bristol.

Kenova Plant Vet Retires On First After 42 Years



Mr. James

J. Clarence James, control room operator at Kenova plant in the Huntington district, retired the first of this month after 42 years and 9 months of service with Appalachian and its predecessors.

Clarence was employed at the plant on May 12, 1912. At that time he was working for the Ohio Valley Electric Company with Charles H. Lake as plant superintendent. Later that company became the Consolidated Power and Light Company before becoming a part of Appalachian in 1926.

Born in Ashland, Kentucky, in 1890, he attended school at "Old Crabbe." Married in 1909, he has five children, three sons and two daughters. He has 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is a member of the Men's Bible Class of the First Methodist Church in Ashland.

Asked what he plans to do, Clarence said: "I still feel I am able to do a good day's work and do not intend sitting down and rusting out. As a hobby, I've started a rose garden and can truthfully say I've enjoyed every minute I've worked for the company."

Sales Program Begins In Williamson With Meeting

Williamson district got its part of the 1955 Appalachian-electric dealer "Electric Living Is Best" program under way recently.

Activities started when the district was host to dealers in the area. C. C. Darrah, district manager, made the welcoming speech. Reports of sales in 1954 were also given the dealers.

Veterans Elect New Officers At Meeting

Sixth annual veterans dinner for employees of Philip Sporn plant was held December 2. All 20-year veterans were present and their service amounted to a total of 294 years.

Howard R. Andrews was elected new president of the group, Alfred L. Smith, vice president and Howard F. Fagenhals, secretary-treasurer. Harry A. Davis was initiated into the group.

Others attending were Clayton A. Athey, John H. Grimes, Charles E. Carroll, Howard J. Rader, Karl M. Wiles, Clarence R. Tennant and Frederick R. Emmert.

Charleston Hotel In Fold

After several months of detailed study, the Charleston Kanawha Hotel has let a contract for the conversion of the hotel from DC generated power to purchased power. This move was the result of concentrated efforts on the part of the company to eliminate the last remaining competitive source of power in downtown Charleston.

Nelson Hamrick Goes To AGE Audit Post

Nelson G. Hamrick was promoted to the AGE auditing staff February 1. He was senior bookkeeper at Montgomery in the Charleston district.



Mr. Hamrick

Mr. Hamrick joined the company in July, 1951. He is a graduate of Webster Springs High School and attended West Virginia Tech for three years. He received his BS degree in accounting from Morris Harvey in 1952, where he attended night school.

In 1946 and 1947 he was regimental chief clerk with the 11th Airborne Division of the Army.

Since his new assignment will be field work, Mr. Hamrick plans to continue residing with his parents at Montgomery. He is a member of the International Civitan Club and the Montgomery M. E. Church. His hobbies are baseball, bowling, fishing and hunting.

Who Founded Columbia?

Mrs. F. M. Cloyd Wins Home Freezer By Knowing Lynchburg Quiz Answers



Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cloyd admire the home freezer she won in a recent Lynchburg contest. At the right is J. L. Reid, representing the Harry Haga Company, contest sponsors.

Do you know who founded Columbia University?

Because she knew that King George II of England was the founder, Mrs. F. M. Cloyd now owns an Amana home freezer.

Events leading up to that important question began when her husband, Lynchburg district commercial manager, had his name drawn to participate in a quiz contest sponsored by a local electric appliance dealer.

On the night of the contest Mr. Cloyd named his wife as his alternate in the quiz and she, with 17 others, was given a list of questions to be answered in a specific length of time.

Mrs. Cloyd tied with another lady in most questions right, and both were given another set of questions. They were all even until Mrs. Cloyd knew who Columbia's founder was and her opponent didn't. That put the freezer in the Cloyd home.

Kanawha Man Gets OVEC Personnel Job

W. M. Cornett, Jr., Kanawha River plant personnel supervisor, has gone to OVEC as employee relations supervisor.



Mr. Cornett

Mr. Cornett joined the company in January, 1942, as a clerk at Cabin Creek plant. In 1949 he became personnel supervisor and was transferred to Kanawha in the same capacity in June, 1952.

A native of Virginia, he attended VPI and graduated from the National Business College in Roanoke. He is married and has one daughter.

A. G. Adams Becomes Gallon Club Member

A. G. Adams became a member of the Red Cross Gallon Club when he recently gave his eighth pint of blood to the organization.



Mr. Adams

The Rocky Mount truck driver-groundman in the Roanoke district has been contributing blood to the visiting Bloodmobile since 1951.

A resident of Wirtz in the Burnt Chimney neighborhood, he is sergeant-at-arms of the Burnt Chimney Ruritan Club. Married and the father of two children, he joined the company as a laborer in March, 1948.

Reddy Entertains Huntington Children



End of a visit at the Huntington service building finds these youngsters of Beverly Hills Play School loaded with souvenirs. Reddy Kilowatt with the assistance of Carlos Akers, Bob Webster and Max Scites entertained, showed a movie, served refreshments and gave out Reddy comic books, pins, hats and meter registers. The group visited the meter department where a demonstration was given. Instructors at the school, from the left: Mrs. Ralph W. Powers, whose husband was formerly an employee; Mrs. Pauline Shavver Barrett, former employee of the Huntington billing office, and Mrs. Ralph P. King.

Where On Earth?

"Where in the world have you been?" was Mrs. Raymond L. Brown's reaction when she recently received a card post-marked August 5, 1943.

Mrs. Brown, Welch district accounting office employee, received the card 11 years after it was mailed from her sister in Roanoke. Mystery surrounds the whereabouts of the card during the years and Mrs. Brown is interested in finding the answer. After all, she reasons, 145 miles, the distance from Roanoke to Welch, isn't that far.

Bluefielder Named Councilman At Large

Okey B. Yost has been named to fill a vacancy on the Bluefield, Virginia, town council.



Mr. Yost

The Bluefield district assistant local office manager will serve three and a half years as a councilman at large. He is also an active member of the Graham Christian Church and has been vice president, secretary and a member of the board of directors of the Graham Kiwanis Club.

C. A. Zoellers Takes Office In New Group

C. A. Zoellers has been elected vice president of the newly formed Feltner 4-H Club, Inc. He is Hazard district commercial manager.



Mr. Zoellers

The organization's primary purpose is to secure a permanent site with adequate facilities for a summer camp for 4-H clubs in the 21 member counties. The camp will hold facilities for swimming, boating, fishing, hand craft, wood work and athletics. Each club will attend for an assigned week.

When the camp is completed it will be turned over to the University of Kentucky Extension Service to operate.

Christmas Spirit



The Appa-Mo Club of the Roanoke system accounting office gave five needy families Christmas baskets during the holidays. Shown preparing the baskets are, from the left: Adrena Harmon, Virginia Phillips and Reed Carlton. These three made up the committee that bought food and toys and games to fill two baskets for each family.

For Three Companies

Over \$24 Million In Construction Slated For 1955

Over \$24 million will be spent by our three companies for construction during 1955. Estimates in the construction budgets show Appalachian will spend about \$22 million, Kentucky about \$1,891,000 and Kingsport about \$917,000.

For Appalachian, a major item in the 1955 construction budget is the new 225,000 kw generating unit being added at Glen Lyn plant. About \$6½ million will be spent at the plant this year. The new unit will cost \$26,400,000 on completion the latter part of 1956.

Additional distribution facilities and enlarging present facilities will cost Appalachian about \$9 million. Of this, over \$2 million will be used in rural areas. Expenditures slated on high voltage transmission facilities are estimated at \$3,800,000, including continuation of work on the 330,000-volt transmission network, highest in the nation. About \$1½-million is slated for expenditure on offices and service buildings.

Kentucky's major expenditure this year also goes to distribution facilities. An estimated \$1,406,000 will be spent on distribution lines and substations. Transmission lines and stations call for expenditures of about \$334,310.

Kingsport's construction budget includes expenditure of about \$140,000 for transmission, while \$60,000 is earmarked for a portable substation. Other amounts are keyed to distribution facilities, lines and stations.

Worker's Daughters Honored By Groups

Two daughters of Oscar Patterson, Roanoke janitor, recently received honors from two groups.



Barbara Patterson

Barbara Constance was named to "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities," while Frances was one of 25 debutantes presented at the Altruist Club's Ball December 30.

Barbara is a senior at Bennett College in Greensboro, N. C., where she is majoring in social science and minoring in philosophy. Among her accomplishments are such activities as the college Sunday School and the YWCA. She is a graduate of Addison High School in Roanoke.

Frances is a freshman at Bennett College. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have five daughters and two sons. The three other daughters have already graduated from college, two from North Carolina A&T and the third from Bennett.

