

Summer School No Fun—Reddy Comes To The Rescue



Bringing temporary emergency service to the Pearisburg school was a hurry-up job. Here the Narrows line gang attaches service to the temporary poles. On the ground from left are D. R. Whittaker, area supervisor; Charles Peirce, lineman; H. B. Boyd, lineman; and David Mann, groundman. On the poles are from left J. D. Butler, lineman; W. B. Rasnake, lineman; and W. H. Conner, Jr., lineman.

Pearisburg school children were faced with the bleak prospect of going to school for half the summer until Reddy Kilowatt came to the rescue recently.

A boiler explosion completely wrecked the furnace room and band room of the new Pearisburg Grade School in the Bluefield district. Children couldn't attend classes because there was no heat.

Electric heaters ranging from 100 to 10,000 watts were rounded up from all over the county, most of them from Glen Lyn plant and the construction section there. The school wasn't wired for this type load so again Appalachian stepped in, installing an adequate wiring system in a hurry.

The Narrows line gang under the supervision of D. R. Whittaker, area supervisor, completed the job in three days. Seven temporary poles were set close to the side of the building and heavy three-wire secondary installed on the poles. Services were run from this secondary through the windows of the classrooms to the heaters.

School was reopened soon after. No one had been injured in the explo-

sion since it occurred at night, but \$2,300 worth of band equipment and the coal-fired heating system were lost. Total damage was estimated at \$50,000.

After school reopened the Giles County School Board expressed its appreciation to Appalachian. And you can bet the kids are happy. School in the summer is no fun.



D. R. Whittaker, area supervisor, inspects some of the electric heaters brought to the Pearisburg Grade School.

Appalachian Gets E. E. I. Safety Award



Looking at Appalachian's first million-manhour award from Edison Electric Institute are D. W. Ayers, 46-year veteran at left, and G. L. Furr, vice president and general manager. The Roanoke district commercial department employee who has the longest service in Appalachian hasn't lost a day due to sickness or accident in 46 years. Doss represented all the employees who Mr. Furr said "shared in the honor and were well aware the part safety played in their lives." Appalachian employees worked a total of 1,232,076 manhours between December 21 and February 20 without a single disabling injury. Although this was the first time in the company's history the record had been achieved, employees several times almost reached a million manhours without an injury.

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

APPALACHIAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

KINGSPORT UTILITIES, INC.

5% Wage Increase And Other Benefits For 3-Company Employees Reflect Progress

A 5% wage increase became effective April 1 for employees of our three companies. The increase was the result of good progress during the past year and the promising outlook for 1956, management explained. The general wage increase will be applied in accordance with past practices.

In addition, a four-week vacation after 25 years' service became a new employee benefit.

Factors enabling the companies to give the increased benefits included the increased use of our service by all classes of customers and the improved employee efficiency along with technological advances which helped to reduce operating costs. Another important factor was the growth of existing industries and attracting several new industries to our areas.

In addition to the wage increase, other benefits were given—including



Figuring what the 5% wage increase will mean is Margaret Ann Smith, Roanoke district commercial department. She was like many other employees who wanted to see how much more money will be in future paychecks.

the increased vacations for 25-year veterans, increased premium pay for holiday work and equalization of holiday practices for shift workers—raising the cost to the three companies to about 6½%.

The increases annually will cost Appalachian about \$1,100,000; Kentucky about \$104,500 and Kingsport about \$34,000, for an estimated three-company total of \$1,238,500 a year.

Including this increase, employees have received general wage increases amounting to about 33½% since January 1950. Two increases were

given in 1950 and one in 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955 and this year.

The new vacation benefit will immediately affect 549 veterans with 25 or more years' service in our three companies. Appalachian has 506 veterans who will benefit this year; Kentucky has 38 and Kingsport has 5. Employees will continue to receive three-week vacations after 15 years' service until they qualify for the four-week vacation with 25 years' service.



Planning their vacation are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dunn who are looking forward to his four-week vacation. The Bluefield area serviceman is one of 549 veterans in our three companies who have 25 or more years' service and will receive the new four-week vacation benefit this year.

J. E. Runyon Heads Williamson Jaycees

J. E. "Sonny" Runyon has been elected president of the Williamson Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Williamson district area sales representative rises to the position from second vice president. Installed at a ladies' night dinner in the Mountaineer Hotel, he was also presented an award for his "outstanding efforts in internal affairs of the Junior Chamber."

A Mason and a Shriner, he is also a member of the Moose. He was employed in 1946 as a rodman and promoted to rural sales representative in 1952. He rose to his present job in 1953.

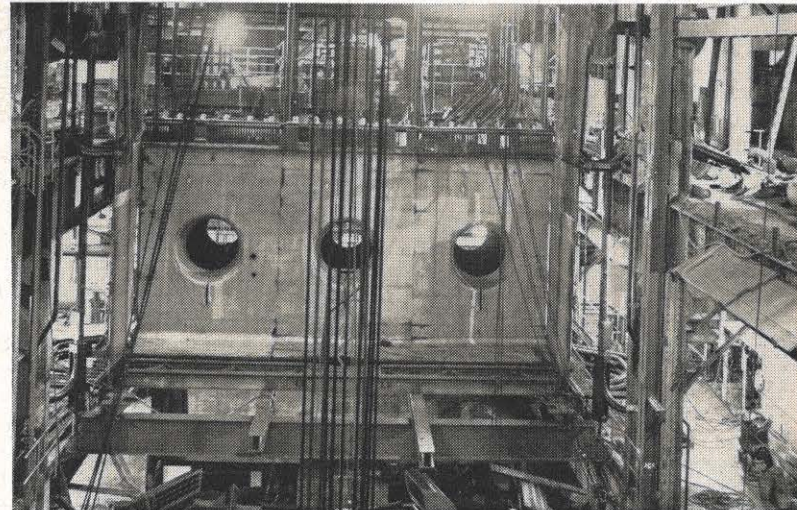
Mr. Runyon is married and has a daughter. He is a member of the South Williamson Presbyterian Church.



Mr. Runyon

Another AGE First

Mid-Summer Named Completion Date For Revolutionary New Philo Unit



These three openings in the construction of Philo Unit 6 are cyclone furnaces where the coal will be burned. The 120,000-kw unit marks a new era in electric power generation.

Mid-summer is the tentative operation date for the new revolutionary unit at Ohio Power's Philo plant.

Although the 120,000 kw unit is small in comparison with other new AGE units, it will mark a new era in the generation of electric power because of its unprecedented steam pressure of 4,500 pounds per square inch and temperature of 1,150 degrees Fahrenheit.

Erection of structural steel for the steam generator has been completed inside the plant with other construction well underway on the steam generator. The concrete foundation table has been completed awaiting the turbine being built by General Elec-

tric. The new unit will replace a 40,000-kw unit and make Philo the fourth largest plant on the AGE System.

The universal pressure steam generator is being constructed by Babcock & Wilcox to supply steam for the new high pressure-high temperature cycle. This will be the first time that this type steam generator will be used in a commercial installation in this country. In the super-critical pressure range—3,206 P.S.I.—water passes immediately into steam, without any intermediate stage of bubbling. That means a boiler drum, the biggest and heaviest single part of a conventional steam generating unit, won't be necessary.

Double Duty

Line crew members and servicemen weren't the only employees who got in on the recent Charleston and Beckley storm.

Madge Jarvis, Charleston clerk-stenographer, and her husband, Glenn, noticed a downed wire sputtering and lighting up the street about 7 the night of the storm. The wire had broken loose during the peak of the storm but was dead until the automatic circuit came on at dusk to turn the street lights on.

Madge and her husband grabbed flashlights and directed traffic around the hot line until Leland Price's crew arrived to make repairs.

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Protecting Your Privilege



Danny Meade, Charleston appliance serviceman, left, watches deputy registrar Robert G. Smith make out a transfer to register him at his new address. Danny is making sure he will be able to cast his vote on election day. Are you sure you can?

A vote is a voice. When a citizen votes, he expresses his likes and dislikes.

Voting then is a voice of action. A privilege, it is a heritage to be closely guarded. But the right to vote can be lost, simply by not following registration laws. In addition, tax requirements must be met in some states.

In our four states three general rules concerning registration hold true. Have you moved, changed your name or reached the age of 21?

When you become 21 you must register. If you have moved from state to state, county to county, or precinct to precinct, you should have your registration record changed. If you have changed your name, by marriage or any other way, you should have your registration changed.

Each state has a deadline for these changes and additions, usually a set length of time before a primary or general election. Here are the dates in our four states:

Kentucky—Although deadline for registration or change for the primary elections was March 31, registration for the November general election is to be made between June 4 and September 8.

Tennessee—All registrations and changes have to be made 20 days prior to an election. In Tennessee the county general election is August 9, as is the state primary. The democratic primary is April 7 while no date has been set for the Republican. The national election is, of course, November 6.

Virginia—The last day citizens can register or change registrations is May 12.

West Virginia—Voters must register or change 30 days prior to an election. April 8 is the deadline for the primary and October 8 is the date deadline for the national election.

Make sure your registration records are in order, and then cast your vote. Use your voice in democracy.

Your Opinion

With the observance of AGE'S 50th anniversary, what are the three most important changes you have noted in our company in your years of service?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

MARCELLE E. SAUNDERS, Assistant Payroll Supervisor, Bluefield Division, 37 Years

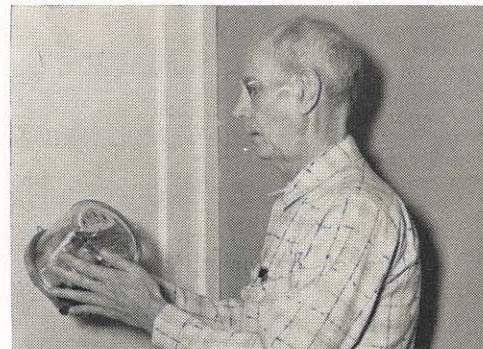


From small hydro plants and low pressure, low capacity steam plants, to the modern high pressure steam plants with their tremendous capacity for producing electricity more economically has, to me, been a remarkable change.

A second important change has been in the promotional sale of electricity. From a "here it is, if you want it" to a "here it is, You Need It" approach, the company has gone out and developed new fields, the result being new customers to consume its ever-increasing production.

A third big change, beneficial to the employee, has been in the form of fringe benefits. A liberal insurance and hospitalization plan offers protection when we need it most, and security is provided upon retirement through our retirement plan.

J. A. RANDALL, Meter Supervisor, Kingsport, 29 Years



The three most important changes since I came with the company would all be grouped in its growth.

I was employed in the meter department in 1926 and at that time there were approximately 2,800 meters in service. There were five of us handling the installation of meters, testing and installing services. Since that time, I have seen the company grow until now there are approximately 20,000 meters in service.

The meter department personnel has increased from five employees to 23 during the company's growth, which necessitated the moving of the department three different times—the last move being to the new office building in 1933.

SALLY K. POLLOK, Senior Cashier, Lynchburg District, 30 Years



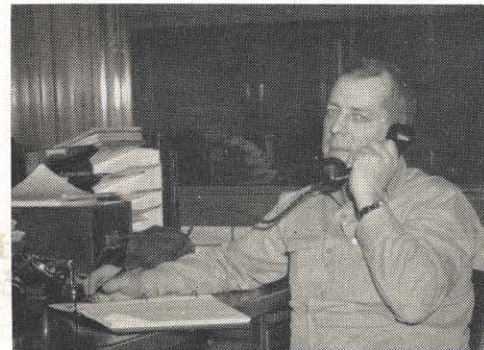
The most important changes that I have noted during my employment have been the tremendous growth and improvement of our company, the increased interest in our safety

program on the part of the company and its employees and the company's desire to keep employees informed of its activities.

It is amazing to me when I look around and take particular notice of the changes, and when I read and hear of expansion throughout the company. I have seen our district office completely remodeled twice.

I am proud of our safety record and think the program has brought excellent results. The company's desire to keep employees informed is evident by such things as the Employees Information meetings, THE ILLUMINATOR and Reddy Flashes.

CHARLES E. CARROLL, Shift Operating Engineer, Philip Sporn Plant, 33 Years



During my past 33 years' service with the company I have noticed, first, the tremendous growth of the company coupled with the ever-increasing use of electricity by individuals and industry.

Second, the greatest change about which each employee should be pleased to hear is the benefits we now enjoy; the vacations, sickness and accident insurance, retirement and hospitalization insurance plans all give a secure feeling that was not present when I first started to work for the company.

Third, the greatest change is in the types of jobs. When I first started with the company there were 28 men on a shift in a plant that generated 140,000 kw. Now 13 men on a shift operate a plant that generates 600,000 kw. This is evidence of the types of skills these 13 men must have and is very different from the type of skills necessary for the 28 men in the old plant.

J. MILLS FRAMPTON, Credit Supervisor, Huntington District, 36 Years



The three most important changes I have noted in our company during my years of service are:

Actually the first major change involves a number of changes. It began when AGE acquired control of the Consolidated Light, Heat and Power Company in 1924. With this move AGE began a building and expansion program which makes electric power available to 99 per cent of the people in our area. The number of customers has increased from about 22,000 to over 48,000. Investments of foresight and faith placed in this region by AGE are major factors in the high standard of living enjoyed by the majority today.

Secondly, I would say the improved programs for customer-company relations which have led to better service by better employees. These involve, other than electric service, home

demonstration programs, cooking schools, services of lighting and power engineers, etc., all at no additional cost to the customer.

Thirdly, improved company-employee relations. Specifically, such benefits as retirement program, insurance and hospitalization programs, educational opportunities and the like of which the company pays the largest portion of cost.

