

Floods, Huge Slides Sweep State



The above art work by Christine Christie, Charleston personnel employee, illustrates how Bob Hall, system electronics engineer, provided invaluable aid during the recent flood. Bob (2), an amateur radio operator at Dunbar, picked up a Huntington radio station (1) trying in vain to contact a Madison radio operator about flood information for the Department of Commerce. Bob called the station and offered his help. First he contacted Ralph Gaw, system operator at Turner station (3), who then contacted Logan plant (4) by carrier current. Logan in turn reached an Appalachian service truck at Madison (5) by the two-way radio system, and its driver secured the necessary information from another amateur radio operator. The material was relayed back. Mr. Gaw also contacted a Williamson area weather observer through a company employee at Sprigg station in much the same manner. At many times during the flood, ham operators were the only means of communication. State police and other groups used them to find out about road blocks, weather reports and general flood conditions. See page 7 for pictures and stories on the floods that hit many districts in West Virginia and Kentucky.

Increased Earnings And Capacity Are Two Highlights Of AGE Annual Report

The most significant accomplishment of the American Gas and Electric Company in 1954 was its ability to show a substantial increase in earnings in the face of the year's marked industrial slowdown and heavy increases in operating expenses.

This statement is made by President Philip Sporn in AGE's 1954 annual report mailed recently to the company's 37,500 shareowners.

Mr. Sporn attributed the earnings increase—from \$30,950,000 in 1953

to \$32,359,000, a jump of 4.6%—to substantial operating economies which were able to offset the concurrent adverse factors. He said such economies in turn reflected improvements in efficiency, especially in the operation of the AGE System's new generation and transmission facilities.

He pointed out that in the two-year period 1953-54 AGE had added 1,075,000 kilowatts of generating capacity, including 430,000 kw in 1954. "This is the largest block of capacity added by a private utility system in a similar interval in history," Mr. Sporn stated. "This expansion has thus served the purpose of restoring reserve capacity to proper proportions and of giving us the most modern and efficient plants and the savings that go with their operation."

Mr. Sporn said that, on the whole, the outlook for 1955 is promising and he likened it to the last four months of 1954.

He said the improvement in the trend of System energy sales, which started last September, should continue during the current year. System facilities are in excellent shape to meet a major increase in demand and in sales. And, because of improved plant performance, he continued, earnings in 1955 should reflect gains in sales and gross revenues despite probable additional hikes in operating expenses.

A prediction by Mr. Sporn that the AGE System will experience a peak demand of 3,550,000 kw in 1955, four times that of the 1939 peak, was coupled with the further projection that the demand likely will quadruple again within the relatively short period of 20 years. He said that the 1975 projection was based on the "background of growth experience up to the present and with an appreciation of the fundamental developments in the nation's economy and in the economy of the area served by the System from every basic viewpoint."

Coal By Wire?



This novel display in the Huntington office has been getting a lot of attention. It was designed by James F. Wellman, dealer sales representative, to tie in with Appalachian's "Coal by Wire" advertising which started with the ad behind the big 320-pound lump of coal. The coal was fitted with a receptacle into which a lamp is plugged. The placard reads, "This lump of West Virginia coal contains enough electrical energy to keep this lamp burning 8 hours a day for 266 days . . . or to cook your meals on an electric range for nearly five months." Several people who cannot find the concealed cord to the lamp have asked if the lump of coal is actually making the lights burn like a storage battery. To this employees can truthfully say, "Yes, those lamps are getting energy from coal by wire."

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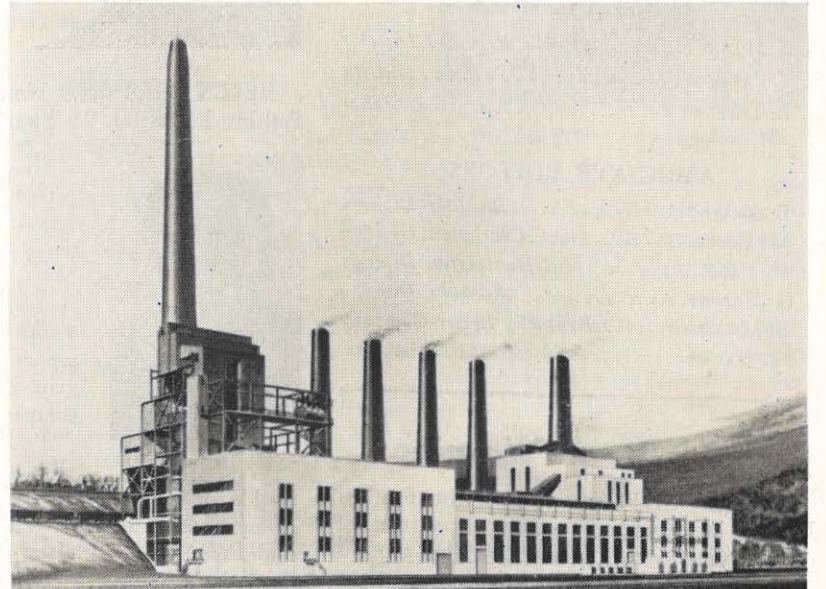
KINGSFORD UTILITIES, INC.

New Glen Lyn Unit To Have Outdoor Boiler

New look for steam plants on our system will be seen when the 225,000-kw unit at Glen Lyn plant is completed. It will have the first outdoor-type boiler on the AGE System along with the addition to Ohio Power's Muskingum River plant.

In the future other outdoor-type boilers are expected to be built as the demand for electric power on the System requires further expansion of generating facilities.

Excavation is over 25% complete on the unit which will raise Glen Lyn's capacity to 395,000 kw. The new unit will have 15 times as much generating capacity as the number 1 unit which went in service in 1919. The 35-year veteran unit has been dismantled to make room for the machine shop and stores department.



Glen Lyn plant's new addition at left looms above the rest of the plant in this drawing which shows how the plant will look upon completion in late 1956. The unit boasts an outdoor-type boiler and will have the tallest stack on the AGE System, towering 430 feet above ground level.

Reason For Change

The decision to change from conventionally housed boilers to outdoor boilers was made after studies indicated that substantial savings in investment cost could be realized, primarily through the use of pressurized-boiler construction together with the elimination of induced draft equipment.

The AGE System has pioneered in the development of pressurized operation of pulverized-coal-fired boilers during the past several years, starting in 1949 at Twin Branch plant of the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company. Because of the house cleaning problem resulting from boiler casing leakage on the earlier units, and other similar operating and maintenance difficulties, installation of standby induced draft equipment was necessary on completely housed, pressurized boilers.

With the outdoor-type boiler, casing leakage is no longer significant,

(See New Unit, Page 5)

At Chicago Meeting

Kentucky Wins National Award For Best Commercial Cooking Promotion

Kentucky Power Company won the Hughes Award for promoting commercial electric cooking in 1954. The company was tops among utilities in the nation having less than 150,000 meters.

The award was presented March 30 at the General Sales Conference of Edison Electric Institute in Chicago. E. C. Cassidy, general power sales supervisor for Kentucky Power, accepted the award.

E.E.I. does the judging and administers the awards presented by the Hotpoint Company. Awards commemorate the company's founder, George A. Hughes.

"Putting Out The Flame" was the theme of Kentucky's winning entry. It featured photographs of demonstrations of counter and heavy duty equipment, trial demonstrations, promotions and campaigns of company salesmen and dealers, cafeteria workshops for school personnel and cooperation with dealers, architects and electrical contractors. The slogan of "putting out the flame" appeared on every page of the entry to focus attention of the judges on the job accomplished.

For Appalachian

Policy Changed On Employee Purchases Of Major Appliances

Plans submitted by manufacturers and dealers to handle the sale of major electric appliances to Appalachian employees have been adopted as a uniform policy and became effective April 1.

With this change in policy, the company will discontinue direct sale of major electric appliances to employees but will continue to finance these purchases through the dealers.

Appalachian employees planning to buy a major appliance or interested in seeing what the plan offers should see their immediate supervisors or contact the local commercial department. The new plan has many attractive features which will continue to promote wider use of electric appliances by employees who, in turn, help promote the sale of electrical equipment to the public.

The award was the second won by Kentucky for promotion of commercial cooking, having won their first Hughes Award in this class in 1952. Kentucky Power Company also has won three E.E.I. awards for promotion of electric ranges.



This theme was used in Kentucky Power Company's winning entry for the Hughes Award which was presented March 30 at Chicago. Kentucky was tops in the nation in promotion of commercial electric cooking by utilities having less than 150,000 meters.

L. T. Smith Honored By Two FFA Groups

Lloyd T. Smith, Lynchburg administrative assistant, was recently awarded honorary memberships in the Future Farmers of America chapters of Brookville and Rustburg High Schools.

The honor comes after many years' active work with FFA, 4-H and home demonstration clubs in the area. A veteran of 28 years with Appalachian, Mr. Smith was promoted to his present position August 1, 1951, from district residential sales supervisor.

He is a member of the Rotary Club, Industrial Management Club and Marshall Lodge No. 39 A.F.&A. Masons and is Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks. He is also a member of the Rivermont Presbyterian Church.



Mr. Smith

Hard Hat Saves Life Of Roanoke Employee



D. C. Duncan, left, presents L. F. Hogan with a certificate signifying his membership in the Turtle Club.

L. F. Hogan, Roanoke groundman, became the fifth Appalachian member of the Turtle Club when his hard hat saved him from serious injury or death.

Mr. Hogan was presented a certificate, wallet card, lapel pin and a hard hat with a Turtle Club decal by D. C. Duncan, system safety director.

Mr. Hogan's hard hat saved his life when he was at work lowering a ten-foot street light bracket with a hand line. The upper bracket swung forward and hit Mr. Hogan's hard hat. The impact knocked the hat off, stunned him momentarily and gave him a severe headache. But he lost no time from his job and received no serious injury.

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March Storm Warnings

The last of February and the first of March is beginning to set a pattern in our service area. This was the second year in a row that storms hit at that time in West Virginia and Kentucky.

Snow was the cause of trouble in 1954 in contrast to rain this year. Both, however, caused their share of grief.

From a company service point of view, the snow was much worse because it knocked out lines serving thousands and thousands of customers. But the floods were plenty troublesome.

Water not only damaged meters in practically every district hit by floods, but in some locations the floods swept right into company buildings. Of course, many employees were just like the rest of the public. They found water filling basements and making a task out of such a routine thing as getting to work. In some cases, entire towns were cut off by the floods.

Through it all, employees took an active part—both on and off the job. They were in the thick of things, as is evident in the storm story of this issue.

Strangely enough, it was March 1 when an Associated Press story from Huntington appeared in many newspapers in our area. The subject of the story was "A Year Ago Today," tracing the disastrous effects of the snow storm of March 1, 1954. The story credited THE ILLUMINATOR with many facts about the localities affected.

All this leads us to believe that the two storms striking at the same time must be coincidence. But if a storm hits again next year on March 1, we are going to get a bit superstitious.

Safety's New Look

There's a new look in headwear around the three companies that's becoming increasingly popular.

It's the hard hat, used by line crews for protection against falling or swinging objects. A scanning of THE ILLUMINATOR shows that the hat is proving its worth—five men have become members of the Turtle Club in the past few months.

This exclusive club is open only to those persons who have been saved from injury or death by a hard hat. A piece of equipment dropped from the top of a pole or a flying cable can do a lot of damage. It depends on whether the man is wearing a hard hat as to what is damaged—his head or the hat.

Its use has greatly increased in the companies this past year and it looks as if its acceptance will be even greater this year.

The new look in lifesaving has already proved itself five times and promises as much for the future.

*Write injuries in sand, but
benefits in marble.*

Your Opinion

Based on your years of experience, what advice would you offer a young company employee today?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

HELEN EATON, Home Economist, Ashland District, 25 Years' Service



Often a young, inexperienced employee is interested in learning only one particular job detail. My advice to new power company employees is to accept responsibility and use every opportunity to gain more knowledge of company operations.

Full participation in all activities inside and outside of working hours gives one a feeling of loyalty and deep interest, and any job becomes more important and worth while when the individual feels a greater responsibility.

The ability to express in words, written or spoken, a logical statement, is of prime importance and every young person should acquire this skill. To advance in any company, training in this field should be sought and practiced. I believe our company expects a new employee to acquire knowledge, skill on the job and ability to give our customers a simple, logical answer to their many questions.

LONNIE E. HASTINGS, Turbine Operator, Cabin Creek Plant, 37 Years' Service



I could tell a young man starting with the company today that he has the advantage of better education and more opportunity for advancement than I had 37 years ago. With the growing demand for electricity, the Company has developed many more departments. Thus, a man can have a place in nearly any field of work.

If the young man will continue with the Company, he can be assured of a safe job; steady employment at a reasonable wage; personnel to help him with his problems and questions; company benefits such as insurance, hospitalization and retirement plan. All of these have been added since I came with the Company.

Last—but not least—he has the advantage of working for a Company large enough to offer the benefits of even larger concerns, yet small enough that he is considered as an individual and not "just a piece of machinery."

A. R. GRINSTEAD, Administrative Assistant, Bluefield Division, 29 Years' Service



Placing a new employee on the payroll today is comparable to planting a seed in the spring. It must have proper care and stimulation before it approaches the maturity stage. Even though you are still young, you should create initiative, understanding, and a great spirit of co-

operation, and sell yourself to your company and fellow employees.

Day by day learn of the many advantages afforded you by your company. Find out what has made it "tick" over a period of years to become one of the largest and most progressive companies in the electrical industry.

In this atomic age the heights to which we will be able to attain in the future may well depend on the attitude, interest, willingness, enthusiasm and forethought of our young employees.

