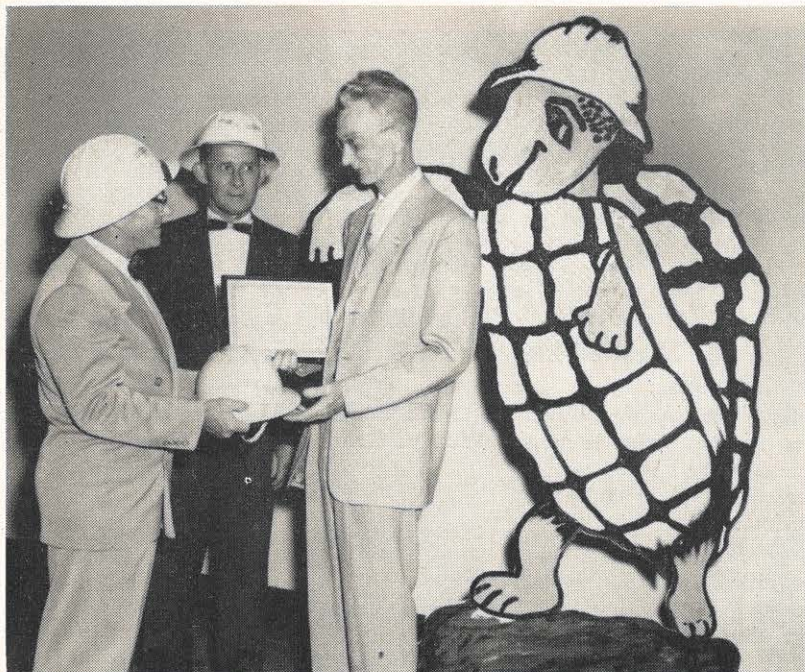


Hard Hat Again Proves Its Worth



Like the big turtle behind him, William O. Settle has a hard shell to thank for his life. The Charleston area serviceman is shown receiving his certificate and hard hat making him a member of the Turtle Club from C. B. Talley, district manager. Looking on in the middle is C. V. Harris, area supervisor. Mr. Settle became eligible for membership in the exclusive club when on March 5 at Hartland station he was in the process of tripping a 12 kv breaker during a storm. A 44 kv lightning arrester, located about 25 feet overhead, exploded. Several fragments, weighing from seven to 11 ounces, struck Mr. Settle's protective hard hat. Had he not been wearing the hat, he would have suffered serious or fatal injuries. He is the sixth Appalachian employee to become a member of the Turtle Club.

Power Plant Nemesis, Iron Oxide, Is Getting Rough Treatment In Tests

An iron oxide study to find ways and means of reducing the absorption of iron in water is now in progress at Philip Sporn plant.

The study, already two months old and running for possibly another year, is being conducted by personnel of the AGE Service Corporation's general laboratory in Huntington and power plant personnel.

Results will be beneficial not only to the plant and entire system but to the electric industry as a whole. Information from these tests will make possible, also, successful operation of the above critical steam pressure unit now under construction at Philo plant, with reference to water conditions and corrosion.

Iron oxide is a major nemesis to

Kingsport Youth Wins College Scholarship

Gene Bryan was awarded a George F. Baker competitive scholastic scholarship to Vanderbilt University, amounting to \$1,000 a year and renewable for four years.

Gene, son of Clarence J. Bryan who is assistant general manager of Kingsport Utilities, was valedictorian of his 182-member class with a 97 plus average at Dobyns-Bennett High School. He is a member of the Key Club and student council, treasurer of the Hi-Y Club, member of the mixed chorus and Madrigalians and member of the National Honor Society.

He won the Music Club award this year for the outstanding senior in music. Last year he was a delegate to Volunteer Boy's State.

NOTE: Receiving honorable mention in the AGE System Education Award competition in May, he's the second of three honorable mention winners in the Southern Properties to win a scholarship. Dick Stidham, son of Gaine Stidham, Hazard district superintendent, won a \$500 scholarship to the University of Kentucky.



Gene Bryan



Forrest Stewart, left, and William Rowley, AGE general laboratory chemists, run an iron oxide test at Sporn plant.

power plants. Iron is picked up by water throughout the boiler water system due to corrosion of iron materials. And this iron, when it's deposited on control valve mechanisms, heat exchangers, turbine blades and other parts of the heat cycle, can cause serious damage or loss in efficiency of a generating unit.

Any reduction in the amount of iron dissolved will mean greater efficiency of the unit; thus the tests. A variety of chemical additives and a very sensitive method of analysis, which took years to develop, are used. This method will measure iron and copper dissolved in water down to one part in a billion. This is equivalent to finding a pinch of salt in 23 carloads of sugar.

College Scholarship Won By William Snodgrass

William Snodgrass of Ashland has been awarded a freshman scholarship to the college of engineering at the University of Cincinnati. The son of G. E. Snodgrass, general field records supervisor of Kentucky Power Company, was salutatorian of the Ashland Senior High School graduation class.

Bill was a member of the National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll Society, student council, Key Club and advertising manager of the annual staff and cadet captain in R.O.T.C.



William Snodgrass

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Kanawha Is Nation's Best Plant

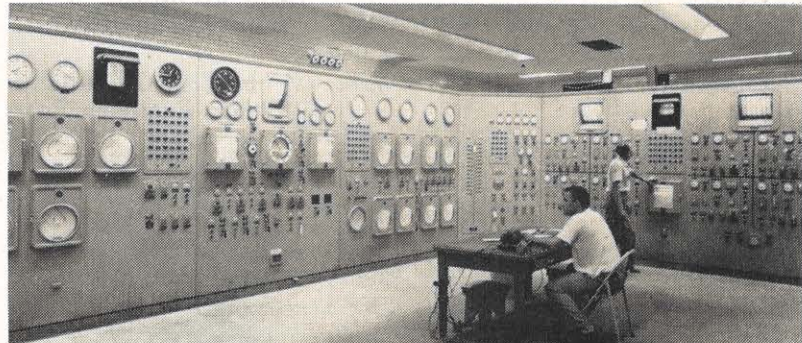
Honored Again As AGE Plants Top For Five Years

Kanawha River plant is again the most efficient steam-electric generating station in the nation.

Appalachian's 430,000-kw plant also was the most efficient plant in 1953. Figures on the 1954 plant standings are to be released later this year in the annual report of the Federal Power Commission.

The FPC's figures, on which power plants can be ranked according to their heat rates (British thermal units per kilowatt-hour of net generation), show Kanawha first with a 9,113 Btu heat rate.

Three other plants on the seven-state AGE System placed in the top seven of the nation's most efficient plants, according to the FPC figures. Tanners Creek plant at Lawrence-



Heart of the nation's most efficient plant is this control room at Kanawha River. Operators watch the pulse and recorded heart beats of many kinds of machinery working together to get the most electricity from the coal fed into the plant.

burg, owned by Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, was rated third with a heat rate of 9,251 Btu. Fifth with 9,374 Btu was Muskingum River plant at Beverly, owned by Ohio Power Company. Philip Sporn plant at Graham Station, owned jointly by Appalachian and Ohio Power, placed seventh with 9,417 Btu heat rate.

Past annual reports of the FPC show that the American Gas and Electric System has had the nation's most efficient plant each year since 1950. Sporn plant had the lowest heat rate in 1950, Tanners Creek was first in 1951 and 1952, and Kanawha River plant has been the nation's most efficient plant for the past two years.

System Operating Coordinator Office Is Moving To Roanoke From Turner

A system operating coordinator office is being established in the Roanoke office building. Most of this work was formerly handled at Turner station, 10 miles west of Charleston.

The move is being made to consolidate supervisory functions of this work and for better coordination and efficiency.

Seven employees will be in the new office on the third floor, some of

whom will be transferred from Turner and Switchback stations. F. H. Lewis will continue to be system chief operating coordinator upon moving to the Roanoke office from Turner.

H. E. McCormack, superintendent of system operations, estimates that the system operating coordinator office will be operating by the first of September in its new location.

Due to system expansion, incremental loading of steam plants, plants and transmission outages and interconnection transactions, this phase of the load dispatching section requires the complete attention of the coordinators. This means that other load dispatching functions pertaining to service, trouble, voltage, switching and other details will continue to be handled by the load dispatchers located at Turner, Switchback and Kanawha. These three will continue to be system load dispatching offices.

Mexican Youth Sees His Goal In Sight With Caudills' Help



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caudill pose with their young Mexican student, Gilbert Hinojosa, near their Hazard farm.

A movie filmed on Jack Caudill's farm has led a Mexican youth to a happy home life and study in the United States.

"Highland Heritage" was filmed on Mr. Caudill's Blackey farm and at Stuart Robinson School nearby. When it was shown at Tex Mex Presbyterian School close to the United States-Mexican border, an interested observer was Gilbert Hinojosa. Gilbert had finished high school in Mexico but wanted to study in the United States and thought that Robinson school was just the place for him.

He obtained a student visa and through the efforts of the Caudills, the Mexican lad came to live at the Hazard district rural sales representative's home. The Caudills have no children of their own and have given Gilbert love, encouragement and many material things.

A native of Victoria City, Mexico, Gilbert worked for the Mexican government for two years. But he wanted a college degree, to learn the English language and to become an American citizen. He can now speak and read English fluently. When he finishes Stuart Robinson he wants to go on to college. In this country studying on a full-time work scholarship, Gilbert is spending the summer at a job at Assembly Inn in Montreat, North Carolina.

Gilbert is now 22, and with the help and encouragement of his adopted family, the Caudills, believes his goal is in sight.

They're Toasted



No, it's not hay. Nor is it breakfast food or a bird's nest. But it is toasted. That stuff I. F. Houston, working foreman, and J. T. Claytor, lineman, of Tazewell, are holding is hundreds of aluminum wires approximately six inches long. And around their necks is a 60-foot triplex service drop minus the stranded bare ground wire. When lightning struck in the vicinity of the service drop, the entire neutral wire disintegrated into short pieces like those shown. These pieces of aluminum wire were strewn in every direction. Houston and Claytor still don't know how it happened.

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Your Extra \$25 A Year

One will get you 25... that's the current odds on government spending. You get to keep \$25 more of your income for each \$1 billion the government cuts off its tax bite.

This fact comes from the Tax Foundation, a private research organization. The \$25 applies to the average American family of four.

The Federal tax cut this year was made possible by heavy cuts in Uncle Sam's budget. The less he spends, the smaller the tax bite on everyone.

Therefore, the \$10 billion cut in Federal spending in the past two years adds up to a saving of \$250 for the average family. That \$250 meant a new refrigerator, a lot of groceries, some new clothes or a lot of other things.

But the catch comes from the fact that cuts in government spending are hard to make. We must spend huge amounts for defense. And more and more people seem to have a hand out for one government subsidy or another. But if we want to spend that \$25 each year instead of the government, the best chance is through Federal expenditure reductions.

Take a look at the business-type ventures Uncle Sam is now taking part in, as reported by a Congressional committee: lends money; builds houses; stores agricultural commodities; insures lives, crops and cargoes; generates and markets electricity; runs railroads; owns and manages hotels; prints and publishes magazines and other periodicals; rents buildings; operates stores and commissaries, communications services, terminal facilities, warehouses, bakeries, banks, fish hatcheries, laundries and dry-cleaning plants; roasts coffee; makes fertilizer, clothing, helium, ice cream, tin, nickel, rope, rum and paint; and sells furs.

All these things have to be done by somebody. But is Uncle Sam that "somebody"? These activities don't seem the kind of thing most people expect government to be doing, especially since they cost tax money. These make good places to look for further spending cuts to put more of those \$25's back in our own pockets.

Spotlight On Youth

June may be the month for brides, but it also is the month for graduates. As this issue of the paper shows, children of employees last month took a large share of honors at high schools and colleges.

These awards speak well of the school training of these youngsters. And they do more. They show the influence of parents who have moulded character in children.

Too often we are inclined to overlook the majority of today's well behaved and upright youngsters who reflect parental training. But we seldom miss the spotlight shining on the juvenile delinquent. We are apt to forget that the troublemaker who gets public attention is the exception... not the rule.

Youngsters like those in this issue, and

Your Opinion

What can employees' wives do to help their husbands work safely?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

MRS. J. G. TAPLEY, Wife of System Station Engineer, Roanoke System



One of the most important things that I can do to help my husband work safely is to be sure he has a happy home and family. I think it is very important also to have him as free from worry as possible when he goes to work so that his mind can be devoted to his job.

A. E. P. Co could have the best safety rules in the world, but if I don't do my job at home so that he is able to apply their rules, then I cannot expect him to work safely.

Sometimes the job of being a housewife may seem dull; but when you think about this question, you realize you have such an important job it cannot become dull.

MRS. C. B. PRESTON, JR., Wife of Meierman, Ashland District



Limited words are a drawback when we're faced with reasons why we are a great part in the safety problems of our husbands. With the constant demand for duties inside and outside the home, an abundant supply of confidence, humor and good health is absolutely essential.

To keep in condition, we must set a routine suitable to our particular family emphasizing diet, rest and cheerful atmosphere.

Emergencies must be expected and to cope with them we must be in condition. Tension promotes irritability which can be avoided by mutual understanding.

To live safely we should Be Happy! Be Healthy! Be Safe!

MRS. L. H. PRICE, Wife of Lineman, Roanoke District



As a housewife, I have found this to be the best way to help my husband work safely:

Be sure to see that he gets up in plenty of time to eat a good breakfast, and then to get to work without hurrying.

If you have problems to talk over, wait until after work hours when you will have plenty of time to discuss them.

That way, he will have his mind free to attend to his work.

MRS. C. E. MURPHY, Wife of Auxiliary Equipment Operator, Kanawha River Plant



Ten years ago when I made the statement, "I do," little did I realize then I would be classed as a safety counselor; but a housewife can help in so many ways to make her husband's work safer.

Two of the greatest duties of the housewife is providing her family with a well-balanced diet and maintaining a

countless others, should help remind us that youth today is just as ready to start on life's road as any other generation has ever been.

happy, cheerful atmosphere in the home. When these things exist in the home, in most cases there is contentment; and when people are happy, they are alert and careful and, above all, safety-conscious.

