

Ground-Breaking At Clinch River Plant Signals New Valley Era

Seven shovels broke ground May 16 at a ceremony signaling the start of construction on Appalachian's Clinch River plant and opening a new era of development for the region.

The 450,000 kilowatt generating plant near Carbo in Russell County will cost an estimated \$55-million and will be in full operation late in 1958.

About 2,000 witnessed the ceremony that included speeches by Philip Sporn, president of AGE and of our companies; State Senator Harry C. Stuart and John S. Battle, former governor and member of the AGE board of directors. Master of ceremonies was G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager. Also attending the ceremony were officials of Clinchfield Coal Corporation and Norfolk and Western Railway, state, county and municipal officials and business leaders from throughout the area.

Some Plant Features

In his address, President Sporn pointed out that eventually the plant may be considerably larger than the two 225,000 kw units. He said the first two units will be powered by a single coal-fired boiler to operate at the highest pressure at which a power plant operates in the United States today—somewhat over 2,000 lbs. per sq. inch.

He said the plant will burn almost 1,300,000 tons of coal a year and construction on the plant at its peak will employ over 1,000. Start of work on the plant will bring capacity under active construction on the AGE System, to be completed in the next three years, to 1,700,000 kw.

Mr. Sporn promised that "before many months we will begin the construction of still another block of 900,000 kw, all to be completed in the five-year period 1956-60, bringing the total capacity under construc-

tion on the System to 2,600,000 kw." The object of this capacity, he explained, is to supply the additional and growing requirements of our areas.

Contribution To Area

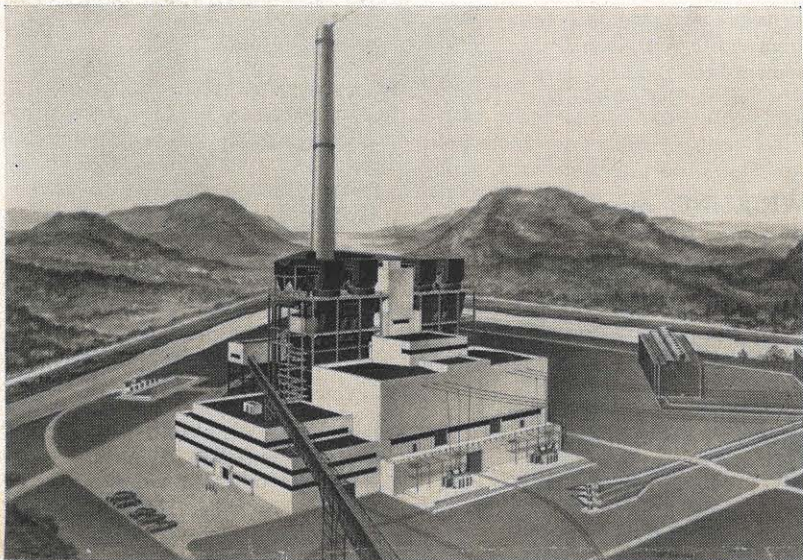
As coal is Russell County's most valuable mineral asset, as well as the state's, the plant's use of coal takes on added significance. He said the completed plant will increase coal production in the county to a level almost triple the 1955 amount of 750,000 tons.

"The people required to mine this coal; coupled with those who will be employed in the operation of the plant will make a major contribution to employment in this community and in this valley," he said. He also noted

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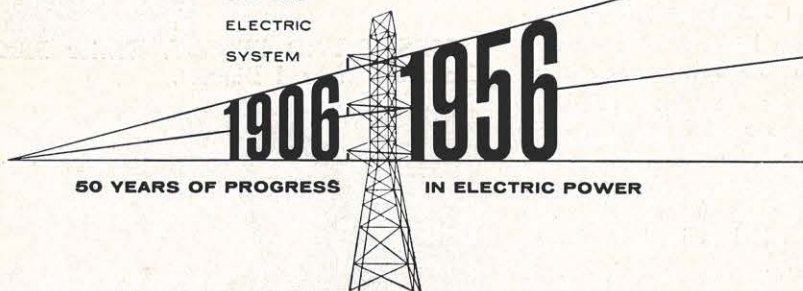
This ground-breaking ceremony signaled the beginning of construction of the Clinch River plant near Carbo in Russell County. Taking part from the left were: G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager; Philip Sporn, president of AGE and our companies; J. P. Routh, chairman of the board of Clinchfield Coal Corporation; John S. Battle, former governor; H. L. Hooker, member of the State Corporation Commission; Pat Jennings, Congressman from the Ninth District, and R. H. Smith, president of the Norfolk and Western Railway.



This is how Appalachian's Clinch River plant will look when completed in 1958. The 450,000 kw plant will use 1,300,000 tons of coal annually for its two 225,000 kw units. Those two outdoor-type boilers are 10 stories high and the stack is 500 feet tall.

Activities Begin This Month For AGE 50th Anniversary Of Progress

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This emblem will appear in the material prepared for the observance of AGE's 50th anniversary. First of many activities planned got underway this month.

The kick-off for AGE's anniversary observance of "Fifty Years of Progress in Electric Power" begins June 4 with activities scheduled throughout the rest of the year.

Purpose of the observance is to give recognition to the pioneering, growth and accomplishments that have led to the development since 1906 of one of the nation's outstanding power systems and to call attention to the milestone in the AGE System's history. The activities include special meetings, exhibits, customer folders, advertising and banners, movie and booklets.

Lobby Exhibits

A special anniversary exhibit will appear June 4 in the lobbies of most of the district offices. This illustrated exhibit with lighting effects is six feet wide and seven feet high.

It contrasts 1906 with 1956, showing the farm, home, store, industry and community during both

periods. An old and new power plant are also shown, along with a chart depicting how the costs of electricity have decreased while other costs have skyrocketed.

Six Special Ads

Six newspaper advertisements also are scheduled to call attention to the 50th anniversary, starting in our areas on June 6-7. They will appear weekly for six consecutive weeks in more than 250 newspapers throughout the AGE System which are seen by about 5 million people.

The ads will carry the following subjects: a letter from the general manager discussing the anniversary theme; progress in transmission; progress in more efficient power generation; advantages of the integrated system; a comparison of costs of electricity in 1956 with 1906, and finally how 50 years' progress in

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Kyger Creek Plant Dedicated As 1,200 Tour OVEC Giant

The nation's most efficient power plant was dedicated May 24 as 1,200 people attended Kyger Creek plant ceremonies at Cheshire, Ohio. The \$150 million plant also is one of the nation's largest plants with 1,075,000 kw capacity.

Ohio Governor Frank J. Lausche unveiled a large aluminum tablet with the inscription, "Dedicated to the service and defense of this nation by the investor-owned electric utility companies of this region, acting through the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation." The plant serves the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission's new Portsmouth (Ohio) project.

Three years and five months earlier in December 1952, Governor Lausche also had broken ground for this major power plant—today the largest in Ohio and the second largest ever built anywhere by private enterprise. A similar ceremony was held a day earlier at Kyger's sister plant, the 1,290,000-kw Clifty Creek plant at

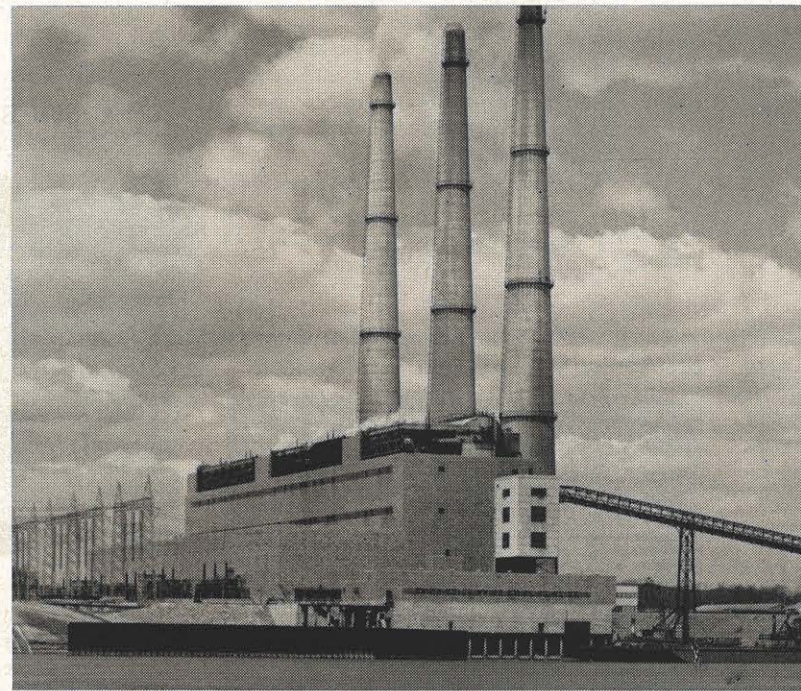
Madison, Indiana. This \$175 million plant was dedicated by Indiana Gov. George N. Craig.

Savings to AEC

The entire OVEC project cost about \$385 million and its construction was completed about three months ahead of schedule. As a result of speed and efficiency, the average kilowatt-hour cost of electricity to the AEC is less than originally estimated four years ago.

Attending the ceremony were government and AEC officials, news media representatives and executives from many of the nation's leading manufacturing companies which had a hand in the construction of the plant. They were guests of the 15 private electric utility companies of the region which had banded together in 1952 to form OVEC and carry out the largest single contract for electric power ever written.

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OVEC's Kyger Creek plant was formally dedicated May 24 when governors of several states, government officials and utility executives attended the ceremony witnessed by about 1,200 people. The 1,075,000 kw plant at Cheshire, Ohio, along with its sister plant, Clifty Creek, supply all the electrical requirements for the Atomic Energy Commission's Portsmouth Project. The two supply about 20 per cent more electric energy to AEC than is being supplied to the world's largest city, New York.



Little Carroll Ratliff still suffers from burns that would have been fatal without the fast aid given by Mrs. Walter Crouse, the employee's wife shown with Carroll.

Dress In Flames, Child Saved By Employee's Wife

A little girl is alive today because of the actions of Mrs. Walter Crouse, wife of the Grundy meter serviceman in the Welch district.

Five-year-old Carroll Ratliff's dress caught fire and her grandmother and another woman tried to beat out the flames with towels. Hearing the noise, Mrs. Crouse saw what was happening and grabbed a large kitchen rug.

She ran outside and wrapped the rug around the little girl, put her on the ground and rolled her over and over. She put the rug on the child in such a way that it kept the flames from reaching the little girl's face. Mrs. Crouse completely smothered the flames.

The girl's clothing was then removed. She was given emergency first aid and rushed to the hospital. She received second degree burns on 25 per cent of her body and third degree burns on 5 per cent. Although her condition is satisfactory, the doctor reports that some skin-grafting will have to be done on her hip and leg.

The grandmother, the doctor and other witnesses said that Mrs. Crouse's fast thinking and acting prevented the burns from being fatal. The employee's wife said she was just thankful that she had first aid training and knew what to do.

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Some Vacation Plans For A Two-Way Trip

Going someplace on vacation? If so, take all your defensive driving habits along. You'll need every measure of self-protection to assure your self-preservation on the highway.

We've been told before in company safety programs that we have to practice defensive driving to keep from having accidents. This is true because of highly improbable things that seem to happen so frequently any more.

It's becoming almost commonplace to find someone taking your lane, riding your rear bumper, turning without signaling and committing other dangerous antics. That's why defensive driving in its broadest sense means you have to watch what others are doing as well as yourself. And we all wonder sometimes what others are doing even driving on the highways.

The very fact they're there should make us realize we have to watch out for them. Whatever we have learned about safe driving in company training, let's take those lessons with us on vacation. They are the best pieces of equipment that we can carry because they take no room yet add a lot of pleasure by eliminating grief.

It's been true in our business that more people are injured in off-the-job accidents, many of which take place on the highways. It's only common sense that we wear protective equipment on many types of company jobs, so let's take some protective equipment with us on vacation that will help eliminate highway accidents.

Let's all be sure to take our defensive driving habits with us on vacation so we can get there—and back.

Two Brief Facts

This month sees much material presented the public to make them aware of AGE's "Fifty Years of Progress in Electric Power." Each of us will probably hear some inquiries about our relationship to AGE.

Here are two facts worth mentioning. The average annual kilowatt-hour use per residential customer on AGE was 3,055 in 1955 in comparison to the national average of 2,751 kwh. The average price per kwh for residential customer on AGE was 2.44 cents in 1955 compared to the national average of 2.64 cents.

Those figures show our customers are living better electrically and paying less per unit for that advantage.

Your Opinion

What is your reaction when you hear people say, "Things were better in the good old days"?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

NAOMI D. CANTEES, Junior Contract Clerk, Williamson District.



"The good old days" may bring back pleasant memories to grandma and grandpa but I prefer this new modern miracle age.

During the past 50 years education, government and working conditions have greatly improved in this country. Wages have increased so that our standard of living has reached a new high. Man now has more of the world's material possessions than at any other time in history.

Television, electric heat, automatic washers, clothes dryers, push button driving and countless other items tend to make our lives more enjoyable and give us more time to relax and enjoy life around us.

Electricity has made the majority of these things possible and makes me glad that I live not in the good old days but in the good new days.

BARBARA POWELL, Clerk-Stenographer, System R/e & R/w.



When I hear this I want to ask "What was better?"

Surely nothing could be better than the flip of a switch which gives us light, heat, hot water, range, garbage disposal, television; airplanes and automobiles are faster and better; Salk vaccine and strides toward cure for cancer—these are a few things which make it wonderful to be living today.

The "good old days" may have been fine but I, personally, would like to live to experience bigger and better advancements in electricity, medicine and education.

R. J. RADER, Boiler Maintenance Mechanic, Cabin Creek Plant.



I stop and wonder what a person is thinking of when he says, "Things were better in

the good old days." I doubt that a person who makes such a statement appreciates the present way to live.

In this day, working conditions are better; hours of work are better; hours of work are shorter; safety is a must; safe and proper tools are furnished by the Company; wages and supervision have made great improvements.

In "the good old days" our Company benefits such as vacations and holidays with pay, insurance, hospitalization, retirement and security did not exist. Today a higher standard of living affords us with the opportunities for education, recreation and modern conveniences which were unheard of in "the good old days."

In 1924 when I first started to work for this Company, I worked 9 hours per day, 7 days per week. I furnished my own tool kit, and the value of a human life was given little consideration. I remember "the good old days" and that's why I say, "Give me the present way of living."

QUENTIN H. WICKLINE, Area Sales Representative, Beckley District.



Just when were the "good old days"? Were they the days at Plymouth Rock, the Revolutionary War days, the Westward Movement, before and after the Civil War, World War I or II? I am proud of the "good old days" because they produced men like Washington, Franklin, Lincoln and Edison, to mention a few. Those men were not satisfied with the "good old days" because they set out to make them better so that we who followed might enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Those who sigh for the "good old days" are the discouraged ones who cannot see the opportunities that lie before them today. So I say enjoy the "good old days" that are today. In that way we will show our appreciation to the great men that toiled so hard to give us what we all have today.

KENNETH ROWLAND, Station Operator, Kingsport.



When people say, "Things were better in the good old days," they are forgetting a lot of the bad things and just remember the good things of yesteryear. They forget about having to work seven days a week with no paid vacations, no life insurance, retirement or hospitalization. Anytime we didn't work we didn't get paid.

In those days we sometimes had to walk miles to work, we had no refrigeration or

freezers and couldn't have the variety of out of season foods we have now. Entertainment was very scarce and we had no radios or television. Communications has improved with telephones being more generally distributed. Long distance travel is better; we can now cross the country or the ocean in a matter of hours.

M. L. SAUNDERS, Lineman, Pulaski District.



"The good old days" only bring to my mind the methods used to get a job done then as compared to those methods used today. When I started working with Appalachian 28 years ago as lineman helper, one of the jobs I had to do was drill rock holes by hand. As many know, this was a two-man job—one to hold the steel, the other to use the striking hammer. I don't know, but it seems that the rock was harder and the country rougher then.

Some holes would take as much as six hours to drill and shoot. Then there was the hazard of flying steel from the head of the drill; and although your buddy was expert with the hammer, you always watched when he struck and stayed ready to let go if he missed. We still have rock holes; but with the aid of an air compressor and air drill one man can do the job in a fraction of the time used in the "good old days"—and much safer, too!

MRS. DAVID BEGLEY, Senior PBX Operator, Hazard District.

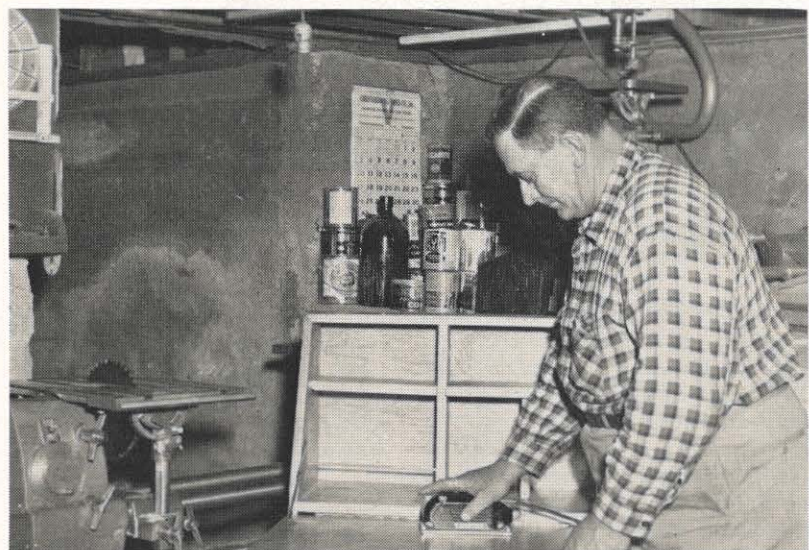


When anyone refers to the "good old days" as being any better than those of today, I feel very much inclined to disagree with them. I hardly see how any other days could have been any better than these in which we are now living.

The youth of today have many more opportunities as far as education is concerned, for they certainly have many more chances of advancement than did our grandparents. True—perhaps people who lived in the so-called "good old days" enjoyed life a little more because of their ample leisure time, but then, there wasn't nearly so much going on as there is now.

Our extracurricular activities are made possible today by our modern electrical conveniences which our grandparents lacked. Possibly 40 years from now our present age will be referred to as the "good old days."

'Hammer And Saw' Man Branches Out To Develop Woodworking Hobby



Frank R. Cecil sandpapers his desk-bookcase, one of the pieces of furniture he has built in his workshop. Over his head and to the left are parts of the workshop.

Frank R. Cecil used to call himself a "chisel, hammer and saw" man, but then he bought a woodworking unit that could do many jobs.

The unit consists of a stand, circular saw and jointer, and can be converted to drill press, jigsaw, lathe, shaper or paint sprayer. This machine got the Christiansburg lineman in the Pulaski district started on his hobby.

Right after he got the machine he started practicing with it, using scrap lumber. During his experiments he turned out two chests of drawers, a desk-book case, night stands, end tables, coffee table, hall tree, phone stands, bird houses and other items for his home and for friends.

