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President Philip Sporn at right accepts the top award in the 17th Annual Report Contest from Ashton B. Collins, president of Reddy Kilowatt, Inc., sponsor of the contest. At left is George W. Ousler, vice president of Duquesne Light Company and chairman of the EEI Awards Committee.

National Award Goes To AGE In Annual Report Contest

The American Gas and Electric Company's annual report for 1955 has won the top award in the 17th Annual Report Contest sponsored by Reddy Kilowatt, Inc.

The award, which includes a bronze plaque mounted on walnut panel and a certificate, was presented to President Philip Sporn at the Edison Electric Institute annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., June 5. Presentation was made by Ashton B. Collins, president of Reddy Kilowatt, and George Ousler, vice president of Duquesne Light Company and chairman of the EEI Awards Committee.

Inscribed on the plaque is the wording: "First Prize Award—American Gas and Electric Company, for its annual report for the year 1955, which so splendidly illustrates, humanizes and simplifies to stockholders the company's operations."

In their report, the judges singled out the AGE annual report for its "effective job in informing the public about dynamic company trends." They cited the report for "the good job it does in selling the service area," for its use "as a platform to inform the public about important trends," and for setting up "a yardstick for measuring managerial efficiency through comparing the company's performance with the industry as a whole."

French Interested In Safety Program

A safety training aid developed by John C. Frazier of Charleston is creating international interest.

The Charleston district safety supervisor developed his "Basic Accident Control Plan," and a story about it appeared in *The Illuminator* and in AGE's *Monthly Operating Notes*. Then last month *Electrical World* devoted a page to it, and the article caught the eye of D. C. Lefebvre of the French Office of Power Stations.

Mr. Lefebvre wrote Philip Sporn, president of AGE and our companies, asking for additional information about Mr. Frazier's program. The information the Frenchman requested, plus other details of Appalachian's safety program, has been forwarded him from the system safety office in Roanoke.

Judges for the competition were: Fischer Black, publisher of "Electrical World" magazine; Harold H. Young, partner, Eastman, Dillon & Company; and Merryle S. Rukeyser, economic analyst and financial writer.

Baker, Kincaid And Scott Are Affected By Changes In Kentucky Power Company



Mr. Baker

F. M. Baker, Pikeville district manager, has been named assistant general manager of Kentucky Power Company. Herbert H. Kincaid, administrative assistant to the general manager at Ashland, succeeds Mr. Baker.

R. E. Doyle, Jr., vice president and general manager, in making the announcement said these changes will permit H. S. Scott to devote all his time to the management of the Ashland district, which has become necessary due to rapid growth during the past few years. For several years Mr. Scott has served both as assistant general manager of the company and manager of the Ashland district.

Mr. Baker started with the company at Pikeville as an engineer in 1931. He has served as meter superintendent, general superintendent and assistant district manager before becoming Pikeville district manager in 1947.

A native of Alderson, West Virginia he is a graduate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A past president of the Kiwanis, he has served as chairman of the Pikeville Planning and Zoning Commission and as chairman of the Board of



Mr. Kincaid

Trustees of the Presbyterian Church. He is married and has two daughters.

Mr. Kincaid, employed by the company at Pikeville in 1931, was transferred to Ashland in 1933. He has served as meter superintendent, district superintendent and assistant district manager before being made administrative assistant in 1955.

A native of Page, West Virginia, he is a graduate electrical engineer



Mr. Scott

from West Virginia University. Married, he is a member of the Ashland Lions Club, the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers, the First Baptist Church and active in Scout work.

Mr. Scott, a VPI graduate, has lived in Ashland since 1928. Before becoming district manager in 1943, he was general commercial manager of the company. Married, he is active in civic and community affairs.

June Busy Month For Power Plants

June was a busy month for the five plants as maintenance and inspection work was done on units and boilers.

Two days after Unit 1 at Kanawha River plant was returned to service Unit 2 was taken off. The first unit was removed June 1 and returned June 18 after boiler maintenance. On June 20 Unit 2 was removed for 16 days for similar work.

At Philip Sporn plant Unit 4 returned early in the month after maintenance, and at Cabin Creek plant Unit 3 was returned the first week of June after a general inspection.

The A boiler at Logan plant was removed from service the end of the month. Unit 4 had been off earlier to change oil and flush the oil lines. And at Glen Lyn plant two boilers were off during part of June for general maintenance.

