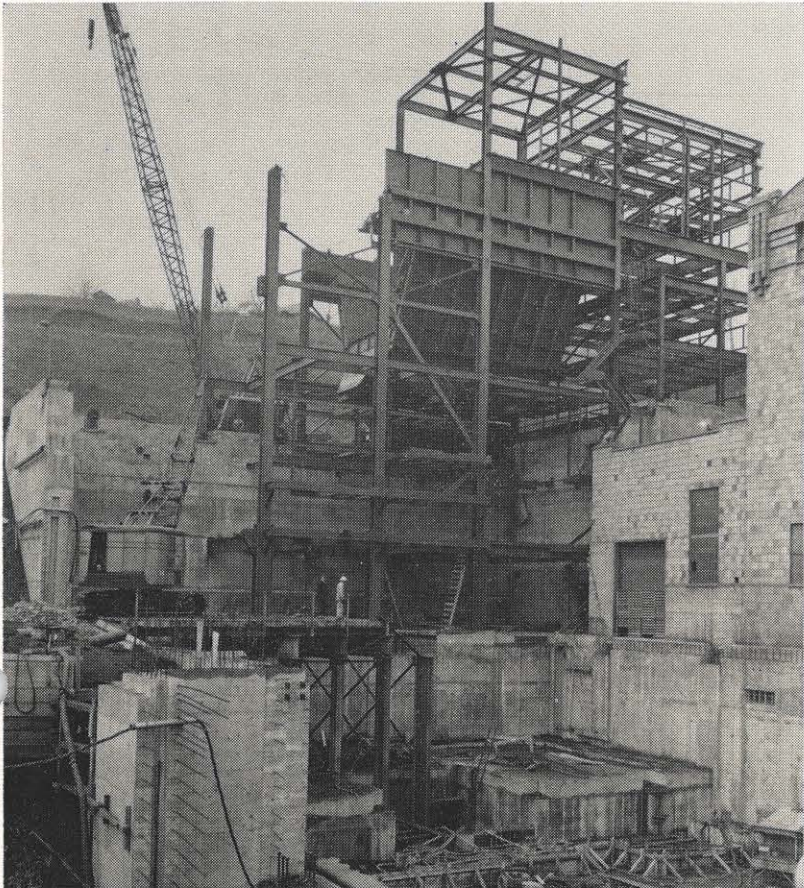


Steel Goes Up At Glen Lyn



Steel goes up for the coal bunker bay at Glen Lyn plant where a new 225,000-kilowatt generating unit is to be installed. About 500 tons of structural steel has been erected. Excavation is about 95 percent complete with the removal of some 45,950 yards. About three-fourths of the concrete work is finished with over 11,000 yards of concrete poured. In addition, the new storeroom-machine shop is about finished. Upon completion late this year the addition will more than double Glen Lyn's capability—raising it to 395,000 kw.

OVEC One Of Finalists For Coffin Award

Ohio Valley Electric Corporation is one of five electric utility companies nominated for the 1955 Charles A. Coffin Award.

Each company has been asked to submit presentations for the award to be made at the annual Edison Electric Institute meeting in June at Atlantic City. Harllee Branch, Jr., president of EEI, made the announcement of the finalists last month.

The other companies singled out by a reviewing committee to take part in the competition are Alabama Power Company, Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc., Idaho Power Company and The Washington Water Power Company. These, along with OVEC, were chosen from 36 cited for outstanding achievements by a nominating panel representing every section of the nation. There are about 650 investor-owned electric companies in the U. S.

OVEC Cited

The reviewing committee cited OVEC "for excellent and highly efficient performance in carrying out in record time the largest single power contract yet conceived in this country, involving construction of two record-size generating plants together with extra-high-voltage transmission facilities to deliver low-cost power to the Atomic Energy Commission's major new installation at Portsmouth, Ohio—all of this achieved without fanfare or adverse criticism during a particularly critical period."

The two plants mentioned in the citation are the 1,290,000-kilowatt Clifty Creek plant at Madison, Indiana, now virtually completed, and the 1,075,000-kilowatt Kyger Creek plant at Cheshire, Ohio, which was completed last November.

OVEC, organized in late 1952 by 15 private electric utility companies

serving the Ohio Valley region, has three AGE companies represented: Appalachian, Ohio Power and Indiana & Michigan.

The Coffin Award was established 34 years ago by the Charles A. Coffin Foundation, in the name of the first president of General Electric, to be given annually "for distinguished contribution to the development of electric light and power." AGE won the award in June 1954 for "pioneering in advanced engineering" in 1953.

Boy's Heel Torn In Bicycle Mishap Is Saved By Welch Meter Servicemen

A 16-year-old Welch youth is lucky to be walking after nearly cutting off his heel in a bicycle accident.

The lad got his heel caught in the rear wheel of his bike and tore it loose. Luckily, two alert Welch employees, James W. Nunnery and Walter J. Thomas, meter servicemen, were working nearby and saw what happened.

They got their first aid kit and gave the boy emergency treatment. Using band-aids and adhesive tape they bound the heel back in place and rushed the boy to a doctor.

Later the doctor said that it was probable the boy would have lost his heel if he hadn't had the first aid treatment. As it was, he had 23 stitches taken.



James W. Nunnery and Walter J. Thomas pose with their first aid kit, used to save a boy's heel.

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Appalachian Employees Set Safety Record

For the first time in Appalachian history, employees have worked a million consecutive manhours without a disabling injury.

The employees seem intent on making come true the AGE theme, "Let's Make Our 50th Year Our Safest Year." The extended record began December 21 last year and the million manhour mark was reached about February 9.

Manhours reached a million and a quarter before the record was finally broken February 21 with a disabling injury.

Appalachian is now eligible for the Edison Electric Institute Safety Merit Award, which is awarded to electric utilities for completion of a million or more consecutive manhours without a disabling injury.

D. C. Duncan, system safety director, in commenting on the record, said: "It pleases me that the company employees have passed the million manhour mark. When we all work

together like this we can contribute to our own safety and to the AGE effort to make this their safest year."

Several districts in the company have passed the million manhour mark in past years, but never before has the entire company gotten together on such an extended record. Twice Appalachian has come close—in 1946 employees worked 970,641 manhours from August 30 through October 20 before a disabling injury. Again in 1954 employees worked 808,014 manhours from April 27 to June 4, when that record was shattered.

Kentucky employees have also worked a million manhours without a disabling injury, running from March 18, 1954 through June 15, 1955.

10 Men—50 Years

How long would it take to work a million manhours?

If 10 men began working in 1906, and worked 40 hours a week for 50 weeks a year, they would work 20,000 hours a year. It would take these men 50 years to work a million manhours.

So it is that these 10 men, who began working the year AGE was founded, would have completed their million manhours this year, the 50th anniversary of AGE.

Let's Make Our 50th Year Our Safest Year.

Kentucky Receives AGE Plaque



A plaque for winning the AGE 1955 Commercial-Industrial Sales Campaign is presented R. E. Doyle, left, Kentucky vice president and general manager, by Philip Sporn, president of AGE and its subsidiaries. Kentucky finished first in the Exciters division by adding 6,064 kw of promotional commercial-industrial load last year, exceeding its quota by 85.9 percent and nosing out Wheeling Electric.

\$700-Million AGE Expansion Program In 1956-60 Announced By President Sporn

The largest expansion in its 50-year history was announced March 1 by the American Gas and Electric Company.

The AGE System, which provides electric service to over 4,800,000 people in seven states, will spend \$700,000,000 for construction and installation of new facilities during the period 1956-60.

This expansion will include the addition of 2,600,000 kilowatts of generating capacity to meet the ever-increasing demands of the System's 1,300,000 customers.

New Plan Popular

Popularity of the new Comprehensive Medical Plan is evident from the number of employees who accepted it by the February 1 deadline.

In Appalachian, 98 percent of the employees signed for the new plan. Kingsport has 100 percent participation, as does Kanawha Valley Power Company. Ninety-nine percent of the employees at Central Operating (Philip Sporn plant) have taken the new plan. And 100 percent of the Kentucky employees have signed.

Philip Sporn, president of AGE and of our companies, said: "This program is designed to provide the entire area served by the American Gas and Electric System with all the power that its communities and industries can use to the same full extent it has always been available. We are looking forward with great confidence to the continued growth and expansion of the seven-state territory served by the AGE System."

"We are proud of our success in the past in increasing power supply as rapidly as customers and prospective customers could use it. The AGE System's aim, however, has always been to do more than that, by planning ample supplies of power well in advance of need to stimulate expansion of use of electric energy throughout our territory. Our new program—larger than anything we have ever undertaken before—underlines in terms of concrete action our confidence in the potential growth of the region in which we operate."

"All of the studies that we have made indicate that, as a result of natural growth and of our continuing efforts in area development, the utilization of electric power on our system will increase four-fold over the next 20 years. This building program, therefore, is but the first step in quadrupling our facilities to meet that demand in time.

"We are particularly gratified to

be able to announce the launching of such a program in 1956—the 50th anniversary year of the founding of the American Gas and Electric Company."

The 2,600,000-kw program will raise the AGE System's total generating capacity to 6,600,000 kw by 1960, more than double the System's capacity in 1952 and more than triple its 1949 capacity. A total of 1,700,000 kw of the expansion is already under construction or will be started within the next 45 days. This phase will be completed in 1956-58.

The balance, the details of which are as yet unannounced, will be commenced by the middle of 1956 and completed in 1959-60. The new 2,600,000-kw program, Mr. Sporn observed, comes on top of a previous 10-year construction program, just ended, which involved capital expenditures of \$785,000,000 and added 2,245,000 kw of capacity.

Generation facilities represent only a part of the new facilities planned in the \$700-million expansion in 1956-60. A large portion of the new investment will go toward construction of more transmission and distribution lines, stations and operating and service centers. One of the most significant elements in the plans is the erection of new and important links in the AGE System's 330,000-volt network, highest voltage transmission system in the nation.

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March Of Progress

This month let's take a little time to be mindful of the fabulous story of the development of electricity in our area. Perhaps no other account or history could tell the story of this progress as can the listing in this issue of our retired employees.

In the span of their lives they made contributions that we benefit from today. It is as a tribute to them, and others who have died, that this listing is intended.

The increasing number of employees retiring each year points out that we are beginning to age a little. This is true despite the fact we are still young companies compared with many others in our service areas.

This year marks over 30 years that our three companies have been part of the American Gas and Electric System, which is observing its 50th Anniversary in 1956. That means our three companies have many employees who have served during these years and have helped to contribute to the Anniversary theme of "50 Years of Progress in Electric Power."

These power company veterans, including our retired employees, saw service grow from small isolated community systems with very little customer use to our present integrated systems with electricity a necessity. They did much more, of course, than watch this progress parade.

They marched in it.

The Constant Search

"There must be a better way." How many times have we heard that comment about the way something is done?

It just proves that there usually is a better way to do something. It also proves that each of us is a potential treasure of idea material affecting our jobs. We can cash in on that treasure by telling someone about an idea for job improvement.

Every company is constantly searching for better ways of doing things. And the person on the job has a chance to see—at first hand—just what would make the job easier, faster or better. That's the reason he or she is in the best position to come up with improvement ideas.

But we can't stop there. Ideas alone can't help if we don't give them a chance to be tried. The idea really pays off when we tell someone about it and see results that come from a good idea. Then the idea can be a springboard for our own job success.

Your Opinion

What has been your most memorable day with the company?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

MAIGA A. SWOPE, Chemist Assistant, Kanawha River Plant



Having worked before mostly in Europe, it is needless to say how excited I was to have my first "big job" in America. New country, strange language and, in a way, an unusual job. You can guess how I felt when I started to work for Appalachian.

I will never forget the day when I broke the light bulb in the balance in our laboratory. I cried three hours (pardon, 15 minutes) and was ready to quit right then. How childish! But that's the way I felt. However, such bad luck I didn't have often. Now I know and love my work.

My second big excitement (this time, a good one) was the first raise. Well, you all know the nice feeling about it; in my case, it sure went to my head.

Do forgive my not quite good English. Next time, I will write in Latvian—without mistakes.

W. G. POOLE, JR., Air Conditioning Engineer, Kingsport



The day I was handed a letter from one of our customers is the most memorable one since I have been with the company and one I shall long remember.

This letter was in appreciation for the work I had done on his heat pump. It made me realize the importance of having good customer-company relations and the part I had played in gaining good relations. It also made me realize that we as employees in the way we do our jobs and in meeting our customers create the attitude they have toward the company.

A. W. BRENDEL, Personnel Assistant, Charleston District



I think my first day with the company was one of the most memorable. This was over 33 years ago when I was hardly dry behind the ears. It so happened that the management of the company was being changed that particular

day. The outgoing manager, C. S. MacCalla, called me in his office and asked if I took shorthand. When I told him I did, he said he would like for me to take a "brief" report.

It didn't turn out exactly that way. He rattled off for about three hours, giving a resume of past operations of the company and elaborate plans for future expansion. At the end of that time I was about the most scared young man in these parts.

In retrospect, the installed capacity of 64,000 kw at the Cabin Creek plant in 1923, compared to the capacity of 1,345,000 of the three generating stations in this area at the present time, tells a story entirely in itself of the real growth of our company in the past 33 years.