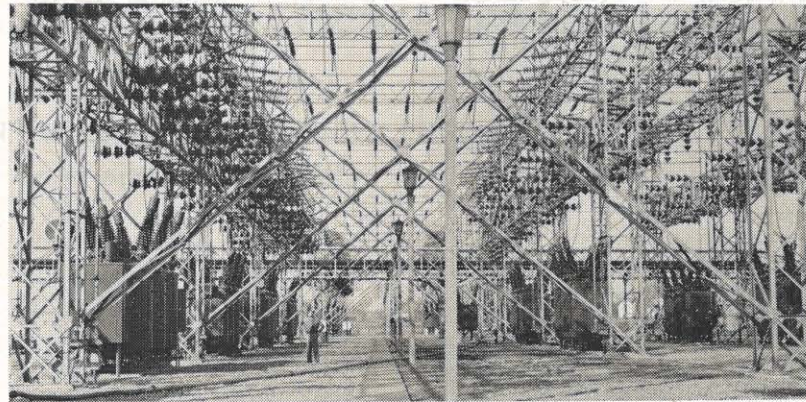
Employee Named To Post In Engineering Group

William C. Kidd, district superintendent at Bluefield, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Southeast Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. He was assistant secretary-treasurer last year.

The members of the society are registered professional engineers in southeast West Virginia.

Mr. Kidd is a veteran of over 17 years' service with Appalachian. He is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Big Changeover Nears End At Sporn Station



The oil circuit breaker changeover at Philip Sporn substation is nearing completion. H. O. Buckland, chief system substation operator, is dwarfed above as he inspects the 10,000,000 kva breakers. Work started last June on removing 18 breakers rated at 5,000,000 kva because of the anticipated heavier load. The smaller breakers were moved to various parts of the AGE System for use in new stations. Work scheduled to end this month has been under the supervision of A. C. Rogers, system substation superintendent.

Huntington Line Inspector Retires



Mr. Strother

R. S. "Tillie" Strother, line inspector of the Huntington district, retired the first of this month after completing 32½ years' service with Appalachian and its predecessors.

"Tillie" began his service July 10, 1922, as a lineman. He went to troubleman in 1932; line foreman in 1937 and to his present position in 1946.

He attended school in Remington, Virginia. Married for 34 years, he has been a deacon of the First Baptist Church in Kenova for four years and sings in the choir. He also is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

His hobby is gardening with much time spent experimenting with flowers. He plans to do some traveling in retirement.

Ralph Warner Heads P. T. A. Group

Ralph Warner was elected president of the Mason Parent-Teacher Association. The Sporn plant maintenance foreman has been active in the organization for several years.



Mr. Warner

Originally from Dunbar, he received his B. S. M. E. at West Virginia University and was first employed in the Logan district as junior test engineer in 1949. He transferred to Sporn in 1950 as junior test engineer, later became test engineer and was promoted to maintenance foreman in May, 1952.

Active in Scouting, he has served as Scout Master of the Mason troop. He was honored recently by the *Bend Banner* as an outstanding citizen of his community. Married, he is the father of two children.

E. A. Dodson Gets 35-Year Emblem

Emory Albert Dodson, Turner station system operator, received his 35-year pin January 14.



Mr. Dodson

He joined the Appalachian system when he came to work for the old West Virginia Water and Electric Company on January 14, 1920. He had previously spent a year with the Pittsburgh Steel

Company and a year in the Army during World War I. During his time at the old Charleston steam plant he worked as switchboard operator, turbine operator and shift engineer. On May 14, 1925, he was transferred to Turner.

Except for relief jobs at Saltville and Cabin Creek plant he has spent the rest of his service at Turner, first as a switchboard operator and then system operator.

While witnessing the building of the 132-kv lines over the system he was one of the first men in the country to operate a hydrogen cooled condenser. Of his many harrowing experiences he best remembers the time he was standing nearby when there was an exciter flashover at Turner.

For several years he and his wife maintained a small farm on company property at Turner but recently moved to a farm of their own in the country.

They have three boys and one girl. The boys have all served in the armed forces, and one of them, Albert, is now employed at the Philip Sporn station.

R. B. Bibb Elected New Moose President

Robert B. Bibb was recently elected president of the Loyal Order of the Moose, Hazard Lodge No. 911.



Mr. Bibb

The Hazard power sales engineer joined the company at Ashland, July, 1947. A graduate of VPI, he spent three and a half years in the Army during World War II, including 19 months overseas in the European theatre. A captain at the time of his discharge, he is now commander of K Company, 397 Infantry of the Perry County active reserve unit. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club.

In Three Companies

Forty Entrants Sign For AGE Education Award

Forty children of employees of the Southern Properties had entered the competition for the first annual AGE Education Award by January 26.

Deadline for entry was January 31 for the first award amounting to \$500. Employees' children planning to enter freshman year of college next September were eligible.

A competitive examination, which is the standard college entrance board scholastic aptitude test, will be given in March in key cities in or near our service area. Scores will be given a prominent educator, along with school records of the contestant. The educator will determine the winner who will be notified about May 1.

The award was established with the Charles A. Coffin Award prize of \$1,000 and a matching amount voted by AGE Board of Directors as a nucleus. The operating companies have contributed additional funds sufficient to establish the education fund. Income from the fund will be used each year for the award.

Upon Retiring

Ray Smoot Plans Living In Florida



Mr. Smoot

Ray Smoot, Charleston T&D line section groundman, retired the first of this month after more than 11 years' service.

He and Mrs. Smoot plan to move to Clearwater, Florida. He is an avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and plans to spend considerable time at these sports.

Ray came to the company December 21, 1943, in a distribution line crew. Prior to company service he worked with Borden Milk Company and Frozen Arts Cream Company, both of Charleston.

Born at Memphis, Missouri, on January 27, 1890, he is a veteran of World War I. He served in the infantry as an auto mechanic. He is a third degree Mason, belonging to a lodge in Chicago. He has a married daughter living in Illinois.

Employee Sights What He Thinks Is Flying Saucer

That nemesis, the flying saucer, is back again.

Wilton W. Bennett, Beckley district groundman in the Rainelle area, reports that he and his wife sighted one recently when they were traveling toward Lewisburg. Mr. Bennett said that it was a round silver object and did not resemble an airplane. There were planes in the vicinity but there was no comparison between the two, according to Mr. Bennett.

John Walters, 90, Dies In Staunton



Mr. Walters

John Walters, 90, died January 4 at the home of a son, Harry P. Walters, in Staunton.

Mr. Walters, retired right-of-way agent for Appalachian, joined the old Virginian Power Company in Charleston in 1912. Upon his retirement in 1941, he resided at the home of Mrs. H. M. Hutchinson in Charleston until he became ill a year ago. He then went to the home of his son, who is his only survivor.

In the 1920's, while securing right-of-way for construction of a 44 kv line in the Charleston area, Mr. Walters faced a problem when two farm owners refused to grant right-of-way over their property. So Mr. Walters bought the farms himself and granted the company right-of-way. Later he sold the farms at a nice profit.

During his work he purchased for the company the site of the Charleston Virginia Street office and secured an option for Appalachian for purchase of the Logan plant site.

Born in Christiansburg, he was a member of the Mint Springs Methodist Church in Staunton. He attended the First Presbyterian Church in Charleston while residing there and was a member of the men's Bible Class.

Mr. Walters was buried in his hometown, Christiansburg, following funeral services there.

Ambrose Heads AGE Division

Eugene R. Ambrose has been appointed head of the newly-created air conditioning division of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation in New York. He previously was the air conditioning section head.