We, as housewives, are more or less like the followers of a baseball team. If we "back" our team we are bound to have winners, reminding them always to arrive at homeplate safely.

MRS. ORVILLE NAPIER, Wife of Mechanical Maintenance Helper, Logan Plant



A contented and happy home is the most important factor in the safety of the ones in the home. I first want to make sure that I have done my part to bring this about.

I always caution my husband upon leaving for work to "BE CAREFUL" and make sure he has a well prepared lunch, since I have learned the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. I check his clothing to make sure there is no fringe to endanger him while coming in contact with moving machinery.

When Orville comes home from work I meet him with a friendly smile and a "hello dear." I try to make his life too pleasant for him to be careless.

MRS. JAMES R. DRENAN, Wife of Lineman, Huntington District



Being a lineman, my husband is naturally safety-minded but there are still a few things wives can do at home to help their husbands. There are three things that I try to do.

Fix three nourishing meals (especially breakfast) each day. It takes a lot of energy to go up and down those poles. Keep his clothes mended so there is no danger of snagging them on anything as he works. Try not to worry him with my trivial problems of running the house, such as the budget or my arguments with the neighbors.

And last, but not least, keep myself (and our son) fresh and pleasant so he will look forward to coming home each day. Since a wife can't go out on the job and help, every little thing she does at home helps.

MRS. MARSHALL LEE HUMPHREYS, Wife of Groundman, Charleston District



A few essential things a wife can do for a safe working day for her husband is to start him off with a nice hearty breakfast, a trouble-free mind and make him realize how important it is for him to work safely, as he is the wage earner for his family.

A wife should take an active interest in her husband's recreation, seeing that he has leisure time to rest his mind, so that he can concentrate on working safely on the job.

The most important thing is to have a happy home life; and in order to have a happy home life, they both should turn to God for guidance.

MRS. TED HURST, Wife of Lineman, Pulaski District



It is my opinion that safety starts at home with the family. The household should be a pleasant one, with harmony among its members. Bible reading, with comments by the husband and other members of the family, makes a proper start for the day.

When the husband and father is leaving for the day's work and bids his family goodbye, it is the duty of the wife to remind him to "work carefully today," "we are looking forward to seeing you return from work" and "remember to be careful for the sake of all of us." And there should not be home responsibilities to interfere with keeping his mind strictly on his work, and a wife can do much along this line.

MRS. E. H. PRESLEY, Wife of Lineman, Kingsport



I think employees' wives can help their husbands to work more safely by encouraging them to be sure they understand how to handle different voltage wires safely, to use proper safety equipment and to work so they will not be hazard to their fellow employees.

Since my husband is a lineman, it is important that he keep his mind on his work when in a dangerous position among high voltage wires. I help see to it that he has as few home problems and worries as possible, that he stays in good health by getting sufficient rest and eats a man-size breakfast each morning before leaving for work.

Reddy Rates Replies

(NOTE: The new Reddy Kilowatt courtesy notice has prompted many replies from customers.)

I am so terribly ashamed. For this delay I, alone, am to blame. At night you make my home as light as day. You also make my radio and TV play. You freeze ice cubes, wash my clothes and make my iron hot. In fact, I guess you're really the most useful friend I've got. When your bill came, I'm sorry to say, I brought it in and laid it away. When pay day rolled around, it slipped my mind. Please forgive me, Reddy, I'll try to be more prompt next time.

—A ROANOKE CUSTOMER

Code Of The Road

I will:

- share the road by driving in the proper lane
- allow ample clearance after passing
- yield the right of way to other drivers
- give proper signals for turns and stops
- dim my headlights when meeting or following vehicles
- respect traffic laws, signs, signals and road markers
- adjust my driving to road, traffic and weather conditions.

Recent Service Pins Earned By 19 Veterans



Veterans receiving pins for 20 or more years' service in the three companies during recent weeks are pictured above. TOP ROW, from left, all 30 years: Clayton W. Dunlap, Huntington; L. E. Riggs, Bluefield; W. T. Elswick, Bluefield; and C. B. Talley, Charleston. SECOND ROW, from left: Calvin Cyfers, Logan, 30 years; Julius Hall, Jr., system, 30 years; T. S. Weatherman, Pulaski, 30 years; J. A. Barns, Welch, 25 years; and R. E. Doyle, Jr., Ash-

land, 25 years. THIRD ROW, from left: G. D. Griffin, system, 25 years; F. L. Carrico, Pulaski, 25 years; H. D. Morrison, Logan plant, 20 years; T. H. Johnson, Logan plant, 20 years; and O. R. Allen, Charleston, 20 years. BOTTOM ROW, from left, all 20 years: Gaine Stidham, Hazard; E. C. Rankin, system; R. A. Armistead, Roanoke; J. W. Bolton, Kingsport; and Duke C. Wright, Welch.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—15 YEARS: E. V. SMITH, station operator.

Beckley District—5 YEARS: O. C. HALL, Oak Hill area supervisor.

Bluefield District—30 YEARS: W. T. ELSWICK, station operator; L. E. RIGGS, line inspector; 10 YEARS: L. F. MCPHERSON, assistant district manager.

Charleston District—30 YEARS: C. B. TALLEY, district manager; 20 YEARS: O. R. ALLEN, line engineer; 15 YEARS: GEORGE E. HERVEY, district superintendent; 10 YEARS: JOHN HULL, JR., lineman; C. R. METZ, area serviceman; T. K. RHODES, truck driver-groundman.

Huntington District—30 YEARS: CLAYTON W. DUNLAP, meter supervisor; 15 YEARS: THEODORE R. SMITH, station man; 5 YEARS: WILLIAM T. LOCKE, meter serviceman; WILLIAM A. SANSFIELD, meterman; WILLIAM R. WAGNER, power sales engineer.

Logan District—30 YEARS: CALVIN CYFERS, groundman; 5 YEARS: EDWARD J. WOOD, power engineer.

Logan Plant—20 YEARS: T. H. JOHNSON, guard; H. D. MORRISON, auxiliary equipment operator.

Point Pleasant District—10 YEARS: O. W. HESSON, groundman.

Pulaski District—30 YEARS: T. S. WEATHERMAN, hydro maintenance mechanic; 25 YEARS: F. L. CARRICO, stores supervisor; 15 YEARS: S. A. DEWEY, power sales engineer; 10 YEARS: H. B. SHEPHERD, meter serviceman; L. H. ROBINSON, lineman; J. B. BRILLHEART, JR., draftsman.

Roanoke District—20 YEARS: R. A. ARMISTEAD, line and station supervisor; 5 YEARS: E. T. JONES, JR., assistant credit supervisor; R. N. LOWMAN, groundman; L. F. HOGAN, groundman.

Philip Sporn Plant—15 YEARS: WILLIAM G. BARONICK, assistant payroll supervisor; 5 YEARS: EDGAR C. LAYNE, janitor; WILLIAM D. COSSIN, assistant control operator; GEORGE L. WRIGHT, maintenance man; HARRY A. PICKENS, conveyor operator; RALPH V. GIBBS, janitor.

System—30 YEARS: JULIUS HALL, JR., system commercial manager; 25 YEARS: G. D. GRIFFIN, system stores supervisor; 20 YEARS: E. C. RANKIN, system supervising station engineer; 10 YEARS: GUYDA HALL, system accounting secretary; 5 YEARS: A. G. THORNTON, JR., system electrical engineer; H. M. HALL, system relay engineer.

Welch District—25 YEARS: J. A. BARNES, district engineer; 20 YEARS: D. C. WRIGHT, record supervisor; MAXWELL SPRAKER, working foreman.

Williamson District—10 YEARS: M. A. COLE, commercial sales representative; B. L. CURRY, lineman; ALBERTA DEWESE, secretarial-stenographer.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District—25 YEARS: R. E. DOYLE, JR., vice president and general manager.

Hazard District—20 YEARS: GAINE STIDHAM, district superintendent; 10 YEARS: J. D. FAIRCHILD, engineering.

Pikeville District—10 YEARS: BILL HARRIS, meter reader; RAYMOND SCOTT, lineman; CHARLES RATLIFF, truck driver-groundman.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

20 YEARS: J. W. BOLTON, assistant meter supervisor; 10 YEARS: LENA HENSLEY, clerk-stenographer.

New Welch Club Elects Officers



These Welch district employees were elected officers in the newly formed Recreation Club. They are from left: Perry Hatmaker, president; Frances Brooks, vice president; Elizabeth Ricci, secretary; and Mamie Mills, treasurer.

Roanoker's Son Is Given High Honor

Cadet William Irvine Whitefield, Jr., received one of two Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards at Virginia Military Institute commencement exercises. A member of the graduating class, he is the son of W. I. Whitefield, Roanoke division manager.



Cadet Whitefield

The large plaque is awarded for "fine spiritual qualities applied to daily living." Cadet Whitefield, who received a B. A. degree with a major in history, plans to study for the ministry.

Active on the Religious Council, he wrote a weekly column for the student newspaper about religious topics and activities. He had served as president and secretary of the Methodist Club and member of the International Relations Club, History Club and Roanoke Club.

The award is presented by the New York Southern Society commemorating its first president, Algernon Sydney Sullivan who was a lawyer in New York.

Jewell Ridge Is Bought

Appalachian has purchased from the Jewell Ridge Coal Corporation in Tazewell County a part of their distribution facilities in the Jewell Ridge community serving 123 customers.

Trumpet Playing Leads To All County Selection

Leslie Farthing can really blow a trumpet. He was selected for the All-County Band and took part in the All-County Band Festival.



Leslie Farthing

The 14-year-old son of G. S. Farthing, Kanawha River plant control operator, played in the school orchestra and is now playing in Londerree's Little League Band in Charleston.

Elected To Post



William Barker, left, received his post charter from Melvin C. Cox, DAV state commander from Norfolk. The Marion meter reader in the Pulaski district was recently elected commander of the Smyth County DAV post. He is a veteran of World War II, serving in a tank division in Europe. He started with the company in 1945 as a groundman and has been a meter reader since 1948.

Abingdon Reservist Enters Air Force

Carson Carmichael, Abingdon power sales engineer, reported for active duty with the Air Force June 30.



Mr. Carmichael

He reported to the Air Development Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. A graduate of Clemson College, he received his ROTC training at school. Since graduation he has been a member of the Air Force Reserve and will enter service as a first lieutenant.

Mr. Carmichael has been an employee since July 1, 1948, when he started as an agricultural engineer. He is married and the father of a son.

Ripley Girl Given Top Rainbow Honor

Jeanne Sallaz has been awarded the Grand Cross of Color by the Supreme Assembly of the Order of Rainbow for Girls. She is the daughter of W. O. Sallaz, line foreman at Ripley in the Point Pleasant district.

She received the degree at the recent session of the Grand Assembly of the West Virginia Jurisdiction in Charleston. The Grand Cross of Color is the highest honor accorded a Rainbow girl. It is conferred only on those who have given unselfishly of their time and talent to Rainbow and must come as a result of service.

Happenings...

Around the Circuit

... among employees and their families

Charleston Division

Beckley District

J. S. McLain, Oak Hill line foreman, has been elected to a seat on the Oak Hill city council.

Mrs. R. H. Price, wife of the Rainelle area serviceman, was elected president of the Rupert Junior Woman's Club.

Mrs. Frances Jones, Rainelle senior cashier clerk, has been elected first vice president of the East Rainelle Business and Professional Woman's Club.

Employees of the Rainelle office presented Emory R. Miller with a farewell gift on his transfer to Oak Hill.

Billie Ann Anderson, Rainelle home economist, is now recuperating at home after an automobile accident April 7. She spent several weeks in the hospital.

W. E. Zopp and Waldo S. LaFon arranged a safety program recently for the Peerless Packing Company of Beckley.

Sympathy is extended R. R. Smith, line section, on the death of his father.

Randy Woodyard, Robert Klaus, Ralph Lawson, Larry Massey and Douglas Crawford, engineering students, have been employed for the summer.

Kanawha River Plant

Taking part in the Junior Festival of West Virginia Federation of Music Clubs was Jerry Burnette, son of Carter Burnette, safety supervisor.

Recent blood donors included W. B. Abele, Earl Adkins and J. B. Armstrong.

Point Pleasant District

Clarence S. Donahue is a new groundman.

T. A. Jewell, T&D, has returned to work after an extended illness.

J. L. Darby, agricultural sales engineer, was elected chairman of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers at a recent meeting at Jackson's Mill.

Mrs. H. E. Walters, wife of the Ripley lineman, has returned home after a recent operation.

Sympathy is extended C. W. Jewell, area serviceman, on the death of his mother-in-law, and H. L. Chambers, stores, on the death of his mother.

Cabin Creek Plant

Sympathy is extended L. C. Williams on the death of his mother.

Philip Sporn Plant

Recently employed as temporary laborers were Charles L. Stanley, John W. Taylor, Jr., John H. Taylor, Sr., Jack H. Ford, Vergil M. Weaver, Richard E. Athey, Ronald E. Gillilan, Robert L. Dennison and

Theodore C. Fisher. New junior clerks are Mary Margaret Stewart and Frances Lonna Weaver.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Leonard on the death of her father. Mr. Leonard is auxiliary equipment operator.

Robert Cooke, instrument maintenance man, has returned to work after recovering from an operation, and John N. Lewis, barge attendant, has returned after recuperating from an injury.

Frank Harris, guard, and Ferris Justice, maintenance man, have been honored by the district executive of Meigs-Gallia-Mason for their work with the Mason Scout Troop.

New officials of the New Haven Woman's Club include Mrs. Tom Hoffman, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Johnston, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Edwin Stein, treasurer. Mr. Hoffman is control operator, Mr. Johnston is test engineer, and Mr. Stein is maintenance foreman.

Charles Crow, control operator, has been appointed to the basement building committee of the Letart Methodist Church.

Luther O. Smith, junior maintenance man, and James Stewart, temporary laborer, both members of the National Guard, left for their annual two-week training encampment at Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

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Kentucky

Hazard District

Patricia Farmer is a summer student home economist. She is a senior at Centre College.

Eunice Dixon, accounting, has returned to work after an illness.

Employees of the Hazard office enjoyed a wiener roast at the new Boy Scout Camp at Ary.