FELICIA BILLIPS, Utility Clerk, Ashland District, 32 Years



With more than 32 years of service, I have seen our office grow from a small, dark and dingy building serving 5,500 customers to a beautiful building serving more than 28,000 customers. In 1939 an addition was added and our main accounting office was transferred from Roanoke.

Our insurance, hospitalization and retirement plans have broadened which gives an older employee a better sense of security.

I have seen a big change in our accounting system, the beginning of our extensive rural program and growth in our commercial and industrial customers. The addition of our home service department has been a great help to homemakers as well as our school system.

I think the three most important changes are our rural program, broadening of our welfare benefits and streamlining of accounting procedures.

JOHN F. NASH, System Supervisor Distribution Engineer, Roanoke System, 35 Years



1920—Appalachian not yet organized—territory served by several smaller companies. My company, Appalachian Power Company, operated in the territory now served by the Bluefield division.

1920—no major high voltage (132 kv) system. Each small company had its medium voltage transmission lines, smaller stations and a distribution system serving cities and towns along with the area immediately adjacent to towns; very few rural lines had been built. 1956—the extensive 132-kv system with major stations covers the entire company's area; 330-kv lines and stations reinforce the 132-kv system. Distribution lines cover the entire area including remote rural areas.

1920—each company operated with a small supervisory force including engineers. Facilities had to be built as economically as possible, since revenues were small. Constant effort produced the 1956 system with its rapidly growing facilities, large number of customers and present loads and revenue. Greatly increased personnel is required to operate, maintain and add to the present system. Additional effort will be needed to handle future conditions.

OVEC Plants Now In Full-Scale Operation

The Ohio Valley Electric Corporation is now in full-scale operation, well ahead of schedule.

Clifty Creek plant at Madison, Ind., the world's largest privately-owned power plant, was completed March 26. This announcement culminated the largest single undertaking in the history of the electric utility industry: the construction and placing in operation of two major power stations, with generating capacity totaling 2,365,000 kw, and a 330,000-volt transmission network linking the two plants with the power systems of the sponsor companies and with the Atomic Energy Commission's Portsmouth, Ohio, Project.

The entire OVEC project, involving 15 private electric utility companies of the Ohio Valley region and costing more than \$385 million, was accomplished in the comparatively short period of three years and three months. AGE companies participating in OVEC are Appalachian, Ohio Power and I&M.

On Line Early

Operation of the last of Clifty Creek's six steam turbine-generators, originally scheduled for next June, places all 11 of OVEC's 215,000 kw generating units in service. The remaining five are at Clifty's sister station, Kyger Creek plant at Cheshire, O.

In commenting on the full-scale operation, Philip Sporn, OVEC president, and president of AGE and our companies, said, "For size, scope and speed, the OVEC accomplishment is unparalleled. All of us who have taken part in sponsoring this project are very proud that it has been brought about ahead of schedule and with maximum economy and efficiency by the 15 companies, working together. We feel that, in OVEC, we accepted a trusteeship on behalf of the Federal government, and that we now have met the challenge given us by the AEC."

Mr. Sporn also stated that this immense project and all the complications that it involved could not have been accomplished without the active cooperation of many groups, including financial institutions, manufacturers, representatives of the AEC, and other public officials.

1952 Contract

On October 1, 1952, the 15 private electric utilities teamed together to supply the tremendous power requirements for the Portsmouth project. A 25-year power agreement called for more power than ever before required by a single customer: power to be made available in a hurry, under

extremely high standards of dependability and at the lowest possible cost.

Specifically, the contract committed OVEC to supply 1,800,000 kw of electric power. In recent weeks a supplementary contract has been signed under which OVEC will provide an additional 150,000 kw for a three-year period, with renewal provisions. This total amount of power will call for delivery up to 17 billion kilowatt hours of energy per year; by comparison, the latter figure is roughly one-third of the total amount of electricity produced annually in France.

The entire project was placed in full-scale operation several months ahead of what originally had been set up as a fast schedule. This not only made possible material acceleration in the AEC construction schedule and in its program for placing into operation the Portsmouth diffusion project, but also resulted in direct savings to AEC of several million dollars.

Cost Below Estimate

The latest estimate of the cost of the two plants and the other electric facilities built by OVEC is approximately \$385 million, including miscellaneous construction work done normally after a power plant is placed in operation.

This estimate is slightly below the estimate made in 1952, a significant accomplishment in the face of millions of dollars of rise in costs of materials

and equipment, increased labor costs and a rise in coal costs. The offsetting factors that have made possible keeping down the cost of power below the original estimates have been major economies in design, construction, financing and operation.

The tremendous bulk of power from the two plants is fed to the Portsmouth Project via 380 miles of double-circuit, 330,000-volt transmission lines—the highest voltage in the nation. At the A-Plant, this energy is utilized in the large-scale separation of the isotope U-235 from natural uranium.

Ohio Power Man Named To New AGE Service Post

Paul D. Martinka, Ohio Power executive assistant, has been named to newly-created position of contract engineer in the AGE Service Corporation.

Mr. Martinka will be in charge of a new division in the engineering department which will have the responsibility for negotiating, contracting and administration of all special industrial power matters and particularly those concerned with the System's area development activities. He will report directly to the executive vice president in charge of engineering and construction, H. A. Kammer.

E. E. (Gene) Fournace, industrial development consultant, has been named executive assistant, replacing Mr. Martinka.

Logan Credit Union Names Leaders



Officers were named at a recent meeting for the Logan district-plant Federal Credit Union. They are, front row from left: O. F. Toalston, treasurer; Jean Williams, credit committee; Oretta Lambert, clerk; and Merrill Atkinson, president; back row from left: George McAbee, vice president; Nicholas Roomy, director; Marvin F. Morrison, credit committee; and E. Page Ott, supervisory committee. Absent from the picture are H. R. Jackson, credit committee, and H. G. Wilson and W. G. Matthews, supervisory committee. McAbee, Morrison, Matthews and Ott are plant employees, the others district employees. The group declared a six percent dividend for the year.

KYAP's New Board Makes Plans



The board of directors of the KYAP Federal Credit Union of Williamson get together to discuss this year's plans. Officers are, front row from left: G. T. Boothe, Jr., vice president; Lorraine Corea, secretary; and H. A. Cross, Jr., president; back row from left: H. W. Cerrato, treasurer; and H. S. Kiser, Jr., director. Committee members include Jack Riddle and Dorothy Higgins, supervisory; Virginia Stafford, J. E. Runyon and E. E. Herald, credit; and E. L. Bevins, education. The credit union's 116 members have assets totaling over \$18,879, with better than \$18,678 on loan to members at the end of the year. Last year 89 loans equaling \$30,737 were made, drawing interest enabling a six percent dividend.

R. J. Wood Leads United Appeal Drive To Success

R. J. Wood was chairman of the recent McDowell County United Appeal Drive and guided the group to its largest collection since its organization.

With a quota of \$50,000 a total of \$49,641.44 was collected by the Welch assistant district manager and his fellow workers. Of that total \$600 came from the Welch district employees Benevolent Fund.

Working with a limited budget for advertising and collecting, Mr. Wood and his United Appeal workers did what has been termed a "tremendous job."



Mr. Wood

Joins Turtle Club

Hard Hat Prevents Serious Injuries To H. E. Guilliams As Service Explodes



W. S. Kitchen, system safety supervisor, right, presents Harry E. Guilliams with a Turtle Club certificate and his hard hat. B. H. McKeever, meter supervisor, looks on.

Another Appalachian employee became a member of the Turtle Club recently when his hard hat saved him from serious injury.

The latest member is Harry E. Guilliams, Roanoke district meter serviceman. He is the second Roanoke man to join the club. The other is L. F. Hogan, groundman.

Mr. Guilliams became eligible when he was removing temporary service from a transformer pole. After opening the cut-off box to disconnect the transformer, he noticed another service feeding off the pole and saw the ground or bare wire was open in the service drop cable. He repaired the open ground wire and stepped down into position to close the cut-off box. Then it happened.

As he closed the box the service he had just repaired exploded directly over his head. Flash singed hair on his arm and burned small holes in his shirt. But his hard hat saved him

from serious injury.

He removed the service and later found it damaged in many places that couldn't be seen from the pole. Further investigation disclosed the service had been torn down by a bulldozer and the service had been cut clear and attached to a tree for clearance.

Abingdon Men Move To Foremen



Mr. Mize Mr. Robinson

Two Abingdon district employees have been promoted to working foremen.

James S. Mize has been named working foreman of the Dickenson County line crew and H. A. Robinson has been promoted to working foreman of the Russell County line crew.

Mr. Mize, a native of Sugar Grove, was employed in 1923 as a lineman in the Bluefield district and came to Abingdon in July 1948 when the district was formed. He lives in Clintwood.

Mr. Robinson was born at Cedar Bluff and joined the company July 21, 1947 as an inspector in the Bluefield district. He too came to Abingdon when the district was formed in 1948 and was promoted to lineman in April 1951. He is married, has one son and lives at Cleveland, Va.

Arch Peyton Of Logan Honored By Co-Workers

A wrist watch was presented Arch Peyton when 40 co-workers honored the retired Man local representative recently.

Mr. Peyton retired from the Logan district March 1 after more than 35 years' service.

Lynchburg Earns IMC Best Safety Record Cup

The Industrial Management Club cup for a perfect safety record during 1955 has gone to Lynchburg district.

This cup is presented on a month to month basis during the year to organizations in the Lynchburg club. It is given for permanent possession at the end of the year to the company having the best safety record.

Reddy And Oak Hill Heat Pump



Emory Miller, area sales representative, and Jean Kay Brash, cashier clerk, discuss their "Coal By Wire" display in the Oak Hill area office of the Beckley district. The display calls attention to the new heat pump recently installed in the office. The heat pump is a General Electric Weathertron with a five-ton air-conditioning capacity. It was installed in December 1955 and placed in service in January.



Happenings

Around the Circuit

... Among Employees and Their Families



KINGSFORT

John Faust, power sales engineer, guided a color film through production recently. He is chairman of the commerce conservation and rehabilitation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and the movie was filmed entirely in Kingsport.

Marvin Simpson, commercial manager, was named to the Chamber of Commerce survey and sights committee and J. E. Wright, vice president and general manager, is a new member of the prospects and follow-up committee. Both committees are in the Chamber's Industrial Action Council.

Charlene Dunn, daughter of Paul Dunn, meterman, was selected one of five outstanding students at Lynn View High School. A sophomore and honor student, she is vice president of her class, secretary of her homeroom, member of Junior Dramatics and Journalism Clubs and the Lynn View Ensemble, member and librarian of the choir and plays first trumpet in the band.

Edd C. Witt, co-op student, has returned to the engineering section from the University of Tennessee.

A going-away party was given Rebecca Lee, home economist, who resigned, by commercial department employees.

Mrs. Charles G. Allison, wife of the stores department employee, was elected president of the Dixie Study Club.

Roy Ferrell is a new engineering section employee.

Robert L. Tipton, PBX operator, has returned to work following discharge from the Armed Forces.

Mrs. Fred LaRue, wife of the area sales representative, and president of American Legion Auxiliary, played a part in the Legion's 37th birthday celebration.



BLUEFIELD

Welch District

H. H. Bivens' daughter, Vicki, has been taken into the National Honor Society. She is an eighth grader at Welch Junior High School and he is stores supervisor.

April Vermillion, daughter of J. W. Vermillion, working foreman, and Mrs. Vermillion, PBX operator, has been selected as a cheerleader for Welch High School.

Marion Settle, father of C. R. Settle, district superintendent, is improving at home after undergoing surgery.

H. E. Boccock, father of F. L. Boccock, district residential and rural sales supervisor, is improving at home after a lengthy illness.

Sonja Mills, daughter of L. J. Mills, Jr., is convalescing at home after undergoing a tonsillectomy.

Sympathy is extended D. C. Wright, record supervisor, and Mrs. Wright on the death of her mother, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Clarke on

the death of his father. Mrs. Clarke is a clerk-typist at the Grundy office.

Frances Brooks, home economist, was a representative from the Junior Woman's Club to the Convention of the Federation of West Virginia Women's Clubs at the Greenbrier Hotel.

Tony J. Craig, stores clerk, has resigned.

Mrs. Jessie Hill, Pocahontas cashier, has returned to work after undergoing surgery.

Mrs. C. H. McVey, wife of the Pocahontas employee, is recuperating at home after a hospital stay.

Richard J. Wood, assistant district manager, has been named vice president of the Welch Rotary Club.

Abingdon District

J. S. Carter, area serviceman, was recently appointed a member of the newly formed Planning Commission for the Town of Lebanon.

Clark Peck, Jr., record supervisor, recently attended the Rotary District Conference at Hot Springs. He is president of the Abingdon club.

A. C. Steffey, groundman, has returned to work after recovering from injuries suffered in a fall.

Sympathy is extended Rufus M. Bondurant, district superintendent, on the death of his father-in-law.

Mrs. C. K. Kirkland, wife of the district manager, and Mrs. James Booth, Jr., wife of the assistant local office manager, have returned home after being hospitalized.

Carter Self, truck driver-groundman in the Clintwood line crew, has resigned.

Bluefield District

L. F. McPherson, Jr., was guest speaker at the Narrows Kiwanis Club.

The Girls Service Club toured the WHIS-TV studio for their regular meeting.

Mary Jane Artrip, personnel, and June P. Crotty, Princeton local office, have resigned.

D. M. Davis, Narrows line crew, and W. L. Myers, Princeton meter reader, have returned to work.

Doris C. Richards, Princeton home economist, is a new employee.

Glen Lyn Plant

Clinton S. Brown, Jr., work order clerk, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Giles County Volunteer Fire Department.

