



Mr. Whitefield



Mr. Lawrence

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New Medical Plan Is Offering Better Buy And Better Protection

W. I. Whitefield, Roanoke, Retires; Lawrence Moves Up

W. I. Whitefield, a veteran of over 40 years in the electric utility industry, retired January 1 as Roanoke division manager.

Joseph D. Lawrence, assistant division manager, succeeds Mr. Whitefield as division manager.

A native of Danville, Mr. Whitefield was graduated from VMI in 1911 with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. He worked for General Electric at Lynn, Mass., as a student engineer following his graduation. In 1913 he became associated with the electric department of the City of Danville as a turbine and meter helper. In 1915 he came to Roanoke as assistant superintendent of the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company. Eight years later he became general superintendent.

He was named Roanoke district manager of Appalachian in 1929 after the Railway and Electric

Company facilities had been acquired. He became assistant division manager in 1940 and division manager in 1943.

He is a member of the Rotary Club, which he has served as vice president and secretary; a member and past director of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce; a member and past president and director of the Shenandoah Club; a member and past director of the Roanoke Country Club and a former director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. He has also served on the Board of Visitors of VMI. He is on the board of stewards of the South Roanoke Methodist Church.

He has served as director of Appalachian and is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. During World War I Mr. Whitefield served as a second lieutenant in the 144th Engineers. Married, he is the father of three children.

Mr. Lawrence, who has been associated with the company since 1929, (See Lawrence, Page 6)

Appalachian Tops

System Men Win Annual 'Notes' Award



Mr. Carter

Mr. McCormack

Appalachian won the annual award for the company contributing the most to *AGE Monthly Operating Notes*. Two Appalachian men tied for second place in the individual competition among suggestions.

Although only first and second prizes are given, the board of judges in New York thought so much of two ideas by Appalachian men that they gave two \$50 second-place awards. They went to W. Price Carter, system transmission line superintendent at Bluefield, and H. E. McCormack, superintendent of system operations.

First prize of \$100 was won by J. E. Rowley and M. L. Wasson, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company at Fort Wayne, for an article in the December issue on "330-kv Hot Line Maintenance."

Price Carter continues to set *Notes* records as he is the first man ever to win four annual awards. His contribution in the November issue was an article on a "Time-Saving Reel Lift." It described a reel-lift designed to enable a small force of workmen to load or unload cable reels by using the same truck for

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Roanoker's Son Enters National Biology Society

James B. Bell, Jr., has been elected to Beta Beta Beta, national biological society.

The son of Roanoke division R/w supervisor is a senior at the University of Virginia. After receiving his B.A. degree in biology he plans to enter Virginia's School of Medicine.

He is also a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity and a recipient of intermediate honors.



James Bell

A new Comprehensive Medical Plan offering employees and their families much broader protection has been announced for the AGE System, effective February 1. Each employee was mailed an announcement of the new plan in late December.

In addition to much broader protection, the new plan is designed to give the employee more money when he needs it most and give him a better buy than the present plan.

The new plan is entirely different from the present company plan. Instead of having separate limits on certain specific items for each disability, the new plan has a high maximum for all kinds of care and treatment and gives the dependents exactly the same coverage as the employee.

Features Of Plan

Briefly, here are the features of the plan:

The EMPLOYEE receives the first \$250 of hospital charges in any one year for room and board (up to and including semi-private accommodations), operating room, anesthetics, X-rays, radium, blood, drugs, dressings and other treatment or services,

Meetings Scheduled

Further details of the Comprehensive Medical Plan will be discussed at Employee Information sessions within the next two weeks. At that time, employees will be given the opportunity of having questions answered.

when he and/or dependent is confined to a hospital.

The EMPLOYEE receives 80% of hospital charges over \$250 for the same items.

The EMPLOYEE receives 80% of all other medical expenses for doctors, surgeons, specialists, private nurses, diagnostic X-rays, artificial limbs and eyes, prescribed medicines, hospital outpatient treatment, etc., after HE PAYS the first \$50 of these other medical expenses in any one year for each insured member of the plan.

In addition, there are improved maternity benefits for dependent wives which pay all expenses up to \$150 for normal birth and \$225 for Caesarean.

Eligibility And Cost

An employee of the company is eligible for the new medical plan along with his wife and unmarried dependent children between 14 days and 19 years of age (that is extended to 23 years if the dependent is still in school). He contributes to the plan on a monthly basis at the rate of \$1.15 for himself only, \$2.80 for himself and one dependent, and \$3.75 for himself and two or more dependents, which is about a third of the cost. The remaining two-thirds of the cost is paid for by the company.

Under the company's new plan, the employee pays a little more, but the maximum benefits are \$15,000 (\$7,500 in one year) for each person covered whether he is an employee or dependent. Under the present plan, maximum coverage for an employee is less than \$1,000 and much less than that for a dependent for any one disability no matter how serious it is.

Plan Is Voluntary

It is not mandatory, however, that the employee change from the present plan to the new plan. But with the broader coverage in the new plan, much of the financial worry brought

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Last Kyger Creek Unit Put In Service As OVEC Sets Construction Record

Largest electric power plant in Ohio, Kyger Creek plant on the Ohio River at Cheshire, is now in full operation—more than three months ahead of schedule.

The Ohio Valley Electric Corporation announced late last month that the fifth and last of Kyger Creek's 215,000-kilowatt steam turbine-generators has been placed in operation. Some construction work and final details remain, however, to be completed.

Biggest In State

At 1,075,000 kw, the station is the largest in the Buckeye State and second largest power plant built anywhere by private enterprise. It is second only to its sister plant, Clifty Creek, also built by OVEC.

Appalachian, Ohio Power and Indiana & Michigan Electric are the three AGE companies participating in the 15-company OVEC organization. The two plants were built by OVEC for the single purpose of

supplying the full and tremendous electric power requirements of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission's giant new Portsmouth, Ohio, project.

Five 215,000-kw units also are in operation today at Clifty Creek in Madison, Indiana. Operation of the sixth and final unit there is scheduled for next month. It will give Clifty Creek a total capacity of 1,290,000 kw, making it the world's largest private power plant.

Probably the most outstanding aspect of the construction job at both plants has been the speed with which it is being carried out. OVEC was organized only three years ago. Ground was broken at both plant sites in December 1952. The first generating unit at each plant was placed in commercial operation in February, 1955. The final unit, the 11th in all, is scheduled for next month.

New Record Set

This will mean that OVEC will have placed 2,365,000 kw of electric power capacity in operation in 12 months' time—the most power installed in the shortest time in the history of the electric utility industry.

Of even greater importance, the entire job is well ahead of its original schedule. For example, Kyger Creek's Unit 5, now in operation, was scheduled for April 1. Clifty Creek's

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Peak Is Set

More electricity was used at 11 a. m., December 20 by Appalachian customers than at any other time in the company's history.

A peak of 1,300,000 kw was recorded at that time. Last year the December peak was 1,227,000 kw at 6 p. m., December 14, an increase this year of 73,000 kw.

AGE also set a peak in December. Theirs of 3,512,000 kw came at 7 p. m., December 19.

Bluefield Man Heads Salvation Army Board

Chalmers M. Bailey, Bluefield division R/w supervisor, has been elected chairman of the advisory board of the Bluefield area Salvation Army.



Mr. Bailey

Mr. Bailey is a member of the Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce, Mercer County Council of the Department of Public Assistance, immediate past president of the Bluefield Lions Club and present member of its board of directors.

He has been appointed by Governor William C. Marland as a member of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped. Mr. Bailey is married.

Pulaski District Wins Safety Award



Presentation of the Edison Electric Institute Safety Merit Award to Pulaski district was a highlight of the monthly operation conference on December 20. G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager, in the center, presented the award to D. P. Minichan, district manager at left, and W. H. Spangler, safety supervisor, during a luncheon attended by supervisors and their wives. The certificate recognized the achievement of Pulaski district employees who have worked 1,009,273 manhours without a disabling injury.

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MRS. ELIZABETH L. MUNSEY, Secretarial Stenographer, Bluefield



Our greatest challenge for 1956 is that we rise to our opportunity to point the way to "Better Living Electrically." We are an industry which provides mankind with the means to an easier, happier, healthier life. Thousands of our customers know this and are building "homes of tomorrow" today, incorporating in them the many electrical devices which can save labor, increase cleanliness, bring entertainment and provide year around comfort conditioning for their families.

Our challenge—as a company and as individual employees—is to carry the message of "the modern way to live" to the thousands in our service area who do not yet know the wonderful benefits of letting Reddy Kilowatt lighten their work and brighten their lives. May it be our strong resolve to meet this challenge!

MACK D. WILLIAMS, Appliance Serviceman, Kingsport



I believe this month's question can be answered more intelligently if we first consider the answer to another question: namely, "Why do we now exist as a company?" We exist as a company because we have a product to offer the public. Since this product is electricity, it is imperative that we be able at all times to deliver good service which is so necessary to insure its proper use.

So with this in mind, I believe the greatest challenge facing our company in 1956, or in any other year in the future, will be that of rendering the best service possible to the largest number of people.

RALPH L. EVICK, Power Sales Engineer, Ashland



Our greatest challenge for 1956, I believe, will be the intense competition that we shall face . . . competition that threatens our goals, constantly causing us concern and to remain alert seeking means with which to gain our

objectives—kw sales or what have you.

It would seem to me that one fine way to assist the cause would be to develop the selling potential of the entire employee force. To do this a really good employee information program might be adopted, one designed to keep each employee abreast with each item, product and plan of the load building program. The emphasis now seems to be on residential heating. Let all be informed of its advantages so each can talk enthusiastically with those with whom he might come in contact.

R. R. SNEDEGAR, Engineer, Roanoke Division



I believe that the greatest challenge facing our company in 1956 will be the question of how to rebuild our electric distribution facilities and still maintain our present rates to the consumer.

The advent of the all-electric home and the increased usage of electric home heating will very soon be overloading some of our distribution facilities. Revenues from these customers should prove adequate to build new lines to supply them, but how far into the future should we design these facilities to serve?

A look into the future indicates that our average residential customer may be expected to utilize more than twice as much electric energy 20 years from now. This unprecedented demand by our customer for electric power and the desire to give continuous trouble-free service will require a continuous survey of our distribution facilities.

A careful study of our problem is sure to bring the same wonderful results that have already been attained in our great power generating and transmission systems; and we can assure our customers of adequate electric power at the lowest possible rates.

MARJORIE K. CRAWFORD, Clerk-Typist, Cabin Creek Plant



The greatest challenge I foresee for our company in the ensuing year is the education of the public to the advantages of electricity so that our sale of power may continue to grow.

The most logical and stable source of the increased use of electric power appears to be in the all-electric home. Residential heating and air conditioning is a field that may be developed to the extent that we cannot readily foresee. We can expect in the not too far distant future to find the all-electric home a common-place occurrence.

To properly present to the public the advantages of electric power and to be ready to provide that power with economy and dependability is our challenge in the coming year.

LAURA S. COLLINS, Secretarial Stenographer, Huntington



In my opinion, the greatest challenge facing our company in 1956 will be the building and maintenance of our facilities to keep pace with the increasing population and the necessity for expansion of electrical services to new subdivisions and rural areas, and the training of personnel to handle the job.

Also, the newly awakened interest for better living, electrically, presents a challenge to all of our people, and particularly to the training of personnel for the selling, proper installations and economically better service for all our customers. For example, the current interest in the heating of homes by radiant heating and heat pumps should occupy a very prominent place in our load-building program for 1956.

O. W. HESSON, Groundman, Point Pleasant



The greatest challenge facing our company in 1956 in my opinion will be the company's assurance of maintaining and improving the customer's electric service; this in turn will help stimulate the customer to a point where more electric heat and more electrical appliances will be used.

The company also faces the challenge of being able to furnish electric power for new factories that are moving into our districts. So widely does the electric current administer to our needs that the present time is called the "Electric Age"—that's the problem facing our company today and in years to come.

Reddy Rates Replies

(Note: The new Reddy Kilowatt courtesy notice has prompted these replies from customers.)

Accept this check with my apologies, Mr. Kilowatt.

Have no excuse to offer, I just simply forgot.
—A Pikeville Customer

I got my pay,
I'll send yours today.
—A Pikeville Customer

You know there is an old song that goes something like this: "You're the cream in my coffee, You're the salt in my stew, You will always be my necessity, I can't do without you." That's the way I feel about you, Reddy.

—A Logan Customer



Forgive Me When I Whine

Today upon a bus, I saw
A lovely maid with golden hair;
I envied her—she seemed so gay—
And Oh, I wished I were so fair.
When suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the aisle;
She had one foot and wore a crutch,
But as she passed, a smile.
I have two feet—the world is mine.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;

And when I stopped to buy some sweets,
The lad who served me had such charm.
He seemed to radiate good cheer
His manner was so kind and warm.
I said "It's nice to deal with you,
Such courtesy I seldom find."
He turned and said "Oh, thank you, sir!"
And then I saw he was blind.
I have two eyes—the world is mine.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;

Then, when walking down the street
I saw a child with eyes of blue.
He stood and watched the others play;
It seemed he knew not what to do.
I stopped a moment, then I said:
"Why don't you join the others, dear?"
He looked ahead without a word,
And then I knew: He could not hear.
I have two ears—the world is mine.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;

With feet to take me where I'd go,
With eyes to see the sunset's glow,
With ears to hear what I would know.
I'm blessed indeed. The world is mine.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine!