Ashland District

New employees include Nancie Lee Stone and Shelby Francis Wilburn, home economists, and Barbara Wells, main accounting.

Sympathy is extended John Weidenheller, meter, on the death of his mother, and David Criswell, area sales representative, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Pikeville District

Glenn Archie Smith, L. J. Horne, Jr., and Herbert Chaney have been employed for the summer as student engineers.

Sympathy is extended C. J. Aders, station operator, Beaver Creek station, on the death of his step-father.

Hylton Williamson, lineman, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Charles Campbell, general serviceman, has returned to work after recovering from an injury.

Fannie Mae Potter, credit and collection clerk, and Glema Tackett, meter clerk-typist, have resigned.

Roanoke Division

Lynchburg District

John T. Baxter, West Virginia University student, and J. P. Higgins, VPI student, are summer junior draftsmen.

George W. Stone, Jr., stores clerk, was elected to the board of directors of the Amherst Junior Chamber of Commerce for a two-year term.

Chester E. Stahl, district engineer, has resigned. Employees gave him a monogrammed briefcase as a parting gift.

Roanoke District

Frank D. Wells was elected grand treasurer at the Grand Council Convention of the United Commercial Travelers of America in Richmond recently. He and J. G. Brittain attended the convention. Both work in local accounting.

Sympathy is extended J. K. Hutcherson, stores, on the death of his father, and R. E. Barkley, line and station, on the death of his mother.

M. E. Maxey, residential sales representative, has been elected second vice president of the Vinton Lions Club. Mr. Maxey attended the recent Lions Convention in Atlantic City.

Col. John B. Whitmore, division commercial manager, recently was graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Meade. He is a reserve officer.

Marlene Lucas is a new home economist.

Shirley Willhide is a student home economist.

Fieldale District

Betty Baker, commercial, and Nancy Kitts, meter, attended the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Church recently at Norfolk.

Harold G. Martin, T&D, has resigned.

Gill Merriman, son of Derwood Merriman, station man, is showing improvement after a recent operation at Greensboro's Cone Memorial Hospital.

James Clinton Luther, local accounting, has returned to work after a military leave of absence.

System

Curtis H. Bondurant has returned to the system station department after graduating from VPI with a degree in electrical engineering.

John E. Blair and W. M. Connor are new system station employees.

Returning home from the hospital were Mrs. R. R. Hawkins, wife of the system station employee in Bluefield; Mrs. R. R. McKinney, wife of the system station employee; and Mrs. R. L. Hall, Jr., wife of the system station employee in Charleston.

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Bluefield Division

Pulaski District

Mary Elizabeth Lynch, Galax home economist, has been installed as second vice president of the Business and Professional Woman's Club of Galax. She will also serve as program coordinator.

Sympathy is extended T. V. Harrington, Independence, on the death of his mother-in-law, and B. E. Thompson, Claytor plant, on the death of his brother-in-law.

Polly Gatewood, who recently transferred to Bluefield, was honored at a dinner at the Governor Tyler Hotel in Radford by the female employees of the Pulaski office. She was presented a gift by the group.

Summer employees include Eugenia Green, Freddie J. Schmidt, Gary Whitaker, J. D. Burnett, Jr., and Joe Beasley.

Mrs. G. P. Williams, wife of the engineering department employee, is recovering from a major operation at Pulaski Hospital.

Abingdon District

Bill Ferguson, area sales representative, has been elected secretary of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Jack B. Frier, personnel supervisor, attended the Virginia Statewide Safety Conference in Richmond.

Sympathy is extended James E. Prater, appliance serviceman, on the death of his father-in-law, and Audrey Haga, clerk-stenographer, on the death of her aunt.

Sympathy is also extended Jack Leonard, meter serviceman, and Mrs. Leonard on the death of their infant son.

L. C. Thomas, area sales representative, and Jack Wright, contract entry and final bill clerk, have returned to work after illnesses.

Barbara Connelly has been employed as home economist in Washington County, while Margaret Holyfield is a new home economist in Russell County.

Paul S. Dunn, administrative assistant, attended 4-H Club camp at Greeneville, Tennessee, where he conducted classes in photography.

John H. Quillen, Jr., VMI student, is a summertime employee.

Bluefield District

New employees include David R. Mann, Narrows line crew; Ray T. Eskew, Bluefield substation crew; Frank B. Pearman, Princeton dealer sales representative; and Shirley Ann Long, accounting.

Mrs. Zelda Robinette, commercial, was recently re-elected treasurer of the Junior committee of the DAR.

Leonard Robinette, power sales engineer, has been elected to the board of directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

J. E. Taylor, local office manager, has been elected to the finance office of the American Legion.

Martha Meadows, daughter of Howard Meadows, district engineer, has been elected Camper of the Week at Camp Iva.

Jim Cook, substation crew, has been elected state commander of the D. A. V.

Earl Graham, division substation, has been elected first vice president of the Princeton Lions Club, while Phil H. Fry, Princeton line crew, was named to the board of directors.

Basil M. Vassar, Tazewell area sales representative, has returned to work after a lengthy illness.

P. M. Trent, retired employee now living in Florida, and Henry Crabtree, also retired, visited the office recently.

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Huntington Division

Huntington District

New employees include Frances McHenry, accounting; Betty Jean Beckett, Virginia L. Pavlis and Jackie Williams, system billing; Mary L. Hansbarger and Leona E. Adkins, commercial; and Lawrence L. Thompson, building service department.

Opal B. Jones, system billing, and Ruby Jean Stanley, division commercial, have resigned.

Sympathy is extended T. R. Smith on the death of his brother.

Returning to work after illnesses are W. E. Dillon, J. R. Drenan, T. R. Templeton, T. A. Gilkerson, Peggy Shoemaker, James W. Swann, Lucy Wagner, W. D. Willis, H. V. Mayo, C. F. Mooney and J. M. Wysong.

New officers of East Huntington Post 9738, VFW and its auxiliary include Ethel L. Hy Dahl, engineering section, treasurer; Betty G. Adkins, line section, installing officer; and Kenneth Adkins, Betty's husband, Junior Vice Commander. The Adkins were on a committee in charge of a recent benefit dance sponsored by the organizations. Mrs. Adkins and Ethel Hy Dahl were also recently installed into Twig No. 1, the first volunteer workers group of the auxiliary to the Cabell County General Hospital.

Logan Plant

Raymond Ray, boiler operator, has been elected to the West Logan City Council.

Williamson District

Mary L. Kessinger is a new home economist.

Summer employees include Patsy R. Varney, Barbara A. Williamson and Shirley C. Zorn, commercial; J. R. Hartzog, Jr., and E. L. King, engineering; and J. B. Lawson, Jr., line and station section.

Wilma A. Justice, commercial, has resigned.

Ernest Bailey has returned to work after a stay in the hospital.

C. R. Wilson, Jr., recently attended the Jaycee State Convention in Huntington.

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Kingsport

Summer employees include Betty Thompson, commercial; Gene Bryan and Ed Witt, engineering; Hunter Wright, line; Forrest Isley, transportation; James Ford, meter; and Robert Noe, substation.

Sympathy is extended E. M. Jones, station section, on the death of his father, and Frank Noe, Holston station, on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is also extended Paul S. Dunn, meter section, on the death of his father, and Barbara Anderson, accounting, on the death of her father.

Don Castle has resigned from engineering to enter college.

To Be Electronic

Marvin Bostain Begins Difficult Task Of Converting Picturesque Old Organ



This organ with a long history will soon be an electronic one. Marvin Bostain is shown taking one last look at it before he begins the conversion.

Marvin Bostain's recent undertaking is not what you'd call relaxing. The Bluefield division substation engineering employee has started converting a console organ into an electronic one. The console itself has quite an interesting history—back

during the Florida boom a group placed an order for the organ to go into a new theatre. The boom fizzled as did the theatre, so the organ went to storage. Then in 1932 a Bristol church heard of it and converted it into a church organ. That lasted until this year, when the church got a new one.

So the organ has journeyed into Marvin's hands, only to face another conversion. Marvin figures it will take him two years to come up with an electronic organ, since he'll have to build 178 oscillators. It will take 162 tubes, 185 transformers, 1,500 condensers, 1,200 resistors, about 3,000 feet of wire and no one knows how many hours. Each note has an oscillator and tube and each one has to be tuned.

Mrs. Bostain will be the one who benefits from Marvin's work—she is an organist. Marvin's other hobbies are photography, singing and sound reproduction from his large record collection.

Pulaski Manager's Son Earns Medical Degree

David Parrish Minichan, Jr., received his degree in medicine from the University of Virginia in June.



Dr. Minichan

The son of the Pulaski district manager will intern at Walter Reed Hospital. A graduate of Andrew Lewis High in Salem, he received his B. S. degree at V. P. I. He is a member of Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity and has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the air force. He and his wife will live in Washington.

Sporn Plant . . .

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John P. Gorden, test engineer, has resigned to become assistant professor of electrical engineering at VPI.

Roy M. Reuter, junior maintenance man, was elected sergeant at arms and William H. Jones, instrument maintenance man, was named adjutant recently of the Pomeroy Post of the American Legion.

Charleston District

Summer employees include Charlie Elkins, Paul C. Davis and Marlene Spradling, commercial; Charles Simmons, Montgomery line section; Frank Martin, stores; Louie Romano and Vernon Mace, Jr., line section; Jerrv Miller, Alex Ghiz and Herman Hambrick, engineering; Stevenson Carpenter, Eddie Miller, Richard Stokley and H. E. Miller, meter; Miles C. Flannery, station; Margaret A. Taylor, accounting; Charlie Thom and Roger Tompkins, Kanawha Valley Power Company; and Roberta Stouch, student home economist.

Nellie Hall and Paul Slack are new meter section employees and William E. Clemens is a new electrical engineer.

On the planning committee for the coming Charleston district girls swim party at Kanawha Country Club are Betty Shamblin, Lois Walker, Sylvia Hinchman, Sara Harshbarger, Eldivia Cline, Berniece Dettinger, Willa Jean Sturm, Chris Christy, Boots Sisson and Helen Porter.

Sympathy is extended Frank Young, record section, on the death of his father-in-law, and Evelyn Lawrence, commercial, on the death of her mother.

Margaret H. McDowell, meter section, has resigned.

Jim Fizer, engineering employee on military leave, visited the office during a recent leave. He has completed basic training and is stationed with the Marines at Parris Island, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smoot have moved to Duneden, Florida. He is a retired groundman.

Margaret Parsons, daughter of Paul H. Parsons, personnel assistant, took part in the recent Huntington Band Festival. Another daughter, Paula Frances, is attending summer band school.

John Atkins is back from VPI for his second assignment in the engineering section.

Larry Hemmings has completed his second assignment in the engineering section and has returned to VPI.

Charles A. Jones is a new co-op student engineer from the University of Cincinnati. And Jim Totten, student engineer, has returned for a new work assignment from the same school. Meanwhile Richard Cook, also a student engineer, has returned to Cincinnati from a work assignment.

Luther Zinn was one of 33 Explorer Scouts who attended a three-day air encampment at Clinton Air Force Base in Wilmington, Ohio. He is the son of Wesley Zinn, Montgomery local office manager.

Jack Lloyd, Montgomery area supervisor, has returned to work after an illness.

Taking part in the Junior Festival of West Virginia Federation of Music Clubs was Richard Gills, son of Joe P. Gills, division manager.

Joan Carol, daughter of Howard Basham, customer service clerk, is a member of Londeree's summer band.

Claytor Foreman Retired In June



Mr. Brodie

William H. Brodie, Claytor hydro plant foreman, retired June 1. He and Mrs. Brodie are presently enjoying his retirement in Miami, Florida.

A native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, he and his wife were living in Halifax in 1917 when a munitions ship explosion in the harbor took 1,196 lives. The Brodies lost their daughter and 21 other relatives in the explosion. They have a son in military service in Georgia.

Mr. Brodie is a man of many talents. He paints pictures, makes furniture, builds model ships and designs and makes decorative items.

For seven years he was a pattern maker in Nova Scotia. He came to Appalachian territory while supervising construction of the first nine-foot lock on the Kanawha River at London. He worked in building power houses and embedded parts for hydro units at Marmet and Winfield, prior to construction work at Claytor.

He became maintenance man at Claytor in 1939 and maintenance foreman in 1940. He was later named foreman, the position he held upon retiring.

Mr. Brodie is a member of the Episcopal Church, Masons, Shrine, Order of the Eastern Star and is a Scout commissioner.

Pikeville And Sporn Employees Contribute Articles To 'Notes'



Mr. Eagle

Mr. Bogardus



Mr. Athey

Mr. Capehart

Two Philip Sporn plant and two Pikeville district men contributed articles to the June 1955 issue of AGE's *Monthly Operating Notes*.

The Pikeville men, H. M. Eagle, general foreman, and B. P. Bogardus, district supervising engineer, wrote "Economical All-Steel Hanger For 3-Phase Transformer Banks." They described a hanger they developed for economically mounting 3-phase transformer banks on poles. In addition to being less costly than other methods, it also has the advantage of being easily assembled, takes less pins and insulators and has simple bus support.

The Sporn employees, Clayton Eugene Athey, master maintenance man, and Floyd H. Capehart, auxiliary equipment operator, co-authored "Another Aid To Cleaning Strainer-Baskets." They described the use of a revolving holder used to clean screen wash pump strainer baskets more thoroughly and with less time.

Two Logan Men Elected Mayors



Mr. Yeager

Mr. Conley

Employees of Logan district and Logan plant were recently elected mayors. C. E. Yeager, Logan district draftsman, was elected mayor of Mitchell Heights and A. J. Conley, Logan plant boiler auxiliary equipment operator, was named mayor of Chapmanville.

Yeager has lived in Mitchell Heights for seven years. He was employed in 1945 as a rodman, promoted to junior draftsman in December of 1946 and to senior draftsman in April of 1950. A graduate of Logan High School he served in the Army before being employed by Appalachian.

Active in Scout work and athletics, he is married, has a son and teaches at the Justice Christian Church.

Conley, who has served on the city council of Chapmanville, was employed in January 1943 as coal handler at the plant. He also has been a coal conveyor operator. Married, he has a boy and a girl.

