

Help me to need no aid  
from men  
That I may help such  
men as need.

—RUDYARD KIPLING

# The Illuminator

There's no time like  
Spring  
When life's alive in  
everything.

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## Among 50 Entries

### 'Boss Of Year' Title Awarded Furr By Roanoke Jr. Chamber Of Commerce

"Boss of the Year" was the title awarded G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager, by the Roanoke Jaycees at their annual Bosses' Night dinner.

The award, first of its kind made by Roanoke Jaycees who also choose a young man of the year, was presented at Hotel Roanoke on February 5. A judging committee picked "Fuzzy" from about 50 nominations for the title.

The outstanding boss award is based on these qualifications: being well known in the community and well liked by employees, being actively interested in civic affairs and being qualified for his position.

The mounted certificate was presented by E. Jackson Tice, a former president of the Roanoke Jaycees. It was signed by E. L. Buckner, national Jaycee president, and J. T. Kirkland, Roanoke Jaycee president.



G. L. Furr looks over some mail in his office where the "Boss of the Year" award can be seen in the upper right corner. The award was the first made by Roanoke Jaycees who also honor a "Young Man of the Year" at their annual Bosses' Night dinner.

## Outstanding Activities

A member of St. John's Episcopal Church where he is on the Vestry and a member of the finance committee, he is married and the father of two children. His work in behalf of the Boy Scouts merited special attention as he is a director of the Roanoke Area Council and chairman of the council's finance committee. He is past president of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, a position he also held in Bluefield. He is chairman of new member induction of the Rotary Club.

He is a member of the Board of Visitors at V.P.I.; a member of the executive committee of the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias; a director of the Southeastern Electric Exchange; a member of the board of directors of Appalachian, of several AGE subsidiary companies, of the AGE Service Corporation and of OVEC.

## Company Service

A veteran of almost 40 years with the company, Mr. Furr graduated from V.P.I. in 1916 and went to work as an operating engineer in the Bluefield division that same year. His job called for meter reading, pole climbing, substation work and line

### M. R. Atkinson Heads Logan Shrine Club

Merrill R. Atkinson, Logan district administrative assistant, was recently elected president of the Logan Shrine Club.



Mr. Atkinson

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Atkinson joined the company August 1, 1926 and rose to his present position March 1, 1945. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Elks, Masonic Bodies and is president of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is also on the board of the Logan County Community Chest.

construction.

He served in World War I and spent a year with General Electric on an exchange basis. He was promoted to assistant general superintendent in 1923 and became division general superintendent in 1934. In 1936 he became assistant manager of the Bluefield division.

He was promoted to Bluefield division manager in 1943 and became assistant general manager of Appalachian in October, 1946, when he moved to Roanoke. He became vice president and general manager on November 1, 1952.

On the committee that selected John H. Thornton, Jr., attorney, as Roanoke's outstanding young man of the year was W. P. Booker, Roanoke district manager.

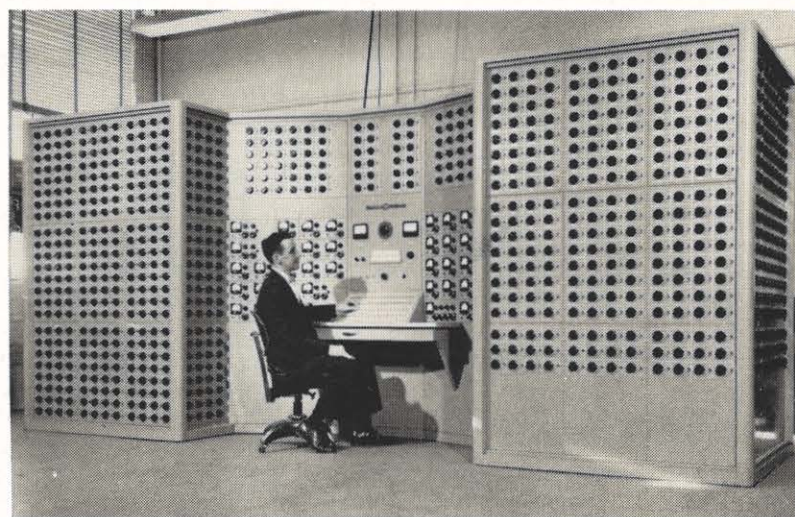
## Money-Saving Machine In Use On System

A dial-studded penalty factor computer, designed to save about \$100,000 a year, is now in operation at the AGE System's production coordination center in Columbus, Ohio.

The computer determines instantaneously the correction factors to be applied in scheduling power plant loadings to minimize the adverse effect of transmission losses and thus achieve maximum operating economy.

### How It Works

For instance, Kanawha River plant is the most economical producer of electric power in Appalachian. However, it is also the northernmost plant and must send power over greater distances to Appalachian's southern load centers than other plants, like Logan and Glen Lyn. The penalty factor computer takes into consideration the generating costs at each plant and the amount of power lost through transmission and then determines the amount of load to be taken up by each plant in the most economical way. It also determines the most economical transmission routes for



You wouldn't know it to look at its 1,290 dials, but the penalty factor computer, recently installed in AGE System's Columbus office, is relatively simple to operate. The dials are connected by six miles of insulated wire. The entire machine is 16 feet long, four feet high and weighs about two and a half tons.

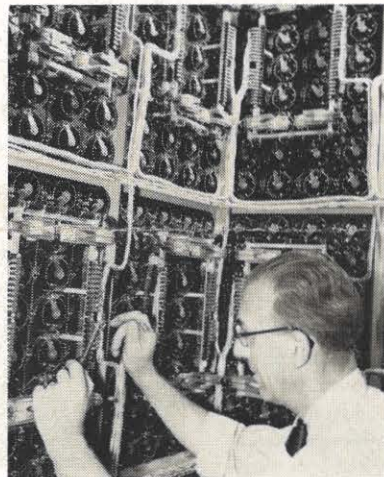
power to be delivered to any point.

Designed by engineers of the Service Corporation and General Electric, the machine took two and a half years to construct. It cost \$100,000, but expected savings the first year of operation are calculated to pay for it.

As complicated as the machine looks it requires little special training for its operators. Personnel of the System production coordination office will operate it, as well as load dispatchers and the billing people who figure

cost of power sold outside the company. The computer is used every day to prepare advance generation schedules, and then make on-the-spot revisions of the scheduling due to forced outages and partial breakdowns. This process of revision will be maintained on a 24-hour basis. Scheduling can be changed from one minute to the next.

The machine, first of its type, is another step in the progress and development which makes AGE one of the most efficient systems in the nation.



The last of 18,000 soldered connections is made prior to the installation of the penalty factor computer.

### \$179 Million Is Slated By AGE For 1955-1956

The system expansion program of the American Gas and Electric Company will continue unabated through 1955 and 1956.

President Philip Sporn says that the AGE System has budgeted over \$80 million for expansion of its electric power production and delivery facilities during this year. And next year the expenditure will be even higher—over \$99 million.

The \$80,300,000 earmarked for this year's construction work includes: \$17,500,000 for generation facilities, \$26,500,000 for transmission lines and stations, and \$29,800,000 for distribution lines and stations. The figure for 1955 is only slightly less than the 1954 construction expenditure of \$85,000,000.

In the 10-year period 1947-56, inclusive, the AGE System will have invested about \$865,000,000 in its expansion program, including 2,815,000 kilowatts of new electric generating capability. A total of 1,075,000 kw of this came into service during the past 20 months alone.

Mr. Sporn said that the AGE System will add another 570,000 kw in the next two years in order to meet the load increase that is expected in the company's seven-state territory by 1957. This will raise the System's total capability to 4,555,000 kw, more than double what it was in 1949.

"This new plant, as well as the tremendous capacity we already have added, is our answer to what we anticipate the coming three years will bring," Mr. Sporn concluded.

### Accident Victim Recovering Nicely, Thanks To Actions Of Charleston Men



Little Carol June Childs tightly grips the bunny doll given her by the two Charleston employees who treated her when she was struck by a car. The child sits on her grandmother's lap. The employees are Herman Jones, left, and J. P. McCormick.

The recent actions of two Charleston employees probably means a young girl will walk again.

J. P. McCormick and Herman Jones, line section, were making a routine check of street light circuits when they saw a 2½-year-old girl, Carol June Childs, struck by a car. They rushed to her aid and found

her leg broken. Her brother in his concern insisted she get up and go home.

But the two men made her lay still and covered her with their coats. They summoned an ambulance and the girl was taken to the hospital. Today she is recovering nicely, thanks to Mr. McCormick and Mr. Jones.

### L. M. Miller Officer In County Chamber

Lloyd M. Miller has been elected treasurer of the newly formed Amherst County Chamber of Commerce.



Mr. Miller

The Lynchburg district residential and rural sales supervisor took office when the organization began functioning January 1.

Mr. Miller, a resident of Amherst County, has been with the company 16 years. He is past president of the Ruritan Club and a member of the Industrial Management Club. He is also Sunday School superintendent and an elder in the Elon Presbyterian Church.

### Scholarship Totals

Final figures show Appalachian ahead of all other AGE companies among entries for the first annual AGE System \$500 Education Award.

Appalachian has 35 sons and daughters of employees registered for the test March 12. Next high was Ohio Power with 24. Indiana & Michigan had 16, Kentucky five, Wheeling Electric and AGE Service Corporation three each and Kingsport one. The total for the AGE System was 87.

Winner of the scholarship will be notified around May 1.



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## In Case You're Asked

Monopoly is a word people usually don't like. It suggests having things sewed up tight—no competition.

Public utilities like ours are monopolies in a sense because we have the only license to sell electricity in our service area. But does that mean we have no competition?

Some of our fellow employees answer that question on this page. They tell their reasons for saying we have plenty of competition.

Our companies are granted licenses which strictly specify the conditions we must meet to get and keep that privilege of being the sole supplier. We must constantly prove we are best suited for the job—able to better serve our customers than any other form of competition.

We have plenty of competition from other sources of energy—gas, oil and coal are just a few. Then, too, some industrial customers can generate their own electricity where they think it is more economical.

To carry the point further, we are competing for our customer's dollar like any other business. We try to convince him that electrical equipment is a good investment—better than the thousand and one other products also in the market for his dollar. Our rates encourage him to use more electricity for more things. We want him to believe he can live better—electrically.

Finally, we and other investor-owned utilities have to meet the challenge of government competition. Federal power projects, financed with taxpayers' money and not paying comparable taxes, sell power at a lower rate that is particularly appealing to those living in areas subsidized by the rest of the nation. This appeal of "cheap power" is a form of competition that must be met in our own service areas so that people will understand the fallacy in public power reasoning.

Do we have competition? You bet we do!

## What Is Electricity?

Electricity is something which starts—goodness knows where—and ends in the same place. It is 1/63 second faster than its nearest competitor—backyard gossip.

Turned loose in Europe, it will get to the United States five hours before it starts. Nobody knows exactly what it is because it has never stood still long enough.

Electricity is sometimes known as "science gone crazy with the heat." If you can understand its maneuvers you can do anything with it except open a can of sardines at a picnic.

Electricity was locked up in ignorance until Benjamin Franklin let it out with a pass key. With it you can cook dinner, curl hair, press trousers, blow up a battleship, run an automobile, or signal Mars—start a conversation or stop one permanently.

—By an unknown author.



### C. L. SPANGLER, Results Clerk, Glen Lyn Plant



If a friend said to me, "Your company has no competition," he should be prepared to defend such a debatable remark, because I think we do have competition. Not only are we in competition with other sources of energy, such as coal, oil and gas, but our company is in competition with

the largest power system in the country, the TVA.

With the low power rates in the TVA area, industry has been encouraged to build there instead of the area our company serves. As you can see, this is competition since the TVA and other subsidized Federal power agencies are offering to sell electric energy tax free. The TVA pays no taxes. In a previous year it paid 3% of its revenue to state and local governments instead of property taxes. Our company pays in taxes about 22% of its revenue.

In my opinion, this is stiff competition.

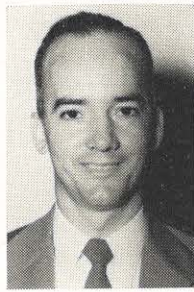
### MILDRED HANNAH, Personnel Dept., Logan District



I definitely believe our company has competition as far as promoting the sales of appliances is concerned. The gas company is now, more than ever before, putting out some "high-powered" advertising and in my opinion it is effective advertising. When an employee of the power company thinks it is good, surely the general public thinks so. I believe, however, each time they advertise something our company comes out with something just as good. But we should try to top them.

On the other hand in the matter of producing kilowatt hours, I don't believe there is any competition. Locally, the public is dependent upon Appalachian and generally their opinion of us is very high. To discourage competition from government or public power companies, we must always improve efficiency in operation.

### B. W. WHITTINGTON, Power Sales Engineer, Charleston District



I would answer that competition not only exists but is very active and is sometimes fierce in its efforts to substitute other forms of energy for electricity. In my locality, with an abundant supply of natural gas selling at an average of fifty cents per cubic foot to the domestic consumer, there is indeed competition.

In the industrial classification we have the customer who, needing large amounts of processed steam, merely steps the pressure up a little, passes it through a steam turbine driving a generator, and then uses the discharge in his manufacturing process. Then there is the customer who thinks it is cheaper to use natural gas engine or diesel engine drive. All of these factors add up to quite stiff competition at times and require thorough salesmen to combat.

### VIRGINIA HANCOCK, Home Economist, Fieldale District



Most of us have friends who feel that because we don't have to compete with other utilities in the area served by our company we have no competition. Actually, we're in daily competition with everything from the Federal Government to the woodpile, the number one bogey

in this district.

