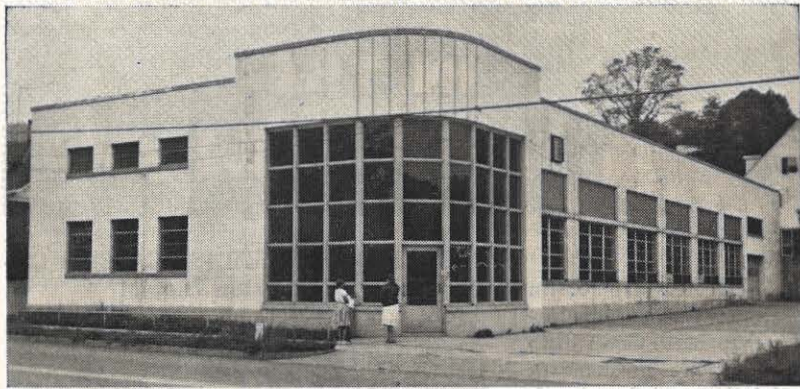


# New Galax Local Office Is Slated In Pulaski District



This building will house the Galax local office in the Pulaski district. Remodeling of the former dairy building will take about three months. It will boast a heat pump for year-round air conditioning and 175-seat auditorium.

Pulaski district will soon have a new local office in Galax. It will be located on Main Street in the building formerly housing the Maplemoor Dairy Company.

The building will be completely remodeled within about three months. The work of tearing out partitions has begun.

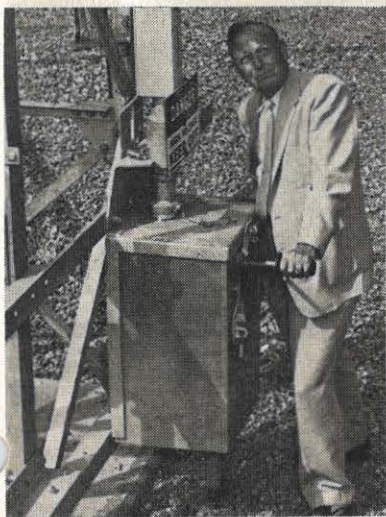
A 175-seat auditorium for company and civic use will be located on the first floor. A special entrance from an adjacent parking lot will lead to the auditorium and into the main building.

Remodeling will include new lighting, painting and many other modern changes. The building will feature year-round air conditioning from an all-electric heat pump.

The Galax Public Library will be located in a second floor room. A separate entrance to the library will be located at the rear of the building.

In making the announcement of the new building, D. P. Minichan, district manager, said, "Our 24 employees in Galax will work out of these modern facilities to provide the

## New Martinsville Station Energized



Bruce Cox, Fieldale district manager, throws the switch to energize the new Martinsville station which doubles power capacity to the city.

Power capacity to Martinsville was doubled last month as the new 132/33 kv Martinsville substation was completed.

It was put in service September 13 as Bruce Cox, Fieldale district manager, threw the switch after four months of construction work. Additions to another station in the area also were made during this time.

The Martinsville substation will feed electricity into the city from as many as five sources if required, including tie-ins in the event of emergency with Duke Power Company to the south and Carolina Power Company to the east.

Inspectors from the system station department on the job included R. L. Lewis and J. G. Tapley.

best possible service to the customers of Grayson and Carroll counties."

The building will house the offices of L. A. Sharpe, local area supervisor; F. M. Bennington, rural sales representative, and Elizabeth Lynch, home economist, who will supervise the demonstration kitchen. The cashiers and accounting office will be in charge of R. P. Lawson and there will be quarters for the line and service departments as well as a storeroom and garage.

Contract for the remodeling was awarded Richard E. Phillippi, Inc., of Wytheville.

## Ahead Of Schedule

### OVEC Passes Half-Way Mark Upon Completion Of Kyger Creek Unit 3

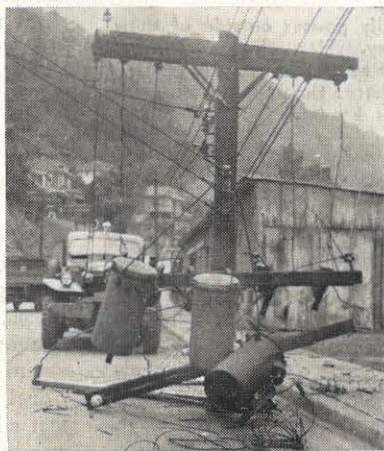
Ohio Valley Electric Corporation passed the half-way point when the sixth of 11 giant generating units was completed and placed in operation early last month.

The latest unit to go in service, supplying the nation's newest major atomic installation at Portsmouth, Ohio, was the third unit at Kyger Creek plant near Gallipolis. OVEC's job at this point is well ahead of schedule with good prospects of maintaining or even bettering the record in remaining months. The job is about 85% completed.

Unit 3 at Kyger's sister station, Clifty Creek plant, was placed in operation in July. The two stations upon completion early in 1956 will be the largest power plants ever built by private enterprise. Appalachian, I&M and Ohio Power are the three AGE companies in the 15-company OVEC.

Clifty Creek will have six units with a total generating capability of 1,290,000 kw while Kyger Creek will have five units and a total

## Down But Not Out



For the second time in a week, this pole in Keystone was broken off. However, the pole in the Welch district had no interruption in the primary service. Only the three-phase bank was knocked out. Another unusual thing was that the persons in the vehicles were not injured.

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## To Employ 800

# GE Will Build Big Plant Near Lynchburg

General Electric will build a multi-million dollar plant near Lynchburg. Announcement of the new rectifier department headquarters was made September 23 at a Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce luncheon in honor of visiting GE officials.

The plant will employ about 800 persons by the end of 1957 and will have an annual payroll in excess of \$3 million. Of the 800 employees, over 600 will be hired from the local area for the plant, to be built on a 122-acre site about two miles south-east of Lynchburg.

Cost of the plant and equipment is estimated at over \$5 million.

Lynchburg is the third Virginia city to be chosen recently for relocation of GE plants. One is under construction in Roanoke County and another is in operation at Waynesboro.

The plant marks the second major industrial gain for Lynchburg this year. Babcock and Wilcox's atomic

energy division has begun work on a multi-million dollar reactor plant about five miles east of the city. Both sites are in Campbell County.

GE officials at the luncheon attended by 130 business and civic leaders said Lynchburg was selected over about 200 other locations. The new plant will allow consolidation of manufacturing facilities located at Lynn, Mass., and Limerick, Maine.

Actual construction of a one-story manufacturing building and an adjoining two-story office structure will begin in March. Initial production

will begin in January, 1957.

Appalachian men attending the luncheon when the plant announcement was made included: G. L. Furr, vice president and general manager; R. E. Hodges, assistant general manager; G. S. Dunn, public relations director; Julius Hall, Jr., system commercial department advisor; Dorman M. Miller, system industrial development agent; J. D. Lawrence, assistant division manager; D. C. Kennedy, district manager; F. M. Cloyd, district commercial manager, and R. H. Johnson, district power engineer.

## Station Site Bought

# New Kentucky Transmission Line Gets Underway Between David And Falcon

A 15-mile transmission line is being built between David and Falcon in Pikeville district. The 44,000-volt line got started last month after the line survey was completed and right-of-way clearing underway.

The line will be built for 66 kv but will operate initially at 44 kv. It will tie into the existing 44 kv line at Middle Creek substation at David.

A substation site has been bought at the other end of the line at Falcon about 2½ miles from Salyersville. This station upon completion will serve eight oil companies concerned with the secondary recovery of oil by the water flood process. It also will serve other area customers now being served from Paintsville substation.

Cost at the station at Falcon and the 15-mile transmission line is estimated at \$200,000. The new facilities will go into service next year.

Contract for construction was awarded the Davis Elliot Construction Company of Roanoke while the contract for clearing right-of-way went to Charles and Thompson of Pikeville.



Robert Weddle, Pikeville district distribution engineer, takes a reading during the survey of the David to Falcon 44 kv line. Construction on the line started last month.

## Logan Is Winner In Water Heater Sales Campaign

Logan district has been named winner in the recent four-month water heater campaign in Appalachian.

Closely following Logan in the campaign, which ran from June 1 through September 23, were Huntington, Fieldale, Williamson and Lynchburg. On the division level, Huntington finished first, Roanoke second and Charleston third.

Two other campaigns are continuing in Appalachian. In the year-ending campaign which runs from September 1 through December 30, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Logan, Huntington and Fieldale districts were leading in that order through September 23. Roanoke division leads, followed by Huntington, Charleston and Bluefield.

And in the special year-ending campaign for water heaters Huntington, Logan, Point Pleasant, Williamson and Fieldale districts are listed in that order through September 23. Huntington division leads, followed by Roanoke, Charleston and Bluefield.

Figures show that 5,978 water heater sales were made by dealers in Appalachian territory during the four-month campaign. That is 27.4 per cent ahead of the same four months last year. And it brought the total number of water heaters sold by dealers during the year to 11,097, which is 31.6 per cent ahead of the same period last year.

## On Second Million

# Kentucky Employees Given Awards For Million-Manhour Safety Record

One million is 1,000 thousands or 10,000 hundreds or 100,000 tens. Any way you look at it, it's a lot.

And 1,000,000 manhours without a disabling injury is a lot of safe work done by employees of the Kentucky Power Company. They recently received personalized billfolds in honor of the occasion.

Meetings were held at Ashland, Hazard and Pikeville where managers congratulated employees for the record compiled between March 18, 1954, and June 15, 1955. Refreshments followed the short talks.

The Pikeville meeting was in celebration of a double honor because the district also recently completed a million manhours without a disabling injury. Their record was established between August 2, 1951, and July 5, 1955.

Kentucky Power Company has started toward its second million manhours. The company's record already



R. E. Doyle, Kentucky Power Company vice president and general manager at right, presents H. S. Scott, assistant general manager, his billfold at the Ashland meeting in honor of the company's safety record. Mr. Scott and R. F. Millikan, general safety and employee relations supervisor, also congratulated Ashland employees in short talks and spoke to employees in Hazard and Pikeville.

is over 1,140,000 injury-free manhours of work.

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## Help Needed

Our help is needed in dealing with an important problem. The problem and its solution was explained last month in a speech before the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias by Francis X. Welch, editor of *Public Utilities Fortnightly*.

Speaking on "The Public Relations of Public Utility Regulation," he pointed out the public is largely unaware that utility services and charges are regulated. All of us remember this was evident from some answers given in the Customer Opinion Survey, subject of two Employee Information Programs.

So why is it important for customers to know rates are regulated and their interests protected by state commissions? Mr. Welch says: "Take away or destroy this peculiarly American system of commission regulation—and what would you have? There is only one answer—we would have government monopoly."

That puts it on the line. It shows why your company is interested in having customers know that its operations are regulated. Employees can help with this job.

"How?" you ask. Mr. Welch says the answer is surprisingly simple. "The story of regulation must be told over and over again." He also points out that it must be told simply and spelled out in dollars and cents—translated in terms so that the customer getting the bill realizes it is to his advantage that commission regulation exists.

Despite many ways of telling the story of utility regulation, he believes more work is needed—especially by individuals in repeated person to person contacts.

He sees our utility as having a "service area responsibility" instead of a "monopoly" because it is a responsibility, as well as an exclusive operating privilege, subject to regulatory control. Despite many other areas of competition in our business, we are limited as to how much money we can make although most other businesses are free to charge whatever the tariff will bear for their products.

Another point worth remembering, he explains, is that commission regulation is "designed to protect both the consumer and the owners of property, while at the same time maintaining the confidence of the public in the industry as a public service." This does not prevent the companies or the commission from having differences of opinion. He compared the commission with the umpire in a baseball game. The players may frequently argue with the umpire—even appeal a decision—but would not consider doing away with the umpire altogether.

He concluded with this thought: "If the story of regulation and how it works were fully understood by enough people, the electric utilities would not have to cope with such unfair and discriminatory policies as tax exemption, or subsidies for politically operated services."

# Your Opinion

How can you impress on your family the fact that voting preserves American rights?

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**EARL H. GRAHAM, Radio Engineer, Bluefield Division**



Enjoying the evening meal where the day's activities are discussed is the Earl Graham family. From left: David Earl, Mrs. Graham, Earl and Gale Lee.

The members of our family have one activity that is of mutual enjoyment. We like to gather around the table and eat. At the evening meal we discuss the day's problems and comment on our activity. We partake of the different varieties of food our budget will allow us to purchase, and we sit and converse in a relaxed atmosphere about anything we wish to discuss.

This domestic scene is only one of the many American rights our nation enjoys. Could we lose it? Other nations have! Some people dare not talk, much less relax when they talk. Every move is dictated, and fear is the predominant emotion. Discussing a specific American right that we could lose, should our nation become a Police State or Dictatorship, impresses my family that voting is necessary to preserve our democracy.

**IONA M. KORIATH, Personnel And Safety Department, Ashland District**



Iona reminds every citizen to be sure to register and to vote.

Americans will invest thousands of lives and billions of dollars in the future of our country and yet only one out of five will be interested enough in what happens to those lives and that money to elect the kind of men best fitted to manage that huge investment.

If our government is going to be operated according to the best wisdom of all of us, that wisdom must be expressed where it will be effective—at the ballot box. Therefore, by my voting and taking an active part in this American privilege, I am teaching by example.

**MRS. CARL L. PHILLIPS, Wife Of Commercial Sales Representative, Huntington District**



Mrs. Carl L. Phillips is shown with her daughter, Rebecca Susan, and son, Carl Timothy. As Americans, they enjoy the highest standard of living in the world.

The fact that voting preserves our American rights is impressed on our children by pointing out many of the advantages that only

we, as Americans, enjoy.

We try to teach our daughter that here in our country she can become whoever or whatever she desires, and that with God's help and her faith she can truly live an abundant life. It is so wonderful that an education is available to all who will accept it, and that young people may grow up unhampered by political tyranny.

The right to worship as we please is perhaps the most valuable of our freedom rights. Being under God and in America spells success to anyone with the faith and fortitude to try.

These are the vital things we have tried to teach our daughter and will endeavor to teach our small son.

**J. T. DUNCAN, Local Office Manager, Kingsport**



His family gathers around him as J. T. Duncan reads from the Bible. His daughter, Judy, stands at left and his wife, Alma, is at right.

Family impressions are formed largely by training and sharing . . . sharing each other's joys and sorrows . . . sharing problems and working them out for the mutual family good. Decisions reached should be based on a firm Christian foundation because on this foundation our nation was built.