Lemon Is Florida Sample



A. W. Brendel, Charleston personnel assistant, takes another look to make sure that lemon weighs 22 ounces. The man who brought the lemon to Mr. Brendel, C. F. Hann, retired assistant T&D district superintendent, stands calmly at the right. Mr. Hann is used to such giant lemons—he and his wife now live in St. Petersburg, Florida. Since he retired January 1, 1950, Mr. Hann has been doing a lot of fishing and gardening at his Florida home. He takes great pride in his tomato plants, one of which produced 80 tomatoes. The Hanns arrived in Charleston May 5 and will return to Florida October 1.

Amateur Radio Operator Began Hobby From 20 Years' Interest, Experience



Waldo S. LaFon is surrounded by his amateur radio equipment as he sends a message to another operator.

An interest in radio for the past 20 years has resulted in an amateur radio station for Waldo S. LaFon, Beckley district manager.

Mr. LaFon recently received his general class license and permanent call letters—W8QWH—climaxing a period of building, practicing and studying. He now operates on a 75-meter phone with 25 watts input to his novice transmitter converted for phone use. He can make contacts with other amateurs in a radius of 300 miles from Beckley.

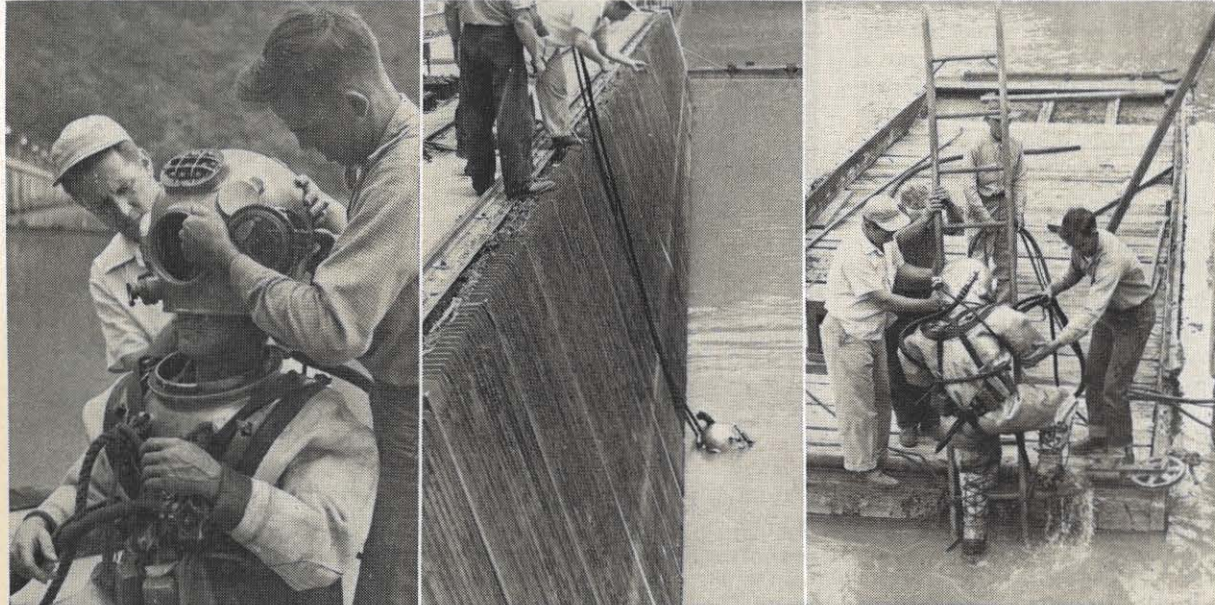
A year ago he earned his novice license and built a 30-watt transmitter. Operating on code, he contacted amateurs in 32 states, includ-

ing Colorado, the longest distance.

He now has under construction a 300-watt station transmitter and mobile unit for his car. He is helping to reorganize the Beckley Amateur Radio Club and is a member of the American Radio Relay League and the Rag Chewers Club. He has a proficiency certificate for code speed of 15 words per minute.

His interest and training in part came during World War II when he served in the Signal Corps as a captain and was in charge of the installation of Air Force point-to-point communications, airport control towers and navigational aids. He served two years overseas installing equipment in Brazil, India, Burma and China.

Goes To Work 'Backwards' Diver Inspects Two Hydro Plants



Roy Easter gets dressed for his dive at Bylesby hydro plant on New River. His attendant, R. L. Matics at right, fits the helmet over Roy's head with the help of E. L. Shaw, Jr., electrical engineer at Bylesby hydro. It takes about 30 minutes to dress Roy who learned diving in the Navy.

Almost completely underwater, Roy signals to his helpers. He also has a two-way telephone to keep in touch with the surface. At Bylesby plant he was checking the extent and nature of the trash and silt accumulation on the intake racks. He also worked at Claytor hydro.

After inspecting the face of the rack, Roy is helped onto the barge. He says diving is no more hazardous than a lineman's work because he follows naval diving procedure. Living at Ravenswood, he has worked at many plants on our system since starting his business in 1945.

"He goes to work backwards." That was an observation made last month when a diver donned his suit and helmet and dropped below the surface of Claytor Lake.

The diver was Roy C. Easter, doing a diving job at Claytor and Bylesby hydro plants in the Pulaski district. He had to walk backwards to keep those vital life lines in front of him, free of tangles. In this way he crawfishes along, going to work backwards, so to speak.

Dressing for Dive

Before his diving suit ever gets wet, it takes about 30 minutes to get ready. His attendant, R. L. Matics who lives near Roy's home at Ravenswood, dresses Roy and checks his equipment. Over his clothes comes the suit and the breastplate is then bolted on.

He then sits on a stool while his heavy, weighted shoes are put on. The belt with weights follows. The air hose and lines are arranged along with the telephone and headpiece. Finally the helmet is screwed to the breast plate.

All the time the air compressor is running to furnish air. He tests his two-way telephone to keep in touch with his helper while he is under water. As he goes down slowly he leaves a trail of bubbles that indicates his position.

Working At Plants

At Claytor last month he inspected the log boom buoy anchor and circulating water intake strainers which are 80 feet below the surface, about the height of the Roanoke office. He found work was needed on the buoy anchor. He also cleaned the strainers. At Bylesby he checked the extent and nature of the trash and silt accumulation on the intake racks. Most of this work was at a depth of about 30 feet. He stayed down about two hours at a stretch.

None of this work is new to Roy who has worked at many plants on the system. He has worked in connection with cleaning and inspecting circulating water intakes at Cabin Creek, Kanawha River and Sporn plants. In construction he helps remove cut-off walls and baffles and performs the final cleaning operation in the intake tunnels before the plant goes in service. He has made inspections of intake racks and removed sunken logs at London, Marmet and Winfield hydros of the Kanawha Valley Power Company.

None of this activity is unusual from a company standpoint because a diver makes periodic underwater inspection of the intakes at hydro plants. Some of the troubles that can hit hydro plants include rusting, corrosion and damages to intakes dur-

ing flood periods due to heavy trash and ice concentration.

Work Routine To Roy

What does Roy think about his work? Well, it's pretty much routine to the father of three who operates a gas station and store back in Ravenswood. His wife runs the business while he is on a diving job.

Diving is nothing new to Roy who learned the trade in the Navy where he was a chief petty officer. After diving school he worked at Pearl Harbor and later salvaged ships in the Normandy beach invasion.

In 1945 he started his own diving service, and he still follows the naval procedure in diving. He says this way his work is no more hazardous than a lineman's.

River Hazards

How does river diving compare to ocean diving? Roy points out that fresh water is often harder to work than salt water because salt water helps buoy the diver more than fresh water. He also pointed out the dangers of currents and floating objects in rivers.

But all these are part of the job. The biggest factor, according to Roy, is for the diver to get used to the idea of being completely alone . . . all by himself. We'll just take Roy's word for that.

Jimmy Roberson, Three-Letter Man And Top Student, Wins B'nai B'rith Award

Jimmy Roberson has been named the 1955 winner of the B'nai B'rith Athletic and Achievement Award.

He is the son of Curtis O. Roberson, system administrative assistant, and is the second son of an Appalachian employee to win the award. Bobby Cruickshank, son of J. P. Cruickshank, general superintendent of system T&D department, won in 1953.

Each of the seven Roanoke city-county schools nominated its outstanding student for the award. Jimmy, representing William Fleming High School, was announced the winner on a special telecast over WSLs-TV. The award is sponsored by the Israel Friedlander Lodge No. 877 of Roanoke.

The plaque given to Jimmy lists the qualities on which it is based: citizenship, leadership, brotherhood, scholastic grades, personal habits, athletic ability, sportsmanship, harmony, democratic spirit and activity participation.

Athletically, Jimmy won nine varsity letters while at William Fleming High School. Four awards came in track, three in football and two in wrestling. He was a hurdler and dash man in track, and was state 177-pound wrestling champion this year. He placed second in the 165-pound division in 1954. He has been a regular fullback at Fleming for three football seasons, winning All-City-County honors in 1954 and a second team position in 1953.

Jimmy was president of the Varsity Club and a member of the Beta Club. He was president of his freshman and sophomore classes and



Jimmy Roberson shows the trophies he and his school received when he won the 1955 B'nai B'rith Athletic and Achievement Award. In front of Jimmy is the school trophy and in his left hand is the plaque presented him. In Jimmy's right hand is the trophy presented him by the school when he was nominated for the award. Photo courtesy "Roanoke World-News."

vice president of his junior class. He played in the high school band two years and is an accomplished pianist.

He is a member of Huntington Court Methodist Church and was a Boy Scout for four years. He was graduated tenth in his class of 125 with an A minus average.

The third straight Fleming student to win the award, Jimmy plans to attend Virginia Tech this fall on an athletic scholarship. This summer he is working for the system substation department.

Five Williamson Men Lend Guiding Hand To Youths In Belfry Scout Troop



Several Williamson employees, leaders in the Boy Scout troop, watch their scouts practice what they've learned in first aid training. The three kneeling at the left are Jim Derryberry, a non-employee, W. H. King and Monroe Hall. The two standing at the left are E. E. King and H. W. Cerrato. Standing at the rear of the group of boys is Clyde Runyon.

Appalachian employees in the Williamson district stepped forward when the Belfry, Kentucky, PTA decided to sponsor a Boy Scout troop for that area.

E. E. King, district superintendent, made the motion to organize to H. W. Cerrato, head T&D clerk and PTA president. From there events moved rapidly. These men became adult leaders for the troop: Mr. Cerrato, institutional representative; W. H. King, meter serviceman, scoutmaster; Monroe Hall, district instrument man, assistant scoutmaster; E. E. King, troop committeeman in charge of advancements; and Clyde Runyon, R/W agent, steering committee chairman.

E. E. King is also finance chairman of the Mingo-Pike district and a member of the executive board of the Chief Cornstalk Council.

When the application for the troop

charter was made, 35 boys registered. That number is expected to increase as the troop expands activities.

Already the troop has made its mark. When it attended its first outing, the Mingo-Pike district Camporee, it had the largest number of scouts at the meeting.

Huntington Men Win Prizes For Speeches

Three Huntington employees won prizes for speeches in a recently completed Dale Carnegie course.

Bob King won a book and a mechanical pencil for a speech on influencing people and for the most humorous speech. Rex Wilton won a pencil with a speech on winning a friend and Carlos J. Akers won a pencil for his speech on enthusiasm. Carlos was elected treasurer of the class planning a reunion in November.

Nursing Scholarship Goes To Top Student

Nancy Sue Drennen has been awarded a nursing scholarship by the Women's Auxiliary of the Kanawha Medical Society.

She is the daughter of A. D. Drennen, Kanawha River plant maintenance man. The award was presented on the basis of outstanding scholastic ability. Nancy, an honor student, was recently graduated from East Bank High School, where she participated in many activities, including band, Girls Athletic Association and dramatic club. She also received special recognition for her work in chemistry, English and geometry.

She plans to enter nursing school this fall.



Miss Drennen

Welch Window 'Plugs' Coal By Wire



This "Coal by Wire" display in the Welch office window was a part of the city's special observance of Old-Fashioned Days. The three-day celebration in May attracted exhibits and people from throughout the area as souvenirs and relics of by-gone days were everywhere. An old-fashioned bulb is shown in contrast with today's bulb in this display in the heart of the coal fields. The coal car in the display was made by Norfolk & Western Railway for special use in this window. The scale model follows in miniature detail every feature of one of the railroad's coal cars. The "Coal by Wire" ads help tell the story along with the main copy that Reddy is pointing out. The exhibit was the subject of a picture and story in the Welch paper. It was later used in the Pineville office in connection with bargain days. Plans call for it being displayed in each of the district's area offices.

Techman Graduates With High Honors

James Pitzer Gills, Jr., son of the Bluefield division manager, graduated with high honors from VPI recently.



J. P. Gills, Jr.

He was named to Phi Kappa Phi, scholastic society, considered the school's highest academic recognition. He was a member of Phi Sigma, honorary biological society, and on graduation received a B. S. in biological sciences. A member of the swimming team for three years, he also belonged to the Monogram Club and the Biology Club.

He was a member of the staff of Virginia Tech and a member of the Baptist Student Union and the Interarsity Christian Association. He plans to enter Duke University in the fall to study medicine.

Hot-Footing Along

Record Set By Three Marine Reserves In Huntington To Charleston Hike



Hot dogs! Resting their feet at the end of a record-making hike from Huntington to Charleston are these three tired Marine Corps reserves, all related to Cabin Creek plant employees. From left: John Lawson, son of R. E. Lawson; William Goodnite, nephew of M. L. Lewis, and William Brooks, son of W. R. Brooks.

Fifty miles in 12 hours 5 minutes! That's the hiking record set by three Marine Corps reserves, all related to Cabin Creek plant employees.

Tired and sore hikers were John Lawson, 20-year-old son of R. E. Lawson, turbine operator; William Brooks, 17-year-old son of W. R. Brooks, coal and ash handling equipment operator, and William Goodnite, 17-year-old nephew of M. L. Lewis, coal and ash handling department.

