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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

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## World's Biggest Plants Inspected

### Press Previews Clifty And Kyger Plants Of OVEC

Two giant power plants got the real once-over last month. The occasion was the "press previews" of the plants of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation.

About 700 people gathered at two points along the Ohio River as the gates at Clifty Creek Plant, Madison, Ind., and Kyger Creek Plant, near Gallipolis, Ohio, were opened May 20 to representatives of the local and national press. Also attending were representatives from magazines and radio-television networks and stations.

They were guests of the management of OVEC and its 15 sponsors, all private electric utility companies of the Ohio Valley region. Appalachian, Ohio Power and Indiana & Michigan are the AGE companies participating in OVEC.

#### Supply AEC Plant

The plants, to be the largest power plants ever built by private industry when completed early in 1956, are being built by OVEC to supply all the tremendous electric power requirements of the Atomic Energy Commission's new Portsmouth Area Project.

The day's program at Clifty Creek included a guided tour of the plant and grounds and a luncheon at Madison High School, attended by about 250. At Kyger Creek, the tour was followed by a dinner at Washington High School, Gallipolis, attended by about 450.

Speakers at the luncheon and dinner were: S. R. Sapirie, manager of the AEC's Oak Ridge Operations; Kenneth Dunbar, manager of the AEC's Portsmouth Area; and Philip Sporn, OVEC president and president of our companies. A brief press conference followed their talks.

#### Tour of Plants

At Kyger Creek newsmen inspected one unit of 215,000 kw capacity in operation and four more being built—a total of 1,075,000 kw on com-

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### Hazard Youth Given Engineer Scholarship

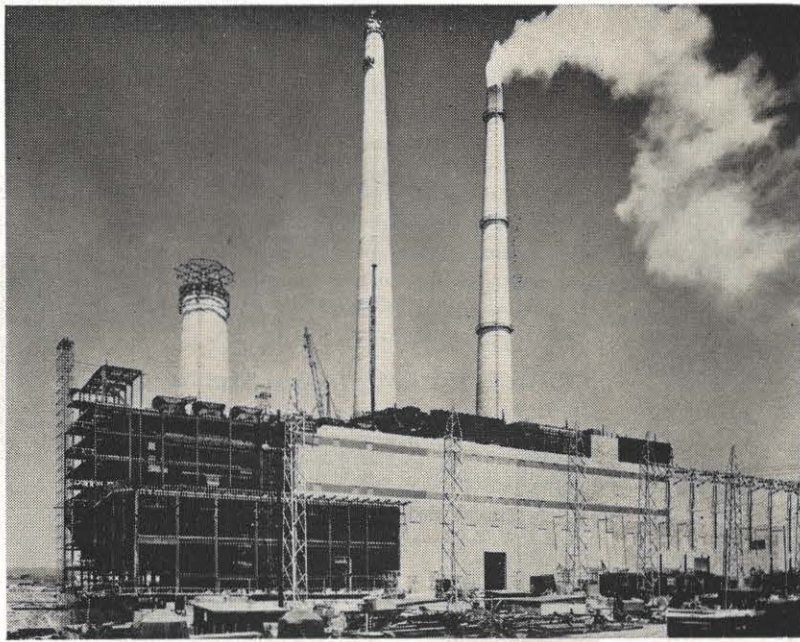
James R. "Dick" Stidham has received a \$500 scholarship to the University of Kentucky.



Dick Stidham

at the University.

Dick recently received honorable mention in the AGE college entrance examination. An honor student, he was a member of the state basketball championship team from his school and the school band.



Kyger Creek Plant's first 215,000 kw unit was in operation at the time of the press preview of the second largest power station ever built by private enterprise. The other four units will bring plant capacity to 1,075,000 kilowatts by completion early in 1956. Estimated cost of Kyger Creek Plant at Cheshire, Ohio, is about \$150-million.

## Facts On Two OVEC Plants Show How Big They Are

"They're the biggest!" That's one description of OVEC's Clifty Creek and Kyger Creek plants, being built by 15 private utility companies to serve AEC's plant at Portsmouth, Ohio.

**Appalachian, Ohio Power Company and Indiana & Michigan Electric Company are the AGE companies participating in OVEC.**

All features of the plants are king-size. Some facts follow to show you how really big they are:

**Each of the 11 turbo-generating units can generate enough electric power to supply all the requirements of every home in a city of 1,000,000 population.**

Total concrete being poured at both plants together, not including the stack concrete, amounts to 370,000 cubic yards—enough to construct a two-lane highway for 175 miles.

**At both plants one boiler serves each unit. The boilers are as tall as an 11-story building and each contains about 150 miles of tubing.**

A total of 35 transformers will operate at the two power plants, each weighing 125 tons and among the largest ever built.

**The two plants together will burn about 7½ million tons of coal a year, averaging about 854 tons an hour. Annual coal use would equal a string of railroad cars 1,420 miles long.**

Clifty Creek, 1,290,000 kw, will be the largest power station ever built by private enterprise and is expected to cost \$175,000,000. Kyger Creek, second largest with 1,075,000 kw, will cost about \$150,000,000.

**Not one cent of government money will be used in the OVEC-IKEC project. Its multi-million-dollar cost is being underwritten entirely by private investment.**

A major high-voltage transmission system was built to deliver the great blocks of power from the two plants to the AEC project. This system also interconnects with the transmission systems of the 15 sponsor companies, providing additional capacity if and when needed by the AEC. The entire system, lines and switching stations cost about \$42,000,000.

**Over-all direction of OVEC and IKEC is handled by the respective companies' boards of directors. The two boards for the most part are made up of executives of the sponsor companies, with all 15 sponsors represented by at least one member on one board or the other. Fifteen members make up the OVEC directorate; the IKEC board consists of nine members.**

Clifty Creek and Kyger Creek construction is being directed and supervised by American Gas and Electric Service Corporation, New York. Clifty Creek was designed and engineered by the Service Corporation; Kyger Creek was designed and engineered by Sargent & Lundy, Chicago. The 330,000-volt transmission system was designed and engineered and its construction directed and supervised by the Service Corporation.

### First Brings Four More

## Five Education Awards To Be Given AGE System Employees' Children

Five AGE System Education Awards will be given in 1956.

This announcement of the additional four awards was made by President Philip Sporn. The increase came because the first annual award competition "uncovered so rich a vein of high-grade young material."

A total of 82 children of AGE System employees competed for the first \$500 education award which was won by the son of a Wheeling Electric Company employee. Three children of Southern Properties' employees won honorable mention.

President Sporn emphasized that the recent competition by so many

outstanding youngsters "called for a speeding up of the process of building up our educational fund."

The education award was started with the \$1,000 received as part of the Charles A. Coffin Award, given in June, 1954 to AGE at Edison Electric Institute. The Coffin Award was for "distinguished pioneering of advanced engineering concepts."

Contributions from AGE and the operating companies were added to the Coffin Award money to start the education award which was presented in May. Additional contributions to the fund made it possible to enlarge the awards to five.

### EI Award

## Highest Honor For Saving A Life By Artificial Respiration Given Lineman

Highest honor for saving a life in the electrical industry was awarded May 17 to Curtis C. Willis, Charleston district lineman.

Formal presentation of the Edison Electric Institute medal, lapel pin and certificate was made at a meeting of Charleston district supervisors and department heads. D. C. Duncan, system safety director, made the presentation.

Willis won the award for use of artificial respiration on Elbon Cline, a painter with a Huntington contractor. Cline suffered electrical shock September 13 while painting an Appalachian tower at Holley.

Willis was serving as inspector on the job and gave artificial respiration for 20 minutes before the injured man could breathe without assistance. Cline was carried by men in his crew down a hill to the highway where an ambulance took him to a hospital. He died September 24.

The award letter from EEI said in part: "Though the victim later succumbed to his injuries, the efforts of Mr. Willis and the others of his group were both necessary and effectual and reflect great credit not only to these men themselves but on

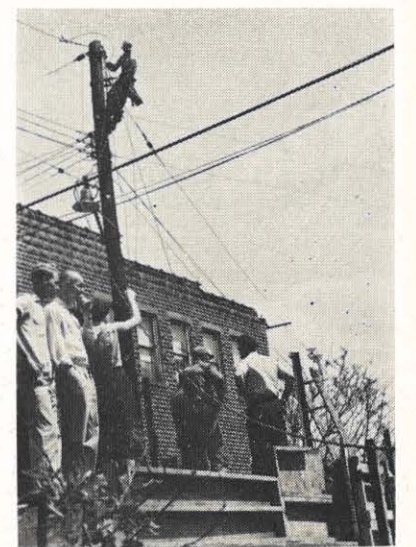


Curtis C. Willis, lineman at right, receives the EEI award and congratulations from D. C. Duncan, system safety director. The medal, shown at upper left of the certificate, is made in part from the metal used in the original two-wire system installed in New York in 1881 under the personal supervision of Thomas A. Edison.

all those concerned with their training and state of readiness for such emergencies."

There have been 13 EEI awards in Appalachian, dating back to 1937. This was the third award made to Charleston employees. A distribution line crew in Charleston received the award in 1940 and Carl E. Buck received the award in 1952.

## After Bridge Falls



Williamson linemen hurried to the scene to run an emergency power line when the bridge between Williamson's Second Avenue and Kentucky collapsed recently. Alex Doka is shown working on a pole overlooking the scene. At the right hand corner of the picture is the area where part of the bridge collapsed. Four persons, repairing the bridge, were injured when it collapsed. A few minutes before C. C. Darrah, Williamson district manager, and J. C. Hansbarger, Huntington division assistant manager, had crossed the bridge on their way to the South Williamson substation.

## Employee's Wife Is 'Jr. Woman Of Year' For Civic Activities

A woman active in both the club and community has been named "Junior Woman of the Year" by the Clintwood Junior Woman's Club.



Mrs. Rowland

She is Mrs. Kelly Rowland, wife of the Clintwood local office supervisor. Mrs. Rowland has served as president and chairman of civil defense of the club. As public health nurse for Dickenson County she has been responsible for health programs in high schools in the area.

In the community she has worked on special projects, including a program for getting out the voters. She has assisted in programs on youth conservation and home training, including helping get rid of bad comics, presenting safety programs, distributing literature for youth and putting on homemaking projects.



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### Our Strange Bedfellow

There are two ways of looking at a half glass of water. You can say it's half empty or it's half full.

Either opinion is a matter of viewpoint. And a fresh viewpoint on the American standard of living came recently from W. V. O'Brien, vice president and general manager of General Electric's Apparatus Sales Division. He said in a recent address before an electrical association that industry must accept the premise that the United States has a surprisingly low standard of living if it is to maintain its dynamic pattern of growth.

He pointed out that he was not comparing this country with those behind the Iron Curtain. "When we have one car for every three Americans, and the Chinese Reds have one car for every 37,500 Chinese, there can be no doubt that our standard of living is comparatively high," he said. "Yet in terms of our capabilities and our opportunities, we do in fact have a low standard of living."

He asked, "Can we be proud of our national average annual residential use of 2,500 kilowatt hours of electric power when some homes use 10 times this amount, with freedom from drudgery unknown to the great majority of home owners? Have we truly high standards of living when the average automobile has more lamp bulbs than the average home—about 20 in the car to 17 in the home?"

Citing other needs in America, he cautioned: "We must be ever watchful to overcome complacency, which is that strange bedfellow of opportunity. It is important to remember that our standard of living is really a minimum measurement, or a starting point for an upward climb."

### Is The Livin' Easy?

Now's the time we sing that old favorite with the popular theme—"Summertime, when the livin' is easy."

But is it? Strangely enough in our business, summertime is not the time when living is easy. It's a time when killing and crippling accidents take their biggest toll.

Company records through the years show a marked climb in accident frequency as the days get balmy and the weather is fit for song. It's natural to suppose that most on-the-job mishaps strike amid winter's icy and treacherous grip—when unpleasant, uncomfortable working conditions are the rule. But this simply is not true.

It's one of those puzzling things in our business. Perhaps this condition can be traced to the attitude in the song about summertime, "when the living is easy." Maybe conditions become so seemingly easy in comparison that we forget to be as cautious as we normally would be.

All this points to the wisdom of a man who said: "Dying is easy. It's the staying alive that's hard."

# Your Opinion

What do you like about your home town?

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**MRS. JUDITH ANN RAY, Commercial Department Clerk-Stenographer, Point Pleasant District**



I like everything about my home town, most of all its friendly atmosphere. I believe my home town is typical of small towns in America, everybody knowing everybody and people coming to town on Saturday to shop and visit with friends.

I've lived where I didn't even know what my next door neighbor looked like or his name. The people weren't friendly like they are in my home town.

My home town is a friendly place to work and live. It's small, yes, but it has almost everything else you could find in a big city. I'd rather live in my small home town than in the biggest city in the world.

**THOMAS C. SMITH, Assistant Payroll Supervisor, Roanoke District**



I like my home town, Roanoke, because from boyhood to manhood I have watched it

### Our Big Little Towns

"Home is where the heart is." And the heart of any community is the people who live, work and play there.

This is especially true in a small community where everyone knows everyone else. The small community is the big thing in the Southern Properties. With the exception of three cities whose population approaches 100,000, the main communities where district offices are located in the Properties averages slightly over 14,000.

That makes for a friendlier, perhaps more purposeful existence. In a small town everyone has an important place, an important job. And Appalachian, Kingsport and Kentucky employees are no different.

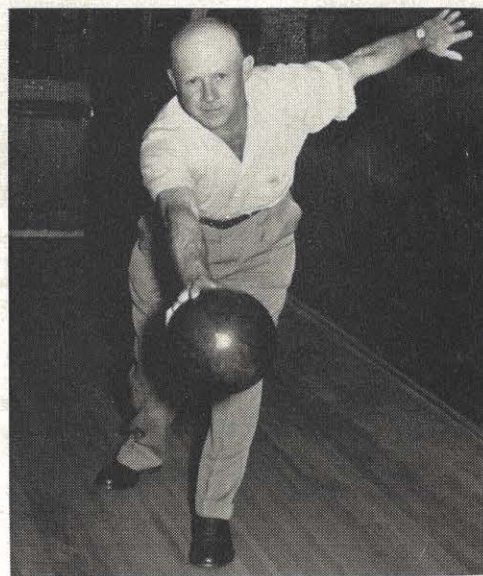
They're active in civic, church, educational and charitable organizations. They believe in being good neighbors, in helping others and the community. The community is their home and where their heart is.

grow into a modern progressive city, a city which has given me a job with security.