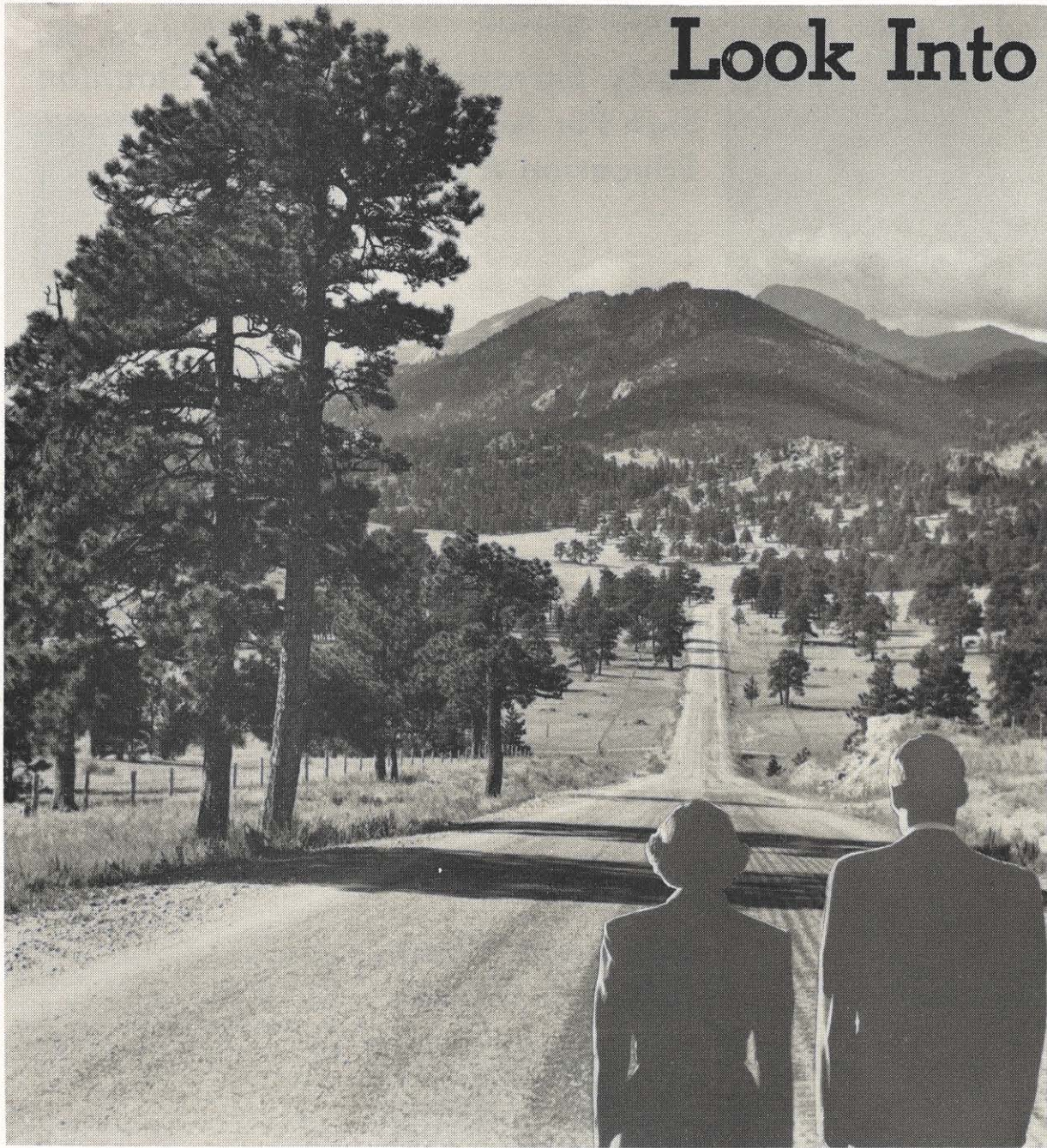
Mr. Ambrose

The new division will be responsible for heating, ventilating and air conditioning in the Company's power plants, office buildings and other structures, as well as designing of customers' electric resistance heating and heat pump installations.

A mechanical engineering graduate of Carnegie Tech, Mr. Ambrose joined the engineering staff of the Service Corporation in 1939. He since has been engaged in designing, preparing specifications and supervising the installation of heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems throughout the AGE System. Prior to joining the Service Corporation, he was air conditioning application engineer for General Electric Company.

Look Into America's Future . . .

Put yourself in this picture and take a look down the road into America's future. You may find your goal closer around the bend than you think.



Many Ask Questions

It's only natural after the past few years' events for many to have feelings of doubt, apprehension and even fear as to what lies ahead for the economy of our nation.

The working man wants to know if it's safe to buy that new house—the housewife wants to know what she and her family can look forward to—the small businessman wants more time to go by before planning future inventories—the industrialist isn't sure whether he should expand his present facilities.

All of these people have questions—good questions—but many of the answers are right in front of us if we take the time to look.

What do we need today? What will take place tomorrow? Let's take a look into THE FUTURE OF AMERICA.

Babies, Babies, Babies

In the first three seconds you spent reading this a father started passing out cigars to mark the arrival of another new-born baby. The population of the United States is increasing at the dynamic rate of a baby every three seconds during the working day—11,000 a day.

That's enough babies to populate a city about the size of Roanoke, or Charleston or Huntington every nine days. Think of that! Monday through

Friday enough babies will be born to populate a city about the size of Lynchburg. Three days' births could total the population of Ashland while it would take only about two days to populate a Bluefield, or a Beckley or a Kingsport. In number of people, a Pulaski or a Williamson is produced in about a day.

Growing Needs

These new-born babies will need food, clothing, shelter and, later on, medical attention and education. And those persons directly or indirectly connected with the enterprises supplying those needs already can be confident of their futures.

But let's start with the farmer. A tremendous population growth will cause him to increase his crop production. And he will have to buy more machinery. To keep pace with the growing population, since 1940 farmers already have increased their output per man-hour 52% through mechanization and improved methods. And they've improved their living standards by buying more things—which, in turn, has bettered the living standards of many others.

More Schools Needed

As the babies born today begin growing up, they'll have need for adequate educational facilities. We must almost double our present educational system because today there are almost 70% more children under five years of age in this country than there were in 1940.

To satisfy this educational need and guarantee adequate medical attention, it is estimated we should spend \$40-billion for schools and hospitals alone. This new construction will mean more jobs for bricklayers, masons, carpenters, plumbers, architects, real estate brokers and many others. This will put more buying power in the hands of these people which, again, will greatly contribute to everybody's opportunity for prosperity.

Expansion Of Industry

Our snowballing population growth will make it necessary for everything to grow. Industries right now need to modernize or replace plants representing the investment of hundreds of billions of dollars, and the future will bring about the need for new plants and more investment.

In the electric utility industry, for example, the demand for energy is expected to increase 250% by 1975. And the almost explosive population growth will have its effect on all other industry, too. Two automotive manufacturers already have made plans to invest \$1¼-billion, and \$500-million is going to be invested by an oil company for expansion of facilities.

Traffic Going Up

The population equivalent to a brand new city being born every few days is increasing sales territory for business. And the one out of every seven workers in this country employed in highway transport will benefit greatly. And this takes us down to the highways.

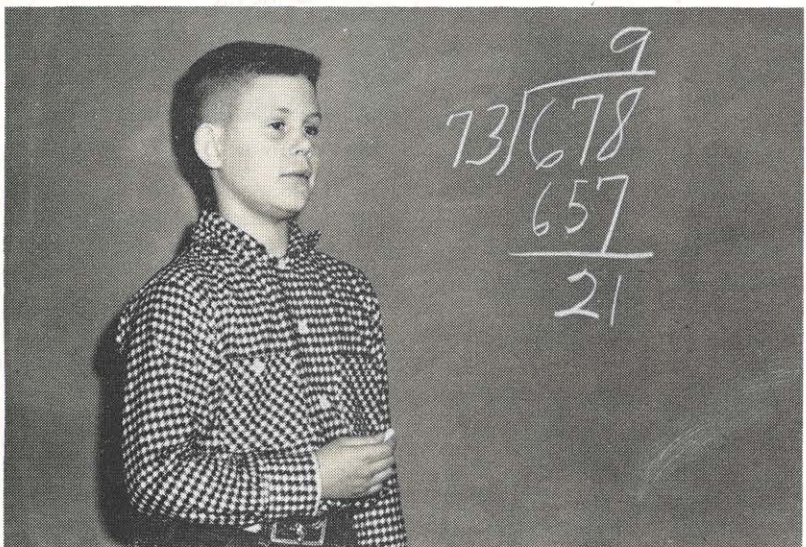
Today's roads are carrying 55 million vehicles or an increase in traffic of 72% over 1940. Our country's highway system already needs remodeling—a \$60-billion job—and this can mean unlimited opportunity for those engaged in highway construction.



They cut the wedding cake . . . and the bells of the nation's cash register ring! We're adding new families like Mr. and Mrs. Douglas K. Wirt to our nation faster than ever before. He is the son of E. L. Wirt, Roanoke district garage.



11,000 babies are born daily . . . enough to make everybody happy. Like this little fellow who is the object of the new father's attention, each baby is unclothed, unfed and needs all the things that can make jobs for all the rest of us.



He has a problem . . . that can make work for millions. Today there are almost 70% more children under 5 than in 1940. New schools will be needed for more youngsters like Sammy Mustaine, son of S. W. Mustaine, Huntington office manager.



Bank accounts keep growing . . . because we're the best off nation in the world. James Fizer, Charleston T&D engineering section, is one of many who has helped push savings from about \$68 billion in 1940 to about \$250 billion today.