Their hike came after two Charleston Marines hiked from Huntington to Charleston in about 16 hours. Then two *Charleston Gazette* representatives cut about two hours off their time.

The challenge to the Marine Corps was accepted by the three who belong to the 4th Engineers Company. Wearing combat boots, they were taken to Huntington by an officer of their company. They started at 9:15 p. m. in front of Marshall College and finished at 9:20 the following morning in Charleston at the *Gazette* office.

On their journey they had a hamburger, a soft drink and some coffee. Each carried a salt shaker to replenish their body of minerals lost by perspiration. They told stories, whistled and sang to while away the hours. A Marine Corps car drove by occasion-

H. R. Miller Takes Division Payroll Post

H. R. Miller was promoted to Roanoke division payroll supervisor last month. He rose to the position from Roanoke payroll supervisor.



Mr. Miller

In addition to Roanoke, system and Fieldale, the division payroll department will handle Lynchburg. Jesse L. Ashworth, assistant Lynchburg district payroll supervisor, transferred to the division department.

Mr. Miller is a native of Chilhowie, Virginia, and was employed July 21, 1927, as an office boy. He served in various capacities in the Roanoke local accounting department until promotion to Roanoke payroll supervisor in May 1950.

Married and the father of two children, he is a deacon of the First Baptist Church.

Gene Hale Moves Up To AGE Post; Barnett Succeeds



Mr. Hale

Mr. Barnett

Gene B. Hale, Pikeville district personnel supervisor, has been appointed personnel supervisor of the AGE Service Corporation. He is succeeded by Bill Barnett, Pikeville district area sales representative.

Hale in his new position succeeds Joseph H. Jackson who resigned to accept the position of publications director for the Society for Advancement of Management. All changes were effective the first of this month.

Hale will administer employee relations and personnel programs with the Service Corporation; supervise employment of Service Corporation personnel; recruit technically-trained college graduates, including engineers, for the Service Corporation and allied work.

A native of Letcher County, Kentucky, he attended Bryant & Stratton Business School in Louisville and Queens College in New York. He served three years with the 69th Infantry Division in World War II.

He came to work at Pikeville in August 1947 as groundman. In August the following year he became district safety director and in August 1949 he became district personnel director. Married and the father of three children, he has been state director of the Kentucky Junior Chamber of Commerce and president of the Pikeville Jaycees. He is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church.

Bill Barnett is a native of Hazard and a graduate of Eastern State College. He also attended the University of Michigan and Wayne University. He entered the Army in 1942 as a private and was discharged in 1946 as a captain.

He came with Kentucky Power Company in November 1948 as a draftsman in the engineering department. In September 1950 he was promoted to area sales representative.

Active in the Jaycees, Masons, Shriners and other community affairs, he is married and the father of two children.

ally to check on their progress. At the end of their journey they rested their aching muscles and hot feet. John later made the understatement of the year when he said, "It's a long way from Huntington to Charleston."

New-Type Breaker At Kanawha



Workmen install interruptors on a new-type oil-circuit breaker at Kanawha River plant. This was the first of 10 of these 138 kv lenticular-tank breakers to be installed. These 10 million kva breakers made by GE are being used to replace present breakers rated at 5 million kva. The replacement program is scheduled for completion this year at Kanawha River plant. In the future the manufacturer plans to ship the breakers completely assembled, with only connections and adjustments needed before they can be put in service.

Rocky Mount Men Practice First Aid



These Rocky Mount office employees practice during the 18-hour Red Cross first aid course which they completed on June 22. T. A. Kirby, Roanoke district safety supervisor standing at right, gives instructions for moving the victim, R. A. Shelton. Treating him are A. R. Martin, S. F. Plybon, J. C. Shelton, A. G. Adams and L. A. Philpott. Standing, G. D. Bratton has placed splints, binder and sling on K. M. Spicer while E. W. Holland, in white shirt, has just completed treating C. R. L. Brown, kneeling. S. H. Martin was absent when the picture was made.

Retired Clerk At Cabin Creek Dies

John F. Becher, retired Cabin Creek plant clerk, died June 9 at a Charleston hospital after a short illness.



Mr. Becher

He was first employed by Appalachian as a watchman when the Charleston garage was being built and then served as a dispatcher for the transportation department until 1933. When Cabin Creek plant was expanded in 1941, he was rehired as a watchman. At the end of construction he was transferred to the coal-handling department as a clerk and weighman, the position he held upon retiring in May of 1950.

Born in East Bank on May 11, 1884, he lived there, was town recorder and interested in civic improvement. He is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor of the Hampton Baptist Church and burial rites were conducted by the Knights of Pythias with interment in the lodge cemetery.

H. C. Davis Promoted To Huntington Post

Herbert C. Davis has been promoted to Huntington district line inspector. He rises to the position from senior T&D clerk.



H. C. Davis

He was employed in Huntington May 6, 1946, as a junior clerk. He became senior clerk April 1, 1949. A native of Cabell County, he graduated from Huntington High School and attended Mississippi Southern College. He is taking additional training from ICS.

Mr. Davis served three and a half years in the United States Engineer Corps during World War II and is now a lieutenant in the National Guard.

A member of the Huntington district Bowling League, he is married and has one daughter.

I'll Be A Dirty Bird

"Butch" was mixed up after all the talk about poles. The parakeet belonging to the family of S. R. Snuffer, Beckley district groundman in the Rainelle area, decided he'd go see.

He left his cage early Tuesday morning last month. The Snuffers, especially their son Stevie, searched and searched in vain. It was almost dusk before "Butch" flew to Stevie who was calling him.

They later found he had been sitting all day across from City Hall on election day at the polls.

System . . .

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Elizabeth Dillon is recuperating in the Retreat Hospital in Richmond after surgery May 3.

Sympathy is extended A. B. Purdy, system station employee in Charleston, on the death of his mother, and V. C. Nelson, system station employee, on the death of his wife.

Sympathy is also extended John Horne, station department, on the death of his mother.

Molly Ann Harvey is a summer personnel employee.

Nancy C. Simpson has resigned from the accounting office.

New accounting employees include Margie Rutrough and Jean Wertz.

Margaret Carter has returned to the accounting office after an illness.

Mrs. Connie Smith, who recently resigned from personnel, was honored at a dinner by the women employees of the fourth floor.

Molly Sue Koontz placed third in the annual Virginia Press Photographers Association beauty contest at Natural Bridge recently. She is the daughter of L. L. Koontz, commercial department.

Eads Highlights Minstrel

Hugh Eads, Ashland accounting, is one of the big reasons the Ashland Elks Club minstrel made a comeback this year. The minstrel used to be an annual affair but hasn't been held the past few seasons. But last month it was revived by the Opti-Mrs. Club with Hugh writing and directing the show and taking the part of end man Flannel Lips Hannagan. Hugh was also a mainstay in the Elks shows.

Pocahontas Safety Dinner Held



For the fifth straight year G. E. Adams, Pocahontas area supervisor in the Welch district, has had to pay off his employees for working without a disabling injury. This year, as in the past, the employees earned a ham and bean dinner. In turn the employees gave Mr. Adams a rod, reel and tackle. Shown presenting the reel to Mr. Adams is Ted J. Gragg. To the right of Mr. Adams is Joe C. Graham, working foreman. Others shown are, from the left: William E. Carr, Bernard Wallace, Clyde Dangerfield, Sank Smith, A. K. Miles, John D. Dalton, R. J. Wood, George W. Steadham, John W. House, Kermit Widener, Cloyd Spraker and Howard McVey.

Cheerleader Is Given Trophy



Bette Sue Guthrie and the trophy she won for outstanding cheerleading.

Bette Sue Guthrie has been awarded a trophy for three years of outstanding work as a cheerleader at Huntington High School.

The daughter of A. R. Guthrie, consumers billing supervisor for system accounting in Huntington, had previously been awarded an athletic letter and a sterling silver megaphone charm for cheerleading. An accomplished dancer in the fields of ballet, acrobatics and toe and tap, she was an assistant instructor at a dance studio for several years.

She graduated from Huntington High in May and plans to enter the University of Alabama this fall to major in languages. She was one of several seniors chosen to model formals and graduation dresses in a recent fashion show sponsored by the Bradshaw-Diehl Company.

Lorraine Corea, Wilma Justice, H. W. Cerrato Are Re-Elected Grade School PTA Presidents



Recently re-elected president of their PTA's are these Williamson employees. They are from left: Lorraine Corea, H. W. Cerrato and Wilma H. Justice.

Three Williamson employees were re-elected president of their PTA's.

Lorraine Corea, accounting secretary-stenographer, was re-elected president of the South Williamson grade school PTA in South Williamson, Kentucky. She was also named president of her Sunday School class and second vice president of the Tug Valley Junior Woman's Club. She is secretary of the Ky-Ap Federal Credit Union and Employee's Chest

Heart Attack Fatal To Cabin Creek Man

N. M. Newcomer, 47-year-old Cabin Creek plant control operator, died of a heart attack at home at Cabin Creek Junction on June 15.



Mr. Newcomer

Born June 2, 1908, in Hot Springs, Virginia, he was employed at Cabin Creek plant in June 1934. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Warm Springs and made his home with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gay, for 22 years.

He is survived by his mother and a brother. Funeral services were held at the Pryor Mortuary on June 17 with burial in Warm Springs.

That's Real Cool!

Bluefield employees are scheduled to get more air conditioning in "The Air Conditioned City."

Completion of a new year-round air conditioning installation is scheduled in about two months for the six-story Bluefield office. The building contains 76 offices besides the auditorium, conference room, commercial kitchen, lobby shops and garage. Conditioned Air Incorporated of Charleston has the contract.

Houchins Named To Logan Post

Luther C. Houchins has been named Logan plant personnel supervisor. He is former manager of personnel and controls for the Guyan Machinery Company in Logan. He succeeds T. H. Whited who transferred to Kanawha River plant as personnel supervisor.



Mr. Houchins

A native of Hinton, W. Va., he is a graduate of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University. He is a research affiliate of Cornell University and the University of Minnesota in labor relations.

A veteran of World War II, he has served as deputy director of the West Virginia State Department of Employment Security and as chief of assignment and labor relations for the federal government in southern West Virginia.

Married and the father of a son, he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Masonic Order, Elks and is active in community welfare projects.

Good Fishing At Bluestone

Fishing was good recently for three Montgomery employees in the Charleston district. Willis Winebrenner, appliance serviceman, J. A. Sutton, Jr., area serviceman, and Eugene D. McGraw, collector, fished at Bluestone Dam. Largest catch was a 14-pound mudcat.

Thank-You Gift



Richard Greear, Bluefield district meter reader, presents a free light bulb to Mrs. Bruce Robertson of Rocky Gap as her children watch. The bulb carton bears a thank-you label for rural customers reading their own meters and is signed by W. J. Gillespie, Jr., district manager. The district gave away about 2500 bulbs in the thank-you campaign, feeling it pays in three ways: helps public relations, improves card return on customer-read meters and makes the customer more lighting conscious.

Four Employees Elected To Lions Club Offices

Four Point Pleasant district men were recently voted officers in the Point Pleasant Lions Club.

J. D. Spiggle, commercial sales representative, was named third vice president and G. E. Roberts, senior general clerk, was elected treasurer. On the board of directors are F. H. Taylor, Jr., power engineer, and J. L. Darby, agricultural sales engineer. Mr. Darby, immediate past president of the club, was also appointed zone chairman by the district governor.



Beckley District

R. F. COOKE from senior general clerk to utility clerk; PATRICIA LEE MACALLISTER, from Huntington home economist to Beckley home economist.

Bluefield District

POLLY GATEWOOD from Pulaski payroll department to Bluefield division managerial payroll department; C. A. KELLY from meter serviceman to line inspector; HARRY L. BUSTON III, from office messenger to junior clerk, stores; EULALIA K. FOOTO from stores clerk to commercial department stenographer.

Charleston District

BETTY SMITH from credit and collection clerk to senior contract entry and final bill clerk, Montgomery; BOB MOSS from groundman to junior T&D clerk, record section; J. B. WEAVER from station man C to station man B.

Huntington District

MARY K. DONOTHAN from junior home economist to senior home economist; EDITH M. JONES from junior home economist to senior home economist; REBA KING from junior cashier to commercial department clerk-stenographer.

Logan District

WILMA R. LYON from junior home economist to senior home economist.

Lynchburg District

P. H. SNEAD from lineman A to general serviceman; W. E. MOSS from lineman B to lineman A; K. R. HIGGINBOTHAM from groundman to lineman C; F. O. SMITH from station man B to station man A.

Roanoke District

J. L. ASHWORTH from Lynchburg payroll department to Roanoke division payroll department.

Philip Sporn Plant

WILLIAM F. JONES from results helper to instrument maintenance man C; DWIGHT K. SAYRE from instrument maintenance man B to instrument maintenance man A.

Bluefield . . .

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Charter members of the Bluefield Chapter, National Secretaries Association, included Mary Ruth Whittington, system transmission at Bluefield; and Lois Rounion and Elsie Heifner, division commercial.

Welch District

Among those who have returned to work after illnesses are Robert A. Gilmore, Switchback station operator; Mrs. Jessie Hill, Pocahontas cashier; and W. E. Carr, Pocahontas T&D clerk.

New employees include Mary Bower and Janet Browning, accounting, and Lovis R. Mitchell, Grundy home economist.

Summertime employees include Jack Barger, Pocahontas; Paul Adams and Elmer Takach, Switchback; Ralph Webster Hale, Pineville; and Virginia Wilson, home economist.

Mrs. Phyllis Jones and Don L. Miller, accounting, have resigned.

John Ratcliffe, Grundy retired employee, visited the Welch office recently.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. William Hulme on the death of her brother, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bell on the death of his brother.

Sympathy is also extended Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adams on the death of her uncle, and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Horne on the death of his mother.

Frances Brooks, home economist, attended the annual West Virginia Home Economics Association at Jackson's Mill.

Sank Smith, personnel supervisor, attended the Virginia Statewide Safety Conference in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ruff attended the West Virginia State Convention of Lions International at Clarksburg. Mr. Ruff is zone chairman of district 29-W.