Exercising our right to vote is a privilege and is the only way we have to guarantee that our religious freedom as well as all the other freedoms set forth in our constitution will be preserved. A thorough family discussion of this privilege will bring about a better understanding of duty, which we as God-fearing Americans should perform.

**J. W. FORE, Stores Supervisor, Kanawha River Plant**



The J. W. Fore family pauses outside of their neighborhood grocery. Here Mr. and Mrs. Fore have pointed out to their son, John W., Jr., and daughter, Charlotte, the many choices of food competition has brought.

It is my belief that nothing can impress like reality. An illustration of this is the lack of opportunity, the scarcity of consumer goods and the limited supply of adequately balanced foods in so many of the foreign countries.

Television, movies and periodicals continuously bring these facts to our attention, and particularly to the attention of our children who are easily impressed. We should take advantage of every opportunity to compare our way of life with that of other countries in free discussion with our children. This can be done as we shop, as we travel, as we worship, as we freely express our thoughts about our government and in many other ways.

We can point out that these privileges came about through the struggle for freedom by our forefathers and have been preserved through the years by our right to vote.

**CYRENA D. BURNSIDE, Clerk-Stenographer, Charleston District**



Cyrena Burnside uses make-believe ballots to illustrate a point to her three-year-old twins, Marguerite, left, and Vicki, right. Seated beside her mother and watching with interest is 9-year-old Cyrena.

I can impress on my children that voting preserves the right of expressing their opinion, but at the same time, I try to make them realize that democracy means that the majority rules.

Recent developments in our schools make this a very pointed issue at this time. True, these developments didn't come about because of a vote of the people, but our government's highest judicial body represents the majority on this particular point. My children must realize, even though there are conditions which they may or may not like, that these things can only be changed by the voice of "majority rules." The vote is merely our means of expressing our opinions, not only on controversial issues, but also on candidates who will represent us on these issues.

**JEANNETTE S. KIDD, System Safety Department, Roanoke**



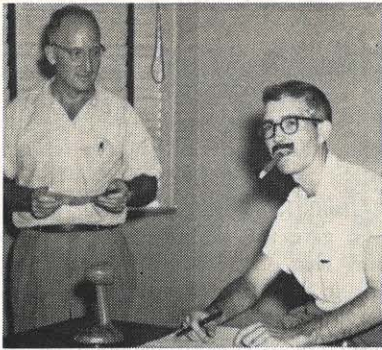
Before taking a family vote, Jeannette and her husband, Jim, and son, Skipper, consider the merits of this show.

In my three-member family, the personal privilege of voting is well appreciated. Whenever we have to decide on where to go and what to do, we all vote, with the majority ruling. Even when I am on the losing end, with my husband and eight-year-old son, Skipper, winning out, I still have a choice. I can either go with them or stay at home. That's certainly democracy at work in the home.

But this policy of voting on domestic affairs impresses upon Skipper the fact that his individual opinions and desires on these simple matters have the same weight and value as those of his father and mother. He realizes he is given the opportunity of expressing his choice, whether he ends up on the winning side or not. If we did not use this voting system in our home, there would be no individual expression of choice, which would mean that all decisions would be made by only one member of the family as to what we will or will not do.

This same principle carries right over into civic life. As long as we exercise our privilege to vote, we are expressing our choice as to what kind of government we want. But once we lose this privilege, we have lost everything that is dear to us.

**You Bet Your Life**



A Groucho Marx show in behalf of safety was conducted recently in Williamson. Here G. B. Trent is the announcer while Jack Riddle, originator and producer of the safety show, is Groucho. Patterned after the TV show, questions on safety were asked teams of Ford Muncy and Janet Coleman, Bob Waggoner and Lil Thurston, Bill Giles and Betty Roach. Mary Lou Justice waited to sound the horn on the secret word. The Muncy-Coleman team was tops with \$225—but each \$100 was equal to 10 cents.

**Company Actors Seen Throughout Nation In Film-Strip Series**

Appalachian actors are now making film appearances all over the country.

The actors appeared in "Let's Talk Safety", a company training program film strip filmed in Appalachian territory last year. A total of 76 sets of film strips on this and two other subjects have been purchased by 57 companies or public agencies to use in their own training programs. Purchases were arranged through Vocafilm Corporation, New York, producers of the program.

The other two films were "Better Communications", filmed in Ohio Power territory in 1952, and "Employee-Customer Relations", filmed in Indiana & Michigan territory in 1953.

**Polly Gatewood, Avid Horsewoman, And Her Sorrel, Champion, See Country Week Ends**



Polly Gatewood sits astride Champion, her sorrel, as the two prepare for a tour of the countryside.

Want to see Polly Gatewood on a week end? You'll find her with "Champion."

The Bluefield division senior payroll clerk is an avid horsewoman, and Champion is her sorrel, a five-gaited pleasure horse. The two can be found Saturdays and Sundays in the countryside around Draper's Valley, where she boards the horse.

Polly rode her first horse when she was ten. She bought one in 1950 and

later traded him for Champion, a nine-year-old. When she visits him on week ends the first thing he looks for is an apple, carrot or lump of sugar. The two travel about ten miles a week end, and Champion wears out shoes every three months.

Polly, who was in the Pulaski office for 11 years and recently came to Bluefield, says there is nothing like a ride in the fresh air after being at a desk all week.

**Lynchburg Veteran Dies After Illness**

William Thomas Desmond, Lynchburg district working foreman, died September 7 at Johns Hopkins Hospital after an extended illness.

He was 45 and would have completed 30 years with the company on October 19. Born in Lynchburg July 7, 1910, he was employed October 19, 1925 as meter tester, promoted to meterman June 1, 1936 and working foreman September 16, 1945.

Mr. Desmond was a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church and the Industrial Management Club of Lynchburg. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

**Williamson Winners Take Charleston Trip**

Winners in a recent Williamson district sales contest were taken on a trip to Charleston by E. E. King, district superintendent.

Winning for turning in appliance prospects were E. L. Bevins, accounting department; Herman Mills and Ira Conn, meter department, and A. P. Henry, T&D department. The meter department team beat out all others, entitling them to send two members on the trip.

**Supervisors' Wives Attend Four Conferences**



Supervisors of Bluefield supervisors attend a Supervisors Conference. That's a way of saying that supervisors' wives attended a meeting with husbands last month as districts in the Bluefield division held special Ladies' Day conferences.

Something new has been added to the regular Supervisors Safety and Operating Conference in the Bluefield division. Starting in Bluefield on September 9, wives of supervisors attended a Ladies' Day Supervisors and Operating Conference.

The program, held in Abingdon on September 22 and in Welch on the evening of September 21, was designed to interest the ladies as well as supervisors. Pulaski is scheduled to have a similar meeting this month.

Generally, the special meetings featured a welcome by the district manager, committee reports, talks on home safety and fire prevention, a look at the company's future, home lighting, electric space heating and a water heater bingo game.

Among the guests on the Bluefield program was A. R. Kiser, head of the electric plant department of sys-

tem accounting in Roanoke, who spoke on Appalachian's growth in the last 10 years. Bluefield Fire Chief E. L. McClure talked on fire prevention while Mrs. Maude McCulloch, retired home economist, spoke on health and safety in the home.

L. F. McPherson, assistant district manager, spoke on "Looking Ahead." John Kahle, residential sales representative, spoke on electric heating and Patty Ryan, home economist, talked of lighting for safety. M. E. Rich was program chairman and Ray Heldreth led the water heater game.

The Abingdon meeting had talks by Jack B. Frier, L. G. Smith, Barbara Connelly, James Cole and Joe Collins. C. K. Kirkland, district

manager, also was on the program for "Looking Ahead." George G. Wood was chairman.

At the Welch meeting, talks were given by Mrs. Samuel Solins, former home economist, R. J. Wood, Frances Brooks and O. J. Bragg. J. C. Smith, Jr., was program chairman.

**Bailey, Webster Promotions Made**



Mr. Bailey Mr. Webster

E. Lawson Bailey has moved to Huntington district electrical engineer. He has been succeeded as Huntington division residential sales representative by Robert D. Webster, district residential sales representative.

Mr. Bailey joined Appalachian at Huntington as a residential representative December 1, 1945 and moved up to rural sales representative February 1, 1947. He was promoted to division residential sales representative August 1, 1953.

A native of Kinchloe, Mr. Bailey served in the Army and is now a member of the National Guard. He is married, has a son and daughter and lists among his hobbies stamps, shooting and photography.

Mr. Webster joined the company at Huntington January 17, 1949 as a junior clerk in the commercial department. He was promoted to junior merchandise order and bill clerk August 1, 1950 and to area sales representative April 1, 1952. He was reclassified to residential sales representative February 1, 1955.

A graduate of Vinson High School, he attended Marshall College two years and has completed several correspondence courses. His hobbies are softball, photography and fishing. Married, he has a son and daughter. He is president of his Sunday School class at the Westmoreland Methodist Church.

**Retired Employees Join In Fun At Plant Picnic**

Five retired employees and their families were among those present when Cabin Creek plant employees held their annual picnic recently.

Retired employees attending were U. G. Ellis, L. E. Farley, I. F. Williams, Joe Steel and George Ellis. Following a picnic dinner the crowd enjoyed swimming and various games. Prizes were awarded as follows: oldest retired employee, U. G. Ellis; employee with most years of service, C. A. Kendall; employee with largest family present, William Harris; and newest parent, J. L. Rader.

**Welch Line Inspector Heads McDowell Lodge**

Fred Adams, Welch district line inspector, recently was installed as Worshipful Master of McDowell Lodge 112, A. F. & A. M.

Employed by the company in November 1945, he worked with the line crews until his promotion to line inspector in August 1953. He is a veteran of World War II, married, the father of a daughter and a member of the First Methodist Church.



Mr. Adams



A proud beauty is one-year-old Paula Dunn as she accepts a dozen red roses for being the best-dressed among the ladies at the fancy dress ball of the Virginia Highlands Festival. Paula, in the arms of her father, Paul Dunn, Abingdon administrative assistant, is wearing a handmade, yard-long baby dress dating back to the early 1800's. Mrs. William A. Stuart makes the award. The ball, staged in the Martha Washington Inn, was the gala opening and one of the highlights of the festival.

**Looking Around At Some Picnic Highlights**



UPPER LEFT: Ever try to eat a banana with just one hand? These youngsters of Glen Lyn plant employees are giving it a good try at the picnic at Giles Community Park at Narrows on August 20. About 400 plant employees and their families attended. UPPER RIGHT: Food is the main thing at any picnic so these Kingsport colored employees help themselves at their picnic at Big Creek Park on August 20. Bingo was played that afternoon. LOWER LEFT: Pony rides were a highlight of the Kanawha River plant employees' picnic held August 20 at Beckwith, about 250 attending. Here Charlene and Charles Murrill start on their ride while

Coralea Farthing waits her turn. CENTER: Boat rides were among the many types recreation enjoyed by Kingsport employees and their families at the picnic August 10 at Warriors' Path State Park. About 300 attended. RIGHT: A new 25-year veteran joined the Quarter Century Club at their annual picnic in Ashland on August 5 at Camden Park, about 45 attending. Above, Mrs. R. E. Doyle, Jr., pins the emblem on her husband, Kentucky Power Company vice president and general manager. Other pins were presented W. S. Burchett and Louise Cash by H. S. Scott.

Happenings...

# Around the Circuit

... among employees and their families

## Charleston Division

### Cabin Creek Plant

Sympathy is extended R. C. Kirk on the death of his father-in-law, and J. J. Ferguson on the death of his father.

### Kanawha River Plant

Sympathy is extended F. H. Campbell on the death of his mother-in-law, and H. C. Skaggs on the death of his father.

Jimmy, son of R. A. Fields, is recuperating after an operation.

### Philip Sporn Plant

Kenneth L. Finley, plant accounting clerk, was chairman of the Jaycee float committee and chairman of the chicken barbecue committee at the recent Pomeroy Broiler Festival. Earl Q. Teaford, assistant chief chemist, was chairman of the police committee.

Sympathy is extended Russell Senter, plant engineer, on the death of his mother, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. King on the death of her mother.

Sympathy is also extended Frank M. Ward, second assistant shift operating engineer, on the death of his mother, and Earl E. Painter, master maintenance man, on the death of his father.

John Dyer, test engineer, has resigned.

### Point Pleasant District

Millie Bumgarner, retired accounting employee, is at home recovering from a critical illness. She was confined in Christ Hospital in Cincinnati.

Glenville Jewell, summer engineering employee, has returned to college.

W. C. Gilmour, district personnel supervisor, attended a three-day fire protection school at Cabin Creek plant.

J. V. Mann, district manager, attended a two-day meeting of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce at White Sulphur Springs. He is a member of the board of directors.

J. A. Ferrell, administrative assistant, was an elected delegate to the American Legion District Convention at Clarksburg.

J. L. Darby, agricultural engineer, was chairman of the arrangements committee for the Mason County Farm Youth Show recently. Marilyn Casto, home economist, was a clothing judge.

### Beckley District

Employees who have resigned are Joyce Kosnoski, accounting, and Ruth Cokeley, home economist.

Edward Dziedic, co-op student, has returned for his third work assignment.

Summer employees who have resigned include student engineers Ralph Lawson, Larry Massey and Charles Klaus.

Sympathy is extended Charles Varner on the death of his father, and Mrs. Betty Varner on the death of her father-in-law.

Sympathy is also extended Roland Witt on the death of his wife, and R. L. McGraw on the death of his brother-in-law.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hicks on the death of her grandfather.

### Charleston District

New employees include Paul C. Moss, T&D line; Cyrena D. Burnside, commercial; Clovia Lea Delaney, T&D record section; and Norma Jordan, office messenger.

Employees who have resigned include Sue Sheets, clerk-typist; Kathleen Reynolds, division T&D stenographer; Jerry Rader, office messenger; and Betty Shamblin, T&D record.

Summer employees who have resigned include Louie Romano, Paul Davis, Roger Tompkins, Stevenson Carpenter, Frank Martin, Richard Stoakley, Charles Simmons, John Kauffman, Jr., Alex Ghiz, Robert E. Smith, and Miles C. Flannery.

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## Kentucky

### Pikeville District

Lovella Spradlin is a new junior clerk in the accounting department.

### Hazard District

New employees include Margie Jo Wilder, accounting, and Earl Smith, transportation.

Coleene Branson has returned to work after an illness.