Also, it was in my home town that I met my wife who has blessed me with a little daughter, and recently we moved into a new home, all of which is a dream come true.

Being a sincere believer in the "do it yourself" motto, I have spent many hours around my home seeking to improve its appearance. It's amazing what Mother Nature and a little hard work can do to accomplish this.

**PAUL H. ADAMS, Station Man, Logan District**



Most of all I like the people of Logan, and the good fellowship I have with them. I was born and raised here and have many lifelong friends.

I think that every person should be interested in at least one sport. Bowling is my way of relaxing. The same group of fellows and I have bowled together for eight years. Since the league members come from all parts of the county and work at different jobs, each gains from his association with the others. We are drawn together by an interest in bowling, but find there are many other things we have in common.

I like to roll a good game, but particularly I get a kick out of getting together with fellows I like.

**FRED R. POE, Marion Area Sales Representative, Pulaski District**



Aside from the usual things, such as my work, pride in the local government, civic organizations, churches, etc., I like my home town, Marion, because of the recreational facilities provided by the Hungry Mother State Park, which is located approximately three miles from Marion.

About ten years ago, I was fortunate to acquire a quarter of an acre of land close by the entrance to the beach area of the park. My wife and two sons, Gordon and Billie, proceeded to help me realize a lifelong dream of having a cabin in the woods close to a good

fishing and recreation area. We derived many happy hours together on this project, and for the past several years have had a place to relax and entertain our friends on weekends.

**BARBARA ANDERSON, Accounting Department, Kingsport**



Kingsport, even though usually considered a fairly small town, has many features which I particularly like and of which I am proud.

The four churches around the circle at the head of our business district are to me the most outstanding and most commented on feature of our city. These churches seem to form the heart of our city, the center of its activity, and the basis of its structure.

I take great pride in my church, not only because of its beauty, but also because of the warmth and love which prevails. In our church a person can feel at ease and is always welcome. Also our Pastor strives along with all the members to make the doors of the church open to everyone.

**WOODY FUGATE, Engineering Aide, Hazard District**



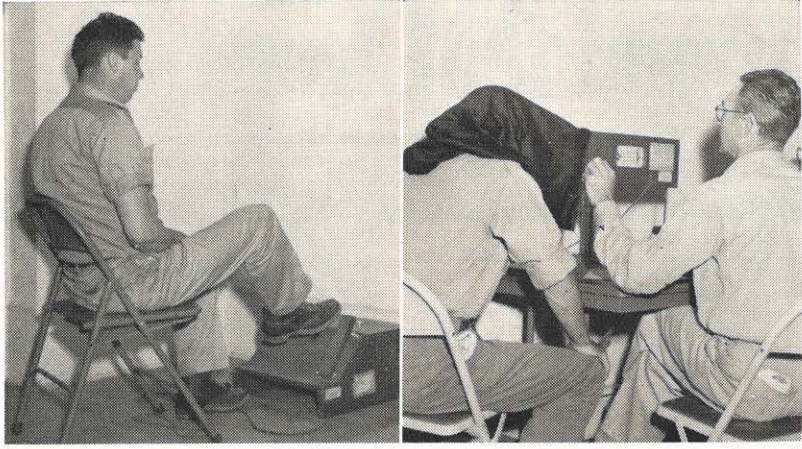
About the first thing that comes to mind is the fact that our town is typically American and about everyone I know takes a part in community activities.

Due to the comparatively remote location of Hazard, it gives me a chance to use my hobby (amateur radio) to its best advantage. As amateurs, we are not allowed to receive any compensation for any of our services, which consists primarily of sending messages originated by people in our town or receiving messages destined for our town from other points. We also relay messages from one amateur station to another. It gives me a feeling of accomplishment and service to my community when I have delivered a message from a distant city to one of my neighbors.

One of my greatest pleasures is just to chat with other amateurs in different parts of the U. S., and occasionally in a distant part of the world.



### Abilities, Reaction Of 89 Abingdon District Employees Tested In Driver Refresher Course



Among the tests given 89 Abingdon employees were these. In the left picture Joe Arrington, meter serviceman, is taking the foot reaction test, determining the number of seconds it takes to release the foot from the accelerator and push on the brake. At the right Jack Grizzle, truck driver-groundman, goes under a black hood to take the night and glare vision test while Leon F. Valley, area supervisor, scores him.

A refresher course in driver training has just been completed by 89 Abingdon district employees.

The employees included those who operate autos and trucks in Washington, Scott, Russell and Dickenson counties. They were tested in such things as rules of the road, reaction time, field of vision, color discrimination, visual acuity for both eyes, vertical imbalance, depth perception, lateral imbalance and simulated night vision. The tests ranged from a

### Hazard Girls Rate High At Piano Meet



Linda Combs Henrietta Cornett

Daughters of two Hazard employees rated high in the 1955 National Piano Recording Festival sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers.

Linda Combs, daughter of Walter Combs, assistant local office manager, won first place honors which included a cash prize and gold medal for her piano performance. And Henrietta Cornett, daughter of Chalmers Cornett, power sales engineer, won honorable mention and a gold medal for her playing.

Linda is also sixth grade spelling champion, member of the Methodist Junior Choir, an honor student and clarinetist in the school band. Henrietta is an honor student at Hazard Grade School.

### Heart Attack Fatal To Retired Employee

Worth Harper, retired Beckley employee, died May 17 at his home from a heart attack.



Mr. Harper

He was a major during World War II in charge of infantry school.

He was employed by the company in 1937 as a clerk. He later held positions of R/W agent, power sales engineer and commercial sales representative. His heart ailment caused his early retirement in October, 1954.

written one on road regulations to an actual driving test.

Included among those who supervised the tests were W. S. Kitchen, system safety supervisor; Jack B. Frier, district personnel supervisor; R. P. Miller, transportation supervisor, and Claud K. Kirkland, district manager.

### Kentucky Accident Committee Meets

Kentucky Power Company Accident Prevention Committee met in Pikeville recently.

Attending were O. O. Henderson, Ashland supervising engineer, chairman; W. B. Garnett, Ashland general office manager; F. M. Jennings, purchasing agent, Ashland; R. F. Millikan, general safety and employee relations supervisor; D. V. Lockwood, Ashland district superintendent; E. C. Cassidy, general power sales supervisor, Ashland; P. B. Lombard, Ashland district personnel supervisor.

Also M. J. Ozee, Hazard district personnel supervisor; John Scholtens, Hazard assistant district manager; Gaine Stidham, Hazard district superintendent; James Burdsal, Hazard district supervising engineer; Bradley Dixon, Hazard meter supervisor; C. A. McKinney, Pikeville district superintendent; C. A. McClung, Pikeville meter supervisor; B. P. Bogardus, Pikeville supervising engineer, and Gene B. Hale, Pikeville district personnel supervisor.

### Service Mark Reached By Roanoke Veteran

O. B. Murphy, Roanoke district appliance serviceman, completed 35 years' with the company May 10 and received his pin from W. P. Booker, district manager.



Mr. Murphy

He was employed as a streetcar conductor on May 10, 1920, by the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company. Three years later he transferred into the light and power department and served as troubleman until 1938. He worked as PBX operator and in the substation department until he was promoted to his present job in December, 1948.

Mr. Murphy is an ordained minister and is pastor of the Vinton Christian Church. He is a Master Mason, Lakeland Lodge, and past president of the Council of Christian Churches in the Roanoke area. He and Mrs. Murphy are the parents of four sons and two daughters.

### Williamson Woman Writes 'Reddy' Poem

Mrs. Florence R. Murphy, Williamson junior power billing clerk, has scored again with one of her poems about Reddy Kilowatt.

Last year she became a "New Noter" when one of her poems was published in an issue of *Reddy News*, Reddy Kilowatt, Inc., publication. And just recently she submitted another to the paper and received appreciation from Ashton B. Collins, Reddy Kilowatt, Inc. president.

She also received Mr. Collins' assurance that the poem would appear in the publication, and was sent several Reddy items, such as earrings, pin, apron, etc. The poem was a take-off on Mother Hubbard and her bare cupboard, using a home freezer as her solution.

### Gifts Given Vet On Retirement



Mr. Leftwich

Fellow employees honored Eby N. Leftwich, Lynchburg district line foreman, on his retirement May 1 with a dinner and gifts.

Mr. Leftwich was given a fishing rod and reel and two shirts by employees at the dinner. D. C. Kennedy, district manager, gave him a 25-year pin, which Mr. Leftwich earned April 28.

He was employed on that date in 1930 as a lineman and moved up to assistant line foreman April 1, 1938. He was promoted to line foreman June 16, 1940. A veteran of World War I, he served with the 80th Division for 19 months, ten with the A.E.F. in France. He is a member of the VFW and the Lynchburg Elks Lodge. He resides at Forest with his wife and son, Linwood, a student at the New London Academy.

### Stuart Man Named Rotary President

Ammon W. Sears, Fieldale district area supervisor, has been elected president of the Stuart Rotary Club.



Mr. Sears

Vice president of the club last year, he has also served as chairman of the community service committee. Mr. Sears joined Appalachian January 9, 1939, in Roanoke system. He was transferred to Roanoke district as an engineer in May, 1945, and on May 1, 1949, became Fieldale local superintendent. He was made area supervisor June 16, 1953. He is past president of the Stuart Junior Chamber of Commerce.

### Teachers Tour Ashland On B-E Day



Talmadge Debord shows teachers part of the Bellefonte station as part of Ashland district's participation in the annual Business-Education Day. H. S. Scott, assistant general manager, welcomed the 24 teachers, giving them a condensed picture of the operation and financing of an electric utility. The teachers then toured the company facilities and saw demonstrations put on by the meter, engineering, distribution, stores and substation departments. The commercial department served refreshments in the afternoon.

### R. J. Leary Appointed AGE Boiler Section Head

Raymond J. Leary, senior engineer in the mechanical engineering division of the AGE Service Corporation, has been appointed head of the division's boiler section.

Mr. Leary, who started with AGE in 1927 as a drafting clerk, was graduated from New York's Cooper Union School of Technology with a mechanical engineering degree after attending night classes from 1927-32. He also attended night school at City College of New York for two years. He has three years' military service.

### Commercial Bowlers Win Williamson Sweepstakes

The commercial department walked off with the Williamson departmental sweepstakes after the regular season closed.

Members of the league requested that a bowling roll-off be run by departments in team sweepstake fashion. No handicaps were declared, and the winner was the team that got the most pins in three games. Commercial won with 2,158 pins.

### Lynchburg Girl Chosen School FHA President

Margaret S. Candler has been elected president of the Future Homemakers of America at E. C. Glass High School of Lynchburg for 1955-56.



Margaret Candler

She is the 17-year-old daughter of Harry L. Candler, Lynchburg district agricultural sales engineer. She will hold office during her senior year at the school.

### Molo Club Holds Dinner

The Ashland Molo Club held a recent dinner meeting at the Patio Restaurant. Attending were Lorayne Watson, Carolyn Slone, Nancy Eads, Alberta Gevedon, Margaret Ann Browning, Mary Lee Jenkins, Louise Cash, Bettye Parsons, Fern Gesling, Iona Koriath, Wilma Frazier, Nora Seitz, Marie Kibby, Felicia Billips, Mary Moore, Amy Watts, Kathy Jenks and Helen Eaton.

### Giant Reddy Kilowatt Calls Attention To Appalachian Display At Home Show



With his shoulders above the second floor balcony, Reddy entertains at Huntington's show. Note the size of his foot as compared to the water heater next to it.

When you're part of a home show in a gigantic field house, you have to have some sure way of attracting attention to your booth. Huntington commercial employees recently came up with the answer.

When Appalachian's booth opened during Huntington's annual home show, a 29-foot Reddy Kilowatt towered over the proceedings, winking his eyes and nose.

The commercial employees de-

signed, constructed and erected the huge Reddy. Made of plywood, the figure is completely jointed and can assume a number of positions.

Reddy, holding an "Electric Living Is Best" sign, watched over a heat pump, water heaters and a new one-piece electric living center, shown for the first time in that area. About 30,000 persons attended this year's home show.



## Roanoke Division

### Roanoke District

R. M. Foster and D. M. Rusmisell, residential and rural sales department, have recently returned to work after operations.

J. M. Peck, Jr., area sales representative, was recently elected temporary president until June 21 elections of the newly organized young Democrats Club for Botetourt County.

Dale Foster, son of R. M. Foster, residential and rural sales department, served as one of two freshman class representatives at Bridgewater College for their May Day program. Dale, a physical education major, has been active on the basketball and track teams at the school.

Jack Good, son of A. J. Good, lineman, has been elected vice president of the student government at Emory and Henry College where he is a sophomore.

Mrs. A. R. Martin, wife of the Rocky Mount area supervisor, and Mrs. G. D. Bratton, wife of the Rocky Mount line crew employee, have returned home from Roanoke's Jefferson Hospital.

Broderick L. Wirt, agricultural stabilization and conservation employee, was awarded \$100 by the United States Department of Agriculture for outstanding performance. He is the brother of Mary Lou Wirt, local accounting, and E. L. Wirt, garage employee.

Mrs. J. W. French, wife of the power sales department employee, has been elected treasurer of the Round Hill Garden Club. She is a former Roanoke home economist.

### System

R. C. Lawrence, system station man in Charleston, has returned to work after an operation.

Mabel Ferguson has returned to system accounting after an illness.

Sympathy is extended Marshall Griggs, system accounting, on the death of his father-in-law, and J. P. Cruickshank, general superintendent system T&D department, on the death of his wife.

Peg Murphy, daughter of G. F. Murphy, system transportation supervisor, was featured in a recent *Roanoke World-News* article. The article told of Miss Murphy's appointment to instructorship in several modeling schools. Miss Murphy is an outstanding model herself.

### Fieldale District

Anita Few, local accounting, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Douglas A. Martin on the death of his father, and Betty Romero on the death of her uncle.