He used plans he received from various sources. The shop is located

Abingdon Worker Heads County Life Saving Crew

J. M. Orr, Abingdon district station man, has been elected captain of the Washington County Life Saving Crew.



Mr. Orr

A. C. Hutton, Jr., Washington County area sales representative, was named to the board of directors.

Retired Plant Man Dies After Illness

James Paul Surber, 73, retired Glen Lyn plant employee, died April 21 after a brief illness.



Mr. Surber

Mr. Surber retired January 1, 1948 after 30 years with the company. He was employed in 1918 at Glen Lyn as a machinist and was working foreman when he retired.

Born in Smyth County, Va., January 12, 1883, he was married September 4, 1904 to the former Mary V. Brown. She survives Mr. Surber, as do four daughters and two sons, one of them Hubert L. Surber, operating supervisor at Glen Lyn. Ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive him. Mr. Surber lived at Lurich and had been a resident of Giles County for 30 years.

in his basement, and although space is limited, Mr. Cecil says it has its advantages. Since it is located near the furnace he can dispose of the projects that don't turn out too well before his wife sees them.

Mr. Cecil says his hobby has a dual purpose—he can enjoy it now and it will be a happy work after retirement. He has been with the company since June 1946 and is interested in hunting, fishing and horticulture. A member of the Methodist Church, he is married and has a daughter.

Clinch River Plant . . .

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the opportunity for industry to establish in the area as a result of the new plant and the natural resources of the area, in turn attracting more industry in a "multiplier effect." This will mean, he concluded, the opening of "a new era of greater opportunity, greater prosperity and greater welfare."

The Lebanon High School band played for the occasion and the flag-raising ceremony was handled by a color guard from the 305th Engineer Battalion of the U. S. Army Reserve from Abingdon. The invocation was given by the Rev. E. B. Randall, pastor of the Methodist Church at Honaker.

Supplied By Clinchfield

The plant will be situated in the heart of the Clinchfield Coal Corporation's vast southwestern Virginia coal reserves. The company has set aside 40 million tons of coal from its large reserves to supply the plant's requirements over a 30-year period.

Both of the plant's units will utilize a common stack 500 feet tall. Cooling towers, two for each unit, will be used to facilitate the great amounts of cool water necessary for condensing purposes. The towers will be 281 feet long, 67 feet wide and 61 feet high and will have a capacity of 55,000 gallons per minute.

Three double-circuit 132,000-volt transmission lines will be built to feed the plant's power into the system. A 25-mile line will extend eastward to Appalachian's Saltville station. A second line, 51 miles long, will be built northward to Kentucky Power's Beaver Creek station near Pikeville and a third line, 32 miles long, will extend southward to tie in with Kingsport Utilities' system.

Visitors and dignitaries toured part of Clinchfield Coal Corporation's properties and inspected the Moss No. 2 Mine coal preparation plant under construction. Some of the coal from this plant will be used at Clinch River plant but the major part of Appalachian requirements will be supplied from still another new mine yet to be built in the area by Clinchfield.

Dual-Purpose Poles Save Money And Labor



Next time you see a pole with our lines running from it, look at the nameplate.

Chances are the familiar "AEP Co." will be on it, but don't be surprised if the nameplate bears the initials of another company, like the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company.

Power poles are an example of how two companies can work together to save money and labor for both. For the past 22 years Appalachian has had an agreement with C&P and other telephone companies in our area, stating that in many places where one pole could bear the line load of both companies, both would use the same pole. These "certain places" have amounted to about 118,500 dual-purpose poles over the company. About 90,000 of these were put up by Appalachian, the rest by C&P.

Another Benefit

Besides the money and labor that is saved, the companies' public relations is strengthened because of fewer number of poles along streets and on customer property.

This "renting of space" on each other's poles has worked well for both companies, but there is a certain amount of maintenance and paper work that goes along with this kind of agreement.

Last month in the Roanoke district representatives of C&P and Appalachian began a field check made every five years. These men check to see if records of attachments agree with the actual attachments in the field. The check will take until September, since in the Roanoke district alone there are Appalachian attachments on 7527 C&P poles and C&P attachments on 9037 Appalachian poles (of the 65,761 Appalachian poles in the district).

Preliminary Work

Preliminary work on the field tests began the first of April and continued through the month. Records of all known attachments were transcribed

Roanoke Man's Son Ordained Minister

Prince Edward Thornton, Jr., was ordained into the Baptist ministry at the College Avenue Baptist Church of Bluefield on April 22.



Rev. Thornton

The son of Prince E. Thornton, system public relations assistant, he graduated May 14 from Crozer Theological Seminary of Chester, Pa. with a degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

He has accepted a call to the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Chester. The Rev. Mr. Thornton graduated from Princeton High School, where he played football and was active in debate and speech work. He graduated with honors from Bluefield College in 1951 and from Lynchburg College in 1953 with a BS degree.

He is married and has a son, Prince Edward III. Present at the special ordination service were five generations of Thorntons, the Rev. Mr. Thornton's great grandmother, grandfather, father and son.



Checking a "dual-purpose" pole are employees of Appalachian and the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia. K. D. Cox, left, Roanoke district engineering aide, checks the section map while D. W. Ash of C&P checks the attachments.

to field work sheets by map sections. This transcribing work was done by four people. The two from Appalachian were K. D. Cox, engineering aide, who also is making the field check for the company; and Mrs. Virginia Ayers, T&D engineering stenographer. From C&P were Mrs. Frye and Mrs. P. H. Lynch, who is also the wife of an Appalachian rodman.

Seven-Diamond Pin Goes To E. S. Boyer

A service pin with seven diamonds has been presented E. Scott Boyer, Huntington district meter serviceman. He completed 35 years with the company May 5.



Mr. Boyer

He joined the Consolidated Heat, Light and Power Company in Huntington May 5, 1921 as a helper. He was made a meterman January 1, 1929 and a serviceman January 1, 1943. He became a meter serviceman April 1, 1953.

Mr. Boyer attended Cabell School and served in the Navy during World War I. He is married and has six children and two grandchildren. He lists hunting and fishing as his hobbies.

Roanoke Window Display Featured In Magazine

A picture of a Roanoke company window was featured in the April issue of *Electrical Dealer*.

The window, designed by Joy J. Nash, Roanoke employee, was the 1955 winner in the utility company division of the National NEMA Electric Housewares Contest. The window, built on the theme "Gifts She'll Love To Live With," and using a bride, was pictured in the September 1955 ILLUMINATOR.

after all attachments on a map section have been checked in the field, the field sheets for that section are turned in and a permanent record is made of the joint field check.

Any errors between the attachment records and actual attachments are adjusted for billing purposes at the end of the field check.

40-Year Pin Goes To Bluefield Man



Mr. Dunn

Larry Dunn, Bluefield area serviceman, completed 40 years with the company May 28.

He was employed that date in 1916 by D. M. Dunn, local manager and superintendent of construction of the old Appalachian Power Company in Bluefield. He has served the company in the meter and service departments since that time.

During World War I from 1917 to 1919 Mr. Dunn served in the Army in Europe with the Rainbow Division and the 80th Division Artillery, doing telephone communications work. Before coming with the company he was employed by the Bluefield Iron Works. A native of Peterstown, he received his schooling there and in Bluefield.

He is a member of the American Legion, Masons and Trinity Methodist Church of Bluefield. He is married and has a son and daughter.



Mrs. Roy Cloud, wife of the retired steam plant supervisor, is now at home following hospital treatment.

Deborah, daughter of James Arnold, engineering, is recuperating from an eye operation.

Junious G. Rayfield, engineering, was elected an officer in the Kingsport Bowling League.

Patsy Thompson, accounting, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended L. M. Safriet and family on the death of Mrs. Safriet's mother.



Philip Sporn Plant

Marjorie Waldie, senior bookkeeper, recently won second place with her oil paintings in the State Junior Womans Club Convention at Huntington.

Mrs. Alice Nease, wife of Paul Nease, auxiliary equipment operator, recently conducted a tour of Washington, D. C. for 28 seniors of Wahama High School.

Sympathy is extended Edgar A. Arnott, junior maintenance man, on the death of his mother.

Oscar Leonard, auxiliary equipment operator, has returned to work following surgery.

Mrs. Farie Mae Cole, clerk-stenographer, has returned to work after an illness.

Roy Franklin, safety supervisor, was elected vice president and Marshall Fowler, master maintenance man, a member of the board of directors of the Point Pleasant Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Jimmie, son of Don Olinger, guard, recently won a blue ribbon for trumpet in the district band festival at Washington Court House, O.

Jack Frey, first assistant shift operating engineer, has announced his candidacy for councilman in the New Haven town election.

Paul T. Schneider, assistant plant manager, has been elected a director and Mrs. Frank Ward secretary of the New Haven Recreation Foundation.

Beckley District

Edward Dziedzic, co-op student at V. P. I., has returned to work with the company on his fourth assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Brashear celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary recently. He is district superintendent.

Danny Murray, W. D. Foster, Shirley Biggs and H. G. Wills have returned to work after lengthy illnesses.

Waldo S. LaFon, district manager, has been named special finance chairman of the current fund raising campaign of the Raleigh District Boy Scouts. He was also a recent speaker before the Beckley Lions Club.

W. W. Ford, Jr., who recently transferred to Roanoke, was honored with a gift from commercial department employees.

New employees include Georgina Daniel, accounting; Walter Jack Groseclose, Jr., line section, coming from Ohio Power; and John M. Kirk and Samuel J. Farmer, Jr., transportation.

Jack Abshire, line section, has resigned.

Eddie Johnston of system operating in Roanoke conducted a one-day school of instruction for area servicemen in relaying systems and schemes.

W. W. Winter and J. A. Mundy were guests at the May district safety and operating meeting.

John Gates, H. C. Sessions, G. D. Covey, James Crane, Mason Wood and E. F. Eager attended the Commercial-Industrial Sales Conference in Roanoke May 14-16.

J. E. Hammer and W. E. Zopp attended the Virginia State-wide Safety Conference in Roanoke May 23-25.

Kanawha River Plant

About 20 student engineers from V. P. I. visited the plant May 14 and the next day 20 student engineers from West Virginia Institute of Technology toured the plant.

Recent blood donors include H. L. Ballard, D. R. Bare, Jr., Clayton Barker, C. E. Barton, R. E. Bass, J. A. Bennett, J. R. Bostic, B. B. Briggs, W. J. Buchanan, Jr., J. C. Burnette, J. B. Caruthers and J. L. Crist.

W. F. Sampson, test engineer, spent two weeks' active duty as a first lieutenant with the Air Force at Guthrie Air Force Base.

Sympathy is extended Boyd B. Briggs and family on the death of Mrs. Briggs' father.

A. D. Drennan, E. M. Pell and Luther Boyd have returned to work after recent illnesses.

Mary, daughter of Henry C. Skaggs, Jr., plant manager, was one of 29 students graduating with honors in the top 10 per cent of her class at Thomas Jefferson Junior High School.

The Appakan Club recently sponsored a teen-age skating party at the Middelburg auditorium in Charleston. Joe Carr, Jr., has resigned.

Russell A. Fields was recently elected third vice president of the Chelyan Lions Club.

Carolyn Sue, daughter of J. L. Bryant, control operator, received a scholarship to Alderson-Broaddus College for scholastic achievement at Du Pont High School.

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Logan Plant

Mrs. Ada Bell Dingess, wife of W. J. Dingess, boiler operator, was recently given a diamond pin for 35 years' service with the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company.

T. H. Johnson, retired employee, was a recent plant visitor after an extended stay in Dallas, Texas.

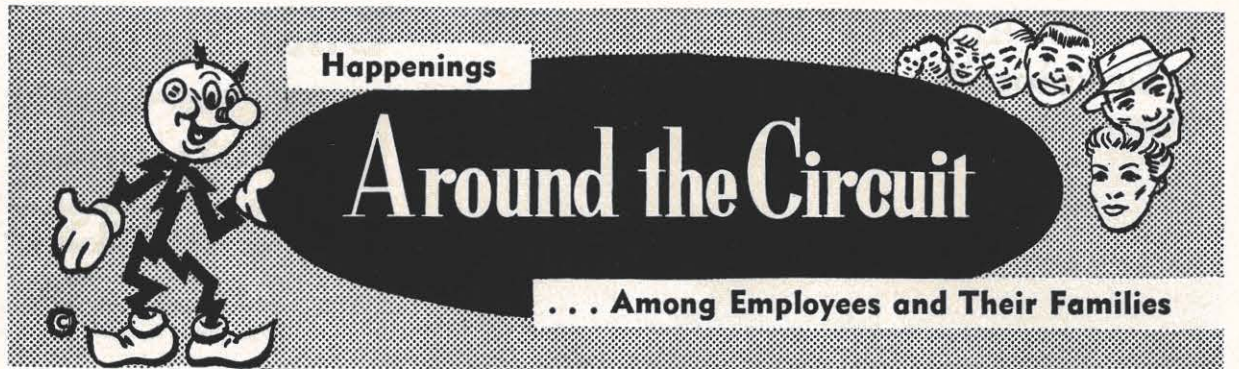
W. C. Blankenship, mechanical maintenance helper, was recently elected president of the newly organized Logan County Central Labor Union.

W. G. Workman, coal conveyor operator, and J. H. Jones, mechanical maintenance man, have returned to work after recent illnesses.

Williamson District

An article by Leroy Hairston, janitor, appeared in *Facts And Figures*, company safety publication, under the title "This I Believe."

Prince Thornton, system public relations assistant from Roanoke, presented a Ladies' Night talk on "Black Magic" before the Burning Springs Collieries Company recently. E. E. King, district superintendent, introduced Mr. Thornton.



Kay, daughter of Irene Kirchman, commercial, was recently elected treasurer of the student council of the University of Virginia School of Nursing. She also represented the council at the National Student Council board meeting in Chicago May 13-17.

Mrs. C. C. Darrah, wife of the district manager, was chairman, and Mrs. E. J. Clouser, wife of the district personnel supervisor, was publicity chairman of Easter Seals sales for Mingo County.

C. L. Miller, engineering, was recently elected vice president of the Road Fork, Ky., P. T. A.

The K-Appa-K's at their May meeting voted to send Jane Irrington to Girls' State at Jackson's Mill. The organization also toured the Huntington office and service buildings recently.

Beverly, daughter of Ada J. Lowe, accounting, received the Wendell Walker cup as outstanding Tri-Hi-Y member at Williamson High School.

D. C. Duncan, system safety director, spoke at the May monthly supervisor's safety and operating meeting.

Patricia Stepp, and Alous Williamson, accounting, have resigned.

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Abingdon District

A. C. Hutton, Jr., area sales representative, was elected vice president of the Abingdon Junior Chamber of Commerce, while J. E. Prater, appliance serviceman, and W. H. Ferguson, dealer sales representative, were elected to the board of directors.

Recent blood donors included Barbara Connelly, W. L. Smythers, H. S. Fogleman and A. C. Hutton, Jr.

Doris Fleenor, former secretarial-stenographer in the managerial department, has returned to work, temporarily replacing Brownie Yeager, who is recovering from injuries suffered in an auto accident.

New employees include Mrs. Jewel Swindall, Clintwood accounting, and Thomas E. Beauchamp, Abingdon accounting.

Sympathy is extended L. W. Duncan on the death of his mother-in-law. He has just returned to work after an extended illness.

Glen Lyn Plant

Employees participating in the Rich Creek Lions Club minstrel were E. E. Thompson, E. C. Wheatley, O. W. Bond, E. A. Painter, E. E. Comer, J. O. Heslep, O. S. Knight and E. C. Quisenberry.

New employees include W. H. Dillow, A. J. Trawick, Jr., G. A. Thwaites, J. C. Sutphin and E. Karl Sale.

Retired employee Henry Davis is recuperating after a heart attack.

Retired employees visiting the plant recently include A. P. Whitt, John A. Thornton and J. C. Neely.

Mrs. J. E. Thompson is recuperating after an operation.

F. H. Blankenship has returned to work after an extended illness.

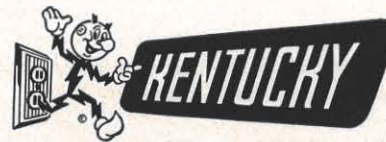
E. C. Quisenberry is in the New York office assisting with the operating instructions for No. 6 unit.

Sympathy is extended Fred, Cecil, Garnet, Ervin and Ruth Thompson on the death of their mother. Mrs. Thompson was preceded in death by her husband, J. C. Thompson, retired employee.

Welch District

B. E., Jr., son of B. E. Bates, meter supervisor, has returned from military service and entered Concord College. Mr. Bates has just returned from Charleston where he attended a meeting of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors.

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Ashland District

J. E. Ellis, engineering, attended the 21st annual meeting of the Kentucky State League Credit Union in Lexington.

Sympathy is extended S. S. Woolwine, local accounting, on the death of his wife.

The district was host to 16 students on the third annual Business Education Day recently. H. S. Scott, assistant general manager, welcomed the students and they were served refreshments by Mrs. Helen Eaton, home service supervisor. The students toured the company facilities at Ashland.

Kent, son of Walter H. Combs, main accounting, was recognized for being in the upper three per cent of his freshman class at the University of Kentucky in an honors day program.

Pikeville District

Charles Stayton, senior general clerk, and William Zoellers, distribution engineer, were recent delegates to the state Jaycee convention in Owensboro.

Hester Ellison, Pike County graded school teacher, has returned to her job as home economist for the summer months.

Mrs. Winifred Marrs, wife of Ed Marrs, retired employee, has returned home after an extended illness in the local hospital.

Jerry Bartley, appliance serviceman, has returned to work after an appendectomy.

Hazard District

Sue Carey, home economist, attended the state convention of the Business and Professional Woman's Club at Owensboro.

John Scholtens, assistant district manager, was elected first vice president of the Hazard Lions Club.

Sympathy is extended Herb Bonta, residential and rural sales supervisor, on the death of his mother.

The company accident prevention committee held its first meeting of the year in Hazard recently.



Roanoke District

Beverly, daughter of A. L. Hall, Jr., local accounting, has been selected majorette of the Monroe Junior High School band.

New employees include Boyd J. Akers, meter service helper, and Elwood S. Burton, meter service helper.

T. A. Kirby, district safety supervisor, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Fieldale District

J. D. Higgins, power sales engineer, has been named secretary-treasurer of the Collinsville Lions Club.

Larry Puckett, son of J. D. Puckett, senior PBX operator, and Larry Beheler, son of A. B. Beheler, appliance serviceman, attended the Boy Scout Camporee at Victory Stadium in Roanoke recently. They received attendance awards.

Betty J. Baker, clerk-stenographer, was recently presented her Ritual of Jewels pin in observance of Beta Sigma Phi's 25th anniversary. She was also elected corresponding secretary of the Gamma Delta Chapter at Bassett.

Recent blood donors were J. D. Higgins, L. W. Jenkins and W. R. Naff.

Sympathy is extended Eldean V. Shelton, local accounting, on the death of her brother-in-law.

System

Mrs. Richard R. McKinney, wife of the system station department employee in Bluefield, has returned home from the University Hospital in Charlottesville.

Eula Bradford, system personnel, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Lorena Terry, system personnel, on the death of her father.

Mrs. C. L. Robison, Jr., wife of the system station employee in Charleston, has recovered after surgery.

New employees include Carol Maynard, system purchasing, and Betty Lou Vinyard, system public relations.