Lighting is the only thing we can feel reasonably sure our customers will use electricity for without comparing installation and operating costs of other methods. We are constantly competing with natural and bottle gas, wood, coal and oil for the heavier load building items such as heating, cooking, water heating, clothes drying and power-driven motors and machinery.

The most unfair of all our competition is government owned and operated power projects, with whose rates we can't hope to compete now or ever.

### T. E. PEAY, Master Maintenance Man, Kanawha River Plant



To my knowledge there is no company that does not have some form of competition. It may be the opinion of the average individual that an organization, such as ours, has no competitors; however, a company generating and selling electricity to its many customers has as much, if not

more, competition than most companies.

Electric, gas, coal and oil companies are our rivals. Out of this group, I think government sponsored power plants are our chief rivals. Being tax free and operating without a profit, these plants are able to undersell our company, built at the cost of every taxpayer. Our company, of course, pays taxes and this money is being spent to finance such enterprises which are in competition with our company.

This is competition in the deepest form.

### N. G. MARSHALL, System Accounting Dept., Roanoke



I am happy to answer this question, because our competitors would be delighted to have us think this. Certainly, we have competition, and it comes primarily from two sources: first, method of service; second, desire for the consumer dollar.

Our company is continually struggling to improve service so as to attract customers from gas, oil and coal. This is competition for like service.

Next comes money, the consumer dollar. For this we are constantly being challenged by every type of business. People have money to spend, and it is our job to see that they spend it for an electric range, refrigerator or water heater, kilowatt hours, if you please, rather than an automobile, diamond ring or fur coat. Yes, my friend, we have competition; and this fact, more than any other, makes our company strong and progressive.

### RUSSELL COMPTON, Hazard District



This question has been impressed upon the minds of a great number of our employees and customers primarily because any utility operates within a defined area. The fallacy of this assumption becomes evident upon examination.

Our company, operating under a franchise, must, above all, render adequate, satisfactory service to satisfy conditions of the permit. Adverse public opinion may directly affect the boundaries of our service and in this respect is a keen competitor.

Public power growth within the past few years contradicts the disguised idea that all utilities are natural monopolies. Utility companies of the free enterprise system manufacture and market their product in direct competition with public power systems. Management of the latter systems also specify the rules to which we must adhere.

### MAEBELLE GRACE, Local Accounting Dept., Abingdon District



I say, "We do have."

To say that we have equal competition seems hardly fair when we are compared by customers with a government operated company. Still we do have competitive business with companies such as gas, oil and coal serving the purpose of house and water heating, cooking, clothes drying and even operating motors.

We observe and recognize the fact that these companies are competitors indirectly while they aren't across-the-street business competitors. We have power lines adjacent to TVA territory. Yet, while we can't even begin to compete with the cost of government controlled power, we still have the fact with us that we have indirect and direct competition.

### JAMES L. KESTERSON, Appliance Serviceman, Kingsport



When asked the question that our company does not have any competition, my first thought is to ask this question—"What makes you think we do not have any competition?" We are almost surrounded by public power with lower rates. Good efficient service resulting in satisfied customers is our best weapon to combat this type of competition.

Natural gas and oil used to heat homes, cook with, heat water and other uses is another type of competition. Then we have competition with ourselves . . . to do a good job each day, to give the best possible service and help build goodwill with our customers.

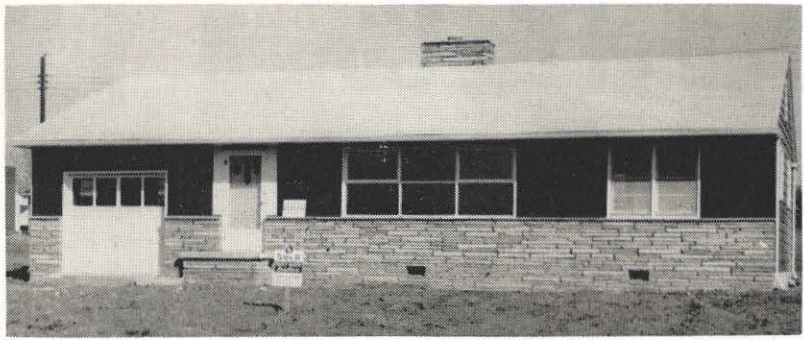
## Words And Ideas

Words are often seen hunting for an idea, but ideas are never seen hunting for words.

—H. W. SHAW



## Electric House Heat Popularity Grows As Kingsport Adds 1,000th Customer



The thousandth Kingsport home heated electrically is this new residence of Frank E. Brumit.

February is remembered for the birthday of famous men and for St. Valentine's Day, but in Kingsport February, 1955, will be remembered for the service installation of the thousandth electric house heating customer.

### 210 Added In Year

The five-room home of Frank E. Brumit became the thousandth February 8. It marked a trend in Kingsport that began in October, 1946, when the first home converted to

electric heat. By January 31, 1954, 758 homes had electric heat and 210 were added during the year. This year started off with 32 installations in a little over a month.

And why the growing trend to electric heating of homes? Mr. Brumit best explains it with his comment: "Like many other Kingsport home owners, I am sold on electric heat. In my opinion, electric heat can't be praised too highly. It is the ideal solution to most house heat problems. The even temperature and zone control appeals to me."

A three-day open house, involving local merchants and Kingsport Utilities, will mark the occasion.

### Other Companies' Records

Elsewhere in the Southern Properties, Appalachian had 350 electric home heat installations by January 17, 1955, including 99 during 1954. Kentucky added four during 1954 to bring its total to seven.

In addition, Appalachian has 83 commercial installations, 35 of them during 1954, and Kingsport has 17, four of them last year.

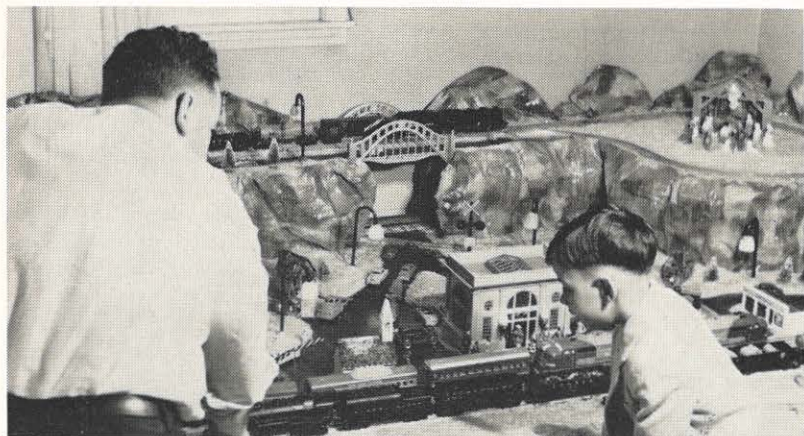
The ceiling type radiant heat is the most popular installation in the Kingsport area. In addition, 11 customers are using the heat pump not only to heat their homes, but for year-round air conditioning.

## Sky High



Like Topsy, Steve Bell's cactus plant "just grew." Six years ago when the retired Welch district employee received this plant from a friend it was only two inches high and about the size of a pencil. Since then it has reached a height of seven feet, eight inches, outgrowing all sorts of containers on the way. Now it rests in a 15-gallon galvanized bucket. It requires almost no attention, but needs a mixture of sand, rotten mulch and barnyard manure to grow in. Each year during the summer Mr. Bell moves it outside where it becomes quite a topic of conversation. While the cactus is Mr. Bell's pride and joy, he spends most of his spare time wiring and hooking up ranges for friends. He was a serviceman for the company and enjoys the work. He is a member of the Alasonia Masonic Lodge and the Crumpler Methodist Church. He resides in Crumpler and does quite a bit of traveling.

## Gus Mirtz's Train Layout Is Annual Project



The young at heart always enjoy the rumble, glitter and movement of electric trains. That's why A. C. "Gus" Mirtz gets real pleasure in showing his train set-up to Bill Joseph, son of W. A. Joseph, Huntington district T&D employee. Mr. Mirtz, record section employee, assembles the layout each year. He has about 125 feet of track and 225 feet of wire which take care of the two freight and one diesel passenger trains which make the rounds. It takes him about 90 hours to set up the layout. He starts assembling it each November 15 and takes it down on February 1. His train hobby dates from 1921 in Scranton, Pa., and he started his present layout in 1951.

## R. N. Wilkinson Gets Promotion At Plant

R. N. Wilkinson, Glen Lyn plant working foreman, has been promoted to maintenance foreman.

In his new job he will be in charge of all maintenance work with the exception of general boiler repairs. He joined the company as a laborer in 1926 and became a working foreman in 1944.



Mr. Wilkinson

A resident of Pearisburg, he enjoys sports of all kinds, especially football, softball, baseball and hunting. One of his outstanding achievements has been his driving record. He comments: "Automobile accidents occur from careless driving. I have been driving to and from work for 29 years and have never been involved in a traffic accident."

## Homer Hagan Heads Huntington Group

Homer P. Hagan was elected president of the Huntington Federal Credit Union. The T&D engineering section employee succeeds T. R. Smith.



Mr. Hagan

S. R. Pritchard, district manager, was re-elected vice president while R. T. Hibner, record supervisor, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. A 5% dividend was declared and business conducted at the meeting at St. Clouds Commons.

## Three Roanoke Men Join Gallon Club



Mr. Jarrett

Mr. Caldwell

Three Roanoke employees became members of the Red Cross Gallon Club last month. Donating their eighth pint of blood were L. R. Buchanan, building supervisor, R. J. Jarrett and R. H. Caldwell, both of the district T&D department.

Buchanan gave his eighth pint of blood at the Roanoke Blood Center on February 16. Employed in February, 1944, he has been building supervisor since January 1, 1949.

Jarrett, electrical engineer, became a member of the Gallon Club on February 9. A graduate electrical engineer from V.P.I., he came with the company in July, 1952.

Caldwell, clerk in the T&D department, got his gallon pin the same day. Employed August 14, 1947, he is a veteran with four years service in the Navy.

### F. W. Isley On Commission

F. W. "Jack" Isley was one of five magistrates appointed to a new 11-man Regional Planning Commission for Sullivan County, Tennessee. The Kingsport administrative assistant will serve until October 1, 1960. He joins four other magistrates and six private citizens on the commission.

## Check For \$25 Written In 1926 As Payment For Right Of Way Honored By Pikeville Office

A \$25 check written April 1, 1926, was recently honored by the Pikeville district local office.

The check for right-of-way was recently found in the papers of the late T. E. Spradlin by his son-in-law and estate administrator, J. H. Mosgrove of Pikeville. Mr. Mosgrove brought it to H. R. Flanagan, local office manager, who wrote another for the same amount. Payment had been stopped in 1935 on the old check. The 1926 check had been written by S. M. Moore, former Pikeville office manager.

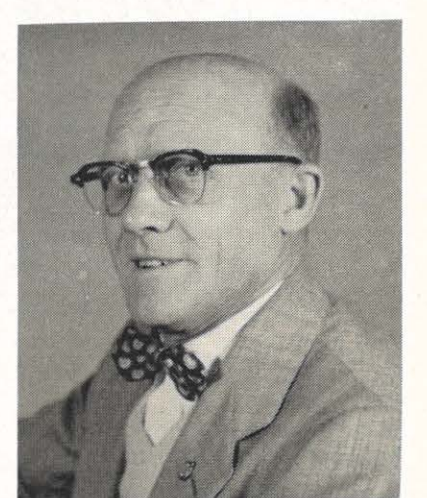
## Dealers Are Guests At Charleston Meet

About 275 electric appliance dealers were guests when the "Electric Living Is Best" sales program was presented in the Charleston district recently.

The program, an extensive Appalachian-dealers cooperative plan, was explained to dealers, salesmen and distribution representatives. C. B. Talley, district manager, welcomed the visitors and E. A. Murray, district commercial manager, presented a discussion of sales aids. A dealer sales promotion contest, with \$400 in prizes, was explained by H. M. Silling, district residential and rural sales supervisor, while Guilford Smith, administrative assistant, gave details of a seven-months contest with \$1,000 in prizes.

The dinner also kicked off the "Wife Saver" sales promotion part of the over-all campaign in Charleston.

## J. E. Beale Of Charleston Retires



Mr. Beale

J. E. "Shorty" Beale, Charleston district groundman, recently retired after 10 years' service.

Employed in 1945 in a transmission line crew, he had previously worked with the New York Central Railroad and the Civilian Conservation Corps. Involved in a serious auto accident in 1945, he had both knees fractured and one knee cap had to be removed. These injuries forced his early retirement at the age of 51.

Upon retiring, he said: "I have been with many good companies since starting to work at 16 years of age, but the Appalachian Electric Power company is the best one I ever worked for." He added that "the company not only treats its employees well as employees, but also as individuals."

Although he has no definite plans for the future, he is thinking of going into the service station or restaurant business. He and his family live in Charleston.

## Charles A. Echols Ordained Minister

Charles Allison Echols was ordained a Baptist minister recently at the Coopers Cove Baptist Church at Hardy. He is the son of E. E. Echols, Roanoke division engineering employee.

A sophomore at Bluefield College, he is taking ministerial courses preparing him for theological school. He has also preached at several area churches.

He was recently tapped by Phi Theta Kappa, scholastic fraternity. He has made the Dean's list twice.



Mr. Echols



J. H. Mosgrove prepares to cash a \$25 check replacing one he found in his late father-in-law's papers, dated April 1, 1926. H. R. Flanagan, Pikeville local office manager, looks on.