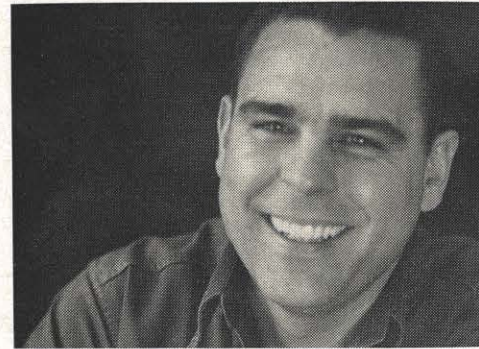
D. M. RUSMISELL, Residential Power Engineer, Roanoke District



My most memorable day was in 1934 having entered the Campbell Avenue office building through a back window after wading three blocks of water up to my hips.

The sight that met me, the whole floor flooded, the work we did that night protecting records and equipment, Mrs. Mayce Sanderson operating the telephone switchboard barefooted in water, and finally moving to Walnut Avenue to continue operations, management and employees alike working barefooted in the mess, Mr. Hancock taking a blacksnake out of the telephone terminal board, our checking with commercial customers in the flooded business section as to the troubles they were having electrically, the final subsiding of flood waters that night, and the survey of damage done—this was my memorable day.

ROBERT TRENT, Hazard District



I could not pick any particular date during my employment by the Company and say that this was my most memorable day. I could, however, pick many occurrences which are memorable to me, not as dated on a calendar, but because of actions taken by myself and fellow workers. For instance, I could take the day we delivered to the Hyden Hospital their new commercial electric range. Now this in itself perhaps would not make a memorable day, but when we consider that we had to take this range in through a window because the door was too narrow—that I will remember!

Working together with fellow employees under pleasant conditions has produced many memorable hours; and as long as I am surrounded by these fine fellow workers, I look forward to many more memorable occasions.

A. C. SKEEN, Line Inspector, Abingdon District



During the 20 years with the company, I have had many memorable days, but the one I remember most was December 5, 1944.

At that time, I was area service man at Oceana, W. Va. A 36-inch snow fell causing the 44 kva line on both sides of Oceana to break, which left all of Clear Fork Valley without power. Included in this area were three large mines. All the highways were blocked, telephone lines were all down and at that time we did not have radio equipment on our trucks; therefore, I had no way of communicating with the line crew at Mullins.

Patrolling a 44 kva line in the mountains in waist-deep snow gave me an experience I shall long remember.

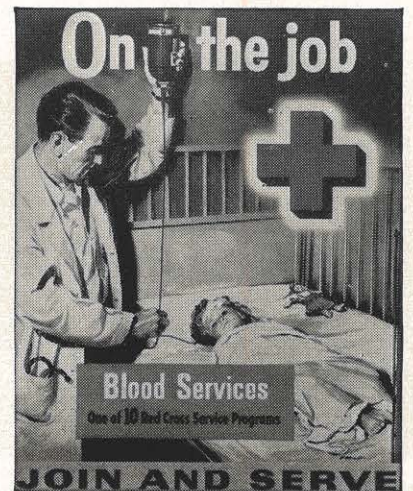
ANN J. POZEGA, Home Economist, Logan District



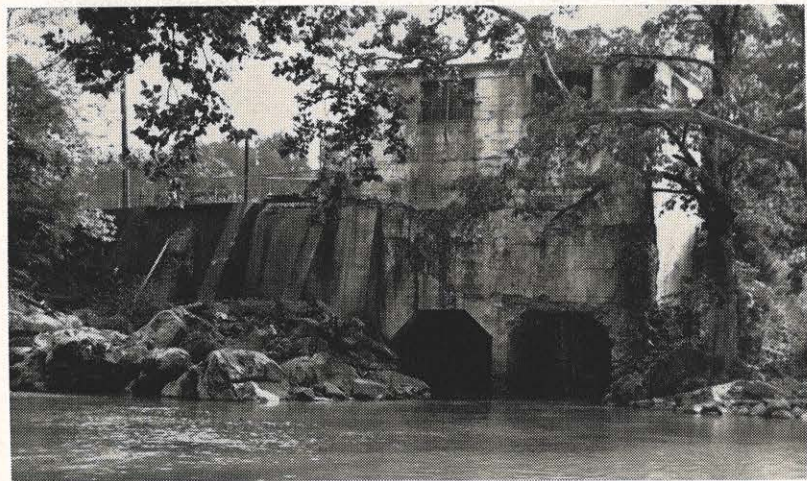
A time that will vividly remain in my memory was a day when a most embarrassing situation occurred.

Soon after starting to work for the company I was in charge of a dinner for guests of the manager. We decided that meat loaf, being simple to prepare, would be the main course. But, instead of preparing it in the usual manner, I searched cookbooks and found directions to fix this ordinary food in a unique way.

Shortly before the guests were to arrive fat began dripping from the loaf pan to the bottom of the oven, and caused clouds of smoke to fill the room. The best efforts of several of us failed to completely remove the haze from the atmosphere, and our guests dined on smoked vegetables, smoked salad and smoked dessert.



Damascus Hydro Plant Has Produced Last Kilowatt After 30 Years' Service



Trees, stones and bubbling waters make a pretty picture at the Damascus hydro plant, which was retired recently.

The Damascus hydro plant in the Abingdon district has been retired after 30 years of operation.

The plant was built on Laurel Fork of the Holston River by a group of local citizens in 1925. Its purpose was to furnish power to the town of Damascus. Appalachian acquired the property in 1925 with the purchase of the Holston River Power Company.

The powerhouse is located about 750 feet below the concrete dam and the two are connected by a canal

Huntington Man Is Made Foreman

Theodore R. Smith, Huntington district station man, was promoted to service foreman in the T&D line section.

Ted recently completed 15 years' service with the company. He was employed as maintenance man at



Mr. Smith

Kenova plant and later worked as electrician's helper, operator, electrician, electrical maintenance man. He transferred to the station section as station man A in September 1954.

Fieldale Employee Joins Gallon Club

Johnnie W Wright, Jr., Fieldale general clerk, recently became a member of the Red Cross Gallon Club. He joined the Bloodmobile program in 1953.



Mr. Wright

Employed in February 1949 as a groundman, he became meter reader in December 1950 and collector in December 1952. In September 1953 he became senior contract clerk and was promoted to his present position of senior general clerk in September 1954.

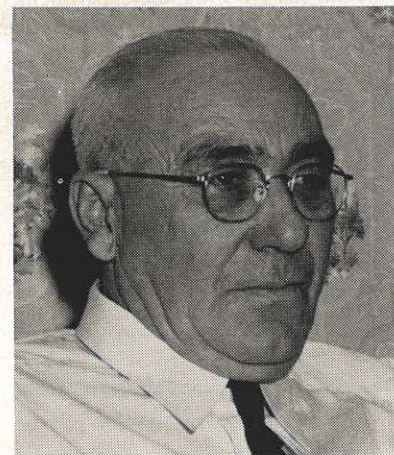
Married and the father of a son and daughter, he is a member of the Midway Baptist Church and the Martinsville and Henry County Life Saving Crew.

along the left bank of the river. The plant is located in a picturesque section of the district and has become a part of the area's legend.

Generating equipment in the plant consists of one vertical Francis type hydraulic turbine direct connected to a 168-kw electric generator. Capacity for the plant was 168-kw, compared to 3,750 kw for the Damascus station, now serving the area.

Based on the average generation for the past five years the annual plant output has been about 521,000 kwh. During the late summer and fall seasons stream flow falls to a low level. For instance, the last week of operation from August 25-31 last year only 200 kwh were generated.

Pulaski District Employee Retires



Mr. Worrell

R. R. Worrell, 59-year-old area serviceman in the Pulaski district, retired last month on physical disability caused by a heart condition.

He has worked in Wytheville local office as lineman and area serviceman since 1937. He started with the company in April 1916 as a groundman at Bluefield. He built lines in the Bluefield and Pulaski districts until July 1918 when he went to AGE to help build a line from Moundsville, W. Va., to Canton, Ohio. He then worked with Atlantic Smokeless Coal Company at Asco, W. Va., as an electrician.

In October 1925 he returned to Appalachian as lineman and worked with Price Carter's extra gang out of Bluefield and as a patrolman at Mullens and Matoka. From August 1932 until February 1937 he worked as electrician with Thomas Coal Company, returning to Appalachian as a lineman with G. D. Cox on the extra gang which settled at Wytheville. In 1940 he was made area serviceman.

Born in Carroll County, he attended schools at Hillsville. He is married and lives with his wife and 8-year-old daughter in Wytheville.

He is a member of the Methodist Church. Liking to hunt and fish, he wants to move to a small farm close to Wytheville.

Major Construction Work On System Pushed With Many Target Dates Set For Spring

Spring comes this month amid continued activity on major construction work around the system. Many projects are scheduled for completion within the next three months, some even sooner.

Two big jobs that will last through the year are the new unit at Glen Lyn plant and the new Clinch River plant, announced in late January. Although bad weather slowed initial construction on the 225,000 kw unit at Glen Lyn, work is progressing steadily as steel for the coal bunker bay is going up. Almost all excavation is complete and about 75 percent of the concrete has been poured. The new unit is scheduled for completion late this year.

Excavation for the new \$55-million Clinch River Plant will begin in April. The 450,000 kw plant will be built at the village of Carbo in Russell County. It is scheduled for completion in 1958.

Major Line Work

Major transmission line work ranges in completion dates from this month through December. The system transmission line department in Bluefield is in charge of inspection on five lines under construction.

The Sporn-Kaiser 132 kv line that runs for 1½ miles in West Virginia got under way in December and will be completed this month. The Glen Lyn-Saltville line also will be completed this month. Started in September 1955, the 132 kv line is the second circuit on existing towers and is 73 miles long.

The West Kingsport-Hill 132 kv line started in mid-January is slated to be finished in July. The line is 13½ miles long. The second circuit of the Sporn-Kanawha 330 kv line is scheduled for completion by fall. Started last fall, the line is 62 miles long.

The Chemical-Capitol Hill-Kanawha 132 kv line started in mid-December is expected to be completed by December this year. It is about 24 miles long.

Transmission Stations

The system station department

which inspects major station work reports a number of projects that will be finished in the spring.

Two new 132-kv bays are being added at Sporn station for present and future feeders to Kaiser Aluminum. Steel is almost up. Work started in late December is slated for completion before May 1.

Material has arrived for the installation of a 9,900 kva capacitor bank at Turner station. It will be installed soon with completion in the spring.

Also at Turner, preliminary plans have been made for rearrangement of equipment to allow for the installation of another 132 kv breaker in an existing bay. This will be another Cabin Creek breaker at Turner. Also expected to be completed this spring, the work ties in with the rearranging of existing circuits between Cabin Creek, Turner and Chemical.

At Cabin Creek, work has begun on removing six 3½-million kva oil circuit breakers. They will be replaced by four 10-million and two 5-million breakers. This work will be completed in the spring.

April will see completion of the

Officers Renamed By Charleston Group

One officer was elected and the rest re-elected when the Charleston Elec Credit Union met recently.

B. R. Currence is a new member of the board of directors. Re-elected were Jack Walters, president; E. A. Murray, vice president; W. R. Witzel, treasurer; and C. B. Talley, member of the board. Renamed to committees were G. B. Moir, Jr., F. C. Young and J. A. Allinder, supervisory committee, and A. R. Hoffman, E. H. Braid and C. R. S. Garten, credit committee.

During 1955 loans to employees amounted to over \$29,000 while employees put in as savings an additional \$5,114.01. Total assets of the union amount to \$30,748.19. An eight percent dividend was declared at the end of the year.

Circuit Breaker Problems And Plans Discussed At Bluefield Conference



Attending the two-day circuit breaker conference in Bluefield were from left around the table: C. H. Bryant, Bluefield; R. R. McKinney, Bluefield; D. O. Frango, Roanoke; W. S. Sheppard, Charleston; C. L. Robison, Jr., Charleston; S. H. Wise, Roanoke; C. N. O'Dell, Charleston; T. L. Bailey, Switchback; A. C. Rogers, Roanoke; O. V. Middlekauff, Roanoke; C. W. Fernatt, Roanoke; and F. R. Frango, Bluefield.

Problems, plans and progress were the subjects of a two-day circuit breaker meeting in Bluefield recently.

Conducted by S. H. Wise, system breaker engineer from Roanoke, the conference was attended by employees concerned with circuit breaker problems and plans. Problems of maintenance were discussed as were future growth plans as they affect circuit breakers. An exchange of problems as

they developed in the field were held, along with current breaker modifications and progress in design.

Circuit breaker failures were discussed by the group and color slides were used for illustration. Breaker maintenance practices for 1956 were then planned. C. L. Robison, Jr., electrical engineer, spoke to the group on "Installation Of 330 KV Oil Circuit Breakers."

Saltville station, depending on material delivery. Station work is complete at Glen Lyn, Wythe and Smyth stations. One job completed in mid-February was the installation of a new 33 kv breaker which is the permanent feed to the Roanoke Electric Steel Corporation. Temporarily fed by a tap on another line, the plant is now provided a direct feed.

Roanoke Manager On AGE Board



Mr. Lawrence

J. D. Lawrence, Roanoke division manager, has been elected a director of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation. He was one of three new directors named at the Service Corporation's board meeting on February 14.