Leonard Jenkins, commercial department, attended the Virginia Farm Electric Utilization Conference and the Virginia Farm Electrification Conference in Richmond May 11-13.

Betty Romero was recently honored with a housewarming at her home in Martinsville. Hostesses were Gladys Walker, Joy Webster, Jewell Wiggington and Josephine Joyce.

### Lynchburg District

Returning to work after illnesses were W. Dowdy Almond, building

supervisor; Jane D. Armistead, senior merchandise order and billing clerk; Sandidge L. Drumheller, lineman; Virginia G. Deaner, commercial department clerk-stenographer; and R. G. Hooper, meterman.

Sympathy is extended Woodrow H. Key, meter serviceman, on the death of his mother.

W. L. Booth, Jr., was elected associate patron of Lynchburg Chapter No. 54, Order of the Eastern Star. His wife was elected conductress of the same chapter. He is an electrical engineer.

L. G. Dougan, personnel supervisor, was elected second vice president of the Fort Hill School PTA May 17.

George W. Stone, Jr., stores record clerk, was elected junior governor of Lynchburg Moose Lodge No. 715. E. L. Baker, truck driver-groundman, was appointed sergeant at arms.

## Kingsport

Mrs. Claude Kennedy, wife of the retired stores supervisor, has returned home from the hospital.

Mrs. Frank Umberger, wife of the assistant local office manager, and Mrs. E. H. Presley, wife of the line section employee, have returned home from the hospital.

Sympathy is extended James Spivey, station section, on the death of his mother, and Fain W. Leamon, engineering section, on the death of his father.

Lindsay Wade, line section, and J. D. Johnson, transportation, have resigned.

I. W. White, retired steam plant employee, is recuperating at home following hospital treatment.

## Bluefield Division

### Glen Lyn Plant

J. E. "Jimmy" Brown has returned to the plant from military service, including almost two years in Korea.

J. W. Barber and N. A. Buckland have returned to work after extended illnesses.

Louis Wiley, J. O. Smith, A. P. Whitt and R. E. Hare, retired employees, were recent plant visitors.

C. H. Yoho, AGE fire prevention supervisor, conducted two 12-hour fire fighting classes for members of the fire brigade during May.

### Bluefield District

William Arnold Perdue and Mrs. Pauline B. Bowman are new local accounting employees.

Sympathy is extended J. E. Taylor, local office manager, on the death of his mother.

### Abingdon District

J. M. Orr, station man, has been elected vice president of the Abingdon Life Saving Crew, while A. C. Hutton, Jr., general clerk, was named to the board of directors.

James E. Prater, appliance serviceman, has been appointed state director of the Abingdon Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Prater represented his chapter at the state convention in Roanoke.



Blood donors include J. R. Warden, commercial sales representative; W. L. Smythers, engineering aide; and W. H. Ferguson, area sales representative.

Sympathy is extended George L. Fields, groundman, on the death of his wife.

Mildred E. Woody, home economist, has resigned.

H. S. Fogleman, head material clerk, and C. E. Fields, lineman, have returned to work after recent operations.

Nancy Caldwell is a new local accounting employee.

Alice Lee, daughter of L. B. Lee, district superintendent, is recuperating from two major operations.

Carson Carmichael, power sales engineer, spoke before the Washington County Education Association meeting attended by 250 teachers, school board members and county supervisory board members. His subject was adequate school lighting. At the same meeting Claud K. Kirkland, district manager, introduced a speaker, the assistant director of public education for Virginia.

### Pulaski District

Mrs. G. C. McCall, wife of the retired employee, has returned home from the New Bern, N. C., hospital. She became sick while visiting her son in New Bern.

Sympathy is extended Guy Beasley, Byllesby hydro plant station operator, on the death of his brother-in-law, and G. K. Sands, Pulaski office, on the death of his father.

Mrs. Dorothy Whitaker, personnel department, and Cecil Buckner, meter department, have returned to work after being patients in the Pulaski hospital.

Mrs. C. A. Shephard, wife of the Hillsville working foreman, has been elected treasurer of the Hillsville PTA.

D. P. Minichan, district manager, has been elected chairman of the board of stewards of the First Methodist Church of Pulaski. Serving with  
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## Kentucky

### Pikeville District

Hester Ellison, Pike County school teacher, has been employed as home economist for the summer months.

The Kentucky Junior Chamber of Commerce state convention in Ashland was attended by these Pikeville employees: Ernest Brashear, distribution engineer; Charles Stayton, senior general clerk; and Gene Hale, personnel supervisor.

Sympathy is extended John Lafferty, Beaver Creek station operator, on the death of his daughter, and Ira Smith, lineman, on the death of his grandfather.

Sympathy is also extended Chester Smith, area sales representative, on the death of his sister-in-law.

### Ashland District

Bill Watson, meter, has returned to work after an illness.

New employees include Margaret Ann Browning, PBX operator, and Nell Ruth Crooks, purchasing department.

Sympathy is extended Walter Keeton, distribution department, on the death of his father, and Hansel Stratton, line foreman, on the death of his father.

A1/c John Huffman, son of Frank Huffman, meter department, has returned from France with his French bride. He is to be discharged soon from the Air Force.

### Hazard District

Mrs. Clark Hays, wife of the lineman, is in a Lexington hospital recovering from a recent operation.

Sympathy is extended Russell Compton, engineering, on the death of his sister.

Sue Carey, home economist, Glendora Fields, Whitesburg office, and Leyburn Cody, accounting, attended the state Business and Professional Women's convention at Cumberland Falls State Park.

Jack Caudill, area sales representative, was elected elder commissioner by the Guerrant Presbytery to the General Assembly of Presbyterian Churches in Richmond June 2-8.

## Huntington Division

### Logan District

E. P. Hager, sales engineer, gave a flannel board talk on the heat pump recently to the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers and the Williamson Kiwanis Club.

Ohley L. Bennett, area sales representative, was a delegate from the Logan American Legion to the West Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs at Jacksons Mill.

Billy Jo Brumfield is a new lineman.

### Logan Plant

Sympathy is extended B. W. Lanthorne on the death of his father-in-law, and L. D. Adams on the death of his brother-in-law.

### Huntington District

New employees include Mary L. Clagg and Audra M. Black.

Sympathy is extended Earl Goodbar on the death of his mother.

Mrs. T. R. Smith was chairman of staging at the spring style show sponsored by the Ceredo-Kenova Young Women's Club May 7. She is the wife of the district employee.

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## Charleston Division

### Philip Sporn Plant

Norman Yauger, maintenance man, has returned to work after an illness.

Don Rea, maintenance man, has returned to work after an injury.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Paul Theis on the death of her father.

Earl Q. Teaford, chemist, attended the annual convention of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary in Columbus.

### Point Pleasant District

W. B. Langford, Ripley area serviceman, has returned to work after recovering from an injury.

Sympathy is extended H. E. Walters, lineman, on the death of his infant daughter.

### Cabin Creek Plant

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stone on the accidental death of their young son. Mr. Stone is mechanical maintenance helper.

### Beckley District

E. R. Biggs, stores, and A. H. Lilly, A. O. Yost and J. S. Hicks, line section, have returned to work after illnesses.

Sympathy is extended H. H. Wills on the death of his brother, and L. C. Molohan on the death of his brother-in-law.

B. H. White, Jr., local office manager, has been re-elected secretary of the Beckley Civitan Club.

### Charleston District

New employees include Sarah Nicholas, division payroll; William D. Grimmitt, groundman; Billy L. Cunningham, station man helper; and Richard Harper, tracer.

Employees resigning include William "Gene" Watson, commercial, and John Bull, system meter.

Sympathy is extended R. H. Clarkson, station section, on the death of his father, and Harvey Allison, line section, on the death of his father.

Pauline Lanham, commercial, and Wesley Zinn, Montgomery local office manager, have returned to work after illnesses.

French Snyder, retired line foreman, is back home after being in the hospital.

Recent blood donors include Guy Mountse, Jr., G. B. Stump, R. O. Walker, F. B. Thompson, Bruce Armentrout, W. L. Salmons, W. M. Abbott, W. H. Jackson, J. B. Eplin, C. J. Crawford, H. L. Bostic and Norman Young.

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## Meterman Retires To Farm At Gladys



Mr. Klein

Frank H. Klein, Lynchburg district meterman, retired June 1 after 28 years' service. He was honored at a retirement dinner by members of the meter department.

He was employed May 23, 1927, and remained in the meter department throughout his company service. A member of the Kedron Baptist Church and the Brookneal Lodge of I.O.O.F., his hobbies are photography and gardening. He is married and has five children and one grandchild.

Mr. Klein will spend his retirement on his farm near Gladys. As for his plans for the future he says, "I have no specific long range plans for the future, but believe it best to take it as it comes day by day."

## Previews . . .

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pletion. The Clifty Creek plant is even larger with two units completed and four more under construction—adding up to a total capacity of 1,290,000 kw on completion.

The two plants are not only the largest ever built by private industry, they also are the two most efficient plants ever built. Each is capable of producing one kilowatt-hour of electricity on about 7/10 of a pound of coal.

Speaking of coal, the newsmen also saw great coal storage yards and handling facilities capable of feeding 7½ million tons a year into the two plants' boiler furnaces. At Clifty Creek, two of the plant's three poured concrete stacks were completed to their full height of 682 feet—tallest stacks in the world; at Kyger Creek the first two stacks were finished to their full height of 538 feet.

Also part of the tour was the 330,000 volt switchyard at each plant, where begins the transmission of electricity via the nation's highest voltage lines to the AEC project in southern Ohio.

## Winning 'Dream'



"Day-Dreams" is the title of this impressionistic painting by John Griffiee. The painting won an award for John during the exhibition of Allied Artists of West Virginia in conjunction with the Creative Arts Festival in Charleston. The Charleston district residential sales representative has now won five awards for his art work.

## Training Award Goes To New USAF Pilot

John C. Gilbert received his pilot wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force recently at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma.



Lt. Gilbert

The Philip Sporn plant senior book-keeper also received the outstanding aviation cadets' Academic Award and was chosen one of five distinguished graduates by Major General G. P. Disoway, FTAF Commander.

John was first employed at the plant September 5, 1950, as a junior clerk in the accounting department. He was granted military leave January 24, 1954, and entered the military service as an aviation cadet at Lockland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He took his pilot training at Stallings Air Base, Kinston, N. C., and basic multi-engine pilot training at Vance. He is now stationed at McGuire Air Force Base, Trenton, N. J., on a MATS assignment.

## Charleston . . .

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Denny Caldwell was recently initiated into the Royal Order of Jesters in ceremonies at the Beni Kedem Shrine Temple. He is a stores department employee.

On the planning committee for a wiener roast for women employees are Ruth Harris, Bernice Dettinger, Tommy Jarrell, Ilene Akers, Lois Walker, Joanne Wilson and Christine Christy.

Betty Speas has returned for her third summer at the Montgomery accounting office. She has just completed her second year at Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta, Canada.

Betty Smith, contract entry and final bill clerk, Montgomery office, has received her diploma from the Jefferson School of Commerce after five months of night study. She finished with the highest scholastic average in her class of 19.

Mrs. Jo Ann Jividen was recently elected second vice president of the Dunbar Junior Woman's Club. She is the wife of Lindy Jividen, area sales representative.

Two sisters were installed as officers in the Westminster Fellowship of Presbyterian Students of West Virginia recently. Carol Cole is chairman of Christian Faith and her sister, Lillian, is thought and finance chairman. They are the daughters of Ray Cole, garage supervisor.

Appalachian and the Electric League of Charleston took part in the Kanawha Valley Home Show May 2-7. The company had three booths, one for the heat pump, one for adequate wiring and one for the water heater contest. Those participating in the show were G. B. Stump, G. H. Summerson, C. I. Walker, D. A. Loy, C. E. Spradling, J. M. Matheny, C. R. Austin, J. D. Porter, Jennings Fulknier, W. C. Collins, O. L. Williams, Bob Loudermilk, L. R. Jividen, H. K. Shabdue, B. W. Whittington, Fred Helm, G. A. Litsinger, John Griffiee, W. H. Minsker, W. C. McGraw and Stuart Foehr. Bob Loudermilk and Ronald Hively were interviewed about the heat pump on a radio broadcast.

# Business Improves On AGE System As President Sporn Forecasts More Growth

Business during the first three months of 1955 showed decided improvement over the first quarter of 1954 on the AGE System.

This encouraging note was sounded by President Philip Sporn at the recent annual meeting of AGE shareholders in New York.

Basing forecasts on the pattern of the company's sales and earnings figures for the first quarter of 1955, the president made the following predictions for 1955 in the AGE System (with percentage increases over 1954 in parentheses):

Peak demand of 3,550,000 kw (7½%)

System input of 21½ billion kwh (15½%)

Gross revenues of \$258,000,000 (12%)

In addition to this year, shareholders were given a good, long look into the future of their company as President Sporn visualized a

15,000,000-kilowatt electric power system by the decade 1970-79—nearly five times the present size of the AGE System. Such a system is forecast, he said, not by "pulling figures out of a hat," but by realistic and serious studies over a period of years.

"Impressive as has been our expansion in the past eight years, in which construction expenditures have totaled nearly \$700,000,000," Mr. Sporn said, "I believe that it is in the next decade, and in the decade after that, our company's greatest

expansion will take place."

In pointing out the company's interest and participation in the development of nuclear power, Mr. Sporn said, "As far ahead as we can see today, the preponderance of power generated on the AGE System will be in coal-burning plants"—a field in which the company has established an "enviable record." On the other hand, he also pointed out that power generation planning for the next several decades must "carefully appraise" the role that atomic energy could or should play in it.

## Strange Bulb Needs No Water, Earth To Grow Purple Bloom For Norman Baxters Of Sporn

The Norman Baxters aren't sure what kind of plant it is, but they know one thing: it's developed into quite a showpiece.

The Philip Sporn plant assistant control operator and his wife call it an umbrella plant, but it's unlike anything they've ever seen. They obtained the bulb ten years ago, and each year it attracts many visitors.

It doesn't act at all like other flowers or trees; it only rots and withers when it's put in water or watered, it grows from the same bulb every year, it has two complete stages of growth.