S. W. WOODY, Control Operator, Logan Plant, 25 Years' Service



Based on my experience, the most important advice I believe would be to gain the harmony and cooperation of his fellow employees. My reason for this advice is that with the cooperation of his fellow employees, he will enjoy his work to the fullest extent and will be able to obtain

more information pertaining to his job from more experienced employees.

The second part of my advice to a young employee would be the aspects of the future of which many of our young people do not look for. Also, with the knowledge, personality and application he can obtain the highest position of his field with our company.

The advice I offer the young employee would be to benefit by my experience.

MARY E. FAWCETT, Secretarial Stenographer, System Billing Office, Roanoke, 21 Years' Service



I would advise any young employee to work hard, try to learn more about your job and your company, and constantly endeavor to improve your efficiency on the present job to secure sound background experience for promotions.

It is important to cooperate with your supervisors and fellow employees and to avoid involvements in "office politics." Try to be as pleasant, kind and understanding on the job as you would at home and be happy at work. Be loyal to your company and have faith and confidence in its future and your own.

HELEN BRAID, Clerk-Stenographer, Charleston District, 27 Years' Service



First of all, I'd say, be willing. Show you are receptive to suggestions; do the best work you can, every day. Your job can be a pleasure if you maintain good relations with fellow employees. I consider this of prime importance.

As a young employee, starting out with our company, you have many advantages. One of these is the insurance plan under which you are entitled to various benefits at very liberal rates. Above all, I would advise a new employee to take advantage of every type of insurance offered him.

Last, but certainly not least, take pride in your company. Do not dispraise the company of which you are a part. Remember—by gaining respect for your employer, you also gain respect for yourself!

Six Mistakes Of Man

The Roman philosopher and statesman, Cicero, said it 2,000 years ago, and it's still true today. The "six mistakes of man" are:

1. The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others;
2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected;
3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we cannot accomplish it;
4. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences;
5. Neglecting development and refinement of the mind, and not acquiring the habit of reading and study;
6. Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.

R. C. SCARLETT, Station Supervisor, Kingsport, 28 Years' Service



My advice to offer a young company employee today would be for him to realize he is a public servant. His conduct, attitude and manner in which he deals with the public is a basis which the public has for forming opinions of you and the kind of company you are working for. The existence of some private utilities today has been due to excellent services rendered and the attitude the public has had of the company serving its area.

The field of opportunities is great in the electric utilities industry. Be on the alert to grasp new ideas and put them to work where it is possible. Each individual controls his opportunities for advancement through studying and working hard at his assignments. When you have completed several years of work, you will be able to realize you still have opportunities for learning many things.

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JOSEPH I. SCHULTZ, Clerk, Huntington System Billing Department, 13 Years' Service



I would advise him to weigh carefully the advantages his company offers—not only to consider his cash compensations but his fringe benefits as well. Also, he should consider the stability of the electric power industry and the fact that we have a great future.

I would advise the young employee to make himself as valuable to the company as possible. Our advancements come from value given, value received.

I think we all know the rules of the business world and what it takes to get along. Close adherence to these rules, hard work and patience are to be compensated in the end. Look to the future and don't judge everything by what's at hand.

E. L. SUTOR, JR., Local Office Manager, Lynchburg District, 28 Years' Service



Anyone planning to get ahead should be absolutely certain the job is done quickly and thoroughly. Strive to do the job better than anyone else could do it. No matter how small or insignificant the job may seem to you, be certain it is done well.

The responsibility given to you in the future will depend on the impression you make. Be cooperative, for inability to get along with others will hinder you in your work.

The electric industry has a great future, and I believe that the young employee today has greater advantages with a job well done than in 1927 when I first came to work with the Company.

*Home is the chief school of
human virtues.*

Cousin Luke Plugs Kite Safety



"Cousin Luke Spears" points to a kite flying rule with his pipe on the "Old Timer" show over Huntington's WSAZ-TV. Cousin Luke has been emphasizing the importance of the proper way to fly kites safely on his show, using Appalachian's kite flying poster. Bert Shimp, educational director for the television station, and Don Wagner, who portrays Cousin Luke, worked with Carlos J. Akers, Huntington district safety supervisor, in setting up this part of the show. Cousin Luke began by tracing the history of the kite and then explained the safety rules on the poster. Schools, stores and newspapers also cooperated in displaying these rules on safe kite flying.

Quarter Century Club Elects R. L. Gordon President For 1955

Quarter Century Club officers were elected at a recent annual meeting at the Henry Clay Hotel in Ashland.



Mr. Gordon

R. L. Gordon became president, W. S. Burchett, vice president, and Louise Cash, re-elected secretary. Felicia Billips, outgoing president, extended greetings after the dinner. The club includes all employees with 25 years or more service.

H. S. Scott reviewed the history and purpose of the club and introduced guests who gave interesting accounts of the early days in the company. Guests included: M. C. Funk, vice president; G. S. Dunn, public relations director, U. K. Vaught, purchasing agent of Appalachian, all formerly of Ashland and honorary members of the club; T. M. Watkins, assistant to the Huntington division manager; James Hunter, garage supervisor in Roanoke; C. A. McKinney, Allen Blackburn, H. M. Eagle and Rodman Crutchfield, 25-year vets from Pikeville; H. R. Collins and W. H. Lyle, Ashland retired employees, and Ralph Evick of Ashland.

Twenty-three of the club's 28 members attended the annual meeting. Present were Deb Lockwood, Bill Garnett, H. S. Scott, Rube Gordon, Ray Surbaugh, Felicia Billips, R. F. Millikan, S. S. Woolwine, Dan Lake, W. S. Burchett, Louise Cash, Paul Scaggs, J. W. Ellis, O. F. Sutphin, Virgil Brewer, Hugh Mitchell, C. R. Sanford, R. A. Macomb, Annis Ketterer, Frank Huffman, Helen Eaton, E. E. Hyle and R. E. Doyle, Jr.

Lynchburg Apelcoes Get 1955 Leaders



New officers were recently elected to guide the Lynchburg district Apelcoes during 1955. They are, from the left: Joseph O. Franklin, president; A. A. Ferguson, secretary; Charlene L. Thompson, treasurer; and George W. Stone, Jr., assistant treasurer.

Safety Awards Given 22 Charleston Supervisors

Twenty-two Charleston district supervisors and foremen were awarded certificates of merit for not having any disabling injuries in their groups during the year. C. B. Talley, district manager, presented the safety certificates at a recent operating meeting.

Receiving certificates were: J. F. Melton, engineering section; G. B. Moir, Jr., record section; Ray H. Cole, transportation; Walter Price, general service foreman; C. M. Shafer, O. W. Kallmerten, A. P. Reveal, I. C. Lavender, M. D. Prowse, Leroy Goode, W. L. Turley, T. E. Reed, W. V. Hess, O. J. Hundley, all line foremen; C. V. Thompson, station section; Area Supervisors C. V. Harris, S. H. Eskins, C. L. Mollohan and Jack Lloyd, W. H. Zinn and K. P. Counts, accounting department, and W. R. Witzel, personnel department.

Little Fork Lift Does Big Job In Charleston



This fork lift truck recently went to town in Charleston, helping to install street light standards for the underground electric system. As you can see in the picture, the fork lift can go in spaces where traffic and parking conditions prevent the use of a line truck and the conventional A-frame. Then, too, it can and does run on the sidewalk. Shown above, from the left: E. H. Braid, distribution supervisor, Lloyd Post, lift operator, T. K. Rhodes, Paul Hull, Curt Willis, John C. Frazier, safety supervisor, Kermit Fisher, engineer, W. H. Barker, kneeling, Robert Jones, back to camera, Leland Price, line foreman, and R. H. Taylor, back to camera.

Former Lynchburger Is Senior Auditor

F. E. Harlow has been named senior auditor for the AGE auditing crew for Appalachian's Huntington and Charleston divisions and the Kentucky Power Company.

He succeeds A. C. Flowers, who has been re-assigned to the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company. Mr. Harlow began his career on August 7, 1936, when he joined Appalachian as a meter reader at Lynchburg. He has been with the auditing crew for Appalachian and Kentucky since January 1, 1948.

Mr. Flowers, who replaces Pauline E. Gilliam, who retired April 1, started on the AGE System in September, 1927, at Ohio Power's Portsmouth office. He transferred to AGE as an auditor assigned to Ohio Power in July, 1952. A year later he was appointed senior auditor and assigned to Appalachian and Kentucky.

Rocky Mount Man Joins Red Cross Gallon Club

G. D. Bratton, Jr., became a member of the Red Cross Gallon Club when he gave his eighth pint of blood recently.

The Rocky Mount lineman in the Roanoke district gave his first pint in 1951. Mr. Bratton joined the company April 19, 1948.

He is married and resides in Rocky Mount.

Two Are Officers In Bluefield Red Cross

H. H. Hutcheson, Bluefield commercial sales representative, has been appointed chairman of fund raising for the outlying districts of the Bluefield chapter of the American Red Cross.

Jane Meadows, wife of Howard Meadows, district engineer, is public information chairman for the same chapter. Mr. Hutcheson's job covers an area comprised of 10,000 persons. An active Red Cross worker for several years, he has been with the company since April, 1938.

Jane believes in the cause for which she is working. On March 16, she joined the Red Cross Gallon Club when she gave her eighth pint of blood.

Munday, Vaughan And Burnett Move To Roanoke And Fieldale Positions

Three men in the Roanoke and Fieldale districts were promoted April 1.

E. Lynn Munday, Jr., Roanoke district commercial manager, was named to the position of assistant to the Roanoke district manager, W. P. Booker. Replacing Munday as commercial manager in Roanoke is John W. Vaughan, Fieldale district commercial manager. Jack M. Burnett, power sales engineer in Roanoke district, succeeds Vaughan at Fieldale.



Mr. Munday

Munday is a graduate of VPI with a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering. Upon his graduation he came to work for Appalachian as a groundman in 1936. He worked in the substation department and was promoted to power sales engineer in 1938.

He served during World War II in the Caribbean Command and the European Theatre, being released to inactive duty as a major in 1945. He now holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve.

Upon his return in 1945 to the company, he resumed his duties as power sales engineer and was promoted to district rural and residential sales supervisor in 1950. He became district commercial manager in August, 1951.

He is a member and past chairman of the Virginia Mountain Section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club and Trinity Methodist Church. He is married and has two children.

Vaughan is a graduate of Duke



Mr. Vaughan

Mr. Burnett

University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He came to work for Appalachian in Roanoke in 1947 as a power sales engineer.

He transferred to Fieldale in April, 1949, as power sales engineer and was promoted a year later to commercial supervisor. He became Fieldale district commercial manager in 1951.

He is a registered professional engineer and member of the Virginia Mountain Section of A.I.E.E. He has served as vice president and director of the Martinsville Rotary Club and is vice chairman of the Patrick Henry District of the Boy Scouts. Married, he is the father of three children.

Burnett graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1949 with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. He enlisted in the Air Force after entering VMI and was discharged in 1946 as a first lieutenant after service in the China-Burma-India Theatre.

He spent 18 months with the test section of General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y., before being employed by the company as power sales engineer in 1950. Active in the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce, he has been presented a Key Man award and is a vice president. A member of St. John's Episcopal Church, he is married and the father of three children.

Kenova Vet Dies Of Heart Ailment



Mr. Ritchie

D. W. Ritchie, Kenova plant chief electrician in the Huntington district, died February 28 of a heart ailment.

Mr. Ritchie had completed over 30 years' service with the company. He was employed September 22, 1924, as an electrician at the plant.

He was a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Huntington Foreman-Managers Club, the Ironton, Ohio, Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Ceredo Church of Christ.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Anna L. Ritchie, one son, W. D., Jr., and four sisters. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Carlos W. Browning, Kenova plant record clerk. Pallbearers, all employees, were T. R. Smith, L. M. Smith, R. C. McCoy, J. W. Evans, J. B. Jarrell, A. W. York, Nolan Campbell and F. C. Lake.

Oak Hill Employees Take March Refresher Course

Seventeen Oak Hill employees in the Beckley district completed a refresher course in first aid during March.

C. H. Buckland and O. C. Hall, assisted by W. E. Zopp, taught the course. Employees who took the course were James Crane, Cecil Evans, Jean Kay Brash, Harry Sizemore, Kyle Ellison, Kenneth Keatley, Charles Flint, Robert Honaker, Sanford Scott, A. B. Lilly, Ruth Cokeley, Mack Secondo, J. S. McLain, A. J. Thomas, Charles Ellison, Robert West and Harry Wilton.

J. T. McLain Heads Rabbit Breeders Club

J. T. McLain has been named president of the newly organized Roanoke Rabbit Breeders Club. He has been instrumental in the organization of the group.

Mrs. E. R. Matthews, system head material accounting clerk, was elected secretary-treasurer, and T. W. Jett, Roanoke district general serviceman, was named to the board of directors.

Mr. McLain, Roanoke division air conditioning engineer, is vice president of the state organization and has served as judge at state fairs and rabbit shows.

Happenings...

Around the Circuit

... among employees and their families

Huntington Division

Huntington District

New employees include Gladys C. Butcher and Shirley A. Fricke, system billing, and Mary Louise Sanford, commercial.

Azel McCurdy, Jr., district personnel supervisor, appeared over WSAZ-TV on "Your Red Cross." Topic for the program was first aid and civilian defense.

Logan District

Nicholas Roomy, Jr., assistant local manager, has returned to work after an illness.

Basil Wayne Perry II, VPI co-op student, is a new engineering employee.