Pulaski District

J. B. Brillheart, Jr., draftsman, received one of the Sparkplug awards from the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Warren Childers, engineering aide, is a new Jaycee member.

Sympathy is extended J. J. Duncan, records supervisor, on the death of his father, and Richard D. Byrd, Christiansburg meter reader, on the death of his grandfather.

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KENTUCKY

Ashland District

Elmer Musser, auto mechanic, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Sympathy is extended Charles W. Pope, main accounting, on the death of his father, and R. F. Millikan, general safety and employee relations supervisor, on the death of his mother.

Pikeville District

A. H. Jopp, district commercial manager, and his wife entertained the commercial department employees and their guests with a chili supper in the local office auditorium. The theme for decorations was an ocean voyage and Mr. Jopp showed film slides of his recent trip to Bermuda.

Margaret Ann Bevins is a new junior clerk in the meter department.

Employees resigning include Ireland Layne, lineman; Lucille McCoy, meter junior clerk; and Lois C. Preston, accounting junior clerk.

Employees who have returned to work after recent illnesses include William B. Syck, meter reader, and Raymond Scott, lineman.

Sympathy is extended James Burke, groundman, on the death of his sister, and F. M. Baker, district manager, on the death of his father.



HUNTINGTON

Logan Plant

R. L. Boyd, A. S. Hatfield and John Gibbs, retired employees, attended a recent retirement dinner for Tomie H. Johnson. Fellow guards presented Mr. Johnson with a gold pocket watch, chain and charm.

C. T. Addair, plant janitor, is a new employee.

Sympathy is extended S. W. Woody on the death of his brother, and W. E. Fortune on the death of his mother.

Anthony Adams, coal conveyor operator, was honored by the Mt. Gay Grade School for being the man with the most children attending the school—five, and for being the oldest parent in attendance at the awards meeting.

Logan District

Oretha Lambert, secretary in the T&D department, was recently elected district vice president of Tau Phi Lambda sorority, an affiliate of the Supreme Forest Woodmen's Circle. She has served as president of the local chapter for the past two years and has also been historian.

W. E. Bivens, district residential and rural sales supervisor, attended the annual convention of the National Association of School Administrators in Atlantic City recently. He

has also become a member of the Logan Kiwanis Club.

P. M. Vannoy, district commercial manager, spoke to the Dehue PTA recently on "What Price Education."

Sympathy is extended C. B. Bell on the death of his brother.

Tommy Joe Hale, lineman, has resigned.

Williamson District

Connie Sue, daughter of Cecil Ball, station operator, has returned to school after being confined in the hospital with pneumonia.

Sue Ann and Sanda Kay, children of R. T. Williams, T&D station section, have recovered after recent tonsillectomies.

Lorraine Corea, accounting, was chairman of the decorating committee for the annual Tug Valley Junior Woman's Club spring style show. Dorothy Riggins, personnel, was a model, and Virginia Stafford, accounting, was on the reception committee.

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ROANOKE

Fieldale District

Nancy Kitts, meter, was recently installed as "Esther" in the Martinsville Chapter No. 66 of the Eastern Star.

J. W. Eanes, meterman, recently returned to work after an illness.

Sympathy is extended H. S. Mason, stores, on the death of his father-in-law.

Lynchburg District

Joan P. Smith, personnel clerk, was recently elected recording secretary of the Amherst County Junior Woman's Club. She was publicity chairman during the past year.

Sympathy is extended Jack D. Harker, electrical engineer, on the death of his mother, and C. D. Mattox, customer service clerk, on the death of his daughter-in-law.

Kathleen V. Hudson, senior T&D clerk, was chairman of Heart Sunday activities for Lynchburg.

C. W. Hogan, senior petty cash clerk, has returned to work after an extended illness.

New employees include Charles E. Sanderson, groundman, and John H. Dawson, records section.

Kenneth R. Higginbotham, lineman, was recently named "Man of the Month" in the Naval Reserve, CB Division, and awarded a commendation by his commanding officer. He has just returned from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he spent two weeks' active duty with the Mobile Construction Battalion One.

Roanoke District

Retired employees who visited the office recently include R. G. Amos, J. B. Butler, H. W. Dearing, Leslie Drumheller, P. L. Poff, W. I. Whitefield and S. L. Wood.

Employees returning to work after illnesses include F. O. Hancock, station man helper; A. M. Jordan, janitor; Elizabeth H. Sydnor, elevator operator; Muncie Warren, janitor; W. W. Overstreet, line department; H. C. Arthur, station man; and Charlotte Stump, switchboard operator.

R. G. Garrett, draftsman junior, and Helen Young, division engineering, are new employees.

Sympathy is extended L. G. Gregory, line department, on the death of his father.

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CHARLESTON

Point Pleasant District

Carol Ewing and Rose Martin are new accounting employees. Lois Archer is a temporary employee in the same department.

Ellen Rice of accounting has resigned.

J. L. Darby, agricultural engineer, and J. A. Ferrell, administrative assistant, have returned to work after recent illnesses.

Kanawha River Plant

Betty O. Boley, time record clerk, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Mathews on the death of her mother, and Terry Pat Grady on the death of his wife.

Philip Sporn Plant

Dorwin D. Clark, Wilbur J. Stewart and Marvin J. McFarland are new laborers.

Charles G. Sheets, control operator, has announced his candidacy for county commissioner of Meigs County, Ohio. He and his wife were co-chairman of the Meigs County Red Cross fund drive.

Sympathy is extended Leslie Ingles on the death of his brother.

Roy Franklin, safety supervisor, recently attended the state executive board meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce as state vice president. He and Karl Wiles, payroll supervisor, were recently elected to the board of directors of the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department.

Tom Hoffman, control operator, was committee chairman of the Red Cross fund drive in New Haven.

Arthur H. Hill, maintenance man, has returned to work after recovering from an injury, and Frank E. Titus, maintenance foreman, has returned after an illness.

Ralph M. Weethee, helper in the maintenance department, has resigned.

Charleston District

Charles Carruthers, meter section clerk-typist, received a wrist watch as first prize in the ticket selling contest for the West Virginia National Guard building fund campaign.

Marshall Leigh Downey, lineman, has left for four months at Fort Knox to attend the Armor Advanced NCO course.

Eldivia Cline Gullion was presented a layette as a going-away gift from women employees. She was an authorization clerk.

John C. Frazier was one of three persons interviewed recently on Charlie Coleman's program, "Be My Guest" over WKNA. He spoke on the company's program on kite flying. Mr. Frazier and W. R. Witzel attended the monthly meeting of the American Society of Safety Engineers at the Greystone Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Witzel celebrated their silver wedding anniversary February 28.

Joe P. Gills attended the Southeastern Electric Exchange annual meeting at Boca Raton, Fla., March 12-14.

Joe Burdette, working foreman, is on the general committee assisting with arrangements for the fifth annual Kanawha Valley home show to be held April 23.

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Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Bluefield District

FRANCES KELLER from senior bookkeeper to stenographer; V. E. KIRK from building maintenance man to building supervisor; J. E. M. SCOTT from rodman to groundman.

Charleston District

ENOCH THOMPSON from car washer to head janitor; MAJOR ELMORE from lineman A to area serviceman, Clendenin; W. H. BOSTIC from groundman to draftsman, junior; SAMUEL E. REED from lineman B to lineman A; LEROY BALDING from Montgomery office, Charleston, to accounting, Point Pleasant.

Huntington District

FRANCES D. ADKINS from authorization clerk to junior contract clerk.

Logan District

DALLAS A. KINSER from station man helper to station man C.

Logan Plant

C. M. BLEVINS from plant janitor to guard.

Lynchburg District

ROBERT G. HOOPER from meterman B to meterman A; BERNARD H. MONROE, JR. from meter serviceman B to meter serviceman A.

Point Pleasant District

E. D. BOGGESS from lineman A to area serviceman.

Pulaski District

ROBERT C. SHARP from lineman C to lineman B; E. P. TURMAN from meter serviceman C to meter serviceman B; J. G. LEONARD from meter serviceman C to meter serviceman B; JAMES H. BROOKS from groundman to truck driver-groundman.

Philip Sporn Plant

CLIFFORD L. PARSONS from temporary guard to guard; ALBERT S. BOSTON from temporary guard to guard; FRANK M. HARRIS from temporary guard to janitor; LESLIE C. INGELS from temporary guard to janitor.

System

RUTH POINDEXTER from secretarial-stenographer, electric plant section of system accounting, to private secretary, junior, public relations; JULIAN MOORE, station man, from Roanoke system transmission maintenance crew to Philip Sporn plant 132-kv and 330-kv station maintenance.

Welch District

ED HICKS from Welch draftsman to Bluefield division draftsman; PERRY HATMAKER, JR. from area sales representative to dealer sales representative; FRANK W. RICHARDS, JR. from meter reader, Pocahontas, to junior T&D clerk, Welch; ESTEL CRABTREE from lineman B to lineman A; CLOYD E. SPRAKER from groundman, Pocahontas, to meter reader, Grundy.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District

AUBORN HELVEY from Ashland lineman to Pikeville.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

HENRY GILREATH from guard to junior PBX operator; JAMES OVERBEY from meter serviceman B to meter serviceman A; JOSEPH B. BAKER, JR. from lineman B to lineman A.

Sportsman Club Elects Officials



The Sleepy Hollow Sportsman Club at Philip Sporn plant recently elected new officers. They are, seated from left: Roy Cooke, treasurer and Charles Crow, vice president; standing from left: Bethel Vance, president and Jack Frey, secretary. New directors include John Ferguson, Clayton A. Athey, Harry Pickens, Earl Keefer, Robert Cooke, Claud Bumgarner, Bob Layne and Bob Gilmore. Projects this year include construction of a skeet range and completion of the road to the lake. The lake was stocked in 1954 and members report good fishing last year. Prospects this year look good for the coming fishing season.

Electric Incinerator Joins Big Three In New Employee Offer

A new electric appliance joins the major residential load builders this month as promotional offers are being made employees on an electric incinerator. The incinerator thus joins the "Big Three" of major appliances—range, water heater and clothes dryer.

Appalachian employees will be presented information about the Hot-point incinerator at special employee meetings, April 24-27. They also will receive material about the new offer in the mail, explaining the discount with purchase on the same finance plan as the other major appliances.

Promotional literature stresses the many advantages of the electric incinerator in today's modern living. It's quicker, cleaner, easier and safer. Special features emphasized are automatic operation, extra convenience control for special occasions when it's necessary to dispose of unusually large amounts of waste, Calrod unit, extrathick insulation, indicator light and two-position grate.

The electric incinerator is the new major appliance on the residential-use horizon. Everyone will be hearing a lot more about it as sales promotional efforts start rolling toward the public.

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Sympathy is also extended Mrs. Mayce Sanderson and Mary Mills, local accounting, on the death of their mother.

Over 100 employees and guests attended a dinner-dance March 2 at the Dixie Caverns ballroom, sponsored by the Camavo Club. Handling party arrangements were J. E. Hopkins, M. E. Reed and M. P. Paitsel, all of division engineering.

T. A. Kirby, district safety supervisor, appeared on WLSL-TV on the "Betty Bond Show" to discuss the company kite flying program.

L. A. Sydnor, husband of Elizabeth H. Sydnor, elevator operator, spoke at the 40th annual convention of the National Association of Secondary Principals in Chicago recently. Principal of the Booker T. Washington Junior High School in Roanoke, he spoke on "How Can We Better Identify and Serve the Non-Academic Youth?"

E. L. Munday, Jr., assistant to the district manager, was recently elected vice president of the Raleigh Court Civic League.

Sympathy is extended E. M. Payne, stores, on the death of his mother-in-law.

System

Mrs. Raymond McCoy, a new system operating clerk-stenographer, was chosen Secretary of the Month by the students of the stenographic department at National Business College in Roanoke. The honor came just before she joined the company.

Edith Q. Nickell, public relations secretarial-stenographer, and Frances Q. Chittum, system accounting, have resigned.

J. Wade Smith, system commercial, has returned to work after recovering from an operation.

Sympathy is extended Vonice Gish, system accounting, on the death of her mother-in-law.

Members of the Appa-Mo Club and guests held a dinner-dance at Dixie Caverns recently. A variety show followed the dinner and Doug Talbert's orchestra furnished music for dancing. Larry Fulp, club president, was master of ceremonies.

Nine More Employees Have Articles Printed In 'Monthly Operating Notes'

Nine employees contributed six articles to the March issue of AGE's *Monthly Operating Notes*.

Two of the articles came from Charleston. Don P. Newman, district electrical engineer, contributed "Protecting Alley Conduit Risers With Steel-Jacketed Concrete." When overhead transformers were used in alleys with Charleston's underground system, there was need for a way to protect risers between the underground and overhead equipment from battering of trucks and other vehicles. The steel-jacketed concrete protective barriers were designed as an economical, adequate method of protection.

O. R. Allen, Charleston division line engineer, wrote "Utilizing Surplus Type RO Transformers." When improvements are made in the street lighting systems of the district 10 kw type RO constant-current street lighting transformers were replaced with larger ones. These small transformers were then used, two together, where 20 kw transformers were needed, saving on the number of new transformers that had to be bought.

E. F. Johnston and A. H. Gravely, Jr. of the system operating department co-authored "Sequential Training Aid." When a need of a simple method for indicating sequential switching and control procedures became apparent in the department's educational program, and in examinations for promotion of operating employees, a kit was devised to answer the problem. Green and red magnetic tags with numbers were made and used in the sequential switching and control procedures, red denoting a closing operation, green an opening. "Warning Pedestrians Against Anchor Bolts" was written by W. W. Krebs, Roanoke district superintendent, and J. E. Jones, Roanoke division engineering. To protect the public from these anchor bolts in underground installations a "stovepipe" galvanized flue pipe canister was devised to warn people away from the hazard.