T. B. Henly, Jr., and Brown Hoover were recent emergency blood donors.

R. H. Ruff has been named vice president of the McDowell County Cancer Society.

Roy L. Franklin, administrative assistant, is attending National Guard Camp at Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

R. A. Jones, meterman, is the new first vice commander of McDowell County Post No. 8 of the American Legion. A former professional baseball player, he was instrumental in bringing the Southern West Virginia Legion Tournament to Welch for 1955 and the state tournament for 1956. Dick recently spoke at the First District American Legion meeting in Cameron, and at the Kimball Junior High School, where he presented the American Legion medal to the school's outstanding student.

Perry Hatmaker, Jr., area sales representative, attended the recent state Jaycee convention at Huntington.

Anna Fortuna, engineering, was recently featured in a picture on the back cover of a Concord College brochure.

Mrs. Helen Vermillion, PBX operator, Frances Brooks, home economist, and Carol Christie, clerk typist, were hostesses for a surprise shower for Lorene Parks, who has been transferred to Pulaski.

Mrs. Pat Lane was hostess for a shower for Mrs. Phyllis Jones, who is resigning.

A miscellaneous bridal shower was given Mrs. Frank Ratliff (Ruby Layne), Grundy cashier, at the home of Mrs. Clyde Layne in Oakwood.

'Father Of Year In Education' Title Awarded J. P. Cruickshank, Roanoke

Roanoke's "Father of the Year" in the field of education was the title awarded J. P. Cruickshank, general superintendent of the system transmission and distribution department.

The award came from the Roanoke Jaycees in recognition of his activity in education. Two other father awards were made last month for religious and youth activities.

Now vice chairman of the school board of which he has been a member since appointment in July 1953, he and the late Mrs. Cruickshank were members of the Fleming High School PTA. While he was president, the group successfully opposed a central high school with the help of other civic groups.

His son, Bob, was winner of the B'nai B'rith Athletic and Achievement Award while a senior at Fleming. Bob, a V. P. I. engineering school sophomore, is on the varsity football squad. An outstanding high school player, he made the V. P. I. varsity team as a freshman.

A native of Santa Monica, Cal., Cruickshank and his family have lived in Texas.

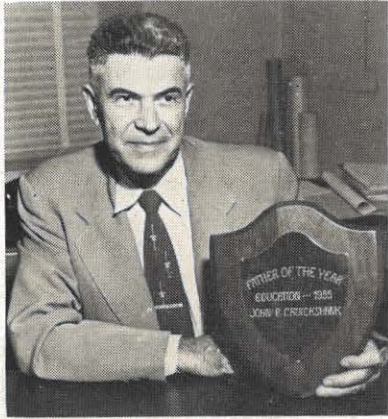
A veteran of World War I, he returned and attended Texas A. & M., graduating in 1922 with a B. S. degree in electrical engineering. He was employed in 1925 at Huntington by the Consolidated Electric Company, which later became part of Appalachian.

During World War II he commanded air force communication installations in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands as a colonel. While in service he was awarded the Legion of Merit for "meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services." After returning from service, he was transferred from Huntington to Roanoke in 1946 and promoted to his present position.

He is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, Williamson Road Lodge No. 163, A. F. & A. M., Kazim Temple of the Shrine,

Station In Bank Mural

A photographer of the Beaver Creek 132 kv station in Hi Hat of the Pikeville district has a prominent place in a mural in the remodeled First National Bank of Pikeville. A. H. Jopp, district commercial manager, and Leon Huffman, R/W agent and photographer, took the picture and it was included with others into a mural depicting the area.



J. P. Cruickshank shows the plaque awarded him as Roanoke's father of the year in the field of education. He is vice chairman of the city school board.

A. I. E. E. and is registered as a professional engineer in Virginia and West Virginia.

Before his appointment to the school board he served as assistant scoutmaster of Troop 26. His interest in education also is expressed by helping several boys attend college by contacting coaches and officials in their behalf.

W. D. Almond Dies After Heart Attack

William Dowdy Almond, Lynchburg district building supervisor, died May 26 at his home following a heart attack.



Mr. Almond

He was 57 and a veteran of nearly 33 years with the company. Born in Appomattox County April 17, 1898, he was a member of the Rocks Baptist Church of Pamplin. He was also a member of the Industrial Management Club and the Men's Bible Class of the West Lynchburg Baptist Church.

Mr. Almond was employed September 19, 1922, as assistant operator at the Blackwater station. In July 1929 he was promoted to operator and in June 1945 was made chief operator. When the new office building was constructed in 1952 he was promoted to building supervisor.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rena Wright Almond, four sons and two grandchildren.

Williamson . . .

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W. F. Giles recently attended the Rotary International Golden Anniversary Convention in Chicago.

C. C. Darrah, district manager, and president of the Tug Valley Industrial Corporation, has been named a member of the Committee on State Industrial Development.

George Hairston and Leroy Hairston, janitors, were active participants in the Elks state convention recently in Williamson. George was assistant to the chairman of the convention and Leroy, recreation supervisor for the Tug Valley No. 360 Elks, was a delegate.

Three employees took an active part in the Rotary Club annual horse show recently. C. R. Wilson, Jr., was in charge of distribution of tickets to be sold and assisted with the planning of seating and marking of show areas. W. F. Giles was a member of the hospitality committee and E. E. King served on the advertising committee.

M. A. Cole, commercial sales representative, recently attended the G. E. Institute of Weathertronics in Newark, N. J., while H. A. Cross, Jr., commercial sales representative, attended the Advanced Conference in Industrial and Commercial Lighting in Cleveland.

Mrs. G. T. Boothe, Jr., wife of the meter employee, is recuperating at home after an operation.

Logan District

A group of employees of the local office and their guests gathered for a wiener roast at the Sportsman's Club recently. Guests included F. E. Harlow and Nelson Hamrick, auditors.

Frank D. Stone, Jr., credit supervisor, has resigned.

Syreen D. Baker has been installed as associate conductress in the Logan Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She is a bookkeeper.

Sympathy is extended Lola C. Brumfield, engineering, on the death of her mother and Elba Samson, collector, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Among those appearing in a recent dance recital were Cynthia Warren, daughter of Wayne Warren, stores, and Nancy Jane Collins, daughter of H. J. Collins, personnel supervisor.

Alice Rose Brinegar, Patricia Bailey and Lois Ruth Frey, University of Kentucky students, are summertime employees.

Sheffey N. Massey, Jr., VPI co-op student, has returned to the engineering department, and Basil Wayne Perry, has returned to VPI.

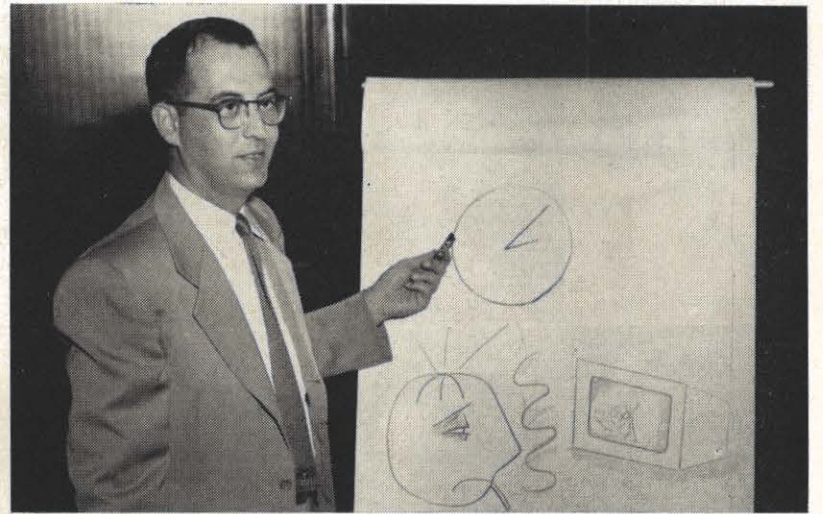
P. M. Vannoy, commercial manager, was elected secretary of the Logan County Development Corporation at a recent meeting.

H. J. Collins, personnel supervisor, has been elected to a two-year term on the Logan Lions Club board of directors.

Edward J. Wood, commercial department, recently presented a flannel board talk entitled "Functions of the Organization and Extension Committee", before the area Boy Scout Council.

Jim Tucker, son of J. B. Tucker, stores, has quite a record as a solo singer. He sang the leading male role in an operetta presented by the Logan Senior High Students, participated in the West Virginia All-State Glee Club, was guest soloist in the Lions Club minstrel and was radio announcer for a high school program over WLOG. He was a member of the High School Boys Quartet.

'How To Have An Accident'



"If you want to be sure and have an accident, a good way to begin is by making a physical wreck of yourself. Always stay up nights and catch the late show on television. Then you'll have to hurry when you oversleep the next morning." That was just one of the points D. F. Purvis, Charleston engineering aide, made in a recent safety presentation before the engineering section. Going at the safety story from the negative side, Mr. Purvis used drawings by his wife to point out many ways a person could have an accident without half trying. His talk was also scheduled to go before the commercial department and Montgomery office.

Lineman Retires After 35 Years



Mr. Asbury

H. P. Asbury, Charleston district lineman, retired July 1 after more than 35 years with the company.

He began employment as a groundman with the West Virginia Water and Electric Company November 1, 1919. He advanced to lineman in 1924.

Born at Heizer, W. Va., July 1, 1890, he attended schools in that area. A World War I veteran, he served in the United States Artillery from April 2, 1918, to May 8, 1919. Prior to joining the company he was employed by the American Express Company in Charleston.

He is married and lives in Charleston.

Active Hazard Youth Is Class Valedictorian

Valedictorian of his high school class, Kent Combs received a high school trophy and the Reader's Digest Award. He is the son of Walter Combs, assistant local office manager at Hazard.



Kent Combs

While in school Kent was managing editor of the annual, secretary of the Key Club, vice president of the Hi-Y Club, president of the Masque and Gavel Club, played clarinet in the band, member of Pep and Conservation clubs, and played basketball and baseball one year. An Eagle Scout and active in Methodist Youth Fellowship, he is now attending the University of Kentucky.

Cadet Harvey Awarded Fork Union Honor

Cadet James G. Harvey II was awarded a medal at recent Fork Union Military Academy exercises.



Cadet Harvey

Winner of the Brooks Music Medal, he is the son of J. G. Harvey, Roanoke division personnel supervisor. Cadet Harvey received the medal which goes to the student who has made the most progress in music during the school year. He started taking piano lessons at the school last year, his first there. An honor roll student, he is a member of the North American Musical Appreciation Society.

Welch Youth Honored At Recent Boys' State Meet

Raymond L. Brown, Jr., was a recent delegate to Boys' State at Jackson's Mill.



R. L. Brown, Jr.

The son of Mrs. Elster Brown, Welch district accounting, Raymond was chosen for scholarship and qualities of leadership. While at Jackson's Mill he finished second in the bar examination and was chosen county superintendent of schools.

Election Winners



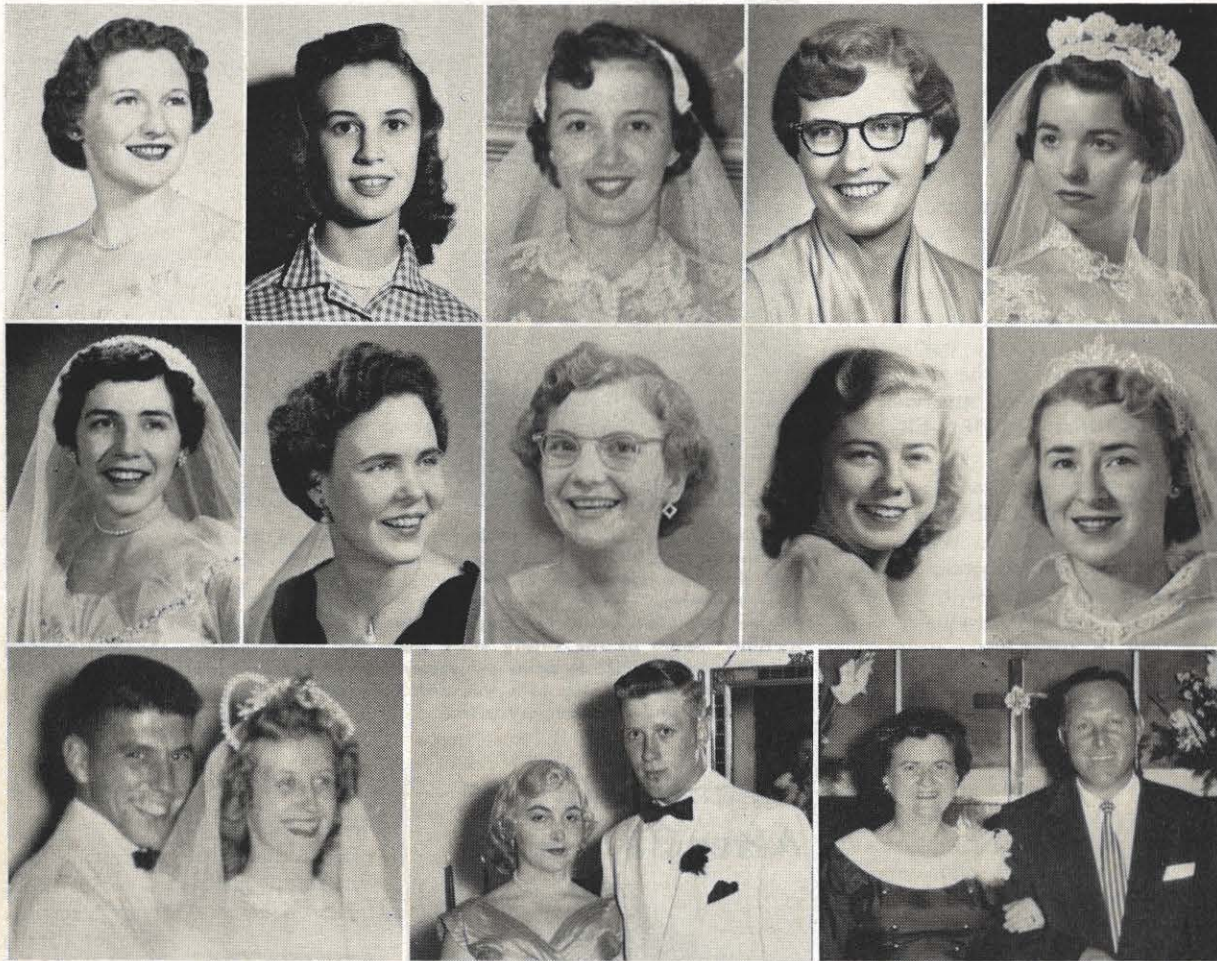
These Cabin Creek plant employees were successful in recent elections in the area. From the left: Sanford Ellis, shift supervisor, elected Chesapeake councilman; Roy J. Rader, boiler maintenance mechanic, elected East Bank Councilman; John S. Hudnall, mechanical maintenance mechanic, elected Pratt councilman, and Sherman Vealey, chemist, elected East Bank recorder.