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Directors Elect Ashland Man To Company Position



Mr. Via

John H. Via, Jr., was elected assistant secretary of Kentucky Power Company at the November 30 meeting of the Kentucky Board of Directors in New York. The 17-year veteran is assistant general office manager.

A native of Roanoke, Virginia, he graduated from Roanoke College in 1938 with a B.S. degree in business administration. In June of that year he was employed by Appalachian as clerk in the system accounting office.

He transferred to the then-newly opened main accounting office in Ashland in July 1939 where he worked in the electric plant accounting department. He served overseas in Europe during World War II as a member of the Army Finance Department.

In April 1946 he was promoted to supervisor of plant accounting and became assistant general office manager in March 1950.

Married and the father of a five-year-old son, he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and serves on the board of deacons. He also is a member of Poage Lodge 325, Free and Accepted Masons, and Ashland Chapter 119, Order of the Eastern Star.

Hazardite Returns High Score On Placement Test

Freshmen placement test returns show James Stidham among the top 25 per cent of his class in three departments.

The son of Gaine Stidham, Hazard district superintendent, was one of 136 freshmen recognized at the University of Kentucky. He finished in the "A" section on the tests in general ability, English and mathematics. A letter from personnel officials at the school to Mr. and Mrs. Stidham said in part "such high achievements reflect not only upon the parents of the child, but also upon the high school from which he was graduated."

Kyger Creek Unit . . .

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Unit 6, expected to go into service next month, was scheduled for next June 1.

Some idea of the size of this accomplishment can be judged from the fact that only 15 of our 48 states today have total electric generating capacities, both public and private combined, which exceed OVEC's capability of 2,365,000 kw. In terms of power production, OVEC will generate annually more electricity than is currently consumed in a year in New York, the world's largest city.

Second Circuit Work Progresses On Lines

Work is progressing on the second circuit of two major Appalachian transmission lines.

Completion date has been set as August 31 for the second circuit of the 330-kv line between Philip Sporn and Kanawha River plants. The line was begun November 1 on 62.08 miles of existing steel towers.

Hoozier Engineering Company of Columbus, Ohio, is the contractor on the job.

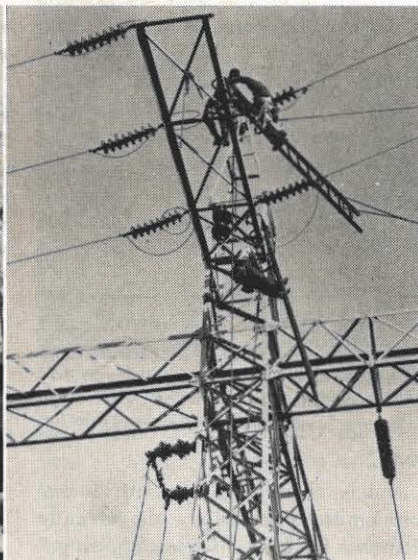
And the first of next month the second circuit of the Glen Lyn plant-Saltville 132-kv line is scheduled for completion. This job was begun September 6. The L. E. Myers Company of Chicago, Ill., is con-

tractor for the 73.16-mile line.

Inspectors for both jobs, members of the system transmission line department out of Bluefield, are W. G. French, W. A. Jefcoat, R. A. Walk, H. W. Owen, Ivan French, C. E. Ruble, R. S. Nash and W. F. Sage.



The 330-kv Sporn-Kanawha line gets a close inspection from three employees in the left picture. Shown are Hansford Buckland, chief system substation operator, and W. F. Sage, on the ground, and W. A. Jefcoat, standing on the



tension machine. At the right work progresses on the Glen Lyn-Saltville 132-kv line. Linemen are K. A. Hayes, C. W. Edmonds and T. M. Wise.

Notes Award To Two Men . . .

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loading and hauling.

His idea was converted into practical equipment by J. B. Doss, W. R. Massie and R. T. Hypes, members of the system transmission line department. His method reduces time, men and material needed. Simplicity of his method is in contrast with the customary procedure that requires one truck with a derrick to load and unload a second truck which does the hauling.

H. E. McCormack's contribution appeared in the July issue of *Notes*. It was entitled "Training Program— for system operators, load dispatchers, station operators and switchmen."

He described the program to train personnel and keep them informed on relay protection, automatic functions and manual steps they may have to take in emergencies or when automatic equipment fails to function so that service may be restored promptly. The program is conducted on a 90-day cycle basis so the instructor can visit each station four times a year. An outline of the program was included in the article.

Carter won first place in the competition last year on washing "live" insulators with high pressure water. He won first place in 1950 for mechanical clearing of rights-of-way and

second place in 1935 for his contribution on pole trailers.

Starting with the company at Bluefield in September 1919, he moved up to foreman one year later. He was promoted to general foreman in January 1935 and moved up to distribution superintendent in January 1939. He assumed his present duties in April 1944.

McCormack, like Carter, also is a veteran with over 35 years' service. He started in May 1918 with the Virginia Power Company at Cabin Creek plant as a boiler room employee. After a short period he was made switchboard operator and then load dispatcher.

He was promoted to chief dispatcher at the plant in 1921. When the system operating department was formed in 1926, he was transferred to Charleston as chief system operator and later was made assistant superintendent of system operations. In 1946 the department was reorganized and he became superintendent of system operations, the position he now holds.

Allen Perry, editor of *AGE Monthly Operating Notes*, reported that Appalachian led with 38 of 110 award-winning ideas. Ohio Power was second with 32 and I&M third with 16.

46-Year Roanoke Vet Dies After Lengthy Illness



Mr. Plaine

David W. Plaine, oldest Appalachian employee from point of service, died December 18 in Roanoke.

The Roanoke district production supervisor had been in ill health for several months. Joining the company March 15, 1910, he had completed almost 46 years of service.

Mr. Plaine was hired by Graham Claytor, retired AGE vice president, who was then superintendent of the light and power department. Mr. Plaine's first duties included washing fixtures for customers to convince them that electricity was best for lighting. He later became company auto mechanic and in 1919 transferred to the Walnut Avenue steam plant.

In 1921 he was promoted to assistant engineer and in 1936 to plant superintendent. This title was changed to production supervisor in January 1949 although his duties remained the same. Under his supervision were Niagra hydro and Rocky Mount hydro plants and the Walnut Avenue plant.

Mr. Plaine is survived by his wife, a step-daughter, Mrs. Vonice C. Gish, system accounting secretarial-stenographer, his mother, a sister and a brother. Funeral services were conducted December 20 at Oakey's Chapel. These active and retired employees were pallbearers: W. G. Haller, W. W. Krebs, B. H. McKeever, H. R. Smith, J. L. White and W. I. Whitefield.

Fruit Cakes Made By Logan Foreman Cheer Many Friends



George looks over the results of his handiwork. He made 22 fruit cakes for Christmas gifts as part of his annual hobby.

Fifteen years and 1,000 pounds of fruit cake later, George W. LeGrande still has his unusual hobby. The Logan district line foreman made 22 fruit cakes this year to give to close friends at Christmas.

Mixing all the ingredients himself, he estimates he has made about 1,000 pounds of fruit cake in the past 15 years. Friends receiving the prize cakes all agree that he has a wonderful hobby.

George's wife, Blossom, points out that George can cook almost anything well but that his speciality is fruit cake. Born in Kansas, he served in the army after World War I. He worked in various parts of the nation before coming to West Virginia. A foreman since May 1941, he has a son in the Air Force in Texas.

Iranian Electrical Official Inspects Appalachian System



H. E. McCormack explains the Appalachian system and its connections with neighboring companies to Dr. Masomian Tabrizi of Iran.

Another visitor to our country has made a tour of Appalachian properties to learn electrical methods he might use in his native country.

Dr. Masomian Tabrizi of Tehran, Iran, spent a week just before Christmas in Roanoke and other parts of the system. Purpose of his visit has been explained as "to acquire an understanding of the American systems and methods relating to the electric utility industry, including the generation, transmission and distribution of electric energy, system operations, utilization of electric power by the various classes of consumers, rate making procedures, the financing and capital structure of utility systems and related subjects."

Dr. Tabrizi is in the electrical section of the Ministry of the Interior of Iran. He is in America from his country of 20 million people for eight months.

Old King Coal And Reddy



The 1955 theme for the Appalachian float in the Bluefield Thanksgiving Day Christmas parade was "Old King Coal and Reddy Kilowatt, Father and Son." This was a sort of Mother Goose way of saying "Electricity Is Coal By Wire." Dixon Jones of transportation served as Old King Coal and Alfred White of the service department was Reddy Kilowatt. Although the float attracted wide attention, it was not eligible for a prize because it was a commercial float. It was constructed by employees on a 3/4-ton truck with chicken wire and napkins.

Happenings... Around the Circuit

... among employees
and their families



Bluefield Division

Abingdon District

Sympathy is extended J. C. Lambert, meterman, on the death of his father, and R. E. Crusenberry, working foreman, on the death of his father.

Sympathy is also extended R. L. Carter, area serviceman, on the death of his mother-in-law, and G. L. Fields, groundman, on the death of his father.

Mrs. L. C. Valley, wife of the area supervisor, has returned home after surgery.

New officers in the Abingdon Masonic Lodge are Clark Peck, Jr., record supervisor, Senior Warden; J. R. Warden, commercial sales representative, Junior Warden; C. M. Wagner, commercial, Treasurer; James E. Fleenor, meterman, Steward; and L. G. Smith, stores supervisor, Tiler.

J. S. Carter has been elected Senior Warden in the Lebanon Masonic Lodge while C. M. Jackson has been made Master of the Clintwood Masonic Lodge. J. L. Osborne was named Senior Deacon.

A. C. Skeen, line inspector, has returned to work after being hospitalized.

Washington County employees and guests enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner in the Abingdon office auditorium.

Pulaski District

James L. Marshall, Jr., junior merchandise order and billing clerk, has been ordained a deacon and elected secretary of the board of deacons for the newly organized congregation of the Memorial Baptist Church.

Mrs. G. C. Beasley, wife of the Byllesby hydro operator, has returned home from the hospital.

T. V. Harrington, Independence area serviceman, has returned to work after being hospitalized.

Mrs. J. E. Wolford, wife of the Wytheville truck driver-groundman, is improving following surgery.

Pulaski women employees entertained at Blair House at their annual Christmas dinner and party. Honored were Brownie Yeager, who transferred to Abingdon, and Mrs. Jeanne K. Duncan, who resigned. Virginia Rorrer, stores, played the piano and prizes were won by Mrs. S. B. Collins, Jr., and Nancy Eskridge.

Bluefield District

Mrs. Anne Williams, accounting, has returned to work after a lengthy illness.

John R. Munsey, Jr., division engineering, and Ralph C. Minton, payroll, have resigned.

Sympathy is extended R. H. Stowers, Bluefield substation, on the death of his father, and Marie Dunn on the death of her brother-in-law.

James Edward Reed, janitor, and James Clyde Powers, transportation, are new employees.

Luther Fillmore McPherson III, has been tapped by the National Honor Society. The son of the assistant district manager is a senior at Bluefield's Beaver High School.

James S. Dodd, rural and residential sales supervisor, has been awarded a \$25 savings bond in the Chamber of Commerce's membership drive.

Welch District

Clyde Welch, Jr., records, was a blood donor.

Miles Charles, Jr., Grundy line-man, has resigned.

Lovis Mitchell, Grundy home economist, spoke before the Grundy Kiwanis Club on "Better Lighting," using charts and demonstrations.

Don W. Branch, husband of Carol C. Branch, commercial, was home for the holidays from the Navy.

Charleston Division

Philip Sporn Plant

Alton F. Roush is a new plant janitor.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Bradford on the death of her mother, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. Gibbs, Jr., on the death of her father.

Carl L. Tennant, maintenance man, was elected vice president of the Gallipolis chapter of the Southeastern Ohio Basketball Officials. He is officiating 12 games this year.

George A. Burns, maintenance man, and Paul E. Forbes, helper in the maintenance department, have returned to work after recuperating from illnesses.

Beckley District

Waldo S. LaFon, district manager, was elected to the executive board of the enlarged council formed by the merger of the Appalachian Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Southern West Virginia Council. Mr. LaFon was also elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the West Virginia Historical Drama Association. He was co-chairman of the group that made the plans for the present association.

Charleston District

Felix E. Porter has returned to the station section after two years in the Army.

"What Do You Know About Christmas?" was the subject of a talk by Jackie Maffett, home economist, before the American homes department of the Charleston West Side Woman's Club recently. She was assisted by Mary Kay Hanley, home economist, who also spoke on "Christmas Entertaining" before members of the Forest Hills Garden Club.

The accounting department held its annual Christmas party December 7. Golda Johnson, Imogene Legg, Thoma Jarrell, Katie Wilkerson and Berniece Dettinger were in charge of arrangements. Gifts were

exchanged and dancing held after a dinner.

Bob McGinnis was elected chairman of the Kilowatt Bowling League after Herman Summers resigned the post to attend night classes at Morris Harvey College. Bob is an electrical engineer and Herman is hydro plant clerk at Kanawha Valley Power Company.

Among employees resigning are Wanda Ramsey Neal, Clova Lee Delaney, Henry W. Sampson, Owen W. Withrow and Robert E. Jones.

Madge Jarvis is a new T&D records employee.

Co-op student engineer Richard Cook has returned to the University of Cincinnati and Jim Totten has returned to Charleston for another work session.

John Atkins has returned from VPI to the engineering section for another work session.

Sympathy is extended L. M. Cobbs, division personnel supervisor, on the death of his father.