D. C. Brown, chief Philip Sporn plant chemist, and E. Q. Teaford, assistant chief, worked together on

Welch Youth Joins Honorary Fraternity

Paul L. Adams has been selected for membership by Alpha Kappa Psi, national honorary society standing for leadership in community service in the field of accounting and business.

The son of G. E. Adams, Pocahontas area supervisor in the Welch District, is a senior at VPI. Paul has worked for the past two summers in the station section at Switchback.

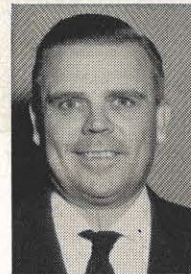
Eligibility requirements for the society include outstanding character, grade requirements, outstanding service to the college and leadership ability. Paul has served as a member of the Ring Dance Committee, treasurer of the Black Diamond Club, member of Hat Trick Committee, member of Newman Club and is a first lieutenant in Company K. He is an accounting major.



Mr. Allen



Mr. Johnston



Mr. Gravely



Mr. Krebs



Mr. Jones



Mr. Brown



Mr. Teaford



Mr. Bargar

"Reducing Coal Cost By More Accurate Samples." In the article they explained that in crushing, cutting down and transporting a piece of coal to the laboratory for an analysis, the piece lost much of the moisture of the original raw coal. This resulted, according to the men, in paying a higher price for the coal than is justified, and the calculated plant heat rate is higher than actually exists. To cut down on this loss of moisture they devised a two-inch nipple to cover the lid of the milk-can sample receiver and joined to the sample chute by a flexible, plastic sleeve which prevents moisture escaping from the sampling device and prevents the sample from adhering to the sleeve.

Frank M. Bargar, Pulaski hydro maintenance mechanic, contributed "Double-Gate Latching Made Easier," in which he described a leverage device attached to the locking mechanism on double gates. This device makes much easier the opening of the fences when the lock is iced over or out of alignment.

Big Lead

Appalachian has taken a commanding lead in ideas used in *Monthly Operating Notes* through the March issue.

Appalachian has 16, followed by Ohio Power with 7, Central Operating (Philip Sporn plant) 3, I&M 2 and Kentucky 1. Bluefield division is leading all other AGE groups with five ideas, while Charleston and Roanoke have four each.

Appalachian won the company award last year as top contributor, while Charleston won the AGE division honors.



Paul Adams

Bob Kuster, 'Chef Supreme,' And His Kitchen Are Featured In Newspaper



Chicken, pie and bread turn out better than ever when Bob Kuster is the cook.

Bob Kuster and "Kuster's Kitchen" were the subject of a recent half-page feature in the *Huntington Herald-Advertiser*.

The article, written by Bill Belanger, was illustrated with several pictures of Bob, who is Huntington commercial sales representative. He is in charge of demonstrations of commercial electric equipment.

The article described Bob's talent as a cook, learned from his family, which has been in the restaurant and cooking business a long time. Actually Bob started with the company as a meter reader after working for his father in their restaurant. Appalachian decided to utilize Bob's cooking talents and now, according to the article, he "practices his art in the basement of Appalachian's new building where an employees' canteen and demonstration kitchen is operated."

The kitchen includes commercial electric cooking equipment, the type employed in quantity cookery for in-



Bob Kuster, "chef supreme" of the Huntington office. (Photos courtesy Huntington Herald-Advertiser.)

stitutions. The article pointed out Bob helped plan the kitchen for the new Cabell Huntington Hospital, Sylvania Electric cafeteria, St. Mary's nurses home and Big Momma Drive-In. Part of his job "is concerned with turning out quantity cookery to prove that food turned out on mass production need not be Mess as well as Mass."

The article went on to describe Bob's talent as a cook—"talk to Bob and you're apt to think that even the commonplace hamburger can be dolled up to a choice dainty if you know the secret."

Roanoke Man Heads Blue Cross Again

J. L. White, Roanoke division supervising engineer, has been elected president of the Blue Cross Hospital Service Association for the third time.

The Association has about 18,000 subscribers in southwest Virginia. Mr. White joined Appalachian at Lynch-

burg in 1926 and the next year came to Roanoke.

Martha White, his daughter, has just returned to Roanoke after a year in Europe with "Hollins Abroad," a foreign study program.



Mr. White

Belchee Is Elected Footlighters' Head

William B. Belchee, Welch power sales engineer, has been elected president of The Footlighters, a group of local amateur actors and writers.

The group presents plays and skits for civic and service clubs in and around Welch. Mr. Belchee recently wrote a skit portraying what could happen in schools if proper facilities were not made available. The play was presented before the Welch PTA. He played leading roles in "Our Town" and "The Curious Savage," two recent plays.

He is a member of the First Methodist Church, where he is an usher and Sunday School instructor. President of the Welch grade school PTA, he is also chairman of the athletic and recreation committee of the Welch Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Belchee manages the Kiwanis Club's Little League baseball team.



Mr. Belchee

Beckley Welfare Group Elects Officers



The Beckley district Community Flower And Welfare Fund elected officers recently. They are from left: James C. Barker, president; Meta Akers, secretary-treasurer; and Lloyd Humphrey, vice president.

Rail Substation Helps Williamson District

Rails were moved, lines strung and other work completed when a mobile railroad transformer recently was installed at laeger substation in the Williamson district.

Failure of a transformer and oil circuit breaker at the station called for the mobile station to provide better service to laeger and to stations along the Sprigg-laeger line. The 17,000 kva mobile railroad unit, in use at Fort Wayne, was sent to the station.

Upon arrival, a temporary siding was built. Several rails of the west-bound main of the N&W had to be removed and the temporary siding tied into this main line. After the mobile unit was put in position, the siding was removed and the main line reassembled.

Breakers and wires were installed along with necessary relaying. Helping with the work were these men from the system station department: Tom Old, W. M. Connor, Frank Webb, Ted Carroll, Don Van Pelt, C. H. Bryant, R. R. McKinney, F. R. Frango and Jim Blanchard, Huntington trainee engineer.

Williamson district men working on the project were F. E. Varney's line crew of Roland Staten, A. J. Doka, Rufus Meade, Jr., G. H. Felty, O. A. Taylor, Fred Alley and J. E. Hatfield. Doing the station work was Jack Akers' station crew of Hiram Stollings, R. T. Williams and M. G. Phillips.

PUAV Conference To Meet in Roanoke June 22

The third annual Public Utilities Accident Prevention Conference will be held June 22 at Roanoke.

D. C. Duncan, system safety director, is head of the PUAV Accident Prevention Committee. The one-day conference will include speakers and demonstrations in accident prevention methods applicable to all types of public utility operations.

The conference is the third in a series of annual meetings for safety and operating personnel of utility companies in Virginia and West Virginia sponsored by the committee.

Resident Engineer For Clinch Named

Earl T. Snodgrass has been named resident engineer for Appalachian's new Clinch River plant.

Excavation for the plant is scheduled to begin soon. Mr. Snodgrass, who has been resident engineer at IKEC's Clifty Creek plant at Madison, Ind., since July 1953, previously had been associated with the AGE System since 1937. During that time he carried out various supervising engineering assignments at Tanners Creek, Philo, Twin Branch, Tidd and Philip Sporn plants.

Fred R. Carman has been named resident engineer for Ohio Power's new Kammer plant. He has been a resident engineer at OVEC's Kyger Creek plant and served in the same capacity during construction of units 3 and 4 at Philip Sporn plant. For the present the two men will divide their time between their new assignments and their OVEC and IKEC assignments.



Mr. Snodgrass

'Reddy Kilowatt's Sixteen Tons' With E. W. Meador Lyrics Is Bluefield Hit

They're singing a popular ditty of the day around Bluefield, only they've changed the wording a bit.



Mr. Meador

When E. Walton Meador, Bluefield division radio engineer, adapted "Sixteen Tons" by Merle Travis to "Reddy Kilowatt's Sixteen Tons," he found a large audience. The song was multilithed with appropriate drawings (reproduced here) and handed out to employees and put on bulletin boards.

Writing lyrics is only one of Mr. Meador's talents. He is a gun fan and has won two state titles and trophies in trap shooting. Muzzle-loading rifles are his hobby and he attends pistol matches with local law enforcement officers, five in 1955. A ham radio fan, he is a native Bluefielder, a member of the American Ethical Union and has been an employee for 15 years.

Here is Mr. Meador's adaptation,

Huntington Man To Lead Civic Group

Carl L. Phillips, Huntington district commercial sales representative, was recently elected president of the Hildacrest Civic Association.

One of the objectives of this organization is to help improve and beautify the public parks, playgrounds, streets, alleys, driveways and approaches to the community in which



Mr. Phillips

the members of the association reside. The group also works closely with the municipal offices of Huntington, the Board of Education and the public offices of Cabell County. Mr. Phillips was employed by the company in Huntington November 22, 1938 as a meter clerk. He was also meter helper and meterman and transferred to the commercial department July 17, 1951 as area sales representative. He rose to his present position September 1, 1955.

A graduate of Huntington High School, he attended the University of Southern California and Marshall College. He is a member of the Baptist Temple, where he is superintendent of the junior high department of the Sunday School and a member of the choir. A member of the Huntington Lions Club and AF&AM No. 79, his hobbies include dramatics, singing, fishing, hunting and sketching. He is married and has two children.



"Reddy Kilowatt's Sixteen Tons":

Some folks heat their house with coal, I don't know why, to save my soul; Buy sixteen tons in the early Fall, By Spring you've got no coal at all.

Sixteen tons, and what do you get? One day you freeze and another you sweat. You shovel ashes and clinkers too, And the doggone soot stops up the flue!

Send sixteen tons to the power plant; The boilers burn it, if your furnace can't. You'd be surprised what can be done With the kilowatthours from sixteen tons!

So build your house for electric heat. Besides convenient, it's clean and neat; Get sixteen tons of "Coal By Wire," You've got the heat without the fire!



H. H. Kincaid Leads Ohio Valley Section Of AIEE

H. H. Kincaid, Kentucky administrative assistant, has been elected chairman of the Ohio Valley Section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

A veteran of 25 years, he is also a member of the Lions Club, Boy Scouts, Ambassadors and Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers. Married, he is a member of the Baptist Church.



Mr. Kincaid

Appaleisure Officers Are Selected



The Beckley district Appaleisure Club has elected officers for this year. They are from left: T. L. Humphries, vice president; Maxine Prince, secretary-treasurer; and W. E. Zopp, president.

Many Lines Down

Hurricane-Force Winds, Heavy Rains Lash Beckley And Charleston Districts



A Beckley crew begins repairing downed wires after a wind and rain storm lashed the Beckley and Charleston districts February 25.

High winds and a violet rainstorm spread line and equipment damage over the Beckley and Charleston districts February 25.

In Charleston winds were clocked at 79 miles per hour, 4 mph. above hurricane force. They were the highest winds recorded there in the past nine years.

The winds, coupled with a heavy rain, caused many outages in the Kanawha Valley. One 44,000-volt transmission line was burned out in the upper Coal River Valley when a tree was blown into it. Three substations were knocked out by this line failure. Four additional lines were down on Elk River near north of Charleston, two more were out at Dunbar and at least six lines were down in South Charleston. One of the light towers at Watt Powell Park came down when winds virtually severed the steel girders at the center. Fortunately, it toppled away from the field and landed on a parking lot.

There were also many failures caused by lines whipping together, resulting in short circuits that blew fuses in transformers.

The storm began about 8:30 a. m. and blew for four hours. Eight Charleston crews were called out and virtually all service was restored by 10:30 p. m. Company telephone facilities were kept humming and other customers called the police and fire departments. They in turn, in the South Charleston area, relayed the messages direct to servicemen in that area. About 20 jobs were handled that way.

In Beckley, most damage was confined to the Beckley, Oak Hill areas and Rainelle areas. Approximately 200 street lights were burned out because of broken lines contacting the street light circuits. There were several cases of 4,000 and 12,000

Huntington Credit Union Holds Meet

Huntington Employees' Federal Credit Union at their 20th annual meeting recently elected officers and declared a dividend.

Elected to the board of directors were: V. D. Altizer, president; O. R. Minnich, vice president; R. T. Hibner, clerk-treasurer, and Ray Wagner and F. C. Leap, members. The credit committee is headed by B. C. Connelloy with Genevieve R. Taylor and V. F. Sturgeon. The supervisory committee has George N. Doggett as chairman with Randall Hogsett and J. T. Bing.

The Huntington credit union has 402 members with assets of \$76,709. Members voted to pay a 4½ percent dividend on shares plus a patronage dividend of 10 percent refund of interest on current loans for the last six months of 1955.

AGE Directors Recommend Split Of Common Stock

Directors of AGE at a special meeting March 2 voted to recommend to its shareowners a split of Common Stock on the basis of three shares for each two shares now held and to increase the par value from \$5 to \$10.

The Board also voted to recommend an increase in the authorized shares from 20,082,162 to a total of 25,000,000.

The proposals will be submitted to the shareowners for approval at the regular annual meeting of the company April 25. The proposals are also subject to the approval of the Securities & Exchange Commission.

In the opinion of the directors, the split of 3 for 2 and the permanent increase in the capital of the company will make the shares more attractive to the investing public, widen the ownership of the shares, and facilitate the financing of the company's large expansion program recently announced.

The directors further stated that no Common Stock offering is contemplated in 1956 and possibly not before the end of 1957.

The expansion program, which will require expenditures of \$700,000,000 during 1956-60, will raise the System's electric power generating capacity by 2,600,000 kw, a 65 percent expansion. This large increase is made necessary by the rapid industrial development, actual and prospective, of its area and by the great strides being made in extending electric use.