E. J. Wood, commercial, J. A. Kovich, T&D, and Greer Matthews, Logan plant, recently appeared on a panel discussion program at Sharples High School in connection with Engineer Week.

Sheffey N. Massey, Jr., co-op student, has returned to VPI.

M. C. Porterfield, district manager, has been elected to the Logan Rotary Club board of directors.

H. J. Collins, personnel supervisor, addressed the graduating class of Jefferson School of Commerce on March 25. His subject was "What the Employer Looks For in a Prospective Employee."

Logan Plant

W. G. Matthews, plant engineer, and E. P. Ott, results engineer, recently passed the West Virginia State Registration Board Examination for Professional Engineers.

Williamson District

Naomi D. Cantees and Gustina J. Davis are new accounting employees.

As a part of the golden anniversary observance of Rotary International a cast of Williamson High School students presented a pageant in the school auditorium recently. Narrators for the pageant were Bob Carpenter, son of R. L. Carpenter, T&D line section, and Darlene Trent, daughter of G. B. Trent, T&D engineering.

S. A. Reed, father of Florence Murphy, commercial, is recuperating at home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Allen Cross, wife of the commercial sales representative, is confined to her home for an indefinite period due to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Giles attended the Rotary convention at White Sulphur Springs recently. He is president-elect of the Williamson Rotary Club. She attended the convention of the Rotary Anns, held at the same time.

Employees who participated in the Tug Valley Junior Woman's Club style show were Allen Cross, who planned and installed lighting effects;

Lorrayne Corea, co-chairman of the show; Helen Parke and Wilma Justice, who assisted with the reception after the show, and Lila Clouser, wife of E. J. Clouser, who was a model.

At a recent meeting of the Williamson Junior Chamber of Commerce, Jack Riddle, engineering, was elected vice president, and J. E. Runyon, commercial, was elected treasurer.

Kingsport

Ballard J. Ingram, meter section, has returned to work after hospital treatment.

James P. Smith, line section, has returned to work following an illness.

J. E. Wright, vice president and general manager, has been elected president of the East Tennessee District Fair Association and Keene White, assistant payroll supervisor, was named treasurer.

Mrs. Walter Drinnon, wife of the station section employee, has returned home following an operation.

Sympathy is extended J. J. Potts, line section, on the death of his father-in-law.

Charles S. Lingar, engineering, is attending East Tennessee State College as a co-op student.

Charleston Division

Philip Sporn Plant

Luther O. Smith, junior maintenance man, has returned to work after an illness.

Sympathy is extended Charles Crow, control operator, on the death of his father.

A stork shower was held for Shirley Karr, who recently resigned from her clerk-typist job, by the accounting department women employees. She was presented with a white nylon baby shawl.

Members of the results department held a farewell dinner for Richard H. Fisher, instrument maintenance man, who recently resigned. He was given a wallet.

Thelma Juanita Nibert is a new junior clerk.

Charleston District

New employees include Robert L. Thompson, James R. Bradley, William W. Tolley and Claude T. Young, T&D line; Ernestine C. Williams, Montgomery accounting; Margaret H. McDowell, T&D meter; and Phyllis A. Bowe, payroll.

Larry Hemmings, VPI co-op engineering student, has returned for his first work assignment.

Those who have recently resigned include Mara Lee Singleton, Montgomery accounting, Durward Duffield, garage, and James E. White, division T&D.

Sympathy is extended Delores McDowell, accounting, on the death of

her father, and Willie Clay, engineering, on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is also extended George Watkins, system meter, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Recent blood donors are Joe Burdette, Willie Clay, Bob Loudermilk, Larry Frontino, Wallace Mason, Charles Crawford, Lloyd Pfost, Kenny Estep, Wesley Kirby, Sam Reed, Charlie Badger, Elmer Spencer, L. C. Shafer, Basil Thaxton and Bobby Smith.

Kenna Judy, engineering, attended the GE lighting school in Boston, March 23-25.

H. E. Bucklen, system meter, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Guilford C. Smith, administrative assistant, attended the National Adequate Wiring Conference in Chicago as representative of the Electric League of Charleston, of which he is secretary-treasurer.

Beckley District

H. F. Arnott, accounting, has returned to work after an operation.

Edward Dziedzic, co-op student at VPI, has returned to Beckley for his second work assignment.

Frank Kelly, also a VPI co-op student, has returned to school.

Point Pleasant District

Anna Wetzel, home economist, has resigned.

Roanoke Division

Fieldale District

Jewell Wiggington, who is resigning from the commercial department, was honored with a shower at the home of Eunice Gravely recently. Virginia Mullins was assisting hostess.

Sympathy is extended Aubrey Bradshaw, meter department, on the death of his grandmother.

Joy Webster, distribution, was honored with a household shower recently.

Virginia Hancock, commercial, attended the Home Economics Convention in Roanoke, March 18-19.

George Turner, area representative, attended the Irrigation Conference held recently at VPI.

Roanoke District

Employees at the Rocky Mount office are taking a standard first aid class taught by T. A. Kirby, district safety supervisor under the auspices of the Franklin County Chapter of the Red Cross, recently reorganized.

Sympathy is extended D. W. Plaine, production supervisor, on the death of his brother, and Troy W. Holland, T&D engineering, on the death of his father.

Molly Ann Harvey, daughter of J. G. Harvey, division personnel supervisor, has been chosen editor of

the *Colonnade*, Longwood College publication. An elementary major, she was poetry editor this year. She is a member of Pi Delta Epsilon journalism fraternity, Alpha Sigma Tau social sorority and the Cotillion Club. She has worked as a summer employee in the system personnel department.

Norma Jean Fields, cashier, has resigned.

Ralph Patsel, switchboard operator, entertained for the Life Member Pioneer luncheon of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. He is a pantomimic, comedian, singer and dancer.

Mary Lou Wirt has returned to work after an operation.

Ronald Creasey, member of the Roanoke Naval Reserve Unit, returned from a two-week cruise with the Reserve to Miami.

System

New employees include C. H. Bryant, Bluefield branch of the station department; J. E. Hunter, Jr., Roanoke branch of the station department; and Ivadell Hunter, accounting.

J. Melvin Bradley, draftsman in the R/W department, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended B. D. Painter, commercial and industrial sales supervisor, on the death of his brother, and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Frango on the death of her mother.

Sympathy is also extended Leon Chapman, R/W department, on the death of his father-in-law, and H. L. Cushing, assistant commercial manager, on the death of his wife.

Mrs. C. N. O'Dell, wife of the station department employee, is recovering at home after surgery.

Lynchburg District

Among those who have returned to work after extended illnesses are George W. Stone, Jr., stores record clerk; J. N. Bell, Jr., car washer; Waddie E. Crouch, lineman; Hazel B. Bell, local accounting stenographer; and Sallie L. Moore, local accounting senior bookkeeper.

Nada M. Sweeney, junior home economist, has resigned.

Helen Elizabeth Webber is a new junior home economist.

Sympathy is extended Herman L. Morris, meter reader, on the death of his mother, and B. L. Burnley, street light attendant, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Kentucky

Hazard District

Sympathy is extended Russell Muncy, engineering, on the death of his grandfather.

Pikeville District

Bill Harris, meter reader, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Amos B. Christian, T&D clerk, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended John Layne, janitor, on the death of his 104-year-old father, and John Turnley, Martin meter serviceman, on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is also extended C. A. McKinney, district superintendent, on the death of his father-in-law, and F. M. Baker, district manager, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Bluefield Division

Bluefield District

David K. Spivey is a new Princeton office employee.

Jeanette Ferrell, accounting, has resigned.

S. E. Porter, engineering, C. C. Yost, line department, and C. E. Blankenship, Matoaka serviceman, have returned to work after illnesses.

Mrs. R. R. Moore, mother of Sarah Moore, Bluefield division home lighting specialist, is improving from a recent illness and has returned home from the Pulaski hospital.

Abingdon District

Raymond Shaffner, serviceman, has returned to work after being hospitalized.

R. E. L. Pierce, retired employee, is recuperating at home after being hospitalized.

Employees of the Abingdon meter department held their annual ladies' night dinner recently.

Mildred Woody, home economist, was a judge for the recent Science and Arts Fair of Washington County held at Emory and Henry College.

Con Breeding, junior T&D clerk, and Ruth C. Kelly, junior cashier, have resigned.

Jack B. Frier, personnel supervisor, has been named chairman of the 1955 American Cancer Crusade for Washington County, while Doris J. Fleenor, secretarial-stenographer, has been elected secretary.

Members of the Abingdon Kiloette Club held their March dinner meeting at the Far East Restaurant in Kingsport. They also toured Tennessee Eastman, Blue Ridge Glass and Borden Mills.

Harold M. Boothe, groundman, appeared over WSLs-TV, Roanoke, with the Holston View Quartet.

Pulaski District

L. C. Angle III, son of the power sales employee, has returned home from Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Fred R. Poe, Marion office, has returned to work following a recent illness.

Brownie Yeager, power sales department, was named chairman of the special gifts committee for the 1955 Red Cross drive. O'Neal Amos is chairman of publicity for the current membership drive.

H. B. Newland, personnel supervisor, has been elevated to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the USAF Reserve. He is commanding officer of the 9473rd Air Force Reserve Unit.

Mrs. A. D. Thornton, wife of the Claytor hydro employee, has returned home from the Pulaski hospital.

Marvin Lester has resigned from the meter department.

Newly installed officers of the Eastern Star include June Miller, wife of W. E. Miller, engineering, as secretary, and Edra Smith, wife of Stanley C. Smith, engineering, as marshal. J. R. Hudson, stores, has been named trustee and V. W. Hinton, meter, will serve as chairman of the trustees.

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Roanoke Veteran Holds The Record With 45 Years



Mr. Plaine

Appalachian's oldest active employee in terms of service completed 45 years' service last month. He is D. W. Plaine, Roanoke district production supervisor, who also is one of the oldest active employees in terms of service on the entire AGE System.

Very few Roanokers had electric lights in 1910 when he was employed at the age of 17 by the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company. At that time there were 2,452 customers—both residential and commercial.

Dave was hired by Graham Claytor, then superintendent of the light and power department and now retired AGE vice president. Dave's duties included washing fixtures for customers to convince them that electricity was best for lighting.

He said, "Among my other duties were building lines, reading meters, repairing irons, fans and electric motors. I also helped run the street cars."

In those days the transportation department was made up of two mules and two horses. Heavy equipment was pulled by the mules.

As transportation progressed, he became the company mechanic. In 1916 there were two Model T's and two motorcycles to keep running.

In 1919 he transferred to the Walnut Avenue Steam plant. He was sent the following year to the General Electric plant at Lynn, Mass., to learn more about steam turbines and generators. He trained there for nine months.

In 1921 he went to the Westinghouse plant in South Philadelphia for eight months to specialize in generating equipment. Upon his return he was promoted to assistant to C. C. Hogshead, chief engineer.

Appalachian acquired Roanoke Railway and Electric Company in 1926 and in 1929 Dave was placed in charge of the power production department, including Niagara hydro as well as the Walnut Avenue steam plant. The Rocky Mount hydro and Stuart diesel and hydro plants were later added to the district's generating system.

Dave is married and lives in Roanoke. Today as Appalachian's oldest employee in years of service, he says: "I can look back to the year when there was only one pair of rubber gloves for use in the Roanoke district. I also can look back on a lot of growth for both Roanoke and Appalachian."

President Named To Group

Philip Sporn, AGE president, has been named to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce's newly organized Atomic Energy Committee. The purpose of the committee will be to encourage the development and use of atomic energy by private enterprise. Erwin D. Canham, editor of the *Christian Science Monitor*, is chairman.

Mrs. O. C. Caldwell Elected To Offices

Mrs. O. C. Caldwell, wife of the Roanoke local office manager, was recently elected president of two organizations.

She was named president of the St. Andrew's Parish Council of the National Council of Catholic Women. A national church organization of women, it promotes civic, religious and welfare interests.

She was also elected head of the Round Hill Garden Club. Also named to offices were Mrs. U. K. Vaught, wife of the system purchasing agent, secretary; Mrs. J. W. French, wife of the commercial department employee, treasurer; and Mrs. Carl V. Smith, wife of the system accounting employee, parliamentarian.

Abingdon Man Gets Award

James M. Cole, Abingdon district commercial sales representative, was recently awarded \$10 for an entry in the "Picture Your Lighting Contest." Mr. Cole entered a picture of a display window of the J. A. Counts Jewelry Store in Gate City in the contest sponsored by the Electrical Information Publication, Inc.

Making Way For New Unit At Glen Lyn Plant



Making way for the new 225,000-kw unit at Glen Lyn plant means a lot of earth has to be moved. Here a shovel clears out dirt at the east end of the plant. Half of the stores building, shown at right, has been dismantled along with unit one which was installed in 1918-19. The old unit will be replaced with machine shop, electric shop, blacksmith shop and new storeroom. Upon completion in late 1956 the total capacity of the plant will be 395,000 kw.

New Unit . . .

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as dust from an occasional small leak will be dissipated harmlessly into the atmosphere. Improvements in the design of pressure casing and solution of virtually all of the problems associated with boiler pressurization during the past few years have demonstrated the soundness of this type of operation.

Additional Savings

Additional savings will be effected through the simplification of boiler room structure and the elimination of boiler room walls and ventilating equipment. The extra cost required to weatherproof mechanical and electrical equipment and to freezeproof small steam and water lines represents only a small fraction of the estimated savings.

Operation and maintenance of outdoor boilers and boiler auxiliary equipment are not expected to present any serious problems. With completely centralized control, operators seldom are required to remain outdoors for extended periods of time; instead, they make numerous inspection trips between the control room and the various pieces of equipment. The difficulties associated with maintenance work under extremely cold or rainy weather should be offset by the comparatively cooler and more pleasant working conditions during warmer seasons.