The flower stage grows from the bulb without earth or water in the early spring. The plant grows from one to four inches a day, and this year reached a height of 47 inches. On top of that grew a 24-inch bloom, colored deep purple. The stem, a mottled green blending into the bloom, is ¾ inch thick. After the flower has died the Baxters will plant the bulb outside, where it will grow into a tree three feet high and two feet across.

This lasts until late fall when the bulb will be dug up and placed in the basement. Around the main bulb will be five or six small ones, which

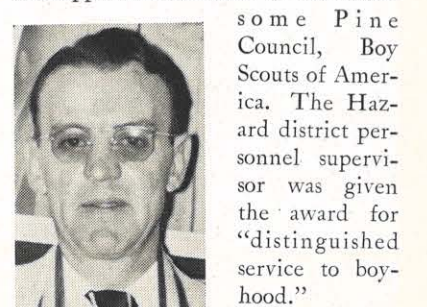


Mr. and Mrs. Norman Baxter flank their strange plant which grows without water or earth and produces this beautiful bloom.

will take five seasons to develop into a flower.

## Hazard Man Honored For Boy Scout Work

Morgan J. Ozee was presented the Silver Beaver Award at the annual appreciation dinner of the Lone-



Mr. Ozee

some Pine Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Hazard district personnel supervisor was given the award for "distinguished service to boyhood." He has a long background in Scout work. He served as assistant scoutmaster of Troop 101 at Lothair during 1938-42. In 1951 he was chairman of the Kentucky River District organization and extension committee and was district chairman in 1952-53. During the latter year membership increased to 564 scouts with a total of 37 units, largest in the history of the district. Mr. Ozee served as a member of the Council Executive Board from 1951-54 and as leadership training chairman for the district in 1954. He is now district advancement chairman. During the past year he was advisor of Post 9, sponsored by the Hazard Presbyterian Church.

In other civic activities, he was chairman for Red Cross first aid last year and for the past five years has been Red Cross first aid instructor. A member of the Hazard Lions Club for six years, he has served on finance campaigns for the Boy Scouts, polio, Red Cross and Salvation Army.

Mr. Ozee joined Kentucky in March, 1933, and has worked in the T&D, accounting, engineering and stores department. He became district safety director in 1948 and personnel supervisor in 1949. He is married and has two daughters and one son.

## Carl Hedgecock Elected President Of Ogden PTA

Carl R. Hedgecock has been re-elected president of the Ogden School PTA in Roanoke County. He is an employee of the electric plant department of system accounting.



Mr. Hedgecock

Mr. and Mrs. Hedgecock, who reside on Route 7, Roanoke, have a daughter, Vickie Lynn, who is a second grader at the school.

## Rescue Course



A course in fire and rescue training, the first of a series throughout the system, was recently conducted at Philip Sporn plant. Shown in the picture is one phase of the course in rescue training—the use of a ladder to remove a stretcher case from a building top. Ralph Weethee acts the part of the injured worker and is lowered down the ladder by Gerald Clark and Elroy Kaylor while Charles H. Yoho looks on. Ferris Justice steadies the stretcher while two other employees steady the ladder. Mr. Yoho, AGE fire protection supervisor, conducted the course, assisted by H. J. Givens, Sporn safety supervisor. The course included the care and handling of injured persons and ways and means of removing them from the danger area. The fire training included instructions in the use of first aid fire equipment, the chemox breathers and the care and handling of fire hose.

## Williamson . . .

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### Williamson District

Employees returning to work from illnesses were Ada Jean Lowe, accounting; Irene Kirchman, commercial; and George Hairston.

Betty Riddle and Mabel Quattro have resigned from the accounting department.

Sympathy is extended W. H. Stratton, line and station supervisor, on the death of his father.

Mrs. Ann Boothe, wife of George Boothe, meter department, is confined to the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Giles recently attended a Rotary meeting in Beckley. They then traveled to Pittsburgh where they visited their son in the armed forces.

C. C. Darrah, district manager, was recently elected to a three-year term on the Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce board of directors. He recently attended the Cleveland, Ohio, coal show.

J. E. Runyon, area sales representative, was recently installed as trustee by the Williamson Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Darlene Trent, daughter of G. B. Trent, engineering section, was awarded the Louise Maynard dramatic cup at the Williamson High School annual award day. She was also awarded the 120-words a minute pin for the highest shorthand honor.



## For Civic, Employee Interests . . .

## Minichan Selected 'Best Boss Of 1955' By Pulaski Jr. Chamber Of Commerce



Jack Reams, right, chairman of the judging committee, reads the inscription on the certificate recognizing D. P. Minichan as Pulaski's "Best Boss of 1955" as he congratulates Mr. Minichan. Photo courtesy "Southwest Times."

D. P. Minichan, Pulaski district manager, has been named "Best Boss of 1955" by the Pulaski Junior Chamber of Commerce.

His selection, based on civic interests and employee welfare, came after a judging committee had studied letters of recommendation. J. B. Brillheart, Jr., engineering, presented Mr. Minichan's letter to the committee.

Mr. Minichan was presented a certificate at the annual Pulaski Jaycee bosses' night dinner. The award, the first for the club, will become an annual affair.

Mr. Minichan is a member, trustee, charge lay reader and chairman of the official board of the Pulaski First Methodist Church. President of the Rotary Club, he is also past vice president and director of the Pulaski Chamber of Commerce, past president and director of the Pulaski Country Club, past president of the Tri-County Tuberculosis Association, director of the State Tuberculosis Association, chairman of the Christmas Seal Drive, president and organizer of the successful Pulaski One-Package Drive, and member of both the Elks Club and Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

He has been district manager of Pulaski since 1947 and is boss of 253 employees in seven counties.

Principal speaker at the awards banquet was Sumter Priddy of Waverly, Jaycee state president, who commented on Mr. Minichan's "evident" interest in others, the community and God, and pointed out that "service to others is necessary

## R. I. Musser Has 35 Years With Company

A service pin with seven diamonds, representing 35 years' service, was given R. I. Musser May 17. He is Roanoke district line foreman.

Employed May 17, 1920, he has been in line department work the entire 35 years. He first worked for the Roanoke

Railway and Electric Company and was advanced to his present job in 1934.

Mr. Musser has seen much growth in the department over 35 years. He remembers when he was first employed the department had a two-horse wagon, a Cadillac truck and a Model T Ford to haul line material.

Mr. Musser, a native of Smyth County, is married and has eight children.



Mr. Musser

for everyone who desires to be happy."

## Bluefielder Promoted To Major In Reserve

Ray C. Heldreth has been promoted to major and received a reserve assignment at the Pentagon.



Major Heldreth

The Bluefield district dealer sales representative is a reserve officer in the Bluefield Army Reserve Unit. He has been given a mobilization assignment as Disposal Officer, Disposals Section, Office Deputy Chief of Staff For Logistics Department of the Army in Washington, D. C. In this new assignment Major Heldreth will train two weeks annually. The assignment was due to his experience as surplus disposal officer in the Mediterranean Theatre during World War II.

Major Heldreth, a past president of the West Virginia Department of Reserve Officers Association and present national councilman, has also received notice of his appointment to the National Reserve Officers Association resolutions committee for the coming national convention in Boston, Mass.

## Huntington Hospital Aided By Employees

Huntington employees and the company recently donated money to furnish one of four main operating rooms at the new Cabell-Huntington Hospital.

The company agreed to match dollar for dollar what employees raised. With chairmen working in various departments, \$6,000 was collected to furnish the 16 by 20 foot room. Daniel E. Brown, hospital administrator, said the operating room would have explosion-proof fixtures, glareless operating lights, air conditioning with humidity and temperature controls, electrostatic filtered air, the latest sterilizing equipment and all-conductive flooring to safeguard against anesthetic agents.

S. R. Pritchard, district manager, said: "We particularly wish to congratulate the employees for their part in making this gift possible."

Employees who served as fund chairmen were June H. Davis, accounting; Reba Henshaw, system billing; Ann Kennedy, commercial; Vic Altizer, stores; C. H. Price, division; and Georgia Marcum, Herb Davis, Al Merrifield, C. W. Dunlap, Taylor Bing and Robert Hughes, T&D.

## Active Youths Are Honored At School



Miss Varney Bob Carpenter

Children of two Williamson district employees were chosen valedictorian and honorarian of the Williamson High School 1955 graduating class.

Barbara Nell Varney, daughter of F. E. Varney, line foreman, was named valedictorian. And Bob Carpenter, son of R. L. Carpenter, line and station section employee, was chosen honorarian.

Miss Varney was voted "most popular girl" and has been captain of the cheerleaders. Elected class "sweetheart" by the juniors last year, she is also president of the Tri-Hi-Y and treasurer of the Dash Club. She is a member of the Thespian Club, annual staff, Dramatic Club, Future Secretaries of America, and class basketball team. She was chosen "Youth of the Month" during March by the Tug Valley Junior Woman's Club and the *Williamson Daily News*.

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

Bob was chosen "Youth of the Month" for May by the Tug Valley Junior Woman's Club and the *Williamson Daily News*. He is co-editor of the school annual, member of the Methodist Church and president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, member of the Hi-Y, Key Club, Dramatic Club, Masque and Gavel, Thespian Troupe and president of the Christian Youth Center.

## Practical Application Of Theory Being Taught Charleston Cartography Class



W. H. Turner explains a problem to employees in Charleston's cartography school. The students are, front row from left: E. V. Glenn, Jim Smolder, E. C. Judy, Ray Hoffman and Bryan Smithers; second row from left: R. C. Coffman, K. C. Morris, Richard Harper and Bill Salmons; back row from left: Paul Skaff, Vernon Costello, W. T. Tibbets and J. F. Melton.

Techniques in map making are being dealt with in Charleston's employee school of cartography.

W. H. Turner, lead draftsman, thought something ought to be done about the practically neglected specialization. With district engineer Frank Melton's okay, he organized the school. Unlike academic classes, which deal with theory, Mr. Turner's school concentrates on practical application of theory. Different members of the engineering department conduct classes on various phases.

Five training classes have been held, making extensive use of films. The classes will continue through December. Mr. Turner, in commenting on the school said: "As the sessions progress, a definite improvement in the quality of the maps is expected. In fact, evidence of improvement has already been shown."

## Air Conditioning Age Is Here; Sales Rapidly Increase In Companies' Area

There is a new age upon us, the air conditioning age.

For proof, take a look at an office building. Air conditioning units polka dot the outside of almost any building you choose. For further proof, walk into a store. Again, almost any store you choose will have air conditioning.

All this proves air conditioning is no longer a luxury—it's a necessity. Sales figures in the Southern Properties for the past two years are a good indication of the national trend toward air conditioning in business and the home.

Records show 2,691 units were sold in the Southern Properties area in 1954, compared to 2,152 units in 1953. A breakdown of the three companies for 1954 goes like this (with total unit increase over 1953 in parentheses): Appalachian, 880 residential and 1,177 commercial sales (441); Kingsport, 118 residential and 71 commercial sales (4); and Kentucky, 225 residential and 220 commercial sales (94).

As for AGE, 4,153 units were sold in the parent company area in 1954, a 75 percent increase over 1953.

Philip Sporn, AGE president, in a recent talk before the Edison Electric Institute in Chicago, called it the air conditioning age. He predicted that present sales of \$2 million a year would rise to \$5 million by 1965, half of it room coolers, whose sales have increased 12 times in the past six years.

And also to be considered is the heat pump, year-round air conditioning unit. There were 53 heat pumps in Appalachian territory by the end of 1954, 22 in Kingsport and seven in Kentucky. In AGE, 102 units were installed during 1954, bringing the system-wide total to 193.

Businessmen find employees work better when they're comfortable; store owners find air conditioning will attract customers; and home owners find families live better when they

live in air conditioning. For these reasons and others, air conditioning and the heat pump have found a real place in American living.



The family of J. R. Burdsall, Hazard employee, enjoy the comfort of their room air conditioner. Sales of this type unit have increased 12-fold in the past six years.

## G. C. Hensley Rises To Lynchburg Line Foreman

George C. Hensley was promoted to Lynchburg district line foreman May 9. He rises to this position from general serviceman.



Mr. Hensley

A veteran of nearly 22 years with the company, Mr. Hensley began his employment July 31, 1933, as a lineman. He was promoted to general serviceman January 1, 1943. He is married and has a step-son.

Mr. Hensley succeeds Eby N. Leftwich, who retired May 1.

## John Nash Completes 35 Years' Service

John F. Nash, system supervising distribution engineer, completed 35 years' service with Appalachian on June 1 and received his service pin.



Mr. Nash

A graduate of Texas A.&M. College, he worked for a year with Texas Power and Light Company before going to Schenectady, New York, under the General Electric student training program. During World War I he was a supply officer with the 144th Infantry Regiment in Europe and then returned to G. E.

He accepted an assistant professorship of electrical engineering at Texas A.&M. and served there until coming with Appalachian in 1920 as engineer in the Bluefield division. He was promoted from Bluefield division engineer in April, 1952, when he moved to his present position in the system distribution department in Roanoke.

Married and the father of two children, he is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, is a registered electrical engineer in Virginia and West Virginia and a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

## Teachers Take Tour As Employees Teach

Cabell County school teachers toured Sporn plant on the fourth annual Business Education Day while Appalachian employees took their places in school rooms.

Huntington employees with the cooperation of Sporn plant employees arranged for the tour. Accompanying the teachers on the trip were S. R. Pritchard, district manager; C. J. Akers, safety supervisor; J. M. Scites, administrative assistant, and R. T. Hibner, record supervisor.

Employees who taught classes were Gordon P. Chain, H. H. Bunn, S. W. Mustaine, Jr., R. H. Smith, C. L. Phillips, C. M. Dunn, Mary L. Sanford, K. D. Moore, P. C. Kelsey and his wife.



# Want To Learn Something? Follow This Lineman

Sam Dunn is a lineman. He's no different from most of us except for his badge.

In the language of our business, his "badge" is the conglomeration of tools a climber hooks onto his belt. They tinkle and clang when he walks, making his occupation obvious and glamorous to some.

There's nothing glamorous about his job, however, if he forgets the rules he must work by. Since Sam began working as a groundman in the Charleston district in 1947 he has become familiar with the many phases of the company's safety program.