Elinor Oliver, system accounting, has returned to work after an extended illness.

R. A. Shank, Jr., system accounting, has returned to work after a tonsillectomy.

Lynchburg District

Herbert M. Figg, Jr., engineering aide, has returned to work after a 12-week leave of absence to attend Artillery Military Service School at Fort Sill, Okla. He is a first lieutenant in the National Guard.

Lloyd M. Miller, district residential and rural sales supervisor, has

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More Personals From Charleston . . . (Continued from Page 4)

Point Pleasant District

T. J. Rose, meter record clerk, bowled at Rochester, N. Y., in the American Bowling Congress tournament and in the West Virginia State Tournament at Clarksburg. He rolled doubles in the state tourney, as did R. D. Tillis, collector. Both men placed with their partners.

Raymond L. "Jim" Barnette is a new line crew employee.

Dorthea, wife of W. H. Stricklen, line foreman, and Edna, wife of F. E. Wolfe, meterman, have returned home after surgery.

C. E. Fowler, Jr., lineman, has returned to work after recovering from a back injury suffered when a pole broke off underground. Lorain Crump, lineman, was also injured and will be off work for some time.

John V., Jr., son of J. V. Mann, district manager, was tapped by the National Honor Society at Point Pleasant High School.

James W. Bryant, meter reader, has returned to work after recovering from cuts received when a power mower hit his foot.

Charleston District

Sylbia Hinchman, home service director, has been installed on the board of directors of the Charleston Quota Club.

S. T. Preston, retired district manager, is recuperating at home after seven weeks in the hospital near Orange City, Fla., following major surgery.

Blood donors include George E. Pappas, Jack Smithers, R. W. Speas, Chester Spradling, W. N. Walker, C. V. Harris, Billey E. Blake, A. W. Brendel, W. A. Dunn, Jr., G. T. Turley, Steve Didier, C. J. Kelly, R. W. Hayes, Felix E. Porter, M. A. Myers, Frank D. Toney, G. S. Robinson, H. J. Spurlock, Betty Jo Raymond, W. H. Zinn, H. K. Shabdue, O. J. Hundley, J. F. Dooley and C. T. Young.

W. G. McGinnis, meter service helper, was named Captain of the Guard of the recently reactivated Marine Corps League.

John Griffec had an exhibit in the recent Allied Artists Show.

Mrs. A. W. Brendel, wife of the senior personnel assistant, was recently installed as a member of the board of directors of the Charleston Woman's Club.

Dorothy Hall, Montgomery commercial clerk, was a voting delegate from the junior department of the Montgomery Woman's Club at the state convention in Huntington.

Russ Garten has been elected vice president of the Charleston Retail Credit Association.

Frank Martin, stores summer employee last year and this, was elected president of the junior class at Morris Harvey College. Dave Bedinger was elected vice president. He is the son of Joe Bedinger, division heating sales engineer.

Sue Shultz, clerk-stenographer, recently won a power mower at the A&P store where she shops.

Carl E. Allison, son of Denzil Allison, area serviceman, has been graduated from the supply records course at the quartermaster school of Fort Lee.

Burl Fewell, Winfield hydro utility operator, was a candidate for member of the Board of Education of Putnam County in recent elections.

A. T. Blizzard, retired line inspector, had some of his model ships and oil paintings on display at the YMCA hobby show recently.

Ouida Miller, division commercial

Service Milestone Reached By Veteran

Edwin L. Stein completed 35 years with the company May 10. He is Kenova steam plant supervisor in the Huntington district.

He joined the company as a master mechanic May 10, 1921 after operating a garage of his own for three years. On February 1, 1943 he was promoted to assistant steam plant superintendent and May 1, 1950 was made steam plant supervisor.

A member of the Masonic and Elk Lodges, Mr. Stein attends the Presbyterian Church of Ashland, where he lives. His hobbies are woodworking and gardening. Mr. Stein is married and has six children and five grandchildren.



Mr. Stein

stenographer, was recently named pledge of the year by members of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and was given a charm bracelet. She was chosen from 100 members from 11 chapters.

Clarence H. Elswick has returned as auto repairman helper after four years with the Navy.

Retired employees visiting the office recently were W. F. Ficklen, Walter Stricklen, J. E. Mathews, Wyatt Jones, B. H. Blizzard and Clay Bartlett.

William Lewis Reynolds is a new summer engineering student.

Sympathy is extended Lois Walker, managerial, on the death of her brother, and Imogene Legg, local accounting, on the death of her mother.

Sympathy is also extended C. A. Foster, Montgomery retired employee, on the death of his brother, and W. D. Grimmitt, Montgomery groundman, on the death of his mother.

Employees who have resigned recently include Katherine Daubenspeck, local accounting; Jackie Akers, Whitesville accounting; Bill Clemens, electrical engineer; and Evelyn Lawrence, commercial.

New employees include Samuel G. Hanson and John Clayton Tucker, groundmen; and Janet Withrow, stores.

Mrs. Gretis Raines, senior PBX operator, is back at the switchboard after being in the hospital for an operation.

Pauline Lanham, junior power billing clerk, participated in the Women's International Bowling Congress tournament at Miami, Fla., recently with a Charleston team. The team also took part in the "Hurricane" tournament at West Palm Beach, Fla. The team placed in both tournaments.

Two Civic Posts Go To Lynchburg Man

Duncan C. Kennedy, Lynchburg district manager, has been named to two civic posts.

He was recently installed as chairman of the Central District Piedmont Area Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America. And he was elected president of Central Virginia Industries, Inc.



Mr. Kennedy

The Boy Scout Council covers 17 counties and includes about 4,000 active Scouts. The Central District covering the Lynchburg area, has 59 Scout Units with a membership of 1,300 boys.

CVI was organized 11 years ago by seven Lynchburg industries and now has a membership of 52 companies. It is a non-profit association of industries formed to "encourage and support industries of the state, afford a medium of cooperation among the industries, work for constructive policies, oppose class legislation, and to initiate, encourage, foster and promote constructive activities on behalf of industry."

Mr. Kennedy is an Elder and superintendent of the Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church, where two years ago he was instrumental in getting a Scout troop organized. He is also on the board of directors of the YMCA and Lynchburg National Bank & Trust Company. He is a member of the Board of Lynchburg Association of Public Solicitation.

Retired Roanoker Dies In Hospital **System Man Has 40 Years' Service**

P. L. Poff, 61, retired Roanoke district employee, died May 15 in the Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Poff retired September 1, 1954 due to ill health. He was employed August 2, 1937 in the Walnut Avenue Steam plant and worked there until November 1953 when he was transferred into the stores department as material clerk.

A native of Floyd County, Mr. Poff had devoted much of his time to the construction of a new home and his poultry business.

He is survived by his wife, four daughters and seven grandchildren. The funeral was held at Oakey's Chapel May 17. He was of Primitive Baptist faith.

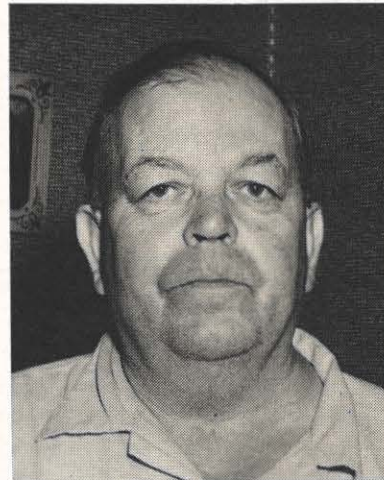


Mr. Pattenon

C. E. Pattenon reached his fortieth year with the company May 6. He is regional chief dispatcher in Charleston of the system operating department.

His service began at the Byllesby plant at Ivanhoe in 1916. He was transferred to the system operating department in 1929 as a system operator and in 1937 was promoted to plant superintendent in Lynchburg. In 1947 he moved to assistant chief system operator at Charleston and was promoted to his present position in 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Pattenon live in Dunbar, W. Va. and plan to move to their "oyster farm" on the James River after he retires.



Mr. Poff

Welch District . . . (Continued from Page 4)

Dianna and David, children of R. J. Wood, assistant district manager, have recovered from recent illnesses. Mr. Woods has just returned from Cincinnati where he attended the American Mining Congress.

New employees include Earl P. Doss, meter reader; Joel Pugh, draftsman junior; and Carroll Sluss, junior T&D clerk.

Lovis Mitchell, Grundy area home economist, has been appointed chairman of the community affairs committee for the Junior Woman's Club in Grundy.

William R. Clarke, husband of Frances Clarke, Grundy clerk-typist, has been elected vice president of the Grundy Lion's Club.

Sympathy is extended J. A. Barns, engineering supervisor, and R. J. B. and E. B. Barns, line inspectors, on the death of their mother.

Sank Smith, district personnel supervisor, has returned to work after an eye operation.

Ralph W., son of Ralph Hale, Pineville area representative, has recovered from an appendectomy.

L. H. Myers, area supervisor, has returned to work after recovering from an accident suffered at home.

Paul L., son of G. E. Adams, Pocahontas area supervisor, has graduated from V. P. I.

Henry E. Farmer, Grundy meter reader, has returned to work after an illness.

Mrs. Clyde Bearre, mother of Jane Bearre, accounting clerk-typist, has returned home from a long illness in the hospital.

Bluefield District

F. E. McCloskey, district engineer, has left for six months military training at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Sympathy is extended Jack Newland on the death of his mother-in-law.

Earl A. Jackson, Jr., head bookkeeper, was general chairman of the Teenage Road-e-o in Princeton for the Jaycees.

The business class of Concord College, 15 students, and the economics professor, W. W. Creson, visited the office recently.

Pulaski District

Bentley H. Lucas, Christiansburg retired employee, has been a hospital patient in Roanoke.

John F. Spencer, station supervisor, has returned to work after an extended illness.

William C. Hager is a new commercial department employee.

Mrs. W. T. McGraw, wife of the Claytor hydro operator, is recuperating after an operation.

Nancy, daughter of W. W. Ballinger, Floyd meter serviceman, is recuperating after hospital treatment.

Marie Marshall, stenographer, has been named secretary of the Xi Pi Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Andrew L. Graham, Jr., area sales representative, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Pulaski-Wythe County V. P. I. Alumni Association.

Lineman Promoted To Working Foreman

Edward Caryle Berry has been promoted to Huntington district working foreman.

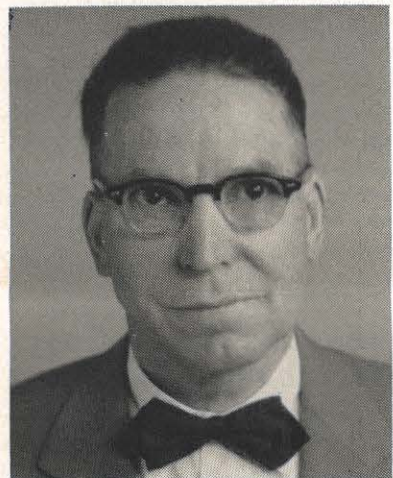


Mr. Berry

He rose to the new position from lineman A. Employed July 1, 1947 as a laborer, he became a groundman on September 1, 1947. He was promoted to lineman C October 11, 1948 and became lineman A September 15, 1952.

Mr. Berry went to Lavalette school and attends the Wayne Methodist Church. He served in the Navy from November 1944 to July 1946. He is married and has one son.

Cabin Creek Man Recalls Past On 40th Anniversary



Mr. Kendall

Charlie A. Kendall, Cabin Creek plant shift supervisor, celebrated his 40th year with the company May 1.

He was employed at the plant on that date in 1916 and has remained there the entire 40 years. At the time of his employment, working for Appalachian's predecessors, Mr. Kendall's first duties were to assist the two mechanics at the plant in their maintenance work. He remarks, "I remember quite well that I received 22 cents per hour for this work. Shortly after I started, the load reached 10,000 kw, and we considered that a great achievement."

"About a year later I went in operations, and for about 14 years I worked seven shifts a week. The youngest man was assigned the midnight shift, and there were no relief operators in the event the scheduled operator did not show up. Twelve-hour shifts were worked until he returned to his schedule.

"There were no insurances, retirement, hospitalization, sick pay, vacations or holidays. There was nothing but work, and I hardly see how we lived."

Mr. Kendall and his wife have raised a family of eight children. He remarks, "I am thankful that my employment made it possible for me to provide for my family. Although there have been hardships, if I had my life to live over again, I would still choose this company to work for. This is a wonderful company and I mean that sincerely."

Mr. Kendall will retire October 1, 1957 after 41 years with the company.

Lure Of The Railroad Captures Six Beckley Men Who Form Model Club



Members of the Beckley Model Railroaders pause to iron out a problem during a recent meeting. They are from left: B. B. Corker, Clyde Marshall, Paul Pauley, Waldo LaFon and R. E. Presley. Not shown is J. E. Hammer.

The romance of the smoke puffs, the lonely scream of the whistle and the click-clack of the rails has gotten to a group of Beckley employees.

The six men have formed their own Model Railroaders club. It all started at Christmas when the men, under the guise of buying trains for their children, and other excuses, sneaked, piece by piece, model layouts into their basements.

The group is composed of B. B. Corker, district engineer; R. E. Presley, stores supervisor; Waldo S. LaFon, district manager; P. E. Pauley, records supervisor; Clyde Marshall, junior T&D clerk; and J. E. Hammer, district personnel supervisor. The purpose of the club is to exchange layouts, information and controlling and repairing problem

solutions. Meetings are held only when someone has work to do on his layout or has a problem.

Senior railroader of the group is Mr. Corker. The others are novices. Among the group is a combination of steam and diesel locomotives of all types and passenger, freight and work trains. They are automatically and manually controlled. Lionel 027 gauge equipment is prevalent but there are some American Flyer S gauge. Several members are thinking about adding O and HO gauges.

There are no officers in this club, but when meeting time comes at a member's home, the positions of engineer, fireman, brakeman, conductor and dispatcher are rotated among the members.

Roanoker Selected For College Honor

Molly Ann Harvey was one of two members of the graduating class of Longwood College selected for the Senior Personality Award.

The daughter of J. G. Harvey, Roanoke division personnel supervisor, was selected on the basis of achievement in academic work, campus activities and leadership. The selection was made by the student body and faculty.



Molly Ann, who has worked summers in the system personnel department and will work there again this summer, received a BS degree in elementary education and English. She was co-editor of *The Colonnade*, literary magazine, vice president of Alpha Sigma Tau social sorority, figure leader of the Cotillion Club, and a member of the Student Standards Committee, Alpha Kappa Gamma national honorary leadership fraternity, and Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary journalism fraternity.

Roanoker Re-Elected Red Cross Leader

W. P. Booker has been re-elected chairman of the Roanoke County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is Roanoke district manager.



Mr. Booker

Mr. Booker served the chapter as chairman last year. He is on the board of directors of the Roanoke Kiwanis Club, chairman of the national affairs committee of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, a member of the board of directors at First Federal Savings and Loan Association and a member of the Roanoke Country Club and the Shenandoah Club.

Mr. Booker joined Appalachian in 1929 at Williamson. He came to Roanoke in 1946 as assistant district manager and moved up to district manager in March 1951. He is a graduate electrical engineer of Lehigh University and during World War II served in the Navy as a lieutenant commander. Married, he has four children.

This Little Piggy Went To Market

Once upon a time there was a pig that belonged to a farmer, Mr. W. H. Farmer to be exact. Mr. Farmer wanted his wife to have an electric clothes dryer.

So Mr. Farmer went to Market, Falls Branch Market near Williamson to be exact. There he talked to Clifford Slater, co-owner, about a pig that would make a mighty fine down payment on a dryer.

Mr. Farmer, Mr. Slater and an electric clothes dryer returned to the farm near Chat-taroy, much to the joy of Mrs. Farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer and the dryer stayed home as the piggy went to market with Mr. Slater. They all lived happily every after.

Coin Collector In Lynchburg Receives \$20 For Two Cents



Leland Bailey shows his father, Paul, the \$20 savings account he received for two pennies dated 1831.

"A penny saved is \$10 earned" in the case of Leland Bailey.

The 16-year-old son of Paul L. Bailey, Lynchburg district superintendent, recently received a savings account of \$20 for two pennies in his coin collection dated 1831. The Lynchburg Federal Savings & Loan Association recently conducted a three-day search for coins dated 1831 in honor of the first savings and loan company, which was founded in that year. The Association offered a \$10 savings account for each coin brought to them bearing that date.

Leland is an enthusiastic coin collector and says these two pennies are worth about 75 cents each to collectors. He has about 2,500 coins in his collection gathered over four years.

Much to Leland's pleasure, and profit, the coins were returned to him after the three-day celebration.

Miss Heat Pump

"Miss Heat Pump" joined 10 other beauties in a show presented recently by the Lincoln Grade School PTA.

The show, held at the Beckley district school, was called "Downbeat For Freedom" and traced our country's history. One section was devoted to the history of the coal industry and the 11 queens appeared representing by-products of coal. Peggy McDaniel, portraying "Miss Heat Pump," like the other queens, is an employee of the Miner's Memorial Hospital.

Building Designed For Worms Houses Growing Business For Retired Worker



Packing some of his 100,000 worms for shipping to a customer is R. W. Sanderson. His "one-man assembly line" of raising the worms has resulted in a big business for the retired Roanoker. Photo courtesy "Roanoke World-News."

Lots of fish prefer worms to other bait. And what fish like, fishermen like to feed them. That's why a Roanoke retired employee has a booming business.

R. W. Sanderson expanded his worm-growing hobby into a business since retiring last July as district collector.

Raising four types, he sells them to bait dealers all over Virginia and North Carolina. To house his expanding business he recently built a cinder-block building at his farm and in it has tubs and cans literally crawling with over 100,000 worms. He is concentrating on raising red wigglers, Virginia giants, angleworms and brown-nosed worms.

He has found there's a lot more to raising them than just getting some dirt together. For one thing, temperature must be controlled for the worm's health, since they hatch from eggs. They are raised in a mixture of sawdust and manure and are fed

chicken feed. This has been a tie-in with another Sanderson enterprise, raising 1200 young layers for the poultry and egg market.

When warm weather comes the worms grow better—and sell better. For instance, the "Virginia giants," which grow to seven inches in length, expand from 600 to 700 in number to 25,000-30,000 in a few months. At least they did for Mr. Sanderson recently. Now that warm weather is here he expects a real "boom" in the market from fishermen.

His next expansion plans call for a 50-foot trench, three feet wide, lined with brick. Here he will raise the wigglers and brown-nosed worms.

Mr. Sanderson, his worms and his enterprising business were the subject of a recent feature by Ozzie Worley, state editor, in the *Roanoke World-News*.

Roanoke Youth Goes To Model Assembly

Larry Laughon was one of the representatives from the Jefferson High School Hi-Y Club in Roanoke to the Model General Assembly in Richmond recently.

He is the son of Leslie Laughon, Roanoke PBX operator, and Harold P. Laughon, Roanoke dealer sales representative.

The Model Assembly has as its purpose to prepare a selected group of students for moral and political leadership by guidance and training. Larry is also a member of the National Thespian Society, French Club and the school band.

Point Pleasant Man Is Elected PTA President

Milton W. Scott has been elected president of the North Point Pleasant PTA.