Steps Being Taken To Build Hydro Plant On Roanoke River

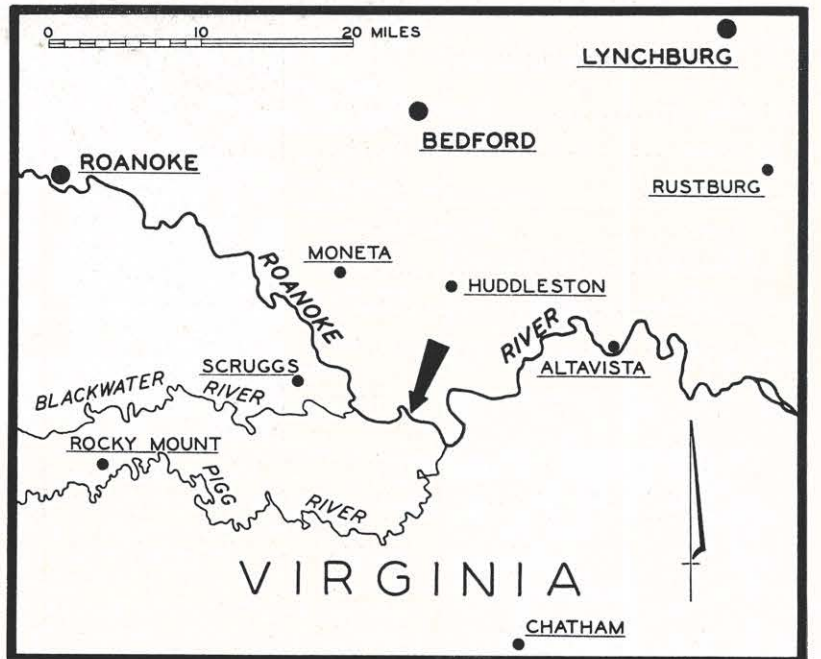
Announcement was made June 21 that the Appalachian board of directors authorized the carrying out of all necessary steps to build a hydro-electric power plant on the Roanoke River at Smith Mountain in Virginia.

The power plant would be at least 60,000-kilowatt capacity and would cost an estimated \$20-million.

The necessary steps include immediate application to the Federal Power Commission for a preliminary permit, completion of explorations of the damsite, and arrangements for disposition of roads affected by the reservoir.

Upon satisfactory completion of these requirements, and the obtaining of any necessary governmental consents, licenses or authorizations, construction will be undertaken immediately.

Smith Mountain Gap is located in Pittsylvania and Bedford counties about four miles upstream from the mouth of the Pigg River. It is 46 miles downstream from Roanoke and



The arrow indicates Smith Mountain Gap where Appalachian proposes to build a hydro-electric plant of at least 60,000-kilowatt capacity.

33 miles northwest of Danville. Franklin and possibly Roanoke coun-

ties will also be affected by the construction of this project.

Golden Anniversary Sales Campaign Has Appalachian Leading In June

Appalachian was leading the Generators division in residential sales in the AGE Golden Anniversary Campaign on June 1. Kingsport and Kentucky, in that order, were trailing Wheeling in the Exciters division on that date.

However, Kingsport was in top spot for kilowatt-hour gain with 70% of quota while Appalachian was second in its division with 63% of quota.

As promotional activity was hitting a summer pitch, a total of 23,857 ranges, water heaters, clothes dryers and incinerators had been installed on our three-company line by June 1. Of these, 20,208 were Appalachian; 2,396 were Kentucky and 1,253 were Kingsport.

Appalachian Campaign

Mid-June saw the end of Appalachian's Gold Rush Campaign, forming part of the sales program during the 50th Anniversary of AGE. Top three districts, in order by units, were: Bluefield, Williamson and Welch in clothes dryers; Williamson, Point Pleasant and Charleston in water heaters; Williamson, Lynchburg and Point Pleasant in ranges. Huntington division was first in the appliances-kwhrs group, followed by Charleston, Roanoke and Bluefield divisions.

A total of 25,451 ranges, water heaters and clothes dryers had been sold by June 15 in Appalachian territory to bring the company's appliance quota to about 61%. Total kilowatt-hour gain was 155 kwh for 87% of the annual quota in the AGE Golden Anniversary Campaign. Combining appliances and kwhr gain, Appalachian by mid-June had reached about 70% of quota for the year.

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The \$64,000 Question: How Much Taxes, Sir?

Quiz shows are making a valuable contribution to today's American scene. Not everyone likes the TV or radio "give-aways," but they have spotlighted our tax burden.

Doubling the prize money increases the contestant's winnings by very little. Something obviously is wrong with a tax rate that penalizes initiative.