He has learned that freedom from danger cannot be bought, that good tools and protective equipment are not enough. He knows the job is largely one of individual responsibility.

That's why Sam makes caution his co-pilot, whether he's high on a pole or driving his car. He knows safety is more than a word. It's a way of life.

Let's take a trip around with Sam in the following pictures. We can't all be linemen, but we can learn something from Sam Dunn that will help us on our jobs.

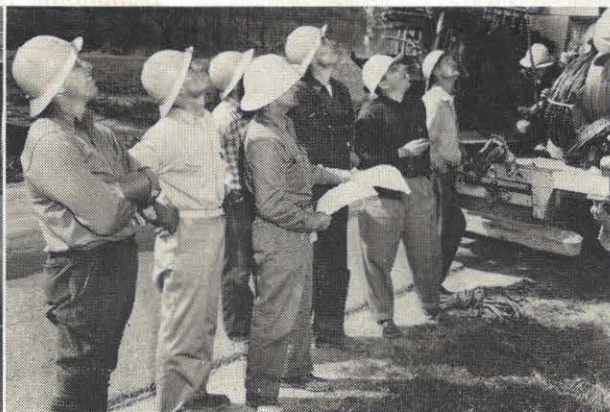


Arising refreshed from a night's sleep, Sam starts the day with a good breakfast. His 1½-year-old daughter, Mary Elizabeth, joins him and waits while her mother, Reva, mixes her cereal. Sam knows that fatigue caused by lack of rest and food cuts efficiency and is a factor in many accidents. A climber needs lots of energy, and Sam eats heartily.

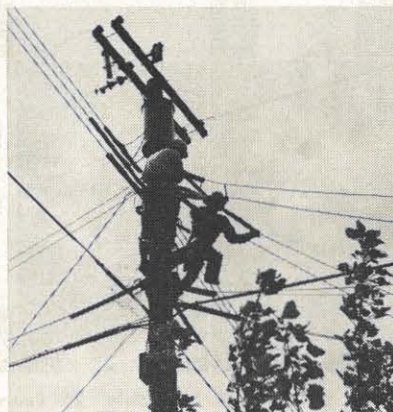
Mary Elizabeth is too small to understand why her daddy must leave. Later she will learn that she is part of the reason why Sam leaves home cheerfully, ready to do a good day's work and return home in the evening. Reva calls, "Be careful." He promises he will be. Sam will not gamble their happiness and future against the small effort required to do the job safely.



Every Monday morning Sam attends a general weekly safety meeting. Plans for the coming week are outlined and precautions discussed. He has a basic knowledge of the job when he begins, but he also will be under close observation by fellow crewmen and his foreman. They all watch and remind and caution: there's just one right way to do a job—the safe way.



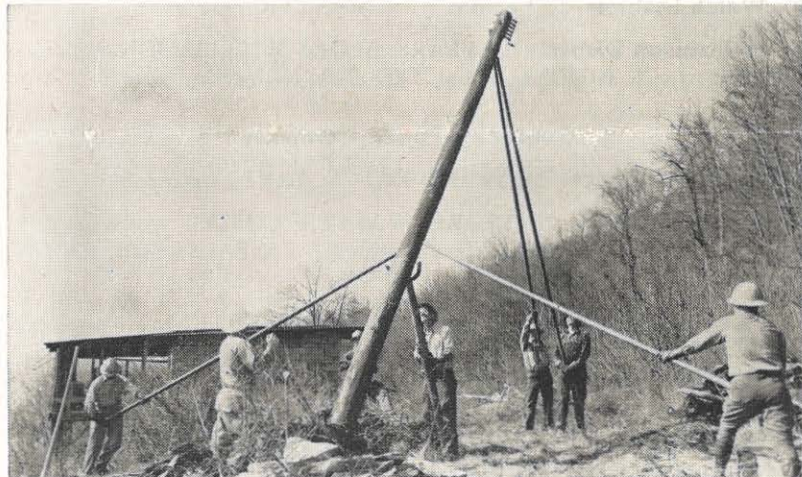
Nobody would think of building a house without a plan. Every job a lineman does calls for planning, too. Foreman T. E. Reed, holding paper, leads the men in a tailboard conference. A visual inspection of the job is made and is discussed by crew members. When Sam dons his hooks and climbs the pole he knows what and how his fellow workers are going to do.



Working lines "hot" is generally routine, but Sam takes no chances. Every possible point of contact is being covered with rubber line hose or rubber blankets, added protection if the unexpected happens. He is helped by T. P. Hull.



Lunch time finds a lineman really hungry, he has burned up a lot of energy. Off comes his tool belt and he relaxes. News of the day, company business and some tall tales are exchanged before lunch is over and they resume work.



Teamwork, important safety factor, is shown here as the crew sets a pole in place. Any individual's value is reduced unless he can link his efforts with those of the group. Effective results like this job come through understanding what is to be done, what the other fellow is doing and what is needed to follow-up in wholehearted cooperation.



No litterbugs, this crew! Sam and his buddies clean up before leaving. Good housekeeping helps safety and public relations. They work to prevent hazards which may cause accidents.



A big kiss for daddy awaits Sam as Mary Elizabeth runs to meet him after another day's work. Reva holding Sammy, Jr. hopes Sam will enjoy the meal she has ready. After dinner Sam relaxes with his family and helps entertain the youngsters until their bedtime. He has a lot to live for. That's why Sam makes safety his way of life.

## Retired Pulaski Plant Vet Dies

Walter McClure Carter died April 25 at the Waddell Hospital in Galax after a cerebral stroke. He retired April 1, 1948, from the Byllesby hydro plant in the Pulaski district.



Mr. Carter

Mr. Carter's continuous company service began in October, 1922, although he served as an electrician at the Byllesby-Buck plants at different times between 1912 and 1922. He was plant electrician and superintendent until 1931 when he became station operator at Byllesby.

Before joining the company he spent some time in South America on plant construction. He often said that after traveling over three continents he still preferred Carroll County. After his retirement he divided his time between Amelia Court House, Roanoke and Carroll County. He is survived by one sister.

## Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

### Bluefield District

MARY JANE DAVIS from accounting cash poster to clerk-typist, personnel department; ELIZABETH L. MUNSEY from personnel stenographer to managerial secretary-stenographer; ANN W. WILLIAMS from junior clerk to junior contract clerk, accounting.

### Charleston District

FRANKLIN SCHOLL from meter serviceman C to meter serviceman B.

### Fieldale District

DOUGLAS MARTIN from junior clerk to junior T&D clerk; JUNE LEFTWICH from junior clerk to junior contract clerk.

### Huntington District

BOYD C. CONNELLY from junior T&D clerk to senior T&D clerk; WANDA J. TOLLIVER from payroll department to billing department.

### Philip Sporn Plant

WILLIAM H. KING from instrument maintenance man C to instrument maintenance man B.

### Welch District

HENRY E. FARMER, JR. from groundman to meter reader.

### Williamson District

HELEN PARKE from junior home economist to senior home economist; DON HATFIELD from appliance serviceman B to appliance serviceman A.

## Hydro Veteran Has 35 Years' Service

R. C. Littreal, Byllesby-Buck hydro plants maintenance mechanic in the Pulaski district, has completed 35 years' service with the company.



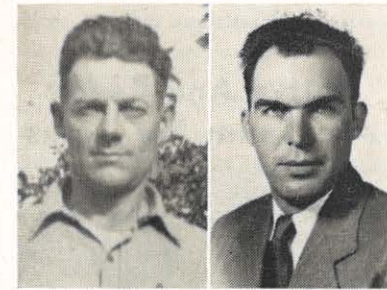
Mr. Littreal

Mr. Littreal joined Appalachian as assistant operator at Buck in May, 1920, and six years later joined the two-plant maintenance crew. Two years later he became station operator in the Byllesby transformer house. Mr. Littreal remembers that dispatching for the company was done from this point at that time—now it is done from Switchback.

Seven years ago he rejoined the maintenance crew. He was with a construction company before coming with the company.

He and his wife, who teaches school, just completed and moved into a new home on the Byllesby road. Their address is RFD 1, Ivanhoe.

## Two Glen Lyn Plant Men Get Promotions



Mr. Brown

Mr. Trent

Two men received recent promotions at Glen Lyn plant.

Dixie T. Brown has been promoted to coal and ash handling supervisor, replacing Ira Wiley who retired recently. And Roy M. Trent has succeeded Mr. Brown as working foreman.

Mr. Brown was employed by the company October 9, 1941, as a laborer and has advanced through the coal handling department to his new position. He and his wife reside at Oakvale, West Virginia.

Mr. Trent joined Appalachian in June, 1944, as unit No. 5 was completed. He resides with his wife and daughter at Narrows.



# Service Pins Go To Seventeen Veterans



Employees who have received pins for 20 or more years' service during recent weeks are shown above. TOP ROW, from left, all 30 years: Venon Galloway, Huntington; Dan E. Lake, Ashland; J. P. Cruickshank, system; W. S. Shanks, Roanoke; and A. D. Rosenbalm, Abingdon. MIDDLE ROW, from left: Allen Blackburn, Pikeville, 30 years; O. B. Yost, Bluefield, 25 years; C. J. Hewitt,

Fieldale, 25 years; Jane Abbott, Charleston, 25 years; W. T. Lanter, Welch, 20 years; and D. R. Whittaker, Bluefield, 20 years. BOTTOM ROW, from left, all 20 years: H. M. Sillings, Charleston; M. A. Goode, Charleston; A. D. Clark, Pulaski; C. W. Dalton, Pulaski; Walter H. Combs, Hazard; and F. E. Phillips, Pikeville.



## Appalachian Electric Power Company

**Abingdon District**—30 YEARS: A. D. ROSENBALM, lineman; 10 YEARS: O. G. QUILLEN, senior T&D clerk.

**Bluefield District**—35 YEARS: J. W. WOODS, JR., payroll supervisor; 25 YEARS: O. B. YOST, assistant local office manager; 20 YEARS: D. R. WHITTAKER, Narrows area supervisor; 10 YEARS: J. D. CASSELL, junior T&D clerk; J. R. MUNSEY, JR., senior draftsman.

**Charleston District**—35 YEARS: C. W. TAYLOR, meter section; 25 YEARS: JANE ABBOTT, division personnel; 20 YEARS: H. M. SILLING, commercial department; M. A. GOODE, line section.

**Fieldale District**—25 YEARS: C. J. HEWITT, hydro operator.

**Huntington District**—30 YEARS: VERNON GALLOWAY, production department; 10 YEARS: MARY K. WILCOX, accounting.

**Kanawha River Plant**—10 YEARS: J. H. BLANKENSHIP, maintenance man; 5 YEARS: JEANNE CREASEY, secretarial-stenographer.

**Pulaski District**—35 YEARS: R. C. LITTREAL, hydro maintenance mechanic; 20 YEARS: C. W. DALTON, commercial department; A. D. CLARK, district superintendent.

**Roanoke District**—35 YEARS: C. T. SMITH, hydro plant; R. I. MUSSER, line department; O. B. MURPHY, commercial department; 30 YEARS: W. S. SHANKS, station department; 15 YEARS: I. B. PETERS, personnel department; 10 YEARS: S. RUTH CUMMINGS, local accounting.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—5 YEARS: JOHN T. REITMIRE, maintenance man; CHARLES D. YEAGER, maintenance man.

**System**—35 YEARS: JOHN F. NASH, system supervising distribution engineer; 30 YEARS: J. P. CRUICKSHANK, general superintendent of system T&D department; 15 YEARS: D. M. MILLER, system industrial agent; 10 YEARS: M. G. CAPASSO, system accounting; 5 YEARS: A. B. PURDY, system station department.

**Welch District**—20 YEARS: W. T. LANTER, head material clerk.

**Williamson District**—10 YEARS: ALOUS WILLIAMSON, collector; 5 YEARS: JACK RIDDLE, junior T&D clerk, engineering section.

## Kentucky Power Company

**Ashland District**—30 YEARS: DAN E. LAKE, meter supervisor.

**Hazard District**—20 YEARS: WALTER COMBS, accounting; 10 YEARS: JESSE PAYNE, T&D department; 5 YEARS: SUE CAREY, home economist.

**Pikeville District**—30 YEARS: ALLEN BLACKBURN, auto mechanic; 20 YEARS: F. E. PHILLIPS, general serviceman; 10 YEARS: ROBERT LEON HUFFMAN, R/W agent.

## Hervey Article In 'World'

An article by George E. Hervey, Charleston district superintendent, appeared in the May 16 issue of *Electrical World*. The article, "Thorough Planning Permits Quick Substation Movement," also appeared in the November, 1954, *ILLUMINATOR*, and described the movement of a substation from Point Lick to Hunt Hollow in 6½ hours.

## Bluefield Vet Gets 35-Year Service Pin

James William Woods, Jr., Bluefield division payroll supervisor, completed 35 years with the company May 5.



Mr. Woods

He was employed in 1920 as office messenger at the age of 15. After office experience in various departments, including general accounting and billing, he advanced to assistant payroll clerk and finally payroll supervisor in 1925. Mr. Woods' job entails handling payroll and other duties for the Bluefield, Clinch Valley, Abingdon, Pulaski and Welch districts; the system T&D line department; division personnel; and Glen Lyn plant.

A native of Bluefield where he attended schools, he is married and a member of the Sacred Heart Church.

His hobbies include baseball and softball. He often spends his vacation attending the World Series. He is also one of the employees instrumental in starting the company softball tournament, and he has attended every one.

## Fieldale Man Again To Head Local PTA

Melvin W. Brown has been re-elected president of the Fieldale PTA. He is Fieldale district local office manager.



Mr. Brown

Past chairman of several PTA committees, he is also past president of the Fieldale Service Club and has served on the board of

directors of the Community Center. He joined the company in 1936 as an office messenger in Roanoke. He became local office manager at Fieldale August, 1950.

A Sunday School teacher in the Fieldale Methodist Church, he is married and has three children.

## Pole Rolls Onto Foot; Safety Shoe To Rescue

Garnie Edmonds believes in the saying, "If you want to leave your footprints in the sands of time, be sure you wear safety shoes."

And he's more convinced than ever after a recent incident. Garnie, Pikeville station man, was working in the pole yard when a pole rolled onto his foot, severely cutting the leather over the steel tip. But there was no injury to Garnie's foot.