Mary Jo Gregory, who recently resigned from accounting, was honored recently at a dinner. Employees attending included Leyburn Cody, Pat Farmer, Rita Barker, Sue Carey, LaRedith Pratt, Kay Cornett, Gay Boyer, Eunice Dixon, Coleene Branson, Margie Buttram, Mary J. Franks, Imogene Smith, Margaret Baker, Nell Buttram and Mrs. L. Graef.

### Ashland District

The commercial department held its annual picnic at Carter Caves State Park. Attending with their families were Mr. and Mrs. David Criswell, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Doran, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Doyle, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pigg, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wade and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Watkins. Also attending were Mrs. Helen Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Evick, Alex Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Scott, Nancy Stone, Frances Wilburn and Mrs. Amy Watts.

## Huntington Division

### Huntington District

The district and division departments held their annual picnic recently at the Police Recreation Park.

Paul C. Kelsey, past president of the Foreman-Manager Association of Huntington, was presiding chairman of the 11th annual Foreman-Manager-Personnel Conference at Marshall College September 10. Other employees attending from Huntington were V. F. Sturgeon, R. M. Fowler, Fred Preston, L. A. Meador, C. H. Campbell, C. W. Dunlap, G. P. Chain, C. M. Dunn, W. M. Langstaff, C. A. Beatty, H. B. Hout, A. R. Neal, Jr., W. E. Keck, Azel McCurdy, Jr., C. J. Akers and S. R. Pritchard.

Jackie L. Williams, system accounting, and Mrs. Mary K. Donothan, home economist, have resigned.

Sympathy is extended Frank W. Chapman on the death of his father.

Tharon Williams, student home economist, has returned to school.

Azel McCurdy, Jr., district personnel supervisor, attended the recent West Virginia State Health Association annual meeting in Charleston.

The T&D department held its annual picnic at Riverside Club recently.

Carlos J. Akers and Azel McCurdy, Jr., attended the American Society of Safety Engineers meeting in Charleston September 16. Mr. McCurdy was named national representative of the group and Mr. Akers delegate-at-large.

Employees who have returned to work after recent illnesses include Stella Buttrick, A. B. Ferguson, J. M. Frampton and W. H. Lockhart.

### Logan Plant

New employees include Curtis Jeffrey, Rocco Galati and Emil Hall, laborers; and Don Jonas, laboratory attendant.

Ralph Hall, utility man, returned to work after an extended illness.

F. K. Armstead has returned to work from military service.

### Williamson District

L. H. Cather, Jr., and Lee Compton are new employees in the T&D line and station section.

Summer employees returning to school are E. L. King, Shirley Zorn, Barbara Williamson, Patsy Varney, J. R. Hartzog, Jr., and J. B. Lawson, Jr.

C. C. Darrah, district manager, was appointed to serve on the municipal utility board of the city for a two-year term.

The accounting department gave J. L. Gilbert, local office manager, a birthday party in the auditorium.

Hubert King, meter section, has returned to work after a leg injury.

S. E. Copley, T&D line and station section, resigned to enter college.

Janet J. Coleman, engineering section, resigned.

### Logan District

J. T. Shriver and wife recently visited the Logan office, where they were presented a gift from Logan employees. Mr. Shriver transferred to the Charleston district in July.

Howard J. Collins, district personnel supervisor, appeared before the clerical and vital statistics section of the West Virginia State Public Health Conference in Charleston recently. His subject was "A Clerk's Role In Public Relations."

Joe A. Kovich, engineering, has returned to work after a two-month absence due to a dislocated ankle and fractured foot.

The Appa-Lassies enjoyed a swimming party and dance at the Madison Swimming Pool.

Alice Rose Brinegar, Patricia Bailey and Lois Ruth Frey, summer employees, have returned to school.

Sheffey N. Massey has completed his second work assignment as a co-op student and returned to VPI. Basil Wayne Perry has begun his third work assignment.

## Bluefield Division

### Welch District

O. J. Bragg, H. H. Bivens, Frank Barns and Jack Martin were recent blood donors.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Farley on the death of her father. Mr. Farley is Pineville area supervisor.

Richard Jones and Jerry Clement of the meter department attended the state American Legion Convention in Clarksburg recently.

W. H. Gannaway, retired employee, veteran of 43 years' service, has been very ill in Stevens Clinic Hospital in Welch.

Summer employees who have returned to school include Ralph W. Hale, William L. Horne, Paul L. Adams and Jack H. Barger.

Mrs. Elster C. Brown has resigned.

Ralph W. Hale, son of the Pineville area representative, and a third-year pre-med student, has been granted a local preacher's license. He filled the pulpit twice this summer at the Pineville Methodist Church and early in September appeared before the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications of the Methodist Church for the license.

Sank Smith, district personnel supervisor, was secretary of the election for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee for McDowell County in Iaeger recently.

R. H. Ruff attended the cabinet meeting of Zone 29-W of the Lions Club in Mount Hope.

### Pulaski District

Judy Suthers, daughter of E. B. Suthers, Wytheville lineman, is recovering from a fractured arm suffered in a fall.

Mrs. L. H. Robinson, wife of the Wytheville lineman, has returned home from the Pulaski hospital.

### Bluefield District

C. C. Yost has returned to work after a lengthy illness.

Patty Ryan, Princeton home economist, has resigned to attend the University of Ohio for her Masters Degree.

Francis E. McCloskey, tracer, and Joy F. McCreary, home economist, summer employees, have returned to school.

### Abingdon District

Maebelle Grace, authorization clerk, has returned to work after being hospitalized.

Sympathy is extended Jack B. Frier, district personnel supervisor, on the death of his brother-in-law.

Claud K. Kirkland, district manager, gave the address to the graduating class of the Mary Dalton Frye Private Secretarial School.

Ward Gillenwater, janitor, has returned to work after being hospitalized.

## Kingsport

Mrs. I. W. White, wife of the retired employee, is recuperating at home after hospital treatment.

W. B. "Deacon" Jones, commercial, has returned to work following an eye operation.

Charles Lingar, engineering co-op student, has returned to school.

Roy Cloud, retired steam plant supervisor, has returned home from the hospital after an operation.

Summer employees returning to school include Robert Noe, Forrest Isley, Betty Thompson, James Ford, Clarence B. Bryan and Hunter Wright.

## Roanoke Division

### System

Jack Crowell, system operating engineer, is recuperating at home from a fractured and dislocated shoulder suffered in a fall from a horse.

R. H. McDearmon, system accounting, has returned to work after an extended illness.

### Fieldale District

Betty Baker, commercial, has returned to work after a recent illness.

Virginia Hancock, commercial, recently talked on "Safety In The Home" at the annual safety awards meeting of the Martinsville Residency of the State Highway Department.

Gill Merriman, son of Derwood Merriman, station man, has returned home from Greensboro's Cone Memorial Hospital.

Larry Puckett, son of David Puckett, PBX operator, has returned home from the University of Virginia Hospital.

Accounting employees of the Fieldale and Stuart offices handled collections without error during August.

### Lynchburg District

H. L. Morris, Jr., son of the meter reader, gave a demonstration on making potato chips at the annual State 4-H Farm and Home Electric Congress in Richmond.

Ernest D. Layne, meterman, has returned to work after an extended illness.

E. F. Lacy III, son of the head meter clerk, has been discharged from the Army and has entered VPI.

J. P. Higgins, summer draftsman, has resumed studies at VPI.

Sympathy is extended Eddie M. Almond, Reusens hydro operator, on the death of his brother.

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### Logan Plant Vet Retired Recently



George Frey, Logan plant supervisor of maintenance, left, presents R. L. Boyd with a watch on his retirement.

Robert L. Boyd, Logan plant mechanical maintenance mechanic, retired September 1 after 18 years' service.

He was employed in the construction department August 27, 1937, and transferred to the plant maintenance department December 7, 1939, as a maintenance man. On July 1, 1944, he moved up to his present position.

Prior to employment at Logan plant Mr. Boyd was a machinist with the C&O Railway. He also worked for several years as a machinist with the N&W Railway.

Mr. Boyd is widely known as a highly skilled machinist and his primary hobby was making intricate parts or small scale models for his many friends. He and his wife, Flora, plan to live in Prospect Heights, Pulaski. He has no immediate plans except to enjoy resting.

### Welch Engineer Elected To High Civic Position

Richard H. Ruff, Welch power sales engineer, was recently elected deputy district governor of Lions International. He has 12 clubs under his jurisdiction.



Mr. Ruff

Past president of the Welch Lions Club, last year he served as zone chairman. Employed by the company in March 1938, he has worked in sales promotion, engineering and commercial departments. He was promoted to his present position in April 1955.

He is active in many community functions, is married, the father of a son, and vestryman in the Episcopal Church.

### Shoes Galore



Surrounded by miniature shoes, Evelyn Childers, Logan plant stenographer, admires a recent addition to her collection. When a friend gave her a small glass slipper in 1948 Miss Childers decided to start her collection and now has 130 shoes from throughout the United States and several foreign countries. Most of the shoes are made of glass, but several are of wood, brass, leather, fibre glass, milk glass, plastic, woven reed and textiles. They range in size from 1/2 inch to 6 1/2 inches. The major part of her collection came as gifts from friends.

### Four Charleston Men Aid Accident Victims

First aid training enabled four Charleston district employees to assist persons injured in recent auto accidents.

Woodrow Webb, Bill Payne and Norman Young, station section employees, aided persons injured in an accident near Marmet. A car ran off the highway and crashed into a tree.

When the employees arrived on the scene, the motor of the car was on fire and two of the victims were still inside. The station section men quickly put out the fire and removed the two men from the car.

They gave first aid until an ambulance arrived. A third person was killed in the crash. Their quick actions prevented more serious injuries to the surviving victims.

In another accident, Paul Parsons of the Charleston district personnel department aided victims of a head-on collision on the Dunbar road. Five persons were hospitalized. Proper handling and treatment for shock aided the injured until they were removed to the hospital.



### Heat Pump Slated For New Kingsport Store



This is the architect's sketch of the J. Fred Johnson department store to be built in Kingsport. It will boast one of the largest air-to-air heat pump systems in a department store at the present time. The heat pump unit is largest to go into service in Kingsport. The building, to be one of the most beautiful and modern department stores in the south, is scheduled for completion in early spring of 1956.

### Blizzard Models Go In Library Display

A busy man since retirement, A. T. Blizzard recently put several models on display at the Kanawha County Public Library.

The retired Charleston line inspector has built intricate scale models of several ships, cannons and the like. Included in his exhibit at the library were a model of the racing boat, "Atlantic," a cup winner of 1904, a replica of the "Joe Cook," a familiar boat on the Kanawha River, a Revolutionary War cannon and an 1840 whale boat. Also in the exhibit were a cutaway of the main deck of the "USS Constitution," a South Penn spike oil derrick fashioned after one Mr. Blizzard saw on Bill's Creek in West Virginia, and a Wells-Fargo stagecoach.

He also has on display in the Dunbar water company office a model of the city hall. He is presently working on cases for his collections. Mr. Blizzard, who retired in April 1954, had an article recently in THE ILLUMINATOR on his hobby.

### Pulaski Youths Are Youngest Farmers At Local Curb Market



Posey, Jr., left, and Leslie Payne offer fresh corn and tomatoes for sale at the Pulaski Curb Market.

The youngest farmers at the Pulaski Curb Market are the two sons of P. C. Layne, transportation superintendent.

Posey, Jr., 10, and Leslie, 12, have been selling the excess from their garden for the past four years. This year they made \$55 in one three-week period.

In the spring they help prepare the soil in their half-acre garden and help with the planting—then it is their project. They keep it hoed, weeded and sprayed and the family enjoys vegetables from it all summer long.

Their specialties are tomatoes and corn, but they also offer black-eyed peas, cucumbers and lima beans. While one boy keeps market on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday the other canvasses the houses for orders.

And they keep their own books—these rising young businessmen.

### Best Reading In World

### Uranium Search On By Charleston Hobbyist Believing West Virginia Hills Hold Wealth

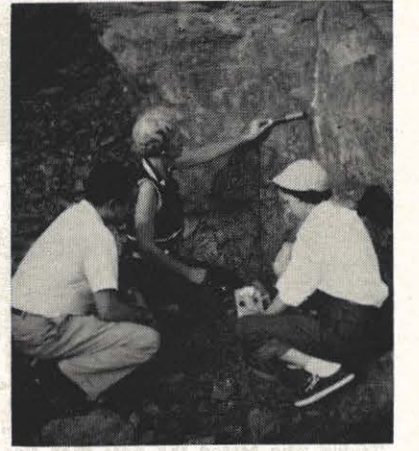
Do you like reading? Well, the best reading in the world is done with a geiger counter, according to Christine Christy.

The Charleston district personnel clerk with many hobbies says, "This is it! There's nothing like hunting for uranium." Evenings, week ends, holidays—all the time she can spare is devoted to looking for that rich vein at the end of the rainbow.

She is a member of a loose "corporation" of five, her cousin, a lawyer, a geologist and her boy friend, who owns the geiger counter. Although geological maps don't list West Virginia as a probable source of uranium, the prospectors feel there's some in "them thar hills." The recent find of uranium in Ohio, not considered a potential spot, encouraged them a lot.

"If you like the outdoors, you can't lose anything," Chris says. "And you just can't get tired when you hear a pick up in the count. There's no describing the breathless anticipation of watching that needle to see if it's going to be a steady reading or not."

On a few occasions a freak of nature has sent the needle swinging all the way to full capacity of the counter. The first time it happened Chris was holding the counter and



Watching the needle of the geiger counter at right is Christine Christy. She, her cousin, Inella Allen, and boy friend Charlie Schaheen check this rock formation along the Turnpike for possible uranium.

thought she was going to faint.

When friends ask what she has to show for all this, she tells them: "Bee stings, gnat bites, poison ivy, a close brush with a poisonous snake and a profound appreciation of the beauty of nature. I never knew before that plain rocks could be so beautiful and fascinating."

### Charleston . . .

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David Pearce began his first work period in the line section. He is a VPI co-op student. Co-op student John Atkins has returned to VPI after completing his second work assignment.

Recent blood donors include Dorothy Hall, Thomas Profit and Paul Lloyd, Montgomery office; Fred Q. Brown, George Hervey, Guilford Smith, Betty Jo Rodeheaver, Helen Porter, Bryan Smithers, C. M. Shafer, Glen A. Paul, William A. Quarrier, Norris R. Keeling, Keith McCoy and Marshall L. Downey.