Cub Pack Takes Only Blue Ribbon



Philip Sporn plant employees were well represented when Cub Scout Pack 256 of New Haven walked off with the only blue ribbon at the Boy Scout Tri-County Exposition recently. Posing in front of their winning "Things That Go" exhibit are, extreme left, David Chadwell, son of Wyatt Chadwell, master maintenance man; third from left, Donald Brown, Jr., son of the chief chemist; extreme right, front, Eddie Stein, son of Edwin Stein, maintenance foreman; and extreme right, back, Bill Frey, son of Jack Frey, first assistant shift operating engineer. Mr. Chadwell is cub scout master of the pack, Mr. Frey is chairman of the pack committee, Mr. Brown and Mr. Stein are members of the committee, Mrs. Frey is den mother and Mrs. Stein is assistant den mother. Young Bill Frey is den chief.

Thirteen Couples Take Marriage Vows



Brides and grooms among employees during recent weeks are pictured above. TOP ROW, from left: Mrs. Walter Allison Jones, Roanoke; Mrs. Frank Ratliff, Welch; Mrs. Gary Bunn, Huntington; Mrs. Ernest Robert Biggs, Beckley; and Mrs. William M. Barnette, Kanawha River plant. MIDDLE ROW, from left: Mrs. Harold G. Shirey, Charles-

Fain-Dalton
 Gaynelle Fain and Raymond Dalton were united in marriage June 4 at the home of the bride in Coalwood. The groom is the son of John D. Dalton, Welch district line supervisor.

Wilshire-Barnette
 Barbara Ann Wilshire was united in marriage with William M. Barnette June 11 at the Reynolds Memorial Methodist Church in Marmet. She is the daughter of W. L. Wilshire, Kanawha River plant maintenance foreman.

McCloud-Canterbury
 Rita McCloud became the bride of A1/c William B. McCloud May 28 at the First Christian Church of Logan. Mr. Canterbury is on military leave from the Logan district.

Hervey-Jones
 Elizabeth Ann Hervey was united in marriage with Walter Allison Jones June 11 in a double ring ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church of Welch. The bride is a former Roanoke district home economist.

Harris-Shirey
 Helen Jean Harris and Pvt. Harold G. Shirey were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the Old Kanawha Baptist Church of Pratt May 22. Mrs. Shirey is the daughter of O. G. Harris, London hydro plant utility operator of the Kanawha Valley Power Company.

Hale-Crowder
 Frances Hale became the bride of Robert E. Crowder May 21 in Richmond. Mr. Crowder is a Bluefield district lineman.

Jessee-Gilmer
 Peggy Anne Jessee was united in marriage with Benjamin Franklin Gilmer June 11 in the Lebanon Memorial Methodist Church. She is an Abingdon district employee.

Johnson-Biggs
 Shirley Mae Johnson became the bride of Ernest Robert Biggs June 4 in Pulaski. Both are Beckley employees, Mrs. Biggs a junior clerk in the record section and Mr. Biggs in the stores department.

Loveday-Williams
 Betty Louise Loveday and Robert Joseph Williams were united in marriage May 17. Mrs. Williams was given in marriage by her father, G. V. Loveday, Marmet hydro plant utility operator of the Kanawha Valley Power Company.

McCown-Atkinson
 Jean E. McCown was united in marriage with Dolph R. Atkinson May 28 at the Bethel Lutheran Church of Manassas. Rev. Joseph B. Cassell, uncle of the groom, performed the ceremony. Mr. Atkinson is employed by the system civil engineering department in Roanoke.

Dancing Students Perform In Revues



LEFT: These children of Roanoke employees represented the theme of "A Trip Around The World" at the annual revue of the Floyd Ward School of Dancing. Kneeling is Jacque French, daughter of J. W. French, power sales department. Standing, from left: Sharon Stephens, daughter of J. W. Stephens, division engineering department; Vicki Hall, daughter of A. L. Hall, Jr., local accounting office; Jackie Mason, son of Mrs. Dorothy Mason, local accounting office; Susan Goggin, daughter of James T. Goggin, local accounting office, and Judy Booker, daughter of W. P. Booker, district manager. RIGHT: Ellen Wood, 10-year-old daughter of George G. Wood, Abingdon local office manager, appeared in her first ballet recital at the town hall. She is a student of the Range School of Dancing.

Criddle-Bunn
 Nancy Jo Criddle became the bride of Gary Bunn June 10 in the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church of Huntington. Mrs. Bunn is employed in the Huntington system billing office.

Potter-Collier
 Fannie Mae Potter and Art Collier were united in marriage June 22 at Shelby, Ky. Mrs. Collier was formerly credit and collection clerk in Pikeville.

Layne-Ratliff
 Ruby Jean Layne was married May 7 to Frank Ratliff at her home in Oakwood. Mrs. Ratliff is employed as junior clerk in the Grundy office of the Welch district.

Wiener Roast, Dancing Held
 A wiener roast and square dancing were combined to give the Beckley Appaleisure Club members a big night recently. About 50 persons attended the affair at Little Beaver Lake.

They're Engaged

MARIE BELLE VEST to Robert Lee Loudermilk. He is Charleston district commercial sales representative.
 BARBARA ANN MANNING, system operating department, to Ronald B. Creasy, Roanoke district local accounting office.

Daughter Of Welch Employee Is Honored

Two honors were bestowed recently on Judith Rae Hulme, daughter of William Hulme who is head T&D clerk in the Welch district.

Judith was chosen queen of the Welch High School junior-senior prom and was installed as worthy advisor of Welch Assembly, Order of Rainbow Girls. A graduate this year, she was a member of the National Honor Society, Future Nurses of America, Senior Sigmas, secretary of the Thespians, vice president of the choir, secretary of the district Tri-Hi-Y and member of the May court.



Miss Hulme

Sun And Sand



Summer sun beckons, and people flock to the beaches again this year. But what makes this year distinctive from others is the new styling in bathing suits. Dorothy T. Webster and Nancy C. Kitts, Fieldale district employees wear two of the new models. Dorothy, junior merchandise order and billing clerk, wears a white smooth mercerized cotton suit with pert pink French poodles and crinkelastick shirring. And Nancy, clerk-stenographer, wears a lavender sun taffeta with crinkelpuff shirring. Both suits are made by Jantzen and are from C. W. Holt's department store in Martinsville. The beach towels are a product of Fieldale's Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., and the girls are enjoying the sun at Fairy-stone State Park.

System Accounting Models Steal Show



This bevy of beauties stole the show at a recent social gathering of the Appa-Mo Club, system accounting office in Roanoke. A wiener roast and dance on Mill Mountain included this special feature at the Rockledge Inn. Commentator is Virginia Phillips. Modeling the latest in milady's wardrobe are, from left: Raymond Taylor, T. R. Mitchell, O. A. Hawkins, P. C. Ray, H. M. Hamilton and Burnette Caldwell.

New Arrivals

A daughter, KATHERINE RUTH, was born June 1 to Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Middlekauff. Mr. Middlekauff is a station man in the Roanoke office of the system station department.

KENT JACKSON is the son born May 30 to Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Howard. Mr. Howard is employed in the system R/W office in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lee Saul are the parents of a son, JEFFREY ALAN, born June 6. Mr. Saul is employed in Roanoke's system accounting office.

DAVID RUSSELL was born May 30 to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stricklen. Mr. Stricklen is a Point Pleasant district employee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. James are the parents of a son, WILLIAM EDWARD, JR., born June 17. Mr. James is a test engineer at Kanawha River plant.

CHARLENE HOPE is the daughter born May 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Frazier, Jr. He is a Kanawha River plant employee.

A son, ROBERT TRENT, was born May 31 to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Barrett. Mr. Barrett is general serviceman at Kingsport.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hudson are the parents of DEBORAH NELL, born May 19. Mr. Hudson is employed in the Pulaski stores section.

A son, WINSTON, was born May 21 to Mr. and Mrs. William Boggs. Mr. Boggs is a T&D employee at Hazard.

DEBRA ANN was born June 17 to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sweeney, Jr. Mrs. Sweeney was formerly a junior home economist in the Lynchburg district.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Muir are the parents of a son, JOHN WALTER, born June 4. Mr. Muir is employed in Beckley district's T&D record section.

A son was born June 14 to MR. and MRS. BRUCE JONES. Mrs. Jones is a former personnel employee in Williamson.

MICHAEL DALE was born June 8 to Mr. and Mrs. James L. Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert is employed in the Huntington district accounting department.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleith H. McCallister are the parents of a daughter, MELANIE SUE, born May 14. Mr. McCallister is employed in the Huntington T&D record section.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Taylor are the parents of a daughter, MARIE ANTOINETTE, born May 19. Mr. Taylor is barge attendant at Philip Sporn plant.

CYNTHIA JEAN is the new daughter born May 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Weethee. Mr. Weethee is a maintenance department helper at Philip Sporn plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Rhodes are the parents of a son, ROBERT MICHAEL, born May 17. Mr. Rhodes is a member of the labor department at Philip Sporn plant.

DEBRA ANN is the daughter born May 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Karr. Mr. Karr is a member of the labor department and Mrs. Karr is a former clerk-typist at Philip Sporn plant.

JAMES RICHARD was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Taylor. Mr. Taylor is a groundman in the Charleston district.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell are the parents of a daughter, SHERRY JEAN, born June 2. Mr. Bell is employed in the chemical laboratory at Logan plant.

JOSEPH LEE was born May 20 to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Douglas. Mr. Douglas is a Cabin Creek plant employee.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Johnston are the parents of a daughter, MARILYN. Mr. Johnston is in the Ashland main accounting office.

SABRINA GAY is the daughter born June 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Hagan Draughn. Mrs. Draughn is a former Pikeville home economist.

A daughter was born June 19 to MR. AND MRS. VICTOR COLEMAN. Mr. Coleman is a Pikeville meterman.

Tri Fori Club Holds Picnic

About 130 Tri Fori Club members and their families enjoyed a recent wiener roast and square dance on Roanoke's Mill Mountain. Members are employees of the third and fourth floor of the general office building.

Eddie Johnston Wins 36-Hole Roanoke Golf Tournament As 64 Take Part



Eddie Johnston, left, accepts first place prize from E. L. Munday, Jr., right, assistant to the Roanoke district manager, during the recent golf tournament. Dick Shepherd, second place, stands between the two.

E. F. "Eddie" Johnston, system operating, was the winner in the annual Roanoke Golf Tournament completed June 18.

Eddie and M. D. "Dick" Shepherd, system personnel, tied at the end of 36 holes with a net score of 142 and flipped a coin to determine the victor.

T. D. Carroll, system station, had 18-hole low gross of 73 on the par 71 Monterey Golf Course, and Dick Shepherd had low gross for 36 holes of 150. The first round of the tournament was played May 21, and 64 golfers took part in the event.

Committees and members were: General—O. A. Hawkins, chairman, W. P. Booker, C. E. Moore, W. M. Johnson and Jesse Bussey; Handicap and Registration—Jesse Bussey, chairman, I. B. Peters and J. A.

Mundy; Food—C. E. Moore, chairman and J. I. Muncey; Prizes—W. M. Johnson, chairman, T. R. Carlton and J. W. Faucette.

Sporn Plant Boasts 3-1 Record; League To Open

The Philip Sporn plant softball team has won three and lost one during the infant softball season.

They defeated Kyger Creek plant and Vanadium plant and split with Lakin State Hospital. Further games are scheduled. Meanwhile outages forced postponement of the inter-plant league but five teams have held practice games in preparation for the season opener. Already active are Results, Carroll's Shift, Emmert's Shift, Maintenance and Labor.

Little Leaguer Also Is Scholar, Scout

A versatile boy is 9-year-old Skip Garten.

Right now the youngster is playing baseball in Charleston's Southern Little League. And during the past two winters he has played midget basketball at St. Agnes grade school.

The son of C. R. S. Garten, Charleston credit supervisor, plays first base and outfield under his father, who is coach of the team. He recently competed in accuracy throwing for the selection of the city's all stars at Watt Powell Park when the Little Leaguers were guests of the Charleston Senators.

Skip is also a Cub Scout and has received the "Parvuli Dei" (God and Country) award for scouting achievement. He is altar boy at the St. Agnes Church in Kanawha City.

His achievements don't end there though. Despite his many extra-curricular activities the youth is an exceptional student, as evidenced by the seven A's, one A plus and one B plus on his last report card.

A. F. Horne To Head Rifle, Pistol Club

A. F. Horne, Welch district manager, has been re-elected president of the Welch Rifle and Pistol Club. He has been an active member and an avid hunter and fisher.

He is also president of the Welch Chamber of Commerce and member of the Welch Rotary Club, official board of the Southern District of the Boy Scouts of America and the Presbyterian Church and its Men's Club.

Mr. Horne came to Welch as district manager early in 1946 after heading the Bluefield division station department for several years.

Men Find Good Fishing In Recent Expeditions

Pikeville, Bluefield, Roanoke and Welch men were successful on recent fishing expeditions.

Gus Jopp, Pikeville district commercial manager, and R. H. Flynn, assistant local office manager, went along with several members of the Board of Education on a fishing jaunt in Florida. And Chester Smith, Pikeville area sales representative, hooked a 28-inch, seven-pound wall-eyed Pike among several fish he caught at Norris Lake recently.