Promoted to division manager in January, Mr. Lawrence joined the Kentucky company at Sprigg in 1923 as a meterman. He graduated in 1922 from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in electrical engineering.

In 1928 he was promoted to Williamson district manager and to Logan district manager in 1943. He came to Roanoke in 1946 as assistant division manager.

He is a member of the executive committee of the Blue Ridge Council of the Boy Scouts, a member of the Roanoke Advertising Club, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Eta Kappa Nu fraternity, Roanoke Country Club, Shenandoah Club, the Virginia State Safety Council and AIEE. Married, he is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and a former member of the vestry.

The two other new directors are T. E. With, Central division manager of Ohio Power, and R. O. Whitman, treasurer of AGE and its subsidiaries. At the same meeting, two Service Corporation directors resigned. They are J. P. Gills, Bluefield division manager, and E. D. Dougherty, manager of Ohio Power's Valley division.

Meter Reader's House Is Destroyed By Fire

A Charleston meter reader, his wife and six children were left homeless when a fire of unknown origin destroyed their house recently.

Firemen arrived too late to save the home of Eddie Lovejoy, but none of the occupants were injured. The fire broke out in the kitchen and the children were in the living room at the time. A tin-type picture of her parents was all Mrs. Lovejoy was able to save, but an unidentified spectator pulled the washing machine to safety. Numerous friends and co-workers helped the family get re-established in their new residence.



Philip Sporn Plant

Edward A. Ryan, maintenance man, has been elected president of the Esto Fidelis Association of the Mason City Catholic Church.

Olin D. Boothe, auxiliary equipment operator, has returned to work after a hospital stay.

Keith Arnold, first assistant shift operating engineer, has announced his candidacy for member of the Mason County School Board in the coming primary election.

Ferris Justice, maintenance man, has announced his candidacy for Republican committee man for Wag-gner District in Mason County.

Kanawha River Plant

John W. Paxton, Jr., is a new employee.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Payne on the death of her father.

Point Pleasant District

Mary L. Walker, accounting, and T. A. Jewell, line crew, have returned to work after recent illnesses.

Vertlie Twitty, wife of J. L. Twitty, meter superintendent, is recuperating at home after a hospital stay.

J. V. Mann, district manager, was elected to fill an unexpired term on the Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church.

C. E. Fowler, Jr., was given a surprise birthday party by his wife. Employees and their wives who were present included Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stricklen and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wolfe.

Beckley District

O. C. Hall, Oak Hill area supervisor, has been appointed to the civic improvements committee to make studies and recommendations for improvements in Oak Hill.

Airman 1/C Frank M. Tucker spent a recent leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Tucker. Mr. Tucker is a groundman and his son is stationed at Hunter Air Force Base in Savannah, Ga.

Howard Lee Mollohan, son of L. C. Mollohan, station foreman, presented the sermon at the First Baptist Church in Beckley January 29. This was in observance of National Youth Week.

Ned Hawkins, retired storeroom supervisor, visited the office recently.

Sue Wills, T&D engineering, has returned to work after an extended illness.

R. G. Skinner, division commercial manager, was guest speaker at the January safety and operating meeting.

Cynthia Jones is a new home economist.

Jack B. McNicol, electrical engineer, has returned to work after being on leave of absence for the past two years.

P. W. Burks, rural and residential sales supervisor, was an instructor at the Edison Electric Institute sales training school in Charleston January 30 through February 2. Other district employees attending the sessions were James C. Barker, John C. Steele, T. L. Humphries, T. C. Pallares, Emory Miller and Q. H. Wickline.



Chairmen of the district safety committees for 1956 are L. C. Mollohan, H. C. Sessions, E. F. Eager, E. L. Lawson, R. E. Presley and Vera Haynes.

Charleston District

Joe R. Burdette, working foreman, is on the general committee planning the fifth annual Kanawha Valley home show to be held April 23-28 in the Middleburg auditorium.

Retired employees who visited the office in recent weeks include W. E. Stricklen, W. M. Slappee, B. H. Blizzard and E. W. Clatterbaugh.

Employees who have resigned include Jim Dennison, office messenger; Everett H. Alley, Nitro T&D line section; and Leroy Stover, groundman.

New employees include Franklin D. Toney, commercial; Frances McHenry, accounting; George Pappas, office messenger; Linzie Hedrick, electrical engineer; Charles C. Jones, station section; Arthur Berkley, car washer; and Sue Sheets, commercial.

J. W. Layne, commercial, and Sarah Sweeney, accounting, have returned to work after extended illnesses.

B. W. Whittington, power engineer, attended the National Industrial Electrification Conference in Cincinnati February 6-10. He also served as

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Ashland District

Janet Paige Buyalos, purchasing, and Holbert Bowling, T&D, are new employees.

Sympathy is extended Pete Doran, commercial, on the death of his father, and Carl Hopson, T&D, on the death of his father.

Pikeville District

Dennis Clark, lineman, has resigned.

Hershell Dean Clark is a new groundman.

Cecil DeBoard, groundman, has returned to work after a five-month illness.

A. H. Jopp, district commercial manager, has returned from a sales trip awarded in a company-sponsored sales contest.

Hazard District

Mrs. Mary Lou Teague is a new accounting employee.

Herbert J. Bonta, rural and residential sales supervisor, won a sales trip recently.

Prince Thornton, system public relations assistant, spoke before employees and other Hazard groups on "Black Magic."

Over 40 employees and their families attended the commercial department dinner and bingo party in the company auditorium.



Huntington District

Howard B. Hout, division station engineer, has been installed as a deacon of the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church.

S. R. Pritchard, district manager, has been appointed a member of the finance committee and chairman of the constitution and by-laws committee of the Family Service Organization.

Azel McCurdy, Jr., district personnel supervisor, has been appointed general conference chairman of the 22nd annual Safety Conference to be held in Huntington April 4-6.

New employees are Edward C. Hughes, Jr., Walter Harris, Albert Lee Hodges, Woodrow Hodges and William J. Napier, T&D line section; Lawrence L. Peters, building service; Barbara C. Thompson, system billing; and James H. Blanchard, commercial.

Paul R. Baker, Ann L. Kennedy and Virginia M. Jeffers have returned to work after illnesses.

Logan District

The Appa-Lassies held a Valentine party February 11 as 70 district and plant persons danced to the music of Edgie Vickers and his orchestra. Mrs. Dallas Kinser, wife of the station man helper, won the door prize.

David Roomy, son of Nicholas Roomy, Jr., accounting, addressed the Logan Rotary Club on "I Speak For Democracy."

P. M. Vannoy, commercial manager, attended a meeting in Cincinnati on industrial heating the week of February 13-17.

Syrea Baker, an officer of the local Eastern Star chapter, attended a meeting for the Worthy Matron in Charleston.

F. X. Coffey, station man, has resigned.

Earl F. Whitman is a new T&D line and station employee.

Logan Plant

Frederick K. Armstead and Arlington Riffe, Jr., have resigned.

Buell Cook and Forest Hodge have returned to work after illnesses.

Norman Dial and Wetzell Lee are new employees.

Williamson District

C. H. Ward, commercial, has been named a member of the citizens health committee by the Martin County Board of Health.

Herman Mills has resigned from T&D meter section.

D. C. Duncan, system safety director, was speaker for the all-day supervisors' meeting February 9.

Patricia Sue Dudley is a new accounting employee.

Ruby J. Stanley, former engineer-

ing employee, now residing in St. Petersburg, Fla., visited the office recently.

Billy J. Barbour, commercial, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Sympathy is extended Jack Akers, station foreman, and Harold Akers, meter serviceman, on the death of their sister.

Kay Kirchman, daughter of Irene Kirchman, commercial, has been elected sponsor for Company G at VPI for the Military Ball March 3.

R. B. Waggoner, assistant local office manager, was uninjured in a Norfolk & Western train wreck at Cedar.



Bluefield District

New employees include June P. Crotty, Princeton local office; Francis E. McCloskey and Reese T. Brown, Jr., engineering; Shirley Margaret Graham, commercial; and Albert B. Herold, Jr., Narrows line department.

Warren Pearson has been elected vice president and I. F. Houston second vice president of the Triangle Sportsman Club.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Crotty on the death of her grandmother. Mr. Crotty is an engineering employee.

The Bluefield Girls Service Club held a Valentine Day covered dish supper and square dance in the auditorium.

Abingdon District

Margaret Phalen, home economist, attended the basic course in "Light for Living" at Nela Park February 15-17 as a result of winning the district lighting award.

Recent blood donors include Barbara Connelly, A. C. Hutton, Jr., H. S. Fogleman, W. L. Smythers, J. R. Warden, R. M. Bondurant and C. M. Wagner, Jr.

O. G. Quillen, head material clerk; Ruth Dolinger, clerk-stenographer; and John H. Quillen, right of way agent, have returned to work after recent illnesses.

Claud K. Kirkland, district manager, recently spoke before the business class of the Washington County Technical School and the Washington County PTA Council.

Welch District

Mrs. Wayne Howlett, wife of the clerk-typist in records, has returned from the hospital after a recent illness.

Kermit Horn, Grundy lineman, has returned from military service.

Billy Dale Smith, engineering clerk on military leave, has resigned.

Alice R. Spencer, personnel, has returned to work after falling and breaking her arm.

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System

J. P. Barker, retired station employee, visited the office recently.

Arch D. Stockton, electrical engineer, and Phyllis Howell, accounting, have returned to work after illnesses.

Barbara Doss is a new accounting employee.

Virginia Shaver has returned after a tonsillectomy.

A. C. Rogers, assistant system station superintendent, addressed the Electric League of Charleston on "America's First 330,000 KVA Substation and First 330,000 Volt Transmission Lines."

Lt. Col. H. D. Veasey, civil engineering, has been assigned to the speakers panel for the Roanoke area of the Virginia Military District of the Second Army.

These employees are enrolled in the second annual training program sponsored by the Personnel Association of Roanoke: Benny Fink, E. F. Johnston, Jesse Bussey and R. G. Taylor.

Sympathy is extended Russell M. Kirk, meter engineer, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Bill W. Shaeff, meterman, recently donated his fifth pint of blood to the Red Cross.

Fieldale District

Employees returning to work after recent illnesses include J. G. Morrison, line foreman, and W. G. Gourley, district superintendent.

A service dinner, honoring employees with 20 or more years with the company, was held at the Chesapeake Restaurant in Collinsville. Attending were Bruce Cox, W. G. Gourley, C. J. Hewitt, M. W. Brown, Ammon Sears, C. A. Fudge, W. F. Parcell, A. B. Beheler, F. D. Duckworth and Mrs. Lois Sheppard. J. H. Merriman was unable to attend.

Lynchburg District

Joe F. Wilson, Jr. has returned as engineering aide after 20 weeks on military leave at the Associate Infantry Company Officer Course at Fort Benning, Ga.

Lloyd T. Smith, administrative assistant, has been elected to the board of directors of the Lynchburg Rotary Club.

L. G. Dougan, district personnel supervisor, appeared over WLVA-TV in a 15-minute safety program recently. He explained the company's accident prevention program.

Herbert M. Figg, Jr., engineering aide, will spend 11 weeks attending the Field Artillery Transition Officer Course at Fort Sill, Okla. He is a First Lieutenant in the 227th F Bn., Virginia National Guard.

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Jack Morrison, line foreman, and Ballard J. Ingram, meterman, have returned to work following hospital treatment.

Rebecca Lee, home economist, has resigned.

Service Emblems Go To Veterans



Veterans who have received pins for 20 or more years' service in recent weeks are pictured above. TOP ROW from left, all 30 years: J. W. Ellis, Ashland; Harry E. Nash, Roanoke; J. M. Dalton, Fieldale; and O. B. Kidd, Pulaski. SECOND ROW from left, all 30 years: Azel McCurdy, Jr., Huntington; Arch D. Stockton, Jr., system; C. E. Pitsenberger, Beckley; and Thomas E. Hill, Glen Lyn

plant. THIRD ROW from left: Max Myers, Charleston, 30 years; G. Cleveland Thompson, Glen Lyn plant, 30 years; N. J. Burnside, system, 20 years; and George W. Akers, Huntington, 20 years. BOTTOM ROW from left, all 20 years: C. B. Sharpe, Pulaski, Robert D. Smith, Beckley; J. F. Lewey, Bluefield; and P. C. Gosney, Logan.

Plant Remains Open When Oven Repaired

It was Reddy to the rescue recently, with the help of several Beckley employees.

The trouble started when a heat control thermostat in an electric oven of the Beckley Manufacturing Company failed. Leonard A. D'Agostino, manager of the company which produces component parts for radio and TV manufacturers, contacted Waldo LaFon, Beckley district manager.

Mr. D'Agostino said that when he had notified the makers of the oven they reported it would be three weeks before a new thermostat could be secured. The oven is used to dry out component parts and coils, and without it the plant would have to shut down.

E. F. Eager, district commercial manager came up with a regular stock range thermostat and after it was installed, tests were run on it with a testing thermocouple.

And that was it. The oven worked and the plant did not have to close. Employing 325 persons, the plant is the first secured in Beckley under the Chamber of Commerce Industrial Expansion Program, aided by Appalachian personnel. It has been in operation since 1953.