Retired employees who recently visited the office are French Snyder, Lewis Spencer, D. R. Workman and J. E. Beale.

C. T. Older, retired engineer, is recuperating from an operation at the Charleston Memorial Hospital.

Frank Hann, retired line supervisor, and his wife have returned to their St. Petersburg, Fla., home after three months in Charleston.

Whitesville office employees held a wiener roast recently at the Jur Drive-In Theatre picnic grounds. Among the guests was Anna Lee Mullins, former employee.

Gherlene Rader was co-hostess for a miscellaneous shower honoring Wanda Ramsey recently. Charleston employees attending were Imogene Legg, Sara Sweeney, Hilda Zontini, Cissy McDowell, Jerry Trusty, Margaret Taylor, Sue Sheets, Golda Johnson, Freda Shipley and Berniece Dettinger. Many others sent gifts.

Charleston women employees were shown the film "Head, Hands and Heart" recently. The film traces the attributes necessary for a good secretary. A typing technique demonstration followed the film.

Plans are underway for a Halloween party in the district. A small band will play and costume prizes given. Committee members in charge of the affair include Anne Surber, Denny Caldwell, Bob McGinnis, Chester Spradling, Bob Loudermilk, George Litsinger, Helen Porter, Jennings Fulknier, Mary Hanley, Sylbia Hinchman, Paul Parsons, Chris Christy, Thoma Jarrell, Herman Summers, Mary Elkins, Juanita Hively, Lois Walker and Gherlene Trusty.

### Student Is Delegate To V. P. I. Boys' State

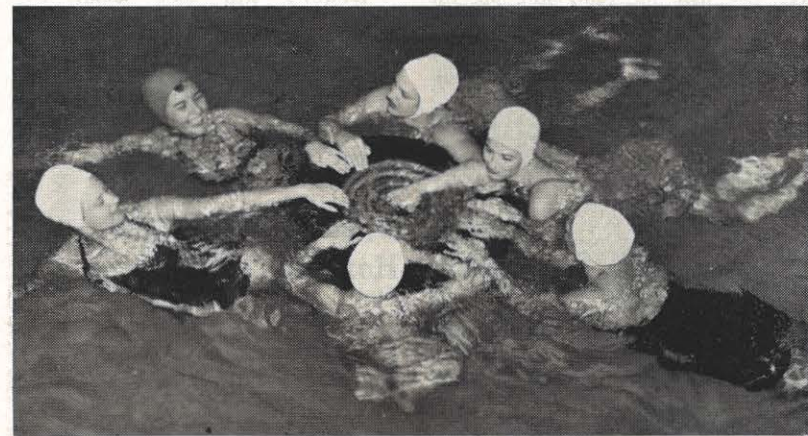
Eddie Lester was one of two Christiansburg delegates who attended Virginia Boys' State recently at V. P. I.

The 16-year-old son of Ray E. Lester, Christiansburg area representative in the Pulaski district, was sponsored by the Lions Club. A senior this year, he was president of the junior class last year. He will serve as president of the Hi-Y and has just returned from the Hi-Y Leader's Conference at Blue Ridge, N. C. He plays varsity football at Christiansburg High School and is a member of the Methodist church.



Eddie Lester

### How To Save A Drowning Person



Six Charleston girls prove for themselves and others at a recent swim party that the spare tire and wheel from an automobile can save lives. The tire supports the girls in 7 1/2 feet of water with no trouble. The girls are from left around the tire: Ouida Miller, Peggy Trail, Helen Porter, Phyllis Rowe, Katie Wilkerson and Juanita Hively. Attending the swim party were about 80 girls from Charleston, Kanawha River plant and Cabin Creek plant. The life saving method shown is being promoted throughout Massachusetts by the state police and an article about their efforts recently appeared in "Safety Maintenance and Production" magazine. Appalachian safety men picked it up and are urging its use. Using the tire is simple. When a person is drowning just remove the spare tire from your car and push it toward the drowning person. Keeping the tire between him and you will keep him from grabbing you. Then pull the tire and the victim to safety; or if you can't swim, just hang on till help arrives.

**Intercepted Pass**

**Stuck Football Rescued By Line Crew Before Boys Get Injured In Hot Lines**



Holding the ball and explaining the danger of contact with hot lines is T. E. Reed, foreman of the Nitro-St. Albans line crew. Facing the camera from the left: W. A. McClain, Neil Owens who owned the ball, Buford Jividen who tossed the pass that was intercepted by the lines, Everett Alley, Mr. Reed, T. P. Hull with hands on hips, Grady Ramsey who rescued the ball with a hot stick and Buford Jividen's little sister. The other boys with backs turned live around the Tyler Mt. neighborhood.

The ball was stuck. Not even long pieces of wood nailed together were long enough to get it down.

The puzzled boys looked at the football wedged between the wires and the top of the pole since the previous day. Then one went over to a Charleston district line crew working nearby to borrow some climbers.

When the crew found out the boy wanted to climb the pole and knock the ball down, Foreman T. E.

Reed sent Grady Ramsey up to dislodge the ball with an insulated "hot stick." Before the boys got the ball back they had to listen to a lecture on the dangers of fooling around with electric lines.

Foreman Reed said the boys were doubly lucky because they couldn't find another strip to enlarge their pole and the line crew happened to be working nearby. He also noted that it was surprising the ball remained on the line through a brisk rainfall without burning.

The case of the rescue of the stuck ball and the boys was featured in both Charleston newspapers.

**System Vet Gets 35-Year Emblem**

W. F. Keehne, system office manager and assistant secretary of Appalachian, completed 35 years with the company September 1 and received his 35-year pin.



Mr. Keehne

Mr. Keehne was first employed September 1, 1920 by the West Virginia Water and Electric Company of Charleston. He played a part in the formation of Appalachian and was transferred to Roanoke in July, 1926. He has been system office manager since January 1, 1948.

Treasurer of the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias, he is a member of the National Tax Association, the Fiscal Affairs Committee of the State Chamber of Commerce and the local chapter of the National Office Management Association. He is also a member and former chairman of the accounting section of the Southeastern Electric Exchange. Mr. Keehne is a recent graduate of the Advanced Management School of the Harvard School of Business Administration.

Mr. Keehne serves on the Church Council of the Christ Lutheran Church. He is married and has two children, Billy and Jo Ann.

**New Plant Safety Manual Presented Employees Who Helped Develop Its Many Safe Practices**



These Cabin Creek plant men were typical of plant men over the System last month as they took their first look at the new AGE Plant Safety Manual. Above from the left: W. K. Evans, chief dispatcher; C. G. Coughlin, plant manager; F. E. Hoyt, safety supervisor; W. L. Nuhfer, chief electrician, and L. C. Hartman, supervisor of operations.

The new AGE Plant Safety Manual started being distributed to plant employees last month.

The new manual, similar in make-up to the regular operating safety manual given out in 1953, has several identical sections on first aid, transportation, office and other topics. Also like the other manual, the new plant safety manual is the result of actual working experience by employees to determine the safest way of doing a job.

Preliminary work on the plant manual was started in Southern Properties' territory. Field experiences from all plants on the AGE System were combined to form the

new manual. Meetings have been held at Cabin Creek, Glen Lyn and Logan plants where plant managers and D. C. Duncan, system safety director, spoke to employees. Kanawha River and Sporn plant employees will be presented manuals this month.

Plant managers L. E. Turner, Glen Lyn, J. A. Patterson, Logan, and C. G. Coughlin, Cabin Creek, stressed the many hours of work represented in the new manual. They pointed out that all employees must use it effectively to reap the benefits of the years of labor it represents. Most hydro plant employees also have been given the new manual.

**J. R. Martin Reaches 35-Year Milestone**

J. R. Martin, Lynchburg district line and station supervisor, completed 35 years with Appalachian September 15.



Mr. Martin

He was employed as a distribution clerk September 15, 1920 and promoted to his present position January 1, 1929. His entire time has been spent in the Lynchburg district.

Mr. Martin attends the Court Street Methodist Church and is a member of the Industrial Management Club, Elks Club and the New London Ruritan Club. His hobbies are hunting, fishing and gardening.

He is married and they have one daughter, Mrs. R. O. Weiland, Jr., and three grandchildren.

**Heat Pump For Bluefield**

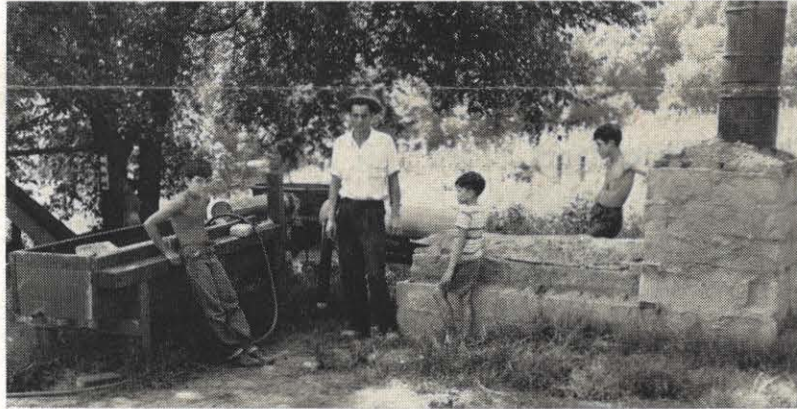
The race against time and the weather continues in the Bluefield office where the new heat pump is nearing completion. The office is filled with tin and din as workmen rush to complete this month the job begun in June.

**Pikeville Picnickers Have All-Day Outing**



Pikeville employees and their families gather around the food at their annual picnic at Dewey Lake on August 27. The all-day affair also featured swimming, games, contests and boat rides. Fayetta Greer, Clifford Boyd, Virgil Carter and Chester Smith were in charge of food and refreshments. Games and entertainment for the children was conducted by Dorothy Cardinal while adult contests were handled by Troy Lee, Bruce Prater, Milford Layne and L. M. Newsom. H. R. Flanagan, Bob Flynn, Troy Lee, Harry Trimble and Bob Crutchfield were among those with boats who furnished rides. Jess Collier and Hylton Williamson were horseshoe pitching champs.

**Still Operating Openly In Kingsport Making Product In Popular Demand**



Making a run from his still is Dewey Bowman who gets some help from his sons Edward, Harvey and Larry. He uses the still to process flavors and scents from roots and herbs.

Revenooers can smell a still a mile away if they are in the Kingsport area. It's one operated by Dewey Bowman, labor foreman, who processes flavors and scents from roots and herbs.

Dewey says the "community smells real good" when he operates his still. He has had no complaint on the odor or the product.

"Processing the flavors was not too difficult," Dewey says, "but col-

lecting the roots and herbs presented a problem." You can see why when he explains that it takes about 200 pounds of spearmint tops to produce a pound of liquid. It takes about 100 pounds of roots to make about a half-pint of peppermint to be processed and used in chewing gum.

Dewey's still took about two months to build and get in operation. His "first run" was spearmint.

Dewey, married and the father of five children, jokes that the still is "not for rent" to process other more potent liquids.

**Lynchburg Veterans Honored At Dinner**

Lynchburg veterans who received service pins during 1955 for 20 or more years' service were honored at an anniversary dinner on September 14 in the auditorium.

A total of 21 attended, including employees' guests and supervisors. Entertainment followed the dinner.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Martin, H. A. Brooks, Sally K. Pollok, Agnes L. Dillard, D. C. Kennedy, L. M. Miller, D. S. Gourley, R. L. Hatch, E. L. Sutor, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Tibbs, F. M. Cloyd, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Johnson and J. H. Haley, Jr.

**System Vet Has 35 Years With Company**

A. B. Litteral, Switchback regional chief dispatcher, received a 35-year service pin September 3.

He actually joined the company as timekeeper at the Bylesby plant during the flood of 1916, but he left for a six-month period in 1920.



Mr. Litteral

On his return he worked at Bylesby dispatching the 88 KV transmission system until 1927 when he transferred to the system operating department at Switchback. He was promoted to his present position in 1946.

Mr. Litteral was born in Carroll County, Virginia, January 20, 1895 where he attended school. He now owns a farm near the Bylesby plant where he plans to live when he retires. Married and the father of four children, he is a member of the Mt. Hope Methodist Church in Carroll County.

**Promotions Affect Kentucky Men**



Mr. Burdsal

Mr. Slone

James R. Burdsal has been named Pikeville district supervising engineer, replacing B. P. "Jim" Bogardus who resigned to enter private business.

Succeeding Mr. Burdsal as Hazard district supervising engineer is Enoch S. Slone, formerly distribution engineer in Hazard.

Mr. Burdsal joined Kentucky in September, 1947 in a line gang and soon moved to the Hazard steam plant. He then became station foreman and later served short periods in each department of the district for experience. He entered the engineering department in the electrical section and a year later became supervising engineer.

Born in Charleston January 1, 1922, he later moved to Floyd County, Kentucky, where he graduated from Prestonsburg High School. He attended Caney Junior College and graduated as an electrical engineer from the University of Kentucky.

He was a combat infantryman in the European Theatre during World War II, entering service in 1943. He is a member of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He is married and they have three daughters.

Mr. Slone joined Kentucky in 1948 following graduation from the University of Kentucky school of engineering. College was interrupted in 1943 when he was called to active duty with the Navy. He served three years as a radio and radar maintenance man.

Mr. Slone is a native of Knott County, Kentucky and a graduate of Caney Junior College. He is a member of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers. Married, they have one son.

**Talent Winner**



Ralph Patsel's record pantomime of "Courtin' In The Rain" was good for first place in the Novelty Class of the National Talent Association contest held recently at Hotel Roanoke. The switchboard operator was one of seven Roanokers who won prizes in the national event, which was co-sponsored by the National Hobby Association. Ralph is a member of the Variety Revue of Virginia and has appeared on "Club 88", a WSL-TV presentation.

**Three Companies Represented**

**System Radio Men Discuss Problems At Meeting Which Will Affect Over 1,100 Employees Using Radio Equipment**



These radio men from our three companies are shown with some of the equipment discussed at the Bluefield meeting. From the left: Everette Echols, Roanoke division; Roy R. Hawkins, system station, Bluefield; Ralph Miller, Huntington division; R. L. Hall, Jr., system station, Charleston; G. M. Guill, senior system electronics engineer of Roanoke who led the discussion; E. K. Chambers, system station, Bluefield; Woodrow Fugate, Kentucky

Power Company, Hazard; Gordon Thornton, system station, Roanoke; Melvin Creedle, system station, Roanoke; O. M. Jones, system station, Roanoke; Chester F. Casto, Charleston division; Tracy Cooley, Bluefield division; E. W. Meador, Bluefield division; E. W. Graham, Bluefield division; Sam Chandler, Kingsport Utilities; and P. E. Hilliard, Bluefield division.