Sandra Waggy, personnel clerk-stenographer, was judge of a beauty contest in Bluefield sponsored by the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce.

Miles C. "Bucky" Flannery was home on leave from the Air Force in time to pass out treats at the district children's party December 10. The son of E. C. Flannery, division administrative assistant, Bucky worked last summer in the station section.

Mrs. Jack Matheny, wife of the area sales representative, was among those in charge of the second annual Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Clendenin Garden Club.

These retired employees attended the annual Christmas party: H. P. Asbury, V. C. Bartlett, B. H. Blizard, W. F. Ficklen, Walter Hammack, A. T. Blizzard, L. M. Jordan, H. F. Fennell, Lewis Spencer and J. W. Eldridge.

Norma Jordan's husband was the winner of a cashmere topcoat on shoppers' "stag" night at a local store. She is office messenger.

Harry M. Silling, district residential and rural sales supervisor, was shown in a Charleston *Gazette* photo recently being kissed by six-year-old Geraldine Shaffer. As captain of the local Beni Kedem Shrine Patrol, Mr. Silling had just given a check for \$300 from the Patrol to Hillcrest Sanitarium. Geraldine accepted the check for the Sanitarium.

Roanoke Division

Fieldale District

Returning to work after recent illnesses were Melvin Brown, local office manager; Billy C. Harlowe, lineman; Geraldine Lawless, local accounting; Dorothy Via, local accounting; and James A. DeShazo, Stuart lineman.

Sympathy is extended W. F. Parcell on the death of his brother.

Mrs. Virginia Hancock and Mrs. Betty Romero entertained the women employees of the Fieldale and Stuart office at the home of Mrs. Hancock. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served.

Roanoke District

Sympathy is extended John P. Jett, residential and rural sales department, on the death of his sister, and John L. Bondurant, retired meter reader, on the death of his wife.

Sympathy is also extended Alma C. Obenchain, senior contract clerk, on the death of her father.

Lynchburg District

Joe Fred Wilson, Jr., engineering aide, is attending the four-month Associate Infantry Company Officer Course. On leave of absence until February, Mr. Wilson is a first lieutenant in the National Guard.

Returning to work after illnesses were W. E. Crouch, lineman; H. T. Woodson, meter serviceman; M. D. Everett, janitor; C. W. Singleton, meter serviceman and Roy A. Tibbs, power sales engineer.

George W. Grier, retired Reusens hydro utility man, is recuperating at home from an illness.

System

Paul Bernard, system station operator at Kanawha River plant, was featured in a music critic's review in the Charleston *Daily Mail* of a concert at Morris Harvey College. Mr. Bernard, the orchestra's timpanist, was praised for his "deft handling of the drums."

Mildred Dowdy, private secretary to G. L. Furr, vice president and general manager, and Mary Katherine Furr, daughter of Mr. Furr, were named Secretaries of the Week in recent weeks. The honor is accorded by Acme Typewriter Exchange over WSLs-TV.

Sympathy is extended Vonice Gish accounting, on the death of her stepfather.

Women employees of system accounting held their annual Christmas luncheon at the Panel Room of the Ponce de Leon Hotel December 20.

Huntington Division

Huntington District

Employees returning to work after illnesses were Leanna K. Ford, Pearl Lester, Jr., Harry Irons, H. A. McGowan and T. M. Payne.

New employees include Betty T. Brumfield and Sue Carter, accounting; Thomas R. Gibson, stores, and Edward C. Hughes, Jr., T&D line.

Frances McHenry and Kathleen Simmons have resigned from accounting.

Sarah Jo Bolt, daughter of R. B. Bolt, accounting, skated with her partner on the Steve Allen "Tonight" television show recently. A professional skater, she also skated on a float in Macy's parade in New York City the next day.

Kenneth Adkins, husband of Betty G. Adkins, PBX operator, has been appointed a member of the national Loyalty Day observance committee of the VFW.

Williamson District

Claude Ward, commercial, as district commander for the Tenth District of the American Legion, attended the group's midwinter conference at Louisville December 3-4.

John, Jack and Jann, children of W. H. King, meter serviceman, have returned home after undergoing tonsillectomies in a Bluefield hospital.

W. H. Giles, son of W. F. Giles, district commercial manager, has returned to Marshall College after recovering from an illness at home.

Attending the Logan plant fire-fighting school were E. J. Clouser, C. L. Miller and W. H. Stratton.

Sympathy is extended Alex Doka, line and station, on the death of his father.

E. L. Bevins, accounting, has returned to work after a recent illness.

Logan District

J. A. Kovich, engineering, was recently elected to the board of deacons of the First Presbyterian Church.

The Men's Fellowship of the First Presbyterian Church elected as officers Howard Collins, president; J. A. Kovich, vice president; L. C. Houchins, secretary, and Page Ott, treasurer. The first two are Logan district employees, the latter two employees at Logan plant.

Lola Henson, engineering, is recovering from a shattered thigh bone incurred when accidentally shot at home.

"Cherry Tree Carol" was the theme of the town office window display set up by Syrean Baker, Eleanor Cunningham and Emil Gore.

Mary E. Davis, commercial, directed a Christmas pageant at the Peach Creek Methodist Church December 18.

Basil Perry, co-op engineer, has returned to VPI and Sheffy Massey, Jr., has reported for a work session.

Mrs. J. H. Raper, wife of the line inspector, won a slogan cash prize in a Charleston *Gazette* contest during the Christmas season.

Kentucky

Pikeville District

Sympathy is extended Charles Stayton, senior general clerk, on the death of his grandfather, and Doris S. Robinson, credit and collection clerk, on the death of her grandfather.

Hazard District

Jeff Tate, accounting, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Sympathy is extended Billy Turner, substation, on the death of his brother, and Carl Madden, meter, on the death of his mother.

Ashland District

Twenty-two fellow employees of the T&D department held a dinner at the Henry Clay for Emil Green, who resigned to move to Phoenix, Arizona. They presented him with a Schick electric razor.

Marilyn Wheeler, main accounting, has resigned.

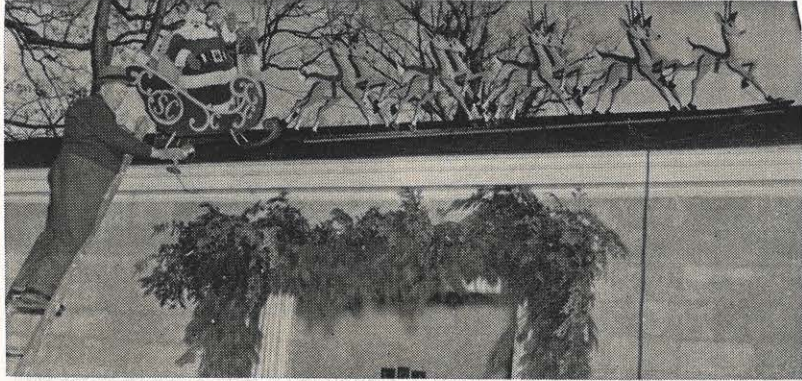
Kingsport

Returning to work after illnesses were Joe Baker, Carl McClellan and Hubert Green, line section, and G. W. Gott, meter section.

Returning to work after hospital treatment was Woodrow Q. Smith, accounting.

Returning to work after an operation was Herbert H. Benton, line section.

Santa And Reindeer Big Hit At Home Of P. L. Poff, Roanoke Retired Vet



P. L. Poff adjusts a spotlight which highlights his Santa and reindeer display atop his Roanoke County home.

Santa Claus and his nine reindeer attracted quite a bit of attention on Peters Creek Road near Roanoke over Christmas.

Santa and the reindeer, including Rudolph the red-nose reindeer, were a display built over three months by P. L. Poff, retired Roanoke employee, and set atop the house. Motorists often stopped to view the display, highlighted with spotlights, and many inquired about buying it, where it was obtained, etc.

Mr. Poff made the set from plans

purchased from a lumber company out of wood left from the construction of his house. Taking over 100 hours, the whole project included five different colors of paint on the reindeer. To further highlight the scene, Mr. Poff rigged an amplifying system to his phonograph and played Christmas carols for the neighborhood.

Mr. Poff retired August 31, 1954 as a material clerk in stores. Most of his employment was spent in the Walnut Avenue steam plant.

Serves Three Companies

System Meter Moves To Roanoke

December 12 was a big day for the system meter department. That was the day the department's move from Charleston to Roanoke officially ended.

Thus 30 years of history for the department in Charleston ends and a new era in Roanoke begins. M. A. Steckel was the first meter superintendent and when he retired in September 1954 after 40 years' service, M. J. Hartley took over. That first department had three employees; there are 15 department members now.

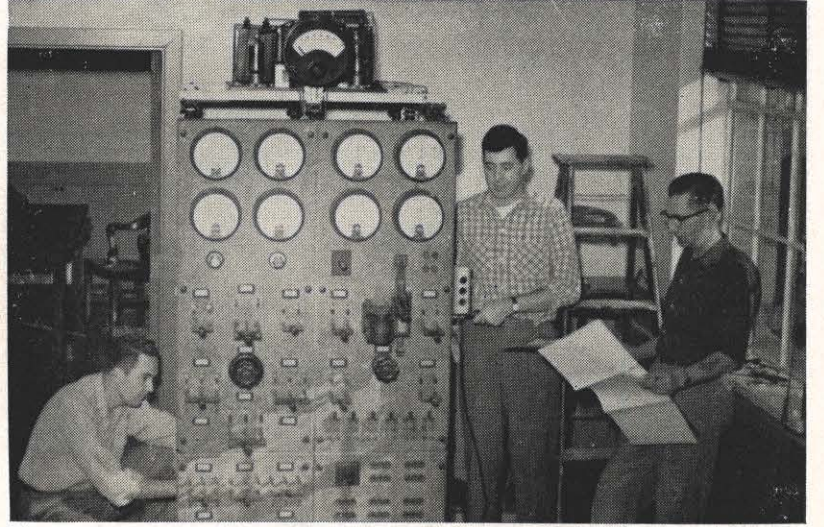


Mr. Hartley

The Walnut Avenue building in Roanoke has been undergoing modernization for a year to make way for the system meter group. The move itself took several months—trucks carried equipment to the new location where it was set up as it was brought in. The department continued operations during the entire moving process.

Serves Southern Properties

The department serves the entire Southern Division of AGE. Its duties



The system meter department has its own AC and DC generators for the laboratory power supply. Here J. E. Beall and J. A. Bostian check the switchboard while H. E. Bucklen refers to the wiring print.

arc: consolidates various reports of the district meter sections and assists them in the purchase of metering equipment, maintains a stock of meter and instrument parts as well as new meters and instrument transformers, rebuilds and modernizes two-wire meters, designs and builds meter test equipment (including watt-hour meter test tables and mobile meter laboratories for the Charleston and Huntington divisions).

The instrument shop repairs and tests all types of electric instruments used in the many stations and power


plants on the system. The laboratory is equipped to make accurate measurements of electrical quantities. Here are the primary electrical standards used to determine the accuracy of all meters and instruments on the system. The standards themselves are checked at frequent intervals at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington.

Make Field Tests

System meter engineers operate in a half dozen states making field tests of metering equipment at transmission stations and power plants. Telemeters and automatic load control equipment at these locations are serviced and maintained. Telemeters are instruments that measure electric power and transmit their readings over distances to central load dispatching offices.

Other functions of the department include meter and instrument wiring and equipment checks at all new generating and transmission station constructions. Finally, the department is called upon occasionally to take part in special test work performed under the supervision of the New York engineering department.

Members of the department stationed in Roanoke, in addition to Mr. Hartley, include John Beall, H. E. Bucklen, William Sheaff, Wayne Webb, W. R. Houchins, metermen; John Bostian, electrical engineer; Guy Pendleton and D. L. Brooks, senior meter engineers; Claudine Ratcliffe, clerk-stenographer; Sylvia Keleman, clerk-typist; and Russell Kirk, senior meter engineer. B. K. Martin, electrical engineer, is stationed in Charleston, and David Crickenberger is on leave of absence to attend VPI after Army service.



Your Reporters Behind The News

System

Accounting: GUYDA HALL, correspondent; MARY FAWCETT, billing.

Operating: E. F. JOHNSTON, correspondent; J. B. CAMPOLIO and F. H. LEWIS, Turner station; H. O. BUCKLAND, Sporn station; JOE C. HILL, Kanawha station; A. B. LITTERAL, Switchback station; J. H. HORNE, Roanoke station and Danville and Fieldale system employees; R. L. HERR, Kingsport station.

Radford Arsenal: L. A. LINKOUS, correspondent.

T&D: O. P. CORNELISON, correspondent; DOROTHY MITCHELL, civil engineering; CARRICK VAN METER, station; WILLIAM GOODLOE, Bluefield transmission line; GLENNA JAGO, distribution; M. J. HARTLEY, meter.

R/e & R/w: R. M. THOMAS, correspondent.

Miscellaneous: CLYDE MILLER, correspondent; MRS. TRENNIE COLE, commercial; MRS. MARY LOU GRAYBILL, evaluation; MRS. MARY HALL, executive; MRS. JEANNETTE KIDD, MRS. RUTH BALLOU and MRS. JEWELL WOOLRIDGE, personnel; MRS. EDITH NICKELL, public relations; MRS. EVON B. MUSE, purchasing; H. I. ROOP, transportation.

Bluefield Division

Abingdon District

PAUL S. DUNN, correspondent; MARGARET HOLYFIELD, Russell County; H. M. BOOTHE, Scott County; EDYTHE GARNAND, Washington County; JACK OSBORNE, Dickenson County.