Hobbies Will Take Retired Vet's Time



Mr. Peyton

Arch Peyton, 35-year Logan district veteran, retired March 1. He was local representative at Man, where he spent most of his service career.

He joined the company in 1921 as a patrolman and traveled by horseback and railroad handcar. For many years he was the only representative of the company in his territory.

Mr. Peyton plans to spend more time with his hobbies, which are hunting, fishing and watching baseball games. Other than that he has made no definite plans.

Beckley Reporters Hold Organizational Meeting, Luncheon

Beckley district ILLUMINATOR reporters got together January 24 for an organizational meeting.

Waldo LaFon, district manager, opened the meeting with a brief resume of the duties of a reporter. He presented each reporter with a certificate bearing his name and department. The certificates will be displayed as a reminder to employees to turn in news items, and to point out to employees who their reporters are.

J. E. Hammer, district personnel supervisor and ILLUMINATOR correspondent, gave a detailed description of the type news to be reported and the manner in which it is to be submitted. He stressed as part of his talk the five things to remember when reporting a story—who, what, when, why and where. A luncheon at the Elk's Club followed the meeting.

Beckley reporters for 1956 include Jean Kay Brash, Oak Hill; Frances Jones, Rainelle; June Winner, accounting; Shirley Biggs, engineering; R. R. Smith, T&D meter; Betty Varner, commercial; Clyde Marshall, T&D record; W. H. Lively, T&D line; James McVey, T&D station; R. E. Presley, stores; and W. E. Zopp and Parthenia Winner, personnel.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—10 YEARS: J. J. WHITE, lineman; 5 YEARS: JOSEPH E. ARRINGTON, JR., meter serviceman; SHIRLEY J. GRUBB, clerk-stenographer; CHARLES E. BAILEY, truck driver-groundman.

Beckley District—30 YEARS: CHARLES E. PITSENBURGER, station supervisor; 20 YEARS: ROBERT D. SMITH, JR., senior general clerk; 15 YEARS: RANDOLPH F. COOKE, utility clerk; 10 YEARS: HARRY E. SIZEMORE, area serviceman; 5 YEARS: JACK C. KEATON, station man.

Bluefield District—20 YEARS: J. F. LEWEY, Pearisburg area serviceman.

Cabin Creek Plant—15 YEARS: A. R. SMITH, electrical maintenance mechanic; 5 YEARS: W. M. ROBINSON, JR., maintenance foreman; H. M. RUPERT, test engineer; G. E. BRIERS, JR., results engineer.

Charleston District—35 YEARS: W. D. PURVIS, meterman; 30 YEARS: MAX MYERS, tractor-trailer driver helper; 15 YEARS: W. T. TIBBETTS, senior civil engineer; 10 YEARS: J. F. CLENDENIN, meter reader; B. A. THAXTON, lineman; 5 YEARS: R. H. CLARKSON, station man helper; B. W. WHITTINGTON, power sales engineer; PAULINE LANHAM, junior power billing clerk; K. V. THOMAS, Montgomery junior bookkeeper; R. J. PINNELL, radio engineer; J. R. MCGINNIS, electrical engineer.

Fieldale District—30 YEARS: J. M. DALTON, line foreman; 15 YEARS: J. W. EANES, meter serviceman; G. F. SANDERS, lineman; J. G. MORRISON, line foreman.

Glen Lyn Plant—30 YEARS: G. CLEVELAND THOMPSON, boiler operator; THOMAS E. HILL, boiler operator.

Huntington District—30 YEARS: AZEL McCURDY, JR., district personnel supervisor; 20 YEARS: GEORGE W. AKERS, line foreman; 15 YEARS: JAMES L. DORSEY, building supervisor; 10 YEARS: GEORGIA M. MARCUM, junior T&D clerk; SALLY L. MARROW, stenographer; WILLIE M. HUNT, prepare clerk; 5 YEARS: CHARLES E. PORTER, meter service helper; EARL M. BOWEN, meter reader; JANE E. WRIGHT, senior billing machine operator.

Logan District—20 YEARS: P. C. GOSNEY, area supervisor.

Logan Plant—5 YEARS: E. R. CRADDOCK, guard; E. P. OTT, results engineer.

Lynchburg District—10 YEARS: FRANKLIN O. SMITH, station man.

Point Pleasant District—5 YEARS: C. R. STREET, area sales representative.

Pulaski District—30 YEARS: O. B. KIDD, area supervisor; 20 YEARS: C. B. SHARPE, working foreman; 15 YEARS: R. W. RUBLE, area serviceman; 10 YEARS: E. B. SUTHERS, lineman; S. C. WEATHERMAN, meter serviceman.

Roanoke District—30 YEARS: H. E. NASH, customer service coordinator; 10 YEARS: Alice M. NAFF, senior cashier; J. W. FAUCETTE, electrical engineer.

Philip Sporn Plant—5 YEARS:

JAMES P. GILBERT, assistant results engineer; DANA E. HOFFMAN, assistant control operator; SIDNEY O. FITZGERALD, maintenance man; ROBERT S. LUTTON, maintenance man; NORMAN J. BAXTER, assistant control operator; FRANKLIN H. BAILEY, assistant control operator.

System—35 YEARS: H. M. HAMILTON, assistant disbursing agent; 30 YEARS: ARCH D. STOCKTON, JR., electrical engineer; 20 YEARS: N. J. BURNSIDE, system operations coordinator; 15 YEARS: S. A. THOMAS, senior work order cost clerk; 5 YEARS: BARBARA STANLEY, calculating machine operator clerk; TED D. CARROLL, electrical engineer; M. ELIZABETH DILLON, T&D stenographer.

Welch District—35 YEARS: SANK SMITH, district personnel supervisor; 10 YEARS: C. P. WYATT, JR., truck driver-groundman; 5 YEARS: P. W. HALL, meter serviceman.

Williamson District—10 YEARS: C. L. MILLER, electrical engineer; 5 YEARS: C. H. WARD, dealer sales representative; PATRICIA G. STEPP, senior bookkeeper.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District—30 YEARS: J. W. ELLIS, JR.; 15 YEARS: EMILY E. WATTS; 10 YEARS: RUSSELL SKAGGS; LUTHER E. THOMPSON; ROY E. VANHORN.

Pikeville District—15 YEARS: CHESTER SMITH, area sales representative; 5 YEARS: R. C. ANDERS, station foreman.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

30 YEARS: OCHAEAL B. WOOD, private secretary junior; 15 YEARS: GEORGE E. MORRISON, groundman; F. W. ISLEY, administrative assistant.

Huntington Heads West Virginia AAA

A. T. Wilks, assistant to the Huntington division manager, has been elected president of the West Virginia State Automobile Association.



Mr. Wilks

About 40 representatives of AAA affiliated clubs attended the election meeting. He is president of the Huntington Automobile Club. Mr. Wilks is also president of the Huntington Tuberculosis Association and is active in the Ad Club, East Huntington Civic Club and the Kiwanis Club. An employee since July 1926, he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and of the Guyan Golf and Country Club. Married, he has two daughters.

Welch Association Aided

Officers of Appalachian's Employees' Benevolent Association of McDowell County report 103 employees pledged \$1,202.50 for 1956. This represents about 93 percent of employees in McDowell County with an average of \$11.67 per employee.

Your 'Hidden Wages'

H. H. Hutcheson Trains Through EAP

The evening meal over and the dishes done, Henry H. Hutcheson and his family went to the living room to talk over what they'd done during the day.

Hutch, Bluefield commercial sales representative, was thinking about January 1954, when he enrolled in an industrial engineering course under the company's Educational Assistance Program. He remarked to his wife, Eleanor, "There's been a lot of water under the bridge since January 1954. What am I going to do with my evenings now since I have completed the educational course? When I first started school, 1956 seemed so far away but now as I look back it seems like yesterday."

"Yes, a lot of things have happened since you first started the course," Eleanor replied. "Bruce arrived as a playmate for Keith, you have graduated and we are two years older and richer in life."

Hutch smiled as he recalled how he had to budget his time in the evenings after the family had gone to bed so he wouldn't get behind in his studies. He mused aloud, "You know, taking a course under the Educational Assistance Program is like having a hobby—pretty soon you get to the point where you look forward to working on your lessons." He turned to Eleanor, "It certainly is a satisfaction to be able to discuss intelligently technical points with people you come in contact with in your daily work. I feel more confident of myself now when I need to talk or write about electrical layouts or other phases of electricity."

"Is this plan available to all company employees?" Eleanor inquired.

Hutch replied, "It is available to all regular employees. Actually, it is as easy as this to become enrolled in the company's Educational Assistance Program: first, talk to your supervisor and ask for his help in selecting a course which in his opinion will help you in your present job and prepare you for advancement in the company. Then decide what school and course you plan to enroll in and get an application from your personnel supervisor and complete it, giving the information required."

"Step four is to get your immediate supervisor's approval and managerial approval and forward it to the division and central education committee for their approval. When approved, a check in the amount of the company's portion of this program will be forwarded to you. Furthermore, the company will pay 62½ percent of the registration, tuition and laboratory fees for an approved course." Our reporter pointed out that the course shouldn't be started until it has been approved.

At this moment five-year-old Keith chimed in, "I want to be an engineer. I want to work for Appalachian. I want to design something." That brought smiles of approval from his parents. Eleanor checked on 1½-year-old Bruce and said to Hutch, "It's time to read to Keith."

Hutch slowly got to his feet and ambled over to the bookcase where he picked up one of the correspondence school textbooks. He leafed through it before laying it aside to pick up Keith's favorite book.

Returning to his easy chair he remarked as he settled in a comfortable position, "You know, Eleanor, we certainly had a nice Christmas this year, and one of the best presents I received was my diploma in industrial engineering."

He went on: "This program was designed for self-improvement. This course made me better qualified for



H. H. Hutcheson studies in his kitchen. His wife, Eleanor, amuses Bruce while Keith has taken over one of his father's engineering instruments for a little art lesson.

EAP Story

Many employees have benefited since the Educational Assistance Program was started in our three companies in October 1953.

A total of 207 Southern Properties' employees have completed courses under the plan, while another 221 are now taking courses. Appalachian has 172 employees who have completed courses, Kentucky has 33 and Kingsport 2. On the other hand, 188 Appalachian, one Kingsport and 32 Kentucky employees are now enrolled in courses.

my work in the commercial department. I have received my diploma after completing more than 1100 hours' study, but each lesson was a challenge in which one looks forward to forging ahead to attain victory—passing the final exam.

"I know it is the first stepping stone to success. I can highly recom-

Welch Vet Has 35 Years' Service

Sank Smith, Welch district personnel supervisor, completed 35 years with the company February 10.

Mr. Smith was employed February 10, 1921 at Bluefield as an inventory clerk, taking inventory of materials



Mr. Smith

over T&D lines. He was transferred to Pocahontas in March 1921 as local foreman and in 1931 was transferred to the rural department. There he looked after construction of rural lines and in 1937 additional duties of supervising service in Welch were added. During World War II he became assistant distribution superintendent. Later he became administrative assistant and then personnel supervisor.

Mr. Smith has been a Mason since 1923 and is an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Governor's Board on the employment of the handicapped and has been chairman of a Boy Scout Troop Committee for the past ten years.

Born in Ocala of Carroll County, Va., his hobbies include gardening, woodworking and fishing. Married, they have one son.

mend this plan to anyone seeking self-improvement."

TIP Campaign Is Kicked Off

Appalachian's biggest employee prospect campaign is under way.

The first company-wide employee campaign, TIP—Treasure In Prizes—was kicked off February 1 and will run through June 30. Employees earn merit points for turning in appliance and heating prospects that are sold. In turn, these merit points can be redeemed for prizes.

To get the campaign under way, an announcement brochure and a catalogue containing hundreds of prizes and their merit point value were sent to employees' homes. An employee can earn 300 points when he turns in a range, dryer or incinerator prospect that is sold. A water heater sale will earn 600 points while an electric space heating sale is worth 2,000 points. In addition, for turning in the name of a person who is planning to build or remodel the employee can earn 100 points.

As an added incentive employees in the top district each month in the appliance sales campaign will get 200 bonus points for each sale to their credit during that month.

L. L. Koontz, system rural and residential sales supervisor, in commenting on TIP, said: "We are well pleased with the results so far in the campaign and are looking for an even more enthusiastic response from employees in the next four months."

Taking an early lead in prospect sales in the various districts were Alma Obenshain, Roanoke; J. F. Lewey, Bluefield; Carl G. Powers and C. R. Ryan, Pulaski; E. M. Hendrick, Welch; O. L. Bennett and Elba Samson, Logan; H. E. VanHoose, Huntington; James E. Prater, Abingdon; H. H. Willis, Beckley; and J. Bob Layne, Charleston.

Majority Of February 'Notes' Articles Come From Southern Properties Men

Six of eight articles in the February issue of *Monthly Operating Notes* were contributed by Southern Properties employees.

O. O. Henderson, Ashland district supervising engineer, wrote "Basing Demands On Customers' Meter Readings: A Progress Report." He traced methods that have been used to determine loadings of distribution transformers and described in detail the present method, calculating transformer demands from customers' meter readings. Using tables and graphs Mr. Henderson told of results and listed advantages of the present method.