Douglas Jones Elected President Of Key Club

Douglas Lee Jones has been elected president of the Princeton High School Key Club. He is the son of C. Ed Jones, Glen Lyn plant personnel supervisor.



Douglas Jones

Douglas, a junior, will take office in May for the 50-member club. He is also a two-year member of the school football varsity.

R. M. Mills Joins AGE As Purchasing Agent

R. M. Mills has joined the AGE Service Corporation as purchasing agent. He will supervise the operations of the purchasing department.

A graduate of Stevens Institute, Mr. Mills has 24 years' experience in utilities work, including 19 years with the TVA purchasing department. For the past two years he has been general manager of Converse Bridge & Steel Company of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

'Time Out'

Sporn Unit 3 Gets First Overhaul After Producing 4,233,561,000 Kwh



General overhaul of Unit 3 at Sporn plant included removing the intermediate turbine rotor from the turbine. Cleaning and repairs on all parts of the unit have been going on for a month, readying the unit for service in April.

Four billion, 233 million, 561 thousand kilowatt-hours after Philip Sporn plant Unit 3 went in service it was removed for its first general overhaul. The unit was removed from service on February 27 after three years' and eight months' service.

Unit 3 is scheduled to return to service this month after inspection, cleaning and repairs of all the equipment in the unit. Over 6,000 aerotect tubes in the dust collectors will be changed. Tubes of a different material with longer life will be installed.

The ash hopper seals are being rebuilt for higher furnace pressure operation. Design changes are being made in the boiler casing to better eliminate gases and fly ash leakage in the plant.

Turbines are being disassembled for inspection of parts and the clearance in front of the intermediate turbine is being increased for more reliable operation. Nozzles, buckets, diaphragms and various stages of the turbines are being sand blasted with air and aluminum oxide to restore the parts and turbines to their original efficiency.

The generator rotor has been removed for inspection of the fields and armature windings. The turbine rotors are magnaflux tested for any possible cracks and stainless steel steam

leads are dye checked for surface cracks and ultrasonic tests are made for detection of internal cracks. Bolts are heat treated or annealed to remove hardness to better withstand extreme stresses. Auxiliary equipment such as fans, pumps and various other pieces of equipment are being inspected, cleaned and repaired.

Welch . . .

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Welch District

Earle McKinney, lineman, and Cecil Keene, junior T&D clerk, have returned to work after recent operations.

Mrs. Pat Christian Lane, credit and collection clerk, has returned to work after a recent illness.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cook on the death of his brother-in-law, and Leona Privett, junior cashier clerk, on the death of her uncle.

Sympathy is also extended Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Adams on the death of his brother, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Slade on the death of his brother.

Frank Bingham, Bishop station man, has resigned.

Cloyd Spraker, Pocahontas line gang, was a recent emergency blood donor.

Rinda Gay Akemon, former accounting employee now living in California, visited the office recently.

Roy Franklin, administrative assistant, recently spoke to the Welch Grade School PTA on the need for a bicycle safety program in Welch.

William B. Belchee, power sales engineer, appeared in the local foot-lighters' production of "Our Town." He also designed and erected the lighting layout used for the play.

On Front Cover



This picture of John Faust, Kingsport power sales engineer, appeared on the front page cover of the February issue of "Electrified Industry." John is pointing out a perfect example of air conditioning as a production tool found in the weave room at Borden Mills, Inc. He points to the duct which carries the air down through the floor to the return system.

Wytheville Man To Lead Rotary Club

D. D. Taylor, Wytheville office supervisor, has been elected president of the Wytheville Rotary Club.



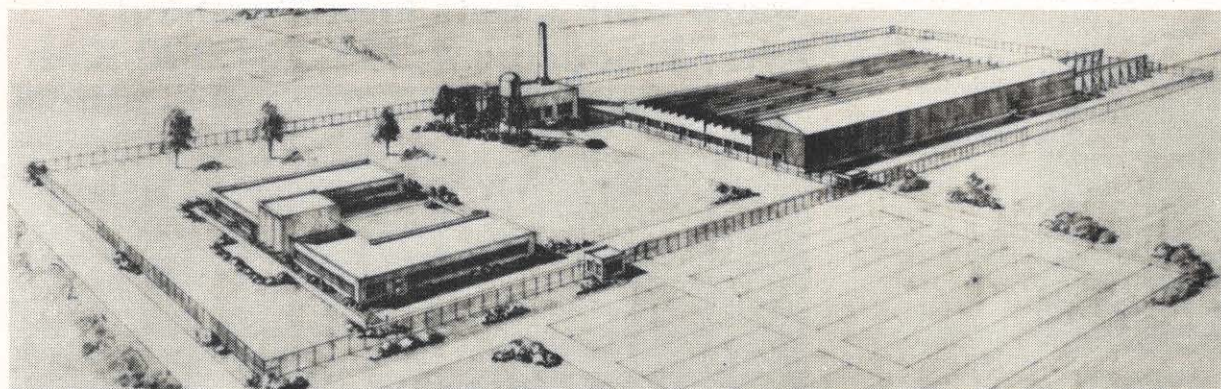
Mr. Taylor

He became a Rotarian in 1950 and last year was vice president. He is also a local member of the executive committee of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Married and the father of two sons, he is a member of the Christian Church.

Mr. Taylor joined Appalachian in June, 1949, and worked in the Bluefield and Welch districts before coming to Wytheville in January, 1950.

Mr. Taylor was the subject of a recent feature in the *Southwest Virginia Enterprise*. The writer referred to his initials "DDT", pointing out that he was a "go getter" rather than an "exterminator." The writer said the only bug he chases is his competitor, the lightning bug. The article traced his company, service and civic careers.

Lynchburg To Have Atomic Reactor Plant



This is an architect's conception of the proposed atomic reactor plant to be built by Babcock & Wilcox Company near Lynchburg. The plant will manufacture fuel elements and other core reactor components for the nuclear power industry.

The Babcock & Wilcox Company of New York has announced plans to build a multi-million dollar atomic reactor plant five miles from Lynchburg.

First of its kind to be financed wholly by private industry, the plant will manufacture reactors for the budding nuclear power industry. Announcement of the plant came after extensive work with B&W officials by the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, city and county officials and the industrial development department of Appalachian.

Ground for the one-story, 100,000-square-foot plant will be broken at the Campbell County site in a few weeks, and by the end of the year the plant will employ 100 persons. B&W officials say that by the end of 1956 the plant will employ 500 persons. The building has been designed to meet future expansion needs.

Selection of the 500-acre Campbell County site came after studies of 33 prospective locations. C. G. Gay, chief of the firm's atomic energy division and head of the proposed plant, said that Lynchburg was chosen for several reasons, including: "excellent transportation, nearness to markets, the character of the community and the progressive spirit of the people."

He added: "We have received splendid assistance from the local Chamber of Commerce and from the city and county officials. We have also received very valuable assistance from the industrial development department of Appalachian Electric Power Company in the great amount of preliminary work that preceded our coming to Lynchburg."

First group of workers at the plant will be the training staff from the home office. They will train local persons in the various functions in the production process. Nuclear physicists will come to the plant from the company's Akron, Ohio, office, but will be assisted by locally trained

technicians. These may be women, but the force hired next summer as the working staff will be men.

All contractor work except the engineering phase will be done by contracted area firms. B&W, in conformity with government rules, will do their own engineering.

Babcock & Wilcox, manufacturers of steam generating equipment for heavy industry and utilities since 1867, began work in the atomic energy field in 1942. Part of this effort went into the making of the atomic-powered submarine, *Nautilus*. The company also did work on the Manhattan project pioneering in the atomic bomb development. Since 1944, however, it has devoted most of its work in the nuclear field to converting atomic energy to peaceful purposes.

Five Write Articles For March Issue Of 'Operating Notes'



Mr. Bogardus Mr. Anders



Mr. Stephens Mr. Paxton

Two Kentucky and three Appalachian employees contributed three articles to the March issue of AGE's *Monthly Operating Notes*.



Mr. Staten

Roland Staten, Williamson district field clerk, wrote "Strapping Overhead Cable To Messenger Made Easier," in which he described a device for strapping overhead cable to the messenger when other methods are not practicable.

B. P. Bogardus, Pikeville district supervising engineer, and R. C. Anders, Pikeville substation foreman, cooperated on "Circuit-Recloser Tester." They told of a recording device used to trace operation curves on the reverse side of the recloser maintenance cards when reclosers are shop-tested.

John W. Stephens and C. R. Paxton, Roanoke division engineering, contributed "Proper Capacitor Installations Guided By Systematic Procedure." They explained a streamlined and simplified procedure for installing fixed capacitors on distribution systems.

A. C. Hutton Earns 35-Year Emblem

Ancel C. Hutton, Sr., Abingdon district serviceman, completed 35 years of company service March 3.

A native of Washington County, Mr. Hutton served two years in the Navy during World War I and was employed by a telephone company in East Tennessee for a year. He then joined the Abingdon Utilities, an Appalachian predecessor. His job with them was construction, meter reading and collection for both water and electricity, and firing the boiler furnace at the company's small generating plant.

He continued with the system as it was in turn operated by Edmondson Electric Company, The Republic Service Corporation, The Holston River Power Company and finally, on August 30, 1945, Appalachian.

Married, he is the father of four children and has five grandchildren. His son, A. C., Jr., has completed eight years in the accounting department at Abingdon. Mr. Hutton is a member of the Abingdon Baptist Church and the Odd Fellows Lodge.

Meter Vet With Company 35 Years

W. E. Brooks, Bluefield district meter supervisor, completed 35 years with the company March 1.



Mr. Brooks

Mr. Brooks' continuous service began in 1920 when he joined the company as a meterman. He became district meter superintendent in 1944. Previously he was employed by

General Electric in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and by an electric utility in Fort Wayne, predecessor to the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company from 1913 to March, 1917. His first employment with the company came in March, 1917, and in June the next year he enlisted for a two-year tour with the Army. He went to work with Kentucky Utilities in Harlan upon his discharge and returned to Appalachian March 1, 1920.

He is a member of the First Christian Church, Pocahontas Electrical and Mechanical Institute and International Association of Electrical Inspectors, West Virginia chapter. He is also a member of the IOOF No. 14, of Fort Wayne.

He is Past Master Lodge No. 20, R.A.M., Past Commander Bluefield Commandry No. 19, K. T., and is also a member of Beni Kedem Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., in Charleston and the Bluefield Shrine Club. He was appointed High Priest, Grand Convention of West Virginia, Mt. Calvary Tabernacle No. 19, H.R.A.K.T.P., Morgantown, and Knight York Cross of Honor, Priory No. 40, Morgantown. At present he is District Deputy Grand Master of the 16th Masonic District of West Virginia.

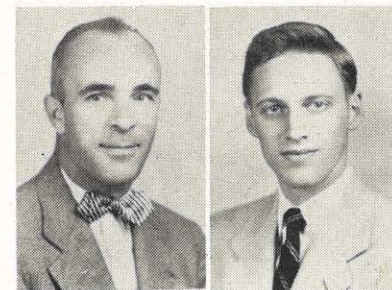
He and his wife reside in Bluefield. Mr. Brooks has never lost a day of work due to an occupational injury.

Circling The Earth

Hazard district employees recently completed the 3,000,000th mile without a lost-time accident caused to an employee or the public from driving. If all these miles had been driven around the equator they would have amounted to 120 trips around the world.

This record has been accumulated since 1948. Today the district has 39 pieces of equipment on the move in all kinds of weather and on all types of roads.

Two Promotions Made In System Public Relations



Mr. Johnson Mr. Lovegrove

Two promotions were made in the system public relations department last month. L. E. Johnson, assistant editor, became assistant supervisor of advertising. C. R. Lovegrove, feature writer, was promoted to assistant editor of THE ILLUMINATOR.

Johnson, a veteran of 13 years' active service in the Navy, worked with Special Operational Groups during World War II and was decorated for leading invasion forces. A lieutenant, he was one of few Naval officers assigned for raiding, paratrooping and sabotage.

Before World War II he was associated with Curtiss Wright Aircraft where he was general foreman for the experimental development section. Following the war he attended the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri.

He worked on newspapers in Missouri, North Carolina and Galax, Virginia, before joining the company as writer-photographer in 1949. He was later promoted to feature writer and then assistant editor.

In addition to his work on THE ILLUMINATOR, he has prepared advertising copy and taken pictures for special editions and localized ads. Assignments have included features, publicity, office booklets, advertising and the AGE safety film.

Married and the father of two children, he is a member of the First Baptist Church, American Legion, U. S. Naval Reserve Squadron 862, Masonic Lodge, Sigma Delta Chi journalism fraternity and Ye Tabard Inn, a free-lance writers' organization.

Lovegrove, a native of Waynesboro, Virginia, is a graduate of Washington and Lee University with an A.B. degree. He is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Sigma Delta Chi journalism fraternity.

Following work on the *Waynesboro News-Virginian* and the *Staunton News-Leader*, he was employed as a feature writer in September of 1953. He is married, a member of Christ Episcopal Church and treasurer of the Tri Fori employee club.

Since coming with the public relations department, he has helped prepare radio commercials, publicity, office booklets and safety program material in addition to his work on the newspaper.

AGE Man Returns To Appalachian

W. M. "Bill" Johnson, AGE construction division, has returned to Appalachian as supervisor of property valuations.



Mr. Johnson

System supervising appraisal engineer at Roanoke before his promotion to AGE in June of 1951, he has done much of his work with AGE in Appalachian territory.

Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College in electrical engineering and was employed by Appalachian in 1926 at Roanoke as assistant engineer of construction. In 1930 he transferred to AGE as valuation engineer with headquarters in Roanoke. In 1948 he was named Appalachian system supervising appraisal engineer.

Point Pleasant Man Moves Up In Stores

Charles A. Burdette has been promoted to Point Pleasant district stores supervisor.



Mr. Burdette

He rises to the position from assistant stores supervisor, a job he attained on February 1, 1950. He joined the company at Point Pleasant, March 1, 1946, as storeroom

helper. Mr. Burdette is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Buffalo and an Air Force veteran of World War II. He is married and resides at Leon.

Beckley Credit Union Officers



Officers for 1955 were elected when the Beckley district Electric Credit Union stockholders met recently. They are, from the left: H. F. Thomasson, assistant secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Vera Haynes, vice president; R. E. Presley, board of directors; H. C. Sessions, president; and J. E. Hammer, secretary-treasurer. Waldo La Fon, R. S. Brashear and B. H. White, Jr., were named to the credit committee and R. D. Smith, W. E. Mitchell and Paul Pauley to the supervisory committee.



Heading for shore after replacing a customer's meter are Ottis Blankenship and Harry Trimble, meter department employees in Paintsville of the Pikeville district. Note house in background with only roof above water.



Sections of Williamson like this Third Avenue area had water in and around stores. Damage to businesses amounted to \$150,000 in the worst flood to hit Williamson since 1913.



Working in a Huntington area are, from left: H. I. Simmons, Chapman Rutledge, Jr., and Troy W. Hatfield. Photo: Huntington Advertiser.

Floods Sweep Throughout Two-State Area

It rained and rained. Then it rained some more.

Rivers, creeks and trickling streams started marching on the last day of February. The floods that followed caused trouble for people throughout our service area in Kentucky and West Virginia.

Water reached the highest level in 27 years in some places. Other communities had good reason to remember the March 1955 floods as basements were flooded, streets and highways were impassable and only a boat could get you around town.

Water damaged meters in many sections and kept crews working on isolated cases of lines down because of the flood or slides. Meter repairs have called for major attention in many districts.

However, with all the water, there was no major interruption of electric service. This was in strong contrast to the snow storm that hit at the same time last year and disrupted service for thousands of customers in the same area.

Big Sandy On The Move

Pikeville district's Big Sandy really got big as it went on its worst rampage in 16 years, causing damage of hundreds of thousands of dollars. It hit Paintsville hard with a flood crest of over 41 feet. It rose to 39½ feet at Pikeville, causing many families to flee their homes.

Other rivers and creeks pushed water into Salyersville and West Liberty. Main Street in Prestonsburg was under three feet of water, completely blocking traffic on U. S. 23. For several days all highways were blocked out of Pikeville.

Curtis McClung, meter superintendent, and his crews worked night and day removing meters from homes and businesses before the flood reached them. C. A. McKinney, district superintendent, said several poles were washed out or caught in slides but didn't consider the damage too severe considering the severity of the flood.

Ashland Floodwall Meets Test

By way of contrast in Kentucky, Ashland's flood situation was compara-

tively mild as the city's floodwall met its first big test. The 1943 flood hit Ashland when it had no floodwall and meant company crews had to remove 1,242 meters. This time only 795 meters had to be removed.

The March 1955 flood was actually an inch deeper with 63 feet 5 inches, than the 1943 crest. Floodwaters, of course, hit much of the other parts of the Ashland district where over 1½ inches of rain fell in 30 hours.

Huntington Pumps Kept Busy

Huntington's "old man river"—the Ohio River—again was touched by spring fever. It reached a crest of 59.5 feet on March 8.

For the Huntington floodwall system the flood caused the longest, continuous operation of pumps in nearly 12 years of operation. The 20 days of operation saved an estimated \$2½ million damage to Huntington.

The largest flood in the Huntington area since 1937 was accompanied by lightning which knocked out two pumping stations. Wires were down at the terminal pole at the Guyandotte substation. Oscar Endicotte, general serviceman, patrolled the line, found the trouble and cut the line in the clear. The load was picked up from the 24th street substation—putting the vital floodwall pumps back in operation. The damaged line was repaired the next day.

Huntington's meter department removed about 70 meters before high water while 42 meters were damaged by water. Other troubles were isolated cases of poles in slides.

The Hamlin area of the Huntington district was hit as hard as many of its oldest residents could remember. Roads were blocked and mail had to come in by boat, truck and even on foot.

Ira C. Handley and Sam Spears, Hamlin line crew, were stranded in Branchland while on a trouble call and had to ride the train through water which was over the tracks, walk and then hitch a ride to get back to the Hamlin office. Damaged in the Hamlin area were 25 meters and several poles.

Logan Plant-District Hit

Guyandotte River crested at 25.1 feet, highest stage in modern history, and flooded many sections of Logan County.

Logan plant operated with stop logs holding back 5 feet of water at the boiler room doorway and temporary pumps fighting to control the water level in the turbine room basement. Capacity was reduced due to flooding of auxiliary equipment which forced some of the low pressure turbine generators out of service.

Distribution wasn't too hard hit but 150 meters were flooded as water entered many homes.

The National Guard was called out when the county was proclaimed an Emergency Area by the governor. Robert Craddock, Francis X. Coffey and Paul F. Sammons, all of the T&D department, worked round the clock with the Guard to evacuate more than 200 families.

Relief headquarters were set up in the Logan Armory by the Red Cross under the direction of Paul M. Vannoy, district commercial manager and chairman of the Logan Chapter. Food, clothing and housing facilities were given 250 persons driven from their homes.

All roads entering Logan were blocked. Trucks were sent from Point Pleasant and a helicopter was also used in evacuating persons. Many company employees and their families were among the many volunteers who gave aid during this emergency.

Service Building Flooded

Williamson service building was flooded for the first time since it was built in 1928. The substation shop had 3½ feet of water while the water was 4 feet deep in the building used by the commercial department for supply storage and 2 feet deep in the garage. Material had to be removed from these buildings.

About 400 homes were flooded in the district while damage to businesses in sections of downtown Williamson amounted to \$150,000. Old timers say 1913 saw a worse flood but many people maintain this one was tops.



Bucky, a 200-pound buck, gets run out of his home at Camden Park in Huntington by the flood. Helping him is Homer H. Bunn, division right-of-way agent. Homer has been taking care of Bucky who is on loan to the park from the Appalachian Rod & Gun Club and the Twelve Pole Navy. He visits him every evening after work, feeds and carries him and teaches him tricks. Bucky can walk on his hind legs and eats from Homer's hand. This was Bucky's first experience, however, with floods.

Bishop Residents Evacuated

Welch district's hardest hit area was at Bishop where almost 9 feet of water flooded most of the houses, causing damage to company meters. Seventy people were evacuated with small motor boats.

Helping with the evacuation were Clyde E. Dangerfield, meter serviceman, Frank Richards, meter reader from Pocahontas, and Frank Bingham, station man at Bishop.

Bingham had one unusual experience during the rescue operations. One lady could not make up her mind about leaving the roof of her home. Just as the boat started to leave, she made a leap—and missed. Bingham jumped into the water to save her. As she was rather large, he and the men in the boat had quite a time before she was officially "rescued."

Bluefield Towns Flooded

Mountain towns like Princeton, Matoaka and Bluefield, Virginia, seldom see floods. But they got their share of rising waters last month.

A hundred families had to be evacuated from a low section of Princeton while the business section of Matoaka was flooded four times in 3 weeks. L. E. Riggs, line inspector, reported water heaters working under

water and meters that worked under water for a week.

Charleston's Troubles

Flood-damaged meters in the Charleston district were given repairs as Charleston's storm troubles brought several unusual incidents. Two meter department employees, J. C. Nutter and W. F. Smith, in a truck, came upon a girl holding onto a utility pole in an effort to resist the 60-mile per hour winds that swept through the city on March 11. They stopped the truck, fought to hold the door open and lifted the girl into the truck. They then drove her to her destination. She was later identified as an office worker at a laundry company which is next door to the power company.

Another neighborly deed was done by Russell Garten, accounting department, who had troubles of his own. His basement flooded at 4 a.m. on Saturday, March 5. Getting a pump, he pumped out his basement. Then he helped three neighbors pump out their basements. One of these he had to pump out again. He got home at 2 a.m. Sunday after working 22 hours—most of the time in water up to his waist. His comment? "I was glad I could help them."



Herbert R. Hill and Eugene Smith of Charleston repair damaged meters, a common sight in many districts after the floods.



Williamson service building was flooded for the first time since it was built in 1928. Water depth in these buildings varied from 2 to 4 feet. Material had to be removed from these buildings.



L. E. Riggs, Bluefield district line inspector, inspects flood damage at Matoaka in a boat as snow was falling. Other district towns hit by floods were Princeton and Bluefield, Va.



Up a pole is Clyde Dangerfield while Frank Richards waits below with a boat. These Welch district men helped in the flooded Bishop area.

Need Any Help?

Booklets Can Aid Many School Youngsters

"Say, Dad, what are the three most widely used electric appliances? Teacher says we have to find out by Friday."

"Mother, I have to write a 150-word essay on why electricity is important to our way of life. Where can I find out something about it?"

These questions, and hundreds of others about our business, can make parents squirm. But your local office has many booklets on electricity that can be helpful to school youngsters.

And, of course, these booklets help those parents who (so the children think) are supposed to know all about electricity because they work for the power company. Here's your chance to get off the hook: take a look at what's available for you and your youngster.

Reddy Made Magic, a 16-page comic book with Reddy Kilowatt, tells the story of electricity in cartoons. Lively illustrations with touches of humor. Reddy Polka with words and music on back. COMMENT: Tops for grammar school level; entertaining and informative without being technical.

The Genie in the Amber Box, published in 1954 by Light's Diamond Jubilee Committee, traces the development of electricity and gives interesting, provoking look into the future. COMMENT: At high school level, this gives the over-all picture of electricity in 22 pages.

I Want To Know About The Electric Industry, 1954-55 edition, gives answers to 28 questions most asked the Edison Electric Institute, trade association of electric companies. Wealth of information in 32 pages with charts illustrating. Electrical terms defined. COMMENT: Can be useful for any school level. Although some sections too advanced for grammar school, other sections showing appliances most in use in nation, electricity on the farm and how electricity got its start could prove helpful.

The Major Plants of the AGE Company System, booklet printed in October, 1954, shows 12 plants with brief descriptions. Appalachian steam plants included are Kanawha River, Philip Sporn, Cabin Creek, Glen Lyn and Logan. Claytor Hydro plant also shown. COMMENT: Pictures useful at any educational level; copy on history of each plant helpful but terms too advanced for grammar school.

Back of the Plug, individual plant booklets on Sporn, Logan, Glen Lyn and Cabin Creek steam plants, printed at various times. All have same theme: a trip through a steam plant, shown mainly with pictures with helpful introduction. Center section shows plant cutaway and makes pictorial comparison to generation in everyday terms. COMMENT: Center section good for grammar school youngsters while more advanced students will find story helpful because it's in easy-to-understand terms.

Power for Progress at Claytor Dam, in Pulaski County, booklet published in 1950 traces historical background of area while pictures show some scenes in and around the plant. Cutaway of plant shows operation of a hydro. COMMENT: Local history good but pictures don't compare with steam plant because there isn't as much to show.

Electricity in the Making, just off the press, takes the place of individual plant booklets. This 16-page booklet uses both charts and illustrations to trace "electricity in



Making use of company booklets on electricity are these youngsters of T. R. Mitchell, assistant supervisor in the system accounting department. Jo Anne, a high school senior, makes some notes for a term paper while Freddie enjoys lighter reading with the comic book called "Reddy Made Magic." Freddie, fifth grader, later used some of this material in making a poster and display on an electrical subject.

the making" from coal through transmission and distribution. COMMENT: Good photos with charts show how electricity is made without being technical. Helpful at any grade level but most suitable to those at junior high school level and above.

Power For Growth, booklet published at end of 1952 tells what "an expanding electric system means to customers and communities." Information and graphs tell facts about expansion and business of AGE System, pictured in map in back. COMMENT: Tells AGE System story. High school or college students may find relation of prosperity of people to use of electric power an interesting point for study.

Map of Area Served by Appalachian, Kentucky and Kingsport, published December, 1954, shows location of offices, communities, plants and high voltage lines in three colors. Introduction on front, pictures of five plants and Roanoke office on back. COMMENT: Limited use—high school or college students having interest in interconnected power system.

Power and Natural Resources, in the territory served by the AGE System, folder published in late 1952 shows the AGE territory in large color, fold-out map. Mineral deposits, rivers, railroads and our facilities shown. COMMENT: Useful to some high school students and college students taking geology. Too advanced for grammar school level.

Office booklets, printed at completion of buildings, include Roanoke, 1949; Abingdon, 1951; Lynchburg, 1951, and Pulaski, 1954. Invitation folders include offices at Fieldale, 1953, and Rocky Mount, 1954. All booklets tell Appalachian company story, tie in with local electrical development and note additional services offered by the company. Pictures show local people and employees as well as various company facilities. Roanoke, Abingdon, Lynchburg and Pulaski booklets have short explanation of the heat pump. COMMENT: Helpful to students in or near those localities. Some material dated.

The Electric Heat Pump, folder aimed at promotion of heat pump for business or home. Drawing shows how the heat pump works in heating and cooling cycles. COMMENT: Suited to high school students taking science courses; too advanced for general school use.

Building the First 330,000-Volt Transmission Line, booklet tells picture story of completion of construction in 1952 of first link of super-high-voltage system. COMMENT: Suited to high school students taking science course or planning to enter engineering school or college students majoring in engineering. Photos good, show immensity of the task.