Over 1,100 employees are affected by a meeting last month in Bluefield of system radio men. About that many employees in our three companies use radio equipment, mostly mobile units on cars and trucks and handie-talkies.

The meeting to improve over-all efficiency of the radio system was especially concerned with the problem of interference. In an attempt to reduce the amount of interference, the system will be monitored to correct operating mistakes. Engineers will listen to the radio system and point out any mistakes heard on the air.

Other problems discussed included converting mobile radio equipment in vehicles from 6 to 12 volts so it

will operate on new vehicles with 12-volt electrical systems. In an attempt to get standard methods in installing equipment, the special compartment on line trucks was discussed.

Unusual and preventive maintenance

in keeping radio equipment in efficient operating condition also came in for its share of attention. Various types of emergency generators and control circuits, including microwave, were included in the day's program.

**Baseball Is The Big Topic At Safriet Home: Three Play, One Masterminds**



Standing behind his three sons is L. M. Safriet. The three boys are from left: Lester, Dallas and Lewis.

Mention baseball around the Safriet family of Kingsport and you've got six eager listeners.

L. M. "Dot" Safriet, Kingsport meter serviceman, and his three sons take an active part in the sport and Mrs. Safriet and their daughter, Mary, are ardent fans.

Mr. Safriet is manager of the Hilton, Virginia, team in the Scott County League, where his oldest son, Lewis, plays second base or right field and hits at a .350 average. Mr. Safriet's team currently boasts a 10-4

record. The next oldest boy, Lester, pitches or catches for the Lions Club entry in the Pony League. He pounds the ball at a .300 clip. And Dallas, the youngest, plays in the Little League for the Odd Fellows. When he's not pitching he's also catching, and he too is a .300 hitter.

**Abingdon Engineer Earns His Masters**

Joseph E. Collins, Abingdon district residential and rural sales supervisor, has completed his requirements for his master's degree in agricultural engineering.



Mr. Collins

He was enrolled as a non-resident student during the second quarter of summer school at VPI, during which time he completed and submitted a thesis on "The Design and Performance of a Hay Drier to Dry Long Hay on Wagons." He also took an oral examination conducted by the committee on graduate work, composed of staff members of the Animal Husbandry, Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Engineering departments.

Mr. Collins was employed by Appalachian in April 1949 and was promoted to his present position in July 1950. Prior to coming with the company he worked for the Virginia Extension Service as assistant agricultural engineer in Blacksburg.

**Big Jubilee**



This is how two Abingdon employees were dressed when they appeared in the recent pageant, "Diamond in the Wilderness," during Dickenson County's Diamond Jubilee. Kelly Rowland, local office supervisor, left, was head of a pioneer family as the early settlers arrived in the mountains of Southwest Virginia. And Allison C. Steffey, groundman, dressed as a modern lineman, represented the progress and development in the county through the use of electrical power. Appalachian assisted in other ways with the Jubilee celebration, which featured events from March through August.

**Retired Plant Man Dies In Hospital**

John T. Ferguson, 74, retired Cabin Creek plant employee, died August 23 in a Charleston hospital after a long illness.



Mr. Ferguson

Mr. Ferguson was originally employed by the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company in 1916 and worked at the Hazard plant until he was transferred to Cabin Creek as turbine operator in 1928. He worked at Cabin Creek until 1935 when he became disabled and retired.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mae Ferguson; three sons: Johnnie, Cabin Creek plant employee, Linsay, Philip Sporn plant employee, and Asa, former Hazard plant employee; four daughters; a step-daughter; a step-son, and a sister.

Services were held in the Chelyan Baptist Church with the Rev. R. B. Nelson officiating. Burial was in the Montgomery Memorial Park at London.

**Employees' Articles In 'Electrical World'**

Employees of Appalachian and Kentucky had articles in the September 5 issue of *Electrical World*. The articles previously appeared in both *Monthly Operating Notes* and *THE ILLUMINATOR*.

G. H. Broyles, Roanoke district service foreman, had an article entitled "Checking Series Circuits Safely Without Lineman" published. Ed Stewart, Kentucky stores department, had one entitled "Street-Light Bracket Rack Saves Time And Space."

**System Man Gets 35-Year Emblem**

John Armstrong, system operating supervisor, completed 35 years with the company September 20.



Mr. Armstrong

He was employed as a groundman in 1920 with the Virginian Power Company at Cabin Creek, which later became a part of Appalachian. He transferred to the system operating department in 1926 as Turner station operator. He worked as station operator at South Point, Ohio, and Switchback from 1936 to 1943, when he was promoted to chief system operator at Kenova.

In 1946 he went to the Charleston office and came to Roanoke in 1949. During this time he has been supervising field representative on the placing in service of new installations and major changes in the transmission system.

Born in Blyth, England, November 18, 1901, he and his family came to this country in 1904 to settle in the Cabin Creek area. He attended the Allegheny Collegiate Institute at Alderson and was an outstanding football player.

Married, he is the father of two sons, both married.

**Sporn Plant Chemist Receives Promotion**

Earl Q. Teaford has been promoted to assistant chief chemist at Philip Sporn plant.

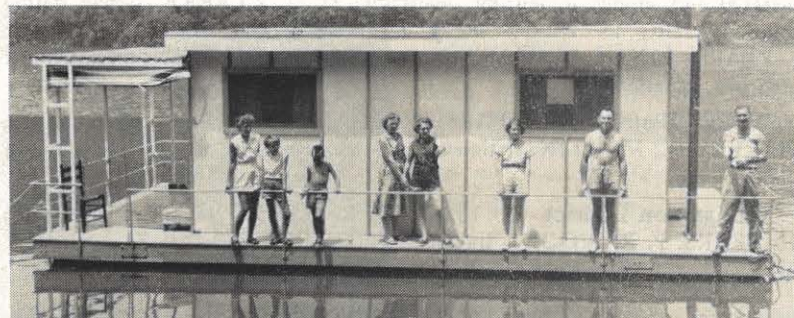
He rose to the new position from chemist. A native of Pomeroy, Ohio, and a graduate of Ohio University, he was first employed August 16, 1949, as a chemical tester at Sporn plant.



Mr. Teaford

Married and a resident of Pomeroy, he is a member of the United Methodist Church, Forty and Eight, American Legion, Auxiliary Ohio Highway Patrol, Eagles, Pomeroy Fire Department, Pomeroy Emergency Squad and the Ohio State Narcotic Advisory Board. He is also Civil Defense Director for Pomeroy.

**Kingsport Houseboat Gives Plenty Of Fun For Ford Family After Year Of Hard Work**



A day's outing on Jim Ford's houseboat finds a group fishing. From the left: Lucille, Pam and Zach Trumbo; Mrs. Williams, a neighbor; Mrs. Ford; Miss Easter, Mrs. Ford's sister; Jim Ford and Harold Powers, PBX operator.

If you like fishing and swimming, you can't beat a houseboat.

That's the word from James Ford, Kingsport general serviceman, who owns one. "Although," Jim warns, "building a houseboat is hard work and expensive unless you already have the necessary materials."

He put about \$1,000 in his boat which includes a 33 hp motor. Another real investment was one year's hard work during evenings and week ends.

**It's Now Identified—Unusual Plant Known As 'Lily Of India'**



The Norman Baxters flank their strange plant, now identified as the Lily of India.

It's a Lily of India. That's the layman's name for the strange unidentified plant owned by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Baxter of Philip Sporn plant. A story of the plant was run in the June issue of *THE ILLUMINATOR*, and Mrs. C. L. Parsons, wife of the Sporn plant temporary guard, read the story and came forth with its identification.

The Latin name for the plant is *Amorphophallus rivieri* or *Hydrosme rivieri*, a member of the Araceae or Aroid family and commonly called Krubi or Lily of India. Mr. Baxter, Sporn assistant control operator, owns one of many varieties of the plant.

The plant's growth cycle is its strangest aspect. In the winter or early spring the plant grows from a bulb a few inches a day without benefit of soil or water. When it reaches full height a large blossom-like structure opens and the plant puts off a disagreeable odor. The plant dies, the bulb is planted later in the spring and it grows into an umbrella-like tree with a two-foot leafy mass. The bulb produces offsets, which the Baxters are giving away to friends so they too can enjoy the Lily of India.

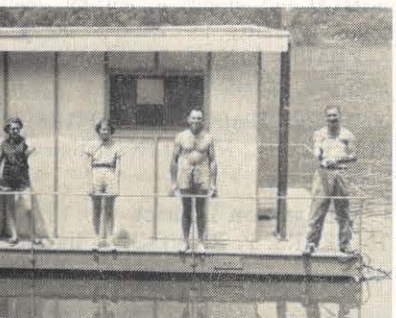
**Sporn Plant Unit Back On Line After Repairs**

Mid-August saw Unit 2 at Sporn plant back in service after a week's repairs and changes.

Major work included replacing 120 dissimilar welds in the boiler piping, adding 16 wall sootblowers to the furnace, increasing the depth of ash tub seals, reconditioning ash pit and numerous small repair jobs.

The boiler tubes were acid washed to remove deposits from the insides of the tubes. This work will increase the efficiency of the unit and reduce future outage time.

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Three days is the longest Jim has stayed away from land, but he says the boat has facilities to stay out a week. Best thing about it, according to Jim, is that the food tastes better, you sleep better and you can nap anytime you tire of fishing.

Being a duck hunter, Jim also plans to use his boat this winter for this sport. He's "sold" on his boat and many other employees who have visited can testify that a houseboat is wonderful.



**Appalachian Electric Power Company**

**Abingdon District**—10 YEARS: C. W. FRYE, lineman; R. P. MILLER, transportation supervisor; V. R. PARRIS, auto repairman; 5 YEARS: I. H. MACE, lineman.

**Beckley District**—30 YEARS: L. C. MOLLOHAN, station foreman; 10 YEARS: PEGGY D. LYNCH, stenographer; HELEN A. TROUTMAN, senior petty cash clerk; 5 YEARS: W. H. LIVELY, line inspector; E. R. BIGGS, stores clerk; W. W. BENNETT, groundman.

**Bluefield District**—30 YEARS: ARTIE R. GRINSTEAD, division administrative assistant; 20 YEARS: LENA G. MOSELEY, senior home economist; PAUL C. KELLEY, line inspector; SARAH E. MOORE, division residential lighting advisor; 10 YEARS: J. R. BAILEY, lineman; 5 YEARS: WANDA M. BAILEY, Princeton junior contract clerk; ZELDA A. ROBINETTE, clerk-typist.

**Cabin Creek Plant**—20 YEARS: L. M. DOYLE, mechanical maintenance man; 15 YEARS: C. R. GILLESPIE, coal and ash handling supervisor; 10 YEARS: J. E. HOFFMAN, labor-janitor foreman; 5 YEARS: W. H. RADER, boiler maintenance helper; W. E. CADLE, laborer; H. H. CARRICO, mechanical maintenance helper.

**Charleston District**—20 YEARS: E. C. HAMMACK, station man; 15 YEARS: JACK LLOYD, area supervisor; 10 YEARS: D. F. BOGGESS, line inspector; O. C. MEADOR, groundman; GRADY RAMSFY, lineman; 5 YEARS: STUART FOEHR, commercial sales representative; LOIS WALKER, secretarial stenographer.

**Fieldale District**—20 YEARS: W. F. PARCELL, lineman.

**Huntington District**—30 YEARS: A. B. FERGUSON, customer service representative; JACK B. SMITH, meterman; 10 YEARS: PANSY T. CUMMINGS, senior cashier-clerk; 5 YEARS: STELLA F. BUTTRICK, junior T&D clerk.

**Kanawha River Plant**—15 YEARS: J. L. BRYANT, control operator.

**Logan District**—30 YEARS: W. H. HONAKER, line and station supervisor; 5 YEARS: EMIL GORE, area sales representative; PAUL SAMMONS, meter serviceman; I. M. TURNER, groundman.

**Logan Plant**—10 YEARS: ORVILLE NAPIER, mechanical maintenance helper; ALVIE NAPIER, electrical maintenance helper; 5 YEARS: L. D. ADAMS, electrical maintenance helper.

**Lynchburg District**—35 YEARS: J. R. MARTIN, line and station supervisor; 10 YEARS: JOYCE A. BROWN, clerk-stenographer; J. D. HARKER, electrical engineer; 5 YEARS: J. A. MARTIN, groundman; NANNIE R. BEANE, clerk-stenographer.

**Pulaski District**—25 YEARS: D. P. MINICHAN, district manager; 20 YEARS: R. G. DOSS, working foreman; 15 YEARS: F. E. ROUSE, JR., assistant hydro operator; R. G. DALTON, stores clerk; 10 YEARS: C. A. SCHMIDT, senior bookkeeper; J. R. HUDSON, material clerk; E. E. BUCKLAND, stenographer; C. G. POWERS, junior T&D clerk; R. D. BYRD, meter reader; J. M. CUSTER, lineman; G. B. CHUMBLEY, district instrument man; O. M. NEWLAND, stenographer; R. E. LAWRENCE, junior T&D clerk.

**Roanoke District**—25 YEARS: R. O. DENNIS, office supply clerk; 20 YEARS: J. C. SHELTON, line foreman; 15 YEARS: H. A. HALE, station man.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—10 YEARS: LEWIS M. NICOLL, assistant office manager; 5 YEARS: OTMER R. COOKE, maintenance man; ROBERT W. BARTON, maintenance man; ERNEST J. MORGAN, control operator; WILLIS L. DUDGING, control operator.

**System**—35 YEARS: W. F. KEEHNE, Appalachian assistant secretary and system office manager; A. B. LITFERAL, regional chief dispatcher; J. J. ARMSTRONG, system operation supervisor; 30 YEARS: R. H. PRICE, material and supply accounting supervisor; H. A. CLARKE, system station superintendent; 15 YEARS: R. J. STINNETT, system civil draftsman; 5 YEARS: JANET W. MARTIN, tracer; B. K. MARTIN, system meter engineer, Charleston.

**Welch District**—10 YEARS: NELL B. NUNNERY, stenographer; HARVEY W. MARTIN, station man; 5 YEARS: CECIL J. KEEN, junior T&D clerk.