This, of course, has become a matter of grave concern for every taxpayer who must regularly surrender a large part of his income. Most of us naturally ask where it will stop and look to government economy to give some relief from the terrific burden.

Today's discriminatory tax rate begins with net incomes over \$2,000 and the basic 20 percent rate. The rates reach 26 percent at \$4,000; 34 percent at \$8,000 and 50 percent at \$16,000 of taxable income.

Where can these taxes end if they continue to go up, up, up? They now reach a peak of 91 percent.

Other than penalizing the individual for earning more, we have already reached a point where these taxes are threatening to cripple our economy. Industries, in addition to shouldering big tax loads, are naturally distressed at this threat to the investment capital so vital to our free enterprise system.

Our nation's ability to increase output of goods and to improve real wages has been due to the process of making more and better machinery available to the worker. Removal of tax blocks would release both incentives and the funds for the formation of capital—the key to all economic progress.

This matter of investment capital is especially vital to our industry. While in 1951 it took an average of about \$11,000 to make a job in industry, it took over \$60,000 for the electric utility industry employee. By 1954 our industry's investment per employee had climbed to an average of over \$82,000. We must have many times as much money as other types of industry to provide a job for each of us, and for the new employees required as our company grows.

Someone—or a group of someones—must have that money. If tax rates prevent people from having investment capital it means stagnation of our American Way of Life.

Industry has proposed a 5-year plan which would take advantage of the revenue increase resulting from growth of the economy and reduce penalty taxes accordingly. Present taxes slash private incentive and knife into investment capital—cutting a vital artery of life-blood surging from the heart of our economic system.

Your Opinion

What was the most unusual thing that ever happened to you on a vacation?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

DAVE H. LEASURE, JR., Head Contract Clerk, Ashland District.



When starting on a river cruise to New Orleans and the Mardi Gras you may anticipate any number of unusual experiences, but ours happened on the return trip.

In order to make connections for a flight from Memphis we were forced to abandon the *S. S. Delta Queen* in the swiftest part of the Mississippi River, 25 miles from any town. A government tug was radioed and came to our rescue. We jumped down about four feet to the deck of the tug and she took us ashore, luggage and all.

Some barge owners overheard our plight on their car radio and signaled the tug they would drive us to Greenville, Mississippi. Through their kindness we made our connections.

DALLAS A. KINSER, Station Man, Logan District.



I was in the Army Air Corps and pleased to be starting on leave, homeward bound. It would be good to see my folks. All of us wouldn't be at home though, for the last I'd heard was that one brother was with the Navy in the Atlantic and the other with the Navy in the Pacific.

When I arrived home I was really surprised to find both boys home. They had each become engaged and plans were under way for me to act as best man in their double wedding ceremony.

WILLIAM BUDDY FULCHER, Senior Payroll Clerk, Roanoke Division.



I had been trying to swim in the same water

for several weeks and had learned to stay on top of the water for only a few seconds.

This particular Sunday I decided I would see how far I could swim without stopping, which I found to be about 30 feet. I reached for the bottom, but to my surprise, the water had washed the sand away and I found myself going under water.

Panic struck, but I took courage in the old saying "One will come up three times before drowning." I kept fighting and waiting for the first time up. My brother-in-law saw I was in trouble and came to my rescue.

You may talk about your mothers-in-law but God bless the brothers-in-law.

MARY K. HANLEY, Home Economist, Charleston District.



I have heard many, many jokes and stories about the hustling and shoving that goes on in the New York subway, but thought it was all exaggerated until I saw for myself.

Jackie Maffett and I were on a trip to New York City, and in order to see as much as possible in a short time we appointed committees. I was in charge of asking questions and Jackie was the navigator. After many questions and much navigating we found the right platform for our first subway ride in the city. We found a seat, all right, and everything was fine until we tried to get off. The doors opened with a loud clack. Jackie was sitting by the door, so she walked out.

I stepped back to allow an elderly lady to pass by and woof!—the car emptied. As I stepped up to the door, clack!—they automatically shut again, almost nipping my nose. So I was left behind with nothing to do but wave a helpless goodbye to my navigator!

MRS. BETTY WOLFE, Contract Entry and Final Bill Clerk, Bluefield District.



On our last vacation my husband and I were in Cincinnati, Ohio, and decided to go to River Downs Track.

Not having been to horse races, we were thoroughly confused about all those parimutuel windows and what, where or when to bet. We appealed to the man at the window to pick some winners; he marked a couple of them for us and we bet and won. Then we tried a race or two on our own—and we lost.