Bluefield District

CAROL SHOCKEY, correspondent; IRA HENDERSON, photographer-reporter; ARCHIE PHLEGAR, Pearisburg; C. F. MUNDY, Mullens; D. R. WHITTAKER, Narrows; BERTHA HALL, Princeton; MORRIS YOST, Princeton; JAMES CASSELL, Tazewell; BASIL VASSAR, Tazewell; E. V. DUNN, Bland; JOE STINSON, stores; EARL SPRINKLE, meter; ROBERT SIMMONS, line; JAMES COOK, substation; HELEN SUE SPANGLER, division; JO ELLIS BROWN, rural; ERNIE LINKOUS, records; NORMA JEAN LONGANACRE, accounting; EULALIA FOOTO, commercial; DIXON JONES, garage; POLLY GATEWOOD, payroll; PAUL ROSE, engineering; ELSIE HEIFNER, division commercial; W. C. KIDD, division engineering; OLA ADKINS, division R/w; OTTO BRESSLER, service; EARL GRAHAM, division communications; VERNON KIRK, miscellaneous.

Pulaski District

O'NEAL AMOS, correspondent; R. W. RUBLE, Christiansburg; T. D. SMYTHERS, Bylesby; ANNIE E. FRANCIS, Marion; S. L. SISSON, Hillsville; S. J. JOHNSON, Galax; E. E. WHITE, Claytor; D. D. TAYLOR, Wytheville; DOROTHY N. WHITAKER, Pulaski.

Welch District

W. C. GROSECLOSE, correspondent; CAROL BRANCH, commercial, engineering and records; BERTHA VECELLIO, meter, service, stores and line; MARY BOWER, Wyoming Street office; R. H. RUFF, reporter-at-large; G. E. ADAMS, Pocahontas; GUIN MITCHELL, Grundy; DOROTHY LAWLESS, Keystone; CLAUDE FARLEY, Pineville; J. P. SUTPHIN, Switchback.



LEFT: An important item to system meter operations is plenty of supplies with which to work. Here three employees set up the storeroom. On the ladder is William Sheaff, handing the box is Wayne Webb and kneeling is W. R. Houchins. RIGHT: Guy Pendleton, left, and D. L. Brooks prepare to mount a high sensitivity galvanometer on the Julius suspension. The galvanometer records with a beam of light and the Julius suspension prevents any outside vibration from being transmitted to the sensitive instrument.



Huntington Man Is Promoted To Foreman

George W. Akers, Huntington district working foreman, was promoted to line foreman on December 16.



Mr. Akers

Employed February 1936 as lineman in Logan district, he transferred to Huntington as lineman A in September 1949. He was promoted to working foreman in July 1950.

He attended Pikeville schools. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 79 at Hamlin and No. 52 at Huntington.

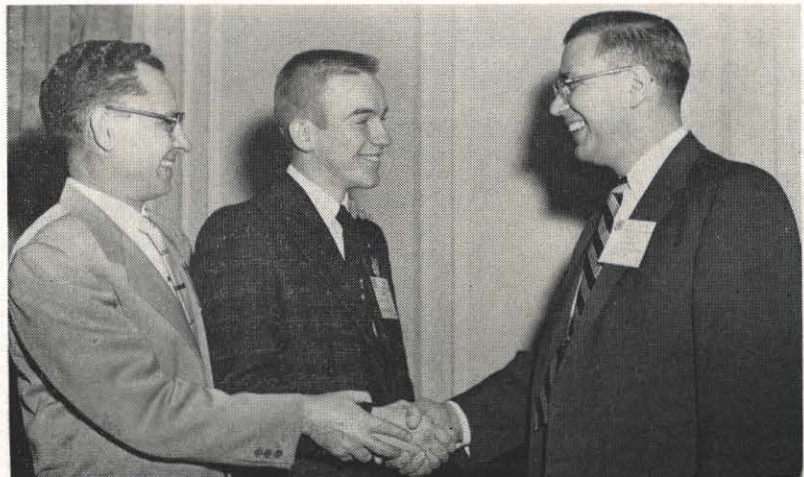
Married and the father of a son, he likes hunting and fishing.

Charleston Wins 'Illuminator' Award



The 1955 Illuminator Award was won by Charleston district. The annual award for the correspondent doing the best job was presented W. R. Witzel, second from left, at the Charleston Christmas party. He is flanked by Paul Parsons, personnel assistant, and Chris Christy, personnel clerk, both of whom helped gather Charleston news. Jack Palmer, editor, at right, made the presentation. Second place went to E. J. Clouser, Williamson. Third was W. C. Groseclose, Welch; fourth, C. L. Shockey, Bluefield; and fifth, W. Z. Trumbo, Kingsport Utilities. The top three districts in the competition among 23 locations represented three different divisions.

Area Youths Are Honored At National 4-H Congress



John Roy Hart, center, receives congratulations from L. V. Stark, right of Westinghouse. At left is Carl M. Dunn, Huntington residential and rural sales supervisor.

Two of the six national winners in the farm and home electric project at the National 4-H Club Congress were from Appalachian territory. One came from each state, Virginia and West Virginia.

In addition, a Tennessee youth from the Kingsport area was a delegate to the Congress, which was held in Chicago recently.

John Roy Hart of Hamlin in the Huntington district won a \$300 college scholarship from Westinghouse as one of the national winners. The Virginia national winner was Ida Jo Berger of Bedford County in the Lynchburg district. She is the first girl from Virginia ever to win this high honor in electric projects. She also received a \$300 scholarship. Lois Jeter, a student at Church Hill High School, was the Tennessee delegate to the Congress.

John, a 17-year-old senior at Guyan Valley High School, has been in 4-H work seven years and has completed an electric project each year. He is a junior leader in the West Hamlin Hill Top 4-H Club and assists with instructions of younger students. He has run up an impressive list of electrical project accomplishments, ranging from simple repairs and making small farm appliances to wiring the county extension office and assisting with appliance installations.

He is the second member of his family to win a national honor. His sister, Jane, who is now home demonstration agent in Jackson County, won on clothing achievement in 1954. He also becomes the fifth national winner groomed by Mrs. Gertrude Tibbets, 4-H agent for Lincoln County. Appalachian employees assisting Mrs. Tibbets are H. E. VanHoose, Hamlin area representative, and Mrs. Virginia Black, Hamlin home economist.

Ida Jo, now a home economics student at Madison College, was assisted in her electric projects by Harry L. Candler, Lynchburg district agricultural sales engineer.

Lois has completed both the beginner's and advance 4-H Farm and Home Electric course at Kingsport, taught by Rebecca Lee and other commercial department employees. An electrical demonstration at the Tennessee state 4-H Congress won Lois her trip to the National Congress at Chicago.

Amherst County in the Lynchburg district was awarded the Bronze Achievement Plaque for the most outstanding Virginia 4-H program during 1955 as Kanawha County took the same honors in West Virginia. The Virginia award was made at the state Congress earlier. Amherst County also won a blue ribbon and a cash prize for having the best county exhibit at the state Congress.



All set to board the train for the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago are Ida Jo Berger and Harry L. Candler, Lynchburg district agricultural sales engineer.

Lewis D. Evans, area sales representative, worked with the Amherst clubs during the year.

Hazard Man Heads Inter-Racial Group

A. R. Barber, Hazard district manager, has been appointed chairman of the Inter-Racial Advisory Committee, which will study the problem of abolishing segregation in the Hazard school system.

A deacon of the Hazard Presbyterian Church, Mr. Barber is chairman of the Salvation Army Board.

We Get The Bird

If we don't get the bird, we certainly deserve it.

In the last issue we made two photograph identification mistakes. One was in the three-picture layout on the sports page showing three company nimrods and the turkeys they killed. We identified the man in the left picture as Duke C. Wright of Welch, when actually he was L. E. Riggs of Bluefield. Mr. Wright was the one in the middle picture.

In the service pin picture layout we switched the names of two system employees. We identified the person second from left in the top row as Katherine M. Matthews when she is Thelma H. Hiner. Katherine Matthews is the second person from left in the bottom row.

Lawrence Promotion . . .

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ated with Appalachian and its sister companies since 1923, was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in electrical engineering in 1922. A native of New Jersey, he came to Roanoke in 1946 as assistant division manager after serving with the company in Kentucky and West Virginia.

He has worked for General Electric at Schenectady, N. Y., and the Philadelphia Electric Company.

In 1923 Mr. Lawrence joined Kentucky at Sprigg as a meterman. In 1928 he was named district manager for Appalachian at Williamson and in 1943 was transferred to Logan as district manager.

Mr. Lawrence is a member of the executive committee of the Blue Ridge Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Roanoke Advertising Club, Rotary Club, Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, Eta Kappa Nu fraternity, the Roanoke Country Club, the Shenandoah Club, the Virginia State Safety Council and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Married, he is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and a former member of the vestry. He has worked closely with the Red Cross and Community Fund.

Appalachian, Kentucky Close Out Year With Six 'Operating Notes' Articles

Appalachian and Kentucky closed out the year by having employees' articles appearing in the December issue of AGE *Monthly Operating Notes*.

The Kentucky man was H. M. Eagle, Pikeville general foreman, who wrote "Boring Wood-Pin Bases To Avoid Steel-Pin Adapters." Mr. Eagle described a method where locust pins deteriorated on top could be cut and bored and used with steel pins on cross-arms rather than steel-pin adapters.

S. H. Wise, system supervising breaker engineer, contributed "Color Slides Superior For Maintenance Record," in which he advocated use of color slides in preventive maintenance helping to avoid outages. The slides are superior, according to Mr. Wise, because they bring out much more detail than black and white ones.

"Safety Chain On Pole-Top Ballast Avoids Accidents" is the joint effort of J. E. Jones, Roanoke division engineering office, and R. A. Armistead, Roanoke district line and station supervisor. The safety chain was the result of two near-serious accidents in Roanoke, where vehicles brushed street light poles causing ballasts to fall. A 1/2-inch steel band with heavy take-up screw was clamped around the ballast and attached to about 10 inches of heavy duty chain secured by a threaded stud installed near the pole top by a "Ramset" gun.

W. L. Salmons, Charleston senior draftsman, wrote "Easy Method of Plotting Contours." The method described is particularly useful when developing rough contour maps or when using contour maps with contour lines not close enough together for the purpose at hand.



Mr. Wise



Mr. Jones



Mr. Armistead



Mr. Salmons



Mr. Fisher



Mr. Hervey

Kermit W. Fisher, Charleston division electrical engineer, wrote "Street-Light Pole Markers Aid Lamp Maintenance" describing how markers were placed on poles about eye level, showing proper size bulb for that light. This enables the maintenance man to make the correct lamp changes.

Another Charleston man, George E. Hervey, district superintendent, was the author of "Integrating Safety, Construction, Operation, Maintenance." Mr. Hervey described a wood pole set up at district line crew assembly points to bring safety, construction, maintenance and operation together. At this pole employees meet to discuss and demonstrate their operations and can readily learn a job, learn about safety, etc., without having to do an actual job first.

New Medical Plan . . .

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on by serious illnesses such as polio, tuberculosis, cancer, heart trouble, mental disease or crippling accidents will be eliminated. Although nobody enjoys poor health, the employee will have the assurance of being well-covered in the event serious illness or accident strikes him or his family.

The Comprehensive Medical Plan was developed after a year of studying various plans, including those most recently made available by other utilities and industrial companies. Employees' comments and suggestions on the medical plan also were taken into account in an effort to meet the needs and desires of all. The result of these studies is the new plan which gives broader coverage.

Naturally, everyone hopes to stay healthy. But many people have run up hundreds or even thousands of dollars of expenses for a severe injury or lingering illness. The new plan was designed to give much broader protection against major illnesses or accidents by paying more benefits, much larger ones, in or out of a hospital.

Christmas Party Highlights



Christmas parties for employees and children were held throughout our three companies last month. Here are just a few typical pictures of activities which included dinners, dances, games, door prizes, skits and other entertainment. TOP LEFT: "I've met this guy somewhere before," seems to be the thought of Carlos Henry Hoschar who gives Santa a closer look. His sister, Charlotte Marie, perches on the other knee of Santa who looks and sounds a lot like their father, Charlie, Huntington meter section employee. TOP CENTER: Children of Roanoke colored employees enjoy their party at the Orange Avenue YWCA where Santa was the center of attraction. TOP RIGHT: Sandra Lou

Bryant gets an eyeful of Santa at the Roanoke children's party. She is the daughter of B. T. Bryant, district meter department. Santa got a lot of help at the Roanoke children's parties from A. E. Snyder, system accounting department. BOTTOM LEFT: Entertaining at the Kanawha River plant party are Tim Tinsley, Charlie Weise and Paul Bernard. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. B. Abele at the party at the Mountaineer Room in Belle. BOTTOM RIGHT: Pikeville's party featured a skit by the Reddy Players entitled "The 64,000-Volt Question." From the left are Denver Layne, Troy Lee, Jarrett Wood and Perry Cline.

Something Different

Revolving Tree, Whiteway System And Music Make Up Unusual Yule Display

Ralph J. Siner has rigged up quite an elaborate and unique Christmas tree in his living room.

The Roanoke district meter serviceman has a 5½-foot tree, sprayed with aluminum paint, standing on a revolving platform. The tree revolves twice each minute and is powered by a motor in the basement. Mr. Siner used two bicycle wheels with the motor, attached to a spindle, to get the proper revolving speed for the tree.