## Welch Benevolent Group Formed



The Employees' Benevolent Association of McDowell County has been formed in the Welch district to simplify charitable contributions by members. New officers elected are, from the left: Alice Spencer, treasurer; Bill Hulme, executive committee; Bertha Vecellio, executive committee; D. C. Wright, chairman; Ruth Caton, secretary, and Calvin Sexton, executive committee. A total of 114 member employees have pledged \$1,444.50, or \$12.57 each, to the association to be distributed among the various charities. This will eliminate individual drives. Sank Smith, personnel supervisor, was the chairman of a committee that drew up the proposed Articles of Agreement under which the association works.



## Bluefield Division

### Abingdon District

John O. Rasnick, employee on military leave, has returned to work in the T&D department.

L. G. Smith, stores supervisor, was a delegate from the Abingdon Masonic Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Virginia in Richmond recently. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner and a past district Deputy Grand Master.

V. O. Armentrout has resigned from the T&D department.

Mrs. Edith Garnand has returned to work after being hospitalized.

The Abingdon line crew held its annual ladies night banquet February 11. The meal was served by the Kiloettes.

James White, commercial manager, has been made chairman of the Red Cross Roll Call in Abingdon.

Mrs. Ansel Hutton, Sr., wife of the serviceman, is recuperating after a recent operation.

Recent blood donors include Jack B. Frier, personnel supervisor; A. C. Hutton, Jr., senior general clerk; H. S. Fogleman, head material clerk; and R. M. Bondurant, district engineer.

### Welch District

Frances Brooks, home economist, has returned to work after an operation.

Mrs. Patricia Smith and W. A. Perdue have resigned.

Perry Hatmaker, Jr., has been named chairman of the "Tag Day" committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in the interest of the Heart Fund Drive.

Barbara Shaw Reed, former accounting employee, now living in Rhode Island, visited the office recently.

Roy L. Franklin, administrative assistant, was recently elected vice president of the McDowell County Alumni Chapter of West Virginia University. He also recently attended a Regimental Staff Training School of the 150th Combat Team in Charleston.

### Bluefield District

Letha Thompson, division substation department, has been elected secretary of the Bluefield Business and Professional Women's Club.

James Boulton is a new Princeton office employee.

Members of the Girls Service Club and their guests enjoyed a potluck dinner February 11 in the office assembly room. The social committee headed by Ann Williams, was in charge of the affair.

A. B. Gregory and John Weaver, garage employees, have returned to work after recent illnesses.

Lucille Shaw, commercial department, has resigned to join her husband, who is overseas in the Army.

### Pulaski District

Cecil Buckner, meter, and Fred M. Lawson, Saltville station, have returned to work after illnesses.

Mrs. Palmer DeHaven, wife of the substation employee, and Mrs. G. P. Williams, wife of the line section employee, have returned home from the hospital.

Sympathy is extended Margaret Collins, Wytheville home economist, on the death of two brothers.

Mrs. Evelyn Buckland, records section, has been named secretary-treasurer of the Belspring Presbyterian Church Sunday School.

The new residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brillheart, Jr., at Claremont, was recently featured in the local newspaper as "Home of the Week."

Pulaski office blood donors during recent weeks include W. M. King, J. B. Nichols, Vernon Hinton, C. A. Schmidt, G. K. Smythers and J. F. Spencer.

### Glen Lyn Plant

E. J. Stalker, stores supervisor, was recently elected to his fifth term as secretary of the Giles County Firemen's Association. He has also been secretary of the Rich Creek fire department for the past six years.

## Roanoke Division

### System

Billy Neal Smith, system operating, has returned to work as a substation operator at Roanoke station after four years in the Air Force.

Frances Thrasher has resigned from system accounting.

Algie Wilson and Phyllis Saunders are new system accounting employees.

Sympathy is extended O. A. Hawkins, system accounting, on the death of his father-in-law, and W. F. Keehne, system accounting, on the death of his brother-in-law.

Reba Turner and Mabel Ferguson have returned to system accounting after recent illnesses.

### Fieldale District

Nancy Kitts, meter department, attended the quarterly meeting of the Southwestern Club in Wytheville recently.

Johnnie Wright, local accounting, was recently appointed vice president of the Martinsville and Henry County Life Saving Crew.

Sons of two employees appeared on Roanoke's WSLs-TV recently as members of Explorer Post 73. They were Max Harlowe, son of Audrey Harlowe, local accounting, and K. W. Duckworth, son of Forde Duckworth, meter supervisor.

### Lynchburg District

C. W. Hogan, senior petty cash clerk, has returned to work after a recent illness.

Ronald E. Brooks, son of Herbert A. Brooks, working foreman, is now attending technical school at Shepherd Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, studying airplane engine mechanics. He enlisted November 22.

Sympathy is extended David S. Gourley, Reusens assistant hydro operator, on the death of his mother, and Harry L. Chandler, agricultural sales engineer, on the death of his mother.

### Roanoke District

T. W. Abshire, meter department serviceman, has been on a two-week Naval training cruise to Havana. He was in charge of the enlisted men on the voyage.

B. H. McKeever, meter supervisor, attended the state chapter of Electrical Engineers' meeting in Richmond.

Pvt. Melvin L. Good, son of A. J. Good, general serviceman, was recently graduated from the Army's



band school at Fort Jackson, S. C. A graduate of the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music and Northwestern University, he is clarinetist in the 101st Airborne Infantry Division band.

E. T. Jones, credit department, has returned to work after a recent operation.

Charlotte Ann Stump is a new switchboard employee, replacing Mrs. Rebecca Keenan, who recently resigned.

Sympathy is extended O. B. Murphy, appliance serviceman, on the death of his brother.

## Kentucky

### Pikeville District

William Curtis Charles, stationman, and Cecil DeBoard, groundman, have returned to work after illnesses.

Mary Lou Draughn, home economist, has resigned.

Craig Fields, residential and rural sales supervisor, and Lynn Jennings, area sales representative, have returned from an expense-paid, week-long trip to Miami, Florida. They were awarded the trip as winners in a company-sponsored sales contest.

### Ashland District

Mrs. J. W. Ellis, Jr., wife of the records supervisor, engineering department, is recovering from an illness.

G. A. Weatheron was re-elected a director of the Kentucky State Professional Engineers. The general commercial manager is vice president of the local chapter.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Scott on the death of her sister-in-law.

### Hazard District

Jesse Payne, distribution, has returned to work after a recent illness.

Sympathy is extended Hershel Adams, distribution, on the death of his grandmother.

## Kingsport

J. A. Randall, meter supervisor, William D. Trent, meter section, and Howard G. Brooks, line section, have returned to work after recent illnesses.

Mrs. T. C. Dorton, Jr., wife of the line section employee, has returned home from the hospital after a recent illness.

Helen Hand, four-year-old daughter of Homer Hand, line section, has returned home from the hospital after a recent illness.

Sympathy is extended Cecil C. and Omer E. McClellan, line section, on the death of their sister.

Keene White, assistant payroll supervisor, has been elected director of the Kingsport Heart Association.

## Huntington Division

### Huntington District

Employees who have returned to work after recent illnesses or injuries are Harold Ball, Guy Clarkson, Andy Gilkerson, W. W. Grim, J. R. Hughes, W. C. Rose, Jr., W. F. Kates, R. E. Preston, J. T. Russell and J. W. Swann.

S. W. Mustaine, Jr., local office manager, and Carlos J. Akers, safety supervisor, have been appointed neighborhood commissioners for the Boy Scouts of America.

Sympathy is extended Marcus B. Falls on the death of his sister.

Rebecca B. Farmer and Charles E. Derbyshire, system billing, and June S. Goodloe, junior home economist, have resigned.

### Logan Plant

Sympathy is extended A. J. Conley on the death of his mother-in-law, and J. W. Frey on the death of his mother-in-law.

Sympathy is also extended W. G. Mathews on the death of his father-in-law.

### Logan District

W. E. Bivens, commercial department, was appointed to a five-year term on the Logan County Recreation and Playgrounds board.

Ann Valley, daughter of T. F. Valley, local office manager, was one of 27 women students at West Virginia University who recently visited high schools to discuss life at the University. A 1952 graduate of Logan High School, she is a junior at the college.

Howard L. Foglesong, electrical engineer, is a new employee.

Miller Porterfield, Jr., son of the district manager, recently attended the fifth annual "Know our Government Day" at Charleston.

John T. Shriver, commercial department, recently became a member of the Logan Kiwanis Club, and Frank D. Stone, Jr., accounting, recently joined the Logan Lions Club.

### Williamson District

Jay Runyon, C. R. Wilson and Jack Riddle, members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, took part in erecting three crosses on a hill near Williamson for the Christmas season. The crosses will remain through Easter.

E. E. King, district superintendent, was elected vice president and J. L. Gilbert, local office manager, was named secretary-treasurer of the Mingo County Country Club.

C. C. Darrah, district manager, as president of the Tug Valley Industrial Corporation recently conducted the organization's first meeting. The group met jointly with the Williamson Kiwanis and Rotary clubs.

Sympathy is extended Ford Muncy, engineering, on the death of

his grandmother, and Burnice Sowell, transportation, on the death of his son.

Blake Oney, commercial department, has returned to work after an extended illness.

B. C. Roach, father of Betty Roach, meter department employee, is recuperating after an extended illness.

## Charleston Division

### Kanawha River Plant

Sympathy is extended W. B. Moore on the death of his mother.

### Beckley District

R. W. Martin, engineering section, and D. H. Williams, line section, have returned to work after recent illnesses.

R. D. Smith, Jr., son of the accounting department employee, is a patient in the Raleigh General Hospital.

### Philip Sporn Plant

Employees who have returned to work after recent illnesses include Edward A. Ryan, maintenance man, and Leo C. Hill, Joseph R. Bailey and William T. Soulsby, maintenance department helpers.

Sympathy is extended Charles Haley, assistant control operator, on the death of his father, and Gerald Michael, filter plant operator and sampler, on the death of his father.

### Charleston District

O. W. Dabney, right-of-way agent, and H. C. Mathews, meter section, have returned to work after extended illnesses.

New employees include Richard Bradley, William Tolley and Robert Thompson, T&D line section; and Ernestine C. Williams, Montgomery accounting office.

Bryan Smithers, line section, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended F. E. Harlowe, AGE auditor in the Charleston office, on the death of his father, and Joe Burdette, commercial, on the death of his father-in-law.

Sympathy is also extended S. H. Jean, line section, on the death of his father, and Gherlene Trusty, accounting, on the death of her father-in-law.

David T. Crickenberger and Ralph Baughn, on military leaves of absence, have returned to work. Mr. Crickenberger, system meter, was in the Air Force for four years and Mr. Baughn, meter section, was in the Navy for four years.

Helen Porter entertained the commercial department women employees at an informal get-together recently. Attending were Sue Sheets, Juanita Hively, Golda Johnson, Jerry Rader, Wanda Ramsey and Ouida Miller.

C. A. Perkins and George Hervey attended the recent Distribution

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'O Tell Me A Story'

Ballads Of Early American Life Are Sung And Played By Gary Quesinberry



Gary Quesinberry plays back a ballad from his tape recorder while learning its words and music.

A tape recorder and a guitar is all that's needed to keep Gary Quesinberry happy.

He needs the guitar to accompany his singing and the tape recorder to capture part of early Americana, the ballad. For Gary is an ardent pursuer of old ballads that have come down through the ages by word of mouth. Tragedy is the main theme of most of the ballads, sung by early American cowboys, or on railroads and steamboats of old, or on the South's picturesque plantations.

Gary is a Charleston district T&D station section employee who spends just about all of his time off the job searching for and reading about ballads. The tape recorder is an important part of his hobby, because with it he can let an oldtimer, who knows an old ballad new to Gary, sing it the way it has been handed down. Gary then takes the tape home and plays it over and over until he can sing and play it.

Another important part of this musical hobby is the research that it entails. Gary spends a large part of the time in libraries and music stores finding a ballad he likes. Once he has learned it, he traces its history as far back as possible. Many ballads lose their magic unless their background is known.

While he was in the Navy Gary won a talent contest at Great Lakes. He appeared on a local radio program at Mount Airy, North Carolina, and more recently declined a job offer of a daytime program on Huntington's WSAZ-TV. Although he came to work for the company only two months before, Gary was on the program of the Charleston district Christmas party.

Gary's answer to the future is "I'm going to keep reading, searching,

learning and practicing" so he'll be ready if he gets the big break he hopes for in the musical world.

Dr. F. E. Wise, Jr. Gets M.S. Degree

Dr. F. E. Wise, Jr., recently became a Diplomate of the American Board of Radiology and had conferred upon him the degree of Master of Science in Radiology by the University of Minnesota.



Dr. Wise

He served in the Navy as an officer and in 1951 was awarded a fellowship in radiology by the Mayo Clinic where he remained until 1954. He is married and the father of two daughters.

The son of the station man in the Charleston T&D station section has been added to the Nalle Clinic Staff of Charlotte in the department of radiology. He is a graduate of Marshall College and the Medical College of Virginia.

Pulaskians Complete First Aid Course



American Red Cross standard first aid certificates were presented to these 15 Pulaski district employees recently. Stanley C. Smith, far left, and W. H. Spangler, far right, are shown presenting the certificates. Mr. Smith, engineering, was instructor for the 18-hour course, while Mr. Spangler, district safety supervisor, is first aid chairman of the Pulaski County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Those who completed the course are, from the left: R. D. Carson, J. B. Brillheart, Jr., Q. M. Harless, G. B. Chumbley, C. H. Rhett, G. P. Williams, D. B. Smith, W. F. Childers, Opal M. Newland, H. L. Morehead, B. B. McCall, K. L. Buckland, S. L. Johnson, C. P. Bailey and Dorothy N. Whitaker. All are engineering employees except Dorothy Whitaker, who works in the personnel department.