Mr. Scott

The Point Pleasant district residential and rural sales supervisor was named to the post at a meeting attended by 225 parents, teachers and children. Mr. Scott joined Appalachian in 1948 as senior residential sales representative. He was promoted to dealer sales representative in 1950 and to his present job in August 1954. He has served two years in the Navy.

Paintings In Beckley Art Show



Mrs. E. F. Eager exhibits several of her paintings, which she placed in the 10th annual Art Exhibit in Beckley recently. The wife of the Beckley district commercial manager was general chairman of the show. She has been a member of the Beckley Art Group for a year, and next year will serve as vice president. She is a member of the Fine Arts Department of the Beckley Woman's Club, the Rhododendron Garden Club, the Beckley Welcome Wagon Newcomers Club and the Beckley Presbyterian Church.

Madison Employees Complete First Aid



Certificates were presented these employees of the Madison area of the Logan district when they completed the American Red Cross Standard First Aid Course. Seated are from left: Dorothy Matthews and Juanita Price. Standing from left: Ralph Bragg, Walt Chambers, Hursten Swiney, Corbett Brumfield, Don Coffey, the instructor, and Paul Gosney.

Valedictorian Gets College Scholarship

A four-year scholarship to West Virginia University has been awarded Tommy Vance.



Tommy Vance

The son of Bethel Vance, Philip Sporn plant control operator, Tommy was chosen for the scholarship by the West Virginia University Board of Governors Achievement Scholarship Committee.

Tommy was also the valedictorian for his graduating class at Wahama High School. He was a member of the student council, member of the band for five years, member of the glee club for three years, member of the all-state band his first year and was awarded the DAR award for American History in his junior year. He was in the junior and senior plays.

Roanoke Youth Is Student President

Steve Hodges has been elected president of the Woodrow Wilson Junior High School student government in Roanoke.



Steve Hodges

He is the 13-year-old son of R. E. Hodges, assistant general manager of Appalachian. Steve, a rising ninth grader, was one of four students elected to offices for the term beginning in September.

A honor student at the school, he is also a member of the All-State band, playing the drum, and has held other class offices in past years. He has been on the student government the past two years.

He also was one of four students who earned his school pin at the end of the first semester this year. The pin is for outstanding scholarship, leadership, athletics and service to the school.

Kingsport, Off To Bad Start, Improves

Despite a slow start the Kingsport softball team is improving steadily.

With Wayne Mathews as manager and pitcher the team is playing in the Kingsport City League. The record so far is 1-3. Carl Riddle is catcher on the squad, and Wilson Trumbo, shortstop, is captain. Herbert Benton is equipment manager.

Safety Award Given Jack Frier, Abingdon

Jack B. Frier was one of eight Virginians to receive a Certificate of Service from President Eisenhower's Committee for Traffic Safety. The Abingdon district personnel supervisor was chairman of the 1955 S-D Day in Abingdon.



Mr. Frier

The award for outstanding services was made by S. L. Campbell, staff member of the Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Committee. In both 1954 and 1955 Jack directed a committee in an extensive educational and publicity program that led to perfect records.

Past president of the Abingdon Civitan Club, he is a member of the Abingdon Baptist Church. He is married and has one son.

System Men On Program At Safety Conference

Several Appalachian employees appeared on the program of the Virginia State-Wide Safety Conference in Roanoke, May 24-26. Chairman of the public utilities section which met in the Appalachian auditorium was W. S. Kitchen, system safety supervisor.

L. L. Koontz, rural and residential sales supervisor, was chairman of the rural safety section. He also spoke on "You've Got To SELL Safety, Brother!"

J. A. Mundy, employee relations supervisor, spoke in the utilities section on "Types of Safety Meetings." Also on the program was E. B. Bell, Ohio Power Company assistant safety director. He demonstrated "Personal Hazards in the Misuse of Electricity."

Help At Scene Of Pulaski Disaster



When an explosion ripped apart a three-story Pulaski building, employees were among the first to answer the disaster call. James Kegley, lineman, at left, helps remove victims of the blast on April 27. Eleven died in the explosion that started when a gas water heater was lighted. Also helping were O. B. Kidd, area supervisor, and H. L. Morehead, engineering aide. Their work prompted one bystander to remark that Appalachian employees could always be depended upon to be where they were needed with knowledge of first aid and to assist the distressed in all kinds of trouble.

Roanoker's Son Joins Scholastic Fraternity

James B. Bell, Jr., was recently elected to Phi Beta Kappa national honorary fraternity at the University of Virginia. He is the son of the Roanoke division right-of-way supervisor.



James Bell, Jr.

He will receive his BA degree in biology in June exercises and plans to enter the Medical School at the University. He also is a recipient of intermediate honors, member of Beta Beta Beta, national biological society, and of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity.

South Williamson PTA Elects Runyon

J. E. "Sonny" Runyon has been elected president of the South Williamson PTA for the coming year.



Mr. Runyon

The Williamson district area sales representative was recently elected president of the Williamson Jaycees. 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 this present job in 1953. Married and the father of a daughter, he is a member of the South Williamson Presbyterian Church.

Roanoker Becomes Sorority Chapter Leader

Virginia Beall has been installed as president of the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Roanoke.

She is the wife of John Beall, electrical engineer in the system meter department. She was also presented a \$25 savings bond as "Girl Of The Year." The award is given according to a point system for social and cultural activities of the chapter.

Beta Sigma Phi is an international sorority active in civic affairs.



Mrs. Beall

\$32,000 Winner



After he won \$32,000 on the "The \$64,000 Question" television program, Stanley Skeens decided it was time to live better . . . electrically. So one of the first things the Danville, W. Va., coal miner and preacher did was buy an electric clothes dryer. Here Mr. Skeens, right, smiles as W. W. Dixon of A. C. Griffith & Sons shows him a dryer. Mr. Skeens' category on the program was the Bible. Danville is in the Logan district.

Honors Are Won By Welch Girls



Virginia Bates April Vermillion

Three daughters of Welch district employees won recent honors in their schools. They were Shirley Dangerfield, Virginia Bates and April Vermillion.

Shirley Dangerfield was valedictorian at Pocahontas High School after having compiled an A average in all years of high school. She is the daughter of C. E. Dangerfield, meter serviceman in Pocahontas.



Shirley Dangerfield

Shirley was editor of the annual, vice president of the senior class, treasurer and typist of the student council, vice president of the Y-Teens, art editor and alternate business manager of the school paper, composer and typist of the school handbook, member of the Beta Club for four years, chosen "Most Popular" and president of the Young Women's American Legion Auxiliary.

A member of the Pocahontas Baptist Church where she is substitute teacher and a pianist, she plans to attend Marion Junior College. She will major in English and minor in music.

Virginia Bates won a music scholarship at Virginia Intermont College in Bristol. The daughter of B. E. Bates, meter supervisor, was one of the top students in the senior class at Bluefield. A delegate to Girls' State at Blacksburg last year, she is a member of the Beta Club.

Her music teacher presented Virginia in a piano recital on April 30 in the Appalachian auditorium where she played music from Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Schumann, Rachmaninoff and MacDowell. She is a member of the Bluefield Methodist Church and holds a district office in the youth fellowship group.

April Vermillion won the American Legion Award for being an outstanding student. She is the daughter of John, meter department working foreman, and Helen, PBX operator.

This award from Post 8 is presented each year to the outstanding boy and girl in the junior high schools in McDowell County and is based on character, courage, leadership, honor, service and scholarship. April is president of the Baptist Youth Fellowship, substitute pianist at the church, a leader in the girl scouts and school cheerleader.

Narrows Gets New Look With New Street Lights

The bright, new look came to Narrows of the Bluefield district recently when the town's new street lighting system was cut on.

Mayor O. H. Hopkins presided at ceremonies where the lights were cut on for the first time. Representing Appalachian at the ceremonies was Fillmore McPherson, assistant Bluefield district manager.

\$1,000,000 Just Part of Tax Payment



Joe P. Gills, left, Charleston division manager, presents a check for \$1-million to Edgar B. Sims, West Virginia state auditor. The check is a final payment on Appalachian's \$4,460,000 state and local taxes for 1955 in West Virginia. This includes payments to municipalities for licenses and franchises, the state gross sales tax, motor vehicle licenses, gasoline taxes and others. Appalachian paid a total of \$16,597,995 to federal, state and local governments in taxes during 1955 in both states. This amounted to an average of \$36.50 for each customer the company serves.

This Side Up

"It's not the breeze, the flag is upside down," said 8-year-old David to his father Jack Walters while visiting recently at Hawk's Nest State Park. The Charleston assistant local office manager looked again and found out his son was right.

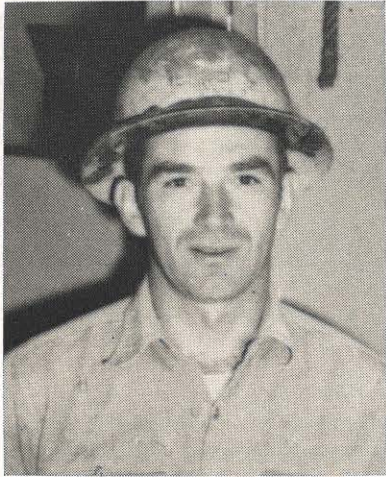
Jack told David to go to the restaurant and report it to the ranger or custodian. Soon three men came out with red faces, hurriedly lowered the flag and put it back up the right way. They went away muttering something about it being the first time an 8-year-old had to call a mistake to their attention.

Lynchburg Men Elected Officers In Moose



These Lynchburg employees recently became officers in the Lynchburg Moose Lodge 715. George W. Stone, Jr., stores clerk in center, was elected governor while R. E. Wells, groundman at left, was appointed assistant sergeant-at-arms and E. L. Baker, truck driver-groundman, became prelate. George worked his way through the chairs, beginning as sergeant-at-arms, and took office as governor in May. Captain of the drill team of 27 men, he also was initiated in the Legion of the Moose on March 25. He is on the board of directors of the Amherst County Junior Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Masons, Marshall Lodge 39 AF&AM. George was employed February 1945 as a draftsman and served as a rodman until April 1952 when he became stores clerk.

Lineman Killed At Williamson



Mr. Doka

Alex J. Doka, 36, Williamson district lineman, was electrocuted May 4 when he came in contact with the end of a loop wire.

Mr. Doka and another lineman were working on a two-pole structure near Nolan, preparing to make up loop, when he came in contact with the wire.

An employee of the company since September 5, 1946, he formerly worked as a laborer for the Norfolk and Western Railway. He also served as a Civil Service payroll clerk in Germany for a year following his release from the Air Force, which he served in from December 1941 to December 1945. He was a staff sergeant.

In high school he was a football standout. He was a member of the Williamson Moose Lodge and the Williamson Junior Chamber of Commerce. He served as captain of his bowling team in the company league.

Surviving Mr. Doka are his wife, Portia, a son, Joel, 6, his mother, three brothers and five sisters. Active pallbearers were these employees: Okey Taylor, J. E. "Sonny" Runyon, Ernest Bailey, Glenn Felty, Fred Alley, Fred Varney, Roland Staten and Joe Hatfield. Funeral services were held at Mr. Doka's church, the First Baptist Church.

H. S. Scott Heads Quarter Century Club

H. S. Scott was elected president of the Ashland Quarter Century Club at their recent annual meeting in the Blue Room of the Henry Clay Hotel.



Mr. Scott

The Kentucky Power Company assistant general manager succeeds R. L. Gordon as head of the 29-member group.

Also elected were A. R. Surbaugh, vice president, and Louise Cash, secretary. The club represents 885 years of service with an average of 30½ years per member.

Attending in addition to the above were H. R. Collins, retired, Felicia Billips, Helen Eaton, Annis Ketterer, J. W. Ellis, Jr., R. A. Macomb, C. R. Sanford, J. T. Weidenheller, Dan Lake, H. H. Kincaid, Paul Scaggs, S. S. Woolwine, R. P. Thomas, R. F. Millikan, W. S. Burchett, H. T. Mitchell, D. V. Lockwood, Frank Huffman, E. E. Heyl, O. F. Sutphin and C. D. Weight.

Members absent were W. B. Garnett, R. E. Doyle, Jr., V. L. Brewer, J. B. Simpson and Harry Matney. Guests included the wives and husbands of members and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Evick.

National Campaigns Tell Benefits Of Electric Living And HOUSEPOWER

Two phrases that will become increasingly familiar to employees are "Plan for full housepower" and "Live Better Electrically." They will be used in coming months throughout the industry to promote electric living and tell the story of home wiring to the public.

Edison Electric Institute has started a nationwide advertising program to promote HOUSEPOWER, a new word used to tell the public about the home wiring problem. Magazine ads, TV shows, tie-in support by electric utilities, manufacturers and dealers will focus attention

on the program. Also a \$100,000 contest running through September is expected to generate a lot of interest. "Better Homes and Gardens" magazine is being used to promote the contest.

Although the contest is not open to power company employees, entry blanks will be available for your friends at our offices or at appliance dealers. There is nothing to buy to enter the contest, and all details are on the entry blanks.

If you have any doubts about the symptoms of low HOUSEPOWER, look for conditions like the following. Slow-poke appliances take forever to heat up. Fuses blow their tops or circuit breakers trip frequently. Lights dim when appliances are turned on. Appliances stand in line because they can't be operated on the same circuit. Your TV picture shrinks when appliances are turned on. Octopus electric outlets show too many wires go to one outlet.

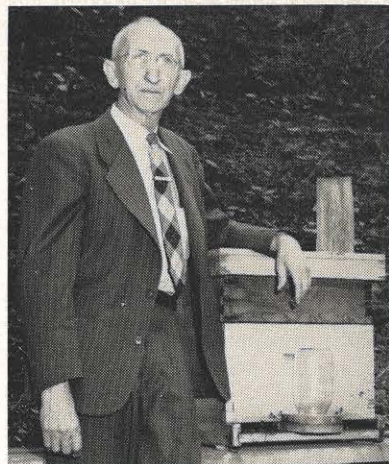
What has caused these conditions that are common to many new homes as well as old? Primarily it's due to increased use of electricity. The average home today uses over two times as much electricity as it did 10 years ago. Many more kinds of electrical appliances are now in daily use and need more HOUSEPOWER. What's more, today's appliances work faster and better—and so use more power than earlier models. As a result, four out of five homes are not wired to handle increased appliance and equipment loads. They suffer from low HOUSEPOWER.

As a first step in correcting these conditions, get a wiring check-up. Our company will give a wiring check-up without obligation, also the case with most electrical contractors. Adding the wiring necessary to give a home full HOUSEPOWER can often be done in a day and is not messy nor destructive to walls when done by a qualified electrical contractor. Modernizing home wiring not only contributes to comfort and safety but also increases the value of a home and equips it for future appliances. Now's the time to "Plan for full HOUSEPOWER" and "Live Better Electrically."



These two symbols are part of a national campaign encouraging the public to live better electrically and enjoy full HOUSEPOWER.

Bees, Garden And Fish Keep Welch Retired Man Busy



John E. Ratliff stands beside one of his beehives. He expects to get 200 pounds of honey from his bees this summer.

Two hundred pounds is a lot of honey, but that's the amount John E. Ratliff expects to get from his bees by the end of summer.

The retired Grundy area substation operator of the Welch district recently purchased several new hives and hundreds of bees. By keeping these hives perfectly clean and using new supers, Mr. Ratliff will get a high grade of pure honey.

Mr. Ratliff retired from the company because of ill health, but still enjoys getting outdoors. Another of his favorite hobbies is his garden, where you'll find a variety of vegetables any gardener would be proud to claim. What the Ratliffs can't eat right away, Mrs. Ratliff freezes or gives to neighbors. He also raises enough strawberries to freeze some, and has cherries, apples, peaches and grapes growing on his place.

But let fishing season roll around and Mr. Ratliff drops his hoe with one hand and picks up his reel with the other. He fishes for trout in the early spring and goes to Florida each year for a month or two of deep sea fishing.

Kingsport Employee Named County Judge

Squire F. W. "Jack" Isley, Kingsport administrative assistant, has been elected temporary county judge by the Sullivan County Court.

The fifth district Indian Springs magistrate defeated Squire Paul Zimmerman for the post at a special session.



Mr. Isley

Mr. Isley, county judge pro tem and recent Democratic floor leader in the court, will serve until August 31 this year. A successor to former Judge Howard Poston is to be elected at the August 2 general election.

Interim County Judge Isley will preside during what one of his supporters might call "especially important months for the court." The county budget will be prepared and tax rate set during that period.

Following his election, Mr. Isley called on the magistrates to unite for the betterment of the county. He was employed by the company in February 1941.



Your Reporters Behind The News

Ashland District

PAUL B. LUMBARD, correspondent; JOAN MOSCO, main accounting; PAUL SCAGGS, local accounting; AMY WATTS, commercial; DORA ADKINS, meter; CAROLEE LUTHER, T&D.

Hazard District

MORGAN J. OZEE, correspondent; MARGARET BAKER, accounting; CARL MADDEN, meter; RAY MILLER, commercial; NOLAN HAYS and CARLEN BYRD, distribution; HOMER COMBS, stores; N. W. COLLIER, Whitesburg.

Logan Plant

LUTHER C. HOUCINS, correspondent; J. R. BLANKENSHIP; OPAL WHITE; EVELYN CHILDERS; CORA L. STRAUGHAN, results; D. F. WOOLCOCK, laboratory; J. J. PEARL, electrical maintenance; B. W. LANTHORNE, operation; ANTHONY ADAMS, coal handling; ORVILLE NAPIER, mechanical maintenance.

System Man Heads Roanoke Lions Club

Raymond G. Taylor has been elected president of the Raleigh Court Lions Club in Roanoke. He is payroll audit and procedures supervisor in system accounting.



Mr. Taylor

He rose to the presidency from the board of directors and has held other posts in the club. He is also a member of the social security committee of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and a deacon and teacher of a Men's Bible Class at Virginia Heights Baptist Church.

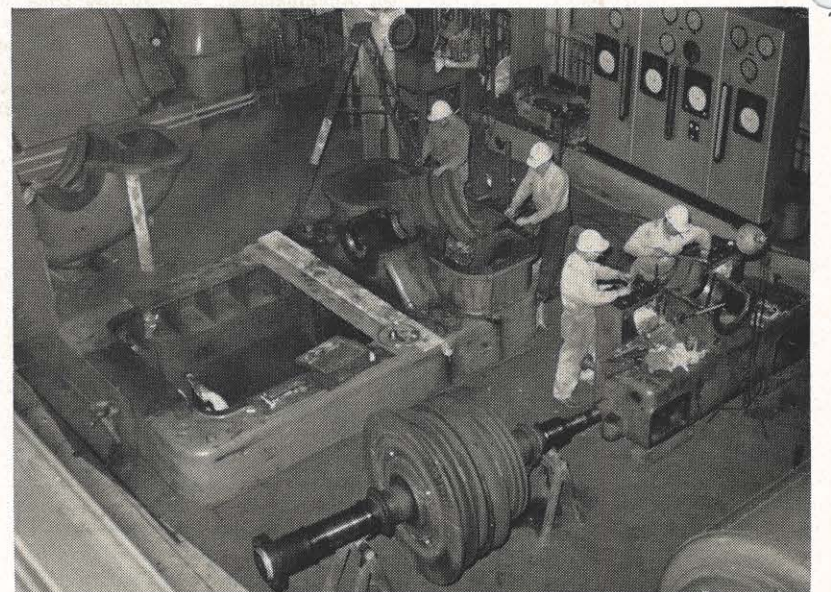
Mr. Taylor was employed January 28, 1929 as a clerk. He became administrative assistant April 1, 1947 and payroll audit and procedures supervisor April 1 this year. Married, he has one son.