Ralph Siner adjusts part of his whiteway on the unique Christmas display in his living room.

The revolving platform is a scene of an old whiteway system. The poles, painted black, are 11 inches tall and one-half inch in diameter. Each pole is supported by a down guy to make up for the angle on each pole. The double circuit of 18-gauge bell wire is strung on double crossarm constructions with mourning pins serving as insulators and insulating pins. The wood crossarms are 3/8 inch wide, 1/8 inch thick, 3/4 inch long and are supported by crossarm braces of aluminum strips. There are two transformer installations (25 kva and 15 kva) complete with lightning arrestors and cutout boxes.

The poles surround a miniature town, with houses, people and electric train. The revolving platform is 14 inches off the floor and underneath is a 4½-foot square platform housing an electric organ which Mr. Siner has made from a toy crank-type organ. The music from the organ is accompanied by two chimes Mr. Siner made from two pieces of two-inch brass pipe with an ingenious device involving some weights to strike the pipes at alternate intervals producing a two-tone, ding dong, effect.

Each unit, the platform, organ, train and two sets of tree lights,

operates on a separate switch. The switching arrangement is set up so that all five switches are located at the same spot for easy operation.

The unusual display is located in the corner of the living room with a navy blue background and closed in by a piece of wallboard across the ceiling. Silver drapes frame the arrangement and the wallboard border is decorated with "flitter."

Mr. Siner started the project about December 1 and worked on it as he was able during a period of illness. When asked what prompted him to take on such an unusual project he answered, "I try to do something a little different each year in the way of Christmas decorations."

Mr. and Mrs. Siner live on East Cleveland Avenue in Vinton with their daughter. He is a veteran of 19 years with the company, the first eight years in the line section.

Pulaski Veterans Are Honored At Dinner

Pulaski district veterans and retired employees were honored at a recent dinner at Maple Shade Inn.

Receiving pins for 20 or more years' service were: R. C. Littreal, W. H. Spangler, T. S. Weatherman, A. P. Jones, F. L. Carrico, C. W. Dalton, A. D. Clark, B. Q. Sharp and R. G. Doss.

D. P. Minichan, district manager, who presented the pins, was master of ceremonies. Previously he had been presented his 25-year pin by J. P. Gills, division manager.

E. L. Munday Gets Roanoke Promotion

E. Lynn Munday, Jr., administrative assistant to the Roanoke district manager, has been promoted to assistant district manager.



Mr. Munday

A graduate in 1936 of VPI with a B.S. degree in industrial engineering, he came to work with the company that year as a groundman. He has worked in the substation department, was a power sales engineer and district commercial manager before promotion in April 1955 to assistant to the Roanoke district manager, W. P. Booker.

He is a veteran of World War II, serving in the Carribean Command and the European Theatre. Released in 1945, he holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve.

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

Welch Group Has Banner Year



Well pleased with results during the first year of operation, members of the Welch Benevolent Association of McDowell County elected officers for the coming year. Pictured above from left: Frank Barns, chairman; Duke C. Wright, past chairman; L. H. Myers, board member; R. P. Jackson, board member; and John Vermillion, board member. Not pictured are Nell Nunnery, treasurer, and Reba Banner, secretary. Reba was selected by board members. It was reported that three times the amount ordinarily collected for charitable drives was contributed through the association last year.

Student To Captain WVU Visitation Team

Howard Raymond Andrews, Jr. has been chosen captain of West Virginia University's Mountaineer Week team.



H. R. Andrews, Jr.

He is the son of the Philip Sporn plant manager. The Mountain, ranking men's honor society at the school, is sponsor of the team which is to visit high schools throughout the state to acquaint prospective high school graduates with the advantages of attending the state university and to present a "student eye" view of the institution and its activities.

Howard is a third-year law student at the University and belongs to Delta Nu Tau, pre-law honorary, Phi Alpha Delta, professional law fraternity, Delta Sigma Rho, debate honorary, and is a member of the board of student editors of the West Virginia Law Review. He is also a member of Mountain and Sphinx, senior men's honorary.

Mullens Man Re-Elected President Of Chamber

C. F. "Preacher" Mundy has been re-elected president of the Mullens Chamber of Commerce. He is Mullens area supervisor in the Bluefield district.



Mr. Mundy

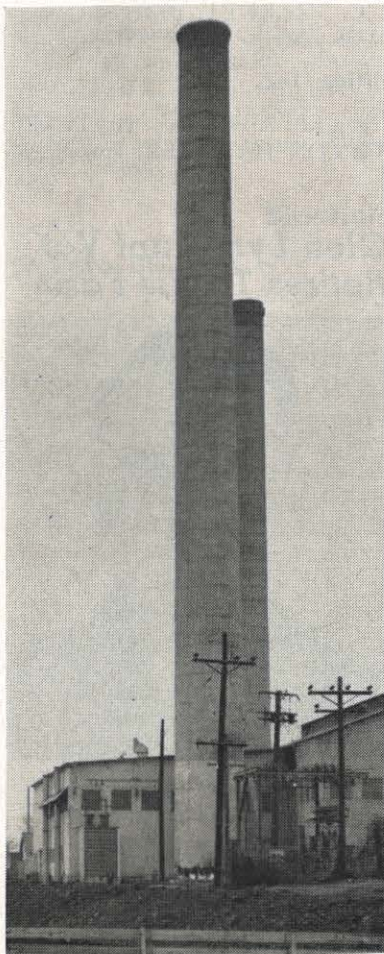
He has been an active member for several years, serving on project committees and the board of directors with the company as a lineman June 23, 1936 and September 1, 1946 was promoted to line foreman. He moved up to his present position September 1, 1953.

Article By Charleston Man In November 'World'

An article by Kermit W. Fisher, Charleston division electrical engineer, appeared in the November 28 issue of *Electrical World*.

The article dealt with the adaptation of existing steel poles to modern street light fixtures during the recent overhead to underground conversion

Kingsport Plant Stacks Going . . . Going . . . Gone!



The tallest stack as it appears a few minutes before falling. The coal-fed, steam generating plant was last operated by the company in 1953. It was used for storage until its recent sale to Southern Oxygen Company.

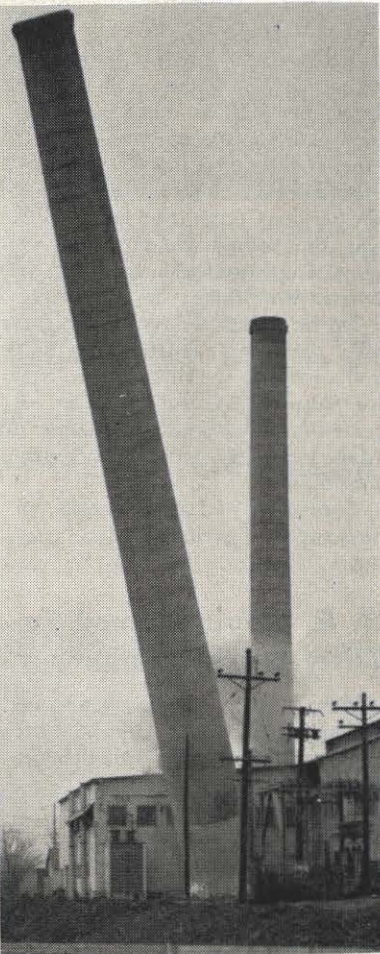
Gone from Kingsport's skyline are two landmarks, the towering stacks on the Kingsport steam plant.

A New York firm worked for days in December getting the chimneys ready for felling, and when it happened three old-time employees were on hand to witness the historic event. They were B. S. Collins, Roy Cloud and I. W. "Bill" White, who spent a total of 115 years at the plant. Roy, who used to be plant superintendent, remembered he helped build the 190-foot stack in 1912 and the 220-foot one in 1916.

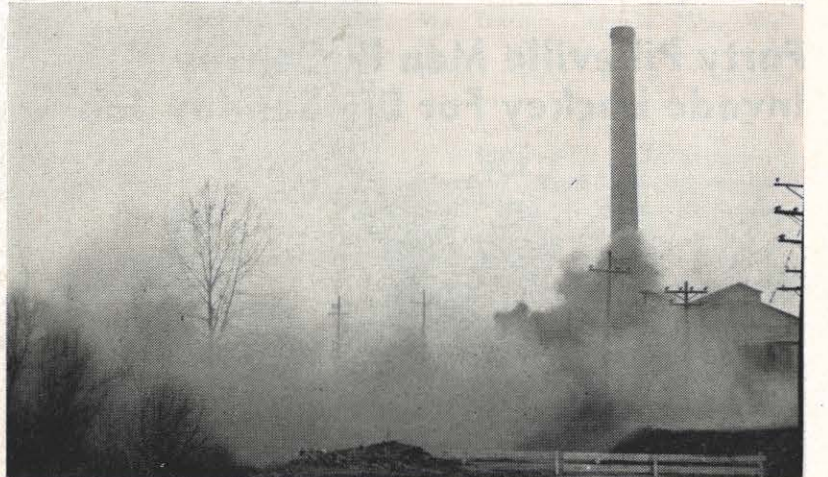
Bob Burgess of the *Kingsport Times News* recorded the felling of the 220-foot stack December 3 with his camera. His pictures are reproduced here.



Flames lick at the 12 by 12 oak timbers supporting the stack after its base has been chipped away. This was done, much as in felling trees, so that the stack would fall in the proper direction.



There she goes! With the flames eating steadily at the supporting timbers, the stack begins its long way to the ground. Later the stack in the rear, about 190 feet tall, was also demolished in the same fashion.



A cloud of dust and smoke mark the length of the stack as it hits the ground away from the plant.



"It mashed flat" and "It crumbled up like a hollow tree" were comments heard after the dust had settled. Kingsport Utilities line crew members look over the remains of a Kingsport landmark. At 12:50 Saturday afternoon, December 3, ahead of schedule, the first tower came tumbling down. Five days later, at 12:15 p. m., the other was felled. A New York demolition crew was contracted for the work.

Veterans Receive Recent Service Pins



Employees receiving emblems in recent weeks for 20 or more years' service are pictured above. TOP ROW from left, all 30 years: C. L. Vest, system; Carl J. Peery, Welch; and W. H. Spangler, Pulaski. BOTTOM ROW from left:

L. L. Koontz, system, 25 years; W. G. Gourley, Fieldale, 25 years; M. M. Donohoe, Logan, 20 years; and Paul C. Kelsey, Huntington, 20 years.

Pulaski Man Elected Dublin Lodge Master

Durward B. Smith has been elected Worshipful Master of the Henry Clay Lodge No. 280, Masonic Lodge, Dublin.



Mr. Smith

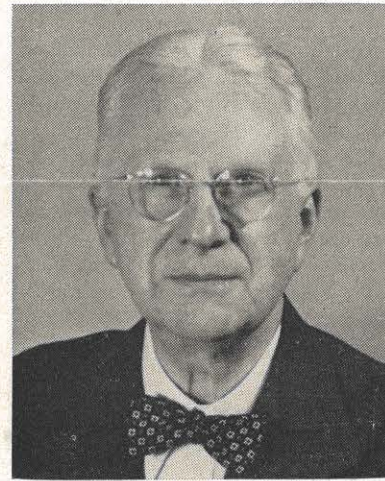
The Pulaski district instrument man has been active in the Masons for some time. He is also a member of the Eastern Star and the Royal Arch Chapter. A member of the VFW and the Methodist Church, he is assistant fire chief in Dublin. He is married and has two sons.

Promotions Occur When AGE Position Created

Creation of an additional level of supervision in the AGE Service Corporation design division has been announced by S. N. Fiala, chief engineer.

V. L. Sansted, assistant chief of the design division, has been appointed consulting electrical design engineer. Three section heads in the design division have been named assistant chiefs. They are George Rodemeyer, Guido Rohn and Charles Westman. R. H. Meyer has been appointed head of the electrical design section; William Graham, Jr., head of the mechanical design section, and S. S. Sandal head of the structural design section.

W. J. Jeffers, AGE Retired Vet, Dies



Mr. Jeffers

William J. "Bill" Jeffers, 65, retired AGE veteran official, died December 9 in St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, after an extended illness.

At the time of his retirement from the Service Corporation last June, he was the second oldest active employee in point of service on the AGE System with 48½ years of service.

He retired as a director, assistant vice president, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the Service Corporation and assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of AGE Company and the operating subsidiaries.

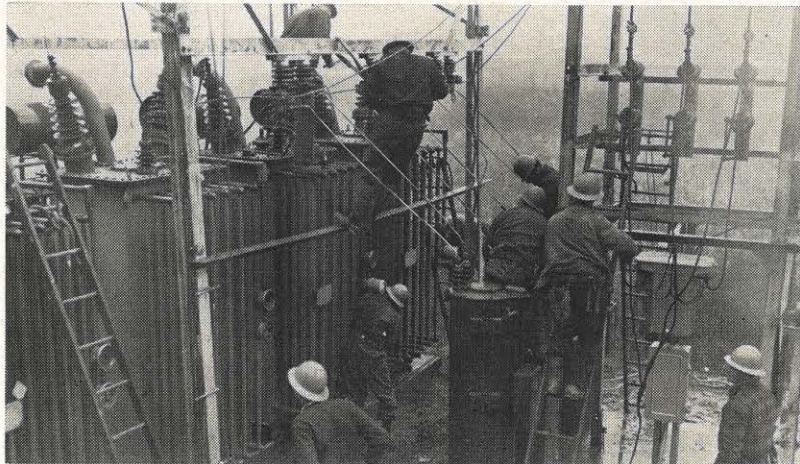
A resident of Larchmont, N. Y., he is survived by his wife and daughter.