E. H. Braid, T&D supervisor, and J. F. Melton, district engineering supervisor, of Charleston, co-authored "Pre-Assembly Of Switches Reduced Outage And Labor." They told how they had made only one outage when installing sectionalizing facilities on an existing tap-off point by constructing switches at the base of the pole and hauling them into position at the top.

"Clinker Removal Aided By Water-Cooled Spud" by Harry Hoffman,



Mr. Henderson

Mr. Braid



Mr. Melton

Mr. Hoffman

Philip Sporn plant labor foreman, describes using a water-cooled spud and pneumatic jack hammer to break up clinkers that become lodged in furnace throats above the ash hopper. The method saves labor, time and money.

L. C. Valley, Scott County area supervisor in the Abingdon district, describes a way to test for location of faults on long single-phase lines with fewer interruptions and saving of time in "Testing For Line-Fault Location".

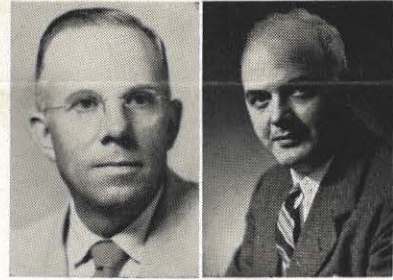
"Pulling Of Secondaries Aided By Block Support" was written by Clyde Wysor, Bluefield lineman, describing an easy-to-make hook used when secondary conductors have to be attached to spool clevises. It replaces a sling previously used to attach the standing ends of the blocks around the pole.

V. W. Hinton, meter supervisor, and M. M. Stambaugh, meterman, of Pulaski, were authors of "Preventing Wax-Chart Damage By Meter Sun Shield." The sun shields used in the district, made of corrugated aluminum sheeting, prevent the sun from melting wax charts on demand meters.



Mr. Valley

Mr. Wysor



Mr. Hinton

Mr. Stambaugh

James M. Loyd Elected Head Of Shrine Patrol

James M. Loyd has been elected president of the Bluefield Shrine Patrol.



Mr. Loyd

He is Bluefield district utility clerk. The Patrol consists of 45 members and Mr. Loyd will serve for one year. Organized in 1916, the Patrol drills once a week eight months of the year.

Mr. Loyd joined the company August 14, 1935.

Beckley Credit Union Re-Elects Officers

Officers were re-elected when the Beckley Credit Union met recently. A report was also given showing the Union paid a six percent dividend to all its stockholders.

Named to offices again were H. C. Sessions, president; Vera Haynes, vice president; John Hammer, secretary-treasurer; H. F. Thomasson, assistant secretary-treasurer; and R. E. Presley, board of directors.

Elected to the credit committee were Waldo S. LaFon, R. S. Brashear and B. H. White, Jr. Named to the supervisory committee were Paul E. Pauley, W. E. Mitchell and R. D. Smith, Sr.

'Galloneer' Joins Ashland Group After Donation



William H. Holbrook, new member in the Red Cross Gallon Club, receives a welcome from other Ashland employees who are "Galloneers." Show from the left: Jay Fugitt, lineman, 16 pints; H. S. Stratton, line foreman, 14 pints; Mr. Holbrook who is senior distribution record clerk; L. B.

Morris, line foreman, 10 pints; C. R. Nester, line foreman, 10 pints; H. S. Scott, assistant general manager, 18 pints, and Helen Eaton, home service supervisor, 12 pints. Another member of the group not shown is Hugh F. Eads, PBX operator who has given 9 pints of blood.

Big Institute Rubber Plant To Re-Open Charleston . . .

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This aerial view shows the big rubber plant at Institute which gave a big boost to industrial development in the Kanawha Valley area. It was sold recently by the government to Goodrich-Gulf Chemicals, Inc., for \$11 million. The nation's largest synthetic rubber producing plant will resume production in two months and give employment to about 700. Placed in operation during World War II, it was closed at the peace and re-opened during the Korean War. Closed again in September 1953, it has been in standby condition. During the Korean War the plant was operated for the government by the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company—co-owner now along with the Gulf Oil Co. Sale of the plant was approved by Congress in February. The new owners will spend an additional \$6 million modernizing the plant. About 500 men who formerly worked at the plant still reside in the area. Many are expected to return to the plant. This marks for the first time the entry of the rubber industry into West Virginia by private enterprise. (Photo courtesy Charleston Daily Mail.)

Azel McCurdy Is Named Club Head

Azel McCurdy, Jr., Huntington district personnel supervisor, has been elected president of the Huntington Exchange Club.

He is also a member of the board of directors of the Huntington-Cabell County Chapter of the American Red Cross and chairman of the First Aid Committee and instructor trainer for first aid. A charter member and past president of the West Virginia Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, he is also a member of the American Society of Training Directors, the West Virginia Public Health Association and past chairman of the industrial hygiene section, the Huntington Personnel Association. In addition he is a member of the advisory committee of Marshall College Foreman-Manager-Personnel Conference and a member of the board of directors of Metalcraft, Inc.



Mr. McCurdy

Mr. McCurdy joined Appalachian in Huntington as a contract clerk February 14, 1926. He was transferred to Logan September 1 the same year as plant clerk and later promoted to chemist. On January 1, 1938 he returned to Huntington as safety inspector and became division safety director August 1, 1946. He went to his present position March 1, 1949.

Abingdon Man Elected Odd Fellows Lodge Head

L. E. "Jack" Wright has been elected Noble Grand of the Abingdon McCabe Lodge No. 56, I.O.O.F.



Mr. Wright

He is contract entry and final bill clerk in Abingdon. Jack joined the company in 1949 in the T&D department and later went to engineering. After three years in military service he returned to work in the accounting office.

J. J. Roseberry, area serviceman, was elected conductor of the Lodge.

Up A Tree

C. F. "Preacher" Mundy believes that rescuing cats is a lot like working hot lines.

When the Mullens area supervisor in the Bluefield district recently climbed a 50-foot tree for a cat, he wore his rubber gloves and protectors. Tom, the cat, had been up the tree three days, and Rosetta Shields was a happy little girl when Preacher brought the cat down, claws and all. The story was carried by the *Beckley Post-Herald*.

Service Pin Dinner Held In Beckley

Beckley employees who received service pins last year were honored at a dinner at the Glass House on February 16.

Waldo S. LaFon, district manager, was toastmaster. Giving brief talks were C. W. Lovell, assistant division manager, and D. C. Duncan, system safety director.

Employees honored were E. L. Lawson, L. C. Mollohan, M. E. Secondo, T. A. Dickenson, P. P. Hancock, E. L. Hutchinson, J. S. Hicks, Peggy Lynch, Helen Troutman, W. H. Lively, O. C. Hall, D. E. McGinnis, R. L. Hardy, F. R. Biggs, Meta Akers and E. F. Pioch.

Welch Retirement Dinner

At a retirement dinner in his honor on January 31, C. T. Southern was presented several gifts. The Welch dealer sales representative received a fishing rod, reel, tackle box and other fishing accessories from employees.

Hugh Eads Re-Elected To Recreation Post

Hugh J. Eads, Ashland main accounting office, is a constant factor in the Ashland Recreational Commission. He recently was elected for the 11th year as chairman.



Mr. Eads

During that time the Ashland swimming pool has made great progress. It was lighted for night swimming, four acres were landscaped, and a playground for adults and children was built. Receipts from the pool have grown from \$3600 to \$24,000.

chairman of the finance committee for National Engineer's Week in Charleston.

Employees in the Kilowatt Bowling League who participated in the City Bowling Tournament were Pauline Lanham, Pat Robinette and Bill Rader.

John Frazier has been appointed captain of the Red Cross drive in the Charleston office. He also attended the monthly meeting of the American Society of Safety Engineers in Huntington January 20.

J. F. Melton, district engineer, and Fred O. Helm, power sales engineer, helped plan the activities for Engineer's Week in Charleston February 19-25.

Recent blood donors include John T. Shriver, K. P. Counts, J. W. Layne, J. A. Whitlock, Sandra Waggy, Lois Walker, Peggy Trail, Sylvia Hinchman, C. D. Cooper, R. T. Dixon, Blanche Frost, Maxine Urwin, C. V. Thompson, R. H. Clarkson, P. M. Harrison, A. G. Akers, J. R. Bostic, E. J. Wooten, C. H. Wall, Herman Jones, W. H. Barker, R. E. Gulley, J. C. King and E. C. Flannery.

Ruth Gills, wife of Joe P. Gills, division manager, wore a Reddy Kilowatt costume to the annual fancy dress ball of the Edgewood Country Club. The nose on Reddy's head lighted up.

Berniece Dettinger Adkins was the guest of honor at a shower at the home of Imogene Legg. Co-hostesses were Thoma Jarrell, Golda Johnson and Marie Simmons. Attending from the office were Evelyn Lawrence, Juanita Hively, Gretis Raines, Jenny Hall, Freda Shipley, Hilda Zontini, Blanche Frost, Cissy McDowell, Maxine Urwin, Elsie Walker, Edith Wright, Mary Faulkner and Mary Russell. Former employees attending were Pauline Maston, Macel Vickers and Virginia Wilson. Mrs. Adkins, who resigned February 9 from accounting, received many gifts.

Christine Tardy was presented an electric toaster as a wedding gift from co-workers in the personnel office. She also received a set of dishes from girls in the accounting, commercial and other Virginia Street building offices.

Don Loy, Chester Spradling, Joe Bedinger, L. M. Cobbs and E. C. Flannery helped Aunt Jemima when she appeared in Charleston recently for a pancake lunch. Proceeds went to children's charities.

March Of Dimes Benefits

Roanoke employees contributed \$104.23 more in 1956 to the March of Dimes than in 1955. The total contribution this year was \$589, collected when scrolls were routed through the various departments.

New Employee Offer

Employees may now finance resistance home heating with the company.

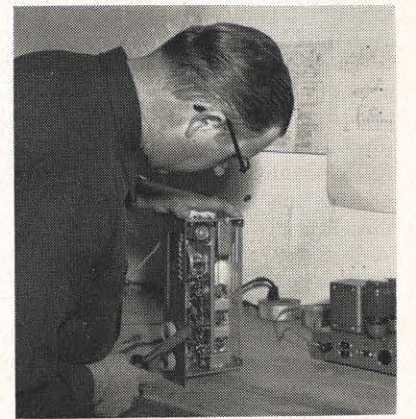
The following items can be financed under a new plan: cost of electric equipment, cost of installation, cost of necessary insulation, and storm windows and doors if needed.

All three of our companies will finance resistance home heating installation for employees qualifying under the new plan.

The employee selects terms he desires for any period up to five years. The finance charge will be 3 percent per year.

A plan for financing heat pumps is also available for employees. For details on financing electric heating, see your commercial department.

Building Hi-Fi Set Saves Money For Sam Bowling



Sam Bowling puts the finishing touches to a high fidelity component for a friend.

The easy way to get high fidelity music is to buy custom fidelity equipment. But as Sam Bowling points out, "This is the expensive way."

So Sam, Abingdon district meterman, decided to build his own. His first step toward a complete hi-fi system was the construction of a console cabinet to house his radio and record changer. The next step was to build a 10-watt amplifier, a pre-amplifier and "folded horn" type speaker system.

All this work really whetted his appetite for high fidelity and its many facets, so he made it a point to listen to other systems and discuss hi-fi with other enthusiasts. He found his 10-watt amplifier a weak link in his system so he constructed a Williamson type 40-watt amplifier. At the same time Sam added an FM tuner, which he built, and purchased a tape recorder. To improve his high frequency range Sam has just completed the addition of a high-frequency tweeter to his speaker system.

All this took him three years but he is by no means finished. He wants to build up a three-way speaker system and purchase a professional turntable and arm. He has built several hi-fi components for friends and has influenced others to take up the hobby.

Sam joined the company in the Bluefield meter department in 1936. He went to Pulaski in 1946 and came to Abingdon in 1948. He is married to a former company employee and has one son.

KPO Club Helps Fund Drive

The KPO Girls' Club of Pikeville recently lent a helping hand to the fund drive for the Retarded Children's School being started in Pikeville. The club members served coffee and cookies to employees in return for donations to the drive. A total of \$25 was collected.

H. S. Harris Still Active As Ever



Mr. Harris

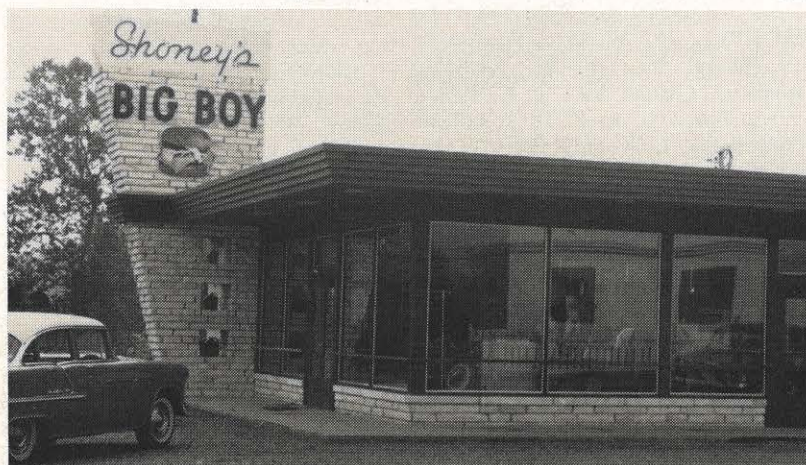
He's been retired almost six years, but Hewitt S. Harris is still as active as ever.