Phonograph With Four Separate Units Is One Result Of W. F. Giles' Talent



W. F. Giles' record collection, including the two high fidelity albums in the foreground, are shown with his homemade turntable. Other parts of his radio and phonograph equipment are located on the shelves.

W. F. Giles' hobby has caused him to develop a most unusual and practical object for his home.



Mr. Giles

While pursuing his hobby of amateur radio operator and building radio and phonograph parts, the Williamson district commercial manager came up with a phonograph built in four separate units. While working on the units he figured that the phonograph that would prove most convenient and flexible, while providing the most faithful reproduction, would be one that had its parts located where they were needed most.

He located the turntable next to his record collection. The pre-amplifier was placed near the listening position and the power amplifier, which

is bulky and has no adjustable controls, is located out of the way. The speaker has a special enclosure and is pinpointed in the room for better acoustics.

The turntable is homemade from a 78 rpm motor converted to also play 33 1/3 rpm. The turntable proper is a Ford automobile flywheel. He also uses a diamond point needle on the arm.

His hobby is considerably confined because of his many outside activities. He is chairman of the program committee of the Williamson Rotary Club, president of the Layman's League of the Episcopal Church, county first aid chairman for the Red Cross and city chairman for the Red Cross fund drive.

He was co-chairman of the committee of the Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce that introduced the idea of forming the Tug Valley Industrial Corporation, and he is now a committee member of the Industrial Sites committee of the corporation.

Credit Union Officers Re-Elected



All 1954 officers of the Lynchburg Credit Union were re-elected for the 1955 term. They are, from the left: Edward F. Lacy, Jr., president; Joyce A. Brown, secretary; Joseph W. McCarthy, treasurer; and George W. Stone, Jr., vice president. Also re-elected to complete the board of directors were L. G. Dougan, C. H. McCarthy, Jr., and Parks H. Snead. Other officers include F. O. Smith, E. T. Johnson and Jane W. Plunkett on the credit committee; C. W. Hogan, Kathleen V. Hudson and G. C. Wheeler on the supervisory committee; and L. G. Dougan, publicity. The union was organized in Lynchburg in May, 1954.

Glen Lyn Plant Man Heads Ruritan Club



Mr. Ferguson

Floyd F. Ferguson has been elected president of the East River District Ruritan Club. The utility operator at Glen Lyn plant has served as secretary of the club since its organization three years ago.

A resident of Kellysville, he is married and has three children.

Service Pin Veterans Feted At Beckley Dinner

A total of 29 employees were on hand when Beckley district held its annual service pin dinner recently. The 29 received service pins ranging from five to 35 years during 1954.

Waldo S. LaFon district manager, was toastmaster and W. E. Zopp, senior personnel assistant, spoke on "Safety And Its Importance To Everyday Living."

Honored were Charles Flint, Paul Pauley, Clyde Marshall, Archie Riner, Elizabeth Scott, R. W. Martin, Charles Varner, Jim McVey, Frances Jones, Bonnie Evans, Carl Smith, Tom Humphries, Pat Lowery, R. R. Griffith, Jake Abshire, Paul Elliott, Robert Duren, A. B. Lilly, A. B. Bailey, Emma Jean Wilson, Mr. LaFon, L. W. Thorne, C. F. Ellison, W. P. Jennings, J. O. Graham, Vera Haynes, E. F. Eager, C. L. Honaker and J. E. Vickers.

Lt. J. A. Allinder, Jr., Named To NATO Staff

Lt. Joe A. Allinder, Jr., has been selected for duty on the NATO staff of Adm. Jerould Wright. The Cabin Creek plant employee on military leave is the son of the plant chemist.

Lt. Allinder will serve as administrative officer for logistics, working with officers from the eight NATO nations represented on the SACANT staff. He is married to Mary Jo Hill, daughter of J. C. Hill, system division chief dispatcher at Kanawha River plant.

Molo Officers Elected At Ashland



These new officers were elected when the Molo Club, made up of Ashland district women employees, held a business dinner meeting recently. They are, from the left: Iona Koriath, reporter; Bettye Parsons, president; and Amelia Parrish, secretary and treasurer. Outgoing president Alberta Gevedon presided over the installation ceremonies. Other members present included Helen Eaton, Virginia Lewis, Helen Davis, Felicia Billips, Amy Watts, Lorayne Watson, Mimi Shope, Carolyn Slone, Nancy Eads, Kathy Jenks, Mary Moore, Louise Woodie, Wilma Frazier and Mary Lee Jenkins.

Abingdon Club Names 1955 Officers



Ready to begin the first meeting under their reign are these officers of the Abingdon Employees' Club. They are, from the left: John S. Orr, T&D department, president; Maebelle Grace, accounting, treasurer; Peggy Johnson, accounting, secretary; and L. W. Duncan, distributions records department, vice president. The new board of directors includes Doris Fleenor, managerial; C. F. Hefner, distribution records department; James Cole, commercial department; A. C. Hutton, Jr., accounting; W. L. Smythers, engineering; J. S. Overbay, T&D; Edythe Garnand, stores; and Tom Crabtree, meter department.



## Camera Self-Portraits Taken In Stride By Paul E. Hilliard, Photography Enthusiast

When you get to the point where you can take an excellent photograph of yourself, then you've gone pretty far in photography.

Taking his own picture is just one of many experiments by Paul E. Hilliard, Bluefield division station engineer. Mr. Hilliard is quite serious about his hobby and has the equipment to prove it. He has several cameras and all the extras that go to make it a flexible hobby. He does all his own developing and when he takes a trip he records the scenery on color slides. Then he adds a running commentary, background music and sound effects on a tape recording to coincide with the slides.

Mr. Hilliard was recently elected vice president of the Bluefield Camera Club, which is affiliated with the Photographic Society of America. He succeeded Ira Henderson, Bluefield administrative assistant, in the office. Other employees belonging to the club are M. R. Callaway, J. P. Rose and T. W. Testerman.



Paul E. Hilliard poses for—Paul E. Hilliard. The Bluefield division employee is an experienced photographer and has done much experimenting with pictures. On the table is some of his equipment. At the lower left is a camera that's been in his family 50 years. In the center is a Speed Graphic and at right a 35 millimeter camera he uses for color pictures and slides. A slide projector and tape recorder are on either side of Mr. Hilliard.

## C. B. Yearout Goes To Division Post

Charles B. Yearout has been promoted to Bluefield division personnel supervisor. He succeeds L. H. Saunders who retired.



Mr. Yearout

Born in Williamson, he attended public schools through Beaver High in Bluefield. A graduate of Concord College in 1934, he did graduate work at Cornell University and the University

of West Virginia, where he received his masters degree in 1939.

He is instructor and coach at Bramwell High School until 1942 and then went to Wilmington as safety director and personnel supervisor for the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company. In 1946 he came with the company as safety supervisor and was assistant division personnel supervisor at the time of his promotion.

He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, University Club, American Academy for the Advancement of Science, and on the executive board, area commissioner and vice chairman of the Greater Bluefield Boy Scouts of America. Married, he is the father of two sons.

## J. L. Dorsey Made Building Supervisor

James L. Dorsey, Huntington district groundman, was promoted to building supervisor on February 1.

Jim began working for the company on February 19, 1941, as a maintenance man at Kenova plant. He transferred to groundman in September 1954.

A graduate of Ceredo-Kenova High School and of the Frigidare School at Columbus, he also graduated from Huntington East Trade School with a certificate in welding. He was a certified welder at Kenova plant for 14 years.

Married and the father of a daughter, he is a member of the Kenova Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge No. 110 at Kenova. His hobby is bowling and he rolls for the district substation team.

## Welch Completes Meetings

Introductory meetings for the "Electric Living" dealer sales program were recently completed in the Welch district. Forrest L. Bocock, district residential and rural sales supervisor, conducted meetings in Grundy, Pineville and Welch for about 110 dealers.

## Five More To Go

# Cabin Creek's Dust Collector Working

First of six dust collectors being erected at Cabin Creek plant went into service last month. The new dust collector went to work February 6 when No. 91 boiler was returned to service after three weeks' outage.

By midsummer all the collectors will be in service. The second is scheduled for completion by the second week in March by the contractor, C. H. Jimison & Sons.

About \$1¼-million is the cost for buying and installing the collectors and for constructing the disposal area. About 85 to 90 percent of the fly ash in the flue gases will be eliminated from the air as the result of the improvements.

Of a total of 600 tons of steel needed on the project, about 400 tons has been erected. To support this additional weight on the roof, 95 tons of reinforcing structural steel was necessary. The dust collector and duct work steel is raised to the plant roof by a guyed derrick with the mast secured to one of the stacks by a band or ring around the stack. About seven tons is the maximum load to be lifted.

The collected fly ash falls into hoppers and is then sluiced by pipe line to the fly ash disposal basin, nearing completion. This basin, formerly Cabin Creek Island, was constructed as a part of the project of fly ash collection and disposal.

The island was originally separated from the mainland by a channel. This channel was filled by excavation from the island and an earthen dike was built around the island. An area of about 17 acres was created—enough to serve as a disposal area for the next 15 years.



Showing the fly ash disposal area for Cabin Creek plant, the dotted line is the flow of fly ash from the plant's new dust collectors. Fly ash is sluiced from the plant by pipe line and enters the basin at the upper left area near the coal storage yard. Three earthen dikes, the fourth under construction, form settling basins for the dust particles. The x-mark line shows where the channel which formerly separated the island from the mainland was filled in.

## Fixing Sewing Machine Starts Sam Martin On Hobby; Result Is 1,118 Aprons, Five Quilts

What would you do with 1,118 aprons?

If you were Sam Martin you would sell them and give them to friends. For Mr. Martin, Welch district lineman in Coalwood, has made that many aprons, plus five quilts, since his wife's sewing machine broke down six years ago. When he was fixing the machine he became fascinated with its inner workings and decided to experiment a little.

His first products weren't what he hoped they'd be. But as time went on, his aprons and quilts became the work of a professional.

Doing all the work on the sewing machine, he turns all kinds of materials, including handkerchiefs and kerchiefs, into fancy aprons. His quilts contain eight sections, each with seven colors, that form a star. One hundred tiny pieces go into each section and cotton and lining are added when the quilt top is completed.

Despite all his sewing, Mr. Martin still finds time to win shooting trophies in his area. He possesses the Twin City Skeet Club trophy for winning a match in Bristol and belongs to the Welch Rifle and Pistol Club and the Coalwood-Caretta Skeet and Pistol Club. In addition he is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Junior Order United American Mechanics. He has been employed by the company since June 23, 1922.



Sam Martin puts together one of eight sections that will go into his newest quilt.

## George Unangst Aids In AIEE Radio Discussions

George Unangst, Charleston meter supervisor, was one of the participants on a series of Charleston radio broadcasts telling the story of the electrical engineer.

As chairman of the local section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Mr. Unangst helped in the informal discussions between prominent electrical engineers and couples from the Charleston area. He also mailed letters to schools in the area asking teachers to call the series to the attention of their students.

## Roadside Find



Ed Callihan, Abingdon district serviceman, is shown with the pocketbook he recently found and returned to its owner. He found the pocketbook and a pair of gloves on the highway on his way to work one morning. Inside he found all the usual things a woman's pocketbook holds, plus \$48.07. Papers included the identification of the owner, whose address was Harri-man, Tennessee, and the name and telephone number of a lady at Natural Bridge, Virginia. A telegram sent to the Tennessee address could not be delivered, but a phone call to Natural Bridge found the pocketbook's owner, visiting with a relative. The bag and contents were returned to the happy lady in the next mail.

## Credit Union Names New Officers



Officers of the Charleston Elec Credit Union talk over some business at the annual meeting of the stockholders. New officers elected, shown above from the left, are: H. F. Fennell, board of directors; E. A. Murray, Jr., vice president; J. D. Walters, president (seated); W. R. Witzel, secretary-treasurer; and C. B. Talley, board of directors. Other officers include G. B. Moir, Jr., F. C. Young and J. A. Allinder, members of the supervisory committee; E. H. Braid, A. R. Hoffman and C. R. S. Garten, credit committee; and A. W. Brendel, assistant secretary-treasurer. During the past year loans totaling more than \$29,000 were made to employees. An eight percent dividend was declared for the 450 employees who are members of the organization.

## Kingsport Award



J. E. Wright, Kingsport Utilities vice president and general manager at right, accepts the 1954 AGE President's Award from Philip Sporn, AGE president. Mr. Wright's company finished in top spot in the "Exciter" division of the Commercial-Industrial sales campaign during 1954. Presentation was made at a recent awards dinner in New York.

## C. M. Lee, Serviceman In New Castle, Dies

Cyril "Cyke" M. Lee, part-time general serviceman in the New Castle area of Roanoke district, died February 9, apparently of a heart attack.



Mr. Lee

As an employee since May 1, 1929, he was well known in the Craig County area. He solicited new business, wired houses and serviced appliances in addition to being service representative.

A veteran of World War I and member of the Mountain View Christian Church, he is survived by his widow, two daughters and a grandson.

## Two Elected Directors Of Service Corporation

Two men recently were elected directors of the AGE Service Corporation. They are George V. Patterson, assistant general manager of Ohio Power Company, and John E. Geue, operating manager—production for AGE.

Mr. Patterson, Ohio Power assistant general manager since last year, is a 20-year veteran. Mr. Geue, starting on the AGE System in 1922 at Windsor plant, also rose to his position last year.

## Lovedale Almost Converted

Conversion of Lovedale station in Kingsport from 22 kv to 33 kv is practically completed. Connected directly to the new West Kingsport station, which went into operation in December, the Lovedale station has a new capacity of 18,000 kva. Two transformers brought the station from its old capacity of 4,500 kva.