Then winning one on the advice of a tout, we also lost one on his advice. Again we ap-

pealed to the man at the window; he selected and we won. We spent the entire day at the tracks and came out \$100 richer. We had a wonderful time, barrels of fun, beginners luck and, of all things, a nice profit.

RAYMOND THOMPSON, Maintenance Mechanic, Glen Lyn Plant.



The most unusual event occurring to me on vacation I would say was also most unfortunate. In July 1951 my wife and I planned a vacation trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, to visit her relatives whom I had never seen.

After completing work on Friday, which was also pay-day, I had my check cashed and placed my vacation money (something over \$100) in my billfold. We had planned to leave bright and early Sunday morning. On Saturday it was very hot so we decided to go swimming on Wolf Creek. There being no dressing room, I left my clothes in my car along with the money in my car parked only about 200 feet from where we were swimming.

Lo and behold when I returned I had been relieved of my billfold which held all my vacation money. Well, thanks to my good friends, I was able to borrow enough money to make the trip—although it dampened my vacation pleasure.

J. P. SMITH, Lineman, Kingsport.



The most unusual thing that ever happened to me on a vacation was not at all pleasant. My family and I had decided to spend our vacation with my sister in Charlottesville, Va. So in making preparations for our vacation we decided to have our car put in safe operating condition; that called for a new transmission. So, off we drove in our reconditioned car, looking forward to a wonderful vacation.

We made the trip fine, but the next morning after our arrival, I drove my sister to her restaurant downtown with intentions of returning for my family and joining my sister for breakfast. Upon returning for my family, my car stalled right in the middle of a busy intersection in Charlottesville. Immediately I left to get a wrecker to tow my car in, and to my dismay learned that the transmission had gone bad as a result of the mechanic's failure to put grease in the new transmission which he had installed. Therefore, this necessitated a new transmission, and—also—we missed our breakfast.

Lloyd Promoted To New Position; Hively Succeeds



Mr. Lloyd Mr. Hively

Jack Lloyd, Montgomery area supervisor in the Charleston district, has been promoted to the new position of division area development representative. He was succeeded as area superintendent by Ronald H. Hively, Charleston power sales engineer.

Mr. Lloyd in his new position will direct the promotion of industrial development in both the Charleston and Huntington divisions, maintaining his office in Charleston. He attended West Virginia Institute of Technology before joining the company in 1940 as a clerk. He became local superintendent in 1949 and area supervisor in 1953.

He has served two consecutive terms as president of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, is past president of the Golden Bears Club and a member of the board of the Upper Kanawha Valley Development Association.

The Army veteran is married and has two sons. He likes sports and photography as hobbies.

Mr. Hively is a graduate of West Virginia University with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. Also an Army veteran, he joined Appalachian in 1949 as a senior power sales engineer.

He is a registered professional engineer and chairman of the W. Va. section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He also is secretary-treasurer of the state chapter of the Society of Professional Engineers. Married, his hobbies are amateur radio and photography.

Retired Huntington Man Dies At Age 74

Clyde E. Eisnaugle, 74, retired Huntington district employee, died June 4 at his home.

Born August 1, 1881, he was employed by the company March 21, 1917 and retired August 1, 1946. During his employment he worked as electrician, janitor, electrician helper and maintenance man helper, the position he held when he retired.

Surviving Mr. Eisnaugle are his wife, one son, four daughters, three sisters, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Montgomery Man Is New Gallon Clubber

W. H. Zinn, who has rare A-II Negative type blood, recently joined the Red Cross Gallon Club when he donated his eighth pint of blood.

The Montgomery local office manager of the Charleston district gives on the average of once every six months, but because his blood is fairly rare he has donated several times in direct transfusions.

Mr. Zinn has been with the company since 1940 and has been office manager for the past eight years.

More Honors For Bluefield Youth

More honors have been won by Fillmore McPherson, III, recent winner of the AGE Scholarship award in Appalachian. The son of the assistant Bluefield district manager won a \$800 Freshman Competitive Scholarship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He accepted the award and will enter M. I. T. in September to major in electrical engineering. The M. I. T. scholarship is subject to renewal in successive years.

This summer Fillmore is gaining pre-engineering experience as axman on the Bluefield district survey crew headed by George Wilburn.

Bluefield Man Is Naval Reserve Commander

O. W. Adams, Bluefield electrical engineer, has been promoted to Commander in the United States Naval Reserve.



Cdr. Adams

A member of Composite Company 5-11 located at Princeton, he received notice of his promotion from the Commandant of the Fifth Naval District.