After his retirement from the Welch accounting department April 1, 1950, Mr. Harris went to work for Don Clark Ford Sales, where he is a salesman and takes care of other duties like attending the company service station and checking cars in and out.

In addition he is still active in the First Methodist Church of Welch and has a 43-year record as a Mason. He was employed by the company November 1, 1943 as a clerk in Welch. He later became a serviceman and returned to the accounting department before his retirement.

Married to the former Mattie Lee Johnson, he has two sons and two daughters. One of the daughters, Sue, is a former employee of the company.

Heat Pumps Used In Two New Types Of Buildings



Heat pumps installed recently on Appalachian lines show some unusual uses for the versatile year-round air conditioning unit. LEFT: Shoney's Big Boy, located on U. S. 11 near Roanoke, is the first truly "all-electric" drive-in restaurant on the AGE System. C. E. Moore, commercial sales representative, worked closely with the owner, T. S. Young. RIGHT: Charles R. Bower, right, managing director



of the Chamber of Commerce, thanks Waldo S. LaFon, Beckley district manager, for the assistance given in getting a heat pump for the Chamber's new office. The heat pump was installed by the First Beckley Corporation, owners of the building which was remodeled to provide office space for the Chamber and the C&O Railway's ticket office.

Check This List To See Where Retired Employees Live

There are a total of 325 retired employees in our three companies. Their names and addresses are listed here.

These retired employees have seen and taken part in electric progress over the years. This year, the 50th Anniversary of AGE, would be a good year to drop a line to retired employees you know. Take a little time to visit those who live near you. If you're planning a vacation trip this year, glance through the list and see if there is someone you might want to drop by and see.

In this way we acknowledge our debt and gratitude to these veterans who helped make our companies and our System what they are today. This will certainly add to AGE System's observance of "50 Years of Progress in Electric Power."

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Glen Lyn Plant

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G. C. JOHNSTON, Kellysville, W. Va.; E. L. KNIGHT, Glen Lyn, Va.; D. O. LAWRENCE, Peterstown, W. Va.; M. P. LAWRENCE, Peterstown, W. Va.; R. M. McCORMACK, St. Albans, W. Va.; J. C. NEELY, Glen Lyn, Va.; R. L. RISLEY, Route 1, Bedford, Iowa; J. O. SMITH, Glen Lyn, Va.; F. D. SPANGLER, Peterstown, W. Va.; J. P. SURBER, Glen Lyn, Va.

J. A. THORNTON, Glen Lyn, Va.; JAMES G. WHITE, Rich Creek, Va.; L. J. WHITLOW, Kellysville, W. Va.; A. P. WHITT, Glen Lyn, Va.; IRA WILEY, Glen Lyn, Va.; M. H. WILKINSON, Narrows, Va.; R. W. WILKINSON, Narrows, Va.; CLAUDE B. WILLS, Peterstown, W. Va.

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Roanoke, Va.; LESLIE DRUMHELLER, Route 1, Vinton, Va.; W. G. HALLER, Route 10, Box 249, Roanoke, Va.; JOHN W. HANCOCK, Patrick Henry Hotel, Roanoke, Va.

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Big Moving Job

Giant Shovel Takes 25-Ton Bite At Coal Company's Operations At Marfork



This electric giant is at work in the Charleston district. Dismantled in an Illinois field, it was brought to its new location in 33 railroad cars.

An electric shovel with a 25-ton bite is at work in the Charleston district.

The giant at Marfork is fed from a substation at Sycamore, built last year. About 3½ miles of 44,000 volt line were built by the company to serve the Traux-Traer Coal Company's stripping operation.

It took 33 railroad cars to bring in the gigantic shovel from an Illinois field where it was dismantled. It was assembled by using a 125-foot derrick.

The coal company extends the 4,000 volt line that feeds the shovel as it progresses about 100 feet a day. It clears a path from 65 to 100 feet wide. Expected life of the stripping operation is seven years.

Power to the shovel comes from a 1,000-foot cable, carried on a reel and played out as the shovel moves forward. Service taps are located about 1,000 feet apart.

The 19-cubic yard bucket scooping up 25 tons at a bite is dramatic illustration of Appalachian's ad theme of "Coal by Wire."

Retired Beckley Employee Dies At Ft. Myers, Fla.

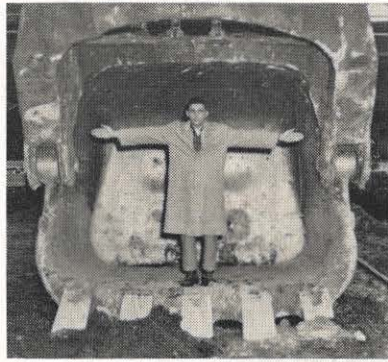
William C. Underwood, 79, Beckley district retired employee, died January 28 at Ft. Myers, Fla. of a heart condition.

Mr. Underwood was employed by the company January 13, 1915 and at the time of his retirement December 1, 1940, he was a station operator. He was the first Beckley employee to be retired under the Group Annuity Retirement Plan.

Glen Lyn Steel Gets Barge-Truck Relay



This transfer of steel for Glen Lyn plant from barge to truck marks a new chapter in West Virginia's transportation picture. This was the first heavy freight load to use the two-step movement which Charleston Chamber of Commerce officials said focussed attention on what might become a substantial addition to the state's traffic pattern. The steel beams were produced in the U. S. Steel's Pittsburgh mills, loaded on barges and brought down to docking facilities at Reed. Trucks took the steel beams over the Turnpike to Princeton and over another road to Glen Lyn. The shipment spotlights the combination of water and highway for heavy freight between the Detroit-Cleveland-Pittsburgh area and southeastern points on the Atlantic Tidewater, Chamber officials said. (Photo by E. T. DuMetz, Courtesy Gazette)



Size of the bucket is shown by John Frazier, Charleston district safety supervisor. The picture was made during a work stoppage caused by the loss of one of the shovel's teeth, extreme right.

Meterman Gains 35-Year Milestone

February 21 marked the completion of 35 years with the company for Walter D. Purvis, Charleston district meterman.

Mr. Purvis was born in New Brunswick, Canada, where he graduated from Fredericton High School. He also attended night classes for three years at Stonewall Jackson and Charleston High Schools.

He began his employment February 21, 1921 as an electrician's helper at Cabin Creek plant. In April 1925 he was transferred to Charleston as a meter tester and rose to meterman in April 1941.

Mr. Purvis is a sports enthusiast and a member of St. Anthony's Church. He is married and has a son, Douglas F., who is an engineering aide in Charleston.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Abingdon District

HAROLD BOOTHE from groundman to meter reader; JOSEPH A. SELF from meter reader to groundman.

Bluefield District

HENRY D. JONES, JR., from transportation clerk to junior T&D clerk; ROBERT D. SIMMONS, junior T&D clerk, from line section to records section.

Charleston District

WILLIAM H. BOSTIC from groundman to draftsman, junior; ROBERT S. YOUNG from senior merchandise order and billing clerk to area sales representative; BOBBIE BURKE from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer, record section.

Huntington District

WILLIAM T. LOCKE from meter serviceman C to meter serviceman B; JANE E. WRIGHT from junior billing machine operator to senior billing machine operator; BOYD THOMPSON, JR., from lineman C to lineman B; JACK K. BUTLER from lineman B to lineman A; RICHARD BAUMGARDNER from lineman C to lineman B; FREDERICK C. LEAP from lineman B to lineman A; HARVEY A. MCGOWAN from lineman C to lineman B; REBA KING from clerk-stenographer to stenographer.

Roanoke District

H. A. HALE from station man B to station man A; DOROTHY B. MASON from junior contract clerk to senior contract clerk.

Welch District

WILLIAM L. MITCHELL from lineman B to lineman A.

Williamson District

CLAUDE H. WARD from area sales representative to dealer sales representative; RUFUS MEADE, JR., from meter service helper to groundman; NAOMI CANTEES from junior clerk to junior contract clerk.

Retired Employees . . . (Continued from Page 8)

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Beckley District

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Point Pleasant District

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Bluefielder Will Play Requests On Radio Record Program



Ready to answer a record request is disc jockey James Boulton.

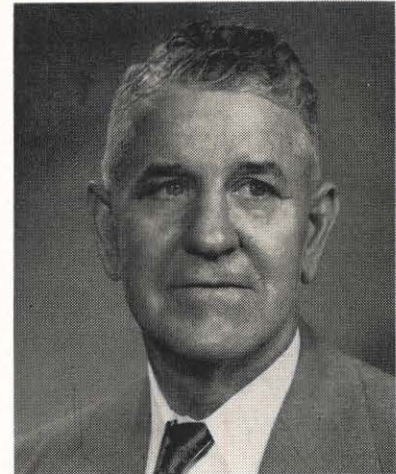
A familiar voice around Bluefield nightly is that of James R. Boulton.

For the past five years the Bluefield district print machine operator has been announcing on Radio Station WKOY in Bluefield. He's the host on "Requestfully Yours," a record request program, and handles the station breaks during baseball and football seasons.

Jim graduated from Princeton High School in 1946. After two years in the Army in Japan, he returned to the United States and entered a two-year course of study at the United Television Laboratories at Louisville, Ky. Work as a serviceman with MUNTZ-TV in Washington and as an announcer for WBRW in Welch brought him to Bluefield.

In addition to his radio work Jim has recently begun an ICS course in Electrical Engineering. Married and the father of a daughter, he is a member of AF&AM Lodge 134 at Princeton and attends the Methodist Church.

T. H. Johnson Of Logan Plant Retires



Mr. Johnson

Tomie H. Johnson, Logan plant guard, retired March 1 after 20 years' service.

He joined Appalachian as a laborer in June 1935. He later worked as electrical maintenance helper, painter, mechanical maintenance helper and guard.

Born at Milton, he is married and has three sons, one daughter and 10 grandchildren. He plans to live in Logan in retirement.

AGE Earns Certificate Of Excellent Management

AGE recently was presented a Certificate of Excellent Management by the American Institute of Management.

Purpose of the certificate, which was presented to 34 electric utilities, is to "bring deserved recognition to those companies whose managements are doing most to increase productivity, with accompanying benefits to employees, shareholders, their community neighbors and to the economy as a whole."

Wedding Bells Ring For Twelve Couples



Brides and grooms among employees and their families who have been married in recent weeks are pictured above. TOP ROW from left: Mrs. William C. Hampton, Hazard; Mrs. Jack Woodruff, Logan; Mrs. Hiram Roark, Hazard; and Mrs. Eugene O. Showalter, Lynchburg. MIDDLE ROW from left: Mrs. Clyde B. Wiblin II, Charleston; Mrs. Raymond C. Adkins, Charleston; Mrs. J. D. Ashley, Hazard; and Mrs. Jack Fox, Point Pleasant. BOTTOM ROW from left: Mr. and Mrs. Allison Claud Steffey, Abingdon, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Selbe, Charleston.

Roush-Fox

Betty Jane Roush and Jack Fox were united in marriage January 28 at the home of the Rev. W. L. Gearheart in Clifton. She is the daughter of L. I. Roush, Point Pleasant line-man.

Shelton-Woodruff

Barbara Shelton was married January 14 to Jack Woodruff of Foster. Mrs. Woodruff is the daughter of W. K. Shelton, Logan district general serviceman.

Rainelle Girl Named Worthy Advisor Of Rainbow Order

Janet Crawford has been installed as Worthy Advisor of the Order of Rainbow Girls in East Rainelle.



Janet Crawford

She is the daughter of H. H. Crawford, Rainelle area employee of the Beckley district. A 17-year-old junior at Rainelle High School, Janet has received her Rainbow Girls sixth color bar and pot of gold. She is a member of the Girls Athletic Association and the 4-H Club, where she won the leadership award and is working for a diamond in her pin, the highest award given. She is treasurer of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Rainelle Methodist Church, as well as reporter and chairman of "Out Reach," a program sponsored by the MYF. She is a member of the youth choir of the church, past president of the Senior Girl Scouts, a member of the Ground Observer Corps and sings in the Fellowship Quartette.

Pyne-Cloyd

Ann Pyne of Dover-Foxcroft, Me., and S/Sgt. John L. Cloyd were married February 4 in the Dover-Foxcroft Methodist Church. Mr. Cloyd, in the Air Force, is the son of F. M. Cloyd, Lynchburg district commercial manager.

Smith-Roark

Imogene Smith was married February 4 to Hiram Roark at the home of the bride in Walkertown, Ky. Mrs. Roark was a clerk-typist in the Hazard accounting department.

Buttram-Ashley

Nell Alene Buttram and J. D. Ashley were united in marriage January 21 at the home of the bride in Hazard. Mrs. Ashley was a secretarial-stenographer in the Hazard managerial department.

Branson-Hampton

Coleene Branson and William C. Hampton were married December 26 at the home of the bride's parents at Lothair. Mrs. Hampton was a junior bookkeeper in Hazard accounting.