### 'Jack' Saunders, Bluefield Division Veteran, Retires



Mr. Saunders

L. H. "Jack" Saunders, Bluefield division personnel supervisor, retired the first of last month after 39 years' service.

He was presented a TV set by fellow employees at a luncheon in his honor at the West Virginian Hotel on February 4. Among the 100 present was G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager.

Born in 1890 in Bedford, Virginia, he graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy in Bedford. He finished his education at National Business College in Roanoke in 1911.

Recalling some of his experiences at the luncheon, Jack said he came to Bluefield in December of 1911 and waded snow above his knees to get his first job at the N&W. He came to work for Appalachian in 1915 as secretary to General Manager Herbert Markle. At that time there were about 15 employees in the office on Princeton Avenue.

During the early years he filled in on many jobs—one of which was motorman on the street railway owned and operated by the company. He was a member of the first Aid Course given in Bluefield by the Red Cross.

He was made assistant to the division manager when Appalachian became a part of AGE. In 1941 he became administrative assistant and in 1949 was promoted to division personnel supervisor.

A member of the College Avenue Baptist Church and the Chamber of Commerce, he is married and the father of four children. With gardening, traveling, baseball and television, Jack finds plenty of activities for retirement.

### Logan Plant Man Is Promoted To Kanawha

T. H. Whited, Logan plant personnel supervisor, has been promoted to the same position at Kanawha River plant.



Mr. Whited

Mr. Whited, a native of Logan, was employed in the Logan plant office in August, 1938. He was results engineer and administrative assistant before promotion to personnel supervisor.

While at Logan he was vice president of the Kiwanis Club and a deacon and a vice president of the Men's Club of the First Baptist Church. Married, he is the father of two children.

## Twelve Employees Write For Two 'Notes'

Twelve Appalachian employees contributed 13 articles to the January and February issues of AGE's *Monthly Operating Notes*.

J. L. Kern, Kanawha River plant maintenance department employee, wrote two articles for the January issue. In "Calibration Of Temperature Recorders Aided By Plug-In Connector" he told how a plug-in connector saved time and trouble when electronic temperature recorders were calibrated. His second article, "Pocket-Size Checker For Capacitors, Circuit And Voltage," explained how a pocket-size checker could be used to advantage when checking and repairing electronic recorders.

W. M. Mills, Roanoke district meter department employee, contributed "Quick, Safe, Easy Cleaning Of Glass Meter Covers," in which he told how a vat and simple household detergent cut meter cover washing time by 85 percent.

The final January article was written by A. R. Neal, Jr., Huntington division supervising engineer. Called "Breaker Experience With And Without Shielding," the article contained an analysis of breaker operations with and without shielding.

#### Last Issue All Appalachian

Every article in the February issue of *Monthly Operating Notes* was written by Appalachian employees. Jack B. Frier, Abingdon district personnel supervisor, contributed "Improving Operating Meetings," in which he described ways his district is handling operating meetings.

Several pictures illustrate the "Reducing Storage Area, Material Handling And Inventory Time," by C. H. Murray, Charleston division stores supervisor. He particularly pointed out the advantages of fork lift trucks in handling stores.

Another Charleston employee, George E. Hervey, district superintendent, contributed "Another Use For Rubber-Cone Traffic Warnings." He told how the cones had been successfully used when line crews were working along busy roads and where new street light poles were to be installed.

### Accident Victim Pinned In Wreck Is Freed By Wayne Area Line Crew With Truck Winch



Wayne area line crew that freed a motorist pinned under an auto wreck are, from left: George W. Akers, Clarence Copley and E. C. Berry.

Three men in the Wayne area line crew made a friend for life recently. They freed a motorist pinned under an auto wreck.

Claude Spurlock of Huntington was driving toward the city on Spring Valley Road when his car skidded and overturned. Twenty minutes later the Wayne crew came upon the wreckage.

George W. Akers, working foreman, E. C. Berry, lineman, and Clarence Copley, truck driver-groundman, found the victim pinned under the car with a broken hand. The hand was securely fouled in the car door.

Working with extreme caution, the men hooked their truck winch to the side of the car, setting it upright and freeing the victim. After giving first



Mr. Kern

Mr. Mills



Mr. Neal

Mr. Frier



Mr. Murray

Mr. Hervey



Mr. Speas

Mr. Bond



Mr. Gilbert

Mr. Rottgen



Mr. McColgan

Mr. Broyles

R. W. Speas, Kanawha Valley Power Company hydro plant supervisor, was author of "Pump-Packing Maintenance Reduced By Mechanical Seals." The increased life and savings of this type seal make them advantageous in an automatic plant.

O. W. Bond, Glen Lyn plant results engineer, in "Simple Work-Schedule System Prevents Forgetting," explains how routine but important operations in servicing equipment are not forgotten because of a work schedule set up for each piece.

Two Philip Sporn plant men also contributed articles to the February issue. E. M. Rottgen, yard foreman, wrote "Increasing Conveyor-Belt Life," telling how a self-vulcanizing patch satisfactorily repaired a badly gouged conveyor belt, increasing its life.

J. P. Gilbert, Sporn assistant results engineer, was author of "Calibrating Raw-Coal Meters In Pulverizer Feeders," in which he described a device that would check the amount of coal passing through the feeder and establish a relationship between the counter differences and the calculated volume.

"Calibrating Pneumatic Relays" was contributed by W. W. McColgan, Kanawha River plant results engineer. He told of a portable unit constructed to calibrate pneumatic relays while they are mounted in operating position.

And G. H. Broyles, Roanoke district service foreman, wrote "Checking Series-Lighting Current To Prolong Lamp Life," telling of an adaptor that maintenance crews could use to check series lighting circuits.

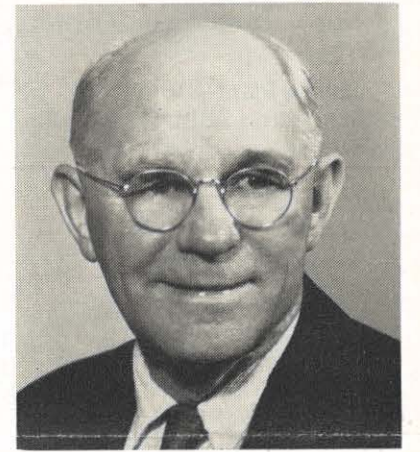
### Central Ohio Merged Into Ohio Power

Central Ohio Light & Power Company, serving about 25,000 customers and 47 communities, has been merged into Ohio Power Company. The merger became effective February 1.

Both companies are subsidiary operating companies of AGE and their power generation and transmission facilities are physically interconnected and integrated. Terms of the merger were approved by the U. S. District Court at Toledo on January 21, following previous approval by the Securities & Exchange Commission in Washington and the state's Public Utilities Commission in Columbus.

Central Ohio served the Findlay area in the northwestern part of the state and the Wooster area in the north-central section. Ohio Power's territory now includes parts of 53 of Ohio's 88 counties in the northwestern, central, eastern and southern areas of the state. The merger increases Ohio Power's number of customers to about 433,000 and the number of communities served to 585.

### J. E. Gibbs Plans Active Retirement



Mr. Gibbs

Retirement is just the beginning for John E. Gibbs, Logan plant guard.

That's the way Mr. Gibbs, who retired March 1, looks at the end of his company employment. Rather than relax, his plans call for more activity than ever. He plans to buy a small farm, where he will raise chickens and do some gardening. And he also wants to spend some time fishing and hunting.

A native of Murray, Kentucky, where he attended school, he spent most of his early life on his father's farm. He later was a school bus driver and a salesman, and joined Appalachian at Logan plant as a guard November 13, 1942.

Married, he is the father of two children and has one granddaughter and three grandsons.

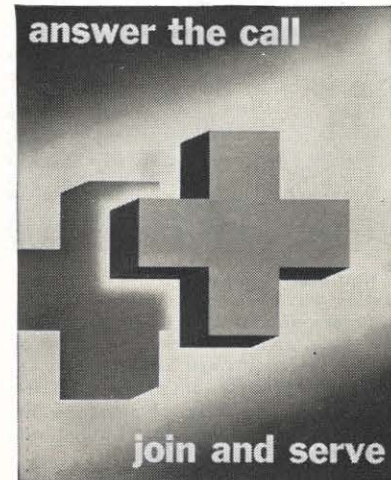
### Employees Serve Pancakes

Three Huntington district employees served over 3,000 platters of pancakes and sausage during the recent "Pancake Festival," sponsored by the DAV. Aunt Jemima attended the occasion, helping Dick Mallory, Paul Baker, Bob Kuster and Reddy Kilowatt serve up the hotcakes.

### Mud Depth Checked At Byllesby



Actions of these Pulaski district employees bring back memories of the steamboat days of the old South. G. B. Chumbley, seated, and D. B. Smith are sounding for mud depth at the Byllesby dam while G. P. Williams takes the reading. All three are instrumentmen. King Mustard, Byllesby plant foreman, looks on. Sounding for mud depth so that eventually the mud can be removed to make way for more water is similar to the sounding done from the decks of the old steamboats. Steamboat men used lead weighted strings while these modern day sounders use a pole, but both groups shouted their findings to a recorder.







**Appalachian Electric Power Company**

**Abingdon District**—5 YEARS: LEWIS E. WRIGHT, accounting department (returned from military service); JAMES W. CALLAHAN, T&D line section (returned from military service); JOHN O. RASNICK, T&D line section.

**Beckley District**—10 YEARS: J. S. HICKS, T&D line section; 5 YEARS: E. F. PIOCH, T&D engineering section.

**Cabin Creek Plant**—25 YEARS: D. E. JOHNSON, assistant shift supervisor; L. C. HURST, boiler operator.

**Charleston District**—20 YEARS: R. W. SPEAS, Kanawha Valley Power Company hydro plant supervisor; 15 YEARS: G. W. SUMMERS, Kanawha Valley Power Company utility man; W. H. JONES, lineman; 5 YEARS: H. R. HILL, meterman.

**Fieldale District**—5 YEARS: HAROLD MARTIN, R/W department.

**Huntington District**—10 YEARS: LAURA S. COLLINS, T&D records section; JAMES F. HICKS, T&D engineering section; 5 YEARS: RALPH M. MILLER, division T&D department; LEAH C. WAGNER, accounting department.

**Kanawha River Plant**—20 YEARS: D. E. EVERSON, assistant shift operating engineer; 5 YEARS: W. W. McCOLGAN, results engineer.

**Logan District**—10 YEARS: FRANK D. STONE, JR., accounting department.

**Logan Plant**—20 YEARS: J. B. BUSKIRK, turbine operator; J. P. KIRK, assistant boiler operator; 15 YEARS: D. T. HAYNER, mechanical maintenance mechanic.

**Lynchburg District**—10 YEARS: GEORGE W. STONE, JR., stores record clerk.

**Roanoke District**—30 YEARS: F. E. BOWMAN, commercial department; 10 YEARS: C. L. PETERS, garage department.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—5 YEARS: FLOYD H. CAPEHART, auxiliary equipment operator.

**System**—20 YEARS: J. H. HORNE, system operating department; 5 YEARS: B. N. SMITH, system operating department (returned from military service).

**Williamson District**—25 YEARS: J. L. GILBERT, local office manager.

**Kentucky Power Company**

**Ashland District**—25 YEARS: HELEN C. EATON, home service supervisor; 20 YEARS: RALPH L. EVICK, power sales engineer.

**Pikeville District**—20 YEARS: V. A. SYCK, line foreman; 10 YEARS: BETTY ROBINETTE; 5 YEARS: TROY GENE LEE.

**Kingsport Utilities, Inc.**

**Kingsport**—10 YEARS: ADELE WILLIAMS, accounting department.

**Logan Employees Speak**

Two Logan district employees recently spoke before meetings in Logan. E. P. Hager, power sales engineer, addressed the Logan Community Council on "The Big Corporation's Attitude Toward Community Welfare," and H. J. Collins used "How To Improve Public Relations" as his topic before a meeting of sanitarians from the southern part of West Virginia.

**Ro Club Visits Company Office**

The Ro Club of Huntington High School visited the Huntington service building February 7. The tour was conducted by S. R. Pritchard, district manager and chairman of the Ro Club Committee of Rotary, assisted by C. J. Akers, safety supervisor. C. W. Dunlap, meter supervisor, showed the young men through his department.

**Pikeville, Hazard Credit Unions Elect Officers**



Credit Unions of two Kentucky districts recently elected officers. Pikeville district officers are shown in the left photo, from the left: Lawrence M. Newsom, treasurer and general manager; Ernest H. Brashear, director; Milford Layne, president; Harold Coleman, vice president; and Charles Stayton, secretary. In the right picture officers of the Hazard district Credit Union are shown. They are, from the left: J. W. Scholtens, secretary; Arnett Strong, treasurer; Talmadge Cornett, vice president; and H. J. Bonta, president. The Pikeville group also heard financial reports.



Mr. Newsom reported that a dividend of 7.2 per cent, largest since the organization was founded in 1949, was declared last year. The ninety members of the organization made 63 loans to bring the undivided earnings figure to an unprecedented \$623.19. Total assets are \$14,266.34. Appointed to the Pikeville supervisory committee were Bill Barnett, Virgil Carter and A. H. Jopp. Named to the credit committee were J. T. McReynolds, Jess Collier, and Rodman Crutchfield.