**Williamson District**—30 YEARS: J. R. HARTZOG, meter supervisor; 10 YEARS: P. R. WOODS, lineman.

**Kingsport Utilities, Inc.**

15 YEARS: RUFUS E. WELLS, station man; 10 YEARS: ERNEST A. CLAY, meterman.

**Kentucky Power Company**

**Ashland District**—30 YEARS: PAUL A. SCAGGS, local accounting; 10 YEARS: WAYNE SHELTON, substation; 5 YEARS: LORAYNE WATSON, local accounting.

**Hazard District**—10 YEARS: MARVIN J. HOLBROOK, meter; 5 YEARS: GAY BOYER, accounting.

**Pikeville District**—30 YEARS: C. A. MCKINNEY, district superintendent; 20 YEARS: CECIL DEBOARD, groundman; 10 YEARS: IRELAND LAYNE, lineman; 5 YEARS: LYNN A. JENNINGS, area sales representative; WILLIAM C. CHARLES, station man.

**Service Emblems Go To 20 Veterans**



Veterans who received pins in recent weeks for 20 or more years' service are pictured above. TOP ROW from left, all 30 years: Charles A. McKinney, Pikeville; Paul C. Scaggs, Ashland; Artie R. Grinstead, Bluefield; Jack B. Smith, Huntington; and A. B. Ferguson, Huntington. SECOND ROW from left: J. R. Hartzog, Williamson, 30 years; H. A. Clarke, system, 30 years; William H. Honaker, Logan, 30 years; L. C. Mollohan, Beckley, 30 years; and D. P. Minichan, Pulaski, 25 years. THIRD ROW from left: R. O. Dennis, Roanoke, 25 years; Cecil DeBoard, Pikeville, 20 years; W. F. Parcell, Fieldale, 20 years; J. C. Shelton, Roanoke, 20 years; and E. C. Hammack, Charleston, 20 years. BOTTOM ROW from left, all 20 years: Lena G. Moseley, Bluefield; Sarah Moore, Bluefield; Paul C. Kelley, Bluefield; L. M. Doyle, Cabin Creek plant; and Robert G. Doss, Pulaski.

**Civil Defense Post Goes To Beckley Man**

Paul Pauley, Beckley district head T&D clerk, has been appointed Civil Defense Aviation Coordinator for Raleigh County.



Mr. Pauley

Mr. Pauley's duty is to see that the fire is patrolled and fire fighting air assistance given. If a city should be bombed, it is his duty to arrange for airplanes to fly in medical supplies or fly out victims.

A second duty is to maintain a vigil against enemy aircraft slipping undetected through the nation's defense. How well Raleigh County performs this duty, at the CDAC's instruction, was illustrated recently when they were the first to report an aircraft which had come from the east coast and passed all observation posts between Beckley and its point of origin. Congratulations was sent to the Raleigh County group by the captain of the Ground Observer Corps in Roanoke.

Mr. Pauley joined the company July 21, 1949 as a groundman. In March, 1951 he was promoted to inspector junior, and later became junior distribution record clerk. He rose to his present position July 19, 1954. Mr. Pauley served in the Navy during World War II.

**'Minnie Pearl,' Others Enliven Hazard Meeting**



Margaret Baker as "Cousin Minnie Pearl" gives out with a rendition during the safety meeting at Hazard recently.

"Cousin Minnie Pearl" from Grinder's Switch was a feature attraction at the recent General Safety meeting in Hazard.

The occasion was the presentation of awards to the employees of the district for their part in the company's working one million man-hours without a disabling injury. Cousin Minnie was portrayed by Margaret Baker of the accounting department.

Other features of the program included Professor Rubinoff Paderewski VonScholtens and his violin, portrayed by John Scholtens, assistant district manager; pantomime of the Mills Brothers' "Lazy River" with Jack Caudill, Buster Cornett, Homer G. Combs and Morgan Ozee; a duet by Gay Bower and Layburn Cody of "It's No Secret"; and "Indian Love Call" by Miss Boyer.

There was also a visit from "Hurricane Connie" with Kay Cornett taking the part. Musical accompaniment was by Mrs. A. R. Barber.

**Roanoke . . .**

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**Roanoke District**

R. R. Snedegar, division electrical engineer, was elected secretary of the Southwestern Virginia Engineers' Club, and as vice president of the Roanoke Jaycees, he attended the third annual Middle-Atlantic Institute of the Jaycees in Winston-Salem.

J. L. White, division supervising engineer, recently appeared on a program of the 1955 Annual Virginia State Fire School in Norfolk.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Louise Snyder, accounting clerk-typist, on the death of her mother, and J. D. Cooper, line inspector, on the death of his father.

New employees include Bernard Wingo, mail room, and William Samuel Williams, night PBX operator.

Ann C. Orange, distribution clerk-stenographer, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Lois S. Gordon, T&D meter section, on the death of her brother.

H. E. Guilliams, meter serviceman, has returned to work after an operation.

Also returned to work after operations were S. R. Ferguson, truck driver-groundman, and R. N. Lowman, groundman.

W. P. Saul, station man, has returned to work after an illness.

Recent blood donors include: O. C. Caldwell, local office manager; F. E. Bowman, assistant district residential and rural sales supervisor; L. R. Buchanan, building supervisor; R. H. Caldwell, Jr., T&D clerk in the engineering section, and R. J. Jarrett, electrical engineer in the T&D engineering section.



**Your 'Hidden Wages'**

**Labor Day Was Day Of Labor For Hopsons**

"Labor Day was really a day of labor for me," commented Carl Hopson. The Ashland engineering aide was talking to your reporter who wanted to know how he spent the holiday on September 5.

He added, "It was a busy weekend for our family. I had been wanting to build a work bench in the basement for some time and my wife, Jean, had been wanting to paint the basement. We took the long weekend to get it nearly finished."

"I helped, too," volunteered Mary Ruth, their little daughter nearing her third birthday. "I drove my jeep and my tricycle around the basement hauling wood for daddy."

"A lot of help she was," said Jean. "We spent half the time keeping her out of the fresh paint and Carl's tools." She added: "It's going to be real nice though when we get it finished. It will give Carl a good place to putter around and to keep his tools and it will be a lot nicer place for Mary Ruth to play this winter. It made a lot of extra work for me though. I have to follow Carl around and clean up after him to keep him from tracking it all over the house when he gets into one of these projects."

"Would you listen to that?" asked Carl. "Who was it wanted this basement painted up pretty in the first place?"

"I did," smiled Jean, "but who is going to use the work bench? Not me!"

Carl laughed and said, "It was a lot of work for both of us but we do get a lot of pleasure out of fixing things up around the house."



**Labor Day found the entire Hopson family laboring in the basement. They used the long holiday weekend to make a workbench and paint the basement—all, of course, with little Mary Ruth's help.**

Asked if all employees had a long weekend holiday, Carl answered: "No, not all of them. In our business some few have to work on all the holidays. Someone has to be there to answer the telephone and others must be on duty to take care of the routine troubles that come up 24 hours a day. Then, too, if we should have a bad storm or a car hits a pole or something like that, a good many of our people have to interrupt their holiday to get service to our customers restored quickly."

Plans for next Labor Day? Jean forecast "maybe a short trip or a picnic or maybe paint the basement or some other project."

"A picnic, a picnic, a picnic," chanted Mary Ruth. "Let's go on a picnic!"

From the fond expressions of Jean

and Carl, it looks like a picnic next Labor Day for the Hopsons.

**(Editor's Note:** This is the second in a series of articles dealing with employee benefits and what they mean in terms of personal experiences.)

**Holidays**

Employees observe seven holidays with pay. They are New Year's, George Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. If the holiday falls on Sunday, the employees take the following Monday off.

**Employees Help Get New Bluefield Industry**

Many Bluefield district employees can be proud of attracting a new industry in the area. They are among the many who are stockholders in the newly organized Industries Incorporated that was capitalized with \$300,000 worth of stock sold in \$10 shares.

As a result of the public subscription, the money will be used to build a factory for the Thayer Company, one of the best known juvenile furniture makers in the U. S. About 300 will be employed after the building is completed. The balance needed to build the \$500,000 building was furnished by the Area Development Corporation formed about 16 months ago. J. P. Gills, Bluefield division manager, is a director in both the Area Development Corporation and Industries Incorporated.

**Rain Ruins Display So Employees Do Job Again**

There's only one thing worse than rain at a picnic and that's rain at a fair.

And Williamson district employees had their trouble with rain when they set up a booth at the recent Matewan Fair. After the booth was erected, the floors painted and the ceiling made ready for ceiling cable to be installed, the rains came.

So Monday morning the employees rolled up their sleeves and went back to work, repairing the damage. The work was worth it—over 10,000 persons viewed the Appalachian display of electric house heating and lighting. Men doing the work were commercial department employees Blake Oney, Moir Nowlin, Allen Cross and Milton Cole and Al Novick, heating dealer.

**AGE Man Granted Two-Year Leave For NPG Position**

William L. Webb has been granted a two-year leave of absence from the nuclear power section of the AGE Service Corporation, a member of the Nuclear Power Group.

He will serve as project manager of Nuclear Power Group's technical staff in Chicago and secretary of NPG's operating committee. Mr. Webb joined AGE in 1926 after going to work in Bluefield for Appalachian in 1923 as supervisor of transmission line protection and automatic substation maintenance. He worked in many phases of the company business with AGE and in the late 1930's he developed what later became AGE's chemical section. He supervised all chemical services in the AGE properties.

In 1952 Mr. Webb was appointed head of the nuclear power section of the Service Corporation. The following year he took the one-year course at Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

As project manager of NPG, Mr. Webb will direct the staff's design and economic studies of advanced types of nuclear power plants. He will also assist the NPG member companies in securing information and training of personnel in reactor technology.



**Mr. Webb**

**Bluefield Girls Complete Swim Classes**



These members of the Girls Service Club of the Bluefield office have completed a two-week course in swimming at the Bluefield swimming pool. The Red Cross course, taught by Mrs. John Magann with several assistants, was held each evening after work. Standing above, from the left: Dixie Lee Baldwin, assistant instructor; Brenda Brown, assistant instructor; Elsie Heifner, Patsy Mahoney, Lina Light, Mrs. Mac Coalter, Mrs. Jay Farley, Mrs. Magann and Anna Marie Hendricks, assistant instructor. Seated, from the left: Letha Thompson, Helen Sue Spangler and Mrs. John Munsey.

**Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES**

**Appalachian Electric Power Company**

**Charleston District**

F. E. GALBRAITH from rodman to meter reader.

**Charleston District**

GLENN COOK from groundman to junior T&D clerk; LARRY FRON-TINO from junior clerk to junior merchandise order and billing clerk; RICHARD JOSEPH from appliance serviceman B to appliance serviceman A; KENNETH MORRIS from junior clerk to junior T&D clerk; PEGGY LOU TRAIL from commercial clerk-stenographer to division T&D stenographer.

**Logan District**

CALVIN CYFERS from groundman to lineman C.

**Huntington District**

BERNARD L. MOORE from appliance serviceman A to area sales representative; CARL L. PHILLIPS from area sales representative to commercial sales representative.

**Logan Plant**

LOUIE BARKER from utility operator A to coal conveyor operator; D. F. BRUMFIELD from utility man to utility operator B; BUELL COOK from utility man to utility operator B; B. J. GEORGE from car washer to utility man; E. L. KIMMELL from utility man to utility operator B; G. W. Mc-ABEE from mechanical maintenance mechanic B to mech. maint. mech. A; R. L. McCOMAS, from work order clerk to senior time clerk; RAY STAMPER from utility man to utility operator A.

**Roanoke District**

HELEN KASEY from district cashier to clerk stenographer in system personnel; MRS. ALICE NAFF from cash poster to cashier; JACK SHANK from office messenger to cash poster.

**System**

WILLIAM S. JONES from Roanoke system station department as double test engineer to Bluefield in system station.

**Williamson**

LELIA M. THURSTON from accounting department to T&D engineering section.

**Kentucky Power Company**

**Pikeville District**

CLIFFORD BOYD from appliance serviceman A to area representative; VIRGIL CARTER from collector to appliance serviceman A; GLENN WHITT from senior meter clerk to collector.

**Kingsport Utilities, Inc.**

WALTER M. DRINNON from station man C to station man B.

**Point Pleasant Crew Enjoys Safety Dinner**

A steak fry was the treat for the crew of W. H. Stricklen, Point Pleasant district line foreman, for no disabling injury during the year.

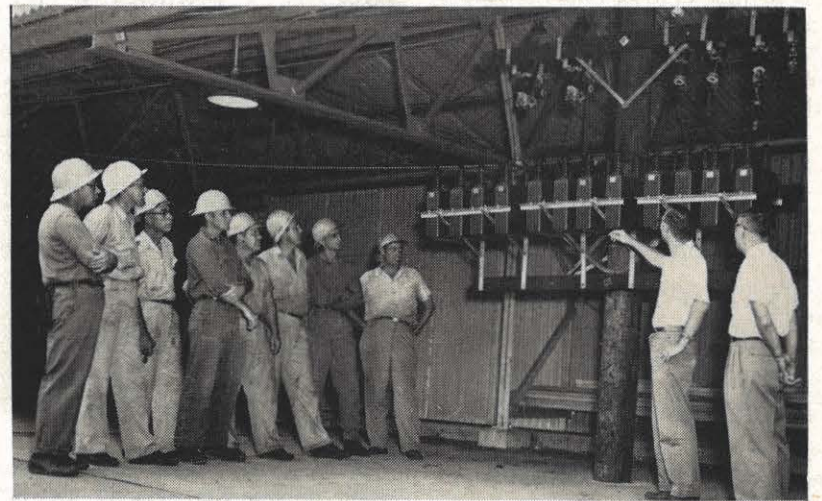
The dinner with all the trimmings was held in the yard of C. E. Fowler, Jr. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Stricklen, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Miller, T. A. Jewell, L. I. Roush and Lorain Crump. G. C. Fowler was unable to attend.

**Initials Sound Familiar**

And where does Alice Elizabeth Payne's father work?