Three Appalachian Men Have Articles In 'World'

Articles by three Appalachian men appeared in the May 14 issue of *Electrical World*.

R. A. Armistead, Roanoke district, wrote "Rescaling Ammeters Is Unnecessary." And L. H. Carnifax and O. A. Hesson of Cabin Creek plant were co-authors of "Accurate On-Job Drilling Saves Time."

Unit Five At Logan Overhauled



Turbine generator Unit No. 5 at Logan plant was removed from service recently for a general inspection and overhaul. This photograph shows mechanics remaking the vertical and horizontal shell joints by installing copper strips in the joints. Wearing white hats from left to right are: Orville Napier, Ray Pridemore, C. E. Parsons and E. D. White. In the center rear is Hal Barker, turbine operator.

Million Manhours Reached Again As Safety Meet Held

Safety supervisors from Appalachian and Kingsport gathered in Roanoke recently to air problems and discuss solutions.

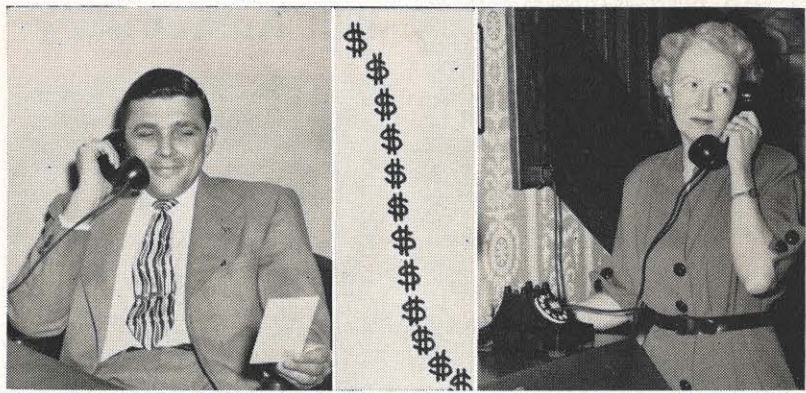
The meeting, first of its kind since 1952, came right after the Appalachian employees worked a million manhours without a disabling injury for the second time in the company's history. Both records have been established in the last five months, the first time a million manhours have been reached in the company's 30 years.

The latest record ran from February 22 to April 19 and was broken after 1,193,072 manhours had been reached. The first time it happened was December 21, 1955 to February 20 this year. That record amounted to 1,232,076 manhours.

D. C. Duncan, system safety director, was moderator for the all-day meeting in Roanoke. H. J. Collins, Logan district personnel supervisor, used a flannel board for "Pattern For Safety" and Jack B. Frier, Abingdon district personnel supervisor, used a big chest filled with safety equipment to illustrate "A Safety Treasure Chest."

W. S. Kitchen, system safety supervisor, was moderator for two round-table discussion periods, where 50 problems and questions brought in from the field were discussed.

Safety Slogans Pay Off In Charleston



"Hello, Mrs. Allen. This is John Frazier, Charleston safety supervisor. Are you familiar with our home safety program? Remember receiving a post card about two weeks ago which gave a home safety tip for the month? Can you tell me what the slogan was? On kite flying? Yes . . ." After Mrs. Allen repeated some of the safety rules on the post card, Mr. Frazier said into the phone, "Mrs. Allen you have really entered into the spirit of our program. I will be down to see you in a few days and present you with a check for five dollars." It's that simple. Charleston employees and their families can win \$5 if they remember and observe the home safety slogans, sent out each month to each employee's home on a post card. A drawing is held each month and the lucky number called. A conversation similar to the one with Mrs. Allen follows. The employees usually keeps the card by the phone in case he is called—then the card is seen each time the phone rings, a silent sentinel for safety. Mrs. Allen is the wife of O. R. Allen, senior line engineer of the Charleston division, and was a recent winner.

Dedication Held At Kyger (Continued from Page 1)



The Kyger Creek plant dedication plaque is flanked with some men who played prominent parts at the ceremony on May 24. From the left: Frank J. Lausche, governor of Ohio; William C. Marland, governor of West Virginia; William R. Davlin, Pennsylvania secretary of commerce; Philip Sporn, president of AGE and of OVEC, and Thomas A. Jenkins, Congressman from the 10th Ohio District.

President Sporn Presided

Philip Sporn, president of AGE and our companies and of OVEC, presided at the program. Speakers included, in addition to Governor Lausche: Governor William C. Marland of West Virginia; Senator George Bender of Ohio; Congressman Thomas A. Jenkins of Ohio; William R. Davlin, secretary of Commerce of Pennsylvania, representing that state's governor, and Richard W. Cook, deputy general manager of AEC.

Tours of the plant were taken by the guests. Among other things they saw: a turbine room twice the length of a football field, five 215,000-kw turbine generators, boilers as high as a 12-story building which together burn over 8,500 tons of coal a day,

P. S. Dunn, Abingdon, Honored By 4-H'ers

Paul S. Dunn, Abingdon district administrative assistant, was awarded honorary membership in the Washington County 4-H Club during recent awards day ceremonies.



Mr. Dunn

He is one of the first two individuals to receive an honorary 4-H membership in Washington County. The award was presented in recognition of his assistance with the 4-H Club program.

Married, the father of a daughter, he is a member of the Abingdon Kiwanis Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce and Methodist Church. He was employed in August 1948 as a commercial department clerk. He was a rural sales representative before his promotion in September 1951 to administrative assistant.

stacks towering 538 feet into the air, and a network of 330,000-volt transmission lines feeding power from the plant to the AEC Portsmouth Project 50 miles away.

An open house for the public was held May 26-27 at Kyger Creek plant. Hundreds toured the giant facilities, many seeing a power plant for the first time.

Largest Power Contract

OVEC today is furnishing 1,950,000 kw of electric power to the AEC plant. The contract authorizing this supply of electricity was signed by OVEC and the AEC in October 1952. The fifth and final unit at Kyger Creek was completed in December 1955 and the sixth and last unit at Clifty Creek went in service in March of this year.

The 15 sponsoring companies of OVEC, whose executives were hosts at the gathering, were: Appalachian, Ohio Power and Indiana & Michigan of AGE; Monogahela Power; Potomac Edison and West Penn of the West Penn Electric Company; Pennsylvania Power and Ohio Edison companies; Cincinnati Gas & Electric; Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric; Dayton Power and Light; Kentucky Utilities; Louisville Gas and Electric; Southern Indiana Gas and Electric and Toledo Edison.

President Sporn Gets Honorary Degree

Philip Sporn, president of AGE and our companies, spoke at commencement exercises at Marshall College in Huntington on May 28. He also received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. Mr. Sporn in his address told of the value of "The Well-Integrated Man." He said this man, "whatever his specialty or basic education, represents the best prospect for personal happiness as well as individual contribution to the common good."

Noting the scarcity of engineers and scientists in the U. S., he pointed out the higher quality of our engineers and less prevalence of over-specialization that is characteristic in Russia. He also said that using our engineers more effectively tends to bridge the gap caused by our having less. While mentioning some of Russia's scientific achievements, he said that their activities in the electric power field were considerably behind our own.

Increased Sales Theme Of Commercial Meet

A subject always important to a progressive business was the theme of the first Commercial-Industrial Power Sales Conference in Roanoke May 14-16.

About 85 Appalachian and Kingsport power and commercial salesmen gathered to discuss ways and means of increasing the company's revenues by more effective sales methods and efforts. B. D. Painter, Appalachian system industrial and commercial sales supervisor, termed the meeting "highly successful." Mr. Painter was moderator for the three-day sessions.

Speakers included men from Appalachian, AGE and companies who manufacture commercial and industrial electrical equipment. The meetings covered everything from commercial cooking to the heat pump to lighting. Other subjects dealt with sales methods, reasons why in sales, industrial development and competition.

G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager, led off the first day's talks. Speaking of the company's expansion, Mr. Furr stated that 1955 was the best year the company ever experienced. He said, "It is absolutely necessary that the company grow from year to year and the only way we can grow is by selling more kilowatt-hours. If we quit selling we would have to quit expanding and as you know we have expanded very rapidly over the last 10 years."

Paul D. Brooks, AGE commercial vice president, spoke of the expanding market for electric power. Reviewing the company's sales records for a num-



Four of the speakers at the first Commercial-Industrial Power Sales Conference gather before the second day's meeting begins. Shown are from left: P. D. Brooks, AGE commercial vice president; G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager; E. R. Ambrose, head of the AGE Service Corporation air conditioning division; and B. D. Painter, Appalachian system industrial and commercial sales supervisor who was moderator for the meetings.

ber of years he showed how increased sales efforts had brought increased revenues. "There are literally thousands of opportunities in which we can help the customer and our company by applying electric power where other methods have previously been used." Commenting further he said, "A big field of opportunity before us is space heating with electricity. This is almost a limitless market."

E. R. Ambrose, head of the AGE Service Corporation air conditioning division, discussed the sale of the heat pump for year around air conditioning for commercial buildings. Mr. Ambrose pointed out the importance of getting in on the "ground floor"

when the building plans are in the preliminary stage.

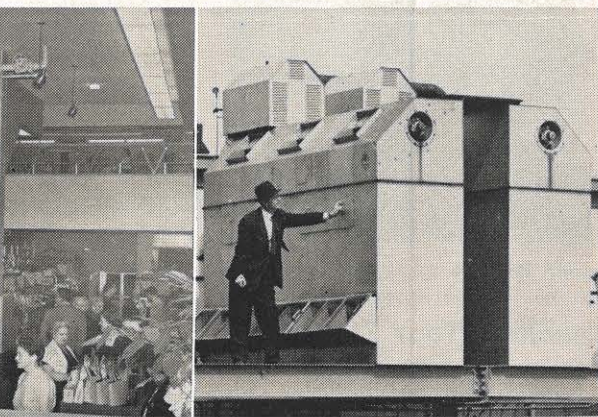
P. W. Emler, AGE Service Corporation director of industrial sales, discussed competition in industrial sales and advised the power sales engineers to keep abreast of the latest developments in the competitive field, "for knowledge is power."

Among the many other speakers were representatives of the manufacturers present at the meeting. H. L. Cushing, system commercial manager, was the dinner speaker at the banquet the second night. Several discussion periods, for informal conversations about the subjects being treated, were held at regular intervals during the three days.

Record-Size Heat Pump Serves Heironimus



LEFT: This shows part of the first floor of Heironimus' new store which boasts year round air conditioning, escalators, a unique wiring system, and modern lighting and decor. RIGHT: Jennings French, power sales engineer,



checks one of three evaporative condensers atop the roof. The heat pump system filters the air every 10 to 12 minutes.

The world's largest air-source heat pump went into service recently with the opening in Roanoke of the new S. H. Heironimus Department Store. Another outstanding feature of the modern store is that it is the first commercial installation on the Appalachian system served at a secondary voltage level of 277/480 volts.

The heat pump system has three 75 hp compressors, three 40 hp compressors and 177 hp in auxiliary equipment. This system will automatically filter the air every 10 to 12 minutes while keeping the temperature on each floor at the desired level. The York Corporation in-

stalled the system.

Because of the store's higher operating voltage, it was necessary that the transformers be placed atop the building. Main reason for using this higher voltage was to secure the most economical wiring installation and

permitting the operation of fluorescent lighting at 277 volts.

While Heironimus' new store has no cafeteria, a direct entrance was provided into the S&W Cafeteria which also uses an electric heat pump for year round air conditioning.

Stuart Employees Take First Aid



Nine Fieldale employees at Stuart have earned American Red Cross first aid certificates. Here they treat the "victim," J. B. Wood. They are from left: O. A. Keene, Roy Martin, J. A. DeShazo, Mrs. Lois Shepard, Ammon Sears, J. G. Morrison, C. J. Hewitt and T. A. Kirby, Roanoke district safety supervisor and instructor. Seated at right are G. W. Turner and L. R. Hawks.

Articles By Nine Men Appear In 321st Issue Of 'Monthly Operating Notes'

Almost half the articles in the 321st issue of AGE's *Monthly Operating Notes* were written by Appalachian employees. Nine employees wrote six of the 13 articles in the May issue.

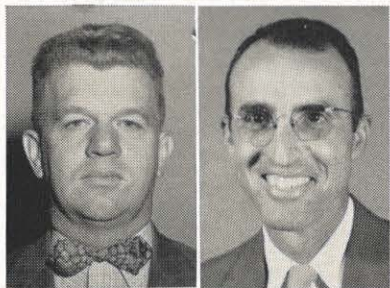


Mr. White

J. L. White, Roanoke division supervising engineer, contributed "Reclosers Vs. Breakers In Small Stations." The article pointed out the advantages of oil circuit reclosers over oil circuit breakers in small stations.

E. C. Rankin, system supervising station engineer, used five pictures to illustrate "Testing Stock Post Insulators." He describes a new method for testing insulators "in stock."

C. L. Robison, Jr., electrical engineer, system station department, wrote "Trailer Saves 20 Man-Hours On Each 330-kv OCB Inspection." The article describes a small trailer de-



Mr. Rankin

Mr. Robison



Mr. Moore

Mr. Carnifax

signed by the author to haul piping used in maintenance of the 330-kv oil circuit breakers at Philip Sporn station.

"Weighing Chlorine Cylinders During Water Treatment" was written by J. A. Moore, supervisor of maintenance, and L. H. Carnifax, mechanical maintenance mechanic, Cabin Creek plant. By using the method designed by the two to weigh chemical cylinders, the cylinders won't run out unattended or be taken off too soon.

Two Kanawha River plant men were the co-authors of "Quick Check Of Magne-Blast OCB's Saves Man-Hours." They are Amos Workman, maintenance foreman, and T. E. Peay, master maintenance man. A testing device designed by the men for inspecting Magne-Blast switchgear cuts down inspection men from two to one and time for each breaker from 15 minutes to five.

The sixth article was contributed by B. C. Harlowe, lineman, and D. W. Cooper, groundman, of Fieldale. The article, "Anchor Holes Cleaned Quickly With Small 'Spoon'" describes a handmade spoon-like shovel used to clear anchor holes of soil containing small rocks or gravel.



Mr. Workman

Mr. Peay



Mr. Harlowe

Mr. Cooper

Teachers Tour Bluefield Office And Stations

The schools closed and teachers went visiting as Bluefield observed Business-Education Day recently.

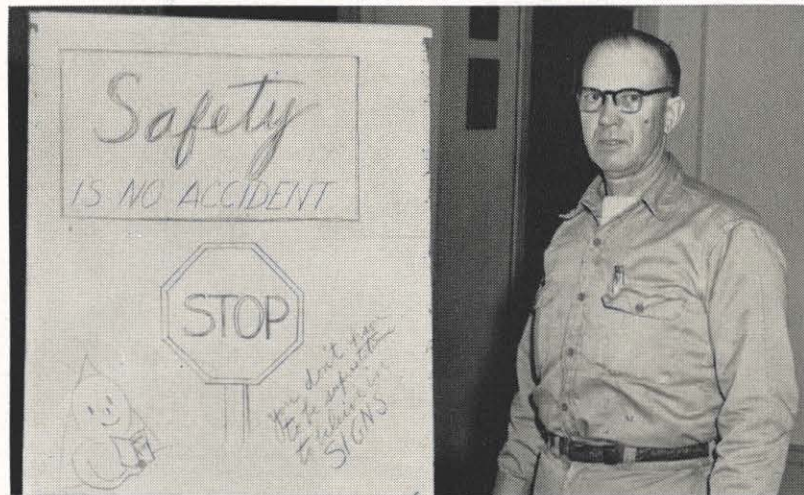
The company was host to 50 of these teachers. They toured the offices and two stations. Helping with arrangements were Jane McNabb, Elizabeth Munsey, Ira Henderson, L. F. McPherson, C. L. Shockey and W. J. Gillespie, Jr. L. W. Bates, assistant division manager, spoke to the group.

Three Men Are Authors Of May EL&P Articles

Articles by three employees appeared in the May 15 issue of *Electric Light and Power*.

N. R. Roush, Philip Sporn plant master maintenance man, contributed "Jig Expedites Rebarbitting." G. V. Loveday, operator for the Kanawha Valley Power Company, wrote "Spiked Angle-Iron Prevents Cylinder Rolling." And P. B. Blizzard, Kanawha Valley mechanical engineer, was the author of "Adapter Aids Crane-To-Crane Load Transfer."

Drawings Used In Safety Talk



Using 11 drawings to illustrate his talk, L. W. Thorne, Beckley area serviceman, spoke before a recent safety meeting of the line and station section. Automobile driving safety was the theme of the talk, and the drawings were done by Mr. Thorne. He summarized his talk at the end with the code of the road.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Beckley District

H. A. WILTON, JR., from groundman to appliance serviceman B; JOSEPH O. CARPER, from auto repairman helper to groundman; JOHN C. STEELE, from area sales representative to heating and builder sales representative.

Bluefield District

ROBERT E. CROWDER, from lineman B to lineman A; JAMES R. BAILEY, from meter serviceman B to lineman A; WILLIAM D. LINEBERRY, from lineman B to meter serviceman A; JACK HAWKS, from groundman to lineman C.

Logan District

WILLIAM M. HILL, from serviceman B to area serviceman, Mann.

Logan Plant

LOVELL H. McDONALD, from mechanical maintenance man to mechanical maintenance mechanic B.

Roanoke District

B. M. GRISSO, from meter service helper to appliance serviceman A.

System

LORENA TERRY, from junior accounting machine operator clerk to system personnel record clerk.

Williamson District

M. A. COLE, from commercial sales representative to heating and builder sales representative.

Kentucky Power Company

Pikeville District

WILLIAM B. SYCK, from meter reader to appliance serviceman B.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

JAMES H. NICKELS, JR., from senior T&D clerk to engineering aide; FRED PIERCE, JR., from laborer to groundman.

Aspiring Journalist And State Trooper In Midst Of 'Little Summit' Meetings



LEFT: Bernard White III at right chats with Nick Basso, news director of WSAZ-TV of Huntington, and Ray Schere, Washington correspondent for NBC, in the press room at the Greenbrier Hotel. RIGHT: Robert Stanley, right, receives instructions from Sgt. Webb of Company D, State Police, concerning the guard detail for the Little Summit meetings. Both photos courtesy "Raleigh Register."

Sons of two Beckley employees played an active part in the "Little Summit" meetings at White Sulphur Springs recently.

Bernard White III, son of B. H. White, Jr., local office manager, was on hand as a reporter and photographer, representing the Raleigh-Fayette-Wyoming County High School Press Association. And Robert Stanley, son of J. S. Stanley, head meter reader, as a State Trooper was part of the State Police Guard Detail assigned for the meetings.

The meetings were held between President Eisenhower, Prime Minister St. Laurent of Canada and President Ruiz Cortines of Mexico. Bernard was able to get many pictures of the dignitaries and also met and talked with some of the leading journalists of the nation. A senior at Woodrow Wilson High School, he is school photographer as well as co-editor of sports in the school newspaper.