Shumate-Craft

Rosetta Shumate became the bride of Thomas A. Craft January 13 in a double ring ceremony at the Charleston home of the groom. Mr. Craft is a Charleston groundman.

Carson-Showalter

Anne E. Carson and Eugene O. Showalter were united in marriage January 28 at the Rivermont Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg. She is a clerk-stenographer in Lynchburg T&D line and station section.

Sutherland-Selbe

Doris Gail Sutherland was married January 20 to Robert Lee Selbe at the Reynolds Memorial Methodist Church of Marmet. He is an axman in Charleston division engineering.

Rasnick-Steffey

Joan Mozelle Rasnick became the bride of Allison Claud Steffey January 13 in the Clintwood Baptist Church. She is an authorization clerk in the Clintwood office of the Abingdon district and he is an Abingdon groundman.

Mullins-Wiblin

The First Baptist Church of Hurricane was the scene January 19 of the wedding of Barbara Rose Mullins and Clyde B. Wiblin II. The Rev. Benford read the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Wiblin is a Charleston record section clerk-typist.

Dettinger-Adkins

The First Methodist Church of Huntington was the scene February 10 of the wedding of Berniece Dettinger and Raymond C. Adkins. Mrs. Adkins was a stenographer in Charleston local accounting.

They're Engaged

HELEN F. PARKE to Donald Webb. Miss Parke is a senior home economist in Williamson.

MARY E. KING to Martin Solomon, Jr. Miss King is the daughter of E. E. King, Williamson district superintendent.

GLADYS MEADE to Maurice H. Cottle. He is a Huntington district junior PBX operator.

CHARLOTTE KAY CORNETT to William David Begley. Miss Cornett is Hazard senior PBX operator and Mr. Begley is Hazard appliance serviceman.



New Arrivals



Abingdon

MR. AND MRS. JAMES E. FLEENOR, a daughter, Mary Annaleah, February 6. Mr. Fleenor is a meterman and Mrs. Fleenor was formerly employed in the managerial department.

Beckley

MR. AND MRS. K. K. KEATLEY, a son, Mathew Dane, January 28. Mr. Keatley is employed in the Oak Hill area T&D line section.

Charleston

MR. AND MRS. J. B. WEAVER, a daughter, Linda Carol, January 21. Mr. Weaver is a station man.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL A. SKAFF, a daughter, Kimberly, January 22. Mr. Skaff is an electrical engineer.

MR. AND MRS. LLOYD J. PFOST, a son, Jeffrey J., January 31. Mr. Pfof is an auto repairman helper.

MR. AND MRS. J. R. MCGINNIS, a daughter, Mary Kathryn, February 15. Mr. McGinnis is an electrical engineer.

Huntington

MR. AND MRS. RALPH M. MILLER, a daughter, Linda Sue, February 10. Mr. Miller is employed in division T&D.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES H. FERGUSON, a daughter, Monica Jo, January 23. Mr. Ferguson is a commercial department employee.

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. J. L. KERN, a son, Stephen Allan, February 3.

MR. AND MRS. E. M. PELL, a daughter, Ruth Ann, February 5.

MR. AND MRS. N. D. BALLIET, a son, David Knox, February 7.

Lynchburg

MR. AND MRS. ROY A. TIBBS, a daughter, Virginia Putney, February 4. Mr. Tibbs is a power sales engineer.

Pulaski

MR. AND MRS. B. O. SHARP, a son, David Allen, January 26. Mr. Sharp is a hydro maintenance mechanic at Byllesby.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD G. ASH, a son, Michael Edward, February 4. Mr. Ash is a maintenance helper.

System

MR. AND MRS. GILBERT W. FERNATT, a son, Ronald Lee, February 10. Mr. Fernatt is employed in the station department.

MR. AND MRS. JACK E. GLOVER, a daughter, Wendy Renee, February 17. Mr. Glover is employed in the station department.

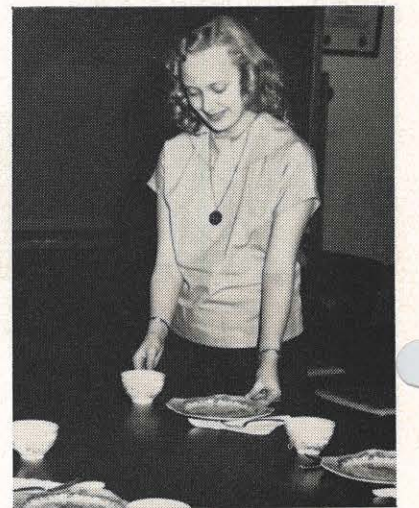
Williamson

MR. AND MRS. J. E. HATFIELD, a daughter, Shelia Ann, January 31. Mr. Hatfield is employed in the T&D line section.

Hazard

MR. AND MRS. JIMMIE OLIVER, a daughter, Connie, January 24. Mr. Oliver is a groundman.

Holds Own Dance For March Of Dimes



Patsie Mollohan makes preparations for her annual March of Dimes dance to raise funds for the drive.

Patsie Mollohan has come up with an original idea in the annual March of Dimes fund campaign.

The 13-year-old daughter of L. C. Mollohan, Beckley station foreman, for the second consecutive year held a dance in the game room of her home and charged the guests admission and for the refreshments. This year she raised \$8.15 for the polio drive.

Patsie is an eighth grader at Beckley Junior High School and has received special recognition from the March of Dimes for her participation in the program.

Pikeville Employee's Wife Is Noble Grand

Mrs. Milford Layne was elected Noble Grand of the Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge No. 53 of Pikeville. She is the wife of the senior record clerk, engineering department of the Pikeville district.



Mrs. Layne

Mildred, who has been active in the organization, has assumed her new duties for the year.

Dorothy Trent Uses Milk Filters, Yarn To Make Her Dolls



Dorothy Trent shows some of the dolls she has made.

All you need are 49 milk filters, a little yarn and a doll.

That's the formula Dorothy Trent uses in making dressed-up dolls to sell. The daughter of G. B. Trent, Williamson district engineering, has made many dressed dolls, using as a base dolls purchased at the dime store. To a doll she adds 24 milk filters for the top of the skirt and 24 more for the bottom. Yarn is wrapped around the doll for a strapless top effect and a little yarn is used to tie the filters together. To top off her creation she adds another filter as a hat, sewn around the edge with yarn, and gives it a tassel.

She has been making them for six months and says the best way to use them is for bed or dresser decorations since when a doll is set down its skirt flares. She learned how by watching a neighbor.

A junior at Williamson High School, she is a member of the Science Club, Future Teachers of America, Future Nurses and Tri-Hi-Y. She is assistant pianist and Sunday School teacher for the Chattaroy Missionary Baptist Church.

Golden Years



Approximately 60 persons were entertained at an open house in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Roach. They are the parents of Betty L. Roach, Williamson district meter section. The Roaches are shown behind a three-tier cake with a miniature arch and the figure "50" on top. Refreshments were served at the open house and among the decorations were gold-embossed napkins reading "Mabel and Gertie—January 30", and book matches engraved "The Roaches—1906-1956." All four of the Roaches' children were present.

Emblem Recipients And Drivers Attend Dinner

A combined dinner was held recently for the Williamson-Sprigg district drivers and recipients of service pins since October 1955.

Fifteen of the 63 employees attending had received service pins, and their service totaled 115 years. The drivers attended as the end to a contest which began in March 1955.

Roanoke . . .

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Roanoke District

Retired employees who visited the office recently include S. L. Wood, R. G. Amos, J. B. Butler, H. W. Dearing, and W. G. Haller.

P. L. Poff, retired material clerk, in Gill Memorial Hospital.

A group of trade school students from Lee Junior High School made a tour of the office recently. L. R. Buchanan, building supervisor, explained the heat pump and a movie, "In Our Part Of The Country," was shown. Ira B. Peters, district personnel supervisor, conducted the tour.

James E. Jones, division electrical engineer, was chairman of the annual Jaycees Bosses Night meeting at Hotel Roanoke.

James A. Dunham, division heating and air conditioning specialist, spoke before the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Southwest Virginia Engineers Club February 3. His topic had to do with comparative methods of electric residential house heating.

Roby J. Jarrett, power sales engineer, spoke before the Vinton Chamber of Commerce and Vinton Merchants' Association on "Operation Main Street." He used slides to illustrate his talk.

W. P. Booker, district manager, has been appointed chairman of national affairs of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce.

J. D. Lawrence, division manager, has been elected to the board of directors of the Roanoke Rotary Club.

James Crouch, administrative assistant, was on a committee which selected the outstanding young farmer in Virginia, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

C. L. Musselman, engineering aide, has returned to work after an operation.

Returning to work after extended illnesses were Mayce Sanderson, chief PBX operator; C. R. L. Brown, groundman at Rocky Mount; B. T. Hartwell, lineman; and E. T. Jones, Jr., accounting.

Sympathy is extended W. S. Shanks, station foreman, on the death of his wife, and E. E. Echols, division radio engineer, on the death of his mother.

Mrs. E. L. Wirt, wife of the transportation clerk, is recovering at home after an operation.

Mrs. J. H. Terry, wife of the garage attendant, is recovering at home after an operation.

James W. Hall, agricultural sales engineer, has resigned to become vice president and general manager of Densmore Poultry Farm.

Norma Jean Hutchinson is a new junior clerk in local accounting.

These employees are enrolled in the second annual training program sponsored by the Personnel Association of Roanoke: J. G. Harvey, I. B. Peters, D. E. Trout and B. H. McKeever.

Sympathy is extended Virginia A. Via, division senior payroll clerk, on the death of her father.

Pulaski Keglers Win First Half



The Pulaski district men's team took first half honors in the Pulaski Industrial Bowling League with a 37-20 record. Twenty teams comprise the loop, and the company team won the title in the last week of play. Team members above include, front row from left: W. F. Childers, D. B. Smith, P. T. Gress, B. B. McCall and G. G. Roseberry; back row from left: Q. M. Harless, S. A. Dewey, J. B. Brillheart, Jr., H. L. Morehead and R. D. Carson. W. F. Childers had top average of 105 for the team and also rolled high game of 136. Gerald Roseberry had high set of 358 while the team high game was 560 and high set was 1588. The ten-man team will divide into two squads for the second half, replacing a team that dropped out of the league.

Welch . . .

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W. T. Lanter, head material clerk, has returned to work from a stay in the hospital.

Tony Craig, junior stores clerk, was a recent blood donor.

Louis Mitchell, Grundy home economist, has become a member of the Junior Woman's Club of Grundy.

Jimmy Bailey is a new meter reader at Pocahontas.

Williamson Keglers Win From Pikeville

Williamson came out on top by 11 pins in the first of two matches with Pikeville.

The Pikeville bowlers built up a 78-pin margin in the first two games but Williamson won the third game by 89 pins for the set victory. Three men's teams and one woman's team from each district rolled. This match was held at the Pikeville alleys and the next one is scheduled for Williamson.

The total individual average for Williamson was 119.3 and for Pikeville 119.2. Elizabeth Riddle of Pikeville had the high woman's three-game score of 382 and Ernest L. Bevins, Williamson, rolled high for the men with 498. He also had high single game of 190, while Mrs. Riddle had high game for women of 166. Robert Weddle, Pikeville, and Hazel Farris, Williamson, had second-high three-game sets. Refreshments were served in the company auditorium after the match.

Color Slides Of Company Property Given Schools

Color slides of Philip Sporn plant and the 330,000 volt line will be used by the Kanawha County Board of Education audio-visual program.

Guilford Smith, administrative assistant in Charleston, and A. C. Rogers, assistant system substation superintendent, secured the slides which the board will circulate throughout schools in the county. The slides, taken by Mr. Rogers, depict Sporn plant, Philip Sporn station, the plant coal pile, river dock facilities and the 330,000 volt line.

Appaleisure Club Gives Beckley Bingo Party

Beckley district employees attended a bingo party sponsored by the Appaleisure Club on February 10 in the company auditorium.

About 40 attended the party where door prizes went to Clyde Marshall and Bernard Corker, son of B. B. Corker. Refreshments were served.

Appakans Choose 1956 Leaders



Shown are the new officers of the Appakan Club at Kanawha River plant. They are from left: Jack Crist, president; Jeanne Creasey, secretary; Jesse McClain, treasurer; and Paul Bernard, vice president. The club sponsors recreational and social activities for its members as well as work with the company in its recreational program.



Fields Wins Reel

Pikeville Rod And Gun Club Completes Active Year; Plans Even Bigger 1956



Recently elected members of the board of directors of the Pikeville Rod and Gun Club pause during a planning session. They are from left: Leon Huffman, secretary-treasurer; V. A. Syck, vice president; Bruce Prater, director; Oscar Hamilton, president; Rodman Crutchfield, director; and Ira Smith, director.

The Pikeville Rod and Gun Club completed its biggest project to date in 1955 but plans this year call for even more activity.

In a recent meeting members reviewed their 1955 project, buying 35 acres of land bordering Dewey Lake and leasing two additional acres from the government for a boat dock and picnicking and parking area. Construction of a lodge, boat dock, picnic table, barbecue pit and parking facilities are slated this year.

The club has 85 members, all employees, and is a member of the Kentucky State League of Sportsmen. Last year the club sponsored shooting matches, fish fries, square dances and fishing contests.