And You Can See Your Own

Wedding Bells Busy

As yesterday's babies become today's bride and groom, there is a larger portion of our adult population married now than ever before. And they are marrying at a younger age and having larger families than ever before.

These newlyweds need now and will continue to need new housing. Three million homes have been erected in the United States since 1950—but that isn't enough to meet the need. And of the existing homes today, 67% are 20 years old or more and 50% are more than 30 years old. An estimated \$100-million of new housing is required to fulfill the need for new homes—and the opportunities for the future of the families whose neighborhoods touch on this industry are further assured.

Bank Accounts Growing

Despite inflation, the people of this country have twice as much buying power now as they did in 1940, and during that same period, their savings have soared from \$68½-billion to \$250-billion.

There is some unemployment in scattered areas of the country at the present time, but the long range employment trend is upward. And there are 20 million more jobs now than there were in 1939.

Horizons Unlimited

Another big factor in the future is the part American science is playing in new developments in electronics, jets, rockets, chemistry and other fields. We're living now on the border of an atomic world, and it, alone, may offer the most tremendous personal and industrial opportunity of all time. Thousands of babies being born today, for example, may prosper in the future in jobs we never thought could exist.

We're also able to take better advantage of the opportunities which confront us because we're living longer lives. By 1960 it is estimated our population of people 65 years old and up will number 15½ million—more than the entire population of Canada.

Retired People Active

These older people today are more active, have more money in their pockets and like to travel more than ever before. All this has caused, and will continue to cause, a "boom" in the resort, motel, hotel and transportation businesses. These older people aren't the only ones who can enjoy leisure time, however. There are 40 million people today with paid vacations.

Although we are experiencing a fast-moving age, people haven't neglected culture. More books, magazines and other periodicals are being published and sold today than ever before. Last year sales of classical records amounted to \$60 million.

\$500 Billion Opportunity

If you were to add up all the costs of our needs right now, you would come out with a figure around \$500 billion—and that would only be a start. Our real danger in times to come is in losing sight of the opportunities in front of us as we wonder about those in the future.

To keep pace with our dynamic population growth will call for the greatest individual and industrial effort in the peace-time history of the United States.

And you as an American, no matter who you are or what you are doing for a living, can set your hopes high if you have faith in THE FUTURE OF AMERICA.

Faith in Future of Our Nation and Territory

Late in September the Company's directors authorized another generating unit at Glen Lyn, Unit No. 6. And within the past two weeks they authorized still another unit, Unit No. 3, at Muskingum River. Both of these units will be similar in many respects to the five 215,000-kw units that are now in operation at Muskingum, Kanawha and Tanners Creek, but will be improvements on them.

We believe in America's future and we believe in the future of the territory in which we operate. Hard-headed studies indicate that, barring some catastrophic event which we do not want to believe will happen, the load that we will have to carry in 1956 and 1957 will require the additional capacity. Glen Lyn No. 6 and Muskingum River No. 3 then are our answer to whether we believe in a bright next year and a bright year after that.

From a statement by PRESIDENT PHILIP SPORN
December 31, 1954



The need for modernizing today's roads is upon us . . . even without our new millions of babies. Kanawha Boulevard in Charleston is an example of meeting the needs of roads which are carrying 55 million vehicles, 72% more than in 1940.



They take it easy . . . and make more jobs. Like R. T. Phelps, retired Bluefielder shown with his family at their trailer before taking off on a nationwide tour, older people today are active and have more money to spend—benefitting others.



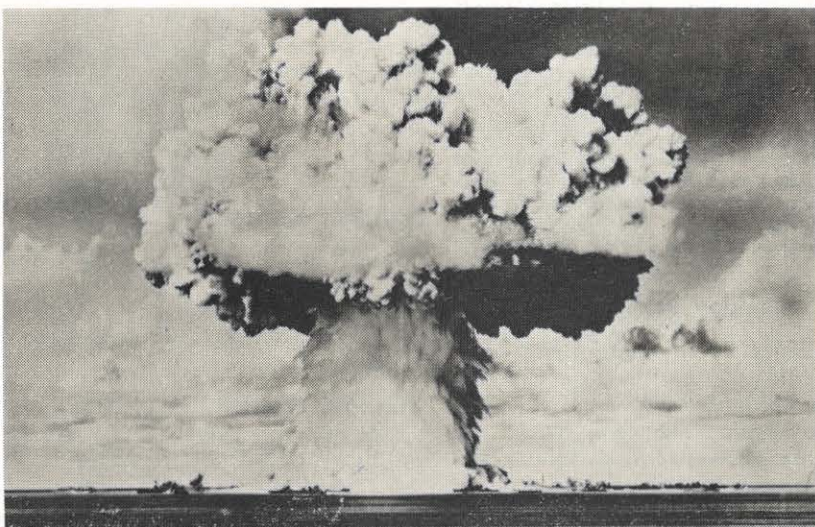
It takes energy . . . to keep up with growing demands. It is estimated that by 1975 the demand for electrical energy will increase by 250%. Linemen like I. H. Mace and R. C. Childress, Abingdon district, will help meet that growth.



Factories have to keep pace with our snowballing population growth . . . meaning an outlay of billions. Modernized plants and new plants like this one of Maidenform Brassiere Co. in Princeton mean more jobs, greater opportunities.



New families need new homes . . . and everything that goes in them. Since 1950 we have built three million new homes—not enough. M. C. Simpson, Kingsport commercial manager, looks at blueprints for another electrically heated home.



Fearfully we enter the atomic age . . . and yet it may hold the key to unlock untold treasure chests of personal and industrial opportunity. Babies born today may prosper in the future in jobs we never thought could exist.



Bigger families face brighter futures . . . because science brings miraculous developments. These offer new fields of opportunity to youngsters like those of C. H. McCarthy, Jr., Reusens hydro operator, who also has a 5-month-old son.

Seven Appalachian Employees Write Articles For AGE 'Operating Notes'

Seven Appalachian employees contributed four articles to the December issue of AGE's *Monthly Operating Notes*.

V. L. Thacker, Huntington district station foreman, wrote "Jig For Handling Bushings During Repair," in which he described the use of an inexpensive jig for holding bushings during repairs. The jig enables one man



Mr. Thacker

to do the job safely.

Charles D. Yeager and Nelson R. Roush, Philip Sporn plant master maintenance men, contributed "Aid To Dust Collector Tube Replacement." The two men wrote of modified vise grip pliers to press bolts and gaskets into the proper position while installing Aerotec dust collector tubes.

Two Abingdon district men were co-authors of "Tickler For Minimizing Outages." The two, Rufus M. Bondurant, district engineer, and Paul Lethcoe, electrical engineer, explained a card-record system which has brought several locations of repeated outages to the attention of area foremen, enabling them to apply corrective measures for avoiding repetition.

And G. H. Broyles, distribution department, and Henry Altieri, district garage, of Roanoke, wrote "Wire-Mesh Protectors For Street Lights." The two men explained wire mesh protectors they have designed for junior luminaires to protect them from the effects of vandalism. The two noted that the protectors were successful in the reduction of broken luminaires, without an

Power Makers' Club Has Active Social Program

Recent activities of the Cabin Creek Power Makers' Club include monthly bingo parties, two shooting matches and a dinner.

Bingo parties are held monthly in the plant assembly room with prizes furnished by the club. Members and guests attend with refreshments being served.

The recent shooting match featured turkeys as prizes while hams went to winners at the Thanksgiving shoot. Schrader's Cafe in Charleston was the scene of the club's most recent dinner for members and guests.



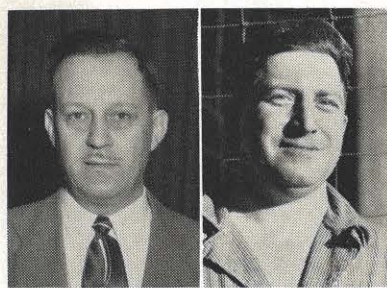
Mr. Yeager

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Mr. Broyles

Mr. Altieri

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IM Club Honors 14 Lynchburg Veterans

Fourteen Lynchburg district supervisors were honored when 20-Year Night was held recently by the Industrial Management Club. Special recognition was given to all members with 20 or more years' service with their companies.

Those from Lynchburg district having from 20 to 36 years' service were: H. W. Proffitt, line foreman; J. R. Martin, line and station supervisor; W. D. Almond, building supervisor; Baxter McIntosh, meter supervisor; W. T. Desmond, working foreman; E. T. Johnson, power sales engineer; A. T. Hubbel, retired chief substation operator; and L. T. Smith, administrative assistant.