H. E. Crouse Named To Clifty Creek Position

Huston E. Crouse has been named acting assistant manager of Clifty Creek station of the Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation.

He succeeds H. I. Lamphier, who becomes staff assistant in the executives offices of the corporation near Waverly, Ohio. Mr. Crouse, a 25-year veteran in power plant operations, for the past four years has served as assistant manager of the Windsor station of the Beech Bottom Power Company at Power, W. Va. Mr. Lamphier came to IKEC in August 1954 from Pennsylvania Power Company.

Forty Pikeville Men In Convoy Invade Lackey For Big Sunday Job



This picture shows the wet Sunday morning work done by Pikeville men converting Lackey station.

An orange convoy of Pikeville district trucks invaded Lackey early Sunday, December 18. Slated for completion on the cold and icy morning was conversion of Lackey distribution circuits from 7,200 volts to 12,000 volts.

Included were changing bus connections in the station and a change in connection on poles at many different locations. Preparatory work was done mostly by a crew of the Harris Brothers Construction Company of Prestonsburg.

H. M. Eagle, general foreman, and G. D. Ison, engineering aide,

helped plan and direct the operation while R. C. Anders, station foreman, handled that part of the work. The dead and grounded signal at 10 a.m. set off activity.

One hour and 14 minutes after the interruption, the all clear was given and service restored to most customers. The job remained to check each of the 16 three-phase banks for proper phasing and some of the meter installations. This also was completed without incident and 40 men returned to their homes, satisfied with a job well done.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—10 YEARS: J. L. OSBORNE, area serviceman.

Beckley District—5 YEARS: META AKERS, clerk-typist, record section.

Cabin Creek Plant—15 YEARS: H. R. BALLARD, coal and ash equipment operator.

Charleston District—10 YEARS: LELAND W. PRICE, line foreman; MARL D. PROWSE, line foreman; ARVIN I. BAILEY, lineman; WILLIAM L. SALMONS, draftsman.

Fieldale District—25 YEARS: W. G. GOURLEY, district superintendent; 5 YEARS: A. L. BRADSHAW, meterman.

Huntington District—20 YEARS: PAUL C. KELSEY, district engineer; 15 YEARS: JOHN B. BROWNING, groundman; ROY E. PRESTON, groundman; 10 YEARS: E. L. BAILEY, electrical engineer; 5 YEARS: SUE COLEMAN, division personnel.

Logan District—20 YEARS: M. M. DONOHOE, station man.

Logan Plant—5 YEARS: BUELL COOK, utility operator; E. L. KIMMELL, utility operator.

Lynchburg District—10 YEARS: C. W. HOGAN, senior petty cash clerk.

Point Pleasant District—10 YEARS: P. H. STEENBERGEN, JR., district engineer.

Pulaski District—30 YEARS: W. H. SPANGLER, line supervisor; 10 YEARS: R. P. LAWSON, local office supervisor; W. A. WILSON, meter reader; C. S. SUTHERS, meter reader; E. A. MARTIN, lineman.

Roanoke District—10 YEARS: MARY M. JACOBS, personnel clerk; BEATRICE S. McCRAW, senior cashier; J. E. FITZGERALD, rodman; 5 YEARS: W. R. ZIMMERMAN, appliance serviceman.

Philip Sporn Plant—15 YEARS: JACK W. FREY, first assistant shift operating engineer; 5 YEARS: DARRELL C. HOFFMAN, instrument maintenance man; EDWARD A. RYAN, maintenance man.

System—35 YEARS: G. G. BRAMMER, system operations coordinator; 30 YEARS: C. L. VEST, system operations coordinator; 25 YEARS: L. L. KOONTZ, system rural and residential sales supervisor; 15 YEARS: C. B. DUNN, draftsman; 5 YEARS: M. KATHLEEN THOMPSON, clerk-stenographer, accounting.

Welch District—30 YEARS: CARL J. PEERY, station operator; 15 YEARS: CLAUDE A. FARLEY, area supervisor; 10 YEARS: STEVE DUDASH, station man.

Williamson District—10 YEARS: R. L. CARPENTER, T&D clerk; WOODROW HOLBROOK, district residential and rural sales supervisor.

Kentucky Power Company

Pikeville District—10 YEARS: L. C. TACKETT, power sales engineer; RALPH DAMRON, district chief of party.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

15 YEARS: JAMES E. FORD, general serviceman; 10 YEARS: HAROLD POWERS, PBX operator; TIPTON HATCHER, groundman.

R. T. Cornett Gets Hazard Promotion

R. T. Cornett, utility clerk in the Hazard accounting office, has been promoted to assistant local office manager of the Hazard district. He succeeds W. H. Combs who was promoted to head of the new customers' accounting section in Ashland.

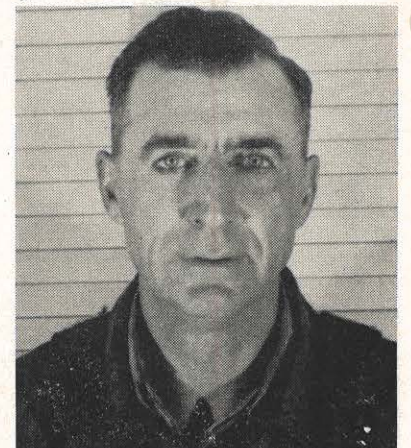


Mr. Cornett

Employed in 1937 as a laborer in the line department, he later became a distribution clerk in the superintendent's office. After transferring to the accounting department as payroll clerk, he served two years in the Navy and saw action in the battle of the Philippines, Iwo Jima and the bombardment of Japan.

A graduate of Vicco High School and Bowling Green Business University, he is married and the father of three children.

Glen Lyn Plant Vet Retires To His Farm



Mr. Clemons

Ned Clemons, Glen Lyn plant coal and ash equipment operator, has retired after 27 years with the company.

Mr. Clemons is retiring early because of physical disability. He has worked in both the maintenance and coal handling departments during his 27 years. He, his wife, two daughters and a son will reside on their Rich Creek farm.

S-D Driver



Roy R. Gregory is congratulated by an Abingdon policeman as one of three citizens recognized as safe and courteous drivers on Safe Driving Day. Looking on in the middle is Abingdon's mayor, C. H. Butt. The Abingdon district meter serviceman earned this recognition when he stopped his service truck to permit an oncoming motorist to make a left turn at an intersection. Mr. Gregory joined the company November 1, 1945 at Clinch Valley and came to Abingdon July 1, 1948. He has been driving Appalachian vehicles ten years without a traffic accident.

Charleston Retired Employee Dies



Mr. McCormick

William Ezra McCormick, retired Charleston district employee, died November 28 at the St. Francis Hospital.

The former meter serviceman died as the result of a heart attack suffered earlier at his Charleston home.

Mr. McCormick was born March 3, 1895 in Kanawha County. He joined the West Virginia Water and Electric Company in September 1917. When he retired in May 1953 he had completed 36 years with the company. He was a veteran of World War I.

Services were held at the Pilgrim Holiness Church of which he was a member. The Rev. H. O. Ours officiated and burial followed in Grandview Memorial Park at Dunbar. Surviving are his wife, Ensel, a son, two daughters, three brothers, one sister and seven grandchildren.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Bluefield District

MARGARET ANN BRADLEY from junior payroll clerk to junior contract entry and final bill clerk; WILBUR SLUSS from groundman to lineman C; MRS. ALICE COALTER from clerk-typist, district records, to clerk-typist, division commercial.

Charleston District

LYLE HUDSON from system meter to meter service helper; ROBERT L. THOMPSON from groundman to junior T&D clerk, engineering; CARL ELKINS from Charleston commercial sales representative to Huntington area sales representative.

Huntington District

WILMA A. MELROSE from head prepare clerk to senior power billing clerk; HAZEL H. McKENDREE from system bill listing and checking clerk to prepare clerk.

Logan District

C. EMIL GORE from area sales representative to dealer sales representative.

Lynchburg District

CHARLENE L. THOMPSON from office messenger to clerk-typist, accounting; NANNIE R. BEANE from clerk-typist stenographer, accounting, to junior T&D clerk, engineering section; W. D. CREWS from junior T&D clerk to senior T&D clerk, engineering section; JAMES B. DOSS from rodman to meter service helper; RAYMOND E. THOMAS from senior contract entry and final bill clerk to rodman.

Point Pleasant District

C. R. STREET from groundman to area sales representative.

Pulaski District

MARIE G. MARSHALL from senior petty cash clerk to stenographer, commercial.

Roanoke District

D. R. SPICER from lineman B to lineman A; K. M. SPICER from groundman to truck driver-groundman; D. N. SINK from groundman to truck driver-groundman.

Welch District

THOMAS P. LOCKHART, JR., from Grundy area sales representative to commercial sales representative.

Retired Ripley Vet Died December 12

William Arthur Sallaz, 78-year-old retired employee, died at his Ripley home on December 12. He worked for the company 14 years before his retirement in 1942.



Mr. Sallaz

Born at Ripley, he was employed in September 1928 at Charleston as a lineman and promoted to serviceman and stationed in Ripley in January 1934. He remained there until his retirement. He was a member of the Ripley Methodist Church and Ripley Lodge 16, A.F.&A.M.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, two daughters, a brother, sister and five grandchildren.

U. G. Ellis, Retired, Dies After Illness

Ulysses Grant Ellis, 79-year-old retired Cabin Creek plant employee, died December 13. He had been ill for several months.

He retired in May 1945 after 17 years' service at the plant. A native of Logan County, he came to Kanawha County at the age of 14.

Burial was in Slaughters Creek Cemetery at Chelyan. Services were held at Chelyan First Baptist Church, of which Mr. Ellis was a member.

Surviving are his wife, six sons, three daughters, 54 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Ellis was pictured in the October 1954 issue of THE ILLUMINATOR when his son, George, retired from Cabin Creek plant as boiler operator. Another son, Arthur, retired in 1949 from the plant. Three other sons still employed at the plant are Sanford, Harry and Hardia. George's son, O'Dell, is also employed at the plant.

Promotions In Ashland Go To Kincaid, Moore, Morris, Osborne In December

Promotions affecting four Ashland men were made last month.

H. H. Kincaid, assistant district manager, was appointed to the general staff of Kentucky Power Company as administrative assistant.



Mr. Moore

Gene Moore, line foreman, was promoted to general foreman and is succeeded by L. B. Morris, line foreman of a small crew. Succeeding Mr. Morris is Liew Osborne, lineman.

Mr. Kincaid was employed in Pikeville district in January 1931 as a meter tester. He transferred in July 1933 to Ashland where he has served as meter superintendent, district superintendent and assistant district manager. The last position he had held since January 1949. In his new position as administrative assistant he will be concerned mainly with operating matters.

A member of the First Baptist Church, he also belongs to the Lions Club, A.I.E.E., Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers and is on the Boy Scout committee. He is married.

Mr. Moore was employed in Pikeville district as a lineman in May 1936. He transferred to Ashland as line foreman in June 1945. A member of the First Baptist Church, he is married and the father of four children.

Mr. Morris was employed as a truck driver in the Pikeville district



Mr. Kincaid



Mr. Morris

Mr. Osborne

in May 1937. He transferred to Ashland in September 1943 as a lineman and was promoted to line foreman in September 1946, in charge of a small crew. Married, he is a member of the Christian Church.

Mr. Osborne was employed as a lineman in Ashland in January 1946. Chairman of the board of deacons and trustees of Fairview Baptist Church, he is a member of the Westwood Board of Education and of the Masonic Lodge. He is married and the father of four children.

New Car Won By Employee's Wife In Charleston's Gift Basket Contest



Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hawkins happily receive the keys to a new car from Mike Paterno, owner of Park Pontiac Company which was the "mystery firm." Mrs. Hawkins guessed within 41 cents the total proceeds of over \$14,000 received in the contest. (Photo courtesy Charleston Gazette)

'Twas the week before Christmas and a Charleston couple were really happy. Mrs. Gamble H. Hawkins, wife of the garage department employee, won a 1956 Pontiac in the Salvation Army Gift Basket contest.

She guessed within 41 cents the total proceeds of \$14,449.59 received in the contest which ended December 17. When the announcement was made on the WCHS television program, the Hawkins family of five was at home in bed. Her mother heard the announcement and phoned the good news.

A Charleston police car went to their home to take the winner to the TV studio to be interviewed and to receive the keys to the new car. When the police arrived at the home, the street was filled with neighbors serenading and congratulating the lucky couple. They did not own a car.

Asked how she guessed so close to the figure, she said she and her mother worked it out by combining their home address numbers—then lowering it a bit.

Roanoke Man Named To First Federal Board

W. P. Booker, Roanoke district manager, has been elected to the board of directors of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Roanoke.

Presently serving as chairman of the Roanoke Chapter of the American Red Cross, he is a member of the board of directors of the Roanoke Kiwanis Club and a member of the Shenandoah Club and the Roanoke Country Club. He is a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Booker joined the company as an electrical engineer at Williamson after graduation from Lehigh University where he earned his B.S. degree in electrical engineering. Before coming to Roanoke as assistant district manager in 1946 he held the same position in Williamson. He was promoted to district manager March 1, 1951.