Robert Stanley performed his regular duties and then some. At the last minute President Cortines decided to motor back to Charleston by the West

Virginia Turnpike and Robert was chosen to drive the escort car to the Charleston airport. A graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, he spent a year and a half overseas with the Marines in Korea. He graduated from the State Police Academy in 1953 and is stationed with the South Charleston detachment.

St. Albans Changes Call For Accounting

In a whirl for a while were the utility companies and the post office after St. Albans City Council re-named early this year a lot of streets and changed house numbers. About 6,000 accounts had to be changed in the Charleston local accounting office.

Power company customers were not bothered by the changes since meters were not read out. However, about 360 manhours were needed to change the meter sheets, street address cards and other records in the Charleston office. In addition, new addressograph plates had to be made in the Huntington office for customers affected by the changes.

Bruce Cox Marks 40th Anniversary



Mr. Cox

Bruce Cox, Fieldale district manager, celebrated his fortieth anniversary with the company May 1.

He joined the company in Bluefield as a groundman in 1916 and was made a lineman in 1917. He served two years with the 37th Electrical Engineer Corps and the Army of Occupation in Germany during World War I and when he returned July 1, 1919 he went to Princeton as station operator and patrolman.

Mr. Cox was transferred to Fieldale in 1926 during the construction of Fieldale station. On October 1, 1931 he was made assistant foreman and September 1, 1933 was promoted to foreman. He was made local superintendent June 1, 1945 and became district manager when the district was organized in May 1949.

Among his civic offices Mr. Cox includes president of the Fieldale Rotary Club, vice president of the Fieldale Service Club, member of the board of directors of the Fieldale YMCA and vice president of the Bassett Country Club. He is also a member of the Masonic Order, Eastern Star, American Legion, Henry County Industrial Council, Elks Club Lodge No. 1752, Forest Park Country Club and the Blue Ridge Yacht Club.

His hobbies are golfing and fishing, and on a recent fishing excursion at Stuart, Fla., he landed a seven-foot, eight-inch sailfish, entitling him to membership in the Stuart Sailfish Club.

Married, he and his wife are members of the Fieldale Methodist Church.

Plant Employee Dies Suddenly

Lawrence W. Walker, 61, Cabin Creek plant administrative assistant, died suddenly May 4.



Mr. Walker

Mr. Walker was employed at the plant as superintendent of guards September 28, 1942. At the end of World War II he became administrative assistant. Before joining Appalachian he was one of the original members of the West Virginia State Police, serving from 1919 to 1934. A veteran of World War I, he was a member of the American Legion, Cabin Creek post.

He was born June 29, 1895 at Malden, W. Va. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and a brother. Funeral services were held May 7 at the Fidler and Frame Mortuary in Belle with burial in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Charleston.

Twenty-Four Veterans Earn Service Emblems



Employees who have received pins for 20 or more years' service in recent weeks are pictured above. **TOP ROW** from left, all 30 years: K. H. Mustard, Pulaski; A. Waitman York, Huntington; H. E. Bucklen, system; E. B. Brewer, Bluefield; W. P. Hawkins, Bluefield; and R. M. Foster, Roanoke. **SECOND ROW** from left: W. H. Conner, Sr., Abingdon, 30 years; Ed Jarrett, Cabin Creek plant, 25 years; H. D. Veasey, system, 20 years; George M. Guill, Jr., system, 20 years; W. A. Irvin, Jr., system, 20 years; and Roy E. Martin, system,

20 years. **THIRD ROW** from left, all 20 years: Leroy Goode, Charleston; W. M. Abbott, Charleston; C. E. Hawkins, Charleston; J. A. Sutton, Jr., Charleston; F. E. Rotenberry, Pulaski; and M. C. Spangler, Pulaski. **BOTTOM ROW** from left, all 20 years: Gene Moore, Ashland; H. F. Arnott, Beckley; Lester Toler, Logan; L. A. Huff, Roanoke; Fred S. LaRue, Kingsport; and Wade L. Nash, Bluefield.

50th Anniversary . . .

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electric power has made it possible to live better—electrically.

An anniversary emblem will appear in all the ads, on window banners in offices, on trucks and on company letterheads.

Folder To Be Given

To tell the anniversary story to our customers, an 8-page folder titled "What Fifty Years of Progress In Electric Power Means to You" has been prepared and will be distributed to customers visiting company offices. The folder describes how electricity has affected the lives of the populations we serve, and a map shows how each of the operating companies is tied into the AGE System.

Movie In Production

A 40-minute color movie with sequences taken throughout the System companies and the AGE Service Corporation offices in New York will be completed this summer to graphically tell the story of the System. It will be shown to employees and their families at special meetings later in the year.

The film tells the story of the 50 years of growth and progress of the AGE System and shows many of the facilities which existed in the early days. Necessarily, it is a modern-dress history of the System portraying by visual-narrative means the many individual stories of the 1906-56 period.

Script for the film was written by Harry P. St. Clair, Jr., of the Service Corporation's public relations department. He and two members of the firm producing the movie took a five-week swing through the AGE System where they shot film at some power plants, from airplanes and river boats and in most of the district and division offices.

Booklets Tell Story

To further tell the anniversary story, a 24-page color booklet is being prepared to describe with words and drawings the story of electricity and its expanding use through the facilities of the AGE System from 1906 to today. Employees will receive advance copies of the booklet which will later be distributed to the public.

The booklet in newspaper strip format is being produced by M. Philip Copp and Associates of New York. One of their previous booklets, "Flight" told the 50-year story of powered aircraft and was given wide national distribution by many of the industry's companies.

Fifty years ago a small group of men were making plans for the formation of the American Gas and Electric Company. Today many activities are underway to commemorate the 50-year history of the "dream" of those men.

Safety Article In 'World'

John C. Frazier, Charleston district safety supervisor, wrote an article on industrial relations for the May 21 issue of *Electrical World*. It was entitled "Fresh Slant Sells Safety," and outlined Mr. Frazier's basic accident control plan.

man; 5 YEARS: TILDEN JUSTICE, meter reader.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

20 YEARS: FRED S. LARUE, area sales representative; 15 YEARS: JAMES W. GILLIAM, truck driver-groundman; WILLIAM G. HART-GROVE, groundman; WILLIAM L. BEELER, meter reader; SAMUEL E. PIERSON, meter serviceman; 10 YEARS: JAMES P. SMITH line-



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—30 YEARS: W. H. CONNER, SR., station operator; 5 YEARS: STONEY W. JACKSON, groundman.

Beckley District—20 YEARS: H. F. ARNOTT, credit supervisor; 10 YEARS: R. H. PRICE, area serviceman, Rainelle.

Bluefield District—40 YEARS: LARRY DUNN, area serviceman; 30 YEARS: EDGAR B. BREWER, lineman, Tazewell; W. P. HAWKINS, assistant stores supervisor; 20 YEARS: WADE L. NASH, meterman; 15 YEARS: E. W. LINKOUS, supply and building maintenance clerk; A. G. FERRELL, lineman, Mullens; 5 YEARS: NEVA SHEPHERD, senior cashier, Princeton.

Cabin Creek Plant—40 YEARS: C. A. KENDALL, shift supervisor; 25 YEARS: ED JARRETT, laborjanitor foreman.

Charleston District—20 YEARS: W. M. ABBOTT, electrical engineer; C. E. HAWKINS, truck driver-groundman; J. A. SUTTON, JR., area serviceman, Montgomery; LEROY GOODE, line foreman; 10 YEARS: B. E. BLAKE, transporta-

tion clerk; D. H. CROSIER, lineman; 5 YEARS: C. A. TAYLOR, auto repairman; J. W. SHOLES, collector, Clendenin; PEGGY J. GALLAGHER, authorization clerk, Montgomery; G. A. PAUL, groundman.

Fieldale District—5 YEARS: BETTY J. BAKER, clerk-stenographer.

Glen Lyn Plant—15 YEARS: E. E. THOMPSON, turbine operator; 5 YEARS: W. S. WADE, utility operator; A. W. DUNFORD, guard; E. E. MEDLEY, maintenance helper.

Huntington District—35 YEARS: E. SCOTT BOYER, meter serviceman; E. L. STEIN, steam plant supervisor; 30 YEARS: A. WAITMAN YORK, assistant stores supervisor; 15 YEARS: EUGENE C. DAVIS, engineering aide; RICHARD P. MALLORY, heating and builder sales representative; 5 YEARS: TROY W. HATFIELD, meterman; PEARLENE VANOOTEGHEM, senior payroll clerk; CARL M. ELKINS, area sales representative, returned from military service; E. C. MAYNARD, meter service helper.

Kanawha River Plant—15 YEARS: J. W. FORE, plant stores supervisor.

Logan District—20 YEARS: LESTER TOLER, meter serviceman; 10 YEARS: W. E. BIVENS, district residential and rural sales supervisor; E. P. HAGER, power sales engineer.

Logan Plant—5 YEARS: D. F. BRUMFIELD, utility operator.

Lynchburg District—15 YEARS: H. L. CANDLER, agricultural sales engineer; 10 YEARS: G. C. WHEELER, district engineer.

Point Pleasant District—5 YEARS: VONDA L. BARNETTE, senior cashier.

Pulaski District—30 YEARS: K. H. MUSTARD, hydro plant foreman; 20 YEARS: M. C. SPANGLER, lineman; F. E. ROTENBERRY, hydro plant supervisor; 15 YEARS: D. G. COVEY, hydro maintenance mechanic; LEE NANCE, assistant hydro operator; T. D. SMYTHERS, hydro plant clerk; W. M. TAYLOR, hydro maintenance helper; L. J. AYERS, assistant hydro operator; 10 YEARS: R. L. MADISON, senior meter clerk.

Roanoke District—30 YEARS: R. M. FOSTER, area sales representative; 20 YEARS: L. A. HUFF, groundman; 10 YEARS: F. A. HARRIS, meterman; J. E. HARRIS, janitor; 5 YEARS: J. A. DUNHAM, division heating sales engineer; HOPE C. DALTON, receptionist;

ELAINE R. FRINGER, junior contract clerk.

Philip Sporn Plant—5 YEARS: SAMUEL E. HOLLIDAY, maintenance man; EDWIN F. HUDSON, tractor operator; WILLIAM E. STIVERS, maintenance man; PAUL D. NEASE, auxiliary equipment operator.

System—40 YEARS: C. E. PATTESON, regional chief dispatcher; 35 YEARS: F. H. LEWIS, system chief operations coordinator; 30 YEARS: CLAUDINE M. FOSTER, proof clerk, system accounting; HOLLEY E. BUCKLEN, system meterman; 20 YEARS: H. D. VEASEY, system senior civil engineer; W. A. IRVIN, JR., system R/w agent; R. E. MARTIN, system R/w agent; GEORGE M. GUILL, JR., system senior electronics engineer; 15 YEARS: C. A. SWEENEY, system R/w draftsman; 10 YEARS: BERNARD MULLENS, regional dispatcher; A. E. DODSON, system station operator; 5 YEARS: C. F. BUNTING, system station operator.

Welch District—10 YEARS: E. M. MCKINNEY, lineman.

Williamson District—10 YEARS: J. B. HARRIS, JR., junior T&D clerk.

Kentucky Power Company Ashland District—20 YEARS: GENE MOORE, general foreman.

Pikeville District—15 YEARS: CRAIG FIELDS, district residential and rural sales supervisor; 10 YEARS: LLOYD COLLINS, general service-

Pulaski Waiters Wear Hard Hats



Pulaski district employees were guests at safety dinners served by supervisors wearing hard hats. The dinners in Pulaski and Marion were in appreciation of the employees' record of over 1 million manhours without a disabling injury. Serving at the Marion dinner were, from left, H. B. Newland, R. J. Blair and A. D. Clark. W. H. Spangler, district safety director, was master of ceremonies and reviewed the safety record. D. P. Minichon, district manager, and L. W. Bates, assistant division manager, spoke briefly to the groups. Ellen Bell and Lorene Parks were the home economists at Marion and Pulaski, respectively, in charge of preparations for the dinners.

Kanawha Plant Man Heads Chelyan Lions

J. E. McClain, Kanawha River plant control operator, has been elected president of the Chelyan Lions Club.

A graduate of Salem College Academy, he is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Chelyan and treasurer of the Appakan Club at the plant.

Mr. McClain has been an employee since 1931. He is a horologist and has made his hobby profitable by setting up his own jewelry and appliance store. Married, Mr. McClain has a son and daughter.



Mr. McClain

Artificial Respiration Gets Thorough Treatment In Williamson Meetings

Artificial respiration got a thorough treatment when three Williamson district employees recently presented a safety program on the subject.

C. L. Miller and Gene Hall, engineering department employees, and Alberta DeWese, managerial, gave the program before the engineering and T&D line and station departments. Ernest Bailey filled in for Mr. Hall in the latter presentation.

Mrs. DeWese demonstrated the back pressure-arm lift method on Pete Woods for the T&D department. Mr. Miller showed the shaffer prone method, using first two people and then three. He also showed how to give a baby artificial respiration, and then an expectant mother. For the shaffer prone method he used as his "victims" Pete Woods, J. B. Harris and C. C. Thompson.

Mr. Bailey, a member of the Williamson Life Saving Crew, demonstrated the use of the respirator and the method of artificial respiration used by the crew.



Part of a recent Williamson safety program on artificial respiration is shown above. Alberta DeWese demonstrates the respiration method, using Gene Hall as a "victim." C. L. Miller, standing, demonstrates respiration on a baby, using a doll.

No Scratching

That old nuisance, poison ivy, may be on the way out if J. B. Buskirk's cure is as good as he claims.

The Logan plant turbine operator has found the water weed, or touch-me-not weed, as it's sometimes called, will effect a cure in 48 hours if it is used right.

Here are his directions: take the weeds in your hands and mash until the sap flows. Then apply the sap to the parts affected by poison ivy and leave for 48 hours. By that time your itching should be over.

Making Parts For Machinery Unusual Part-Time Specialty Of Sam Holliday



Sam Holliday is surrounded by his woodworking, metal working and horseshoeing equipment, set up in his basement workshop.

Samuel E. Holliday has an unusual specialty—he makes hard-to-get parts for machinery.

For instance, recently Philip Sporn plant, where he is a maintenance man, was unable to get small selsen motor gears, so Sam made up a supply. He makes gears for mixers and fans and other small parts, all just to help people out. He doesn't charge for his spare-time work.

Employed in May 1951, he previously was supervisor of maintenance for the Ohio Valley Bus Company, and still overhauls a truck now and then. But motor parts are his specialty.

In his basement he has set up a metalworking, woodworking and horseshoeing shop. The horseshoeing he got into when his daughter's horse needed new shoes. Since then he has found out he could spend all his spare time shoeing horses if he wanted.

Most of his original equipment was homemade and he has been gradually replacing it. But he still makes a lot of his equipment, and right now is working on a power hack saw out of lawn mower wheels and scrap. He made his own rotary lawn mower and other equipment he uses around the house. His lamps made of horseshoes and wood are popular with his friends.

Sam's wife, Carolyn, and daughter, Bonnie, spend a lot of time in his workshop with him. It's even equipped with a television set so he won't miss his favorite programs. He hopes to enlarge his woodworking layout in the near future.

Sporn Man Named To County School Board

Keith E. Arnold was elected a member of the Mason County School Board in the general election May 8. He is Philip Sporn plant first assistant shift operating engineer.



Mr. Arnold

He later became sootblower operator and turbine operator and came to Sporn in 1949 as control operator. He moved to his present position in 1954.

Mr. Arnold is a member of the New Haven Lions Club, Masonic Order, Gallipolis Golf Club and the Methodist Church. He is married and has two children.

Sweetheart Title Given Ashland's Anita McClure

Anita McClure, an Ashland employee's daughter, was crowned sweetheart of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity of Marshall College at their annual Sweetheart Dance.

Her father is John McClure, engineering department. The honor came to Anita on May 12 at Camden Park where she received a trophy. A graduate of Ashland High School, she is a sophomore at Marshall College and assistant treasurer of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.



Anita McClure

Honor Marine



Sgt. Warren G. McGinnis, left, receives a pen and pencil set from Capt. Garlock, 4th Engineer Company of the Marine Reserve. Sgt. McGinnis, Charleston district meter service helper, was judged the best Marine instructor in the West Virginia state area and sent to Washington, D. C., to compete with instructors from four other states and D. C. The pen and pencil set was his company's award, and he was also made chief instructor of the company, which is the largest ground unit of any reserve branch of service in the state. Sgt. McGinnis saw four years of active duty with the Marines in World War II in North Africa and Camp LeJeune, N. C.

Welch Manager's Son Graduates As Doctor

Andrew Ferree Horne received his MD degree at Duke University in June. He is the son of A. F. Horne, Welch district manager.



Dr. Horne

He took his pre-med work at Davidson College where he graduated in 1951. He obtained his Master's Degree at West Virginia University in 1953. He was an honor student the past two years. He plans to interne at Duke and will specialize in pediatrics.

Another son of Mr. Horne, William Lincoln, graduated May 28 from Davidson College with a degree in business administration.

Roanoke Man Joins 'Cross' Gallon Club

Elmo M. Payne, Roanoke head material clerk, became a member of the Gallon Club on May 16 when he donated his eighth pint of blood.

Mr. Payne joined Appalachian November 3, 1947 in the stores department. He was formerly employed with Davis H. Elliott Company. His father, J. N. Payne, was with the company before his death, and his brother, Sherman, is employed in the Roanoke meter department.

Married and the father of two children, he is a member of the Oakland Baptist Church.



Mr. Payne

DAR History Awards Given To Two Youths



John Sterrett

Tina Bias

Two DAR history awards have gone to children of Point Pleasant employees.

John K., son of Eugene Sterrett, area sales representative, won the DAR History Award in competition with 19 other juniors. And Bettina Ann "Tina", daughter of Leo C. Bias, local office manager, was presented the DAR Medal for excellence in American history.

John's award came from the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter. It is presented yearly to one member of the junior class and is based on competitive exams in American history. John is active in the band, a member of the National Honor Society and this year represented the school at the Rotary Club Public Affairs Conference in Cincinnati.

Tina, 10 years old, is a member of the Trinity Methodist Church and its junior choir and junior fellowship, the Busy Bee 4-H Club and the Washington Junior American Citizens Club.

Youths Selected To Go To Summer Camp



Selected to attend leadership camps this summer are from left: Allan Harris and Joe Ford.

Sons of Philip Sporn plant employees have been selected by the Bend Rotary Club to attend youth leadership summer camps.

Joe Ford has been named to Boys' State at Jacksons Mill and Allan Harris will attend Camp Horseshoe at Parsons. Each year the club selects juniors from Wahama High School to attend these camps.

Joe, the son of Kermit Ford, Philip Sporn station operator, was president of the junior class, secretary of the student council, and upcoming president of the council. He is a member of the glee club, basketball team, football team and a member of the sectional all-tournament basketball team.

Allan, the son of Frank Harris, Philip Sporn labor-janitor department employee, has been in the band three years, in scouting five years and is active in school affairs.