**Twelve Vets Reach Service Milestones**



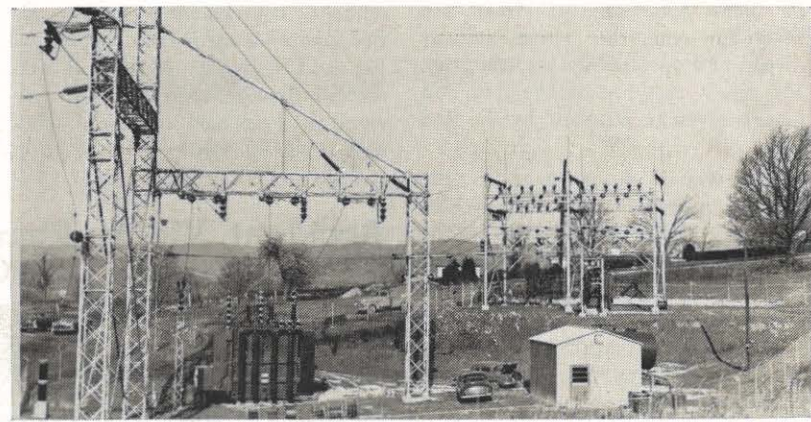
Company veterans receiving pins for 20 or more years' service during recent weeks are pictured above. TOP ROW, from the left: F. E. Bowman, Roanoke, 30 years; J. L. Gilbert, Williamson, 25 years; D. E. Johnson, Cabin Creek Plant, 25 years; and L. C. Hurst, Cabin Creek Plant, 25 years. MIDDLE ROW, from the left: Mrs. Helen Eaton, Ashland, 25 years; J. P. Kirk, Logan plant, 20 years; J. B. Buskirk, Logan plant, 20 years; and Ralph L. Evick, Ashland, 20 years. BOTTOM ROW, from the left, all 20 years: John H. Horne, system; V. A. Syck, Pikeville; D. E. Everson, Kanawha River plant; and R. W. Speas, Kanawha Valley Power Company.

**Refresher Course**



C. H. Buckland shows 25 Beckley employees how to tie a head bandage during a recent first aid refresher course. The "victim" is A. W. Bonds. The 25 members of the T&D line and station sections received refresher certificates on completion of the course. Other instructors were Elmer Wright, P. W. Burks, Russell Miller and J. E. Hammer.

**Smyth Station At Marion In Service, Providing Another Source Of Power**



General view of the new Smyth station near Marion shows the 132,000-volt structure in the foreground with the 33 kv section in the background. That's a 10,000 kva transformer, tap changing under load to regulate voltage, in the main station.

The new Smyth station at Marion in the Pulaski district is now in service.

Supplied by the new 132,000 volt Wytheville-Saltville line, the new station and line provide an additional source of power for the Smyth County area and allow for future growth.

Smyth station is one of the final links in the 132,000 volt transmission line between Saltville and Glen Lyn plant, which is being enlarged. The station will step down power from 132,000 volts to 33,000 volts.

The Wytheville-Marion section is 28 miles long, while the Marion-Saltville section is 14½ miles long. Tower and line construction was done by Keystone Construction Company while foundation and other station work was done by the New River Construction Company.

The station, put in service last month, provides the most modern operating and protective equipment. Switching at the station will be done by the local crew under the direction of J. S. Sutphin, local area supervisor,

assisted by C. B. Sharpe, working foreman, and W. B. McGlothlin, area serviceman.

Final check out of the station was made by John Armstrong, system operating, and E. C. Rankin, system substation. F. P. Claytor and J. G. Tapley were inspectors on the job from the system substation department.



Checking switching procedure at the control panel at Smyth station are, from left, C. B. Sharpe, W. B. McGlothlin and J. S. Sutphin.



## Perkins Moves Up To Division As Hervey Succeeds



Mr. Perkins Mr. Hervey

C. A. Perkins, Charleston district superintendent, was promoted to assistant division supervising engineer on the first of this month. He is succeeded by George E. Hervey, assistant district superintendent.

Mr. Perkins, a native of Louisiana, joined the company in 1926 as superintendent of distribution. He was promoted in 1936 to assistant general superintendent and became district superintendent in July 1948.

He is a graduate of Southwestern Louisiana Institute and did graduate work at Carnegie Institute of Technology. He holds a B.S. degree in electrical engineering.

A member of the Masonic Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, Shrine and Eastern Star orders, he is married. His hobbies are hunting, fishing and collecting stamps.

Mr. Hervey, the new Charleston district superintendent, joined the company in June 1940 as an electrical engineer in the station section. He became distribution substation supervisor in 1948, district supervising engineer in 1951 and advanced to assistant district superintendent in 1953.

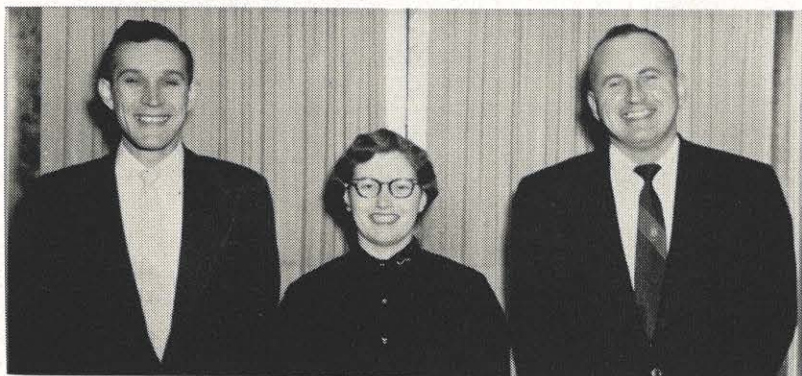
A native of Morgantown and graduate of West Virginia University with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering, he served in the army during World War II and advanced to the rank of major. As an active reserve, he completed 20 years for retirement and was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1954.

He is chairman of vocational guidance in the West Virginia section of A. I. E. E. and is married, father of two daughters. His interests include bridge, dancing, bowling, church work, auto maintenance work and he holds memberships in the Army-Navy Club, University Club, Pioneer Club and Masonic Lodge.

### Roanokers Win Slogan Prize

Two Roanoke district power sales engineers won \$5 each for slogans they recently submitted in an electric heat promotion contest sponsored by *Electrified Industry*. R. Lewis Mills and Jack M. Burnett received the money for having acceptable entries and are eligible for the grand prize of \$250.

## New Officers Take Beckley Club Reins



New officers of Beckley's Appaleisure Club are, from the left: P. E. Pauley, president; Shirley Johnston, secretary-treasurer; and Lloyd Pomykata, vice president. They were elected at the recent annual meeting of the employee's recreational organization. The club reviewed activities during 1954 and discussed coming activities, including the completion of their camp on Greenbrier River.

## Two AGE Men Get Awards From AIEE

Harry A. Winne, member of the AGE board of directors, and I. W. Gross, engineering manpower counselor for AGE, won awards at the winter general meeting of American Institute of Electrical Engineers in New York.

Mr. Winne, a retired vice president of engineering of General Electric Company, was presented the 1954 John Fritz Medal "for service to his country in war and peace through his distinguished leadership in the electrical industry." He retired a year ago after 43 years' service with GE and joined the AGE board in December, 1953.

Mr. Gross, long associated with electrical research work for AGE, was presented first prize along with two Westinghouse Electric engineers in AIEE's power division competition for their paper, "High Voltage Impulse Tests on Transmission Lines." It described tests conducted at the Tidd test line adjacent to Ohio Power's Tidd plant. He was presented a certificate and shares the \$100 first prize with the co-authors.

## J. D. Wingfield Has Top Division Paper

J. D. Wingfield won out over other supervisors in the Bluefield division in a recent competition with his paper on "Suggestions And Recommendations For Improving The Monthly Operating And Supervisors Conference."



Mr. Wingfield

He is Bluefield district station supervisor. Mr. Wingfield was presented his award, a floor lamp, by J. P. Gills, division manager, at the division operating conference February 4.

## E. J. Clouser Given Williamson Post

E. J. Clouser, Williamson district personnel supervisor, was appointed by Gov. William C. Marland as a member of the Williamson Police Civil Service Commission. His appointment was to fill an unexpired term ending May 31.

He also is active in the Kiwanis Club where he has been a director, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Elks Club and the First Baptist Church. He is married and has a daughter.

Joining the company in 1945 in the stores department, he moved up to stores supervisor in 1947. He became personnel supervisor in November of last year.

## Pikeville Club Holds Coffee Break For Polio



Coffee wasn't 10 cents a cup but dimes helped fight polio in Pikeville recently. The KPO Club, women employee's organization, made their contribution to the drive by serving pastries and coffee to employees. Shown in the picture above, from the left: Fannie Potter, Dorothy Ford, Mrs. Dorothy Cardinal, Mrs. Guialene Smith, Charles Stayton, Sibyl Keene and Mrs. Elizabeth Riddle, president of the club. Employees bought the refreshments for what they wanted to give to the March of Dimes. The club members made the coffee and pastries and served them at 10 a. m., 3:00 and 4:30 p. m. They collected \$47 and the club brought it to \$50.



### Appalachian Electric Power Company

#### Beckley District

WILLIAM H. LIVELY from inspector, junior, to line inspector; EUGENE M. O'NEAL from inspector, junior, to line inspector.

#### Charleston District

WILLIAM H. BARKER from meter reader to groundman; EDWARD P. SMITH from senior clerk, Kanawha River plant construction, to junior bookkeeper, Montgomery.

#### Fieldale District

HARVEY L. AGEE from meterman B to meterman A.

#### Huntington District

F. W. LEMASTER from groundman to control operator; HOMER C. SMITH from meter serviceman B to meter serviceman A; CHAPMAN RUTLEDGE, JR., from meter service helper to meter serviceman C; RALPH E. HENDERSON from meter service helper to meter serviceman C.

#### Logan District

ROBERT K. CRADDOCK, JR., from groundman to lineman C.

#### Pulaski District

W. W. BALLINGER from Christiansburg to Floyd, lineman C; E. A. MARTIN from Floyd to Christiansburg, meter serviceman B.

#### Philip Sporn Plant

EMMA M. VERNON from clerk-typist to junior bookkeeper; ARDIS J. SHIRLEY from junior clerk to clerk-typist; WILLIAM L. ZERKLE from helper to junior maintenance man; LUTHER O. SMITH from helper to junior maintenance man; JAMES E. HAGGERTY from helper to junior maintenance man; GERALD E. CLARK from helper to junior maintenance man; SHIRLEY E. HESSON from helper to junior maintenance man; GERALD KELLY from helper to junior maintenance man; CHARLES B. GORDON from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; ARTHUR H. HILL from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; GAIL P. BUCK from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; JOHN W. TAYLOR from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; ELROY E. KAYLOR from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; LELAND C. BUMGARDNER from barge attendant to helper, maintenance department; TROY S. SAYRE from helper, maintenance department, to results helper; EDGAR A. ARNOTT from helper to junior maintenance man; PAUL E. ICARD from helper to junior maintenance man.

#### Welch District

FRANCES BROOKS from junior home economist to senior home economist; MILLARD GIBSON from lineman C to lineman B.

#### Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

LINDAL B. DISHNER from junior clerk to junior contract clerk.

## S. C. Halstead Reports To Army At Fort Knox

Samuel C. Halstead reported to the Army recently for basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The Logan district lineman joined the company at Logan on October 14, 1952, as a groundman. On December 1, 1953, he moved up to truck driver-groundman, and rose to his present position October 18, 1954.



Mr. Halstead

## Beckley Welfare Group Selects Officers



The report for 1954 was given and these officers elected when the Beckley district Flower and Welfare Fund held its annual meeting recently. The new officers are, from the left: Archie Riner, secretary-treasurer; Vera Haynes, president; and E. F. Pioch, vice president. The reports showed that \$1,200 was collected during the year for 12 national and local charities and that flowers were sent to several employees who had deaths in their families. Mrs. Haynes also appointed a budget committee.

## Youths Selected For School Honor Groups

Several children of Welch district employees were recently inducted into high school and junior high honor societies.

April Lynn Vermillion, daughter of Helen and John Vermillion, was initiated into the Welch Junior High Honor Society. An eighth grader, she is active in Girl Scouts and is a cheerleader. Her father is working foreman in the meter department and her mother a PBX operator.

Raymond Lee Brown, Jr., a junior at Welch High School, was chosen for that school's honor society. He is the son of Mrs. Elster Brown, accounting department. He is a track letterman and a knight in the West Virginia Order of the Golden Horseshoe.

Judith Rae Hulme, daughter of William Hulme, head T&D clerk, was also selected for the high school organization. She is a member of the Thespians, Quill and Scroll and May Court. She was in the Tri-Hy-Y Stunt Show, is a Worthy Associate Advisor of the Rainbow Girls and does part time work for the Welch Credit Bureau.

Also inducted into the high school Honor Society was Eddie Matheson, son of deceased employee Edd Matheson. Judy Harris, granddaughter of H. S. Harris, retired employee, was chosen for the junior high group.

## Profitable Hobby



Hobbies become especially nice when they provide an additional source of income. Fred J. Mullins, Bluefield district meterman, has turned his electronics hobby into an after-hours profit making venture. Here he inspects his self-built oscilloscope in the laboratory he has set up in one corner of his apartment. There he repairs and services radio and television sets with this instrument and others, including a signal tracer, tube checker, tube tester and vacuum tube volt meter. An employee of the company for 9 years, Mr. Mullins has been interested in electronics as a hobby for 15 years.

## Bosses Feted In Williamson

Bosses were in the spotlight when the K-Appa-K Girls' Club of Williamson met recently. Each member brought her boss to the dinner. The bosses received comic gifts with appropriate poems, which they read to the gathering. The Valentine motif was used throughout.



# Company Couples In Marriage Ceremonies



Recent brides and grooms among company employees are pictured above. TOP ROW, from the left: Mrs. Paul A. Whitehair, Charleston; Cpl. and Mrs. Kenneth Parsons, Ashland; Mrs. James Lee Thurston, Williamson; and Mrs.