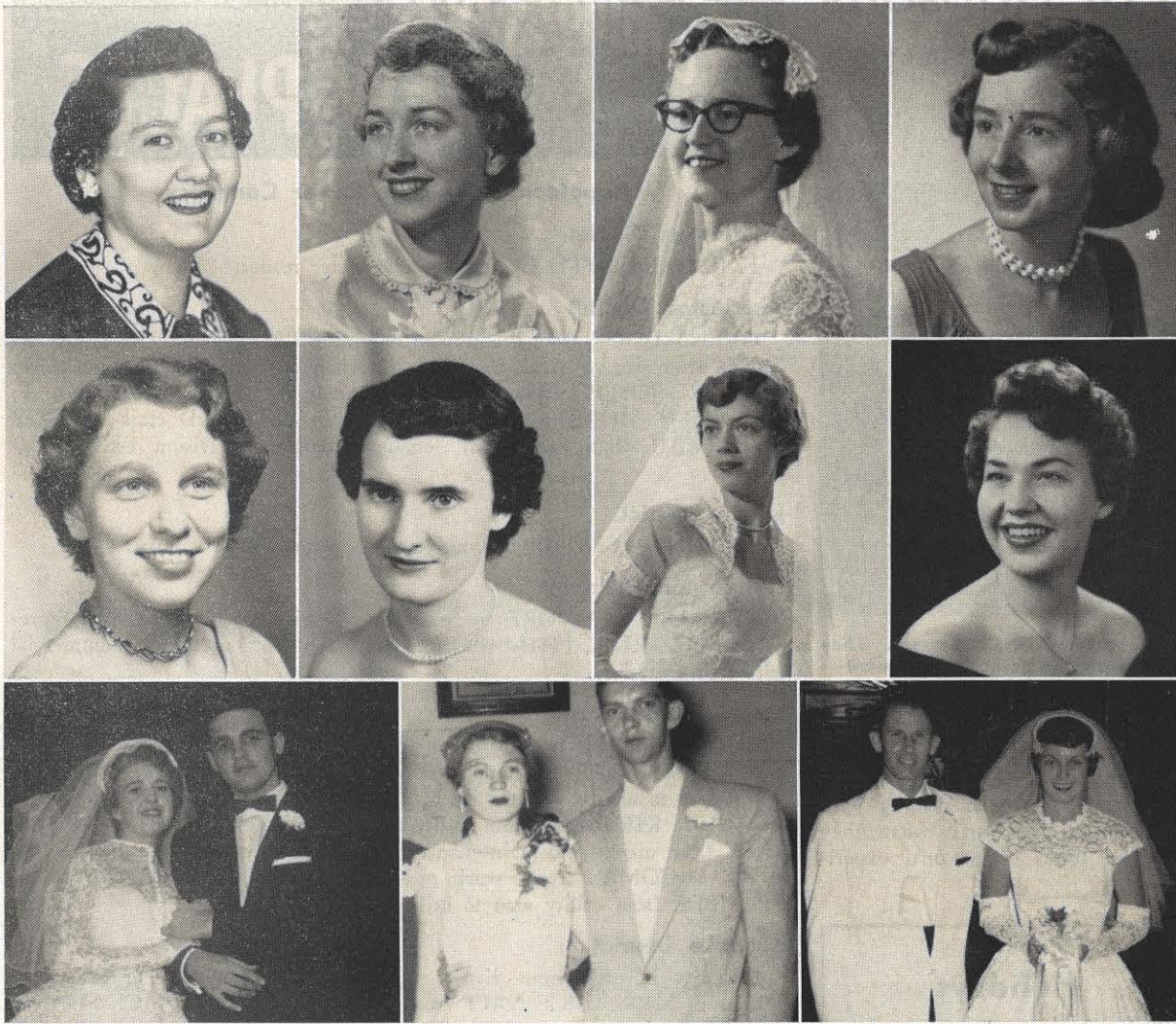
Her initials will tell you. Alice is the daughter born September 14 to Posey Payne, Pulaski district transportation supervisor.

**Charleston Men Take Capacitor Training**



Roger Fairfield, Charleston electrical engineer, explains how capacitors are installed with a maximum of safety and convenience. The capacitor-installation training program makes use of a bank mounted on a pole under a shed in the North Charleston service area. Looking on are from left: R. F. Jones, Leland Price, T. K. Rhodes, W. H. Barker, Harvey Allison, P. D. Hull, Dan Acela, R. H. Taylor, Mr. Fairfield and E. H. Braid, line supervisor. The capacitor banks will be installed on primary lines to relieve distribution facilities.

# Seventeen Couples Take Wedding Vows



Brides and bridal couples among employees and their families in recent weeks are shown above. **TOP ROW** from left: Mrs. R. T. Eskew, Bluefield; Mrs. D. E. Weddle, Roanoke system; Mrs. H. E. Watkins, Welch, and Mrs. Franklin Hunt, Williamson. **SECOND ROW** from left: Mrs. B. C. Artrip, Bluefield; Mrs. R. R. Meador, Beckley; Mrs. W. D. Howell, Roanoke system, and Mrs. Joseph Tazzelli, Charleston. **THIRD ROW** from left: Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Johnson, Charleston; Mr. and Mrs. Coy Ray, Welch; and Mr. and Mrs. Bronson Callihan, Ashland.

## Privett-Ray

Leona M. Privett and Coy Ray were united in marriage September 10 in the Keyrock Methodist Church, Keyrock, West Virginia. Mrs. Ray is cashier in the Pineville office of the Welch district.

## Fletcher-Callihan

Ramona Fletcher and Bronson Callihan were married August 28 at the First Methodist Church in Ashland. He is an employee of the Ashland district stores department.

## Walker-Boley

Betty Ann Walker became the bride of Alfred M. Boley on August 16 at the Methodist Church in Covington, Virginia. Mrs. Boley is employed as senior time record clerk at Kanawha River plant.

## Webb-Nash

Martha F. Webb and George W. Nash were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the Baptist Church in Richmond, Indiana, on September 2. She is a junior clerk in the Sporn plant accounting department and he is a member of the labor department at the plant.

## Thomas-Burdette

Nova Jean Thomas and Stanton E. Burdette were united in marriage in a single ring ceremony in Charleston on September 3. He is a member of the Sporn plant labor department.

## Cantrell-Showalter

The Methodist Church of Rand was the scene September 14 of the wedding of Lorena Cantrell and John B. Showalter, Jr. The Rev. E. W. Hall officiated. Mr. Showalter is a stores clerk in the Charleston district.

## Shamblin-Ray

Betty Lou Shamblin was married September 4 at the First Methodist Church in Franklin, Louisiana, to Jerry Lloyd Ray. She resigned August 30 as clerk-typist in the T&D engineering section. The couple will make their home in Norman, Oklahoma, until he completes his engineering studies at the University of Oklahoma.

## Russell-Tazzelli

Winnie Mae Russell became the bride of Joseph Tazzelli in a double ring ceremony at St. Anthony's Church in Boomer on September 3. The Rev. McDonald officiated. She is the daughter of James H. Russell, Charleston office head janitor.

## Wolfe-Johnson

On September 2 at the First Baptist Church in Chelyan, Juanita Belle Wolfe became the bride of Raymond Norris Johnson of Marmet. Mrs. Johnson is a clerk-typist in the Charleston system meter department and her husband is a laboratory attendant at Cabin Creek plant.

## Saunders-Howell

Phyllis Jean Saunders and Wilson David Howell were united in marriage at the Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Vinton, Virginia, on September 2. Mrs. Howell is employed in the system accounting office, Roanoke.

## Jackson-Watkins

Betty Jane Jackson became the bride of the Rev. Harold Edwin Watkins on August 20. The double ring ceremony was performed in the Maybeury Methodist Church. Mrs. Watkins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald P. Jackson. He is a station man at Switchback in the Welch district.

## Coleman-Hunt

Janet Coleman became the bride of Franklin Hunt on September 17 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ireland Coleman of Belfry, Kentucky. She was employed in the Williamson district engineering department before her resignation on September 16.

## Meadows-Burton

Velma R. Meadows and Jackie O. Burton, MM2, U. S. Navy, were married on August 20. She is an employee of the system transmission line department, Bluefield.

## Davis-Artrip

Mary Jane Davis and Bob Carl Artrip were united in marriage September 10 at Matoaka, West Virginia. Mrs. Artrip is a clerk-stenographer in the Bluefield district personnel department.

## Beckett-Eskew

Elizabeth Ann Beckett became the bride of Ray Talmadge Eskew in Athens on August 27. He is employed as station man helper at Bluefield substation.

## Peters-Meador

Edna Peters became the bride of Rhonald Ray Meador on September 2 at the home of the Rev. E. W. Powers at Shady Springs, West Virginia. Mr. Meador is an employee in the Beckley district stores department.

## Rock-Weddle

Kathryn Louise Rock and Dewie E. Weddle were married September 6 at the Church of the Brethren Parsonage at Troutville. She is a clerk-stenographer in the Roanoke system operating department.

## They're Engaged

MARY M. STEWART to Jack Fowler. She is a junior clerk in the Mason office of the Point Pleasant District.

COLEENE BRANSON to Bill Hampton. She is an employee of the Hazard accounting department.

EDITH ANN BLIZZARD to Joe R. Christian. She is the daughter of A. T. Blizzard, retired inspector of the Charleston district line section.

MARY ANN BOWER to William E. Clemens. He is a Charleston electrical engineer.

BARBARA MULLINS to Clyde B. Wiblin. She is a clerk-typist in the Charleston T&D record section.

NELLIE HALL to Gordon Beckett. She is a clerk-stenographer in the Charleston T&D meter section.

MARY DIXON to Lt. Kenneth Gregory Hartley, USAF. She is the daughter of Ray T. Dixon, Charleston meter service foreman.

## Employee's Wife Again Wins In NSC Contest

Mrs. Roy Burgess has won again. For the second time this year the wife of the system station operator at Graham station has been named a winner in the National Safety Council's "Save-A-Life Line" limerick contest. The most recent prize was \$50 for second place in the July contest, where she added a fifth line to a five-line limerick. Previously she won \$100 first prize in the March contest. Mrs. Burgess has also entered and won prizes in several other national and local contests.

## Autumn Wear



With the first hint of autumn in the air the working girl turns to sweaters and skirts as a practical as well as smart costume. Here Mrs. Reba Banner, Welch district junior contract clerk, models a twin sweater outfit by Bobbie Brooks. The sweaters are in burnt almond and the slim skirt is brown and burnt almond. To complement the outfit Mrs. Banner has chosen suede pumps in plain brown and a Whiting and Davis wide gold bracelet. The outfit, including the bracelet, is from the Beryl Shop in Welch.



## New Arrivals



THERESA JANE is the daughter born August 22 to Mr. and Mrs. George Jeffers. He is a Philip Sporn plant control operator.

A daughter, ALICE ELIZABETH, was born September 14 to Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Payne. He is the Pulaski transportation supervisor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall, Jr. are the parents of a boy, WILLIAM EDWARD, born September 8. Mr. Hall is a mechanical maintenance helper at Cabin Creek plant.

LYOY EVAN was born August 31 to Mr. and Mrs. Don Keyser. Mr. Keyser is in the Ashland accounting department.

DONALD WAYNE was born August 31 to Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Griffith. Mr. Griffith is Rainelle area supervisor in the Beckley district and Mrs. Griffith is the former Mary Spreow, home economist.

A daughter, ROBIN LEE, was born August 7 to Mr. and Mrs. David Ramsey. She is a former Bluefield clerk-typist.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Buston III are the parents of a son, STEVEN BRUCE, born August 8. Mr. Buston is a junior clerk in Bluefield stores.

A son, MURLE B. was born September 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O. Woods. Mr. Woods is a Charleston meter serviceman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rasnick are the parents of a daughter born August 7. Mr. Rasnick is an Abingdon district T&D employee.

MAURICE WELLINGTON, JR. is the son born August 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice W. Godbey. She is a former Abingdon home economist.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly are the parents of a son, DAVID ANDREW, born September 4. She is a former accounting department employee in Abingdon district.

A son, JOEL EDWIN, was born September 14 to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Taylor, Jr. Mr. Taylor is a power sales engineer in the Point Pleasant district.

A son, GENE THOMAS II, was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Lineberry. He is a Keystone meter serviceman in the Welch district.

JOHN SAMUEL was born August 2 to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Richardson. Mr. Richardson is a Grundy lineman in the Welch district.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Tiller announce the arrival September 7 of a son, JEFFERY ALLEN. Mr. Tiller is a meter reader at Pineville of the Welch district.

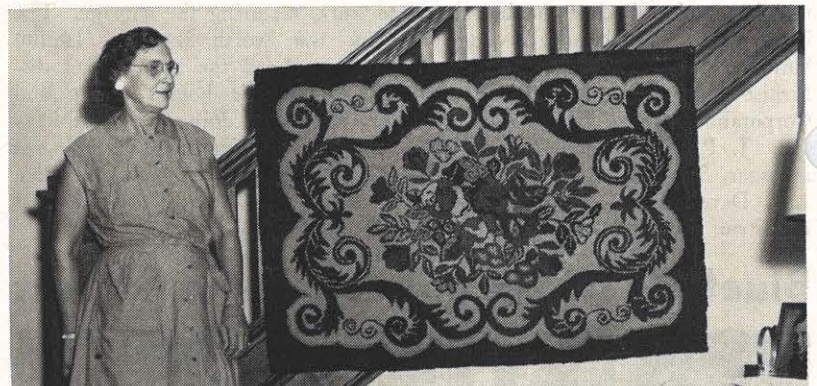
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Coffey are the proud parents of a daughter, LISSA GAIL, born August 13. He is a truck driver-groundman in the Madison area of the Logan district.

A son, ARTHUR PRESTON, was born September 14 to Mr. and Mrs. William P. Simpson. Mrs. Simpson is a former system accounting employee.

RICHARD LAWRENCE was born September 14 to Mr. and Mrs. C. Richard Lovegrove. Mr. Lovegrove is employed in system public relations.

A daughter, GINA LYNE, was born September 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Quattro. She is a former employee in the accounting department of Williamson district.

## Prize Rug Of Welch Housewife Made From Son's Clothing Spanning Years



Mrs. Southern shows the rug made from her son's clothes. This is one of three that have won blue ribbons.

Combining a hobby with an idea has led to a very unusual hand hooked rug for Mrs. C. T. Southern. The wife of the Welch district dealer sales representative made a prize-winning rug from her son's clothing, dating from infancy through college.

Making use of a mother's feeling to save her child's clothing, Mrs. Southern selected items that had special meaning. She used baby sweaters, his first wool pants, baby blankets, his first suit, his high school basketball jersey, his graduation suit, his wool bathrobe used the first year in college and other items.

The rug itself is a work of art and won a blue ribbon at the McDowell County Fair. She has made 12 rugs, all wool, that vary in size from 1x2 to a big 9x12. Three have won ribbons in the county fair.