Huntington-Logan Club Names Officers



Pictured above are some of the employees elected to offices in the Huntington-Logan District Service Club. They are from left: J. R. Warren, Logan plant, director; Virginia Stark, Huntington, director; D. F. Johnson, Kenova plant, director; L. A. Meador, vice president; L. Miller Smith, director; Charlie Hoschar, director; Fred Leap, director and C. J. Akers, president, all Huntington. Stark Johnson, Leap and Akers were re-elected to their offices.

Also named to offices for the second time were Merrill Atkinson, Logan, director; J. A. Kovich, Logan, director; R. T. Hibner, Huntington, treasurer; and Laura Goldman, Huntington, secretary. In drawings L. A. Meador won a 14-pound turkey and K. R. Kearns a 12-pound ham. A three-pound fruit cake was won by Barbara Markin. Victor Altizer, J. M. Scites and Fred Leap won two-pound boxes of candy.

Five Couples Are Married



Mrs. Beckett

Hall-Beckett

The Southeast Church of the Nazarene in Charleston was the scene December 27 of the wedding of Nellie Hall and Gordon Beckett. The Rev. Hall and the Rev. Beckett, fathers of the bride and groom, officiated at the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Beckett resigned December 23 as clerk-stenographer in the Charleston T&D meter section.



Mrs. Franks

Horton-Franks

Juanita Faye Horton and Robert Kenneth Franks were united in marriage November 23 in Tazewell. She is the Tazewell home economist of the Bluefield district.

Mrs. W. F. Giles Heads Williamson Club

Mrs. W. F. Giles was elected president of the Williamson Rotary Anns at their annual Christmas party and luncheon in the Mountaineer Hotel. She is the wife of the district commercial manager who is president of the Rotary Club.

She also is president of the St. Agnes Guild of the Episcopal Church and a member of the Woman's Club and Garden Club. They have two sons.

Monkey Business



Mrs. A. W. Brendel, wife of the Charleston senior personnel assistant, displays some of the monkey dolls which she made for sale at the Lillian Herscher Fair sponsored recently by the Charleston Woman's Club. The dolls are made of work socks, yarn and fancy buttons. Proceeds from the sale of dolls and fancy candles, around \$200, went to Christmas charity.

Estep-Begley

Mrs. Lula Marie Estep became the bride of Jennings W. Begley December 3 at Clifton Forge, Va. Mr. Begley is a Beckley district groundman in the Rainelle area.

Gilbert-Nelson

Louise Gilbert was married recently to Kenneth H. Nelson. Mr. Gilbert is employed in the Lynchburg T&D line and station section.



Mr. and Mrs. Kagey

Weaver-Kagey

Patsy Jean Weaver and Alvin W. Kagey were united in marriage November 12 at the McCabe Memorial Baptist Church in Martinsville. Mrs. Kagey is a Fieldale cashier.

Active Senior Wins Lynchburg DAR Good Citizenship Award

Sandra Ann Hooper has been named winner of the annual Good Citizenship contest conducted by the Lynchburg Chapter, DAR.

The daughter of Robert G. Hooper, Lynchburg district meterman, is a senior at E. C. Glass High School. She received a pin and certificate from the local chapter and was recommended to the state committee for judging there.



Sandra Hooper

Four qualities are listed as required in the candidates: dependability, which includes truthfulness, loyalty and punctuality; service, which includes cooperation, courtesy and consideration for others; leadership, which includes personality, self-control and ability to assume responsibility; and patriotism, which includes unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation.

Sandra Ann is a member of the Quill and Scroll Society and editor-in-chief of *The Critic*, high school magazine. Secretary of her class, she is also homeroom representative on the Student Council. She is a member of the Assembly Committee and was chairman of the decoration committee for this year's Senior Day celebration. She is a member of Eta Chi sorority, a non-scholastic dance club.

Sandra Ann is also a member of the First Christian Church where she teaches in the Sunday School. She enjoys basketball, tennis and swimming and hopes to attend Longwood College next year.

Bingo And Dancing Are Featured At Welch Party

Loud cries of "bingo" were heard over the hall when 37 Welch district employees and their guests got together recently.

An electric trivet, the grand prize, was won by Nancy Smith, cashier. Richard H. Ruff, power sales engineer, and Nell Nunnery, stenographer, were in charge of the program, which also consisted of refreshments and dancing.

High School Choristers Present Roanoke Program

A choral group of Andrew Lewis High School students presented a Christmas program before the office employees in Roanoke.

It was the annual safety Christmas program and each employee donated a can of food which was given to the Christmas Bureau for distribution. Mrs. G. G. Peery, music instructor, directed the program.



K-Appa-K's Elect 1956 Officers



New officers of the K-Appa-K Club, made up of Williamson district women employees, are pictured above. They are from left: Gustina Davis, treasurer; Betty Roach, president; Naomi Cantees, vice president; and Myrtle Bevins, secretary.

Williamson Plays Host To Teachers On B-E Day

The Williamson district office was host to seven Mingo County teachers when Williamson observed its first Business-Education Day recently.

Talks were given by W. F. Giles, commercial manager; E. J. Clouser, personnel supervisor; C. C. Darrah, district manager; Woodrow Holbrook, residential and rural sales supervisor; E. E. King, district superintendent; and J. L. Gilbert, local office manager. Mr. King conducted the teachers on a tour of the South Williamson and Sprigg stations after they had seen the local office building. The teachers were also shown a film.

Eight Sporn Employees Are New Heater Clubbers

Eight Philip Sporn plant employees have recently joined the Home Heaters Club. These eight now heat their homes with electricity.

Four are served by Ohio Power Company: Richard Ash, maintenance helper; William Dean, assistant control operator; Robert Moore, maintenance helper; and Gerald Kelly, junior maintenance man. The others are served by Appalachian: Marshall Fowler, master maintenance man; Nelson Roush, master maintenance man; Ira Mulford, auxiliary equipment operator; and Elroy Kaylor, maintenance man.

Handicraft Helper



Handicraft is displayed by Irene Kirchman who made the articles for sale at a bazaar by the Williamson Woman's Club. The accounting department employee made earrings of sequins and small beads pinned in a round cork. Aprons included some like the one she models with the rickrack reading "I hate housework." Irene sews plenty for her three daughters and also likes to cook. She still finds time for outside activities like chairman of her circle in the Presbyterian Church, president of the K-Appa-K's in 1954-55, member of the Williamson Woman's Club and the D.A.R.

New Arrivals

KEITH FREDERICK is the son born November 25 to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Herbert. Mr. Herbert is utility operator at Logan plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Butcher became the parents of JIMMY LEE December 4. Mr. Butcher is janitor at Logan plant.

JOHN B., JR., is the son born December 13 to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Bartholomew. Mr. Bartholomew is employed in the Huntington district T&D line section.

Mr. and Mrs. John Donathan, Jr., announce the arrival November 21 of JAMES HARRISON. Mrs. Donathan was formerly a Huntington home economist and Mr. Donathan is a Huntington appliance serviceman.

TIMOTHY HAROLD was born November 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Easter. Mr. Easter was formerly employed in the Huntington accounting department.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams are the parents of a daughter, VIRGINIA SUSAN, born November 28. Mr. Williams is employed in the results department of Kanawha River plant.

PATRICIA SUE is the daughter born December 17 to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bennett. Mr. Bennett is assistant results engineer at Kanawha River plant.

A daughter, CYNTHIA LEIGH, was born November 23 to Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Coley. Mr. Coley works in the Roanoke division engineering department.

GERRY WAYNE was born December 4 to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rieley. Mrs. Rieley was formerly employed in system accounting.

A son, MICHAEL CURTIS, was born November 23 to Mr. and Mrs. JAMES R. Dorman. Mr. Dorman is employed in the Lynchburg meter department.

MARK STEVEN was born November 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Wood. Mrs. Wood was formerly employed in the Welch commercial department.

A daughter, VIRGINIA ELSIE, was born December 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nuckolls. Mrs. Nuckolls was formerly employed in the Welch records department.

SUSAN MARIE was born December 1 to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gillespie. Mr. Gillespie is coal and ash handling supervisor at Cabin Creek plant.

A son, HARLOE, JR., was born December 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Harloe Sheets. She is a former employee of the Charleston commercial department.

MYLINDIA MAE was born December 12 to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cook. He is a Nitro lineman in the Charleston district.

MICHAEL ANTHONY was born December 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smolder. Mr. Smolder is a junior draftsman in the Charleston district.

A son, MARTIN LEE, was born November 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Vashiti Miller. Mr. Miller is a Charleston district car washer.

A daughter, LISA ANNE, was born November 20 to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Charles. Mr. Charles is a record supervisor in Hazard.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert C. Miller are the parents of a son, DANA LEE, born December 6. Mr. Miller is a Point Pleasant district groundman.

A daughter, MARGARET FRANCES, was born November 22 to Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Roush. Mr. Roush is an area serviceman in Point Pleasant district.

Wed Fifty Years



Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hunter of Charleston celebrated their golden wedding anniversary November 5. Mr. Hunter retired from Logan plant in 1950. Married in 1905, the couple has eight children and 16 grandchildren.

They're Engaged

MARY ELIZABETH RICCI to Garnett Powell. Miss Ricci is a secretarial-stenographer in the Welch district manager's office.

ANNE E. CARSON to Eugene Ould Showalter. She is a clerk-stenographer in the Lynchburg T&D line and station department.

CAROLE MAE KINGSLEY to Lovell L. Chapman. She is an employee of the AGE lab in Huntington.

NORMA JEAN FLINT to William C. Johnson. Miss Flint is a clerk-stenographer in system commercial.

NANCY ANN HURT to Kenneth L. Mowles. Miss Hurt is a system personnel employee.

Employees Down Deer In Hunts



Employees proved themselves real deer hunters with these pictures. LEFT TOP: J. M. Orr, Abingdon district serviceman, stands beside the six-point buck he downed on White Top Mountain. Eugene Rasnake and H. A. Robinson, Russell County line crew members, boast of kills in the High Knob section of Wise County. LEFT BOTTOM: Bolen Shepherd, Hillsville serviceman in the Pulaski district, downed his ten-point buck the first day of the season in Smyth County. It was his second kill in three years. Being a taxidermist, he will mount the head for his den. MIDDLE TOP: James L. Arnold, Kingsport draftsman, proudly displays his eight-point buck. This was Jim's first hunting trip, and he made it to Central Peninsula with three others in the party. All four got deer. MIDDLE MIDDLE: This eight-point, 175-pound buck was downed by Ben C. Cook, Lynchburg stores, on opening day. Ben, who is treasurer of the Lynbuck Hunt Club, shot his deer in Buckingham County where the club leases 3,500 acres of land for hunting. B. L. Burnley, street light attendant, and G. N. Patterson, auto repairman, also got deer.

MIDDLE BOTTOM: L. R. Coulter, Cabin Creek plant assistant control operator, bagged an eight-point, 160-pound buck near his father's farm in Nicholas County. This is his third deer in the past five seasons. RIGHT TOP: Snow and cold weather didn't phase G. E. Hill, Jr., Bluefield employee, who downed this nine-point buck in Bath County. This is his fifth deer in five years. Bath County was also the scene of a kill by R. R. Jones, also of Bluefield. He got a spike-buck. Two other Bluefield employees, Howard S. Meadows and C. F. "Preacher" Mundy, also were successful nimrods. Mr. Meadows bagged a four-point buck, his seventh deer in as many years. He also got a turkey as did Mr. Mundy. RIGHT BOTTOM: Paul Sowers, Hillsville lineman in the Pulaski district, shot a buck with 16 points in Carroll County. This was his first attempt and Carroll County's first open season. His buck had the most points of any killed in the county. And in Welch, Miles Charles, Jr., Grundy lineman, got a six-point buck in Bath County.

Emmert's Still Sporn's Bowling Pace-Setters

Emmert's Shift bowlers are continuing their first half pace into the second half in the Philip Sporn plant bowling league.

Winners of the first half, Emmert's leads the second half with a 22-14 record. But only one game behind with a 24-18 record is Maintenance No. 2. Grimes' Shift is third and Results fourth.

Holmes' 33 Points Is Spark In YMCA Victory

Red Holmes continues his sharp-shooting on the Charleston basketball courts. In the second game of the members league of the YMCA Red tossed in 33 points to spark Park Pontiac to a 88-72 win over Lowe's. The Charleston groundman is a former West Virginia University basketball captain.

'It's Not The Same,' Jividen Describes Game

They won 64-51, but they had a battle on their hands first.

A group of Charleston men basketballers took on Hazel Walker's touring Arkansas Travelers December 13 and edged the visitors by 13 points. Lindy Jividen, Charleston area sales representative, was one of the players and found the new experience a puzzling one. "When men get rough, you can get rough, too," he says. "But you don't want to do that when you're playing the girls."

The game was sponsored by the Dunbar Lions Club, all proceeds going to their sight conservation program.

Retired Roanoker Makes Haul On Fishing Trip

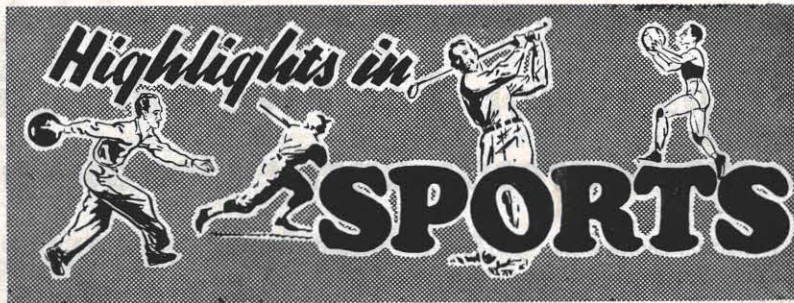
One of the first things Ralph G. Amos did after retiring November 1 last year was go fishing.