Opportunity on the Line, booklet tells about different phases of our business that would interest college students. COMMENT: This is promotional piece aimed at engineers graduating from college. Has little application for general school use.

OVEC and IKEC, A Story of Free Enterprise in Electric Power, a 12-page folder tells the background to the formation of a new corporation by 15 companies to supply electric power to AEC's atomic diffusion plant near Portsmouth, Ohio. Details of Kyger Creek and Clifty Creek plants, map of location and transmission features included. Cost and financing behind OVEC given along with officers. COMMENT: At least high school level; tells story how electric industry is doing mammoth job.

Dealers Meet In Pikeville

F. M. Baker, Pikeville district manager, recently addressed the electrical appliance dealers from Floyd, Johnson, Letcher and Pike counties at a dinner meeting in the company auditorium. He spoke on "The Value of Electric Water Heating."

First Sleet Melt Test On 330-Kv Lines Was Held From Philip Sporn Station

The first sleet melt test on 330,000 volt lines was held February 20 on 62.4 miles of line between the Philip Sporn station and the Kanawha River station.

The line was grounded at Kanawha and Sporn plant was the power source, feeding 132,000 volts over the 330,000 volt lines. The current was on for 17 minutes with no apparent disturbance to the system.

The test is a matter of straight resistance. One end of the line is grounded and the power source feeds current along the line to the point where it is grounded, causing the line to heat and melt any sleet or ice on it. This system protects the lines from breaking or dancing, protects the towers from added weight and eliminates repairs and expense. It also eliminates possible power interruptions to customers from excessive ice or sleet.

The test carried the heaviest current, 1,700 amps, ever carried for sleet melting on both Appalachian and Ohio Power lines. The 330,000 volt lines on which the test was made are 1.6 inches in diameter or equivalent to 1,275,000 circular mils. Four of these 330,000 volt lines lead from the Sporn station, one to Kanawha, one to the Muskingum River plant and a double circuit to the Kyger Creek plant.

All 132,000 volt lines are protected with this de-icing system, and plans call for eventual protection of all 330,000 volt lines.

Appalachian System Subject Of Address By H. E. McCormack

H. E. McCormack, superintendent of system operation, addressed the meeting of the Virginia Mountain Section of Electrical Engineers in Roanoke on March 18. He spoke on "Automatic Frequency and Load Control—Electric Utility System" as applied to electric system operation.

Using slides to illustrate his talk, much of his presentation was concerned with Appalachian facilities. A member of the local section of A.I.E.E., he is currently serving as chairman of the Frequency and Tie-Line Committee of the southeast region.

Also attending in addition to members in the Roanoke area were student branch members from Virginia Tech and Virginia Military Institute.



History was made in Appalachia when Lindsey B. Ferguson threw the switch for the first sleet melt test on 330,000 volt lines. The assistant chief system substation operator at Sporn station is shown beginning the test.

Dinner Given Vet On Her Retirement



Mrs. Wood

A dinner March 31 honored Mrs. Blanche P. Wood, who retired after 17 years with the company in Huntington. Fellow employees presented Mrs. Wood with a record player.

A native of Huntington, she attended schools there and in Kenova. She completed two years at Marshall College and one at Boothe School of Business. She started with Appalachian as a cashier and was a prepare clerk in the system billing office at the time of her retirement.

Married to W. R. Wood, Mrs. Wood plans to be a fulltime housewife during retirement. She also wants to devote more time to her church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Huntington. She is also a member of the Mother Church of Boston.

Although she has been looking forward to her retirement "with a great deal of anticipated enjoyment," she has one regret: "I won't get to work in our nice new office."

Two Welch District Crews Win Steaks



Want a good steak dinner? All you have to do in two areas of the Welch district is to work safely. Crews in Grundy and Pineville were recently treated to steak dinners by their crew chiefs. Bert M. Nuckolls just paid off to his Grundy crew for the fifth straight year, and Claude A. Farley, area supervisor, has had no disabling injuries in his crew since he took over in 1948. While he treated his men to a steak dinner they in turn gave him a rod and reel. The crews are shown above. LEFT: The Grundy crew. Reading around the big table from the left are

Earl Belcher, Sank Smith, B. M. Nuckolls, Miles Charles, Walter Crouse, J. D. Dalton, Bill Mitchell, Charles Brown, C. R. Settle, Roger McClanahan and Frank Wells. Seated in the booths and reading from the left are John Ratliff, Alonzo Hardy, Cummings Wyatt, Forrest Brown, Henry Farmer, William Richardson and Wyatt Ratliff. RIGHT: The Pineville crew. From the left are Ralph Hale, Jack Martin, Claude A. Farley, Pete Hendrick, Paul Hall, Marvin Tiller and Ralph Cook.

Veterans Receive Service Emblems



Veterans who have received pins for 20 or more years' service in recent weeks are pictured above. TOP ROW, from the left: M. F. Murray, Cabin Creek plant, 30 years; S. S. Woolwine, Ashland, 30 years; J. S. Hudnall, Cabin Creek, 25 years; A. M. Beatty, Roanoke, 20 years; Forrest

L. Boccock, Welch, 20 years; and Berchard C. Hoover, Huntington, 20 years. BOTTOM ROW, from the left, all 20 years: B. T. Stone, Roanoke; Morris Lewis, Lynchburg; B. J. Oney, Williamson; H. A. Howbert, Roanoke; O. S. Knight, Glen Lyn plant; and G. H. Broyles, Roanoke.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—35 YEARS: A. C. HUTTON, SR., area serviceman.

Beckley District—5 YEARS: R. L. HARDY, truck driver-groundman.

Bluefield District—35 YEARS: W. E. BROOKS, meter supervisor; 15 YEARS: O. C. GLOVER, lineman; 10 YEARS: D. V. ROACH, meterman; 5 YEARS: ARMINTA McCALL, senior contract clerk.

Cabin Creek Plant—30 YEARS: M. F. MURRAY, operations; 25 YEARS: J. S. HUDNALL, mechanical maintenance; 10 YEARS: J. H. BRADLEY, boiler maintenance; 5 YEARS: O. S. DAVIS, JR., operations; W. N. HALL, JR., mechanical maintenance; J. L. ESTEP, mechanical maintenance; B. E. CREASEY, operations.

Charleston District—35 YEARS: B. W. CLAY, stores supervisor; 15 YEARS: W. H. JONES, lineman; 5 YEARS: H. R. HILL, meterman.

Glen Lyn Plant—20 YEARS: O. SHELL KNIGHT, control operator.

Huntington District—35 YEARS: JOHN M. FRAMPTON, accounting; 20 YEARS: BERCHARD C. HOOVER, engineering; 15 YEARS: VIRGIL F. MAUTZ, meter; 10 YEARS: HOMER H. BUNN, division T&D; 5 YEARS: CHRISTINE S. SHANK, division payroll; CHARLES H. FERGUSON, commercial.

Lynchburg District—20 YEARS: MORRIS LEWIS, Reusens hydro maintenance helper; D. S. GOURLEY, Reusens hydro assistant operator.

Roanoke District—45 YEARS: D. W. PLAINE, production supervisor; 35 YEARS: PAULINE W. HINER, commercial; F. D. WELLS, accounting; 20 YEARS: A. M. BEATTY, stores; H. A. HOWBERT, commercial; G. H. BROYLES, line and station; B. T. STONE, distribution; 15 YEARS: L. G. GREGORY, line and station; 10 YEARS: JOHN HUNTER, building service; 5 YEARS: R. A. SHELTON, local accounting.

Philip Sporn Plant—5 YEARS: WILLIAM R. HAYES, master maintenance man; GIRARD M. FOWLER, master maintenance man; JOHN L. McDANIELS, master maintenance man; CHARLES G. SHEETS, control operator.

System—15 YEARS: ELIZABETH BOSANG, private secretary in the executive offices.

Welch District—20 YEARS: F. L. BOCOCK, commercial; 5 YEARS: R. L. FRANKLIN, managerial.

Williamson District—20 YEARS: BLAKE J. ONEY, area sales representative.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

Kingsport—5 YEARS: WILLIAM G. POOLE, JR., miscellaneous department.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland—35 YEARS: W. B. GARNETT, office manager; 30 YEARS: S. S. WOOLWINE, head bookkeeper.

Tri Fori Club Holds Dinner And Dance

Tri Fori Club members and their guests attended a Lions and Lambs dinner dance on March 4 at the Vinton War Memorial. The club is made up of employees of the third and fourth floors of the Roanoke office.

A buffet dinner preceded dancing to recorded music. About 60 attended. Arrangements were handled by Jewell Woolridge, Connie Smith, Dottie Mitchell, Clyde Skeen and Dick Lovegrove.

Charleston Tracer Goes To Active Marine Duty

Jim Fizer, a member of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, has been recalled to active duty.

He is a tracer in the Charleston T&D engineering section. Jim joined the company in July, 1954. He is a graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School in Charleston.



Mr. Fizer

Veteran Completes 35 Years In Roanoke

Frank D. Wells, Roanoke district head contract clerk, completed 35 years' service March 12.



Mr. Wells

He was first employed by the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company, Appalachian predecessor, as a street-car conductor. He was a meter reader and collector and held other jobs with the company until promotion to his present position in the accounting department in July, 1950.

Mr. Wells attended National Business College. He is a member of the Greene Memorial Methodist Church where he is serving on the board of stewards and is chairman of the parsonage committee. He is past president of the Men's Club of the Church, a member of the Williamson Road Masonic Lodge No. 163 and past councilor of the United Commercial Travelers, Roanoke Council No. 174.

He and his wife have a married daughter.

Retirement Plans Are To See More Of Grandchildren



Mr. Butler

His grandchildren are going to see a lot more of Joseph B. Butler. Visiting them in Detroit and Washington more often is one of the plans Joe has for his retirement which began April 1.

The Roanoke system garage attendant was employed by the company June 24, 1930, as a car washer in the Roanoke garage. He remembers that there were just 12 pieces of automotive equipment in use then, compared to the 170 now in use by the district, division and system personnel in Roanoke.

When he joined the company there was only a two-car garage at the Walnut Avenue location, but soon after the present building was constructed. Before he came with Appalachian he was a partner in the R&B Pharmacy in Roanoke and an employee of the Otis Elevator Company of Detroit and the National Benefit Life Insurance Company of Washington.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church where he is chairman of the ushers board and trustee. He is president of the Ushers Society, made up of ushers of all Negro churches in Roanoke and vicinity and an organization he helped form.

He is institutional representative for Boy Scout Troop No. 101 and a member of the board of managers of the William A. Hunton Branch of the YMCA. He was secretary of the "Y" for eight years.

In addition to his three grandchildren he has three sons and one daughter. His plans for retirement also call for continued work with the Boy Scouts and YMCA.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Bluefield District

IRIS S. RICH from junior clerk to clerk-typist; THOMAS W. WOLFE from junior clerk to junior petty cash clerk; JO ANN CANTRELL from junior clerk to clerk-typist.

Charleston District

BOB ISNER, JR., from record clerk to meter clerk; MARSHALL L. DOWNERY from Montgomery groundman to Charleston lineman C; CLIFFORD D. BANNISTER, JR., from Montgomery groundman to Charleston lineman C; FRANKLIN SCHOLL from meter service helper to meter serviceman C.

Huntington District

MAGGIE WATTS from junior cashier clerk to senior cashier clerk; JOHN B. BARTHOLOMEW from lineman A to general serviceman.

System

W. S. JONES from Roanoke district to system station department; R. R. HAWKINS from Bluefield district to system station department, Bluefield.

Welch District

DON L. MILLER from junior general clerk to senior general clerk; DIXON JONES from Switchback T&D to Bluefield district.

Williamson District

MYRTLE BEVINS from junior clerk I to junior cashier III; JANET J. COLEMAN from junior clerk I to clerk-stenographer III.

Walter O. Menge Is New AGE Director

Walter O. Menge, president of the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, Ind., has been elected to the AGE board of directors.



Mr. Menge

A former faculty member of the University of Michigan, Mr. Menge joined Lincoln Life in 1937 as associate actuary. He was second vice president, vice president and then first vice president in 1951. Nine months later he became president of the Reliance Life Insurance Company, which Lincoln Life had purchased, and in 1954 he became president of Lincoln Life.

He attended college at Wayne University and received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1931. He is a director of several organizations, including Magnavox Company and the Life Insurance Association of America.

Ashland Vet Reaches 35-Year Milestone

W. B. Garnett, Kentucky general office manager in Ashland, received his 35-year service pin recently.



Mr. Garnett

Mr. Garnett attended Western State College and Bowling Green Business University, both in Bowling Green, Kentucky, before joining the company at Sprigg February 19, 1920. When the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company became a member of AGE Mr. Garnett was transferred to Huntington as general bookkeeper in April, 1922. He came to Roanoke in February, 1929, as supervisor of general bookkeeping and ten years later went to Ashland in his present position.

Mr. Garnett, a member of the First Methodist Church, where he is on the board of finance committee, has two sons. He is also a member of the Rotary Club.

Six Couples In Recent Weddings

Goodloe-Ferguson

June Spotswood Goodloe was married March 12 to Lt. Jack Wayne Ferguson at the Bluefield First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Ferguson was employed as Huntington home economist until recently. She is the daughter of William T. Goodloe, Bluefield district employee.

Puryear-Phillips

Mary Anderson Puryear and Dr. James Woodson Phillips, USNR, were married in Norfolk March 19. He is the son of Mrs. Nelle Phillips, Roanoke employee.



Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Shank

Broyles-Shank

Barbara Broyles and George Leonard Shank were united in marriage March 11 at the home of her parents. Mrs. Shank's grandfather, the Rev. G. H. Broyles, conducted the ceremony. She is the daughter of G. H. Broyles, Jr., Roanoke district service foreman.

Roush-Hendrickson

Betty Joann Roush and Frank Hendrickson were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at Mason February 18. She is Philip Sporn plant clerk-typist.



Mrs. R. A. Fields

Matheny-Fields

Margaret Ann Matheny became the bride of Russell A. Fields on February 19 at the Village Chapel in Charleston. Mrs. Fields is senior time record clerk at Cabin Creek plant and Mr. Fields is shift operating engineer at Kanawha River plant.

Meriwether-Varner

Betty Jean Meriwether was married March 5 to Charles S. Varner in Pulaski. She is Beckley clerk-typist and he is Beckley junior T&D clerk.



Mrs. C. S. Varner

Peggy Thornton Is Chosen Missionary

Peggy Thornton, Roanoke College junior majoring in religious education, has been chosen to represent Virginia Baptist Students in Jamaica this summer. The daughter of Prince E. Thornton, public relations assistant, was one of three students in Virginia to receive this award from the Virginia Baptist Board of Missions and Education.



Peggy Thornton

Recommended as summer missionary by Roanoke College, she received the award from the department of student work of the Baptist Student Union. Her work in Jamaica this summer will be mainly with children and youth groups.

She will organize and conduct vacation Bible school, conduct Bible classes for youth groups and picnics for family groups. As she will teach in many parts of the country, her work will last about 10 days in each locality.

Serving as Baptist Student Union social vice president of Virginia, she is a member of the First Baptist Church, has served as beginners superintendent in vacation Bible school and superintendent of the beginners Sunday school. She is pledged to Sigma Kappa Phi Sorority and made second honors last semester.

April Showers



April Showers bring a smile to the face of Geraldine Countiss, Abingdon district clerk-stenographer in the property records department. A matching pink umbrella protects Mrs. Countiss' pink cotton dress by Slair, Jr., from the rains. The dress is trimmed with white lace on the bodice, has a high neck, full skirt and the new dropped waistline. Her accessories include matching pink gloves and fishnet shoes. Mrs. Countiss models the ensemble at Maxine's in Abingdon, where she has modeled in several fashion shows.

Roanoker Takes Week Of Vacation To Work For Red Cross

When is a vacation not a vacation? When it's a week of hard but willing work for the American Red Cross.



Mrs. Graybill

Mary Lou Graybill, secretarial-stenographer in the system valuation department, took a week of her vacation recently to captain a Roanoke division in area solicitation for the Red Cross.

Her team was responsible for about 370 houses in 64 blocks and collected \$280.

Why did Mrs. Graybill spend a week in this manner? She says, "I have always been very much in favor of the good work the Red Cross organization does and was aware of their problem in getting enough volunteer workers for their solicitation drives."

In addition to her Red Cross activities, Mrs. Graybill is president of the Fidelis Class of the First Baptist Church. She is also a member of the VanLear Circle of the Women's Missionary Society. She was employed by the company in 1939 after attending National Business College.

Williamson Man's Daughter Honored

"Youth of the Month" was the title given Barbara Nell Varney by the Tug Valley Junior Woman's Club and the *Williamson Daily News*. Voted "most popular girl" and captain of the cheerleaders, she is the daughter of F. E. Varney, Williamson line foreman.



Barbara Varney

She has an A average during high school and last year was elected "Sweetheart" of the junior class. She is president of the Tri-Hi-Y and treasurer of the Dash Club. She also is a member of the Thespian Club, Annual staff, Dramatic Club, Future Secretaries of America Club and class basketball team.

A member of the South Williamson Presbyterian Church, she is secretary of youth fellowship, teacher of the first grade Sunday school class and past secretary of the senior choir.

Two Named To Posts In Pearisburg Club

Two Pearisburg area employees in the Bluefield district have been elected to offices in the Pearisburg Junior Womens Club.



Miss Kirby

Mary Helen Kirby, home economist, was named president, and Sally Litz, cashier, was elected treasurer.

Both have been active in the club, which is composed of 50 members. Mary has been with Appalachian since April, 1951, and Sally since September, 1947.

Seven-Diamond Pin Earned By Roanoker

Seven diamonds representing 35 years studied the service pin presented Mrs. Pauline W. Hiner on March 4.



Mrs. Hiner

The Roanoke district senior merchandising order and billing clerk joined the old Roanoke Railway and Electric Company on March 6, 1920, as a clerk in the accounting department. Later she spent ten years in the contract department and returned to accounting as petty cash clerk. In 1935 she went into the commercial department.

Mrs. Hiner is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church where she serves as program chairman of her missionary circle. She has one son and three grandchildren.

Fun And Fashion In Minstrel



Fun and fashion were highlights when a recent Welch minstrel was held. Taking part in the festivities were, from the left: Judy Hulme, member of the dancing troupe and daughter of William Hulme, head T&D clerk; Mrs. O. L. Robinson, wife of the local office manager and soloist on "Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home?"; Richard Jones, meterman, end man; and Mrs. Richard Jones, junior general clerk, a model in the fashion show. Also participating in the fashion show was Mrs. Helen Vermillion, PBX operator.



New Arrivals



JAMES SCOTT is the new son born to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sampson, Jr., March 22. Mr. Sampson is a Kanawha River plant test engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Barker are the parents of a daughter, DOROTHY ANN, born March 11. Mr. Barker is Beckley dealer sales representative, and Mrs. Barker is a former Beckley home economist.

A daughter, LEE ANN, was born March 13 to Mr. and Mrs. James P. Gordon. He is a Charleston meterman.

STEVEN ALAN was born March 11 to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Nutter. Mr. Nutter is a Charleston meter serviceman.

PATRICIA ELLEN was born March 2 to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith. He is employed in the Charleston meter section.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Wayne Smith are the parents of a daughter, LESLIE DIANE, born February 15. Mrs. Smith was formerly employed in the Huntington division commercial department.

EDWARD C., JR., is the new son born March 15 to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Berry. Mr. Berry is employed in the Huntington line section.

A son, CARLOS HENRY, was born March 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hoschar, Jr. Mr. Hoschar is a Huntington meter section employee.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Smith are the parents of a daughter, ANNE PARRISH, born March 17. Mrs. Smith is a former Welch district engineering employee.

CATHY CHARLENE was born February 15 to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Walters. He is a Point Pleasant district lineman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mitchell are the parents of KATHY SUE, born March 7. Mr. Mitchell is employed at Marion, Pulaski district.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Sisson announce the arrival February 21 of MARY JO. He is Hillsville area representative in the Pulaski district.

ELIZABETH PATRICIA is the new daughter born February 24 to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ryan, Jr. He is Wytheville area representative in Pulaski district.

WILLIAM DAVID is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ward Zoellers. Mr. Zoellers is distribution engineer in the Pikeville district.

A daughter, DENNA CAROL, was born February 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Adams. He is coal conveyor operator at Logan plant.

ONA FAYE is the new daughter born March 13 to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kimmell. He is utility operator at Logan plant.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hart are the parents of PAMELA JAYNE, born March 6. He is crane operator at Philip Sporn plant.

JEFFREY ALLEN is the son born February 27 to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Ball. Mr. Ball is Philip Sporn plant maintenance man.

SANDRA SUE is the new daughter born February 21 to Mr. and Mrs. George M. Bush. He is a helper in the maintenance department at Philip Sporn plant.

A son, GLENN ROBERT, was born February 27 to Mr. and Mrs. George R. Gillette. Mr. Gillette is a Lynchburg meter reader.

JAMES LEE, JR., was born February 20 to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rader. Mr. Rader is a Cabin Creek plant employee.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Creedle are the parents of a son, EDWIN MYERS, born March 6.

Mr. Creedle is employed in the system station department in Roanoke.

WILLIAM MICHAEL is the new son born February 26 to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wood, Jr. Mr. Wood is employed in the system station department in Roanoke.

STEVEN LEE is the new son born February 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Nelson. Mrs. Nelson was formerly employed in the Roanoke local accounting office.

DAVID RAY was born March 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wiley. Mrs. Wiley was formerly employed in the Roanoke local accounting office.

A daughter, JANICE ODELL, was born March 22 to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Gray. He is a local accounting employee in Roanoke.

They're Engaged

DOLORES RUSSELL to Harry L. Chambers. Both are Point Pleasant district employees. Miss Russell is in the commercial department and Mr. Chambers in stores.

CAROL CHRISTIE to Donn W. Branch. She is employed in the Welch district commercial department.

ELIZABETH ANN HERVEY to Walter Allison Jones of Sylva, N. C. She is a Roanoke home economist.

Bird Feeder



All set to hang up her unique bird feeder is Elizabeth "Dee Dee" Riley, daughter of W. H. Riley, Jr., Bluefield division commercial sales representative. Dee Dee took a saw, a chisel and a hammer and converted a coconut and a piece of wire into a bird feeder that really works. Not only do birds enjoy the coconut itself, but will eat the other things Dee Dee will put in it. She expects the feeder to particularly attract cardinals, titmice, titlarks and other small birds.

Maintenance Takes Logan Plant Court Title



Tired but happy after their tournament victory are the Maintenance team members, who posed with their trophy. Front row, from the left: Orville Napier and N. R. Pridmore. Back row, from the left: W. W. Dalley, J. R. Ellis, J. C. Ferrell and L. H. McDonald. Also team members were L. D. Adams and Norman Johnson.

Maintenance emerged the winner after a tight race in the Logan Plant Basketball League. The eventual victors won the league trophy after a play-off with the District and Office squads.

The three teams finished the regular season with identical 6-3 records. Individual scoring honors went to J. B. Bell of the Office team, who

averaged 23.6 points per game on a total of 213 points. He also was high scorer in the tournament with 75 points in two games. J. R. Ellis' 25 points paced Maintenance in their 44-39 win over District in the final play-off game.

Players on the District team were R. C. Kuhn, C. E. Yeager, Victor Herbert, C. H. Jimison, Chester El-



The pride of the Logan Plant Basketball League is this All-Star team, chosen by employee judges. Front row, from the left: Orville Napier, C. H. Jimison and N. R. Pridmore. Back row, from the left: R. C. Kuhn, J. R. Ellis, J. B. Bell and A. J. Conley. Judges were M. C. Porterfield, J. R. Warren, Frank Stone and C. E. Marshall.

kins, R. D. Blevins, Paul Sammons and Dallas Kinser. Making up the office team were J. B. Bell, D. F. Woolcock, M. F. Morrison, E. P. Ott, Mike Babinetz, R. L. McComas, R. G. McComas and J. R. Blankenship. Playing for the Operators were A. J. Conley, R. H. Phillips, J. R. Beckett, P. M. Hefner, Raymond Ray, Alvie Napier, D. F. Brumfield, Ralph Hall and J. R. Chapman.

'Play Ball' Cry Heard At Lynchburg Meeting

"Play Ball!" was the eager cry of 16 Lynchburg district employees when a softball organizational meeting was held recently.

Films of the 1954 World Series were shown to get the employees in the mood and then plans were made for the coming season. Ernest D. Layne, meterman, field general during past seasons, will repeat in that job.

Charleston Hunting And Fishing Club Elects 1955 Officers, Makes Repair Plans For Camp



Officers of the Charleston Appalachian Hunting and Fishing Club line up for a group picture. They are, from the left: G. W. Unangst, Robert Isner, J. C. Nutter, D. H. Caldwell, C. J. Kelley, M. D. Prowse and C. B. Talley.

New officers were elected when the Appalachian Hunting and Fishing Club of Charleston held its annual meeting March 21.

D. H. Caldwell was re-elected president of the group, while John C. Nutter will serve as vice president. Robert Isner was re-elected secretary-treasurer and M. D. Prowse joins G. W. Unangst and C. J. Kelley on the board of directors, replacing C. B. Talley, whose term expired.

Since the club purchased a camp

in 1952 they have made numerous improvements, including water piped into the kitchen and repairing and enclosing the back porch. Imitation brick siding has been added to the exterior, and plans now call for a new roof.

Virginia Cole Does Well In Table Tennis Tourney

Virginia Cole left her mark during the recent West Virginia State Table Tennis tournament.

The daughter of Ray Cole, Charleston transportation supervisor, won the state girls' high school crown and was runner-up in women's singles and mixed doubles. She lost to the defending state open women's champ after three hard-fought games.

She was unbeatable in the high school competition, winning the finals 21-12, 21-9 and 21-19. The Charleston High School senior also bowls and plays basketball, badminton, shuffleboard and volleyball.

Variety Of Wild Game Served At Club Dinner

Tiger meat was about the only wild game not served when Charleston employees, members of the Appalachian Hunting and Fishing Club, got together recently.

Meat supplied for the dinner by club members included venison, bear, coon, squirrel, fish and rabbit. Sylbia Hinchman, home service supervisor, prepared the meal.

Dynamos Roll To Quarter Title



It took two roll-off sets, but Beckley's Dynamos took the third quarter bowling crown of the Beckley district league. The Dynamos, Termites and Reddy Flashes had tied for first, but the Dynamos took the measure of the other two in play-offs. They are shown above, seated from the left: Russell Miller, J. W. Muir, Ruth Cokeley, Archie Riner and J. A. Barker. Standing is captain Emma Jean Wilson. Now the Dynamos must meet the fourth quarter winner for the second half title. That winner will roll the first half champs, the Orange Cruisers, for the league crown.

Just Charge It!