T. P. Grady, Kanawha River plant. BOTTOM ROW, from the left: Mrs. Ralph Greer, Pikeville; Mrs. S. L. Wright, system; Mrs. John Christian Ginther, Lynchburg; and Mrs. Hayes Napier Thomas, Pulaski.

## Harris-Whitehair

Polly Anne Harris and Paul A. Whitehair were united in marriage February 11 at her home in Clendenin. Mrs. Whitehair is the daughter of C. V. Harris, Clendenin office area supervisor in the Charleston district.

## Krinn-Darby

The Ripley Evangelical United Brethren Church was the scene February 19 for the marriage of Elizabeth Ann Krinn and James L. Darby. Mr. Darby is an agricultural engineer in the Point Pleasant district.

## Cushing-Francis

Madge Cushing became the bride of Ralph E. Francis at Wren Chapel in Williamsburg January 31. The couple is residing in Bloomington, Indiana. Mrs. Francis is the daughter of H. L. Cushing, system assistant commercial manager.

## Johnson-Wright

Elnora Jane Johnson was united in marriage with Sherril Leslie Wright February 12 at Virginia Heights Baptist Church in Roanoke. She is the daughter of P. J. Johnson, system hydro supervising engineer.

## Matney-Thurston

Lelia M. Matney became the bride of James Lee Thurston February 17 at the East Williamson Baptist Church. The new Mrs. Thurston is employed in the Williamson district accounting department.

## McGinnis-Parsons

Bettye McGinnis became the bride of Cpl. Kenneth Parsons February 5 at the bride's home. He is stationed at Fort Knox. Mrs. Parsons is an Ashland district purchasing department employee.

## Via-Ginther

Joyce Gaynor Via and John Christian Ginther were married February 7 at the Altavista Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Ginther is a clerk-typist in the Lynchburg local accounting department.

## Elswick-Greer

Fayetta Elswick became the bride of Ralph Greer at Clintwood February 12. She is a student home economist in the Pikeville district.

## Minichan-Thomas

Harriet Byrd Minichan and Hayes Napier Thomas were united in marriage February 12 at Pulaski's First Methodist Church. The bride is the daughter of D. P. Minichan, Pulaski district manager.

## Minnix-Grady

On February 18, Rose Ann Minnix and Terry Pat Grady were united in marriage at Belle. Mr. Grady is a Kanawha River plant employee.

## June In March



Lynchburg's June B. Woodson models an outfit especially designed for March weather. The black and white shadow-box check dress, made of paper taffeta, is of lighter weight than winter clothes. But the short-fitted linen jacket with three quarter sleeves is protection against March chills. The dress, designed with snug bodice and cut with a bateau neckline, has a full skirt worn over crinolines. The jacket has a white pique collar and is tied in front with a bow of taffeta matching the dress. Mrs. Woodson, junior merchandise order and billing clerk, models the dress at The Vogue, a Lynchburg ready-to-wear store. An employee since December, 1951, Mrs. Woodson has appeared on a television show modeling the store's clothes.

## Lynchburg Youth Appears On Farm Television Show

Herman L. Morris, Jr., 14-year-old son of the Lynchburg district meter reader, recently appeared on WLVA-TV's farm program, "RFD 13."

He and a fellow 4-H'er alternated in presenting a talk with charts on the importance of keeping electric cords and sockets in good repair. After the talk both were asked impromptu questions by the announcer about their 4-H work. The program was in connection with the Bedford County 4-H Farm and Home Safety Project.

## Bluefielder's Daughter Heads School Club

President of the Allegro Music Club of Graham High School for the coming term is Frances Wilburn. She is the daughter of George Wilburn, chief of party in the Bluefield engineering department.



Frances Wilburn

Although Frances is just a freshman at Graham, she takes an active part in school activities and is very interested in music. She has been a member of the high school band for three years, a member of the choral group and a member of the Music Club for two years. She also was president of the Dudley School music club.

## Smiths Married 58 Years

Mr. and Mrs. William Richard Smith, parents of Guilford C. Smith, Charleston district administrative assistant, recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. Mr. Smith four days later reached his 90th birthday. The elder Smiths are parents of nine children and have 16 grandchildren.

## Bluefielders Start Third YWCA Terms



Mrs. Moseley

Miss Light

Two Bluefield employees have been re-elected for third terms to offices in the Bluefield YWCA.

Mrs. Lena Moseley, home economist, was named president while Lina P. Light, secretary to the assistant division manager, was elected treasurer.

Mrs. Moseley, a company employee since 1935, is a charter member of the YWCA and has also served as vice president and chairman of several committees. Miss Light also has been secretary to the board of directors of the YWCA. She has been president of the Bluefield Quota Club and the Bluefield Young Woman's Club. Miss Light has been with the Company 18 years.



## New Arrivals



WILLIAM DAVID is the new son born January 25 to Mr. and Mrs. William McKinney. Mr. McKinney is an Ashland district groundman.

JAMES PAUL, JR., is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Smolder. Mr. Smolder is employed in the Charleston district T&D engineering section.

A son, STANLEY EARL, was born February 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adkins. Mrs. Adkins was formerly employed in the Fieldale R/W department.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Henderson are the proud parents of a son, BENJAMIN L., JR., born December 30. Mr. Henderson is a Roanoke district meterman.

WALTER LEE is the new son born February 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Earl G. Robertson. Mr. Robertson is an employee in the Roanoke local accounting office.

A daughter, ANNA LEIGH, was born January 24 to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones. Mr. Jones is a Roanoke division engineering department employee.

DEBRA BURD is the new daughter born February 3 to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Paxton. Mr. Paxton is an employee of the Roanoke division engineering department.

A son, STEPHEN CARLTON, was born February 4 to Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Reed. Mr. Reed is an employee in the Roanoke division engineering department.

ELLEN SPENCER is the new daughter born February 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cromer. Mr. Cromer is a Roanoke R/W employee.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Crouse welcomed a baby boy, JOSEPH CARL, born January 21. Mr. Crouse is employed in the Beckley T&D meter section.

A daughter, MYRA K., was born January 24 to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gott. Mr. Gott is employed in the Kingsport meter section.

RUSSELL LLOYD, JR., arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mullins January 22. Mrs. Mullins is a former Williamson stores department employee.

A son, CHARLES WILLIAM, was born January 20 to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Kahle. Mr. Kahle is employed in the Princeton line crew in the Bluefield district.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bowling are the parents of JACK DAVID, born January 19. Mrs. Bowling is the former Anita Bailey, daughter of C. P. Bailey, Pulaski office. She is also a former Charleston district home economist.

BARRY DWAYNE is the new son born February 4 to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Haulsee. Mr. Haulsee is employed in the Marion T&D department of the Pulaski district.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dailey are the parents of a son, MARC ALLEN. Mr. Dailey is Philip Sporn plant maintenance man.

STEVEN TERRY is the new son born January 5 to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter is an auxiliary equipment operator at Philip Sporn plant.

GEORGE RODNEY arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Holman January 20. Mr. Holman is a member of the labor department at Philip Sporn plant.

A daughter, JOYCE LEE, was born January 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Brown. Mr. Brown is employed in the Lynchburg building service department.

## They're Engaged

WANDA CREASY to Knute Gieson. Miss Creasy is an employee of the Roanoke local accounting department.

ELIZABETH HARRELL to Dr. W. B. Lowe. Miss Harrell is a senior payroll clerk in the Ashland district.

AMELIA PARRISH to First Lt. Robert L. Vidrick, United States Army. She is an Ashland district junior home economist.

NORMA LEGG to James Fizer. Mr. Fizer is a tracer in the Charleston T&D engineering section.

NANCY DIXON to J. Clark Campbell. Miss Dixon is the daughter of Ray T. Dixon, Charleston meter service foreman.

BARBARA ANNE KOONTZ to Jack William Lawhorn. He is the son of Mrs. Myrtle Lawhorn, Charleston accounting.

NANCY JO CRIDDLE to Gary Bunn. Miss Criddle is employed in the Huntington system billing office.

JO ANN ROARK to Donald C. Landreth. Mr. Landreth is material clerk in the Abingdon district stores department.

EMOGENE ROSEBERRY to Douglas Ray Cullip. She is the daughter of Andrew M. Roseberry, Claytor plant, Pulaski district.

## Kiloettes Treat Bosses With Dinner



Abingdon Kiloette Club members had their bosses as guests at the annual officer installation dinner recently. Shirley Grubb was toastmistress and Claud Kirkland, district manager, spoke. Ruth Dolinger, past president, installed new officers. They are, standing in the rear, from the left: Virginia Lester, treasurer; Jerry Countiss, secretary; Shirley Grubb, vice president; and Mildred Woody, president. Shown seated at the rear table, are, from the left: Charlie Wagner, Mr. Kirkland, Doris Fleenor, Rufus Bondurant and Miss Dolinger. On the left hand side of the front table are, from the front: Edith Godbey, John Quillen, Maebelle Grace, Joe Collins, Jack Frier and Peggy Johnson. On the right, from the front, are: Ruth Kelly, James Booth, Lloyd B. Lee, Clark Peck, Audrey Haga and George Wood.

## Appa-Lassies Name 1955 Officers



Logan district Appa-Lassies recently named new officers for 1955. Elected to lead the woman employees' club, are from the left: Oretta Lambert, secretary; Marjorie Parkins, president; Mary Elizabeth Davis, treasurer; and Doris Atkins, second vice president.



### J. M. Brown Spends Spare Time Landscaping Pulaski Country Club Grounds, Golf Course

Members of the Pulaski Country Club have James M. Brown to thank for the trees and shrubs that beautify the club grounds.

Mr. Brown, Pulaski district local office manager, spends much of his spare time landscaping the grounds and golf course. He has gotten several of the trees from the mountains and others he has purchased with the help of club members.

Recently elected treasurer of the club, he is also an avid golfer. He and his daughter, Elizabeth, are on the course every week end, weather permitting. In addition to the many shrubs and boxwoods he has set out, he also has planted 225 hemlocks and 540 white pines along the fairways. The landscaping is just one of many projects he has undertaken in his 20 years as a club member.

Mr. Brown came to Pulaski in 1935 and has been local office man-



James M. Brown admires one of the many trees he has planted at the Pulaski Country Club.

ger since March, 1945. He is a member of the Baptist Church, a Mason, past president of the Lions Club and a director of the Pulaski Chamber of Commerce.

### Well Qualified

Who is better qualified to help direct a country club's policies than a man who has made three holes-in-one?

Evidently Oakwood Country Club members thought the same thing when they elected Roy A. Tibbs to the board of directors recently. The Lynchburg district power sales engineer has gotten the golfer's dream three times and is a six-handicapper.

His other activities include membership in the Industrial Management Club and the Elks Club, and he is secretary of the local chapter of Royal Arcanum and Sitting Past Grand Regent for Virginia.

### Reddywatts Eke Past Two Others For Charleston First Half Bowling Title



Members of the winning Reddywatts are, from the left: G. V. Loveday, Edith Wright, Paul Blizzard, Ilene Akers and Herman Summers, captain.

Just half a game separated the first and second-place teams when the Charleston Kilowatt Bowling League completed the first half recently.

The Reddywatts squeezed past the Five Kavees and the Cabin Creek Pulverizers to take the title, but not before some close rolling on the final night. During a three-game set with the Divisioneers, the Kilowatts won the middle game by just one pin.

First half standings showed the Reddywatts with a 33½-20½ record. The two teams tied for second had 33-21 records.

L. O. McKinney annexed both the high singles, actual pins, and high series, actual pins, with scores of 250 and 625. Pauline Lanham took the women's titles, actual pins with a high single of 220 and a high series of 552. Handicaps honors were won by Gordon Moir, who rolled a single of 284 and a series of 721. Phyllis Rowe took the women's handicap

with a single score of 227 and a series of 711.

### Charleston . . .

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Equipment Conference school conducted by General Electric Company in Pittsfield, Mass.

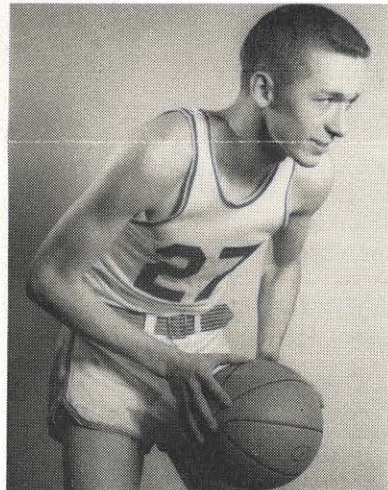
Erwin Rau, cash poster, has been elected vice president of the local chapter of the Arthur Murray Century Club.

R. H. Hively, senior power sales engineer, was vice chairman and Frank Melton, district engineer, was secretary of the local observance of Engineer's Week, sponsored by the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers.

Recent blood donors include B. W. Clay, Paul Skaff, G. W. Unangst, W. L. Turley, C. E. Buck, Glenn Cook, E. E. Landers, Leroy Stover, Jim Fizer, J. J. Fain, Wilbur West, J. C. Nutter, A. L. Heldreth, W. J. Burgess, E. C. Hammack, J. G. Powell, Richard F. Cook, M. E. Young and Gary Quesinberry.



### Larry Hemmings Is Tech Cage Starter In Freshman Year



Larry Hemmings has earned a starting berth on the Virginia Tech basketball team in his freshman year.

It's a big jump from high school basketball one season to first string college varsity the next, but Larry Hemmings has made it.

The Charleston district co-op student was elevated to the starting five at Virginia Polytechnic Institute early in January and has established himself as a regular.

Larry was a key player on the Stonewall Jackson High School team last year, averaging 18 points a game. His team advanced to the semi-finals of the state tournament. He was also a top half-miler and played baseball.