James B. Roach, Bluefield substation operator, fought ten minutes before he landed a 21½-inch trout weighing three pounds nine ounces on opening day of trout season. He caught the fish at Laurel Creek in Rich Valley, Tazewell County.

And Melvin Underwood, Roanoke meter serviceman, caught his limit on opening day at Smith River below Philpott Dam. The longest was 18 inches.

Grover and Holly Shumate came home with 23 blue cats, one pike and one carp from a Buck hydro fishing excursion. Mr. Shumate is a station man at Coalwood in the Welch district.

Set For 1955 Softball Season



Holding a dugout conference over the coming season in the Major Softball League are these members of the Huntington district team. Standing, from the left, are: Paul Baker, manager; J. M. (Maxey) Scites, business manager; C. J. Akers, team captain; and the league's official scorer. Seated in the first row, are, from left: Randy Hogsett, Bob Webster and Charlie Porter. In the back row are Donald Cottle, Maurice Cottle, Jim Triplett, Bernie Moore, Frank Chapman and Jim Shaffer. The squad, runner-up in last year's company tournament, began practices in April, pointing to another big year.

Parsons, Westfall, And Meade-Brown Team Are Victorious In Tournament



Winners have a firm grip on the paddles that took them safely through the Charleston ping-pong tournament. They are from left: Danny Meade, Fred Brown, Barbara Westfall and Paul Parsons.

Three men and a woman have emerged champs after a series of eliminations in the Charleston district ping-pong tournament.

Paul Parsons, personnel department, was crowned men's singles titlist, while Barbara Westfall, payroll, won the women's singles trophy. Fred Brown and Danny Meade teamed up to annex the doubles crown. They are commercial department employees.

In winning the men's singles, Parsons bested last year's champ, Fred Brown, in the semi-finals and stopped J. D. Porter in the finals. Barbara Westfall eliminated Phyllis Rowe in the semi-finals and Ilene Akers in the finals for her title. And Brown and Meade triumphed over Lindy Jividen and Bob Young in doubles after a previous win over Walt Minsker and F. E. Smith. Young and Jividen advanced to the finals with

a win over Russ Garten and Basil Stump.

Logan District, Plant Form 1955 Softball Team

Pooling their talent, the Logan district and plant have entered a team in the Logan Businessmen's softball league this season.

Loop play opened in May with Mayor Litz McGuire throwing out the first ball and entertainment by the Logan Junior High band.

Employees on the team are H. R. Jackson, manager, Orville Napier, R. E. Craddock, C. E. Elkins, H. S. Jimison, J. R. Ellis, N. R. Pridmore, Paul Cantley, D. F. Brumfield, D. F. Woolcock, J. B. Bell, Paul Sammons, R. L. McComas, Cecil Boyd, Howard Foglesong, Caleb White and J. R. Blankenship.

Roanoke Playing In City B League



Currently riding in fourth place in the Roanoke City B League, Silver Division, are these members of the Roanoke softball team. Mascots Mike Henry and Billy Bryant are in front of the team. Team members include, front row from left: Reggie Oliver, manager, Jay Thomas, Dewey Henry, Rudy Leftwich and Carl Hedgecock. Back row from left: Jack Collins, Jack Whitenack, Tommy Bryant, Dick Lovegrove and Ken Kavanagh. Missing when the picture was taken were Frank Kelly, Gene Ferguson, Bobby Saul, Roy Howard, Buddy Hubbard and Seabiscuit Simmons.

Charleston Holds 9-0 League Lead



Riding high in the Elk-Kanawha Softball League with a 9-0 record is the Charleston district team. Shown above are, front row from left: Dick Bradley, Cam Coffman, Lou Romano, Vernon Kirk, Bill Payne and J. D. Porter. Back row from left: Jack Smithers, Charlie Elkins, Bryan Smithers, Ralph Baughan, Roger Tompkins and Bob Selbe. Not pictured is Ralph "Red" Holmes. Kirk has featured the team's play so far with his strong pitching. That coupled with an airtight defense has held the opposition to four runs in the nine contests. Over-all record including out-of-league games, is 12-1, the single 2-1 loss to James Produce, one of the state's strongest teams.

Beckley Softballers Open Season



Entering the Beckley Softball League again this year is this team from Beckley district. Members are, kneeling from left: Charles Varner, Eddie McGinnis, Eugene O'Neal, Bill Wiseman and Dwight Williams; standing, from left: T. L. Humphries, Maxie Dwornick, Chester Pate, Homer Greene, Lloyd Pomykata and R. W. Martin, manager. Not shown are Eddie Zopp, Keith Evans and Herb Miller. The team was eliminated in the first round of a league warm-up tournament but plans for better things in the regular season.

Show Your Hobby

Abingdon August Festival To Feature Exhibits Of Appalachian Employees



Final plans are made for the Appalachian employees' exhibit at the Virginia Highlands Festival. From left: Dr. Harry Comer, festival chairman; Robert Porterfield, managing director of Barter Theatre and festival program chairman; Doris Fleenor, Abingdon district secretarial stenographer, and Paul S. Dunn, district administrative assistant.

Got a hobby? Have something you made that you'd like to display?

If so, here's your chance. The work of arts and crafts of Appalachian employees and their families will be exhibited in the Abingdon office lobby and auditorium from August 1-15. This special exhibit will be part of the program of the Seventh Annual Virginia Highlands Festival of the Arts.

Paul S. Dunn, Abingdon district administrative assistant, will serve as chairman of the Appalachian exhibits. He asks that employees throughout Appalachian send exhibit items of their creative work to him for this special showing.

Paul promises all items will be carefully handled, exhibited and returned to the owner at the close of the festival. Each exhibitor will receive a certificate from the chairman of the festival stating his entry was exhibited.

The exhibit is expected to include paintings, handicrafts, needle work, weaving, ceramics, wood, metal and leather work, hooked and braided rugs and collections of interest.

The Virginia Highlands Festival, in its seventh year, attracts thousands of people to Abingdon. All phases of the arts are combined into a two weeks' program of classes, workshops, lectures, forums, panel discussions, plays, tours and exhibits. Many of the country's outstanding artists appear on the program and exhibit

Bouncing Boy



For a while Buddy Covey was the bounciest boy in the nation. Buddy, shown above with neighborhood friends, read in the newspaper where an Ohio lad set what he claimed to be a pogo stick jumping record of 2,153 bounces. The nine-year-old son of Marshall Covey, Roanoke meter department, enlisted his father as counter and went out to bounce 3,155 times, claiming himself as national champ. The next day he beat his own record by jumping 5,613 times in 50 minutes, before his father gave up counting. A few days later Buddy relinquished his title to a Baltimore boy who recorded 8,500 bounces. Photo courtesy "The Roanoke Times."

their work.

If you're interested in exhibiting, address all inquiries to Paul S. Dunn, Appalachian Electric Power Company, Abingdon, Virginia.

Lynchburg District Engineer Named

G. Carter Wheeler was promoted last month from electrical engineer to Lynchburg district engineer. He succeeds C. E. Stahl who resigned.



Mr. Wheeler

Wheeler joined the company in May 1946 as draftsman and became an engineer in December of that year. He was promoted to engineering assistant in 1949, junior distribution engineer in 1950 and electrical engineer in 1951.

He served in the Army from June 1942 to May 1946 and holds the rank of captain in the National Guard. A graduate of V. P. I. with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering, he is active in church and Scout work. He is married and has two sons.

Main Is Key Man In Roanoke Jaycees

A. R. Main, Jr., was presented the Key Man Award by the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce at their annual installation of officers.



Mr. Main

The draftsman in the system civil engineering department was one of two members awarded for doing the most outstanding work.

Chairman of the youth activities division last year, he was elected to the board of directors for the coming year. His division took the first place award in state competitions and third place in national.

A World War II veteran with the Air Corps, he is president of the Tri Fori Club in the Roanoke office. He was employed 14 years ago and has been a draftsman since 1948.

In Jaycee activities last year he worked with a fellow employee and holder of a Key Man Award, R. J. Stinnett who was a vice president. Other employees installed as officers in the Roanoke Jaycees were vice presidents R. R. Snedegar, division engineering, and J. A. Palmer, public relations.

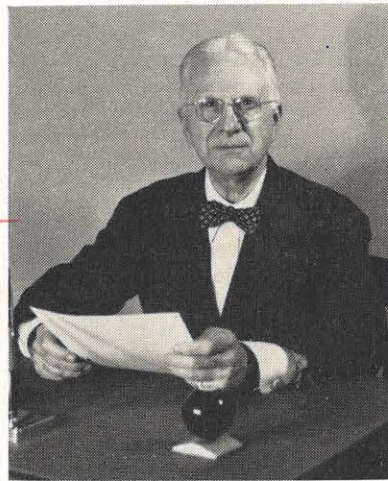
It Only Takes One

While everyone else gulped and gobbled them, Mary Jane Davis only ate one.

And with each barbecue eaten a free chance on a bicycle was given. So guess who won?

Why sure. Mary Jane and her one chance took home the bicycle. Hankla's Pharmacy next door to Bluefield's Appalachian office ran the promotional contest during the past two months. Mary Jane is a personnel department employee.

AGE Veteran Of 48 Years Retires



Mr. Jeffers

The second oldest employee in point of service on the AGE System, William J. (Bill) Jeffers, of the Service Corporation, retired June 1 after 48½ years.

He retired as director, assistant vice president, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the Service Corporation and assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the AGE Company and the principal subsidiaries, including Appalachian, Kentucky and Kingsport.

Mr. Jeffers' long career with the company began New Year's Day, 1907. At the age of 16 he started working evenings as an office boy for the Electric Company of America in his birthplace, Philadelphia. Later that year AGE acquired that company.

Working under the secretary and treasurer, Mr. Jeffers, in addition to other assignments, was responsible for the supervision of the shareowner's records, the payment of dividends for all companies throughout the System and other related functions of the department. On January 1, 1929, he was appointed assistant secretary and assistant treasurer in charge of the stock record and dividend department of AGE, and on January 1, 1945, was named assistant vice president of the Service Corporation.

A veteran of World War I, he spent two years overseas as a sergeant in the Field Artillery of the 77th Division. He is a member of the American Legion, 77th Division Club and Veterans of the 7th Regiment.

A resident of Larchmont, N. Y., Mr. Jeffers is married and has one daughter.

Longest Service

Oldest active employee in point of service in the AGE System is Grant C. Anderson, service dispatcher in the South Bend division of Indiana and Michigan Electric Company.

Mr. Anderson, who has over 49 years' service, began working April 1, 1906.

Exhibit Featured In New York Show



Our three companies were represented in this exhibit in the recent "How-To-Invest" Show in New York City. Shown above is Douglas M. Tonge, head of the statistical department of AGE Service Corporation, describing the AGE System to some of the many who visited the exhibit. AGE represented the nation's electric companies in the one-week show which attracted about 100,000 persons. The theme of AGE's exhibit was "Electricity, the Lifeblood of America." It was illustrated by means of a colored sound-slide film along with several panels of photographs, including some from our three companies.

Loyd Smith Awarded State Farmer Degree

Loyd T. Smith, Lynchburg district administrative assistant, was presented last month an honorary State Farmer Degree of the Future Farmers of America. This is the highest honor that can be conferred by a Virginia association and recognizes his services to rural Virginia, particularly the FFA.



Mr. Smith

Earlier this year he was awarded honorary memberships in the FFA chapters of Brookville and Rustburg high schools.

A veteran of almost 28 years with Appalachian, he was employed in September of 1927 as an electric engineer. He was promoted to contract agent in 1931 and to district sales supervisor in 1945. He was promoted to his present position August 1, 1951.

A VPI graduate with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering, he is a member of the Rotary Club, Industrial Management Club, past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club and a member of Marshall Lodge 39 A. F. & A. Masons. He is married and has a son who graduated last month from V. M. I.

E. C. Davis Moves Up To Line Inspector

Eugene C. Davis, Huntington working foreman, was promoted to line inspector May 1.



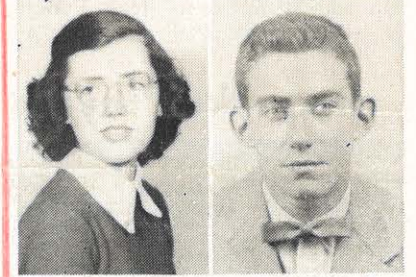
E. C. Davis

He joined the company at Huntington May 1, 1941, as a meter helper. He served as meter reader, groundman and lineman until March 1, 1944, when he moved up to local representative.

He became working foreman December 8, 1952. Born at Culloden, W. Va., Mr. Davis graduated from Milton High School. He served in the Army from 1944 to 1946 in intelligence and reconnaissance as staff sergeant. He is a member of the Methodist Church, Masons and Lions Club and takes an active part in Little League baseball. He likes to garden and fish. Mr. Davis is married and has two daughters and one son.

Pikeville Youngsters Take School Honors

Peggy Ford Sue Coleman



Charlotte Anders Kenneth Lowe

Pikeville students received honors at recent school exercises.

Peggy Ford, 17-year-old sister of Dorothy Ford, stenographer in the accounting department, was valedictorian of the Pikeville Academy High School. For having the highest grades, she received the May E. Day prize, a \$25 savings bond. She also received a Bible for having highest grades in Bible study.

Patricia Sue Coleman, 13-year-old daughter of Harold M. Coleman, stores supervisor, was valedictorian of the Pikeville Junior High graduating class. She received the mathematics medal for the highest grades.

Charlotte Ann Anders, 17-year-old daughter of R. C. Anders, station foreman, was presented the Citizenship Award, presented each year by the Daughters of the American Revolution to an outstanding graduate of Pikeville High School.

Kenneth Lowe, 18-year-old son of Ked Lowe, meter serviceman, received the D.A.R. Citizenship Award as an outstanding graduate of Pikeville College Academy High School.

Sporn Men Served With Recently Released POW

Two Philip Sporn plant employees once served in the same National Air Guard unit with Lt. Col. Edwin Heller, one of four prisoners of war recently released by the Communists.

William L. Zerkle, junior maintenance man, and Robert Cook, instrument maintenance man, served in the 167th Fighter Squadron with Heller at Charleston in the years immediately following World War II. Both were well acquainted with Heller.