President Sporn To Head U. S. Committee

Philip Sporn, president of AGE and of our companies, recently was reelected president of the U. S. National Committee of the International Conference on Large Electric Systems (CIGRE) at a meeting of the group in New York.

At the same meeting, I. W. Gross, AGE Service Corporation research engineer, was elected secretary-treasurer.

CIGRE (Conférence Internationale des Grands Réseaux Electriques), in which the U. S. is represented by about 250 members, will hold its 16th biennial convention in Paris, May 30-June 9.

Object of the international association, which has 2,000 permanent members from more than 40 countries, is to "discover and diffuse the knowledge of the progress in the technique of large high-tension electric systems by bringing into contact the most eminent specialists from each country and by studying the most recent progress in the field."

circuits being pulled down by high winds and falling trees.

In addition there were 75 minor interruptions during the storm. All available crews and servicemen were called out and most service had been restored by early next morning.

Pulaski . . .

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Mrs. Lattie Smythers, wife of Gleason Smythers, record section, has been re-elected president of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Pulaski Methodist Church. Mrs. Edythe Stoots, wife of Ivan Stoots, records section, has been renamed treasurer of the group and Mrs. Dorothy Whitaker, personnel, has been elected vice president.

T. Fred Carrico, former employee and son of Fred L. Carrico, stores supervisor, spent a 30-day leave with his parents recently and visited the office. An Airman 2/c in radio security, he reported to Wheeler Air Force Base, Tripoli.

Fred R. Lawson, Galax retired employee, is improving at his home after being hospitalized.

E. W. Henson, Jr., Marion lineman, has returned to work after being hospitalized.

Mrs. George Conner, wife of the Ivanhoe area serviceman, is recuperating after a hospital stay.

Mrs. J. L. Marshall, Jr., wife of the junior merchandise order and billing clerk, is improving following surgery.

Verl Ann Owens, daughter of E. P. Owens, assistant local office manager, has returned from Longwood College in Farmville where she was secretary of a discussion group of the Student Council Convention. She was a delegate from Pulaski High School. She also attended the Beta Club convention in Richmond before returning home.

Hazard Committee Members Named



New members of the disbursement committee of the Hazard district Employees Community Chest Fund are shown above. They are from left: Arnett Strong, Mrs. Louis Graef, C. B. Cornett, R. T. Cornett and Woodrow Fugate. Employees make one contribution a year to this Fund, and when particular drives come up this committee handles disbursement of contributions. This system has worked well in the district limiting solicitations to one drive a year.

Hazard Manager Is Outstanding Citizen Of City

A. R. Barber, Hazard district manager, has been named Hazard's outstanding citizen of 1955.

The honor was announced at the fourth annual Civic Night meeting at the VFW Clubhouse. The award is sponsored by the Hazard Chamber of Commerce. R. G. Eversole, superintendent of schools, in making the award to Mr. Barber, said: "It is truly a great honor to be presented an award by the people who know you best."

Mr. Barber's activities: past president of the Hazard Lions Club, chairman of the Salvation Army advisory board, vice chairman and a member of the board of directors of the Perry County Red Cross chapter, president of the Kentucky River District of the Boy Scouts of America and vice president of the Lonesome Pine Council. Also president of the Chamber of Commerce, president and one of the organizers of the Perry County Development Association, president of the Hazard Golf Club, member of the board of deacons of the First Presbyterian Church, active in the Perry County Council of Religious Education and chairman of the School Integration Committee.



Mr. Barber

A graduate of VPI, he came to Hazard from Holden more than 20 years ago. Mr. Barber in his acceptance of the award, which included a key to the city, said: "It is with humility that I accept this honor. It is a great honor and I must thank all persons who have made it possible, and this includes my wife."

Charleston . . .

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Nell Wenzel gave cooking tips to members of the Montgomery Women's Improvement League at a recent meeting.

J. E. Beale, retired groundman, visited the office recently.

New employees include Mary L. Morales, Pat Toman and Gail A. Johnson, accounting; Joyce Jarvis, division payroll; Richard Isner and Samuel Given, groundman; Carlos R. Wilburn and Charles E. Haymaker, T&D line section; Lilyan B. Dobson, stores, and Jacqueline Hottle, Whitesville office.

Employees who have resigned include James Vernon Kirk and Jim Gordon, meter; Janelle Underwood, record section; Jerry Trusty, accounting; Mary Elkins, payroll; Jackie Akers, Whitesville office, and C. E. Curry, groundman.

Helen Porter has returned to work after an operation.

E. A. Murray, H. M. Silling, Jim Whitlock and Fred Brown assisted John Shriver in conducting the recent four-day Edison Electric Institute sales technique sessions attended by about 50 district and division employees.

Sympathy is extended John Shriver, division commercial, on the death of his mother-in-law, and Joe P. Gills, division manager, on the death of his mother.

G. W. Unangst was listed as a super-salesman when he sold more than \$100 in tickets to the recent Lions Club sponsored show, "Girl Crazy," at the Municipal Auditorium.

Beckley District

Earl J. Wood, lineman, spoke on "What Safety a Child Should Be Taught at Home" before the Maxwell Hill PTA. About 50 persons attended.

Jack Williams and A. R. Allen, retired employees, visited the office recently.

J. S. Hicks, line section, has returned to work after an illness.

J. E. Hammer, district personnel supervisor, presented "Black Magic" to several high schools in the Beckley area during February and March.

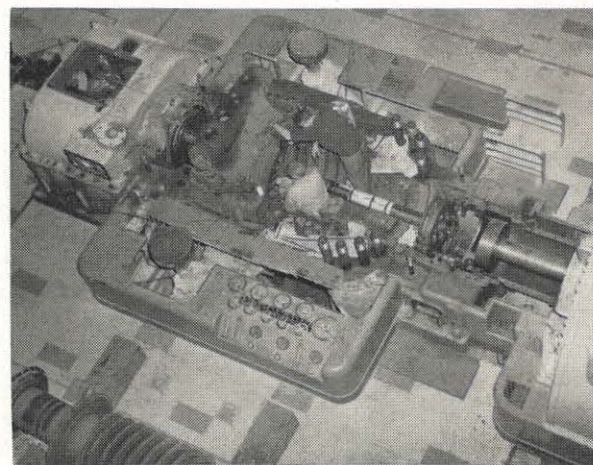
W. E. Zopp, senior personnel assistant, was captain of the business district in the Red Cross fund drive.

Waldo S. LaFon, district manager, has been elected to the board of directors of the Beckley Rotary Club.

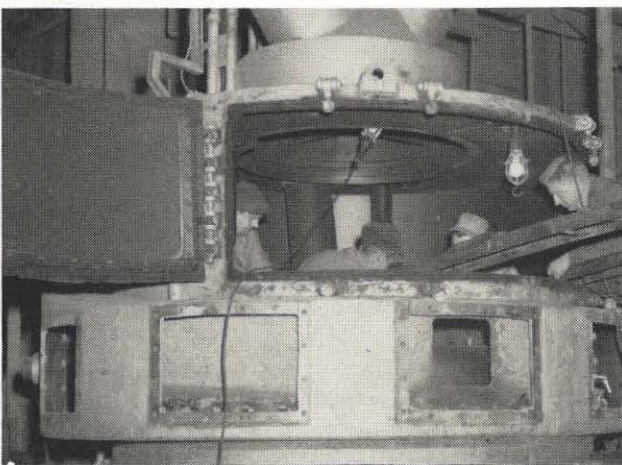
Knight Thigpen, coal procurement agent in Charleston, and D. C. Duncan, system safety director in Roanoke, spoke before the February safety and operating meeting of the district. Basil Stump, Charleston residential sales representative, spoke before the March meeting.

S. R. Snuffer, Rainelle area employee, has resigned.

General Repairs Made To Sporn Unit Two



Unit No. 2 at Philip Sporn plant was taken off the line February 10 to March 6 for general repairs. In these pictures two phases of the overhaul are shown. At left is pictured a part of the high pressure turbine repairs. Glen Cartwright and William Mitchell, General Electric representative, are shown in the dismantled turbine. At right, the pulverizer is rebuilt by, from left: William Zerkle, Ce-



cil Smith, James Bearhs and James Russell. The turbine was opened to install a new spill strip, pulverizers were inspected and overhauled, boiler was inspected, ash hoppers were relined, casing leaks repaired and new type basket elements installed in the air preheaters. Numerous smaller jobs were completed such as repairs to fans, pumps, motors and other auxiliary equipment.

TV Show Helps

Employees Among Many Grateful To Caney Creek School

A little 79-year-old lady recently was tricked into appearing on the "This Is Your Life" TV show. She thought she was flying to Hollywood to make an appeal for an endowment for her school.

As things turned out, an endowment fund was started for Caney Creek School deep in the mountains of the Hazard district. After the story of Mrs. Alice Lloyd and her school had been told, Ralph Edwards, master of ceremonies on the TV show, asked the audience to send \$1 to the school.



Mrs. Lloyd

Mail to the school became so heavy that additional carriers had to be hired. Postal authorities asked for armed guards to be present when the mail was open.

At last count, over \$150,000 had



These Hazard district employees are graduates of Caney Creek. From the left: C. B. Cornett, lighting engineer; Adrian Combs, substation foreman; Leyburn Cody, accounting department; E. S. Slone, supervising engineer, and M. X. Yonts, head meter clerk. Absent was Hargis Caudill, right of way supervisor.

been received in the little Caney Creek post office. This was in a small way recognition for the influence of Mrs. Alice Lloyd in the mountainous region.

She came by buggy to isolated Pippapass in 1916 from Boston. A graduate of Chauncy Hall and Radcliffe College, she came to the mountains for her health. She and her mother settled in an old abandoned church mission and soon learned that only two people out of a hundred in the area could read. Astonished, she started making plans for a community school.

A neighbor donated 50 acres on Caney Creek for the school. A small wooden shack was built and a grade school opened. From this beginning, Mrs. Lloyd was able to get help from friends back in Boston. Later a high school was added and a junior college was established in 1923.

In seven years after her arrival, she had established a grade school, high school and junior college—all without aid of endowments or federal or state help. Tuition at Caney is \$10 a term, which can be paid in cash or work either by the students or their parents. The only other requirement is unwritten—that the student after graduation help better his homeland.

For those who qualify, Mrs. Lloyd arranges scholarships. Most attend the University of Kentucky where she furnishes a cottage for male students.

Alumni include 10 doctors, 15 engineers, 10 lawyers, 1 U. S. Congressman, 4 ministers, 7 nurses, 105 school principals and 1,200 teachers. Hazard district has six employees who attended Caney and another who transferred to Ashland district.

A book, "Stay On Stranger," was written a few years ago about Caney and later published in condensed version in "Reader's Digest." The book had some influence with choosing Mrs. Lloyd for the TV program. Added reasons were all the graduates.

New Duties Assumed By Two AGE Men

Frank G. Nagele has been appointed purchasing consultant of the AGE Service Corporation.

Mr. Nagele, who is a vice president of the Service Corporation, will continue in that capacity and will direct an active program of research in the field of purchasing and warehousing.

Robert M. Mills, who was named purchasing agent for the Service Corporation in March 1955, assumed administrative charge of all purchasing activities of the Service Corporation January 1.

Mr. Nagele is a 44-year veteran of AGE. He was named vice president-purchasing in March 1950. Mr. Mills, former general manager of Converse Bridge and Steel Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., joined the service Corporation in March 1955.

Sporn Plant's Foam Fire Protection System Is Run Through Operation Test

An important part of the Philip Sporn plant fire protection system was given a workout in a test recently.

The foam fire protection system in the turbine room basement was tested, with plant and AGE personnel, manufacturer's representatives and visitors from other plants looking on. If there is a sudden rise in temperature in the turbine room basement the foam system automatically sprays foam through numerous nozzles, enveloping machinery and spreading over the floor space to a thickness of six inches. All this takes only 10 minutes. To control the foam from spreading to lower floors, curbs were built around hatchways and stairways.

Due to the large area covered and the need of cleaning up afterwards the tests were conducted on a small scale. A heat actuating device was heated to touch off the foam system and the main pumps were blanked off so the foam could be directed into a sump for disposal.

Each unit has a 200-gallon tank of foam solution which is picked up by water by an ejector effect and carried through the pipe lines and discharged through spray nozzles. The



Observers watch closely as the foam fire protection system at Philip Sporn plant is run through a test.

system can be operated manually.

Other features of the plant fire protection system include a new fire truck, additional outside fire hydrants, roadways to the river for the trucks, new types of fire hose and an independent water system consisting of a 1,000-gallon a minute gasoline-driven pump installed outside the plant, which uses the river as a source.



Chauncy Hall in the foreground is the home of Mrs. Lloyd and also serves as the office of the community center. Land for the school was donated in 1916 when she came to the remote mountain region.

Pikeville Credit Union Elects Officers, Declares Dividend And Pays Interest



These are the officers who will lead the Power Employees' Credit Union in Pikeville. Front: Sybil Keene, junior merchandise order and billing clerk, secretary; and Milford Layne, senior records clerk, president. Back row, from left: H. M. Eagle, general foreman, vice president; L. M. Newsom, district records supervisor, treasurer; and H. M. Coleman, stores supervisor, director.

Officers were elected at the annual meeting of Pikeville's Power Employees' Credit Union recently at the main office.

Elected to the board were Lawrence Newsom, Sybil Keene and H. M. Eagle. Board members who had unexpired terms were Milford Layne and Harold Coleman.

The following were also elected: Charles Stayton, Mont Cline and Jess Collier, supervisory committee; and Dave Ratliff and Rodman Crutchfield, credit committee.