Pulaski Draftsman Is Jaycee President

James B. Brillheart, Jr., has been elected president of the Pulaski Junior Chamber of Commerce and will assume office on July 1.



Mr. Brillheart

The Pulaski office senior draftsman has been a Jaycee for four years. He has served on the board of directors for two years and is immediate past president of the group.

Married, he is a member of the board of First Methodist Church where he also is treasurer of the Bible Class. He is past master of the Henry Clay Masonic Lodge, past president of the YMCA Industrial Bowling League and served the past season as statistical secretary of the league.

Eight Couples Wed Recently



Recent brides among company employees and their families are pictured above. They are from left: Mrs. Charles Hamilton McKeever, Roanoke; Mrs. Aubrey L. Bradshaw,

Fieldale; Mrs. Paul Miano, Welch; and Mrs. Elias Adams, Logan plant.

Grigsby-Napier

Doris Grigsby was married May 19 to Roy Napier at the home of his sister in Bulan, Ky. Mr. Napier is a Hazard district meter reader.

Gantt-McKeever

Mary Jane Gantt and Charles Hamilton McKeever were married May 12 in the Pendleton Street Methodist Church of Greenville, S. C. Mr. McKeever is the son of B. H. McKeever, Roanoke district meter supervisor.

Kitts-Bradshaw

Nancy Cora Kitts and Aubrey Lewis Bradshaw were united in marriage May 11 in Chesterfield, S. C. Mrs. Bradshaw is a clerk-stenographer in the Fieldale meter department and Mr. Bradshaw is a Fieldale meterman.

Trammell-Adams

Pauline Trammell and Elias Adams were united in marriage April 7 at the home of the Rev. Ray Morgan in West Logan. Mr. Adams is a boiler operator at Logan plant.

Kingsley-Chapman

The Highlawn Presbyterian Church in Huntington was the scene April 28 of the marriage of Carol M. Kingsley and L. L. Chapman. Mrs. Chapman was employed in the AGE laboratory in Huntington. Shirley Adams, laboratory employee, was one of the bridesmaids.

Yates-Bailey

Mrs. Frances Yates was married May 11 to A. B. Bailey at the home of her sister, Mrs. Bevil Young, in Kanawha City. Mr. Bailey is a Rainelle area serviceman in the Beckley district.

Atwood-Carper

Mrs. Violet Atwood and Joseph O. Carper were united in marriage April 21 in the Methodist parsonage in Oceana. Mr. Carper is a Beckley district groundman.

Virgili-Miano

Laurina E. Virgili and Paul Miano were united in marriage April 28 in a double ring ceremony at St. Peter's Catholic Church of Welch. Mrs. Miano is a clerk-stenographer in the Welch records section.

Wed 50 Years



Mr. and Mrs. Julius Frey celebrated their fiftieth anniversary recently at their Dunbar home. He is a retired Logan plant employee. The couple was married at Parchmont, Jackson County, W. Va., April 15, 1906. They have two sons and three daughters. The couple was honored at a dinner in Charleston by relatives and close friends. Two of Mr. Frey's brothers are Logan plant employees. George Frey is maintenance supervisor and J. W. Frey is shift supervisor. Mr. Frey retired July 30, 1949 after 25 years' service.

Body Crushed But Spirit Still Alive, 'Oscar' Revives In Bluefield Hands



Rain and traffic pound away at the body and spirit of "Oscar," a rubber doll some child lost. Some hard work by Norma Jean Longanacre resulted in the spanking clean gentleman at right. From the fighting expression on "Oscar's" face, he is not the worse for the heavy wear.

It was just a little rubber doll some child lost in the downtown traffic of Bluefield.

But employees in the Bluefield office felt that didn't make any difference. It was bad enough that cars kept smashing the doll further into ruin, but a heavy rain kept pounding away at the stuffings spilling into the road.

Ira Henderson photographed it from a second story window about 8:30 a. m. and when he looked an hour later it was still there. He donned a raincoat and rescued the badly battered doll from the traffic. A shower

washed away much of the grime, but its clothes were in shreds and one arm was gone.

Norma Jean Longanacre, junior petty cash clerk, spotted it—she is a natural with a needle and decided to do something about the forlorn doll. After some work "Oscar" emerged as a spanking clean little gentleman. Another arm was attached and new clothes made. All this was done the day the Hollywood "Oscars" were presented, so Bluefield's "Oscar" went to Norma Jean.

Hazard B&PW Club Nationally Honored

The Hazard Business & Professional Women's Club has been named one of 250 national honor clubs for community service by the *Woman's Home Companion*.

Sue Carey, Hazard home economist and president of the club, accepted the award on the club's behalf. Activities in health, education, welfare, commerce, industry and civic improvement were considered in the judging. Among their projects club members list awards of \$25 savings bonds to a student of each local high school for outstanding scholastic achievement, 122 pairs of shoes for underprivileged children, cooperation with the Perry County Development Association, support of the Cancer Drive, and sponsoring of fund-raising activities for charitable and civic work.

Loganite Elected Garden Club Leader

Mrs. Lucille Pearl has been re-elected president of the Suburban Garden Club of Logan.



Mrs. Pearl

Association.

Mrs. Pearl specializes in the cultivation of roses, her favorite flower. She is a member of the First Christian Church choir and a member of the ladies golf committee of the Tridelpia Country Club.

The wife of J. J. Pearl, Logan plant electrical maintenance mechanic, she has also served two terms as vice president of the club. She is also treasurer of the Logan County Garden

Fashion Model



Wearing a three-piece suit of beige, Jean Kay Brash recently modeled in a fashion show sponsored by the Lions Club. The junior cashier clerk in the Oak Hill office of the Beckley district was modeling for George's Department Store in the annual event. She chose beige shoes and bag trimmed in melon and brown and a beige and brown hat to wear with her suit. She has been an employee since April 2, 1951 and is a member of the Oak Hill Junior Woman's Club and Business and Professional Woman's Club.

Big Crowd Attends Dance Given By Apelcoes Club

About 75 employees and guests attended a dance given recently by the Apelcoes Club of the Lynchburg district.

Committee members included: planning — Earl Driskoll, Charlie Lumsden and Larry Dougan; ticket — George Stone, Pete Thompson, Jim Reid and June Woodson; publicity — Jane Plunkett, Lawrence Hudson and Charlene Thompson; music — Harry Ewers, Frank Giles and Ernest Layne; door — Bill Hogan, Jim Martin and Red Wells.

Hazard Youngster Wins Spelling Bee In School

Carol Clay Barber outspelled all comers in the fifth through the eighth grades at her school recently.



Carol Barber

The daughter of A. R. Barber, Hazard district manager, finished first at Upper Broadway School and third in the school system contest. A straight "A" student, she is a rising sixth grader. She is a member of the junior-senior choir at Hazard Presbyterian Church, member of the Pioneer group of the church, assistant patrol leader in the Girl Scouts, second place winner in a model airplane contest and swims, plays badminton and golf.

They're Engaged

ORILLA M. FELTY to 2nd Class Petty Officer Robert J. Floyd, U. S. Navy. Miss Felty is a clerk-typist, Ashland main accounting office.
SARA HARSHBARGER to Gene Lee Pettit. Miss Harshbarger is a Charleston home economist.
LINDAL B. DISHNER to Jimmy F. Frazier. Miss Dishner is employed in the Kingsport accounting department.
ELLEN KENT BELL to Joseph Campbell. Miss Bell is home economist in the Marion office of the Pulaski district.

New Arrivals

Beckley
MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM S. WISEMAN, a daughter, Debra Sue, May 16. Mr. Wiseman is a meter reader.

Charleston
MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR BERKLEY, a daughter, Vivian Dora, May 1. Mr. Berkley is a car washer.
MR. AND MRS. KENNETH ESTEP, a daughter, Linda Kay, May 7. Mr. Estep is a lineman.

Huntington
MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE GULLION, a daughter, Dianna Lynn, April 19. Mrs. Gullion was formerly employed as an authorization clerk.

Logan District
MR. AND MRS. NELSON G. HAMRICK, a daughter, Catherine Grey, May 6. Mr. Hamrick is an AGE employee, working out of the Roanoke office. He is a former employee of the Montgomery accounting office.

Logan Plant
MR. AND MRS. WILBUR WEST, a son, William Lloyd, May 8. Mr. West is a meterman.

Huntington
MR. AND MRS. JAMES R. DRENAN, a son, Thomas George, May 15. Mr. Drenan is employed in the Line Section.

Kanawha River Plant
MR. AND MRS. MAX BOXLEY, a son, Wayne Allen, April 25. Mrs. Boxley was formerly employed at the plant.

Kingsport
MR. AND MRS. EDD C. WITT, a son, Patrick Carson, April 22. Mr. Witt is employed as a co-op student in the engineering section.

Logan District
MR. AND MRS. CHESTER E. ELKINS, a daughter, Antha Lee, March 21. Mr. Elkins is an appliance serviceman.

Logan Plant
MR. AND MRS. C. T. ADDAIR, a son, Charles Edward, May 1. Mr. Addair is a plant janitor.

Pulaski
MR. AND MRS. JOHNNY R. KIDD, a son, Mark Russell, May 11. Mr. Kidd is employed at Hillsville.

Philip Sporn Plant
MR. AND MRS. PAUL E. FORBES, a son, Randal Wayne, April 8. Mr. Forbes is a helper in the maintenance department.
MR. AND MRS. ROBERT LAYNE, a daughter, Holly Marie, May 1. Mr. Layne is a junior maintenance man.
MR. AND MRS. JAMES P. GILBERT, a son, James Robert, May 13. Mr. Gilbert is assistant results engineer.
MR. AND MRS. DARRELL C. HOFFMAN, a daughter, Shelby Jo, May 10. Mr. Hoffman is an instrument maintenance man.
MR. AND MRS. GERALD E. MICHAEL, a daughter, Carol Lynn, April 28. Mr. Michael is a filter plant operator and sampler.

Williamson
MR. AND MRS. PAUL STEPP, a son, Joseph William. Mrs. Stepp is a former employee in the accounting department.

Manager's Wife Named Regent Of Pulaski DAR

Mrs. David P. Minichan, wife of the Pulaski district manager, has been installed regent of the Count Pulaski Chapter of the DAR.

She will serve for three years. She is also serving her second term as president of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church. She is past president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Pulaski Country Club and has served on the board of the Southwest District Children's Home Society of Virginia.

Employees Head Secretaries Group



Three officers of the Bluefield Chapter of the National Secretaries Association are Appalachian employees. They are from left: Elsie Heifner, president; Lois Rounion, vice president; and Mary Ruth Whittington, corresponding secretary. The first two are employees of the Bluefield division commercial department and Mary Ruth Whittington is a system transmission employee. They are charter members of the year-old organization.

Pulaski Takes Trophies In YMCA Loop



Members of the Pulaski entry in the YMCA Industrial Bowling League are shown above. Front row from left: S. A. Dewey, R. D. Carson, J. B. Brillheart, Jr., H. L. Morehead and W. F. Childress. Back row from left: D. B. Smith, P. T. Gress, G. G. Roseberry, B. B. McCall and Q. M. Harless.

Three trophies in one season—that's the record of the Pulaski AEP Men's Bowling Team in the YMCA Industrial Bowling League.

Two trophies were for the regular league championship. The other was for first place in a league tournament after the season. One season trophy will be kept by the team, the other passed to next year's winner.

Twenty teams made up the loop and the lead changed hands nine times during the race. The Pulaski team pulled away in the last two weeks to capture the *Southwest Times* trophy. An indication of how close the race was is the fact that at one point in the season only two games separated the first and ninth place teams.

One team dropped out of the

league when the post-season tournament was staged. So Appalachian's squad divided into two teams, both entering division A. Team No. 1, captained by R. D. Carson, captured

first place and team No. 2, captained by J. B. Brillheart, Jr., took third.

Brillheart was the league's statistician. In appreciation of his work, the loop presented him a portable radio.

Hi-Volts Are Williamson Bowling Champions After Roll-Offs For Second Half, Season

One roll-off followed another, but the Hi-Volts finally were crowned champions of the Williamson district bowling league.

The champs had solid claim to the first half crown but Lines and Fuses finished in a tie for the second half. That called for the first roll-off, won by Lines. Then in a roll-off for the championship the Hi-Volts iced the season crown.

Ernest Bevins had high single game of 268 (highest in league history) and high set of 547. Jay Runyon's average of 150 was high for the loop. The Hi-Volts took team honors, rolling high single of 792 and high set of 2268.

League members were honored at a banquet May 18 in the company auditorium. C. C. Darrah, district manager, presented the awards.



Members of the Williamson champs, the Hi-Volts, are from left: R. B. Waggoner, Harold Akers, Hazel Farris, James Robison and C. R. Wilson, Jr.

Employee's Son Captures Pistol Section Title

Captain Oscar W. Dabney, Jr., has placed first in the marksman class in West Virginia pistol competition.

The son of O. W. Dabney, Charleston R/w agent, he won a gold medal in the Fort Eustis, Va., contest in which 20 shots were fired, rapid fire, at a three-inch ten ring at 25 yards. This was the annual 2d Army Commander's Small Arms Tournament, and included army reserve units from six states and the District of Columbia.

Winter Work On Outboard Cruiser Means Fun This Summer For H. R. Flanagan Of Pikeville

Two months of spare-time hard work this past winter were worth it when H. R. Flanagan launched his new 14-foot outboard speedboat cruiser.

Building his own boat came about when the Pikeville local office manager tried to buy one but couldn't find a boat for the price he wanted to pay. So he paid a dollar for plans and \$100 for materials, and when finished he had a craft that would retail for about \$500.

He waited until the weather got a little warmer and then went to work in his garage workshop. He started with rough sawed white oak lumber and did his own planing and shaping. The frame and all the trimming are of white oak and the decks are made of plywood. He installed a windshield, steering wheel, remote controls and an outboard motor, holding the boat together with 1584 brass screws. After he bought a boat trailer he was ready for a summer of pleasure.



H. R. Flanagan has his summer spare time planned—with this boat he made.

Woman Champ

A college freshman has become the new West Virginia state women's table tennis champion.

She is Virginia Cole, daughter of Ray H. Cole, Charleston garage department supervisor. Virginia previously held the Charleston Women's crown.

New Officers



These new officers were named to lead the Pikeville Bowling League next season. They are from left: William Zoellers, secretary; Elizabeth Riddle, president; and Milford Layne, vice president. The election came at a business session following the regular season.

Lynchburg Champs Hope To Improve On Record

The Lynchburg Industrial League defending champions, the Appalachian team, has won three of its first five games.

Despite the slow start, the team has 19 more regular season games to go and has high hopes of improving on its record. Tom Witt is team captain this year and Ernest Layne is manager. There are 20 players on the roster.

Joint Banquet Ends Seasons For Two Plants and Charleston

Champions and individual and team award winners of three bowling leagues were crowned at a May 11 banquet and dance in the main ballroom of the Daniel Boone Hotel.

The Charleston Kilowatt, Cabin Creek plant and Kanawha River plant leagues called an end to their seasons at the joint banquet. About 160 people were on hand for the banquet and even more attended the dance, which was open to all employees. Bob McGinnis, chairman of the Charleston loop, welcomed the guests and that league's trophies were presented by C. B. Talley, district manager.

Gilbert Farthing, chairman of the Kanawha league, presented their trophies and Carl Burner, Cabin Creek personnel supervisor, made

presentations in his league. Mrs. Ben Martin won the door prize of a bowling bag, donated by Emil Schoenbaum, owner of the Boulevard Recreation Center.

Charleston

The Divisioneers captured the Charleston Kilowatt League crown, dropping the Pulverizers three straight in a roll-off. The score was 2931 pins to 2788 pins.

Jake Daniels rolled a 245 game the final night, almost getting high single for the year, held by Jim Britt with a 246.

Carl Murray, now working in Roanoke, came back to Charleston to accept the high average trophy with a 174. He bowled a third of the

season, making him eligible, but winning the trophy was a surprise to him.

Other awards included: Men—high series, Elmo Thaxton, 643; high series with handicap, Oscar Kallmerton, 733; high single with handicap, Lester Marshall, 286. Women—high average, Pauline Lanham, 158; high series, Chris Tardy, 441; high single, actual pins, Edith Wright, 189; high series with handicap, Marlene Foster, 595; high single with handicap, Mary Russell, 235.

Jack Wilkinson earned the American Bowling Congress Achievement Award when he raised his average 31 pins over last season, the best improvement for the league. Paul Parsons rolled 19 series of 500 and over for

the most in that category, while Dick Speas had 10 games of 200 or better for high number in that category.

Officers named for next year include Paul Parsons, chairman; Johnny Frazier, Leland Price and Denny Caldwell, board members; and Chris Tardy, secretary.

Cabin Creek

The Pulverizers took team honors in the Cabin Creek loop. Individual awards went to Margaret Fields for high series of 434, high single of 166 and high average of 122; Jim Britt, high average of 172; L. O. McKinney, high series of 590; and J. K. Daniels, high single of 210.

Mary Curry received an award for good sportsmanship and recognition

was given Margaret Fields for perfect attendance and to the secretaries, Pat Hastings and Hannah Coleman, for their contribution.

Kanawha River

The Free Loaders took the measure of Fields' Shift for the Kanawha River championship crown. The Free Loaders won the first half and Fields' Shift the last, and in a roll-off the Free Loaders scored 2888 pins to Fields' 2813.

Individual trophy winners were Bill Ribble, high average of 170 and tie for high set of 582; Russ Fields, tie for high set of 582; and George Youell, high single of 246.



LEFT: Members of the Kanawha River Plant League winners, Grady. RIGHT: The Pulverizers were winners of the Cabin Creek Plant League. Team members include from left: Ed Jarrett, Roy Rader, Jake Daniels and Jim Britt. Not present are L. O. McKinney, captain, and Lester Marshall. The Charleston Kilowatt League crowned the Divisioneers as champions. Rolling for the champs were from left: Oscar Kallmerton, Forrest Frishette, Dick Speas, Carl Murray, Cliff Flannery, team captain, and Jack Walters. All winning team members were presented trophies at the joint banquet.

Awards Banquet Ends Beckley Bowling As Crimpits Take Title



Members of the winning Crimpits in Beckley are shown above. Top row from left: Bob Smith, captain, Bill Lively and Elmer Wright. Bottom row from left: Paul Hancock, Regina Slayton and Archie Riner.

A banquet and dance stamped an official end May 11 to the Beckley District Bowling League.

About 81 employees and guests witnessed the awarding of trophies to teams and individuals. Waldo S. LaFon, district manager, was toastmaster and presented awards.

The Crimpits were season winners and the Draggins were runners-up. Members of the second place team included E. F. Eager, captain, Eugene O'Neal, Buster Corker, Emma Jean Wilson, Lloyd Pomykata and Jim Kirby.

Elmer Hutchinson walked off with a majority of the men's individual trophies. He had high average of 169, high series of 604 and high single of 233. Emma Jean Wilson had high women's average of 138 and tied Regina Slayton for high series of 475. Sue Wills had high single game for women of 197. The "200 Club" pin went to H. A. Wilton, Jr. for his 205 game. Mr. LaFon had high series in the inter-company match of 540 and Regina Slayton and Elizabeth Scott tied for women with 451.