A graduate of Concord College, he joined the company November 1, 1946 as an engineer junior and was promoted to engineer senior November 1, 1948. On February 2, 1950 he moved up to distribution engineer and went to his present post September 1, 1953.

Lines Raised For Big Transformer



Moving this big 15,000 kva transformer through Rocky Mount on its way to Franklin station meant lifting some lines. Atop the new transformer is Silas F. Plybon, Rocky Mount meter serviceman in the Roanoke district. He is getting help from the trucking company workmen who had the job of hauling the 58-ton transformer from the railway station to the substation, about two miles west of Rocky Mount. The transformer will be connected to the 132,000 volt Roanoke-Fieldale line and will provide Rocky Mount and Franklin County with an additional source of power.

Appliance Sales Course Sponsored In Charleston

Appalachian, the Electric League of Charleston, and The Kanawha County Board of Education are working together to sponsor an appliance sales training course at the company conference room.

Eight classes make up the course, and it is being offered to about 80 dealers as well as the regular membership of the Electric League. Instructors include A. E. Lemons, Pulaski; E. Paul Hager, Logan; Carl Dunn, Huntington; Milton W. Scott, Point Pleasant; Frank Board, Pulaski; P. W. Burks, Beckley, and John T. Shriver, Charleston.

Guilford C. Smith, J. D. Porter and Jennings Fulknier are in charge of all arrangements.

Transformer Course Finished In Williamson

A Westinghouse transformer course was climaxed recently at a dinner at the Mountaineer Hotel in Williamson. Twenty-seven employees received diplomas for the six-weeks class.

Instructors were C. R. Wilson, Jr., W. R. Peyton and E. E. King. Taking the course were: Truman Smith, Pete Woods, J. R. Barbour, B. L. Curry, R. T. Williams, Millard Phillips, Jack Akers, Junior Stanley, Bobby Pinson and Ernest Bailey.

Also Kermit Epperly, Lee Compton, Cecil Ball, V. A. Harris, G. T. Boothe, Harold Akers, W. H. King, E. L. Blevins, B. J. Oney, J. E. Runyon, C. H. Ward, M. P. Nowlin, H. A. Cross, M. A. Cole, Eddie Solovey, C. L. Miller and Jack Riddle.

Unusual Safety Program Is Featured In Welch

The Jus-Tren-Rid First Aid Refresher Course was an unusual safety program presented recently in Williamson.

Mary Lou Justice, G. B. Trent and Jack Riddle put on the program. Booths were set up in the auditorium, with the first two containing ordinary materials found around the home. In addition, Mary Lou was in one booth with a pretended broken arm, and Mr. Trent in another with a severe cut. The engineering employees, one at a time, were asked to take care of the victims, using paint paddles, newspapers, rags, string and tea towels they found in the booths.

The third booth contained questions and answers about first aid. At the end of the meeting the top scoring employee was given a card entitling him to coffee and doughnuts each morning for two weeks, and each employee was given a card saying he had completed the course.

Pikeville Club Christens Dock



Putting final touches to a boat dock are Pikeville employees, members of the Power Company Rod and Gun Club. They are from left: Arlie Wright, Charles Campbell, F. E. Phillips, Bill Barnett, Rodman Crutchfield and V. A. Syck. The dock, floated on 16 55-gallon metal barrels, will be installed on the club's land on Dewey Lake. Swimming facilities, camping and picnicking grounds, target range, lodge and hunting facilities will be built on the recently acquired 35 acres of land. Every evening after work, members of the club work on the installations. The dock itself took two weeks and is made of 500 feet of oak lumber and 20 pounds of assorted nails, metal braces and bolts.

Fire School At Sporn Plant Trains 63 Employees



Use of equipment, demonstrations and classes were part of a recent Philip Sporn plant fire-fighting school attended by 63 employees. LEFT: C. H. Yoho, AGE fire protection supervisor who conducted the school, tells about a Chemox breather worn by John Reitmire. Seated around the table from the left are Edwin Stein, Paul Stewart, Carl King,

Roy Franklin, plant safety supervisor who assisted Mr. Yoho, Frank Harris, Earl Rotgen and Harry Davis. RIGHT: The firefighters use plant equipment in a practice session. The training stressed the use of the Chemox breather, rescue knots, hose lays, nozzles, foam systems, portable pump and fire truck.

Answers The Call

Robert V. West is one man who spells FIRST AID with capital letters.

His first aid training has had emergency use twice in the last month. The Oak Hill area collector of the Beckley district came upon his most recent "case" while collecting. He found a small child with a large gash in his foot. He applied compresses and quickly stopped the bleeding.