He's been wearing safety shoes for ten years. He says even more now than ever before, "I wouldn't be without them."

## Music Fills Air At Huntington Festival

Many employees' children were among the 4,600 high school students participating in the annual West Virginia High School Band Festival May 5-7, in Huntington.

The week-end was filled with band music, including concerts, impromptu parades, and the round-up parade and maneuvers at Fairfield Stadium. There were 58 bands participating.

Playing for the Huntington High School band were: Jimmy Campbell, son of C. H. Campbell, system billing, and Linda Wysong, daughter of J. M. Wysong, commercial, majorette. With the Ceredo-Kenova band were: Gene Browning, son of C. W. Browning, Kenova plant; Frances Rice, granddaughter of Leonard Rice, retired employee, majorette; Jerry Hughes, daughter of J. R. Hughes, station section; and P. J. Norris, son of E. B. Norris, meter section.

Sylvia Claudette Morrison, daughter of Claude Morrison, transportation, was majorette for the Douglass High School Band, and Larry Ford, son of Leanna Ford, record section, played for the Vinson High School band. Bernard Yound, son-in-law of G. S. Nease, division payroll supervisor, is band director of the Vinson High School band.

## Hazard Man Goes To Williamson District

W. R. Peyton, Hazard district distribution engineer, has transferred to the Williamson district.

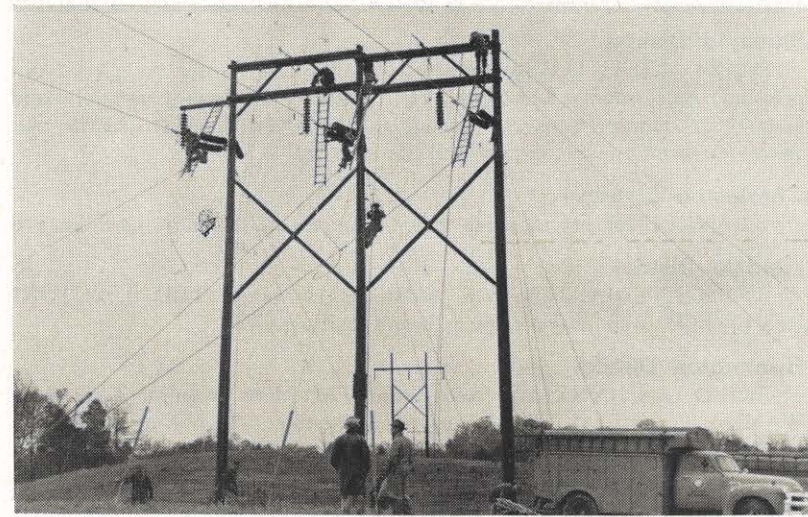


Mr. Peyton

Mr. Peyton joined Kentucky in June, 1948, upon graduation from the University of Kentucky. His college studies were interrupted in 1942 by service in the Air Force where he accumulated 3,800 hours of flying time as a multi-engine pilot instructor. After coming with the company he served in several capacities until promotion to distribution engineer in the Hazard district.

Married, he and his wife are the parents of a boy and girl.

## Bluefield Men Build Kingsport Line



Men of the system transmission line department from Bluefield swarm over this take-off pole for the new 2.6 miles of steel-structure line that now feeds the new West Kingsport station. C. J. Bryan, assistant general manager of Kingsport Utilities at right, talks with a line crew foreman. Recent cut-in operations were done by Kingsport line and station crews. Line work was performed by system transmission crews under the supervision of Bradley Doss, general foreman, and foremen R. J. Fisher, F. P. Wilburn and J. R. Wolford. R. A. Walk was inspector on the job.

## Bettye And Reddy Are Team For Talks



Reddy Kilowatt and posters are helping Bettye Hull, Tazewell home economist in the Bluefield district, get across her talks to 4-H Clubs. Bettye draws the posters herself, because she has found they hold club members' attention more readily. Each poster, done in color, takes about two hours to draw and is used to illustrate the use and care of appliances as well as safety precautions.



## Spinner Test Made In Huntington; New Way Of Lashing Power Lines

A new way to lash power lines to supporting cables was recently tested in Huntington. Called a spinner, the machine showed its stuff before several Appalachian technicians.

The spinner is a round object set on power lines to run along their length, weaving plastic lines around and around the power lines to bind them together. When the spinner reaches a pole it is moved to the other side and the whole process begins again.

It used to be when a cable was strung from pole to pole along a supporting wire, brackets supporting the cable were installed by hand. The



Linemen do some pre-test work on the line before the spinner actually begins operation. Shown are from left: H. L. Back, Jack K. Butler, W. E. Dillon and James R. Drenan.



H. L. Back guides the spinner as it lashes power lines together with plastic lines. Photo courtesy 'Huntington Advertiser.'

new method in its test proved faster, more efficient and more economical.

Viewing the test were Paul C. Kelsey, Huntington district engineer; Frank Morgan, AGE electrical engineer; and Harold Rozier, assistant system distribution engineer from Roanoke.

W. E. Dillon, line foreman, was in charge of the test. Working with him were linemen H. L. Back, Jack K. Butler, Harvey McGowan, Richard Bumgardner, and James R. Drenan; groundmen H. V. Mayo and J. B. Browning and Boyd Thompson, Sr.; truck driver-groundman D. B. Dawson and line foreman C. L. Slusser.

J. R. Haworth reported on the test in his column "What Goes On Here" in a recent issue of the *Huntington Advertiser*.

## Erma Lee Heldreth And New Phone Business Success Despite Handicap



Erma Lee holds a conversation on her special phone. Also taking part are her mother, center, and her aunt, Mrs. Willa Simpson.

A little plastic button is making quite a difference in the life of Erma Lee Heldreth, crippled since early childhood by arthritis.

The button is on a new "executive" telephone. With it the daughter of Lyle Heldreth, Charleston station foreman, has set up quite a magazine subscription business and found she could talk with ease with anyone she wanted, although her arms are paralyzed.

By pressing the button Erma Lee is able to talk without lifting the phone receiver. The voice at the other end of the line comes through a special speaker into the room, so strong that persons in other parts of the house can also hear. And persons in other parts of the room could also talk because the special phone picks up distant voices. She and the phone were featured in a recent edition of the *Charleston Daily Mail*.

Now Erma Lee can make all her own calls in her subscription business, and her success is shown by the fact that the first week she sold \$50 worth of subscriptions. She keeps her own books in her own system, doing the writing in precise and legible hand.

Arthritis struck her when she was

but 18 months old, stiffening her body. She can only move her fingers and her arms and legs a tiny bit. After a stay in a hospital doctors gave her a choice between standing up or sitting down the rest of her life. She chose standing, because when tired she can lie down.

One of her big interests is a fish bowl full of tadpoles, which recently hatched from eggs given her by a friend. And the phone is something special to her besides business reasons—now she and other members of the family can talk to her brother in the Army at Fort Benning.

## W. S. LaFon To Head Beckley U. N. Committee

Waldo S. LaFon, Beckley district manager, has been appointed chairman of the local United Nations Committee by Mayor Elmer Davis.

He is past president of the Chamber of Commerce, district commissioner of the Appalachian Council of Boy Scouts, on the board of directors of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, a member of the Beckley Rotary Club and a member of the board of deacons of the First Christian Church.

## 1895 Problem

Do electric lights cause an odor?

That was the problem facing a committee of three in Greenup, Kentucky, in 1895. Clem S. Howard, city clerk, and retired Kentucky employee, recently sent a letter to R. E. Doyle, Kentucky vice president and general manager, telling of this event.

It seems the question came up during an 1895 meeting of the Masonic Lodge of Greenup. The minutes of the meeting showed that it was duly moved and approved that the committee be drawn up to see if electric lights caused an odor.

## Pulaski . . .

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him are R. H. Love, commercial department; Raymond Sheets, meter department; and Mrs. Gleason Smythers, wife of the distribution records department employee. Mrs. Minichan will serve as president of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Mrs. Smythers will be president of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Claytor hydro plant was recently toured by 84 students and their teachers from the Wythe County Jackson Memorial High School science classes. E. E. White and Kenneth Phillips of the plant and O'Neal Amos and H. B. Newland of the Pulaski office were guides.

## Welch District

C. E. Caldwell, retired employee of Princeton, and his wife visited the office recently.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. Keene on the death of her grandmother, and Mr. and Mrs. William T. Collins on the death of his grandfather.

Sympathy is also extended Mr. and Mrs. William B. Belchee on the death of his grandmother, and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Caton on the death of his father.

Robie Greene, Grundy meter reader, has resigned.

Dickie Boccock, son of the rural and residential sales supervisor, has returned home after a recent serious illness.

Mrs. Alice Spencer, personnel assistant, has been re-elected treasurer of the Welch Wesleyan Service Guild.

Judith Hulme, daughter of the head T&D clerk, appeared as Jennie Overstreet, the poetess, in the Welch High School senior class play "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come."

R. H. Ruff and William B. Belchee, power engineers, attended the Cleveland, Ohio, coal show.

Mrs. Charles T. Southern, wife of the dealer representative, has been re-elected treasurer of the Welch Garden Club.

Roy L. Franklin, administrative assistant, attended the West Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce state convention in Huntington.

Dick Jones, meterman, spoke on "American Legion Junior Baseball" recently over radio station WELC.

Forrest L. N. Boccock, rural and residential sales supervisor, attended the annual Virginia Rural Electrification Council in Richmond.

Carolyn Rhudy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rhudy, was selected "Pupil of the Month" by the Peter Pan School of Dance for April. The first grader's father is a district meterman.

## Professional Touch

## Converting Organ Into Secretary Only One Example Of Jack Harker's Skill

Look around Jack D. Harker's Lynchburg home and you get the feeling that there is a touch of the professional in his furniture.

Jack doesn't claim to be a professional woodworker, but he does enjoy building and converting furniture. His prized possession is an organ he converted to a secretary. The electrical engineer in the T&D department has also built a mantel clock, a drop-leaf sewing table, a bed and a picture frame.

The idea for the secretary came when he sought a piano in a used furniture store. He found he could buy an old organ for \$5, so took it home and started converting. The added advantage to the organ he bought was that it provided ample space for lamp holders and book shelves. Mr. Harker removed the organ mechanism, leaving a shell for the table top, drawer, door and book shelves.

The first job after removing the organ mechanism was the biggest: cleaning the organ. Several coats of varnish and paint had to be removed and underneath it all was the poplar framework. Mr. Harker used black walnut to build the secretary parts



Jack D. Harker turns out a bit of woodwork on his lathe in Lynchburg.

and coated the whole thing with walnut stain.

The bellows area became a deep drawer, and the recess for organ peddles became a door covering a storage space for his children's toys.

The total cost was \$17.50 plus 50 to 65 manhours of labor.

The 18th Century drop-leaf sewing table is a piece of furniture Mr. Harker made from a detailed drawing. The wood is wild cherry finished with linseed oil.

The bed is a Colonial four-poster, also made from a detailed drawing. It's made of solid walnut finished with wood filling, stain and lacquer. And the clock is of Mr. Harker's own design. He installed electric clock works in a frame of cherry wood, of which the hands and numerals are also made. The face and wings are walnut. The walnut picture frame is his own design and surrounds an appropriate picture of wood docks, ships and buildings.

Besides his woodworking hobby Mr. Harker is also interested in music and an active church worker. Married and the father of five children, he is an electrical engineering graduate of the University of South Carolina. He has been with the company nearly ten years.



The book shelves and lamp holders are unique features of this secretary Jack Harker converted from an organ.

## Kanawha River Chemist Transferred To AGE Lab

Paul A. Fisher, Kanawha River plant chemist, has been transferred to the General Laboratory of the AGE Service Corporation at Huntington.

Born in Wheeling, he attended local schools and is a graduate of Duquesne University with a BS degree in chemistry. He served three years with the Navy and was originally employed at the General Laboratory in November, 1952. He was transferred to Kanawha River May 1, 1953.



Mr. Fisher

## C. W. Taylor Has 35 Years With Company

C. W. Taylor, Charleston district meter serviceman, completed 35 years with the company May 5.

Mr. Taylor began his employment as a line section utility man at Cabin Creek with the Virginia Power Company. He transferred to the meter section as a serviceman in 1937.

Born at Marshes, W. Va., he attended schools in that area. A World War I veteran, he served with the Army engineers during 1918-19.



Mr. Taylor

## Officers Elected For Williamson Chest Fund



These new officers of the Williamson district Employees' Chest Fund were elected at a recent meeting. From the left are: Mary Lou Justice, vice president; Henry S. Kiser, Jr., treasurer; George Boothe, Jr., president, and Lorraine Corea, secretary. The club was organized in January, 1954, to contribute to various organizations.



# Twelve Couples Married In Recent Weeks



Brides and grooms among employees during recent weeks are pictured above. TOP ROW, from the left: Mrs. Don Idleman, Charleston; Mrs. H. L. Chambers, Point Pleasant; and Mrs. Jack Seal, Kingsport. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Norman Ray Young, Charleston; Mrs. C. H. Bryant, Bluefield system; and Mrs. Freddie L. Kemp, Roanoke. THIRD ROW: Mrs. Harry Randolph Hodges, Jr., Roanoke; Mrs. Stoney Willis Jackson, Abingdon; and Mrs. Lawrence B. Lyon, Jr., Logan. FOURTH ROW: Mr. and Mrs. James E. Cunningham, Jr., Logan; and Mr. and Mrs. Knute Rockne Giesen, Roanoke.

## McCready-Jackson

Eula Irene McCready was married April 16 to Stoney Willis Jackson at the First Christian Church of Saltville. Mr. Jackson is an Abingdon district line and station section employee.

## Goodpasture-Hodges

Ruth Goodpasture and Harry Randolph Hodges, Jr., were united in marriage at Roanoke's Belmont Baptist Church May 7. Mrs. Hodges is a system accounting employee.

## Goodwin-Young

Barbara Dean Goodwin became the bride of Norman Ray Young May 14 at the Shepherd Methodist Church of Charleston. Mr. Young is a Charleston district station man helper.