She says she is saving the rugs for her son and his children. The rugs have her initials and the completion date embroidered on the back, which will give them extra value later on.

Of course, Mrs. Southern has enjoyed making all the rugs and looks forward to making more. But the favorite remains the one made from her son's clothing, the rug that holds memories in its materials.

# Highlights in SPORTS



Officers and team captains of the Charleston Kilowatt Bowling League are pictured above. The loop this season is composed of ten teams from the district and division, Turner station, Kanawha Valley Power Company and Cabin Creek plant. Play began early in September.

## Pikeville 'Old Pro' Wins Golf Tourney



Leon Huffman holds the trophy he won in a first-place finish in the Tri-State Sand Green Golf Championship.

You just can't beat a man when he knocks five off par during an 18-hole golf tournament.

That's what Leon Huffman did when he shot 65 to win the first annual Tri-State Sand Green Golf Championship recently. The Pikeville district R/W agent won a large trophy for his efforts on the Pike Golf Club course at Shelby.

Leon, known as "the old pro" in his area, did well in other tournaments this season. He entered the Green Meadows Invitational at the Green Meadows Country Club where he was runner-up in the first flight. Robert Weddle, distribution engineer, also entered. Both of them also entered the J. R. Price Invitational at Wheelwright, where Leon was medalist and won a wrist watch.

## Charleston Finishes With 40-0 Record

Appalachian's champion softball team rounded out its season in September by winning the Kanawha Valley Softball Tournament.

Charleston, which won the Appalachian tournament, completed its season with 40 wins and no losses. In the Kanawha Valley tourney the team swept by 23 opponents. Charleston also won the Nitro Invitational and Elk-Kanawha tournaments, as well as finishing first during the regular season of the Elk-Kanawha League.

Vernon Kirk, pitching ace for Charleston, was finally beaten when he hurled for the West Virginia state championship team in the National Softball Tournament at Toledo, Ohio. He left the game in the fourth inning, behind 2-0 to a strong Detroit, Michigan squad. Detroit scored five more times off another pitcher.

## Princeton Sluggers



These Martin brothers helped the Princeton Bank and Trust Company win the Little League championship. Bill, 11-year-old at left, and Jim, 13, were high batting average outfielders the past season. They are the sons of James M. Martin, transmission man in the system transmission line department, Bluefield. Bill ended the season with a batting average of .370 while Jim had .456 with six home runs to his credit.

## Eight Teams Entered In Roanoke Bowling

Roanoke bowling season rolled off to a fast start September 19 as eight teams started play at Luckland.

Bill Mills, meterman, led off the action with a 158 in his first game and also captured the high 3-game set for the night with 353. The real estate and line-station teams won all three games to lead the league.

The meter team spearheaded by Mills holds team high single with 557 and local office has team high 3-game set with 1,623.

Teams and captains for the league are: Accounting, P. C. Ray; Distribution, C. B. Comer; Local Office, D. W. Ayers; Meter, P. A. Grisso; Real Estate, R. F. Howard; Stores, E. J. Haga; Line-Station, J. R. Watkins; and System, G. G. Brammer.

## The Champions



Ernest Layne, manager, at right, accepts the Lynchburg Industrial League championship trophy from T. B. Garbee of the Phillips Brothers sporting goods department. The Lynchburg district squad pushed across a run in the bottom of the seventh to edge Mead Corporation 1-0 in the rubber game of a three-game set for the loop crown. Ray Thomas limited the opponents to just two hits. The game climaxed the season for Lynchburg, which won 20 of 24 games. This trophy was presented at a stag dinner party at Bonnie's Marble Lake. Individual trophies were also given each team member.

## Sporn Golfer Captures Four Trophies In Two Seasons; Enters Gallipolis Women's Tourney

For a person who played her first game of golf only last year, Patsy Yester has collected a considerable number of trophies in the sport.

At last count the Philip Sporn plant secretary had four trophies for golf tournaments and was going for another. She won a silver bowl last year as runner-up in the WJEH Radio Station tournament at the Gallipolis, Ohio, Golf Club. Then she added a desk set as runner-up in the Gallipolis Tribune Tournament.

She started this season by earning a large trophy for first place in the Womens' Championship Tournament held by the Gallipolis Golf Club. The tourney was conducted last season except for the championship play-off, which was postponed until this year because of continuing bad weather. A smaller trophy was won for the first low gross, second flight of the Athens Womens Invitational Tournament at Athens, Ohio, this year.

The trophy she's going for now is the 1955 edition of the Gallipolis Golf Club Womens' Championship Tournament.

## Hazard Footballers In Two Backfield Positions

Two employees' sons will be the mainstays when the Hazard High School Bulldogs take to the gridiron this fall.

Pat Stidham, a five-foot, 11-inch, 173-pound junior, will run from the fullback position. He is the son of Gaine Stidham, district superintendent.

And Jimmy Ozee, son of Morgan Ozee, personnel supervisor, will call signals from the quarterback post. Jimmy is also a junior and stands five feet, 11 inches tall and weighs 160 pounds.



Patsy Yester stands behind the four trophies she's won in two seasons of golf.

Patsy spends from three to six evenings a week on the golf course. She took instructions from Howard Saunders at the Gallipolis Golf Club. She has forsaken her other sporting interests—horseback riding, ice skating and others—for golf. She was first employed at the plant March 12, 1951, as clerk-typist and later promoted to plant secretary.

## Sporn Drops Golf Match But Plans Others Soon

Recently defeated by Beech Bottom Power plant, the Philip Sporn plant golf team will be out for revenge when the two meet again soon. Sporn plant hopes to meet other foes, including a meet between Phil, Beech Bottom and Sporn plants at Oglebay Park in Wheeling.

Beech Bottom took the measure of Sporn by three strokes. On Sporn's team were Clarence Tennant, George Wolf, Keith Arnold and Bill Gibbs. Playing for Beech Bottom were Ray Trax, Harry Forsight, Gene Kemp and Red Kercher.

## Sporn Bowlers Ready For Season



Officers for the 1955-56 Philip Sporn Plant Bowling League go over American Bowling Congress rules before the season opens September 7. The officers are from left: Sonny Haggerty, secretary; Buck Tennant, vice president; Harry Davis, president; and Karl Wiles, treasurer. Captains of the ten teams are directors of the league and matches will be rolled at the Pomeroy, Ohio, Bowling Alleys. Teams and their captains are: Emmert's Shift, Raymond Smith; Tennant's Shift, Keith Arnold; Shift A, Willis Dudding; Grimes Shift, Floyd Capehart; Maintenance No. 1, George Wright; Maintenance No. 2, Nelson Roush; Maintenance No. 3, Bob Couch; Labor, Bill Thomas; Office, Art Wehrli; and Results, Bob Eason.

## Camavo Club Party Held At Dixie Caverns

The Camavo Club held a party September 16 at Dixie Caverns. The club is made up of employees on the first and second floors of the Roanoke office.

About 80 attended the buffet dinner and dance. Jimmy Wheeler was master of ceremonies and short talks were given by J. G. Harvey, division personnel supervisor; J. L. White, division supervising engineer, and H. R. Miller, division payroll supervisor.

Member of the committee who made arrangements were J. E. Jones, chairman, J. A. Wheeler and J. A. Dunham.

## Country Club Is Site Of Williamson Picnic

Sprigg Country Club was the site August 27 for the annual picnic of employees of the Williamson district. About 260 attended where games, golf, swimming, horseshoes, shuffleboard and volleyball were played.

E. J. Clouser and Woodrow Holbrook made arrangements. C. R. Wilson, Jr., and Ford Muncy were in charge of adult games while Florence Murphy and Naomi Cantees conducted children games. Also on the picnic committee were Irene Kirchman, Emma Warren, Vivian Ransom, Dorothy Riggins, W. H. Stratton, F. E. Varney, Mary Lou Justice, Alous Williamson and H. A. Cross, Jr.

## Beckley Keglers Launch Campaign



Six of the eight team captains in the Beckley District Bowling League are pictured above. They are front row from left: Parthenia Winner, Bob Biggs and Shirley Biggs. Back row from left: E. F. Eager, R. D. Smith and Clyde Marshall. Not shown are Charles Varner and Keith Evans. Bob Biggs is bowling chairman and Mrs. Emma Jean Wilson is secretary. The rules committee is made up of team captains. Season got underway September 12.

Machines Get Tired Too

What Happens When Equipment Ages?

If it's man-made, it's going to wear out.

That simple fact is one of your electric company's biggest headaches, depreciation of equipment.

It comes down to some careful planning. Someone must know just how long a piece of equipment will last and where the money's coming from to replace it.

Appalachian's depreciation rates were set after careful study and observation of all types of equipment.

As the company has grown, depreciation has grown by leaps and bounds. The larger the company gets, the more equipment is needed, and pieces are wearing out all the time.

That's almost a million dollars a month in depreciation. It's also 12.645 per cent of the operating revenue for 1954.

Actually there are six different rates of depreciation set for Appalachian. There are rates for the steam, hydro, transmission, distribution, general and automotive sec-



It's the end of another day for Roanoke district line truck No. 0-12-9. H. F. Carter, Roanoke district line crew member, puts the truck away in the parking area at the storeroom.

tions of the property.

What is the effect of the depreciation rate? When a new piece of equipment is bought, the men who have worked on depreciation rates know from past experience, observation and study approximately how long that equipment should last.

Charging of expense against revenue results in retention of money in the company's cash box, which the company in turn uses to build more facilities.

Let's illustrate how this depreciation works. Take a line truck, a good symbol of an electric utility.

While automotive equipment depreciation is figured on a somewhat different basis than other electric utility equipment (depreciation is charged for a particular vehicle by the hour), all the equipment works on the same general principle.

The Roanoke district bought a brand new two-ton Chevrolet line truck in 1951 for use in the district. Purchase price of the truck was about \$6,200. Now study had shown that this truck would have a life expectancy of seven years or 70,000 miles, whichever came first.

Since transportation equipment depreciation is charged on the hourly basis, and studies proved that the service life of the truck would be about 14,000 hours, it meant that 32 cents an hour had to be charged for the use of this particular truck.

This is only one truck. Add up all the trucks needed in our business, and the thousands of other pieces of equipment used, and remember that all of this wears out. Then you'll see why depreciation has become one of the major items in the electric utility business.

Gallon Club Gets New Logan Member

It's a gallon for Emil Gore. The Logan district area sales representative gave his eighth pint of blood to the Red Cross recently and became a member of the Gallon Club.



Mr. Gore

Emil was employed September 18, 1950, as a junior meter reader and was promoted to collector March 16, 1951.

He is an active member and vice president of the Logan County Sportsman's Club and his coon dogs have been featured in an ILLUMINATOR article.

Company Men Write For AGE 'Operating Notes'



Mr. Roush

Mr. Ballard



Mr. Loveday

Mr. Blizzard

Two plants and Kanawha Valley Power Company were represented by four men in the September issue of AGE's Monthly Operating Notes.

N. R. Roush, Philip Sporn plant master maintenance man, contributed "Jig Expedites Rebabbling," in which he described a time-saving and less expensive method of reparing worn bearings through rebabbling.

"Barge Ladder Saves Time and Accidents" was written by H. L. Ballard, Kanawha River plant coal handling foreman. The article described a six-foot aluminum ladder used to allow workers to safely enter or exit from barges.

Two Kanawha Valley Power Company men also contributed articles. G. V. Loveday, operator, wrote "Spiked Angle Prevents Rolling of Cylinders," which told of a spiked angle-iron that was effective in keeping cylinders from rolling on a truck bed in transit.

P. B. Blizzard, mechanical engineer, was the author of "Adapter Aids Crane-To-Crane Load Transfer." To ease the job of transferring hydroelectric plant steel stop-logs from plant cranes to river-boat cranes and vice versa, a simple adapter described in the article was developed.

Williamson Man Heads Salvation Army Drive

Woodrow Holbrook, Williamson district residential and rural sales supervisor, has been appointed chairman of the Salvation Army financial drive.



Mr. Holbrook

Having been president and vice president of the Williamson Lions Club, he also is a member of the Jaycees. He was employed in December 1945 as a clerk and promoted to his position in January 1952.

K-Appa-K's Open Season

About 20 attended the K-Appa-K's wiener roast at Kewanee Park. Dinner committee of the Williamson district girl's club was Mary Lou Justice, Florence Murphy, Frances Keadle, Ada Jean Lowe and Mary L. Kessinger.

P. U. A. V. Officers Elected Last Month



Two Appalachian men are among this group of new officers of the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias. They are J. D. Murray, assistant system office manager, second from left, and W. F. Keehne, system office manager at right.



Four system accounting men vitally concerned with depreciation go over a chart showing a ten-year comparison in depreciation. They are from left: C. G. Price, Jr., head of cost accounting section; Mark Burdette, head of operating and transportation section; A. R. Kiser, electric plant accounting supervisor; and O. A. Hawkins, general bookkeeping supervisor.

Beckley Navy Vet Recalled To Duty

Floyd Russell Miller, Beckley district junior T&D clerk in the record section, has been recalled to active duty with the Navy.



Mr. Miller

He served with the Navy from March 18, 1941 to March 21, 1947, and has been in the Reserve since then.

Mr. Miller joined the company November 19, 1947 as a draftsman junior. In 1952 he moved up to junior distribution record clerk and later was changed to his present position.

Home Lighting School Held At Bluefield

Seven home economists in the Bluefield division attended a three-day home lighting school in the Bluefield office last month.

Sarah Moore, division home lighting specialist, conducted the meeting attended by the following: Lia Pais, Welch; Lovis Mitchell, Grundy; Helen Stephens, Gate City; Barbara Connelly, Abingdon; Juanita Horton, Tazewell; Margaret Holyfield, Lebanon, and Margaret Phalen, Clintwood.

Staten Article In Magazine

An article by Roland Staten, Williamson district groundman, appeared in the August 15 issue of Electric Light and Power. The article, "Strapping Overhead Cable to Messenger Made Easier," also appeared in AGE's Monthly Operating Notes and THE ILLUMINATOR.

AF Officer Passes Kentucky Bar Exam

Donald Earle Weight, recently commissioned in the U. S. Air Force, has passed the state bar examination to practice law in Kentucky.



Mr. Weight

The son of Deck Weight, assistant to the general manager in Ashland, graduated from the University of Kentucky law school in May and at the same time was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

A member of the International Legal Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi, the Breckinridge Inn Chapter, Lt. Weight also holds a BA degree from Marshall College.