Earlier Mr. West had given first aid treatment to the victims of an automobile accident and had seen them to the hospital.

Receptionist At Huntington Has 40 Years' Service



Miss Davis

June H. Davis, Huntington district receptionist, completed 40 years with the company June 26.

She began working for the Ohio Valley Railway Company in 1916 as a ledger clerk and went to Consolidated Light, Heat and Power Company before it was taken over by Appalachian. During her 40 years' service she has been a cashier, clerk, switchboard operator and receptionist.

Miss Davis has acquired a Good Samaritan reputation in Huntington — she spends much time visiting shut-ins and baking her famous banana bread for charitable institutions. She first made the loaves of banana bread for her church, the Central Christian Church. Now she spends at least two evenings a week baking the bread, and has sent them to 10 different states. She also caters for parties.

A graduate of Ceredo-Kenova High School, she is a member of the Morris Memorial Hospital board and the Bradshaw-Diehl Advisory Board.

In commenting on her service with Appalachian, Miss Davis says: "I think it is the most wonderful company in the world to work for. And I've been most happy. Upon my retirement I feel like I will be taken care of with the security I have." Miss Davis also passes along this advice: "Get with one good company and stick with it for your future's sake."

Bluefield Men Write Articles For 'World'

Articles by two Appalachian employees appeared in the June 11 issue of *Electrical World*.

W. Price Carter, system transmission line superintendent in Bluefield, wrote "Enables Hauling Truck To Lift, Unload." And C. B. Yearout, Bluefield division personnel supervisor, was the author of "Unloading Poles Safely From Railroad Cars."



Keene White, assistant payroll supervisor, has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Junior Chamber of Commerce. Samuel H. Chandler, Jr., electrical engineer, and John Faust, power sales engineer, also attended the state convention at Nashville where Mr. White's appointment came.

New employees include Clydetta Long, home economist; Emory J. Fugate, electrical engineer; Everett C. Jones, stores; and Shirley J. Hurd and Betty M. Davidson, accounting.

Mrs. J. R. Murdock, wife of the station section employee, is at home following hospital treatment.

Sympathy is extended K. R. Rowland, Holston station operator, and his family on the death of their son, and B. S. Collins, retired steam plant foreman, on the death of his brother.

Linda, daughter of C. J. Bryan, assistant general manager, has been elected vice president of the senior class at Carson-Newman College.



Huntington District

Nancy Lindsey and Anne Wright were honored recently at their school. Nancy, daughter of Mrs. Eugene Lindsey, system billing, was presented with a certificate for outstanding work in school service at Lincoln Junior High. Anne, daughter of Mrs. Ashton Wright, system billing, received the Latin, DAR Citizenship and Huntington East High School Music awards at Enslow Junior High.

Ira C. Handley, Jr., son of the working foreman, was selected the Tri-County winner of Appalachian's recent Rural Electrification project exhibit, held in conjunction with 4-H Clubs in Cabell, Wayne and Lincoln Counties.

A. T. Wilks was re-elected president of the Automobile Club of Huntington.

Newly elected officers of the Hildcrest Garden Club include Mrs. Carl Phillips, wife of the commercial sales representative, and Mrs. David Frampton, daughter-in-law of J. M. Frampton, credit supervisor.

Mrs. Howard Reeder and Mrs. Harvey Lambert honored Mrs. Richard Andre with a party recently at Mrs. Reeder's home. Mrs. Andre has resigned from the accounting department to go to Ohio. Mrs. Reeder is an accounting employee and Mrs. Lambert formerly worked in accounting.

New employees include Lyle K. Grose and James E. Vaught, T&D meter section; Rose Marie Fox and Aubrey H. Newman, system billing; and Lewis M. Wilcox, accounting.

Employees who have resigned include R. E. Henderson, J. A. Shaffer, Jr., Hazel McKendree, Annetta Peters and Nancy C. Bunn.

Caroline, daughter of H. D. Stillman, division manager, was graduated June 5 from Bryn Mawr College.

Employees returning to work after illnesses include Mary L. Sanford, Fred Preston, W. H. Jackson, Boyd Thompson, Jr., Harry Irons, Ann L. Kennedy, W. D. Hocker, Ernie Colegrove and Virgil F. Mautz.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dunlap on the death of her father. Mr. Dunlap is meter supervisor.



Logan District

Syrea D. Baker, assistant credit supervisor, was installed conductress in the Order of Eastern Star.