The retired Roanoke line foreman caught two of eight giant red snappers in a party off Biscayne Bay in the Gulf Stream. The fishing party came when Mr. and Mrs. Amos visited relatives in West Miami Beach, Fla. One of the fish the 44-year veteran caught weighed 47 pounds.

Kanawha Marksmen Win Turkeys



Thirty turkeys were the prizes when 50 members of the Appakan Club of Kanawha River plant got together for a shoot recently. Above, W. W. McColgan sights his target. This shot earned him a turkey. Others shown are G. S. Farthing, Paul Bernard, W. E. Ferrell, J. B. Armstrong, Floyd McDaniel, Bill Hughes, Jesse McClain, Jack Crist, W. Gwinn, Carl Mooney, W. F. Sampson, Bill Ribble, R. A. Fields, Paul Evans, Leslie Farthing and H. P. Johnson.



'Tightest Race' Is Roanoke Situation

In what is described as "the tightest race in years," four teams are right at the top in the Roanoke bowling league.

Tied for first with one night to go are Stores and Real Estate with 25-14 records. Close behind in third with 23-16 records are Local Office and Accounting. A roll-off night has been scheduled to break the deadlocks. The extra night makes up for a postponement Halloween night. Local Office will roll Stores and Real Estate will roll Accounting.

Tommy Mitchell, accounting, continues his pace as high average man with 112, while Billy Mills, meter, has high single of 158. His teammate, Tommy Bryant, has high three-game set of 385. Accounting has the team high three-game set with 1,666 while Local Office has high game score of 631.

Welch Youth Is Military Team All-Star Fullback

Jackson Bragg was fullback for the All-Stars during a recent Orangeburg, S. C. football game.



Jackson Bragg

He has been a member of the Bamberg school team for two years.

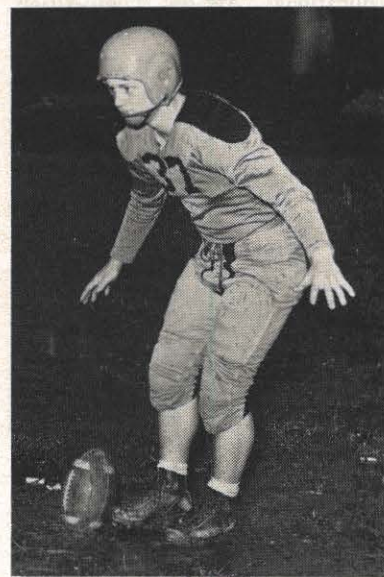
The son of O. J. Bragg, Welch commercial sales representative, is a M/Sgt. on the cadet administrative staff. In November he was chosen by the staff as "Senior of the Month."

Hot Battle In Pikeville

Three teams continue their hot battle for first place in the Pikeville Bowling League.

Right now the Amperes rest on top, two games in front of the Regulators. The Kilowatts, in third place, are moving up fast.

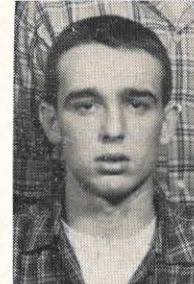
Fabulous Foot



Rain and a muddy field don't phase Lee McAbee, ace punter and kick-off artist for the Chapmanville High School Tigers. The son of G. W. McAbee, Logan plant maintenance mechanic, played left guard for the Tigers which enjoyed the most successful campaign in the school's history. The senior averaged 35 yards per punt and got off consistently long kick-offs. In addition to four years of football for Chapmanville, Lee is a member of the honor society, student council and secretary of the Key Club.

Employee's Son Is All-Star Footballer

Michael C. Jones has been named tackle on the Charleston Junior High School All-Star squad. He is the son of L. E. Jones, Charleston general serviceman.

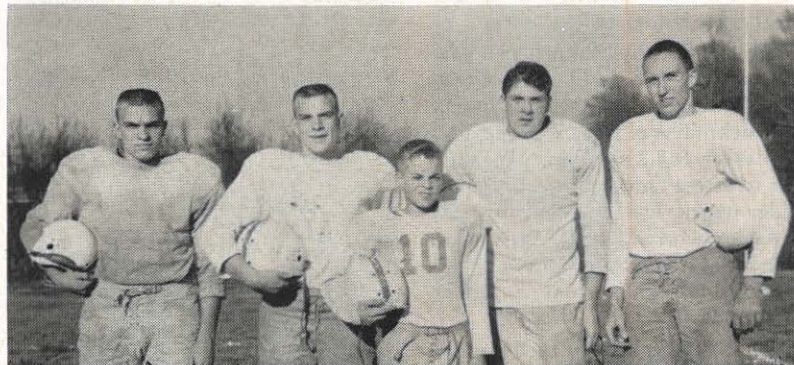


Michael Jones

He was named to the mythical eleven after his third year of ball at Woodrow Wilson School. Next season, as a sophomore at Stonewall Jackson High, he will go out for the varsity.

Michael also plays forward on the basketball team, using his six feet 3 1/2 inches to advantage. He is a member of the Calvary troop of the Boy Scouts and likes to camp, fish and swim.

Employees' Sons Spark Wahama



Five members of the Wahama High School football team, sons of Philip Sporn plant employees, are shown above. They are from left: John, Jr., and Kenneth Taylor, both juniors; Jerry Carroll, a freshman; Jerry Arnold, a junior; and Joe Ford, also a junior. The Taylors are sons of John Taylor, Sr., maintenance man, and Jerry Carroll is the son of Charlie Carroll, shift operating engineer. Jerry Arnold is the son of Keith Arnold, first assistant shift operating engineer and Joe is the son of Kermit Ford, system substation operator. The boys have sparked Wahama to a successful season—the team has won five, lost one and tied three in a 10-game schedule.

See Personnel Supervisor

Registration For Five Educational Awards Gets Started; Entry Deadline Is January 25

Attention employees who have sons and daughters planning to enter college next fall! Your youngsters now may register for the Second Annual American Gas and Electric Educational Awards competition. Deadline for entering is January 25.

Any son or daughter of an employee who plans to enter his or her freshman year at a degree-granting institution next fall to pursue a course leading to a baccalaureate degree is eligible.

Exam On March 17

To try for one of the five \$500 education awards, a competitive examination must be taken. It is the standard College Entrance Board Scholastic Aptitude Test and will be given on Saturday morning, March 17. The exam will be given in the following cities or towns in or near our service area: Bluefield, Charleston and Clarksburg, W. Va.; Lynchburg, Roanoke and Chatham, Va.; Pikeville, Ky.; Portsmouth and Marietta, Ohio, and Bristol, Tenn.

The cost of the examination will be paid for by the company, but each contestant must bear his or her own expenses, if any, to and from the city where the test is taken.

All exams will be prepared, administered and scored by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N. J. It in turn will give the results of the tests to an impartial and prominent educator who will be the judge. He will study (1) the scores, (2) the school records furnished by each contestant's high school principal and (3) the additional information about each contestant provided by the contestant himself, and the winners then will be determined.

Names of the five award winners will be announced on or about May 1.

Personnel Supervisor Has Kits

Information and forms for entering this year's education awards competition may be obtained by writing or contacting the personnel supervisor at your office or plant. Each personnel supervisor has kits containing instructions for contestants, a bulletin of information on the tests, an application form, recommendation forms to go to the entrant's high school principal and



John E. Winesdorfer, winner of last year's AGE Education Award and son of a Wheeling Electric Company employee, is shown on the campus of Kenyon College. The freshman is taking a pre-med course and plans to go into medical research. A member of the Pre-Medical Club and reporter on the campus newspaper, he plays lacrosse.

forms for additional information on the contestant.

This material may be requested by either the employee or by his son or daughter. But it should be done immediately to make sure the entry form is completed and returned in time for consideration. The material must be received by the company's personnel depart-

Sporn Plant Veterans Meet, Elect Officers

The seventh annual veterans dinner was held for Philip Sporn plant employees December 1 at the Moose Hall in Point Pleasant.



Mr. Smith

New officials named are Al Smith, president; Clayton Athey, vice president; and Karl Wiles, secretary and treasurer. Howard R. Andrews presided over the meeting.

Other veterans attending were John Grimes, Frederick Emmert, Harry Davis, Charles Carroll and Howard Rader. Guests included Paul Schneider and Philip Wolpert. Unable to attend were Howard Wagenhals and Clarence Tennant.

Street Light Truck With 'Hot Stick' Ladder Has Dual Purpose In Charleston

Not only will Charleston's street light system be easier to maintain, but line crew work will be made easier with the addition of a new street light ladder truck.

The ladder, hydraulically operated, will reach a height of 35 feet, eight feet longer than the one on the old truck. The old truck is being retired after 148,296 miles. In addition to street light maintenance, the ladder truck will be used by line crews for working aerial taps when normal equipment does not satisfy a working condition from a safety standpoint.

An interesting fact to the ladder is that it is completely insulated, making it a hot stick. It will be maintained in the same manner as a hot stick, being checked twice weekly for moisture penetration by a new moisture meter. The truck will be stored in a heated garage rather than an open shed.



E. A. Humphreys surveys his surroundings from his 35-foot high perch atop the ladder on Charleston's new street light ladder truck. At the bottom of the ladder are from left: Jim McCormick, Earl Stone and Jim Barker.

ment by January 25 in order for the prospective contestant to be eligible for this year's competition.

In addition to this year's \$500 award to the highest ranking entrant among those from all of the AGE System companies, four additional awards will be given.

Four Additional Awards

Competitors for the additional four \$500 awards will be divided into four AGE System groups based, as equally as possible, on the total number of employees in each group. The top ranking contestant from Appalachian, I&M and Ohio Power each will receive a \$500 award. The fourth award will go to the top competitor among entrants from Central Operating, Kentucky Power, Kingsport Utilities, Wheeling Electric, Beech Bottom Power and the AGE Service Corporation.

Glen Lyn Boiler Operator Retires



Mr. Whitlow

Lon J. Whitlow, Glen Lyn plant boiler operator, has retired after 32 years' service. Mr. Whitlow retired early because of physical disability.

He was employed September 17, 1923. His first job was in the ash pit and he advanced steadily through the operating department to boiler operator. Mr. Whitlow resides with his wife at Kellysville, W. Va. He owns a small mercantile store near his home and plans to continue its operation with help from his family.

System Vet Earns Seven-Diamond Pin

G. G. Brammer, system operations coordinator in Roanoke, completed 35 years with the company December 1.

Mr. Brammer joined the company December 1, 1920 as operator at Logan plant. In 1926 he was transferred to Switchback as assistant chief system operator. He became chief system operator for the Southern section of the system in 1939 and came to Roanoke in 1949 as system operations coordinator.

Mr. Brammer is married and has six children. He and his family belong to the Raleigh Court Methodist Church and he is active in Boy Scout work.



Mr. Brammer

Nearly 2,000 Tour Huntington Office At Open House With Employee Guides

Open House at the new Huntington office was held December 1-2 when about 2,000 people were taken on conducted tours. Employees served as guides at the building at 1125 Sixth Avenue.

Highlights included the residential heat pump display, the 300-seat auditorium with modern display kitchen, the work kitchen, the bill printing and billing machines, lighting displays and the 100-horsepower heat pump which is the world's largest single-unit installation.

The building, 80 by 200 feet, has two stories, full size basement and penthouse which houses the heat pump. Construction is of steel frame and mono-lithic reinforced concrete with brick veneer, all fire resistant. The building houses both district and division offices plus the system billing office for the Huntington and Charleston divisions and the Kentucky Power Company.

Visitors were served refreshments at the conclusion of each tour. Other favors included souvenir booklets and pink light bulbs for adults and Reddy pins for children.



Miss Helen Peck, a deaf mute customer, watches intently as Robert A. King, residential sales representative, "talks" to her in sign language in the display kitchen of the Huntington office.

An employee open house was held the night of December 1 when 420 persons, including employees and their families, toured the building. Arrangements for the open house were supervised by a committee of Max Scites, administrative assistant; Gordon P. Chain, chief draftsman, and James Wellman, dealer sales representative.



Carl Phillips, commercial sales representative at left, shows some guests one of the booths during the Huntington office open house. About 2,000 people were taken on conducted tours of the building.

Oil Circuit Breakers Get Tests At Sporn Station By Two Companies, AGE



This is the inside of the control building during the oil circuit breaker tests. Instrument in the middle is a magnetic oscillograph.

Appalachian, Ohio Power and AGE recently conducted a series of tests on circuit breakers at the Philip Sporn station.

These line-dropping tests on 138-kv oil circuit breakers with interrupting capacity of ten million kva were run to see how the breakers would perform under actual field tests, de-energizing various lengths of 138-kv lines. They supplied information regarding the best type of construction of oil circuit breakers.

The first test was run on the line between Sporn station and South Point, Ohio. Added on in the rest of the test series were lines to Portsmouth, O., Hillsboro, O., Trenton, O., and Tanners Creek plant of Indiana & Michigan. Over 250 miles long, the final line was the longest ever used by the company for this type test.

To record the necessary information and results of the test, which was termed "very satisfactory," several instruments were used. Two

magnetic oscillographs were used, one with a polaroid camera attached to record the information on film.



A. C. Rogers, assistant system station superintendent, is at the controls during recent oil circuit breaker tests at Philip Sporn station. In the left foreground is Jack W. Kepner, assistant superintendent of system operations. Next to him is Otto Naef, AGE circuit breaker engineer, who was in charge of the tests.