## Zanella-Kemp

Norma Zanella became the bride of Cpl. Freddie L. Kemp on Easter Sunday at the Sacred Heart Church of Powhatan, West Virginia. She is a Roanoke district home economist.

## Winter-Cunningham

Eleanor Joyce Winter and James E. Cunningham, Jr., were united in marriage April 30 in the First Presbyterian Church of Logan. She is a managerial department employee of the Logan district.

## Randolph-Lyon

Wilma Jane Randolph was married April 30 to Lawrence B. Lyon, Jr., in the Sutton Christ Methodist Church. Mrs. Lyon is a Logan district home economist.

## Raines-Gayle

Charlotte Raines and Richard Gayle were married May 17 at the Central Baptist Church of Norfolk. She is the daughter of Mrs. Gretis Raines, Charleston PBX operator.

## Brown-Bryant

Margaret Ann Brown was married May 7 to C. H. Bryant in Iron Gate, Virginia. Mr. Bryant is employed by the system station department in Bluefield.

## Bridwell-Seal

Marjorie Bridwell and Jack Seal were united in marriage May 21 at the Mayfair Methodist Church. She is employed in the accounting department at Kingsport.

## Creasy-Giesen

Wanda Marie Creasy and Knute Rockne Giesen were united in marriage April 16 at the home of the bride. Mrs. Giesen is employed in the credit department of Roanoke local accounting.

## Russell-Chambers

Dolores Russell was married May 6 to Harry L. Chambers at the Point Pleasant Baptist Church. Mrs. Chambers is employed in the Point Pleasant commercial department and Mr. Chambers in the stores department.

## They're Engaged

BEE WARREN to Norris Hamilton. She is a clerk-stenographer in the Roanoke system station department.

MARY JANE DAVIS to Bob Carl Artrip. Miss Davis is employed in the Bluefield district personnel department.

FRANCES HALE to Robert E. Crowder. He is a Bluefield line gang employee.

SANDRA GRINSTEAD to Roy McGrady. She is the daughter of A. R. Grinstead, Bluefield division administrative assistant.

JEAN COPLEY to Lincoln Bloebaum. He is an Ashland meter department employee.

SHIRLEY JOHNSON to E. R. Biggs. She is a junior clerk in the Beckley engineering section and he is a stores department employee.

# Bluefield Girl In Radford May Court

Billie Lee Bates was recently named one of five young ladies to represent the junior class in Radford College May Day Court. She is the daughter of L. W. Bates, Bluefield division assistant manager.

Miss Bates entered Radford last fall after graduating from Bluefield College. She was recently selected a candidate for "Miss Charm," and is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma social sorority, Future Business Leaders of America and Future Teachers of America. She is a business administration major.

# Delegate To World Meeting Will Tour Europe For Month



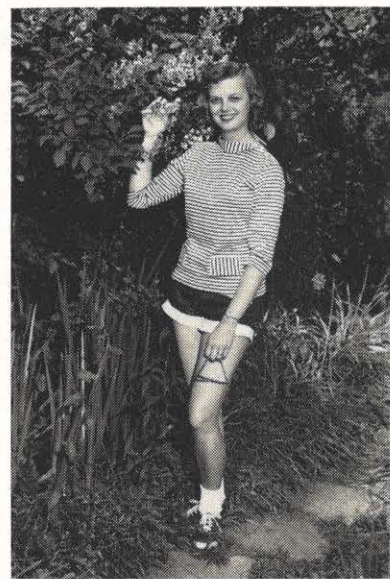
Mrs. Keith Lazenby prepares for her trip to Europe with a travel folder.

The trip everyone dreams about is coming true for Mrs. Keith Lazenby, wife of the Charleston division right of way supervisor.

Mrs. Lazenby, as a delegate to the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is spending a month touring Europe. Mrs. Lazenby attends this first international convention as treasurer of the Charleston Club.

Headquarters for the convention is at the Palais des Nations at Geneva, Switzerland. Mrs. Lazenby's itinerary includes visits to Innsbruck, Austria, Venice, Italy, Florence, Rome, Naples, the Isle of Capri, Pompeii, Sorrento, the Italian Riviera, the French Riviera, Vichy, Versailles, Paris, London, Oxford, Stratford on Avon and Manchester. The group will have an audience with the Holy Father and will be received by Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, U. S. Ambassador to Italy. They will also attend a reception by the Lord Mayor of Paris.

# Shorts 'N' Stripes



Warm weather brings blue skies, flowers, green leaves and shorts. Jean Somerville, Point Pleasant district clerk-stenographer, is ready for warm weather with her navy gabardine shorts and navy and white striped cotton knit shirt. The shorts are fashioned with white cuffs to accent a summer tan. The cotton shirt is a Helen Harper middy creation, with turtle neck, buttoned on one shoulder, and has elbow length sleeves. The outfit is from O. J. Morrison Department Store in Point Pleasant, which has furnished clothes for the Junior Woman's Club fashion shows, in which Mrs. Somerville is a model. This scene is from the garden of Mrs. H. A. Barbee of Point Pleasant.

# Employee's Daughter Is President Of Auxiliary

Shirley Dangerfield has been elected president of the Young Peoples' Legion Auxiliary. She is the daughter of Clyde Dangerfield, Pocahontas meter serviceman and granddaughter of George W. Steadham, Pocahontas meter serviceman.

A junior at Pocahontas High School,

where she is an "A" student, Shirley is secretary of the Science Club, member of the Student Council for three years, member of the Y-Teens and Beta Club and program chairman for the Girls' Auxiliary at the Baptist Church. She is also Sunday School pianist and has played for several weddings.

Shirley Dangerfield

## Neeley-Idleman

Jane Neeley became the bride of Don Idleman May 6 in a double ring ceremony at the Mt. Tabor Methodist Church. She is the daughter of Charles J. Neeley, Charleston general serviceman.

## Wins Mink Furs



Patricia Hastings is wearing the four Canadian ranch mink furs she won recently in a Lever Brothers national contest. The furs, representing third prize, went to the Cabin Creek clerk-typist for a 25-word essay. Mrs. Hastings has been a company employee for 21 years.

## Actively Retired



Retired but not tired is Maude J. McCulloch, who retired in March, 1954, from Bluefield after 25 years as home economist. In May, 1954, she went to work for Dixie Appliance Company in Bluefield, serving the Bluefield and Roanoke divisions. And she's having a wonderful time doing things right up her alley—educational programs, service calls and cooking schools.

ARTHUR JEFFERY is the new son born April 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Hart. Mr. Hart is a helper in the maintenance department at Philip Sporn plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob R. Moore are the parents of a son, RANDALL RACE, born April 18. Mr. Moore is a helper in the maintenance department at Philip Sporn plant.

LARRY, JR. is the son born April 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frontino. He is a Charleston district commercial department employee.

RANDALL EDWIN was born May 2 to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Robie. Mr. Robie is an employee in the Charleston engineering section.

A son, ROBERT EDWARD, was born April 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Pillow. Mr. Pillow is a Lynchburg district power sales engineer.

A daughter, GWENDOLYN JANE, was born May 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arthur Self. Mr. Self is an Abingdon meter section employee.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Ray Miller are the parents of a son, GREGORY CORBIN, born May 11. Mr. Miller is a distribution engineer in the Pikeville district.

A baby girl was born May 14 to MR. AND MRS. JERRY BARTLEY. He is a Pikeville district appliance serviceman.

GARY LEROY was born April 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Chester O. Smith. Mr. Smith is a substation operator at Mullens in the Bluefield district.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lee Doss are the parents of a daughter, DEBORAH ANN, born April 27. Mr. Doss is a Welch junior draftsman.

GUY ROBERT, JR. is the new son born April 28 to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hartman. Mr. Hartman is an auxiliary equipment operator at the Kanawha River plant.

A son, JAMES GARY, was born April 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Moir P. Nowlin. Mr. Nowlin is employed in the Williamson commercial department.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Humphries are the proud parents of a daughter, DONNA KAY, born April 29. Mr. Humphries is Beckley area sales representative.

DONALD SCOTT was born May 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Mack D. Williams. Mr. Williams is a Kingsport commercial department employee.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Briers are the parents of a baby boy, DAVID EDWARD, born May 14. Mr. Briers is results engineer at Cabin Creek plant.

PATRICIA DEAN is the new daughter born April 25 to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Thompson. Mr. Thompson is a Glen Lyn plant turbine operator.

NANCY ELLEN is the daughter born recently to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Keenan. Mrs. Keenan was formerly employed in the Roanoke local accounting office.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Bryant are proud parents of a daughter, SHARON LOU, born April 28. Mr. Bryant is a Roanoke meter department employee.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Allen are the parents of a daughter, BRENDA SUSAN, born May 13. Mrs. Allen is a former Roanoke district home economist.



## Pulverizers Win Cabin Creek-Kanawha Bowling Loop; Banquet Closes Season



Posing with their trophies are members of the winning Pulverizers. They are, from left: Harter Rupert, Jim Britt, Leonard McKinney, Marge Crawford and Roy Rader. Also on the team were Bob Myers and Ted Hemmings.

The 1954-55 season came to a close for the Cabin Creek-Kanawha Bowling League with a recent awards banquet.

The league is composed of three teams from each of the two plants. The Pulverizers from Cabin Creek outrolled the Steamers from Kanawha for the loop title and were given trophies at the banquet.

Individual awards were also made.

Lester Marshall, Cabin Creek, had high men's single game of 246, Jeanne Creasey, Kanawha, had high single women's score with 212, Jim Britt, Cabin Creek, had high men's average of 168 and Pat Robinette, Kanawha, came up with high woman's average of 141. She also rolled high set score of 511, while Leonard McKinney, Cabin Creek, had high men's set with 630.

## Employees Help Ruth League Get Park



D. E. McGinnis, in the baseball cap, and L. C. Mollohan, right, have taken an active part in the building of a baseball field for the Babe Ruth League. The Beckley district employees are active in the loop, which is for boys 13 to 15 years of age. The two men surveying are Harry Lewin and M. E. Curtis. The league has played its games on the Woodrow Wilson High School diamond, but by June the park of their own will be completed.

## Freshman Gets Top Mark In Drill Meet

John Reynolds recorded the highest rifle shooting score in a recent triangular drill meet between Ohio State, Marshall College and West Virginia State.



John Reynolds

He is the son of Mrs. Kathleen Reynolds, Charleston division T&D stenographer. The Marshall freshman was also awarded a ribbon for being chosen "outstanding freshman in ROTC" for the year. In May he was one of 25 Marshall students to participate in a Cincinnati drill meet in which 13 colleges took part.

## Improving Ashland Team Enters Industrial Loop

Nearly all departments are represented on the Ashland district softball team entered in the Ashland YMCA industrial league.

The team, under the managership of Eddie Stewart, stores, has won two of four games so far and has shown improvement with each game.

Team members include outfielder C. B. Preston and infielders Bob Hornbuckle and Don Bolner from the meter department; outfielder Donnie Bryan from local accounting; outfielders Ray Adkins, Bill McKinney and Jessie Centers, catcher Tom Wheeler, infielders Clay Daniels and Bob Muncy and pitcher Shorty Click from distribution; infielder Roy Sallee from commercial; and pitcher Bronson Callihan and Eddie Stewart from stores.

## Pulaski Keglers Finish Third



After the smoke had cleared from eight months of play these members of the Pulaski district entry in the Pulaski YMCA Bowling League emerged in third place. Halfway through the season they rested in first among the 16 teams in the loop. They lost out to the first-place team in the championships. Pictured are, front row, from left: Warren Childers, Bruce McCall and Quinn Harless; back row, from left: Gerald Roseberry, Henry Morehead, J. B. Brillheart, Jr., Robert Carson, and Hinky Dewey. Carson had high individual game score of 155 and Childers had individual high set of 386. Brillheart was league president and will serve as statistical secretary next season for both the men's and women's leagues.

## Point Pleasant Tops Charleston Bowlers

Charleston bowlers invaded Point Pleasant in a revenge match recently but lost for the second time in a row.

Point Pleasant added a 234-pin victory to the one they garnered several weeks ago. In addition, R. D. Tillis had high single game of 205. R. W. Speas saved the day from being a complete loss for Charleston by recording the high three game series score of 550. In another renewal of rivalry, Carl H. Murray, Jr., of Point Pleasant, bested his father, Carl, Sr., of Charleston, by 58 pins. The senior Murray beat his son in the last match.

Point Pleasant bowlers included L. C. Bias, Mr. Murray, Jr., T. J. Rose, R. H. Taylor, Jr. and Mr. Tillis. Bowling from Charleston were C. B. Talley, Jim Rader, L. O. McKinney, Mr. Speas and Mr. Murray, Sr.

## Abingdon JC Road-eo Won By Bill Kirkland

Bill Kirkland is the best teen-age driver in Abingdon. The son of Claud K. Kirkland, district manager, won the Abingdon Jaycees' Teen-Age Road-eo on May 14.

Competing in the annual driving contest were 28 teen-agers from the area. Written tests on rules of the highway and actual road tests of driving skill were judged.

The senior at William King High School, where he has been an outstanding athlete, is eligible to enter the state contest in Roanoke on June 11. Winner of the state contest will get a \$500 scholarship and an expense-paid trip to the national contest in Washington, D. C.

## Banquet And Dance End Beckley Season; Bowlers, Teams Win Trophies



Members of the winning Dyanmos pose with their trophies. They are from left: J. A. Barker, Emma Jean Wilson, captain, Russell Miller, Ruth Cokeley, Archie Riner and J. W. Muir.

A banquet, awards presentation, talks, poem and dance officially closed the Beckley district bowling season.

Tables were set according to teams at the banquet for approximately 95 persons and guests. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lovell and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McMahan of Charleston.

Waldo LaFon was master of ceremonies and presented trophies to men and women who won individual honors. For the women, Emma Jean Wilson rolled the high series and high single game, Regina Slayton had high average, and Elizabeth Scott had high series in inter-company matches. For the men, Eddie Berginnis had high average and high series, J. A. Barker rolled high single game and Mr. LaFon had high series in inter-company matches.

Trophies were also presented members of the league winners, the Dynamos, and the runners-up, the Orange Cruisers. Rolling for the Cruisers were Regina Slayton, Eddie Berginnis, Clyde Marshall, J. A. Kirby, R. D. Smith, W. E. Zopp and Jake Abshire.