Sympathy is extended P. C. Gosney, area supervisor, on the death of his father, and Lola C. Brumfield, junior T&D clerk, on the death of her father.

David, son of Nicholas Roomy, Jr., heating and builder sales representative, attended Boys' State at Jackson's Mill. His father attended the annual meeting of the National Laymen's Advisory Commission of the Christian Men's Fellowship in Indianapolis, Ind., as West Virginia representative.

M. R. Atkinson, administrative assistant, attended the annual convention of Kiwanis International at San Francisco, Cal., as a delegate from the Logan Kiwanis Club.

Betty Copley, local accounting, was honored with a miscellaneous shower by several fellow employees. Hostesses were Jean Williams, Glenne Perry, Carol White and Eunice Fitzgibbon.

Mary Elizabeth Davis, commercial stenographer, attended the West Virginia Conference of Methodist Churches in Buckhannon.

Sheffey Massey, VPI co-op student, has returned for his fourth assignment, while Basil Perry has returned to VPI.

Mrs. H. R. Jackson, wife of the stores supervisor, is recuperating after an operation.

Robert, son of M. C. Porterfield, district manager, is a member of the Logan Civic Little League.

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Lynchburg District

W. D. Crews, senior T&D clerk, has been elected secretary of the Amherst Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Harry L. Candler, agricultural sales engineer, has been elected treasurer of the E. C. Glass High School PTA. Mrs. W. L. Booth, Jr., wife of the electrical engineer, was elected vice president.

Sympathy is extended Parks H. Snead, general serviceman, on the death of his father.

Virginia G. Deaner, commercial stenographer, has resigned.

David S. Gourley, assistant Reusens hydro operator, has returned to work following surgery.

James L., son of A. N. Jessee, electrical engineer, is recuperating at home after a tonsillectomy.

Mrs. O. C. O'Brien, wife of the R/w agent, is recuperating at home after hospital treatment.

Roanoke District

Fred L. Kemp, husband of Norma Z. Kemp, home economist, has been commissioned a second lieutenant after OCS training at Fort Sill, Okla.

R. R. Snedegar, division engineering, and A. R. Main, Jr., system civil engineering, attended the Jaycee national convention in Kansas City, Kan.

M. E. Maxey, heating and builder sales representative, has been elected first vice president of the Vinton Lions Club.

B. T. Bryant and R. E. Leftwich, servicemen, have returned to work after extended illnesses.

Fieldale District

Betty Baker, commercial, attended the annual Virginia Methodist Conference in Harrisonburg as a delegate from the Stanleytown Methodist Church.

Nancy K. Bradshaw, meter, was honored with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Dorothy Webster. Assisting hostess was Virginia Mullins.

Eddie, son of C. E. Gibson, R/w agent and Mrs. J. C. Luther, wife of the meter reader, are recuperating after operations.

Returning to work after illnesses were C. J. Hewitt, meter; C. A. Fudge, local accounting; B. C. Harlowe and B. E. Shelton, line section; and A. T. Hundley, stores.

Sympathy is extended Ammon Sears on the death of his brother.

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Pulaski District

Mrs. A. L. Graham, Jr., wife of the commercial department employee, has been elected vice president of the United Lutheran Church Women at the Woman's Memorial Lutheran Church. Mrs. C. A. Schmidt, wife of the accounting employee, has been elected treasurer.

Robert Webb Owen, VPI, is starting his first phase of work as a co-op student.

Returning to work after illnesses are J. S. Sutphin, Marion area supervisor, John R. Hudson, stores; and Adelene Newman, commercial.

Ellen Kent Bell, Marion home economist, has resigned.

Mrs. I. R. Akers, wife of the Claytor hydro employee, has returned home after an operation.

Sympathy is extended Lorene P. Nester on the death of her father-in-law.

Alvin Croy, T&D engineering, is a new employee.

Bluefield District

Several members of the senior commercial class at Tazewell High School toured the Bluefield office recently.

W. J. Gillespie, Jr., district manager, was chairman of the Armed Forces Day committee in Bluefield.

New employees include Hylbert H. McClung, Jr., accounting; Elizabeth H. Young, Princeton; and Shirley Graham, commercial.

Sympathy is extended A. L. Wellford, Jr., division supervising engineer, on the death of his mother, and E. E. Sprinkle on the death of his father-in-law.

Sympathy is also extended M. E. Rich on the death of his brother.

Juanita H. Franks, Tazewell home economist, has resigned.

L. W. Robinette, power sales engineer, has returned after an operation, and Walter Hawkins has returned after an illness.