Oscar Hamilton, Rod and Gun Club president, presents a spinning reel to Craig Fields, right, for catching the largest bass during 1955. Craig's bass measured 18 inches and weighed three pounds, eight ounces.

Emmert's Shift Edges Grimes' To Take Philip Sporn Bowling Title In Roll-Off



Members of the champion Emmert's Shift team are, seated from left: Gerald Michael, Raymond Smith and Frank Bailey; standing from left: Luther Smith and Marvin Roush. Harlan Wehrung was not present when picture was taken.

Emmert's Shift emerged the winner when it defeated Grimes' Shift in a first-half roll-off recently.

Emmert's earned the Philip Sporn Plant Bowling League first half crown after tying for first place with Grimes'. Both teams had 29-19 records at the end of regular play and Emmert's won two of three in the roll-off. Maintenance No. 2 finished third and Maintenance No. 3 was fourth. Tennant's Shift, Results, "A" Shift, Maintenance No. 1 and Office finished in that order.

Bob Gilmore has high average of 172 while Cricket Searls' 602 is high three-game set. Raymond Smith has 247 for high single game. Maintenance No. 2 has 2461 pins for high team three-game set and 887 for high team game. "A" Shift is leading the second half with a 12-6 record.

Line And Station Holds Roanoke Lead

Line and Station still holds the lead in the second half of the Roanoke Bowling League, but they're being pushed by Local Office.

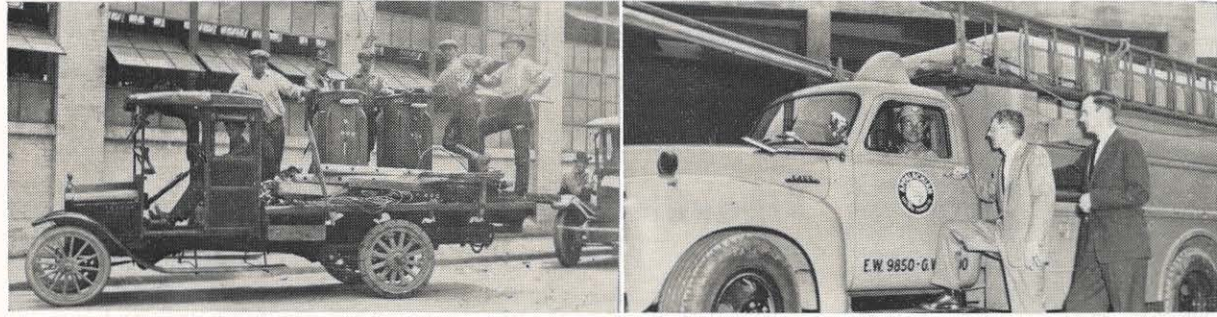
The leaders have a 16-5 record, while Local Office is second with 15-6. Local Office broke the season high for a team three-game set February 20 with 1,675.

Leroy Gregory, Line and Station, has taken over the lead in individual average with 111.5 while Tommy Mitchell, Accounting, is second with 111.1. Billy Mills, Meter, holds individual high game with 158 while Tommy Bryant, Meter, has individual high set with 385. Local Office holds high game of 631.

1956
SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRESS

Rolling In High

Our 'Space' Fleets Travel Many Times Moon Distance



LEFT: This 1918 photo shows the first truck ever owned by the old West Virginia Water and Electric Company in Charleston. Herman Jones, now a lineman, is shown in the cab of the chain-drive truck. Others from the left are: William Slappee and Lewis Spencer, both retired trouble men; Wyatt Jones, retired lineman; Henry Stricklen, deceased; Legg, who left the company; and Walter Price, foreman in T&D line section. **RIGHT:** This Roanoke

district truck is a palace on wheels in comparison with the old line truck. Bob Lowman, groundman in cab, talks with G. F. Murphy, system transportation supervisor, and Howard Roop, assistant system transportation supervisor. This truck, bought last year, joins many others in our transportation fleet which run up astronomical figures each year in serving our customers in four states.

9—8—7—6—5—4—3—2—1—
BLAST OFF! Destination: Moon—and return.

That's a dramatic atomic-age introduction of the familiar subject of transportation as we know it today. However commonplace you may regard our cars and trucks, they are in startling contrast to those of a few short years ago.

So what has that got to do with a rocket trip to the moon?

Simply this: Each year Appalachian's fleet covers a distance 50 times greater than the distance from earth to the moon. In other words, the Appalachian fleet travels a distance equal to 25 round trips to the moon each year.

Million Miles Monthly

For the past two years Appalachian's fleet of vehicles has averaged nearly 12-million miles a year, or almost a million miles a month. Instead of rocketships to cover that tremendous distance, in use are 873 vehicles—342 cars and 531 trucks.

Fuel for Appalachian's inter-planetary space-covering fleet amounted to about 1-million gallons of gas last year. Also used in 1955 were over 41,000 quarts of oil.

Kentucky Fleet

Kentucky's 125-vehicle fleet of 31 cars and 94 trucks traveled a distance 7½ times that of earth to the moon last year. For two years the Kentucky fleet has averaged about 1,800,000 miles a year over mountainous terrain. Last year Kentucky used 139,132 gallons of gas and 7,188 quarts of oil.

Even in Kingsport's relatively small service area a fleet of 25 vehicles (7 cars and 18 trucks) rolled over 300,000 miles last year. They couldn't get to the moon and back in mileage comparison but that's still more than 12 trips around the earth in a year.

Replacing Vehicles

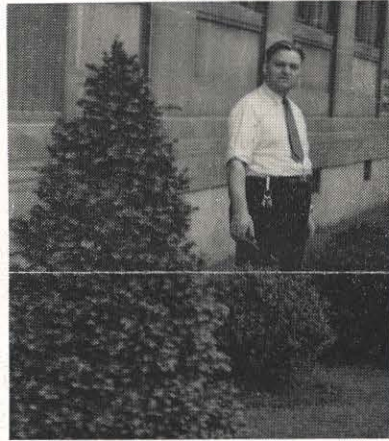
Piling up mileage like that means many vehicles in the fleet need replacing each year. Generally, cars are replaced every three years with an average of about 50,000 miles. Light trucks (jeeps, pickups and service trucks) are replaced on an average of five years or 70,000 miles. Heavy line trucks are replaced on an average of seven years or again about 70,000 miles.

To keep the fleet on the move cost Appalachian about \$1,200,000 last year. That included such items as \$25,000 for license tags, \$56,000 for maintaining automotive service facilities and \$394,000 for depreciation. (An article on depreciation, using a line truck as an example, appeared in THE ILLUMINATOR, October 1955, Page 12.)

As you well know, the cost of al-

most everything has skyrocketed since World War II. Cars used in the company are no exception. A passenger car which sold for about \$750 in 1940 now sells for about \$2,000. A line truck selling for about \$4,500 in 1940 now will average between \$7,500 and \$10,000.

Charleston Head Janitor Retires



J. H. Russell pauses during a recent trim of the hedges around the Charleston office. **Jim** retired March 1.

J. H. Russell, head janitor in the Charleston district office, retired March 1 after 23 years' service.

Born in Rome, Italy, in 1891, he came alone to America in 1906 to the home of an uncle in Durbin, W. Va. He worked at assorted jobs—water boy for a lumber company, loader and drum runner for a coal company and cement finisher for a construction company. He had four months' broken service at Cabin Creek plant prior to his employment January 11, 1933, in the Charleston office.

He became head janitor in September 1937. Jim's pride and joy are the hedge and lawn around the office. Passersby often stop while he's trimming the hedge or mowing the lawn to learn his secret for keeping the grass so green, even in the middle of the winter. He says he feeds it vigorously by sprinkling it on top of the snow. Every October he re-sows the bad spots with blue grass or Italian rye.

Two of Jim's children work for the company. Mary is a stenographer in Charleston stores and Raymond is a power coordinator for AGE in Columbus, O. He also has another son and daughter.

He and his wife have made no definite plans, except for a vacation trip to Florida again this year. Later, Jim says, they may move there. He says he is ready for retirement. He has been working since he was 11. "I'll never stop working completely so long as I'm able," he comments, "but I'll have plenty to do keeping up repairs around the house and gardening. The only thing—I sure hate to leave all my friends."

Fleet Has Grown

That's one of the reasons for the investment in Appalachian's rolling equipment rising last year to over \$2¼-million. Then, too, the fleet has grown. This rapid growth is indicated in just 10 years. Back in 1945 there were 500 vehicles covering about 5-million miles that year in Appalachian territory. Compare that with last year's 873 vehicles covering 12-million miles.

Or for real contrast, go back about 30 years when many districts could boast of only one equipped line truck. In 1926 all three companies of the Southern Properties had become a part of American Gas and Electric Company, this year celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

Kentucky became a part of AGE in 1922, Kingsport in 1925 and Appalachian in 1926. Thus, 30 years ago our three companies had joined the AGE System now observing "Fifty Years of Progress in Electric Power".

As in every other phase of company business, many changes have been made in transportation during the years. Today's conversation about rocket trips to the moon and man-made satellites is closely related to modern transportation with its astronomical mileage. The "1956 Spotlight On Progress" shines brightly on transportation during AGE's 50th Anniversary.

Heart Ailment Is Fatal To Guard



Mr. Sayre

Harry Lloyd Sayre, 56, Philip Sporn plant guard, died January 26 of a heart ailment.

Born at Letart June 5, 1899, he attended Mason County schools and Marshall College. He joined the company June 25, 1949 as a guard. He was a member of the Clifton Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Sayre is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florrie Sayre, his mother and five brothers. Services were held at the Letart Methodist Church January 28.

Ravenswood Electric System Became Part Of Appalachian On February 20

Ravenswood became a part of the Appalachian system on February 20. The town on the Ohio River 30 miles north of Point Pleasant is the northernmost community of any size in Appalachian territory.

In taking over the town's electric system, Point Pleasant district will add about 500 accounts. Citizens of the town with 1200 population voted recently to sell the municipal power plant and distribution system to Appalachian.

The Ravenswood electric plant was the only municipally operated plant on the Appalachian system in West Virginia.

Location near Ravenswood of Kaiser Aluminum is rapidly changing the small town into a growing industrial community. Announcement was made in 1954 of the selection of the site of Kaiser's multi-million dollar sheet and foil rolling mill. Recently Kaiser announced an aluminum reduction plant to be built adjacent to the other plant.

Cabin Creek Plant Men Are Promoted



Mr. Hoffman

Mr. Jarrett

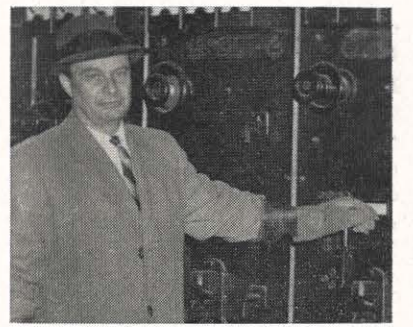
Two men have received recent Cabin Creek plant promotions.

J. E. Hoffman, labor-janitor foreman, has been promoted to maintenance foreman, while Ed Jarrett, coal and ash equipment operator, has been named labor-janitor foreman.

Mr. Hoffman was employed September 1945 as a junior engineer. He later became a senior clerk, work order clerk and then labor-janitor foreman in 1953. Born in Charleston, he graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School and is now attending Morris Harvey College where he plans to complete a two-year business administration course next year.

He is a Navy veteran and spent four years with the General Machinery Ordnance Corporation at South Charleston. Married, he has one daughter.

Mr. Jarrett joined the company in May 1931 in the coal handling department. He became coal and ash equipment operator in 1944. Born at Elkview, he attended schools in that area. He is active in church work and his hobbies include hunting and fishing. Mr. Jarrett is married and the father of three daughters.



J. V. Mann, Point Pleasant district manager, cuts over the town of Ravenswood to Appalachian service. He threw the switch on February 20, adding about 500 accounts to the Point Pleasant district.

Pauley Promoted To Beckley Supervisor

Paul E. Pauley, Beckley district head T&D clerk, has been promoted to T&D records supervisor.

He came with the company in June 1949 as a groundman. He was later promoted to inspector, record clerk, material clerk and head T&D clerk before his February 1 promotion.

Married, he is a lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol. He also is the coordinator of the Civic Defense Program in Beckley.



Mr. Pauley

System Vet Has 35 Years' Service

H. M. Hamilton, system assistant disbursing agent, completed 35 years with the company February 7.

He was first employed by the AGE System as cashier with the Indiana Service Company of Muncie in 1921 and in October 1924 went to I&M as local office auditor. In April 1927 Mr. Hamilton came with Appalachian as chief clerk and in 1931 became consumers billing supervisor. He was promoted to his present position September 1, 1954.

Mr. Hamilton is an Elder of the Second Presbyterian Church. He is on the board of directors of the Roanoke Kiwanis Club and a member of the Round Table Club and the Hidden Valley Country Club. Married, he has a son and a daughter.



Mr. Hamilton

Appa-Mo Club Selects Officers



New officers of the Appa-Mo Club of the system accounting office in Roanoke are shown planning for the new year. Seated from the left are Donna Young, secretary, and Larry Fulp, president. Standing are from left: Valentine Carr, assistant treasurer, and Paul Clower, treasurer.