Also E. L. Sutor, Jr., local office manager; H. A. Brooks, working foreman; F. M. Cloyd, district commercial manager; R. C. Foster, record supervisor; R. L. Davis, assistant stores supervisor; and R. H. Porter, working foreman.

Columnist Praises 'Bighearted' Crew For Aiding Woman

Sol Padlibsky, columnist for the *Charleston Daily Mail*, recently paid tribute to a Charleston district line crew in his column, "Of All Things." This is how Mr. Padlibsky told the story:

"This is what I like about my hometown: A car slipped off the ice-glazed road at the junction of Loudon Heights and Staunton Road in South Hills. The middle-aged woman driver was distraught and slightly confused.

"Apparently too upset to attempt to maneuver the car back to the highway, she remained in it. The wheels were perilously near a ditch. While she pondered her plight, an Appalachian Electric Power Company service truck came on the scene.

"Foreman L. W. Price of the Appalachian crew in the truck surveyed the situation. He and his boys hitched a tow line to the car. But, as the truck started to pull the car onto the highway, a new problem arose. The car slid and was jammed against a pole.

"So, Mr. Price and his crew, Paul Hull, H. R. Allison, C. C. Willis, Dan Acela, R. F. Jones and R. H. Moss, did what comes naturally to seven husky men.

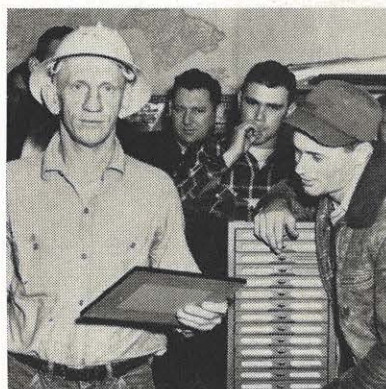
"They took their positions around the rear of the car, picked it up and placed it back safely on the highway.

"The woman was profuse with gratitude, but apparently too nervous to go behind the wheel and continue her journey down the hill to the business district.

"A couple in a station wagon who had watched the 'Good Samaritan' deed of the Appalachian crew came to the rescue at this point. The man took the wheel of the car and drove the woman downtown.

"I thought you'd like this little story of bighearted people that makes you just a little prouder of your hometown."

Turtle Club Member



Fellow employees get a look at the Turtle Club hard hat and membership certificate awarded Lorain Crump on January 19 by D. C. Duncan, system safety director. The Point Pleasant district lineman was presented membership in the club because a hard hat saved him serious injury, perhaps his life. He was struck on his hard hat by a cant hook handle when it slipped from the grip of a fellow worker while they were loading a crooked pole on a pole trailer. Looking on after the presentation are, from the left: C. H. Murray, Jr., C. E. Fowler and H. J. Patterson.

Beckley School Players

Three Beckley district employees' children took part in the junior class play at Woodrow Wilson High School last month. They are Bernard H. White III, son of B. H. White, local office manager; Charlotte Berginnis, daughter of E. A. Berginnis, area serviceman, and Howard Mollohan, son of L. C. Mollohan, station foreman.

New Indoor Sign Greets Bluefield Customers



Customers will be greeted on Valentine's Day with the above message on the new Bluefield changeable indoor sign. Cashiers shown are Pauline Hawley, left, and Bess Hodges. The message is changed regularly to fit civic affairs, public relations messages and company sales promotions. Putting in this new changeable letter sign came after the fine response to the big outside sign, put up last year, which resembles a theatre marquee and is changed regularly.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District

H. H. FARLEY, JR., from material clerk to head material clerk.

Bluefield District

W. H. FERGUSON, area sales representative, from Clintwood to Abingdon; L. C. THOMAS from senior merchandise order and billing clerk to area sales representative; PEGGY JOHNSON from Junior PBX operator to clerk-stenographer, commercial department.

Beckley District

HARRY B. BOYD from truck driver-groundman to lineman C; PATSY L. MAHONEY from junior petty cash clerk to junior payroll clerk, accounting department; JO ANN CANTRELL from office messenger, accounting department, to junior clerk, commercial department.

Fieldale District

PATSY WEAVER from junior clerk to clerk-typist, local accounting department.

Huntington District

JACK K. BUTLER from lineman C to lineman B, T&D department, line section.

Pulaski District

W. W. BALLINGER from Christiansburg to Floyd, lineman C, T&D department, line section; E. A. MARTIN from Floyd to Christiansburg, meter serviceman B, T&D department, meter section.

Roanoke District

GORDON C. WARRICK from truck driver-groundman, Roanoke, to auto repairman A, Kingsport; MARY JANE DAVIS from Roanoke to Bluefield district accounting department.

Philip Sporn Plant

JAMES H. BALL from junior maintenance man to maintenance man, maintenance department; WILLIAM E. STIVERS from junior maintenance man to maintenance man, maintenance department; HAROLD R. RUSSELL from tractor operator to harbor boat operator, yard department; KENNETH O. ROLLINS from tractor operator to harbor boat operator, yard department; EDWIN F. HUDSON from tractor operator to harbor boat operator, yard department.

Welch District

PAUL HALL from meter serviceman C to meter serviceman B, T&D department, meter section.

Williamson District

FLORENCE MURPHY from senior bookkeeper, accounting department, to junior power billing clerk, commercial department; LORRAYNE COREA from stenographer to secretarial stenographer, accounting department; R. B. WAGGONER from utility clerk to assistant local office manager, accounting department.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District

CAROLEE LUTHER from local accounting to T&D department.

Hazard District

IMOGENE SMITH from stores department to local accounting department.

Pikeville District

CHESTER SMITH from general serviceman A to area sales representative, commercial department.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

Kingsport

ANDY SKELTON from guard to auto repairman helper.

Kingsport Snow Brings Line Damage



Kingsport's foot-deep snow on January 18-19 broke this line which is being repaired by Winston Morrison's line gang. First trouble in Kingsport came about 5 a. m. on January 19. All main line feeders that had been damaged were back in service by 9 a. m. with all trouble on rural lines corrected and service restored by 3:30 p. m. that same day. Trees falling and snow sticking on the lines were the main troublemakers.

Veterans Receive Pins



Company veterans receiving pins for 20 or more years' service during recent weeks are pictured above. **TOP ROW**, from the left: Elmer T. Johnson, Lynchburg, 30 years; W. O. Settle, Charleston, 30 years; and John H. Quillen, Abingdon, 25 years. **SECOND ROW**, from the left, all 25 years: V. W. Brust, system; Edgar Heyl, Ashland; and J. B. Ragland, Roanoke. **THIRD ROW**, from the left, all 20 years: R. L. Kirk, Logan plant; Harry M. Birtle, Bluefield division; and V. C. Nelson, system. **BOTTOM ROW**, from the left, all 20 years: W. P. Danforth, Jr., Roanoke; E. C. Flannery, Charleston division; and Robert S. Hylton, Bluefield.

H. M. Strong Becomes Red Cross Gallon Clubber

H. M. Strong, Jr., Princeton local office manager in the Bluefield district, became a member of the American Red Cross Gallon Club recently.



Mr. Strong

Mr. Strong contributed his eighth pint of blood when the Bloodmobile visited Princeton. He joined the company in 1938 as a clerk and rose to his present position in 1943. He is a member of the First Methodist Church, Elks Lodge, Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club.

W. H. Johnson, AGE, Named To New Post

Wayne H. Johnson, AGE distribution engineer, has been named deputy head of the distribution section of the electrical engineering division.

Mr. Johnson began his career in the electric utility field in September, 1925, with Indiana General Service Company as a distribution engineer in the company's Marion-Muncie division. He was transferred to the Service Corporation in New York in 1941.

Thomas Bunton Goes To Kyger Creek Plant

Thomas Bunton, Hazard plant chemist, has gone to the Kyger Creek plant at Cheshire, Ohio.



Mr. Bunton

Mr. Bunton joined Kentucky in December, 1934, as a senior clerk at Hazard plant. A native of Lexington, Ky., he is a graduate of Henry Clay High School and the Office Training School in Columbus, Ohio. He is married and they have a son and a daughter.

William Haulsee Is Named To Legion Post

William Haulsee, Pulaski district groundman at Marion, has been appointed to the National Committee of Education and Scholarship by the American Legion. Immediate past commander of Smyth County Post 18 of Marion, during his term in office his post had the largest membership in their district.

A veteran of World War II, he came with the company in 1946. He is married, has a son and is a member of the Baptist Church.