When the board met January 19 they elected the following officers: Milford Layne, president; H. M. Eagle, vice president; Sybil Keene, secretary; L. M. Newsom, treasurer, and Harold Coleman, director.

The treasurer reported at the January 17 meeting that the group now has total assets of \$17,590.95 with a share balance of \$11,916.15. A dividend of 5.4 percent was declared and 2½ percent interest was paid on deposits during 1955 to bring the undivided earnings total for dividends to \$536.87. Organized seven years ago, the credit union has never lost any money on its transactions.

New Street Lights To Go Up In Charleston Cities

South Charleston and Kanawha City are slated for a total of 82 new street lights.

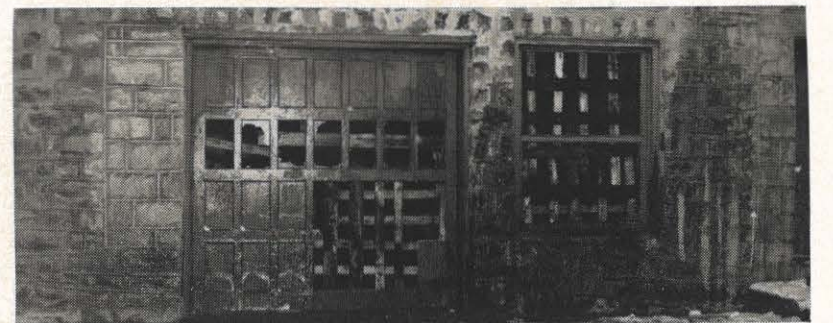
In the first step of a white way system South Charleston plans installation of 55 20,000 lumen mercury vapor street lights. Kanawha City is going to install 27 new lights. Ken Judy, Charleston engineering aide, is engineering the projects with the assistance of Kermit Fisher, division electrical engineer.

Lynchburg Apelcoes Select Officers



These are the new officers of the Apelcoes, Lynchburg employee club. They are from left: E. R. Driskoll, secretary; N. K. Langhorne, president; Helen E. Webber, treasurer; and Charlene L. Thompson, assistant treasurer.

Fire Destroys Storeroom Near Beckley



Fire swept through this auxiliary storeroom at Mabscott in the Beckley district on January 24, causing an estimated \$10,000 damage. The building is covered by insurance. The fire is believed to have started in the apartment above the storeroom about 7:30 p. m. Firemen from Beckley and Mabscott fought the blaze for two hours before bringing it under control. No one was injured although the inside of the building was completely destroyed.

Abingdon Man Joins 'Cross' Gallon Club

A. C. Hutton, Jr. was presented his Gallon Club pin recently for giving his eighth pint of blood to the American Red Cross.



Mr. Hutton

The Abingdon district area sales representative is chairman of the Washington County Chapter of the Red Cross and a member of the Washington County Life Saving Crew, the Abingdon Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Abingdon Baptist Church. He was employed in Abingdon in November 1947. Married, he has two sons.

Profits From Hobby Will Aid Children In Their Education



J. W. Muir stands behind a counter in his drugstore.

J. W. Muir had two good reasons when he bought a drugstore recently.

He wanted a spare time hobby for himself and his wife, and he wanted something that would help toward the education of his three children.

The Beckley senior T&D clerk began his new business by restocking and remodeling. An amateur photographer, he plans to add photographic supplies to his merchandise. He said that he and his wife have been contemplating something on the order of a drugstore for some time, since they are both interested in work where they would meet people.

Mr. Muir joined the company in 1948 as a clerk in the T&D record section. An accomplished pianist, he attended Bowling Green Business College.

Service Emblems Go To Veterans



Veterans who have received pins for 20 or more years' service in recent weeks are picture above. TOP ROW from left, all 30 years: M. L. May, Huntington; Opie Jackson, Huntington; Willie A. Moore, Huntington; and S. H. Eskins, Charleston. SECOND ROW from left: R. T. Donegan, Charleston, 30 years; George Wingate, Bluefield, 25 years; A. C. Skeen, Abingdon, 20 years; and C. W. Hale,

Abingdon, 20 years. THIRD ROW from left, all 20 years: Woodrow H. Key, Lynchburg; Jim M. Wysong, Huntington; Jesse Bussey, system; and C. H. Feiszli, Logan plant. BOTTOM ROW from left, all 20 years: Garnett C. Thompson, Glen Lyn plant; J. Alvin Saunders, Glen Lyn plant; H. P. Jackson, Glen Lyn plant; and G. A. White, Glen Lyn plant.

President Sporn Pays \$5 To Speak At Ravenswood's Ninth \$5 Banquet

President Philip Sporn will pay \$5 for the privilege of speaking at the ninth annual \$5 Banquet on April 23 in Ravenswood, West Virginia.

He accepted in New York the personal invitation of three citizens from Ravenswood. The community is about 30 miles north of Point Pleasant. His appearance will put him in a select group of people who have attended the unique affair.

All the food is donated and everyone pays \$5 to attend—the speaker, entertainers, cooks, waiters, dishwashers, representatives of the press. All the profits—the amount of money taken in from ticket sales—go to the local high school and grammar school.

About \$24,000 has been raised in the past eight years for these schools which have outstanding audio and visual educational equipment.

Part of the banquet's success for attracting over 1,000 people is due to the speakers. They have included such men as former Vice President Alben Barkley, B&O President Howard Simpson, President Henry J. Kaiser of Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation, West Virginia University President Irvin Stewart and others.

At times there have been as many people attending the banquet as there were people in the town on the Ohio River. The 1950 census showed 1,175 for Ravenswood.

Of course, Ravenswood is growing fast. Kaiser is building a \$220-million plant near the town which is predicted to become a city of 5,000 to 10,000 people in a few years.

President Sporn also will appear in Appalachian territory when he makes the Marshall College commencement address in May. At that time he also will receive the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from the college in Huntington.

Kentucky's AGE Plaque Is Presented Locally

R. E. Doyle, Jr., vice president and general manager of Kentucky Power Company, recently presented the Philip Sporn Award Plaque for outstanding achievement in commercial and industrial load building to E. C. Cassidy. The general power sales supervisor accepted the Award for the power sales engineers of the company.

E. E. King Elected Country Club Head

E. E. King, Williamson district superintendent, was recently named to head the Mingo Country Club for the current year. J. L. Gilbert, local office manager, was elected secretary and treasurer for the ninth straight time.



Mr. King

Mr. King was also appointed chairman of the leadership training committee by the president of the Chief Cornstalk Council, Boy Scouts of America. He is a member of the executive board and the district committee of this council.

Mr. King is a member of the Williamson Rotary Club, BPO Elks and Chamber of Commerce and attends the Belfry Methodist Church.

He was employed in 1941 as a draftsman in the engineering department. After serving as district supervisor engineer he was promoted in 1950 to his present position. He is married and has four children.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—20 YEARS: A. C. SKEEN, line inspector; C. W. HALE, truck driver-groundman; 10 YEARS: C. M. WAGNER, JR., dealer sales representative.

Beckley District—10 YEARS: H. H. CRAWFORD, collector.

Bluefield District—25 YEARS: GEORGE WINGATE, Princeton groundman; 15 YEARS: C. L. FARLEY, Besoco area serviceman.

Cabin Creek Plant—15 YEARS: L. O. MCKINNEY, transformer maintenance mechanic; W. N. MOSS, boiler operator.

Charleston District—30 YEARS: S. H. ESKINS, Whitesville area supervisor; R. T. DONEGAN, junior T&D clerk; 15 YEARS: F. E. WISE, station man.

Fieldale District—15 YEARS: O. A. KEENE, meter serviceman; 10 YEARS: R. A. YOUNGMAN, district engineer; 5 YEARS: D. A. MARTIN, junior T&D clerk; DOROTHY TIPTON WEBSTER, junior merchandise order and bill clerk; J. T. WILSON, appliance serviceman.

Glen Lyn Plant—20 YEARS: G. A. WHITE, auxiliary equipment operator; H. P. JACKSON, shift supervisor; J. ALVIN SAUNDERS, chemist assistant; GARNETT C. THOMPSON, turbine operator; 5 YEARS: F. F. FERGUSON, utility operator; T. T. THOMPSON, utility operator.

Huntington District—30 YEARS: OPIE JACKSON, meter serviceman; M. L. MAY, station man; WILLIE A. MOORE, janitor; 20 YEARS: JIM M. WYSONG, area sales representative; 15 YEARS: PEARL LESTER, JR., junior PBX operator; 10 YEARS: L. E. PERKEY, lineman; W. C. ROSE, JR., electrical engineer; 5 YEARS: H. A. MCGOWAN, lineman; R. M. HOGSETT, JR., senior merchandise order and billing clerk.

Kanawha River Plant—15 YEARS: D. O. B. MATTHEWS, assistant control operator; 5 YEARS: G. C. FANNIN, helper.

Logan Plant—20 YEARS: C. H. FEISZLI, assistant supervisor of maintenance; 15 YEARS: NORWOOD DINGESS, turbine operator; ARDEN GARRETT, turbine operator; L. P. LUCAS, turbine operator; W. C. WORKMAN, mechanical maintenance helper.

Lynchburg District—20 YEARS: WOODROW H. KEY, meter serviceman; 15 YEARS: WILLIAM E. MOSS, lineman.

Point Pleasant District—10 YEARS: C. A. BURDETTE, stores supervisor; J. D. SPIGGLE, commercial sales representative; 5 YEARS: ELIZABETH M. MATTOX, clerk-stenographer.

Pulaski District—10 YEARS: MARTHA K. HORNE, senior home economist; GLENN A. BRILLHART, station man.

Radford Arsenal Steam Plant—5 YEARS: T. W. GOAD, working foreman; H. V. JOHNSON, boiler operator; H. M. MCCOY, coal conveyor operator; C. E. SMITH, JR., boiler operator.

Roanoke District—15 YEARS: C. R. BROGAN, meter service helper; J. E. JONES, division electrical engineer, L. S. CALDWELL, lineman; C. E. RICHARDSON, draftsman; 10 YEARS: VIRGINIA J. AYERS, stenographer, T&D engineering; 5 YEARS: LAURA L. CLAIR, elevator operator.

Philip Sporn Plant—15 YEARS: PAUL E. SCALLY, plant personnel supervisor; 5 YEARS: CHARLES B. GORDON, maintenance man; RAYMOND J. SMITH, assistant control operator; MARJORIE E. WALDIE, senior bookkeeper; PATSY A. YESTER, secretarial stenographer; CHARLES M. HALEY, assistant control operator; NORMAN L. YEAUGER, maintenance man; DENVER L. RICE, maintenance man.

System—20 YEARS: JESSE BUSSEY, system senior personnel assistant; 15 YEARS: JOHNNIE T. CHILDRESS, system station man; 10 YEARS: OBIE O. CLENDENIN, system station man; 5 YEARS: JACK E. GLOVER, system station man; DOLPH R. ATKINSON, rodman; T. K. SHEPHERD, system senior personnel assistant; E. E. JOHNSON, system station operator.

Welch District—10 YEARS: CHARLES R. SETTLE, district superintendent; 5 YEARS: GARLAND B. GENT, truck driver-groundman; FRANK W. RICHARDS, JR., junior T&D clerk.

Williamson District—10 YEARS: W. H. KING, meter serviceman; 5 YEARS: C. C. THOMPSON, truck driver-groundman.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District—15 YEARS: BENJAMIN F. ALEXANDER; 10 YEARS: CHARLES E. CARROLL, HERMAN E. TAYLOR, THOMAS J. COGAN.

Hazard District—15 YEARS: N. W. COLLIER, area supervisor; 10 YEARS: EVERTT BUSH, lineman.

Pikeville District—10 YEARS: MARY ELIZABETH RIDDLE, secretarial-stenographer; DAVID RATLIFF, material clerk.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

15 YEARS: JAMES H. NICKELS, JR., T&D clerk; 10 YEARS: CHARLES H. HAND, groundman.

Glen Lyn Plant Man Heads Rich Creek Club

W. M. Woodyard has been elected president of the Midway Community Club of Rich Creek. He is mechanical man at Glen Lyn plant.

The club's purpose is for improvement of homes and grounds, streets and playground along with community activities like demonstrations. Mr. Woodyard came to work with the company in June 1944 as mechanical repairman. Married, he is a veteran of Army service during 1932-36.



Mr. Woodyard

Six Couples Take Vows



Recent brides in our companies are pictured above. TOP ROW from left: Mrs. Glenn A. Palmer, system; and Mrs. Harold Lee Shipley, Kingsport. BOTTOM ROW from left: Mrs. William David Begley, Hazard; and Mrs. Donald Webb, Williamson.

Parke-Webb

Helen Parke and Donald Webb were united in marriage March 11 at the First Baptist Church of Williamson. Mrs. Webb was formerly employed as a home economist in the Williamson district.

Harmon-Palmer

Adrena P. Harmon was married March 15 to Glenn A. Palmer at the parsonage of the Belmont Baptist Church in Roanoke. Mrs. Palmer is an employee in system accounting.

Taylor-Gordon

Elizabeth Ann Taylor and Edward F. Gordon were married March 18 at the Presbyterian Church in Ashland. Mr. Gordon, stationed at Fort Knox, is the son of R. L. Gordon, Ashland district administrative assistant.

Blakley-Shipley

Lois Jean Blakley was married February 25 to Harold L. Shipley in a double ring ceremony at the Rock Springs Methodist Church. Mrs. Shipley is employed in the accounting department at Kingsport.

School Senior Wins Betty Crocker Award

Margaret Candler, E. C. Glass High School senior, has been awarded the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow award.