Here you see a "dog of distinction." Her name is "Blackie" and her claim to fame is her charge account at that filling station. The only item on the bill is ice cream like that dixie cup she carries above. It all started when Blackie's master, Bruce Cox, stopped at the filling station near Fieldale for a coke. The Fieldale district manager bought Blackie a dixie cup. She pulled the top off carefully and licked the cup clean. The next time Bruce stopped at the station he did not want anything—but Blackie did. She went in and demanded a dixie cup from the attendant. She also opened an account and left instructions to forward the bill to Mr. Cox. Then she returned to the back of the car where she ate her prize. Blackie also has the distinction of being voted an honorary member of the Fieldale Rotary Club by the board of directors. However, she will not pay dues because she claims she is fed scraps and does not get to make speeches.

Unusual Query Gets Answer

When B. M. Vassar became ill, David Rowe replaced him as speaker on "Electricity" before the Tazewell High School science class. Dave, Tazewell area supervisor in the Bluefield district, had only one question that stumped him: "What becomes of the electricity left in the cord when you snap the switch?" His answer: "It goes the same place the tide goes when it goes out."

Robert B. Bibb Gets Bullseye At 90 Yards To Finish First In Mountain Bow Hunters Meet

Robert B. Bibb used a 67-pound grizzly bow to win the recent Mountain Bow Hunters Club meet. A bullseye at 90 yards was the winning shot by the Hazard district power engineer.

A member of the club for two years, he has hunted deer once with his bow. Although he came back empty-handed, he believes that the experience he has gained in the interval will serve him on the next trip.

A graduate of VPI, he joined the company at Ashland in 1947. He spent three years, including 19 months overseas, in the Army during World War II. A captain at the time

of his discharge, he is now commander of K Company, 397 Infantry of the Perry County active reserve unit. He is also president of the Moose Club and a member of the Kiwanis Club.



Robert B. Bibb sights a target during the recent Mountain Bow Hunters Club meet, which he won.

Roanoke Second Half Resembles The First

Bowlers in Roanoke are about to say "This is where I came in."

The Real Estate and Local Office teams went into the final night of the first half deadlocked for first place. With just two bowling nights left in the second half, they are tied again for top spot. And just as it happened in the first half, the luck of the schedule calls for the two teams to roll each other that last night.

Real Estate won the first half. If Local Office takes this half, the two will roll for the championship.

Tommy Mitchell, Accounting, has high average of 115 for the season, while Real Estate's Guy Cromer has 176 for top game. Melvin Waggoner, Local Office, has high three-game set with 397, and Local Office has both team high three-game set and team high single honors with 1,677 and 598.

A banquet for the bowlers will be held April 18 in the company auditorium, where awards will be made. C. R. Paxton, league president, will preside.

Roanoker Grapples Way To State Win

Jimmy Roberson recently won the 175-pound class state high school wrestling championship, climaxing an undefeated season.

The 18-year-old son of Curtis Roberson, system administrative assistant in Roanoke, wrestled to wins over 14 opponents, including eight pins. He is a senior at

William Fleming High School, where he was co-captain of the football team this past season.

He has earned four letters in football and two each in wrestling and track. Plans after graduation call for college on a football scholarship.



Jimmy Roberson

Charleston Team Set For Another Season

Competition will be tough, but the undaunted Charleston district softball team has again entered the Charleston City Softball League.

E. C. "Cliff" Flannery, division office manager, will manage the team again. A nucleus of five outstanding ball

players, who went to the state semifinals with another team last year, give the Charlestonians high hopes.

But they must overcome the CIO squad, which won both the league title and the West Virginia softball crown last year.

Williamson Topples Pikeville Keglers

Although Pikeville bowlers took most of the individual honors, Williamson took the match when the two districts met recently.

Williamson keglers ran up a 5,752-pin total, 117 pins better than Pikeville's 5,635. Three teams from each district rolled three games each and the amassed pin total determined the winner.

Bob Weddle from Pikeville took high game honors with a 189 and high series with 498. Glenna Ann Tackett of Pikeville led the women bowlers with a high single of 161, and Williamson's Hazel Farris rolled 422 for high women's series.

After a hard afternoon on the alleys the teams enjoyed a buffet dinner in the Williamson auditorium.

Stars In Beckley-Charleston Bowling Match



These are the star bowlers of a recent match between Beckley and Charleston. From the left: Elmer Hutchinson, Beckley, high game for the men with 203; Pauline Lanham, Charleston, high game for women with two games of 190 each and high series with 525, and Dick Speas, Charleston, high series for the men with 551. Beckley won the match as hosts on March 6 with 8,438 pins, a margin of 39. Each district had two teams of men and one of women. High team with 1,020 pins was the Charleston team of C. B. Talley, C. H. Murray, Cliff Flannery, Paul Parsons and Dick Speas. A banquet climaxed the match.

H. P. St. Clair Of AGE Predicts A Bright Future For Coal Industry At Welch Meeting

A talk by H. P. St. Clair highlighted Welch's observance of Engineers' Week. He is AGE planning and operation engineer manager.

Mr. St. Clair was introduced to a joint meeting of the Welch Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis Clubs by Richard J. Wood, assistant district manager and chairman of the Welch observance.

Mr. St. Clair predicted a bright future for the coal industry. He illustrated his talk with a slide picture of a coal car with an electric connection, which is being widely used in Appalachian ads.

Mr. St. Clair pointed out that everytime you use electricity you burn coal, which is the theme of the ads. He also gave a history of the electric industry using slides. He completed his talk by complimenting the engineering profession for its contribution to the health and welfare of mankind.

Guests at the meeting included Appalachian personnel from several districts surrounding Welch.



H. P. St. Clair of AGE, at a Welch meeting, points out that every time you use electricity you burn coal. Seated is Richard J. Wood, assistant district manager.

Wings Awarded Son Of System Employee

Howard M. Hamilton, Jr., son of the system assistant disbursing agent, has been awarded the silver wings of an Air Force pilot and the gold bars of a second lieutenant.



Lieut. Hamilton

The awards were made recently in graduation ceremonies at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton witnessed the presentation.

A graduate of Jefferson Senior High School in Roanoke, Lieut. Hamilton received his degree last June from Hampden-Sydney College. His new Air Force assignment is at Reno, Nevada.

S. V. Austin To Head New AGE Service Division

Because of the increasing volume of construction work on the AGE System, a new coordination and budget division has been formed in the AGE Service Corporation.

F. V. Austin, Jr., former head of the Service Corporation budget section, has been appointed head of the new division. The primary responsibilities of the division will be the over-all coordination of construction projects and the proving of expected savings upon which capital expenditures have been made.

In addition, the division will carry out the functions of the former budget section.

Charleston Line Veteran Retires



Mr. Keeling

C. L. Keeling, Charleston district line foreman, retired April 1 after 29 years with the company.

Mr. Keeling began his employment April 19, 1926, as a groundman in a line construction and maintenance crew. He advanced to working foreman in 1949 and to line foreman in 1950.

Born at Garretts Bend, he attended schools in that area. He is a World War I veteran, rising to the rank of sergeant in the Army infantry.

Married and the father of three children, he resides at Buffalo. Among his plans for retirement are work on his farm, hunting and fishing.

Dunn Wins Bluefield Sales Award



Receiving his pin-up lamp award at a Bluefield employee demonstration party on St. Patrick's night is Larry Dunn, area serviceman who won the title of Irishman First-Class and "Dwrk." The hat went with the award made by Fillmore McPherson, assistant district manager at right. A "Dwrk" is any employee who reports two sales or two bona fide prospects for a major appliance during the February 20 to July 31 campaign. The strange word pronounced "dwerk" comes from the first letters of dryer, water heater, range, Reddy and Kilowatt.

S. C. Smith Promoted To Division Office

Sidney C. Smith has been promoted to Charleston division payroll supervisor. He rose from the position of Charleston district payroll supervisor.



Mr. Smith

He attended Charleston schools and the Charleston School of Commerce. He joined the company in September, 1924, as a payroll clerk and became chief payroll clerk in 1934. He was promoted to department supervisor in 1945.

In his new capacity Mr. Smith will supervise the newly established division payroll department in Charleston, which handles payrolls for Charleston, Beckley, Point Pleasant, Kanawha Valley Power Company and Cabin Creek and Kanawha River plants.

Displays Award



C. L. Mollohan, Nitro-St. Albans area supervisor, puts up in his office his second C. B. Talley Award. His office won the trophy for the highest sales quota during the 1954 campaign period, October 18 to December 31. His office ran up 169.8 per cent in sales of water heaters, ranges and dryers. Mr. Mollohan also received a cash award. Receiving cash awards as top salesmen were Addie Jo Snyder, Clendenin office; Barbara Davis, St. Albans office; and Betty Smith, Montgomery office. Each had 17 sales to her credit. C. R. Metz, Montgomery area serviceman, won the jackpot.

B. W. Clay Receives 35-Year Service Pin

B. W. Clay, Charleston district stores supervisor, completed 35 years' service March 1.



Mr. Clay

Mr. Clay began his employment with the West Virginia Water and Electric Company in 1920 as a pump attendant. When that company was consolidated into Appalachian in 1926 he became assistant storekeeper. He was promoted to his present position in 1934.

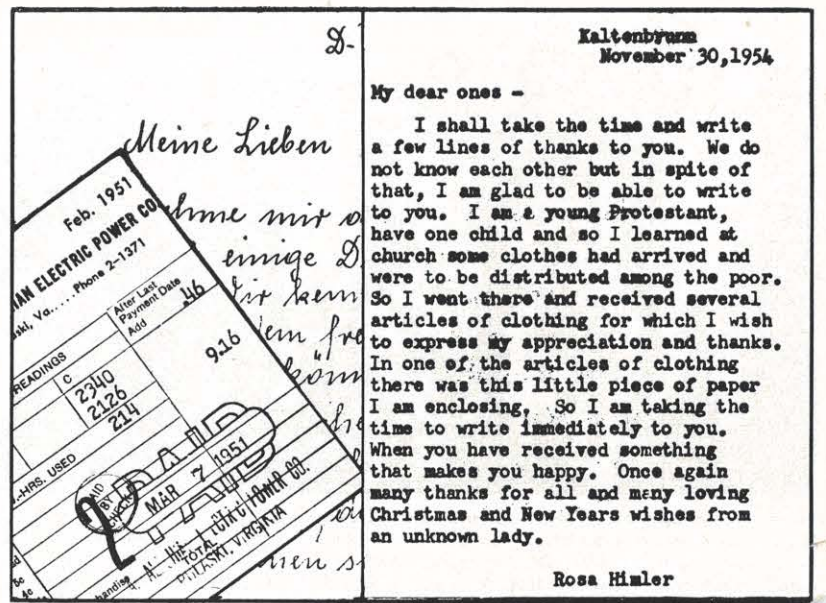
A native of Charleston, where he attended schools, he is a member of the Methodist Church. Married, he has one son.

Compton Becomes Fire Chief Of Glen Lyn

Raymond Compton, Jr., has been named chief of the Glen Lyn Fire Department.

The Glen Lyn plant maintenance man replaces W. R. Johnson, boiler operator, who has been chief for several years. Mr. Compton was employed by the company in June, 1948. He is married, has two children and resides in Glen Lyn where he is a member of the town council.

Grateful Austrian Returns Bill



This letter and Appalachian bill were recently received by the Pulaski office from Mrs. Rosa Himler of the Soviet-occupied zone of Austria. Translation of Mrs. Himler's letter was made by Mrs. Grace Carnahan, Pulaski County librarian. The story started when the Draper Valley Presbyterian Church sent clothes to Germany for needy families. As Mrs. Himler says in her letter, she got some of the clothes and found the bill in one of the pockets. She mailed it back by the Appalachian address on the bill, thinking it might be important. She even included the company telephone number in the address. This happy story has a happy ending—in appreciation of her thoughtfulness, Pulaski employees are planning to forward a package to Mrs. Himler made up of things she can't get in her country.

J. M. Frampton Gets 35-Year Service Pin

March 1 was a big day for J. Mills Frampton, Huntington district credit supervisor.



Mr. Frampton

Mr. Frampton completed 35 years' service with the company that day, and he was also given a birthday party by accounting department employees. He joined the company March 1, 1920, as credit supervisor. The father of two children, he has two grandsons. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and attends the Trinity Episcopal Church.

E. A. Painter Appointed To Scout Chairmanship

E. A. Painter has been appointed chairman of the Giles-Monroe District Southern West Virginia Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The Glen Lyn plant maintenance supervisor has been with the company since August, 1947. A former member of the Rich Creek town council and past president of the Lions Club, he is married and has two children. A graduate of VPI, he holds a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering and an M.S. degree in power and fuel engineering.

System Operating Man Is Promoted

E. F. Johnston has been promoted to system administrative assistant in the system operating department.



Mr. Johnston

He will be responsible for planning and conducting the educational-training program for station and plant operators and attendants over the entire system. He will also handle other employee operational and information meetings and the personnel work of the department.

Mr. Johnston was employed by the company in 1935 and transferred to system operating at Turner station in 1939. He also has operating experience at Switchback, Kenova and South Point. In 1949 he transferred to Roanoke to assist in the operation of the southeast part of the system and the coordination of power interchange in the southeast pool with neighboring companies.

He is a member of the Masons, Scottish Rites and Hidden Valley Country Club. A consistently low golfer, he has won the company tournament in Roanoke the past two years. Mr. Johnston, a member of Christ Lutheran Church, is married and has two sons.

Logan Credit Union Selects Officers



New officers of the Logan district Federal Credit Union are pictured above. They are, from the left: Nicholas Roomy, Jr., board of directors; P. M. Vannoy, president; George McAbee, vice president; and O. F. Toalston, treasurer.