Kingsport First In C-I Campaign; Others Over Top

Kingsport Utilities was top company in the "Exciter" division of the 1954 AGE Commercial-Industrial sales campaign. All three Southern Properties companies went over 100 percent in the AGE campaigns.

In the "Generator" division Appalachian finished second in the Residential sales campaign with 121.3 percent and third in the C-I contest with 146.1 percent.

In the "Exciter" division Kentucky placed second in the C-I campaign with 116.4 percent and third in the Residential with 107.8.

A total of 50,811 ranges, dryers and water heaters were sold in our area, including 43,285 for Appalachian, 2,375 for Kingsport and 5,151 for Kentucky.

Kilowattour Gain

Appalachian also showed a 181 kilowattour gain, while Kingsport had a 582 kilowattour gain and Kentucky a 150 kilowattour gain. All three were over quota.

Kingsport ran up a 145.2 score for its winning margin in the C-I contest. It also finished second in the Residential campaign with 111.1 percent. Indiana and Michigan was top company in the "Generators" division in the Residential contest, while Wheeling Electric took first place in the "Exciters." I&M also won the C-I campaign in the "Generators" division.

Appalachian Standings

In the Appalachian 12-month Residential contest, Charleston division and district finished first. Huntington, Roanoke and Bluefield divisions finished second, third and fourth, while Huntington, Lynchburg and Welch districts ended behind Charleston.

Bluefield division and district showed top sales percent for the Appalachian five-month campaign. Charleston, Roanoke and Huntington divisions finished in that order, as did Welch, Charleston and Lynchburg districts.

Bluefield division also took both the year-long and the five-month C-I sales campaign. Huntington, Charleston and Roanoke divisions followed in the annual contest, and Roanoke, Charleston and Huntington divisions finished one, two, three in the five-month section.

C. E. Archer Heads Narrows Kiwanians

C. E. Archer, assistant Glen Lyn plant manager, was recently installed as president of the Narrows Kiwanis Club. He has served as secretary-treasurer of the club for five years.

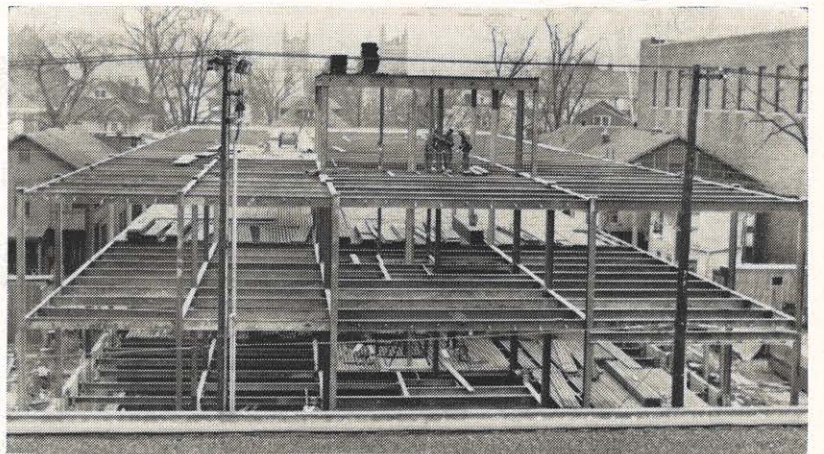


Mr. Archer

He also is active in the Red Cross, the Giles County Chamber of Commerce and the Giles Area Development Club. He is married and lives in Glen Lyn with his wife and daughter.

Employed in the maintenance gang at Switchback in 1937, he has been maintenance foreman at Switchback, relay engineer at Welch, assistant substation superintendent at Switchback and supervising engineer at Glen Lyn. He became assistant plant manager in 1951.

Huntington Office Work Progresses



The steelwork rearing itself above a Huntington street belongs to the new Huntington office building. Work has been going on since groundbreaking September 9 and is on schedule. The building, a two-story structure, is to be completed by the end of the year. It has a full basement, where the employees' canteen and heavy equipment will be housed, and accommodations for a future third floor. The first floor will hold a 300-seat auditorium and demonstration kitchen, lobby and cashier's cage and the accounting department. Other district and division offices, including managers, will be located on the second floor. The structure, located near the Huntington service building, has an 80-foot frontage and extends 200 feet back.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—25 YEARS: JOHN H. QUILLEN, right of way agent.

Bluefield District—20 YEARS: H. M. BIRTLE, station man; ROBERT S. HYLTON, meter serviceman; **15 YEARS:** ANNIE M. HUBBARD, maid; **10 YEARS:** T. H. JESSEE, meterman; **5 YEARS:** R. A. SHEFFEY, JR., electrical engineer.

Charleston District—30 YEARS: W. O. SETTLE, area serviceman; **20 YEARS:** E. C. FLANNERY, division office manager.

Cabin Creek Plant—35 YEARS: J. W. MASSEY, operations; **10 YEARS:** O. G. ELLIS, operations.

Fieldale District—15 YEARS: CARL E. GIBSON, r/w agent.

Glen Lyn Plant—10 YEARS: F. H. BLANKENSHIP, maintenance department; W. B. SPRINKLE, coal handling; J. C. KEATLEY, maintenance department.

Logan District—5 YEARS: DORIS L. ATKINS, meter department.

Logan Plant—20 YEARS: R. L. KIRK, coal conveyor operator; **15 YEARS:** C. E. PARSONS, mechanical maintenance mechanic.

Lynchburg District—30 YEARS: ELMER T. JOHNSON, power sales engineer.

Roanoke District—25 YEARS: J. B. RAGLAND, stores department; **20 YEARS:** W. P. DANFORTH, JR., local accounting department.

System—35 YEARS: E. A. DODSON, system operating department; **25 YEARS:** V. W. BRUST, system station department; **20 YEARS:** V. C. NELSON, system station department; **10 YEARS:** NANCY C. SIMPSON, system accounting department.

Philip Sporn Plant—5 YEARS: HOMER R. GORDON, master maintenance man; RALPH M. ROTTGEN, maintenance man; ROBERT M. COOKE, instrument maintenance man.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District—25 YEARS: E. E. HEYL.

Hazard District—5 YEARS: DEWEY SIZEMORE, accounting department.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

Kingsport—15 YEARS: D. P. BLANKENBECKLER, stores supervisor.

Display Stresses Hard Hat Safety



This unusual safety display in the Huntington service building dramatized the importance of wearing hard hats. The idea originated from actual cases and the display was made with the cooperation of the M. D. Angel Company, men's clothing store. Gordon P. Chain, chief draftsman, made the signs while Carlos J. Akers, safety supervisor, assembled the display.

Two Charleston Employees Named By Coaches To KVC All-Time All-Stars

Two Charleston district employees have been named to the Kanawha Valley Conference all-time All-Stars.



Mr. Jividen

Players were selected by 15 coaches as being the top court talent produced in the conference.

Ralph Holmes, Charleston groundman, was named to the first team of the

All-Stars and Linden Jividen, area sales representative, was given an honorable mention by the coaches.

Mr. Holmes earned his position on the top five when he played for Stonewall Jackson High School. His senior year he averaged 15.3 points a game on 229 points and was named to both the all-state team and the all-tournament squad. He went on to West Virginia University, where again he left his mark.

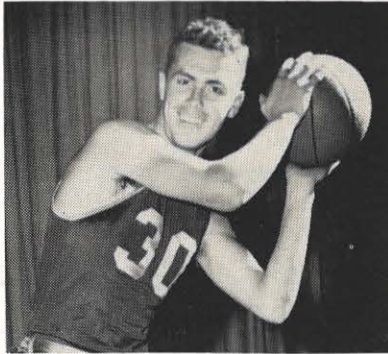
As captain of the Mountaineer five in 1954 he scored 332 points in 23 games for a 14.4 average. During 75 games, covering a span of three years, he scored 784 points, or an average of 10.5. This mark places him as eighth highest scorer in West Virginia collegiate basketball history.

Mr. Holmes lives at Teays Valley with his wife and daughter.

Mr. Jividen was on the KVC all-star team in both 1944 and 1945 from Dunbar High School. Until that time he was one of two boys who had made the mythical team two years in a row. At Dunbar he set the league scoring record in 1944 and then broke it in 1945. Mark Workman, West Virginia University skyscraper—he's six feet nine—has since broken that mark. Workman was All-American and played professional ball.

Mr. Jividen is married and lives at Dunbar.

See Yourself Anywhere?



Ralph Holmes, Charleston groundman, was recently named to the Kanawha Valley Conference all-time All-Star basketball first team.

Steamers Roll To First Half Crown

They took the title last year, and the Kanawha Steamers seem intent on a repeat performance this year in the Cabin Creek-Kanawha River Bowling League.