Talks were made by Mr. Lovell,

## Teams And Individuals Given Trophies As Charleston Officially Ends Season



Members of the winning Reddywatts are shown with their trophies. They are, from left: Paul Blizzard, Ilene Akers, Herman Summers, Edith Wright and G. V. Loveday.

Highlight of the recent Charleston district Kilowatt Bowling League banquet was presentation of individual and team trophies.

Team awards were presented the Reddywatts, winners, and the Pulverizers, runners-up. The Eyeballers also came in for their share of trophies through the dubious distinction of finishing last.

Individual trophies went to C. B. Talley and Pauline Lanham, high averages of 176 and 163, respectively; "Lom" McKinney and Phyllis Rowe, high series with 625 and 477; Fred Clendenin and Edith Wright, high single game, actual pins, with 254 and 204; Joe Campolio and Ilene Akers, handicap series with 713 and 666; and Gordon Moir and "Chris" Christy, handicap singles with 284 and 236. No person was eligible for more than one award.

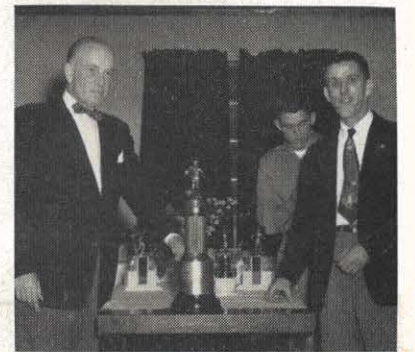
The American Bowling Congress Achievement Award went to Frank Melton as the bowler showing the greatest improvement since last year. Frank brought his average up 20 pins.

The two men's and one woman's teams who won the inter-district

match with Beckley were given Reddy Kilowatt emblems for their bowling shirts. And a door prize of a bowling bag was won by Mrs. Herbert Barker. The bag was donated by E. B. Schoenbaum, owner of the Boulevard Recreation Center.

New officers for next season elected were: Herman Summers, chairman; "Chris" Christy, secretary-treasurer; and Jack Walters, Ben Martin and Denny Caldwell, members of the board of directors.

## Annual Awards Made At Bowling Banquet



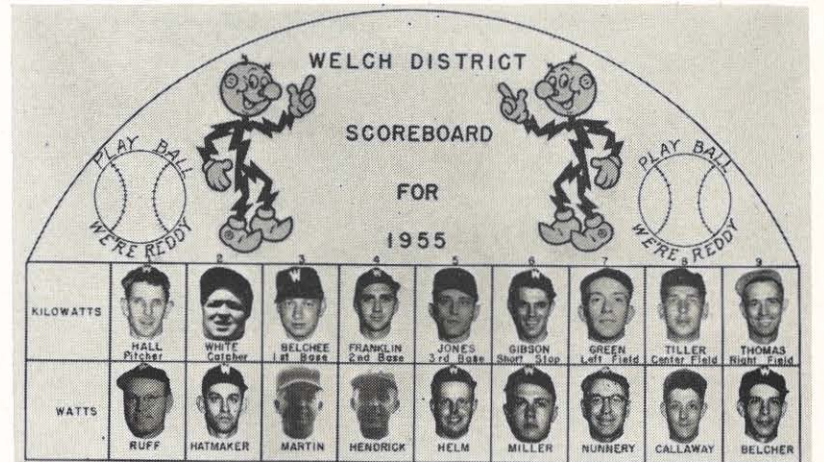
Paul Scally, left, presents the winning team trophy to Floyd Capehart, Grimes' Shift captain, at the annual Philip Sporn plant bowling banquet. Buck Tennant, in the rear, looks on.

Individual and team awards were presented when the Philip Sporn plant bowling league held its annual banquet recently.

Dinner was followed by short talks by Howard Andrews, plant manager, and Paul Schneider, assistant plant manager. Paul Scally, personnel supervisor, was master of ceremonies and awarded trophies to the winning and runner-up teams and individual scorers. Grimes' Shift took the league title and Tennant's Shift was runner-up.

Individual awards went to Billy Thomas, high single game; Junie Gibbs, high season average and Bob Gilmore, high individual three-game set. Gerald Clark received the American Bowling Congress citation for most improved bowler.

## Welch Team 'Reddy' To Play



"We're 'Reddy,' play ball!" resounds from the Welch district, where this scoreboard of players was designed by Roy Franklin, administrative assistant, and drawn by Thomas B. Henly, draftsman. Spring practice is well under way for the team which hopes to join the Welch City League. They'll be defending champs, running up a 23-1 record last year. The top row of players compose the possible starting line-up and the bottom the reserves. Dick Ruff, last year's manager, will coach the team this season, while Mr. Franklin takes the managerial reins. Howard H. Bivens is business manager.



In Appreciation . . .

R. Franklin And Appalachian Honored By Welch Jaycees At Bosses' Night

Welch Jaycees honored Roy Franklin, administrative assistant, as the outstanding member and Appalachian Electric Power Company in appreciation of its services at a recent Bosses' Night.

The Sparkplug Award was presented Roy for his work in the Welch Junior Chamber of Commerce. The certificate of appreciation presented to the company was accepted by A. F. Horne, Welch district manager.

Roy served as secretary the past year and headed several important committees in the Jaycees. He is a vice president of the McDowell County Alumni Chapter of West Virginia University, active in Little League Baseball, member of the American Legion and 40 and 8 and is a 1st lieutenant in the National Guard.



Mr. Franklin

He joined the company as a junior inspector in 1950 and was promoted to district administrative assistant on October 1, 1954. He is married and a member of the First Methodist Church.

The certificate given the company, only one awarded to a business firm in Welch, read: "To Appalachian Electric Power Company in recognition and appreciation. Whereas, these individuals and organizations, ever conscious of their obligations to mankind, and our nation, faithfully promote our civic and social advancement and whereas, in fulfilling this great obligation they become an incalculable force in the promotion of our national welfare; now therefore, be it resolved that the Welch Junior Chamber of Commerce and the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce express, in this way, gratitude and appreciation for the inestimable benefits which have accrued from a cordial relationship, together with the hope that the future may witness the same splendid cooperation."



A. F. Horne, Welch district manager at left, accepts the Certificate of Recognition for the company from Thomas Gabris, Jaycee awards chairman.

Let's Go Fishing

Home On Wheels Answer To Problem Of Camping Site For Welch Employee

Having trouble finding a place to stay on a fishing trip? Then follow the lead of William Hulme, head T&D clerk in the Welch district.

Bill, an avid fisherman, found getting a place to stay or camp a real problem, not to mention expenses. He decided to do something about it.

First he secured an old trailer and started working to make it into one that could carry all his equipment and could be converted into sleeping quarters. The end product is one with sides that fold over, made of sheet metal. They are supported with braces enabling a person to sleep on either side.

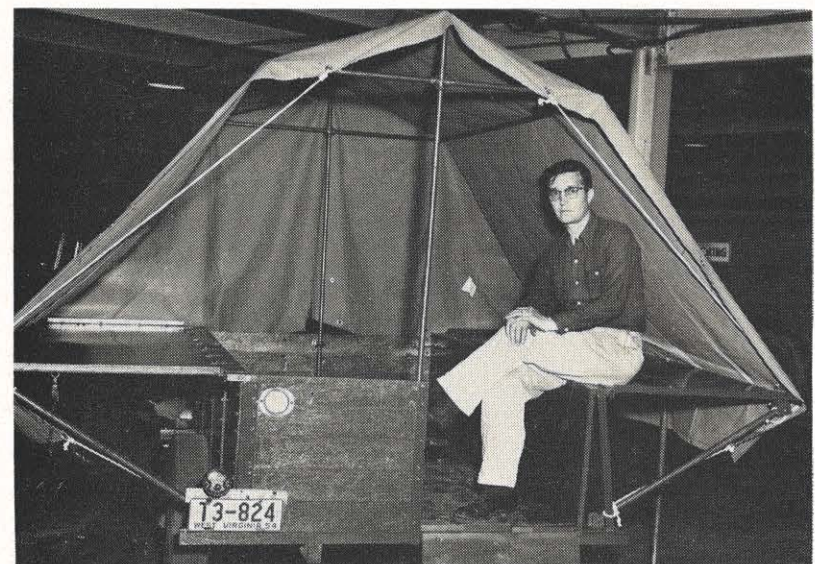
The floor of the trailer is insulated

and roomy enough for two people to sleep comfortably. Thus, four people can sleep in the trailer.

For cover Bill used some old pipe to form a frame and the tarpaulin fits over this frame. The whole thing can be set up in about 10 minutes by one man.

Bill spent about 32 hours building this ideal hunting and fishing trailer at a cost of about \$75. He was assisted on the project by his brother-in-law, Harvey Martin, who is stationman at Switchback.

Bill began working for the company on January 17, 1941. He is an amateur photographer, is married and the father of two daughters.



All ready for a fishing trip in the camping trailer he built is Bill Hulme. The trailer can be set up at the camp site in 10 minutes and will sleep four people.

President Sporn Gets Shareholders Award

Philip Sporn, as president of the American Gas and Electric Company, was presented the United Shareholders Annual Meeting Award for "meritorious achievement" in the field of management-shareholder relationship.

The certificate, signed by the president and secretary of the organization, read: "For encouraging participation in American corporate ownership so essential to strengthening the pillars of our constitutional form of government and upgrading our American way of life, for notable leadership in association with his conferees."

Happy Queen



Beside herself with joy is Margaret Mann, 11-year-old daughter of J. V. Mann, Point Pleasant district manager. Margaret was crowned May Day queen among candidates representing 70 Mason County elementary schools and reigned at the annual May Day Festival at Saunders Stadium. Avonelle Sheets, Gallipolis Chamber of Commerce and a judge, crowns the happy youngster. Other judges were Odie O. Donnell and Bill Watterson, both of the staff of radio station WJEH.

AEPCO! Winner!

Bingo has taken on a new look in Bluefield as employees are yelling, "AEPCO!"

The new slant for the old game came after the district had the game made up for publicity on the basis that there's no point in yelling something else when you can yell AEPCO (pronounced appco).

The game was bought from Bingo King Company. In addition to the AEPCO letters, the card also has printed on it a Reddy Kilowatt and Bluefield district, Appalachian Electric Power Co.

Niagara Hydro Vet Completes 35 Years

Carl T. Smith reached the 35-year service mark May 1. He is Niagara hydro plant chief operator in the Roanoke district.



Mr. Smith

Except for two years at the Walnut Avenue steam plant, Mr. Smith has spent his entire service career at Niagara. He began with the plant maintenance gang and has been plant superintendent, hydro foreman and chief operator.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two sons, Carl L. and Billy Neil, both members of the system operating department.

Appalachian, Kentucky Workers Write Articles For Latest 'Operating Notes'

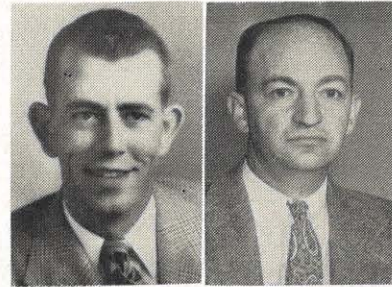
One Kentucky and nine Appalachian employees contributed six of ten articles in the May issue of AGE's Monthly Operating Notes.

Eddie Stewart, Ashland stores department employee, wrote "Rack For Street Light Brackets Saves Space And Time," in which he described a storage rack he constructed for cumbersome street light brackets. The rack, costing \$21, saves space and time during inventories.

C. B. Yearout, Bluefield division personnel supervisor, authored "Unloading Poles From Railroad Cars Safely," describing a safe way to unload poles from railroad cars.

The other four articles were written by Charleston employees. D. P. Newman, distribution engineer; J. C. Wells, inspector; T. J. O'Connor, senior design engineer; and O. R. Allen, senior distribution engineer, cooperated on "Line Capacity Increased Simply, Safely, Quickly, Cheaply." Based on an idea they submitted, the article describes an actual application in converting the Turner St. Albans-Spring Hill line from 4 to 12 kv. The article listed advantages, including lower cost, safety and speed.

C. B. Talley, district manager, and G. W. Unangst, meter supervisor, wrote "Economy Of Mobile Meter-



Mr. Stewart

Mr. Yearout



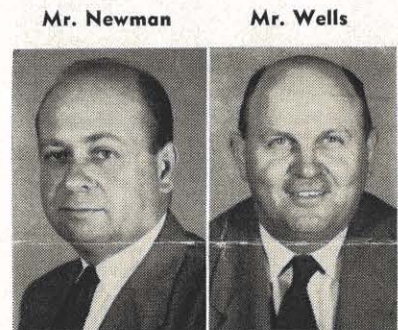
Mr. Talley

Mr. Unangst



Mr. Fisher

Mr. Skaff



Mr. Newman

Mr. Wells



Mr. O'Connor

Mr. Allen

Testing Laboratory," in which they described the district's findings after using the mobile meter-testing laboratory since 1951.

Kermit W. Fisher, division electrical engineer, authored "Adapting Existing Steel Poles To Modern Street Light Fixtures," telling how old street light fixtures were modernized and revised to serve with the underground system in Charleston.

Paul A. Skaff, district electrical engineer, was the author of "Pipe-Pushing Versus Open-Trench Installation Of Underground Conduit." Mr. Skaff showed cost figures between the two methods as they were used in connection with the installation of the Charleston underground system. His figures showed the pipe-pushing method less costly, but he also listed limitations to the method.

Quilt And Table Adorn Collins' Home



Mrs. Joe E. Collins exhibits the primrose quilt that won first place in the spring show of the Southwest Virginia Federation Woman's Clubs. The wife of the Abingdon district residential and rural sales supervisor made the quilt, one of three she has completed. The pattern is composed of pink primroses and green stems on a white background. In front of Mrs. Collins is a solid maple coffee table her husband designed and built. He joined several other Appalachian employees at a workshop belonging to a friend, Bill Clapp, to begin his new hobby. This piece of furniture is the first for him, but he is enthusiastic about the woodworking skill he is developing. Other employees using the workshop were Jack Frier, personnel supervisor, Clark Peck, distribution records supervisor and J. D. Russell, who recently transferred to AGE.