The award, given by General Mills, Inc. of Minneapolis, entitles Margaret to enter the state contest, where the winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and an educational trip to Washington, D. C., Williamsburg and Philadelphia. The daughter of Harry L. Candler, Lynchburg district agricultural sales engineer, Margaret won in her school with the highest score on a written test of homemaking knowledge.

Margaret Candler

Cornett-Begley

The Methodist Church at Appalachia, Va., was the scene March 24 for the double ring ceremony of Charlotte Kay Cornett and William David Begley. Mrs. Begley is senior PBX operator in the Hazard district, and Mr. Begley is a serviceman in the district.

King-Solomon

Mary Ellen King and Lt. Martin B. Solomon, Jr., were united in marriage February 18 at the Adath Israel Temple of Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Solomon is the daughter of E. E. King, Williamson district superintendent.

Pike County Girl Is 4-H Sewing Champion

Junior champion in sewing in Pike County 4-H Club work is Jeanette Blackburn. She is the daughter of Henry Blackburn, senior records clerk in the Pikeville district.

The 12-year-old student at Bent Branch School has been in 4-H only one year. Her medal was presented for work on pot holders and aprons. This year she plans to enter a dress as her project and has won a blue ribbon for it in the first sectional rally.



Jeanette Blackburn

Hazard Bride Honored With Gift And Dinner

Women employees of the Hazard district honored recently married Charlotte Cornett Begley March 15 at May's Grill.

A gift of chinaware was presented the PBX operator. Present were Mrs. Louis Graef, Gay Boyer, Clydia Combs, Pauline Garrett, Mary Franks, Tommy Jean Gabbard, Margaret Baker, Rita Barker, Margie Buttram, Joyce Combs, Eunice Dixon, La Redith Pratt and Margie Wilder.

New Arrivals

Abingdon

MR. AND MRS. JAMES M. COLE, a son, Randolph Robinson, February 22. Mr. Cole is a power sales engineer.

Beckley

MR. AND MRS. PAUL C. ELLIOTT, a daughter, February 24. Mr. Elliott is employed in the T&D line section.

Bluefield

MR. AND MRS. LEONARD W. ROBINETTE, a son, James Randall, February 26. Mr. Robinette is a senior power sales engineer and Mrs. Robinette was formerly employed in commercial.

Charleston

MR. AND MRS. DELMAR CAVENDER, a daughter, Jennifer Ann, February 28. Mr. Cavender is a meter reader.

Fieldale

MR. AND MRS. J. A. DESHAZO, a daughter, Elizabeth Scales, February 28. Mr. DeShazo is a Stuart lineman.

MR. AND MRS. J. G. MORRISON, a son, Sammy Joyce, February 18. Mr. Morrison is Stuart line foreman.

Huntington

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL D. SPEARS, a daughter, Lisa Ann, February 22. Mr. Spears is employed in the line section.

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. D. A. MATHEWS, a daughter, Rebecca Ann, March 2. Mr. Mathews is employed at the plant.

Lynchburg

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE C. GOLLADAY, JR., a son, Randolph Glenn, February 6. Mr. Golladay is general serviceman.

MR. AND MRS. EARL R. BLANKENSHIP, a son, Earl R. Jr., March 1. Mrs. Blankenship was formerly employed in accounting.

Point Pleasant

MR. AND MRS. C. A. BURDETTE, a son, Charles Arthur, Jr., March 4. Mr. Burdette is stores supervisor.

Pulaski

MR. AND MRS. E. L. SHAW, JR., a son, David Lawrence, February 21. Mr. Shaw is an electrical engineer at the Byllesby plant.

Williamson . . .

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Helen Parke Webb was presented a silver sugar shell and pickle fork as wedding gifts from the girl's club at their monthly meeting. She also received gifts from other departments. Mrs. Webb has resigned as home economist.

Ben H. Scaff, retired employee, was a recent visitor in the local office.

Wilma Justice, former commercial department employee, and Herman Mills, former meter section employee, were recent visitors to the office.

Huntington District

New employees include Ray Thomas Beatty, T&D meter section; Sue C. Cook, commercial; and Nancy R. Easter, accounting part-time.

H. E. VanHoose, area sales representative, has resigned.

D. W. "Tommy" Ritchie, Jr., a new line section employee, was transferred from Ohio Power Company.

Sympathy is extended J. M. Scites on the death of his brother, and M. J. Johnson on the death of his sister.

Sympathy is also extended Jane Swann, system billing, and Jim Swann, meter, on the death of their father.

M. A. "Mike" Fotos, Jr. is a new electrical engineer. Mike was a co-op student in Huntington while attending the University of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Ethel L. Hyldahl, draftsman, was installed as voluntary service representative at the Veterans Hospital by Pup Tent 6 of the Military Order of the Cootie, fun-making and welfare unit of the VFW, and the Cootiettes Club 238.

The accounting department held its annual safety dinner at the Governor Cabell Hotel recently. A dance for employees and guests followed at the company canteen.

Azel McCurdy, Jr. spoke before the monthly meeting of the Huntington chapter of the National Office Management Association. He spoke on the problems business faces with new employees and possible ways in which schools can assist in solving these problems. School teachers of the area were invited to attend the meeting.

MR. AND MRS. T. J. DUNCAN, JR., a daughter, Joy Lyn, March 11. Mrs. Duncan is a former PBX operator.

Roanoke

MR. AND MRS. KNUTE GIESON, a son, Knute Rockne, Jr., March 5. She is a former local accounting employee.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. MARVIN G. BURT, a daughter, Melanie Kay, February 24. Mr. Burt is a master maintenance man.

System

MR. AND MRS. R. H. McDEARMON, a daughter, Martha Ann, March 13. Mr. McDearmon is a system accounting employee.

Welch

MR. AND MRS. W. C. LANE, a daughter, Susan Kay, March 6. Mrs. Lane is a former accounting employee.

MR. AND MRS. HOBART S. WHITE, a daughter, Carla Jean, February 25. Mr. White is a lineman.

Roanoke Girl Leaves For Liberia To Teach

Barbara Constance Patterson left recently for Liberia to begin a three-year assignment as a social science instructor.

She is the daughter of Oscar Patterson, Roanoke district janitor. Barbara will teach at the College of West Africa, a Methodist and state-supported school in Monrovia.



Barbara Patterson

A graduate of Addison High School of Roanoke and Bennett College, she did graduate work at Scarritt College. She has held a number of offices in the Washington Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

A Box Of Candy

The box of candy Mrs. Regina Slayton received recently meant more than just something to eat.

The candy was given the Beckley cashier clerk by Mrs. Joe Suptic of Cranberry in appreciation of the courtesy and kindness Mrs. Slayton had shown her when she paid her electric bill.

Mrs. Slayton was pleased with the gift and said she was thankful for the opportunity to meet and learn to know people like Mrs. Suptic.

Voice In The Choir



"The Voice In The Old Village Choir" is Jane Dent Meadows, wife of Howard Meadows, Bluefield district engineer. That's the name of Jane's weekly program over WHIS-TV in Bluefield. She is a singer, organist and hostess on the show and each week has a guest church choir appear. She is also organist, singer and hostess on "Hi Neighbor" Monday through Friday and appears on Homemaker Harmonies on WHIS Radio. The "Voice" program is a dream come true for Jane—she has wanted just such a show for some time.

Visit To West Is On Tap For Newly Retired Employee



Mrs. Tetman

Mrs. Myrtle R. Tetman, Huntington division senior payroll clerk, retired April 1 after 26 years with the company.

She worked first for an Appalachian predecessor, Consolidated Light, Heat and Power Company, from February 12 to September 20, 1918. She joined Appalachian July 7, 1930 as a utility clerk. During her employment she has been stenographer, merchandise bookkeeper, clerk-stenographer and clerk.

She attended Elizabeth District schools and the Boothe and West Virginia Business Colleges. Employees of the payroll department honored Mrs. Tetman with a dinner and gave her an electric roaster oven and stand.

In parting, Mrs. Tetman said: "To look back over the several years past and my association with the power company takes me first to the second floor of the Miller Ritter Building and Consolidated. . . Mr. Miller was my supervisor and the boss was W. R. Power. . ."

"During the passing years a number of things have happened, but one event not to be forgotten was the 1937 flood, when several of us climbed a ladder from a boat to the second floor of the office building to secure needed supplies and material to take to Logan so a payroll could be made out. Flood or no flood, the payroll has to be on time, and was. Another thing which stands out is I did get the chance to work in the new office before retiring.

"I have enjoyed my years of employment with the company, and count many friends, both here and in other offices, through this association. I wish to say thanks to my past and present supervisors for their consideration and friendship.

"I am looking forward to my retirement with anticipation and some regret. Maybe, if all our plans materialize, my husband and I may be able to take Horace Greeley's advice and spend some time in Texas and Colorado, or at least close to the mountains. Might even try to cross them some day, who knows?"

They're Engaged

GAIL JOHNSON to E. W. Lovell, Jr. She is a clerk-typist in Charleston accounting.

VIVIAN FAYE CARTER to Gregory Olen Givens III. Mr. Givens is a mail room employee in Roanoke.

MARTHA WHITE to James P. Hart III. Miss White is the daughter of J. L. White, Roanoke division supervising engineer.

BEVERLY ANN RAKES to William Irvine Whitefield, Jr. Mr. Whitefield is a former summer employee in the Roanoke stores and commercial departments and the son of W. I. Whitefield, Sr., retired Roanoke division manager.

JOAN H. WYLIE to Haven C. Pagans. Miss Wylie is an employee in system accounting.

SHIRLEY JUNE GRUBB to Donald Clyde Landreth. Miss Grubb is a clerk-stenographer in the Abingdon commercial department and Mr. Landreth is an Abingdon material clerk.

JUDITH FRANCES PETERS to Ronald Lee Lester. He is the son of Pearl Lester, Jr., Huntington T&D line section employee.

Operators Are Logan Basketball Champions



A. J. Conley, Operators captain, accepts the tournament trophy and congratulations from L. C. Houchins, plant personnel supervisor. J. R. Blankenship, league commissioner, looks on at far left. Others in the picture, all team members, are from left: D. F. Brumfield, P. M. Hefner, J. B. Bell, N. T. Dial and R. H. Phillips.

Logan plant Operators defeated the District squad 72-50 in the championship finals of the annual Logan basketball tourney.

Plant Maintenance knocked off Plant Office 52-32 for third spot in the tourney. J. B. Bell of the championship team registered the outstanding average for the tourney, dropping in an average of 39.5 points a game.

He and two teammates, A. J. Conley and N. T. Dial, were named to the All-Star squad. Also selected for honors were H. L. Foglesong and R. C. Kuhn of District, J. R. Ellis, Maintenance and Emil Hall, Office.



Five of the seven members of the All-Star team are pictured above. They are from left: A. J. Conley, J. B. Bell, R. C. Kuhn, N. T. Dial and H. L. Foglesong. Not shown are J. R. Ellis and Emil Hall.

Beckley Completes First Lap On Way To Charleston Bowling Match Trophy



Top bowlers in the Beckley-Charleston match are pictured above. Front row from left: Elizabeth Scott, high Beckley woman's score of 165 and set of 451; Pat Robinette, Charleston, high woman's series of 497; C. B. Talley, Charleston, high men's game of 223; Pauline Lanham, Charleston, high woman's game of 196. Back row from left: Waldo S. LaFon, Beckley, high men's series of 540; Paul Parsons, high Charleston men's series of 535; Regina Slayton, high Beckley women's series of 451; Paul Hancock, high Beckley men's game of 203.

Beckley bowlers have successfully completed the first lap on their way to winning the Beckley-Charleston bowling trophy.

Sponsored by Waldo S. LaFon and C. B. Talley, Beckley and Charleston district managers, respectively, the trophy will be given to the district winning the two matches between the teams. Beckley won the first one by 77 pins.

Two men's and one woman's teams represented each district and the final score was 8758 pins for Beckley and 8681 pins for Charleston. Following the match a banquet was held at the El Chico Cafe in Beckley.

Rolling for Beckley were Emma

Jimmy Combs Plays On Undefeated School Team

Jimmy Combs was a forward this season on the Hager School fifth grade basketball team that won the city championship.

Jimmy is the son of Walter Combs, customer accounting supervisor in Ashland. The team went through the season and the tournament without losing a game.

Mr. Combs and his family came to Ashland from Hazard in January.



Jimmy Combs

No Draggin' By Draggins In Beckley



There was no draggin' on the part of the Draggins when the third quarter of the Beckley Bowling League closed recently. The team took top honors with the above employees bowling. Shown from left are: Jim Kirby, B. B. Corker, Emma Jean Wilson, E. F. Eager, Eugene O'Neal and Lloyd Pomykata. The Draggins will play the fourth quarter winners for the second half championship. This winner will go on to meet the first half winners, The Crimpits, for the league title.

Roanoke Office Holds Bowling Loop Lead

Local Office is riding in first place in the Roanoke Bowling League, but two teams are pushing for the spot.

In second Line and Station is only one game off the pace and System holds third, three games out. The regular season ends April 9, and April 16 the first half winner, Stores, will roll the second half winners for the championship. The annual sweepstakes will be held the same night.

A banquet, with awards to the first and second place teams and to individuals, will close out bowling for the current season April 23.

L. G. Gregory of Line and Station has high average of 112. Billy Mills, Meter, has high single of 158 and Tommy Bryant, Meter, has high three-game set of 385. Local Office has both high three-game set of 1675 and high single of 631.

Retired Employee's Son Is Honored By Chile

Capt. Walter L. Jones, USAF, has been honored by the Chilean Air Force for important activities engaged in for that government.