The Steamers captured the first half title recently, winning by two and a half games over the second-place Do-Ifs.

Phil Murray of Cabin Creek has high season average with 171. Bill Rader and Hannah Lou Coleman have high singles of 224 and 180, while Bill Ribble and Jeanne Creasey hold high three game set scores of 583 and 465.

Grimes' Shift Opens Defense Of Sporn Bowling Title With First Half Victory



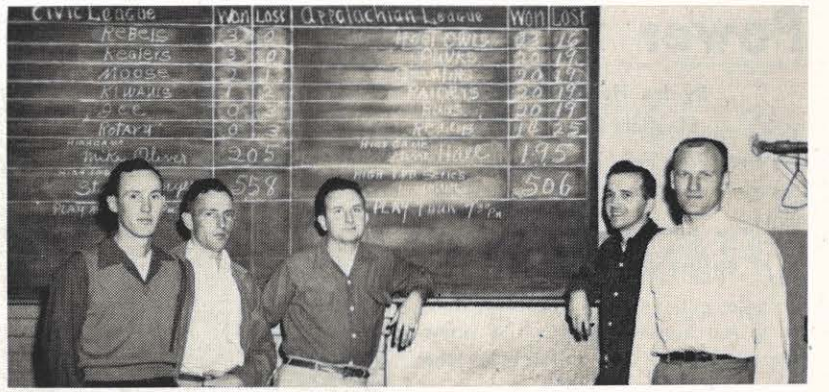
Making a good start in the defense of their bowling crown are these members of Grimes' Shift in the Philip Sporn plant bowling league. They are, front row, from the left: James Bennett, captain Floyd Capehart and Harry Davis. Back row, from the left: Sonny Haggerty, Gene Athey and Ralph Gibbs, Jr. Buck Tennant is also a team member.

Grimes' Shift began a successful defense of their 1954 title in the Philip Sporn plant bowling league by winning the first half of the present season.

Members of the team rolled up a 43-8 won and lost record to finish first in the field of 11 teams. Tennant's Shift finished in second spot with a 31-14 record.

Although they took top honors in league play, neither the team nor its members pulled down any scoring honors. High three game set went to Emmert's Shift with 2,490, and Maintenance No. 2 had high game of 891. Robert Gilmore, who had high season average for the first half of 170, also rolled the high three game set of 624. Dick Ash's 243 was high game.

Hoot Owls Take Williamson Laurels



It's all over but the shouting in the first half of the Williamson district bowling league. While four teams fought for second place, the Hoot Owls walked off with top honors. Members of the team, shown above, are from the left: Jack Maynard, Pete Woods, Jay Runyon, Arnold Hatfield and Moir Nowlin. The four teams tying for second place, as shown on the scoreboard behind the Hoot Owls, were the Punks, Gremlins, Raiders and Bugs. Jay Runyon has high average with 154 and Jack Maynard has rolled high series of 542. Fred Varney, with the Raiders, has high game of 233. League officers include Milton Cole, president; Jay Runyon, vice president; Betty Roach, treasurer; Frances Keadle, secretary; and C. C. Darrah, commissioner.

Football Ace Places On All-Star Squads

Billy Joe Wells left his mark on the West Virginia high school football world in 1954 when he was named to three mythical all-star teams.



Billy Joe Wells

He is the son of J. C. Wells, Charleston district line inspector.

Coaches placed the 155-pound Stonewall Jackson High School senior on the All-Kanawha County eleven and then he was selected for the second team of the All-Southern West Virginia squad. Final honors came when he was chosen for the second eleven of the official West Virginia All-State roster.

A guard on the Stonewall Jackson Generals, he also starred in football and track at Lincoln Junior High School. He plans to enter Greenbrier Military School next year.

Clyde Skeen Victor In Roanoke Bowling Stakes

Hitting for scores of 113, 146 and 101 Clyde Skeen rolled his way to the Roanoke mid-season duckpin sweepstakes championship.

Clyde totaled 388, with a 28-pin handicap, to top Kenneth Hubbard, T&D, and Carl Hedgecock, system accounting, who finished second and third. Clyde is a system civil engineering employee.

Glen G. Brammer, system operating, won high game honors among the participants who did not finish in the top three-game set scores with a 125.

A few nights later, after the second half season began, Guy F. Cromer, draftsman, rolled a 176 game to set a new high for the year. He marked in all but two blocks, the first and the last, for his score. He rolled three strikes and five spares.

Cruisers Take Title As Beckley Tops C&P

Already first quarter champs, the Orange Cruisers came back to annex the first half title in the Beckley District Bowling League.

Guys and Dolls took the second quarter honors but lost to the Cruisers in a first half playoff. Winning team members are Regina Slayton, captain, Bob Smith, Clyde Marshall, Jim Kirby, Eddie Zopp, Eddie Berginnis and Jake Abshire. Guys and Dolls team includes Paul Pauley, captain, Keith Evans, Homer Greene, O. C. Hall, John Hammer, Jean Brash and Parthenia Winner.

The league drew three all-star teams to meet the C&P Telephone Company squad in a match January 9 and came out on top 8,576 to 8,450. Each company put two men's teams and a woman's team into the tournament. Tentative plans have been made for a second match.

Employees Buy Hunting Camp In National Forest

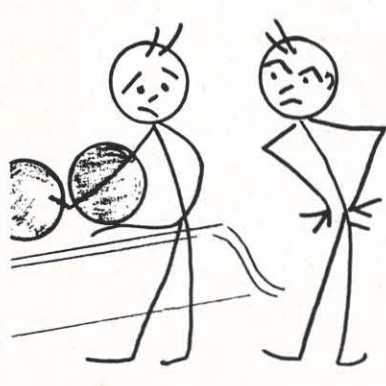
Several Philip Sporn plant employees were among those who have formed a corporation and purchased a hunting camp in the George Washington National Forest in Hardy County.

Robert Cooke is the secretary of the group. The men bought a schoolhouse and converted it to a camp so that during the hunting season they would have a convenient headquarters. Edwin Clarke and Roy Cooke are two other employee members. Both Roy and Robert got deer during the recent season.

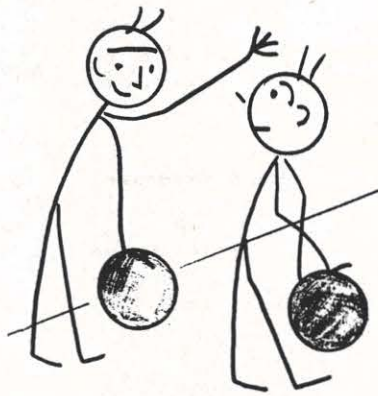
Some Tips From Charleston's Kilowatt Bowling League



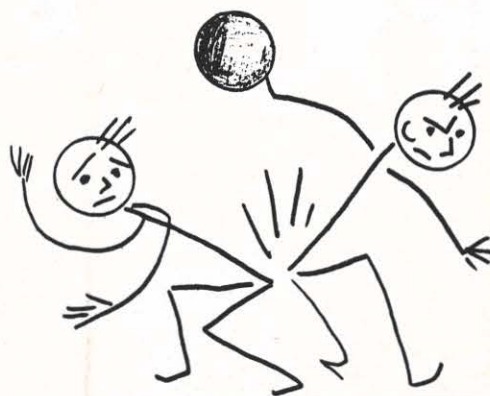
Watch foul line. Remember---your place is in back of it.



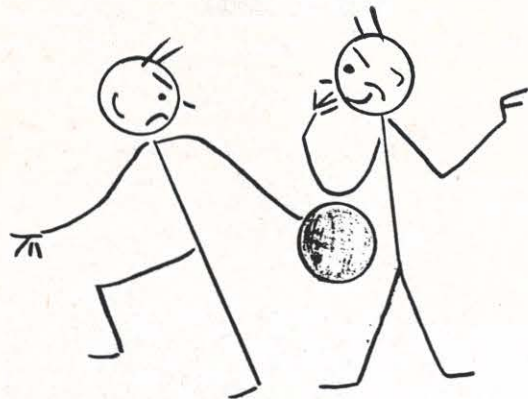
Selecting a rack ball? Be sure it's not someone else's and be sure not to interfere.



Give "right-of-way" to bowler on adjoining approach unless you get signal to proceed.



Plenty of Body English is OK but don't overdo it to the point where you may interfere with another player.