Lloyd Pomykata became the most improved bowler when he raised his average 16 pins. Bob Smith, captain of the winning team, presented Mr. LaFon with a certificate made out to the company in appreciation of the company sponsoring the league.

Recognition was given Emma Jean Wilson for her outstanding job as league secretary. Also recognized were members of the awards committee, Paul Pauley, chairman, Parthenia Winner, Sue Wills and Paul Hancock.

Prize Catch



Believed to be one of the biggest large-mouth bass caught at Holiday Lake is this one weighing 9 3/4 pounds and measuring 25 inches. J. P. McDermott, Lynchburg district garage foreman, caught it on a fishing trip with his wife. The trip might be described this way: "If you think this one is big, you should have seen the three that got away." Mr. McDermott said that three fish like this one did get away, but he and his wife caught two other bass. He's got witnesses too—his wife, his brother and a game warden, who were standing by in all the excitement. The fish was caught on a No. 6 hook, with a nylon 10-pound test line, using live minnow as bait. He is going to have this prize catch mounted. Photo courtesy "The Lynchburg News".

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Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wilson, Jr., on the death of their brother-in-law, and Gustina Davis on the death of her grandmother and her cousin.

Carol Lynn, daughter of C. L. Miller, engineering, is recuperating at home after a tonsillectomy.

Price Copley, engineering, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Huntington District

Jennings B. Jarrell has been elected secretary of the Volunteer Fire Department at Ceredo.

Linda, daughter of J. M. Wysong, was a member of the cast in the Huntington High School senior class play.

S. W. Mustaine, Jr., local office manager, was installed as director of the National Managers' Association. He is past president of the group.

Mrs. C. H. Campbell, wife of the assistant system billing supervisor, was recently installed as parliamentarian of the Huntington Civic League.

Azel McCurdy, Jr., district personnel supervisor, attended the recent President's Conference on Occupational Safety in Washington, D. C.

David, son of Laura Collins, T&D, has been named to the student senate at Marshall College for the next term.

Mrs. William E. Keck, wife of the division T&D employee, has been elected secretary of the newly organized South Side Mothers Club.

Winners in the 10th annual 4-H rural electric contest and exhibit at Hamlin included: David Handley, Group I, and Ira C. Handley, Jr., Group III, sons of the working foreman; and Judy Black, Group I, daughter of Virginia J. Black, home economist. Judges included C. M. Dunn, district commercial, and G. C. Everett, Jr., division commercial.

Sympathy is extended R. D. Kuster on the death of his sister.

New system billing employees include Billie M. Henrichs, Lew D. Morrison, Opal M. Waugh and Connie Nida.

Employees who have returned to work after illnesses are Harry Irons, Virginia Marrow, J. O. Triplett, Homer H. Bunn and Anna D. Bennett.

Logan District

W. E. Bivens, commercial, member of the Logan County Board of Education, handed out diplomas at the graduation exercises of Logan High School.

Sympathy is extended Lawrence Chatfield, stores, on the death of his mother, and Carol White, accounting, on the death of her grandmother.

Sympathy is also extended June Davis, stores, on the death of her grandmother.

Ann, daughter of T. F. Valley, local office manager, received an AB degree from West Virginia University June 4. She plans to teach this fall.

Holmes Cassady, meter, and H. J. Collins, district personnel supervisor, have returned to work after surgery.

Leonard Crum, auto mechanic, has returned to work after an illness.

Nancy Jane, daughter of H. J. Collins, appeared in the Logan School of Dance recital May 24.

The women employees and several supervisors of the district made a tour of the Huntington service building and new office recently. They were the guests of S. E. Pritchard, Huntington district manager.

New employees include F. X. Coffey, station man, and James C. Brady, engineering.

Charleston Sportsman Club Has Game Dinner



Shown are the 52 members of the Appalachian Hunting and Fishing Club of Charleston and their guests at their third annual game and fish dinner. The menu consisted of bear, deer, rabbit, squirrel, duck and fish donated by club members. Sylvia Hinchman and Charlie Cooper prepared the meal. Guests included officials of the Carbide

and Carbon Hunting and Fishing Club. A report was given on the recently acquired camp on Coal River near Upper Falls. Members and their families will use the camp for swimming and picknicking. Robert Isner, secretary, reported that eight new members were installed during the year.

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been appointed chairman of the industrial committee of the Amherst County Chamber of Commerce. He is also treasurer of the Chamber.

Doris D. Stanley, a former employee, has returned to work as cash poster.

Anne W. Hale, cash poster, has resigned.

J. R. Martin, line and station supervisor, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Sympathy is extended Loyd T. Smith, administrative assistant, on the death of his father-in-law.

Randy, 11-year-old son of G. C. Wheeler, district engineer, is recuperating at home after an appendectomy.

Mrs. Baxter McIntosh, wife of the meter supervisor, sailed recently for England where she will visit relatives and tour the isles.

These men have been appointed to posts with the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce: Lloyd M. Miller, chairman of agricultural committee; R. C. Foster, chairman of beautification committee; F. M. Cloyd, member of budget and finance committee and commercial and industrial development committee; Loyd T. Smith, member of commercial and industrial development committee; D. C. Kennedy, member of membership committee; L. G. Dougan, member of safety committee; Harry L. Candler, member of agricultural committee.

Jack Stewart And Billy Making Name For Themselves In Area Horse Shows

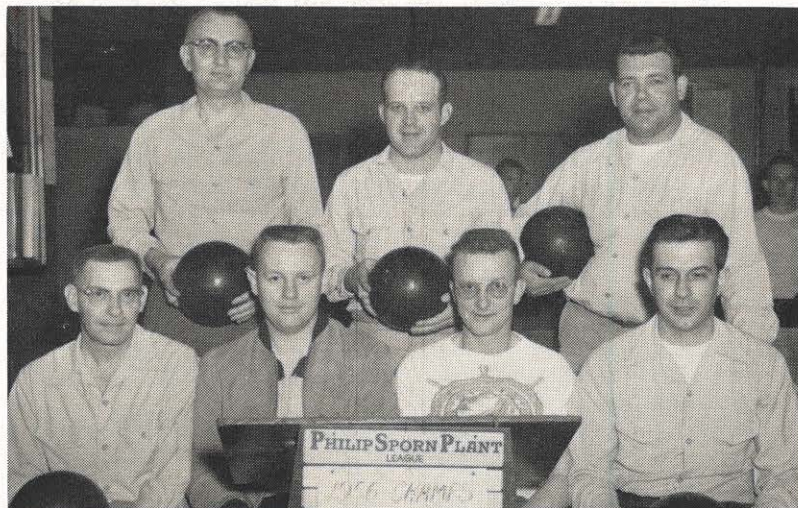


Hoping to add to the ribbons and trophies already won are Billy and his master Jack Stewart.

Not content with 25 ribbons and five trophies, Jack Stewart and his horse, Billy, are out for more this year.

The Philip Sporn plant labor department employee has entered his quarter horse in most local horse shows and about half of the trophies and ribbons they've won have been for first place. He has won ribbons in keg races, trail class, musical chairs and western working. Keg racing is their favorite although musical chairs has given them a few thrills, and a few

Emmert's Shift Bowlers Wear Crown; Take Both Halves Of Sporn League



Philip Sporn plant bowling champs are these members of Emmert's Shift. They are front row from left: Harlan Wehrung, Luther Smith, Frank Bailey and Gerald Michael; back row from left: Phil Wolpert, Marvin Roush and Raymond Smith.

Emmert's Shift was crowned Philip Sporn plant bowling champion after winning both the first and second half.

Grimes' Shift was runner-up after defeating Results in a roll-off by 108 pins. Grimes' had finished second the first half and Results was second the second half.

Bob Gilmore had high individual average of 170 and high individual set was rolled by Cricket Searls with a 602. He also had a 600. Raymond Smith had high game of 247 while George Burns had 243.

High team set was rolled by Maintenance No. 2 with 477 and high game was rolled by Emmert's Shift with 888. Plans were made to hold the annual banquet in Point Pleasant on June 9, when trophies will be presented.

Tennants Triumph

A father and son combination walked off with top honors as Philip Sporn plant bowlers conducted a singles and doubles tournament.

Clarence Tennant and his son, Buck, won the doubles event after rolling off a tie with Karl Wiles and Norman Younger. Clarence rolled a 555 and Buck a 554.

Charles Evans won the singles event and Richard Ash was runner-up.

'Little Coon'



You might call it a hood boat. That's because Harold Coon, shown here with his son, Stephen Wayne, made "Little Coon" out of hoods from an old Cadillac and an old Oldsmobile. To these he added a 4 by 8 foot sheet of metal, two old bed rails, 30 feet of half-inch pipe, an acetylene torch and a lot of know-how. The Blue-field garage mechanic worked on the boat in his spare time this past winter "mostly because I wanted a boat to go fishing in." It will be launched this spring, and is built to take an outboard motor. The boat cost \$12, a dollar for the pipe and \$11 for the sheet of metal.

Recent Heat Pump School At Pikeville Acquaints Men With Unit's Potential



The workings of a heat pump are inspected and learned by company employees during a training school at Pikeville. Shown are from left: Chester Smith, Pikeville area sales representative; Milton Cole, Williamson commercial sales representative; Dean Jenkins, instructor, AGE Service Corporation heating and air conditioning service representative; Andrew Poulos, Pikeville station man; and Don Hatfield, Williamson appliance serviceman.

A three-day heat pump school was conducted recently in Pikeville for Appalachian and Kentucky employees. Ashland, Hazard, Pikeville and Williamson were represented at the training sessions. Dean Jenkins, AGE Service Corporation heating and air conditioning service representative, conducted the meetings. He used models of heat pumps manufactured by GE and Westinghouse to familiarize employees with the application of proper operation of these units.

During the course he stated, "The heat pump is the ideal solution to perfect year around home condition-

ing. The heat pump not only heats the home in the winter but it cools it in the summer and does it automatically. With one setting, therefore, of a thermostat, the homeowner is assured of perfect comfort throughout the year."

The course was held to train employees so that they could help customers Live Better Electrically.

Honors Come To These Youths



Doris Ann Herald Miller Porterfield

Employees' children were valedictorians for their Logan and Williamson high schools in recent graduation ceremonies.

Doris Ann, daughter of Wayne Herald, Williamson meter reader, was valedictorian for Crum High School, while Miller, Jr., son of Miller Porterfield, Logan district manager, was one of four valedictorians for Logan High School.

Doris Ann was editor-in-chief of the *Mountaineer* yearbook, editor-in-chief of the school paper, "The Banner," president of the National Honor Society, vice president of the senior class, a member of the Future Teachers of America and represented the high school in the Teens Against Polio Organization. She was also head majorette and was cheerleader for five years, captain of them her last two. She was a candidate for carnival queen of the senior class and was chosen "Miss Mountaineer" of the 1956 yearbook. Doris Ann was selected by the faculty for a trip to Washington, D. C. The honor is based on outstanding character, grade requirements, outstanding service to the school and leadership ability.

Miller maintained a straight "A" average through high school and tied for valedictorian honors with two other boys and a girl. He has been active in basketball and football since junior high, and was captain of the football squad this past year. He was also awarded trophies as outstanding player and best sportsman on the team.

He also served as president of the Honor Society, was a member of the board of directors of the Key Club and a member of the Varsity Club.

Beckley Youth Selected For All-Regional Band

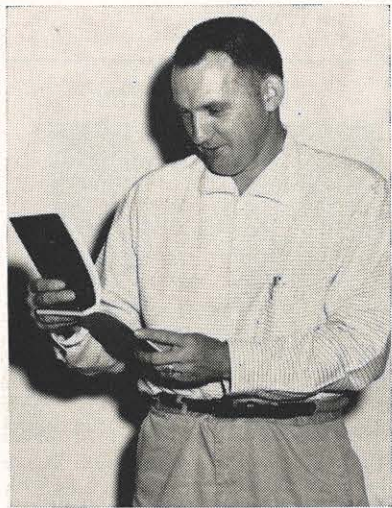
Robert D. Smith, Jr., finished his high school band activities in a big way recently.



Bobby Smith

The son of R. D. Smith, Beckley general clerk, was chosen for first seat in the solo cornet section of the All-Regional Band. The honor came at the Regional Band Festival in Bluffield. Bobby was a senior at Woodrow Wilson High School when he was named to the band.

Manual Master



Robert V. West, Oak Hill area collector in the Beckley district, reviews the Safety Manual after it came into use for him recently. Mr. West rendered first aid to several auto accident victims recently, acting quickly after arriving at the scene. First he called an ambulance and then gave first aid treatment to several persons. He helped free three victims from under the vehicle and took three more to the Oak Hill Hospital in his own car. Mr. West has been an employee since December 10, 1947.

Duty Calls

Where there's smoke there's fire, and where there's fire there's a fireman who recognizes the call of duty.

Alonza Hardy, Jr., meter serviceman at Grundy in the Welch district, was just starting to leave on vacation when the fire alarm went off at 8:30 a. m., May 11. Fire broke out in the Shell Oil Company storage tank, endangering two other tanks.

The volunteer member of the fire department rushed to the station and drove the truck to the fire, which he helped fight for 12 hours. Other Grundy crew members had their work cut out for them as lines and service were burned and had to be repaired. The fire was checked with the help of seven neighboring fire departments.

Williamson Mother And Son Are Honored



Mrs. Runyon Robert Runyon

Mrs. Clyde Runyon and her son, Robert, have won recent honors in Williamson.

They are the family of Clyde Runyon, Williamson district R/w agent. Mrs. Runyon has been installed regent of a new chapter of the DAR. She is an English teacher at Belfry High School, Ky.

Robert became the grand champion speller of Pike County as the result of a county-wide spelling bee at Pikeville College. He first won the Pike County junior class title and then spelled 300 words correctly for the championship and a \$10 prize, given by the Pike County Board of Education.

He was also a recent winner of an essay contest on forest preservation sponsored by the *Louisville Times* and the *Courier-Journal* and was awarded a \$25 bond.

Invasion! Marines Land At Turner



Three Marines are shown during part of "Operation Wake-Up," a mock invasion on Appalachian land near Turner Station in Charleston. Three Marine Reserve squads attempted assaults on a defending force strategically located at the highest point of land loaned the Marines by the company. The mock battle was held as the opening of Military Reserve Week. An informal swearing-in ceremony and a religious service were also conducted. The Marines nicknamed the rugged hillside plot belonging to Appalachian, "Backbreak Ridge," because of its many rocks and holes.

Clubs Visit Huntington

The Logan district Appa-Lassies and the Williamson district K-Appa-K's visited the new Huntington office and service building on Saturday, May 5. Tours were conducted by Huntington district and division personnel and a luncheon was served in the auditorium to about 60 people from the three districts.

System Man Has 35 Years With Company

F. H. Lewis has completed 35 years' service with the company. He is system chief operation coordinator in Roanoke.

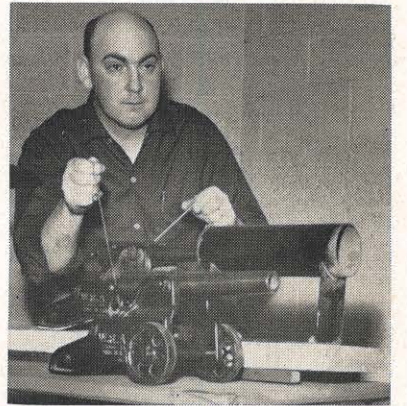


Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis joined the company in May 1921 in the Charleston area as a switchboard operator. He was transferred to Kenova in 1929 as a load dispatcher and returned to the Charleston area as system operator in 1935. He was promoted to chief system operator in 1946 and in September 1955 was transferred to Roanoke in his present job.

Married, he and his wife live in Roanoke.

'Fire One!'



Showing how he fires the cannons in the Charleston Symphony Orchestra presentation of the 1812 Overture by Tchaikowsky is Paul Bernard. Paul, Kanawha River plant substation operator, is a member of the orchestra's percussion section. The unusual assignment with the cannons is part of the score, near the end, of the Overture. The cannons are usually used to start boat races on Kanawha River. A member of the orchestra for a year and a half, Paul is a native Roanoker and played with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra. Photo courtesy "Charleston Gazette."

Logan Engineers Go To New Posts



Mr. Ott Mr. Babinetz

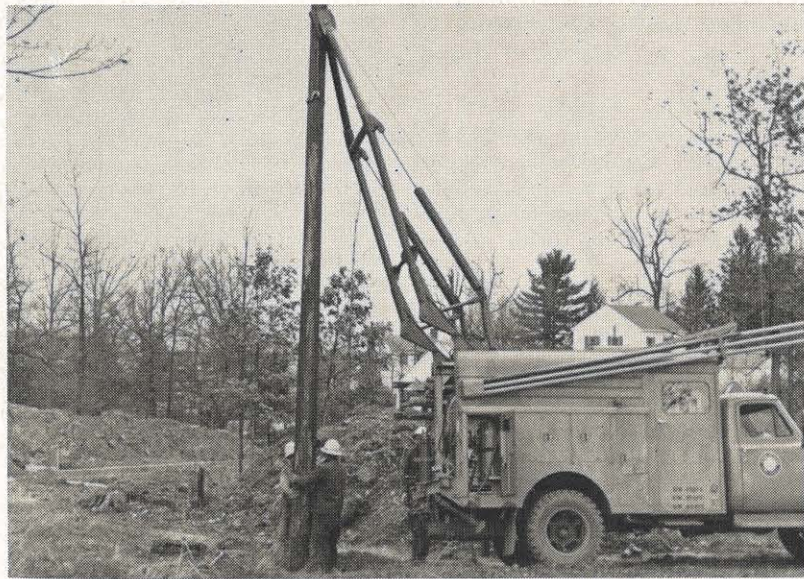
E. Page Ott, results engineer, and Michael Babinetz, test engineer, have received recent Logan plant promotions.

Mr. Ott has been transferred to the AGE Service Corporation on special assignment in connection with instrumentation for the new Clinch River plant at Carbo. Mr. Babinetz has succeeded Mr. Ott as Logan plant results engineer.

Mr. Ott, a native of Beckley, was employed as an engineer trainee in system T&D February 1, 1951. He came to Logan plant July 1, 1951 as a junior results engineer and was promoted successively to mechanical engineer, test engineer and result engineer. He is a graduate of the West Virginia University College of Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. Babinetz, also a mechanical engineering graduate of West Virginia University, came to Logan plant January 1, 1954 as a test engineer. He previously spent two years of general engineering with the Creole Petroleum Corporation in South America. He is a native of Uniontown, Pa.

Appalachian Fleet Rolls On



The latest addition to Appalachian's rolling fleet are hydraulic pole derrick line trucks, like the Pulaski vehicle shown above. The truck was tested in the Roanoke district last year and its success has resulted in additional purchases for other Appalachian locations. This truck is used by the Christiansburg line crew under A. P. Jones, area supervisor. Another truck has been purchased by the Huntington district and will be manned by a newly organized crew under Ed Stump, foreman. Other trucks have been or will be bought for the Charleston, Williamson, Point Pleasant, Fieldale and Beckley districts. Mr. Jones of Pulaski finds one advantage of the hydraulic boom is its flexibility. It requires only one man to put it in operation and he can load or unload heavy equipment without assistance. It saves having to move the truck so much on a job because the boom's reach can do the work while the truck is stationary.