The Minister of National Defense for Chile conferred the honor upon the son of Walter H. Jones, retired system billing supervisor in Huntington. Capt. Jones was named Honorary Combat Pilot of the Chilean Air Force. He earned the distinction when he flew the body of Dr. Carlos Davila, secretary-general of the Organization of American States and former president of Chile, from Washington to Chile.

Today And Yesterday Represented In Rifle Hobby — Business Of Sporn Man

Rifles used by the North and South in the Civil War make up the large part of an interesting and profitable hobby of Paul Fitzgerald.

The Philip Sporn maintenance man recently constructed a concrete block building adjacent to his home, where in one half of it he stores his gun collection, gun work shop and den. The garage is in the other half of the building. Paul repairs guns for the public, sells and trades guns and sells ammunition. When his building is completed he hopes to enlarge the business end of his hobby.

His hobby started several years ago when he began collecting and reconditioning old guns. His collection grew to such proportions that it about took the house over. There was an audible sigh of relief from his wife when Paul announced construction plans for the new building. But just like a woman, Lillian, his wife, liked

the new building so much she took over part of the shelf room for her antique china and lamps.

Paul's favorite antique is a plains rifle made in the early 1800's by N. N. Ralph of Gallipolis, O. His favorite deer hunting rifle is an eight-millimeter army rifle cut down and altered to suit him. All his guns are placed in shooting condition and are tested by Paul. His work bench is so located that he can open a window over it and fire on his shooting range without going outside.

You'll find Paul and Lillian at all area auction sales. He says it's surprising how many guns, powder flasks and other equipment are offered at these sales. He is a member of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and the National Rifle Association. In addition, he is secretary and treasurer of the Locust Grove Rod and Gun Club.



Paul Fitzgerald handles one of the many rifles in his extensive collection.

Four Teams Battle For Charleston Lead

Four teams are battling for first place as the Charleston district Kilowatt Bowling League reached the three-quarter mark.

The Divisioneers and the Reddys are tied for first with 17-10 records. The Pulverizers and Personnel teams are in second with 16-11 records.

Jim Britt leads the loop with high single of 246 and Pauline Lanham has high woman's single of 231. She also has high woman's average of 162, high single with handicap of 263 and high set of 542. Elmo Thaxton has high men's set of 643 and high average of 179.

Lester Marshall has high single with handicap of 286 and Oscar Kallmerton high set with handicap of 733. Pat Robinette has high women's set with handicap of 659.

Williamson Defeats Pikeville Bowlers

Williamson bowlers won their second straight match from Pikeville recently, this one by 231 pins.

Rolling at Williamson this time, the local keglers downed 8081 pins to Pikeville's 7850 pins. The first match was held at Pikeville. Four teams from each district rolled three games each and the amassed pin total determined the winner.

Bob Weddle from Pikeville took high game honors with a 202 while Williamson's E. L. Bevins rolled 481 for high series. Dorothy Goff from Pikeville had high woman's single with 146 and Elizabeth Riddle of Pikeville had high woman's set of 420.

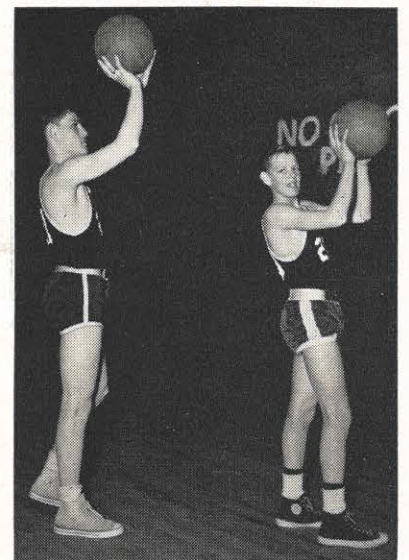
After the afternoon on the alleys the team members enjoyed a buffet dinner in the Williamson auditorium.

Two Pikeville Employees Contribute ELP Article

Two Pikeville district men wrote an article which appeared in the March 15 issue of *Electric Light and Power*.

H. M. Eagle, general foreman, and B. P. Bogardus, district supervising engineer, were the authors of "All-Steel Hanger Economical For Three-Phase Transformer Banks."

Court Brothers



Now that one basketball star in the family is graduating, another family member hopes to step into the star's shoes. Ralph Safriet, left, is the star, winning a berth on the county all-tournament basketball team, while Lester, Jr., right, is a freshman on the same school team. Both are sons of Lester M. Safriet, Kingsport meter serviceman. Ralph and his Hilton High School teammates won the Scott County, Virginia, basketball tournament but lost by one point to Grundy in the state tournament at Richmond. Ralph will graduate in June. Lester, Jr. hopes for a starting berth on the team next year, using experience he gained on the squad this season.

Abingdon Veteran Retires To Farm



Mr. Miller

Marion M. Miller, Abingdon district groundman, retired April 1 after almost 27 years of service.

Members of the Washington County line crew and the stores and station department employees held a dinner in his honor March 16, presenting him with a drill press to be used in his farm shop.

Mr. Miller started his career with the Edmondson Electric Company in 1914 on the construction of Holston Dam. The work was discontinued until 1921 when he returned to help complete the plant. In July 1928 the Holston River Power Company purchased the old Edmondson Electric Company and Mr. Miller was hired as a groundman and carpenter.

He helped construct the first distribution system in Washington County and performed maintenance work at the office and plants. He continued with Appalachian when Holston was purchased in 1945 and the Abingdon district was organized July 1, 1948.

Born in Johnson County, Tenn., in 1891, he moved when he was two years old to a farm which he now owns on the Middle Fork of the Holston River in Washington County. He is married and has eight children.

Retired System Employee Dies



Mr. Hoffman

Ben Hoffman, 66-year-old retired system station engineer, died March 6 in the U. S. Veterans Hospital of Roanoke of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Employed by the A. E. Turner construction department in July 1926, he helped build the original Turner station on the Kanawha River below Charleston. He traveled over the system doing oil circuit breaker work until he received serious injuries when struck by a hit and run driver in Roanoke in September 1949. After that he worked in the system station office until his retirement September 1, 1954.

Mr. Hoffman was a member of Elks Lodge No. 202 in Charleston and an Army veteran of World War I. Burial was in the Arlington National Cemetery.

1956 SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRESS

The Company's Number One Asset Is Its People.

With that in mind the first company-wide safety department was organized late in 1927. Until that time safety work existed on a local level, although Kentucky had joined AGE in 1922, Kingsport in 1925 and Appalachian in 1926.

The safety records for 1927 showed a real need for coordinating safety work—there were 11 accidental deaths and a frequency rate of 68.5 in the three companies that year. Frequency rate is the number of disabling injuries per million manhours.

Records for 1928 for the three companies show efforts took hold right away—there were four less accidental deaths and the frequency rate had dropped more than half to 31.45. Last year these figures stood at two deaths and a frequency rate of 5.69 for Appalachian and Kingsport and no deaths and a frequency rate of 0.00 for Kentucky.

First Director

After H. E. Shedd became the first system safety director for the three companies, he called a meeting in Bluefield November 11, 1927 of representatives from all parts of the Southern Properties. These men pooled their ideas and came up with a general safety plan. This type meeting was held several other places in the next few months and soon a Central Safety Committee emerged to coordinate efforts for all three companies. The committee was made up in the main of operating people.

Meeting every three months, this governing body made policies that became the backbone of today's safe practices. The first safety classes conducted dealt with the subject of first aid—since first aid training was considered the handmaiden of safety and afforded an excellent medium for presenting the safety story.

The next step was a natural one—formation of local and district safety organizations. And out of these groups came the group safety meetings, still an important part of safety education for employees.

Safety Manuals

Those first ideas were set down on paper and became the first safety manual July 1, 1928. That manual had several reprintings, including an enlargement June 1, 1934. The present manual came out in 1953 and the plant safety manual was printed last year.

Mr. Shedd retired in September 1941 and D. C. Duncan became system safety director for the three companies. R. F. Millikan became safety supervisor for Kentucky when its safety department was set up on an individual basis in 1952.

Mr. Duncan summarizes the progress of safety as being essentially one of point of view. He remembers when the company-wide department was set up in 1928 safety was a thing separate from the job—it was extra, added, an isolated nebulous thing. Today safety is an accepted part of every job—both by the employee and the company. The new employee accepts without question the concept that he is expected to make every effort to work safely and the company is to make every effort to protect him.

Changes Made

While the chief change has been in point of view there have also been changes in method and equipment. There is always a better way to tell the safety story, a safer protection for

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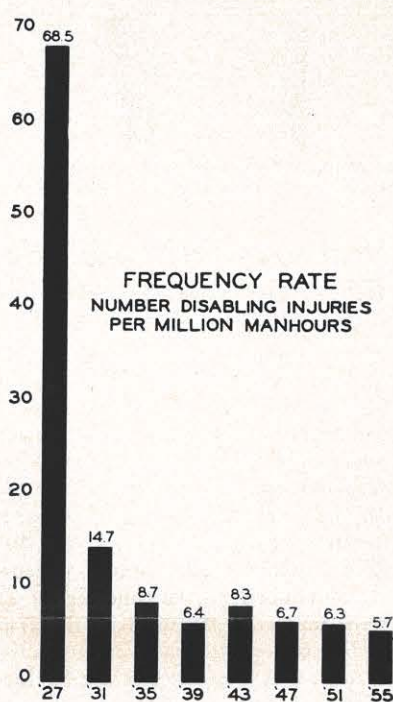
Protecting No. 1 Asset Real Goal



These two old pictures show the first driver training program used throughout the three companies. LEFT: The program featured company employees using a breakdown of an automobile for training. This picture was made in Bluefield. RIGHT: D. C. Duncan, at left,



now system safety director, watches the progress of O. B. Kidd, now Pulaski line foreman, during a phase of the training program. Mr. Duncan, shown here at Pulaski assisted with the program over the Southern Properties, held in July 1934.



These figures apply to the three companies, except for 1955, which represents Appalachian and Kingsport only. Kentucky's frequency rate for 1955 was 0.00.

the worker. A good example is artificial respiration, which has made three changes in method since 1928, each more effective than the last. From a safety manual, a few posters and a limited amount of safety equipment in 1927, safety has become a widespread thing. Look at the safety equipment a lineman wears as one example. Note the number of educational posters, pamphlets and information pieces aimed at improving safety practices.

How well is safety paying off? The accompanying chart shows its effectiveness in helping curb disabling injuries. Two clubs give another indication. The Wise Owl Club has two Appalachian and two Kentucky mem-

bers—they're men who had their eyes saved by safety goggles. The hard hat saved lives of seven Appalachian men—they're members of the Turtle Club.

Life Savers

This safety training has carried outside the company. Since its first issue in October 1949, THE ILLUMINATOR has carried stories telling of 46 instances where employees have either saved lives or prevented more serious injuries through quick action and first aid training.

And 11 Appalachian, one Kingsport and four Kentucky employees have received the Edison Electric Institute award for saving lives by artificial respiration. In addition, many employees belong to volunteer fire and first aid departments, where they put their safety training to use.

From December last year half way

through February this year Appalachian employees worked a million manhours without a disabling injury, the first time in company history.

And as of February 29 Kentucky employees have worked 1,524,058 manhours covering 23 months without a disabling injury. Pikeville district has gone 54 months, numbering 1,144,058 manhours, Hazard has gone 939,661 manhours in 43 months and Ashland 486,053 manhours in 23 months without a disabling injury.

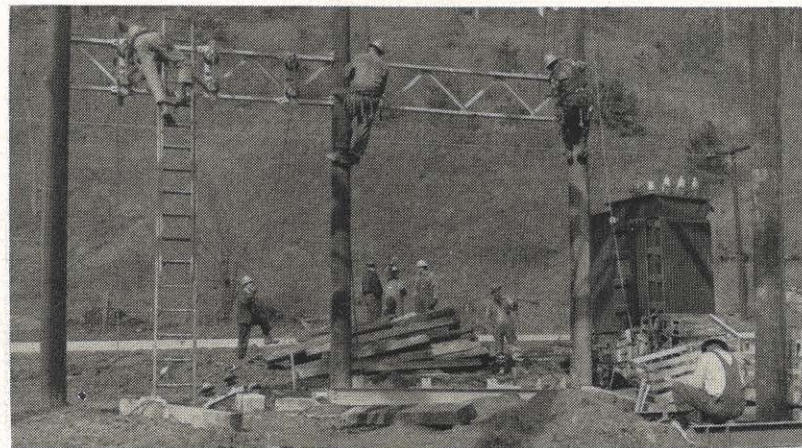
Our three companies are helping in the celebration of AGE's 50th anniversary this year, and one of the leading slogans of the celebration has to do with safety. The slogan helps bring out the progress being made in protecting the company's number one asset—its people.

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



T. A. Kirby, Roanoke district safety supervisor, adds a hard hat to some equipment used in safety training and protection. Representing only part of the vast amount of material used, this display includes such things as posters, movies, first aid equipment, rubber hose, signs, plaques, books and so on.

Pikeville Employees Build Falcon Station



Pikeville employees build the new Falcon substation upon completion of a new transmission line from David to Falcon. The station is scheduled for completion in about a month and will feed power to the many oil well customers in the Falcon and Oil Springs vicinity. This section is now being served by the Paintsville and Index stations. Transformers and line switches at the new station have already been placed and all the steel has been erected.

Clark Peck Selected Rotary Club Leader

Clark Peck, Jr. has been elected president of the Abingdon Rotary Club. He is Abingdon district records supervisor.

George Wood, Abingdon office manager, was named treasurer and James B. White, Abingdon commercial manager, was elected to the board of directors.



Mr. Peck

Mr. Peck rose from the vice presidency. He has also served as a director and chairman of various committees.