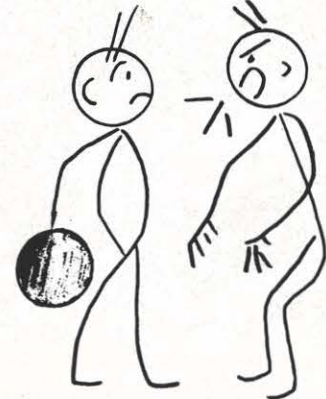
If you've got a joke to tell, save it 'til the other fellow makes his delivery. Then he can appreciate even a "slow roller."



Wake up and watch. Know when it's your turn and be ready to bowl.



Temper never helps a score. Pins cannot hear; other players don't care to.



Please! This fellow has enough troubles without any from an Alibi Artist.

Game Rules Explained

Power Pole Polo Proves Popular Pastime

By Ira Henderson
Bluefield District

Power Pole Polo is a popular game played with power poles and automobiles.

There are two ways of playing this game. The first way is to wait until the poles get very close together, then try to run between them. The other way is to stop the car and let the pole jump up and hit it.

The amazing thing about this game is that it is a very slow game. The player is yet to be found that was traveling over 20 miles per hour.

The law requires that the players in this game have two licenses, one in his wallet and one on the car. However, in lots of cases the player does not have time to get either one.

Nobody Wins

The game is also unusual in that nobody wins. It is probably the only game in existence where everybody loses.

Take, for example, Appalachian's customers. Usually a broken power pole leaves those in the vicinity without power—stopping everything from the electric clock to the stoker until service is restored.

The players usually end up in the nearest hospital with multiple lacerations, broken bones, shock or concussions, if they're lucky. Ambulance drivers and doctors are subjected to a mixture of fenders, radiators, bumpers, broken glass, gasoline and creosote with a dash of battery acid for taste and a quantity of blood for color (not to mention ether).

Line gangs, called away from cozy homes on wintry nights, work for hours and hours placing the facilities back in service.

Players Are Drafted

Power Pole Polo is unique in another way. The players seldom ever play the game voluntarily: they are drafted by snow, ice, mud, rain and fog on streets and highways. Sometimes they are forced into the game by a heavy foot or blinding lights from another car.

In 1954 car damage to Appalachian poles in the Bluefield district was over \$2,000. Damage to cars involved was about \$7,000. That means for all of Appalachian last year there was about \$20,000 damage to company poles with an estimated \$70,000 damage to the cars. These company damages don't take into account the labor, time and inconvenience to employees and the public.

So drive carefully . . . the pole you break may be your own!

H. B. Newland Is New IM Club Officer

H. B. Newland is the new treasurer of the Pulaski Industrial Management Club.



Mr. Newland

The Pulaski district personnel supervisor has served on the board of directors of the organization for the past two years. He is also commanding officer of the Air Force Reserve Unit in Pulaski County and holds the rank of major.

Mr. Newland joined the company in Pulaski, January 6, 1937, as a payroll clerk and was promoted to his present position August 1, 1952.



Poles are shown in many positions after some games of Power Pole Polo. Briefly, the object of the game is to be forced to hit the pole with a vehicle at a low rate of speed. The game is unique because nobody wins and players never volunteer.

Harry L. Candler On Planning Commission

Harry L. Candler has been appointed by the Lynchburg City Council to a three-year term on the seven-member City Planning Commission. He is one of three new members on the commission and began his duties January 1.



Mr. Candler

Mr. Candler, Lynchburg district agricultural sales engineer, joined the company May 16, 1941, as a junior power engineer. He was promoted to his present duties on April 5, 1948. He is a graduate in civil engineering from VPI, and served in the Army Officers Reserve from June, 1932, until August, 1942.

Duncan C. Kennedy, district manager, recently retired from a term on the City Planning Commission.

B. L. Chase Reports To Army For Tour Of Duty

Billy Lawrence Chase left January 9 for a tour of duty with the Army. The Charleston district groundman joined the company in October, 1953. He is a graduate of Hurricane High School.



Mr. Chase

Mr. Chase reported to Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he will undergo basic training.

Introduce Fieldale Program

John W. Vaughan, Fieldale district commercial manager, J. D. Higgins and L. W. Jenkins, area representatives, recently presented the 1955 sales promotion program to dealers at dinner meetings in Stuart and Fieldale. About 40 people attended.

Art Work Wins Hillsville Prize



This freehand art was the winner in the Christmas home decoration and lighting contest in Hillsville. S. L. Sisson, Pulaski area sales representative, did the art work himself, including the drawing and cutting the scene from plywood. It took him about a month of spare time work to complete the 10-color job. He and his wife also won top prize in 1952 and received honorable mention in 1953. Meanwhile, in Lynchburg, Appalachian cooperated with the Junior Chamber of Commerce in an outdoor Christmas lighting contest. Electric frying pans were donated by Lynchburg district for prizes.

AGE System Safety Award Is Established

An annual division safety award has been established on the AGE system, according to an announcement by President Philip Sporn. Competition for the first annual (1955) award commenced January 1.

The award will be made each year to the operating or generating division which has recorded the largest cumulative total of manhours worked without a disabling injury as of midnight, December 31, of the award year. The plan permits accumulating manhours over more than one calendar year, except that only manhours worked after January 1, 1955, can be counted.

In announcing the award, Mr. Sporn said: "It is hoped that this award will provide added incentive to our people in maintaining a good safety record."

For purposes of competition, Kentucky Power Company, Kingsport and Wheeling Electric Company, as well as each of the system's major steam generating plants, are considered separate "divisions." Hydro plants and small steam plants are included with the operating divisions in which they are located.

The trophy will be held permanently by the winning division.

Henry Robinson In Lothair Is Active During Retirement



Ready for business behind his store counter in Lothair is Henry Robinson, retired Hazard plant employee.

Plenty of activity has been the solution to Henry Robinson's problem of an early retirement from Hazard plant in 1947 because of health.

At the time he was forced to retire, Henry had eight children to support. His company insurance helped but wouldn't be enough for the many needs of his family.

After his retirement he established a small grocery at Lothair. This has proved to be an answer to his problem because he's happy there and has been able to provide his family with a comfortable life.

For a time he was in the show horse business—buying, selling, trading and training some of the finest show horses in the state. He was among those who established horse shows in his part of the country where large crowds attended.

He also dealt in some real estate. These activities helped him weather the storm. His children are married now and have families of their own. The Robinsons have 16 grandchildren, many living in the vicinity.

They live in their home near the grocery store which provides an income adequate for a quiet and comfortable life. One part of his life is not so quiet, however, as he is a great lover of sports. He seldom misses a sporting event where he cheers for the home team. For good reason! Usually there is a grandchild on the team, or leading the cheers or playing in the band.

Bluefield Award Goes To Elizabeth Lynch

Elizabeth Lynch has emerged victor in the 1954 Home Economist Home Lighting Activities for the Bluefield division.



Miss Lynch

The Pulaski district home economist won a trip to Nela Park in Cleveland, Ohio, when she was judged first among the four home economists representing the division districts. Others competing were Frances Brooks, Welch; Mildred Woody, Abingdon; and Patty Ryan, Bluefield. District winners were presented \$25 savings bonds.

The campaign began September 1 and ran through December 31. It was judged on special promotions, such as lighting demonstrations and classes, home lighting calls, lamp conversion and lamp building and radio talks. Elizabeth left Pulaski January 24 for her trip to Nela Park.

A graduate of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, she was born in Catawba, N. C. She joined the company in June, 1952, and works in the Galax-Hillsville area.

W. W. Corbitt, AGE, Gets Promotion

William W. Corbitt, publication section chief in the AGE public relations department, has been named assistant to the director of public relations.

Mr. Corbitt joined the public relations department of the Service Corporation in October, 1952, after having been editor of the *Ohio Power Review* and *Ohio Power Farm News* in Canton.

A native of Ashtabula, Ohio, he was sports editor of the *Conneaut News-Herald* for two years prior to World War II, in which he served in the Army in the Philippines and Japan. Upon his discharge, he was named city editor in Conneaut and worked in that capacity until joining the public relations department of Ohio Power in January, 1949.

J. W. Massey Earns 35-Year Emblem

James W. Massey, Cabin Creek plant boiler operator, completed 35 years with the company January 1.



Mr. Massey

He came to the company January 1, 1920, and has spent his entire service at Cabin Creek plant. He previously worked for Appalachian from November 1, 1914, to April 30, 1919, in a line crew.

In speaking of his long career with Appalachian, Mr. Massey said: "I wouldn't want to be treated any better than I have been during my employment. We used to take a lot of chances in our work, but now the company wants to make it safe for every man as he works. Our working conditions have improved 100 percent since I started 35 years ago."

Mr. Massey is married and has one son, three daughters and ten grandchildren. He enjoys hunting, gardening, raising bees and violin playing.