During the first part of the Tech season he wasn't even listed on the roster. But in January he got his chance against West Virginia University and made good.

### Two Charleston Bowling Teams Enter Tournament

The Turner and Divisioner teams of the Charleston Kilowatt Bowling League recently entered the annual Kanawha County Bowling Association handicap tournament.

Members of the Turner team included Herman Summers, Joe Campolio, Paul Blizzard, Lucien Bias and G. V. Loveday. Members of the Divisioneers were Carl Murray, Dick Speas, Denny Caldwell, Cliff Flannery and Paul Parsons.

### Pikeville Sportsmen Pick 1955 Officers

Officers and other board members were named when the Pikeville Employees Rod and Gun Club met recently.

Oscar Hamilton was re-elected president, while Bob Flynn was chosen vice president and Ernest Brashear secretary-treasurer. Directors are Leon Huffman, Rodman Crutchfield and Chester Smith.

Plans for the coming year include leasing of a camp site on Dewey Lake near Prestonsburg and continuing projects such as shooting matches, fish fries and fishing contests. Annual dues were lowered to \$1 to increase membership.

### Eleanor Winter Wins Two Bowling Titles

It was a big bowling night for Eleanor J. Winter when she entered the Logan City Womens' Bowling Association Tournament recently.



Miss Winter

The Logan district managerial employee walked off with two titles. She was high roller with 644 pins in the singles event and came back with 1759 pins to take the All-Event With Handicap crown.

She is a regular on the Royal Crown Bottling Company team in the Logan woman's league.

### Point Pleasant Wins First-Half Championship

Point Pleasant keglers won the first-half crown in the Good Fellowship League. One game provided the margin for their win.

Team members are F. H. Taylor, Jr., L. C. Bias, C. H. Murray, Jr., R. D. Tillis and T. J. Rose. Tillis had high three game series with 603 pins.

### O'Neal Amos Leads Game And Fish Club

O'Neal Amos has been elected president of the Pulaski County Game and Fish Club for 1955.



Mr. Amos

The Pulaski district administrative assistant has been a member of the board of directors for several years. The club has been active in cooperating with area 4-H clubs and sportsmen in planting bi-color lespedeza to afford cover for game birds.

The special projects committee, under the direction of D. P. Minichan, district manager, has cut and anchored trees along Claytor Lake to provide cover for bream and crappie. One of the highlights of the club's activities under Mr. Amos will be a county-wide meeting for state and national wildlife specialists to report on conservation on a national scale.

### Grimes' Shift Continues Torrid Pace At Sporn

Grimes' Shift seems determined to take all titles in sight in the Philip Sporn plant bowling league.

They have already won the first half crown, and carry a 11-1 record in the second half, good for a solid first place. Labor is second with a 10½-4½ record and Tennant's Shift is third with 10-5.

Ralph Gibbs, Jr., of Grimes' Shift, is pacing all bowlers with a 169 pin average.

### Bird Samaritans



A covey of quail who use this area for cover will have a feast when Jim Nickols, left, and Bill King finish spreading this sack of bird food. The two Pulaski district employees keep bird food on their service truck during the winter months to spread in areas known to contain game birds. The food was bought by employees who want to preserve game birds suffering for lack of food during cold or snowy weather.

### Makes Sports Den



James J. Potts is shown in the "sports den" he made in a spare room in his home. The working foreman in the line section of Kingsport Utilities turned out the racks and cabinets to store his sporting equipment because he was tired of trying to keep up with his hunting and fishing gear stored in different parts of his home. Now he can sit back and dream of the big ones that got away.

### Company Cagers Romp In Tourney

A basketball team of Charleston district employees was one of two to go over the century mark in the opening round of YMCA's Industrial Tournament recently.

The team romped over United Fuel Gas Company 106-36, Red Holmes scoring 29 points. The Appalachian team was stopped in the second round by Owen-Illinois, the eventual tourney winners, 72-71, despite 38 points by Holmes.

Other team members included J. D. Porter, Gene Watson, Lindy Jividen, Bob Moss, Bryan Smithers and Donald Loy.

### Point Pleasant District

C. H. Murray, Jr., line inspector, has recently completed a school conducted for Cub Scout leaders.

Three district employees have been named to posts in the Cub Scout Pack recently organized by the Ordinance School. W. H. Stricklen, line foreman, has been named committee chairman; W. M. Pancake, draftsman, is assistant Cub Pack leader, and C. D. Stalnaker, electrical engineer, has been named institutional representative.

Mrs. Bernadine F. Gilmour recently became chairman of the Mason County Cancer Campaign for 1955. The wife of W. C. Gilmour, personnel supervisor, she is a member of the Point Pleasant Chapter of Lambda Chi Omega sorority, drive sponsors.

J. L. Darby, agricultural engineer, and W. C. Gilmour, personnel supervisor, have been named to the Sign Committee by the Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce. The committee will work with civic organizations in placing welcome signs in Point Pleasant.

### Cabin Creek Plant

I. F. Williams, retired shift supervisor, and his wife left recently for Lakeland, Florida, where they plan to spend the rest of the winter.

J. K. Hodge, retired labor foreman, has been a patient in the Charleston Memorial Hospital.

U. G. Ellis, oldest Cabin Creek retired employee, is confined to his home following recent hospitalization.

L. A. Williams, retired employee, is a patient in the Charleston General Hospital.



Bluefield 'Victims' Happy

# Shopper Stopper Proves Weather Topper

Happiest "victims" of a new electrical gadget can be found in Bluefield.

The "shopper stopper" or the Radiant Electric Heating Unit is proving the answer to a window shopper's prayer on a cold, wintry day. It brings comfortable warmth to the shopper.

And if Bluefield district engineers are even half right about the one they installed over the sidewalk at the Bluefield office, then comfortable window shoppers will benefit merchants, too. They will be helped by the extension of their display season.

The pedestrian is encouraged to stop and look at the window display—perhaps encouraged enough to come in to buy. The merchant then has a chance to sell everything from fur coats to swim suits.

Frankly an experiment, the unit is one of the first (if not the first) to be installed in the entire Bluefield area for this specific purpose. The "shopper stopper" was designed by



"Come on out—the weather's fine," these Bluefield office girls seem to say as they stand under the "shopper stopper" in 14-degree weather. Although they eat ice cream, note the icicles on the car fender. Helping prove the point about comfort are, from the left: Elizabeth Munsey, Ann Williams, Mary Jane Davis, Alice Coalter and Ernestine Foresman.

commercial and power sales engineers in the Bluefield office and built by John Kahle, residential sales representative, and Vernon Kirk, building maintenance man.

The unit is made of three 1,800-watt "RAD" heaters with polished parabolic reflectors which project the heat in a narrow beam from a height of about 12 feet to the sidewalk and three ruby-red infrared 250-watt heat lamps. The heaters are the type used in industrial plants for drying paint and for baking while the infrared lamps are used for brooding chicks, lambs, etc., or for easing muscular aches and pains.

A feature of radiant heat that makes it practical for this purpose is that it does not heat the air. Like the sun's energy, it is released only when the rays strike an opaque object.

Other nice features about the shopper stopper is that sidewalks would be free of snow and ice, meaning comfort and safety for the shopper and less work for the shop owner. Other applications could include warming waitresses and car hops at drive-ins, warming passengers at bus stops, warming traffic policemen and hundreds of others. But the real break is still for that wandering shopper—alone and cold—until trapped by the comfort of the shopper stopper.

## McClung Raised To New Position; Palmer Is Editor



Mr. McClung Mr. Palmer

William A. McClung, editor, has been promoted to the position of advertising and publications supervisor. He is succeeded as editor of THE ILLUMINATOR by Jack A. Palmer, assistant editor.

Employed in the public relations department in 1949, McClung is a graduate of Concord College. Before joining the company, he worked on newspapers at Bluefield, W. Va., and Elizabeth City and Roanoke Rapids, N. C., and with the Associated Press in West Virginia.

He is a member of the board of directors of the Roanoke County Chapter of the Red Cross and a member of the board of directors of the American Association of Industrial Editors. A navy veteran of World War II, he is married and the father of three children.

A graduate of Washington and Lee University in February 1950, Palmer was news editor of the *Franklin News-Post* at Rocky Mount, Virginia, before being employed in July 1950 as a feature writer in the public relations department. He was named assistant editor in 1953.

A member of the board of directors of the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce and public relations committee chairman for the Roanoke Council of Boy Scouts, he is an army veteran of World War II. He is married and the father of a son.

## 'Operation Slide' Near Cabin Creek Keeps Service On

Part of a mountain started moving along the new West Virginia Turnpike near Cabin Creek plant. The slide endangered one of the main lines in that area.

Believing "a stitch in time saves nine," the Charleston district T&D department conducted "Operation Slide" without interruption of service to customers.

A line crew opened loops in the line, allowing the section of the line in the slide to be de-energized while Chemical substation supplied 11 stations on this circuit. A survey party, a draftsman and an engineer surveyed the new location, plotted the profile of the new location and designed and located the new structure. This work was completed in a few hours.

As soon as the new structures were located, the line crew started digging pole holes. A call to the North Charleston service center brought poles and materials for installing the structures. Three new poles were placed out of danger of the huge slide, then the 44 kv line was transferred to its new location and put back in service.

## A. R. Barber Heads Hazard Golf Club

A. R. Barber, Hazard district manager, has been elected president of the Hazard Golf Club.



Mr. Barber

Mr. Barber is also chairman of the New Industry Development Committee of the Perry County Development Association. One of the PCDA's projects for the coming year is the remodeling of the golf club.

Mr. Barber is also an active Scout worker and was recognized last year for his service when he was presented the Silver Beaver Award. He is chairman of the finance committee and vice president of the Lonesome Pine Council of the Scouts.

He is also president of the Hazard Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Hazard Lions Club. In addition he is a deacon and Sunday School superintendent of the Presbyterian Church and a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board.

## Vet Of 35 Years' Service Retires



Joseph E. Ladwig receives his 35-year service pin from D. C. Kennedy, Lynchburg district manager, at a retirement dinner honoring the meter department veteran. Mr. Ladwig retired from the company the next day.

Members of the Lynchburg district meter department gathered January 31 to honor Joseph E. Ladwig for two special reasons.

Mr. Ladwig, a meterman, retired from the company the next day. And he was also celebrating 35 years as an Appalachian employee.

He first joined the company on October 20, 1920, at Lynchburg. Four years later he went to Charleston and came back to Lynchburg in 1928. His company service was preceded by duties with the Army during World War I. After his discharge he married Maude Lee Perrow in June, 1919.

For years Mr. Ladwig's hobbies have been fishing, hunting, gardening and raising bees, and he plans to continue them during his retirement.

In commenting on his retirement Mr. Ladwig said, "My only objection to being retired is that I know I'm going to miss the fellowship of the men who have worked with me for so many years. If I get lonely, I can always come to the department and talk to them."

## New Lebanon Office To Be Occupied In June

This summer will see the Lebanon office, Abingdon district, in new quarters. The building is being remodeled and scheduled to be occupied by June 30.

The new quarters will house the accounting office, commercial representatives, an auditorium, a demonstration kitchen and provide room for line crew headquarters, storeroom and vehicle storage.

## Spring Cometh For Hopeful Gardener



Surrounded by all the equipment she needs, including a few originals, Mary Kirby, Pearisburg home economist, takes the first step toward her spring garden. She hopes to follow up her successful garden last year, when she raised ten bushels of tomatoes, four bushels of potatoes, and put away in her freezer 30 pints of lima beans, 30 pints of peas, 15 pints of squash and 20 pints of strawberries. That's not counting the fresh vegetables she ate or gave away all summer long. While Mary picks out her seeds, going by the vivid colors on the packages, she will also have to face the hazards at her back. Bugs, blisters, sore back and weeds are garden "musts." But Mary can still smile when she thinks of last year's garden.



The "shopper stopper" is shown with the men who built it, John Kahle, left, and Vernon Kirk. The unit was hung above the window in front of the Bluefield office with the outside sign calling attention to it being in service.

## Service Pin Dinner Held For 1954 Vets

All Philip Sporn plant employees who received a service pin during 1954 were recently entertained at a dinner in Point Pleasant.

Howard Andrews, plant manager; Paul Scalley, personnel supervisor; and Paul Schneider, assistant plant manager, gave short talks.

Attending were Ralph Warner, Freeman Roush, Edwin Clarke, Harry Davis, Harry Hoffman, Frank Titus, Glen Hensler, Richard Roush, Charles Evans, Earl Rottgen, Marvin Roush, Paul Huber, Mark Ward, Glen Cartwright, William Wentzell, Robert Gilmore, Wyatt Chadwell, George MacKnight, Dwight Sayre, Earl Teaford and Alfred Smith.

## Contract For Unit At Muskingum River Plant Is Awarded Sollitt

Contract for construction to house a new 225,000-kw unit at Ohio Power's Muskingum River plant has been awarded Sollitt Construction Company of South Bend, Indiana.

Excavation for the \$29,600,000 unit is underway with completion of the new unit scheduled for late in 1956. Upon completion, Muskingum River plant at Beverly will have a total generating capacity of 655,000 kw—highest of any plant on the AGE system.

General Electric Company will furnish the turbo-generator and Babcock & Wilcox Company will supply the boiler.

## Joy Nash Wins Window Display Medal



W. P. Booker, Roanoke district manager, presents Joy J. Nash, promotional display arranger, with a bronze medal for outstanding window display work. The medal comes from "Display World's" International Contest of 1954 and was given Mrs. Nash for an electric range window display. She was a winner in the range division, one of 98 classifications. Mrs. Nash came to the company in April, 1927, as a clerk and later moved up to secretarial-stenographer. She rose to her present position when the new Roanoke office building opened in 1949.