Recent college graduates include Billie Lee, daughter of L. W. Bates, assistant division manager, from Radford College; Harriet, daughter of the late John Helton, area supervisor, from the Medical College of Virginia; and Shirley Graham, commercial employee, from Concord College.

Welch District

James C. Hughes, Grundy area sales representative, has been elected chairman of the Buchanan Water System Program Committee.

Thelma Charles, Grundy junior clerk, plays the piano and sings solos on a weekly program over radio station WNRG in Grundy. A hymn program, it features a group of Church of Christ members.

Mrs. H. H. Widener, wife of the Welch retired employee, has returned to her Abingdon home after hospital treatment.

New employees include O. Karl Mann, business administration trainee; Patricia O'Brien, clerk-typist; Elster C. Brown, clerk-typist; Betty Lee Shirey, student home economist; J. L. Weller, Jr., engineering student; Ralph W. Hale, groundman; and Curtis Don Lane, meter reader.

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Pikeville District

Jarrett M. Wood, power sales engineer, local Rotary president, attended the National Convention of Rotary in Philadelphia, Pa.

Dennis Clark, lineman A, and Raymond Conley, meter reader, are new employees.

William W. Zoellers, distribution engineer, attended the State Jaycee Road-e-o at Murray with the Pikeville winner.

Sympathy is extended F. E. Phillips, general serviceman, on the death of his brother-in-law, and Freddie Collier, stationman helper, on the death of his grandfather.

A. H. Jopp, district commercial manager, spoke on community development before the Wheelwright Kiwanis Club.

Hazard District

New employees include Pat Farmer, home economist; Nannie Fay Hamblin, accounting; and Kenneth Turner, station.

The Kilowatt Club held a wiener roast on Skyline Drive recently. There were 20 persons attending.



Philip Sporn Plant

Jack W. Frey, first assistant shift operating engineer, and Tom Hoffman, control operator, were elected to the town council of New Haven.

Marion Ohlinger, coal handler, and John Ord, maintenance helper, have returned to work after recuperating from operations.

Employees who have resigned include Mrs. Patsy Eads, secretarial stenographer, and Mrs. Ardis Shirley, clerk typist.

Sympathy is extended Elroy Kaylor, maintenance man, on the death of his father, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crow on the death of her father.

New temporary laborers include John H. Taylor, Sr., Jack N. Ford, John W. Taylor, Jr., Donald E. Gillilan, Samuel R. Roach, Jan V. Schneider, Charles F. Merica, Frederick W. Wiles and Charles L. Stanley.

Mary Jane Sayer is a new junior clerk, accounting.

Point Pleasant District

Three employees have been elected to offices in the Point Pleasant Lions Club. F. H. Taylor, Jr., district commercial manager, was elected treasurer; G. E. Roberts, senior general clerk, was elected second vice president; and J. D. Spiggle, commercial sales representative, was elected third vice president.

Kenneth Ray, son of Bernice M. Roush, secretarial stenographer, won second place in an oration contest at the DeMolay meeting in Shepherdstown.

Charles A. Simmons, electrical engineer, and Q. T. Balsler, groundman, are new employees.

Kanawha River Plant

Mrs. Paul Bernard, wife of the regional dispatcher, and Mrs. Jesse E. Frazier, wife of the coal conveyor operator, are recuperating after operations.

John Donachy, VPI co-op student, has returned for his sixth assignment.

New employees include C. L. Knight, J. W. Martin, K. G. Winter, J. L. Oliver, W. E. Childers, J. W. Dalton and S. A. Brown.

C. M. Jones and J. L. Kern have returned to work after recent illnesses.

H. L. Henry and K. R. Fultz have resigned.

Cabin Creek Plant

Nancy Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moore, has received the Alumni Award at the capping exercises at the McMillan Hospital. The award goes for highest scholastic average and proficiency in training. Mr. Moore is supervisor of maintenance.

Charleston District

J. B. Eplin, meter section, was elected one of the trustees of the Marmet Recreation League.

Charlie Conner has returned to his job as groundman after 18 months in the Army.

Carol Sue Blackburn, meter, was one of the contestants in the "Miss Charleston—Miss Universe" contest.

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People Moving In

Work Begins On Clinch River Plant

Work on Appalachian's new 450,000 kw Clinch River plant at Carbo began June 15 after contracts had been let for excavation and grading.

The Green Construction Company of Oaktown, Ind., was awarded the contract for removal of about 600,000 cubic yards of earth and 22,000 yards of rock in initial grading and excavation at the plant site. This company is also handling similar work for Ohio Power's new Kammer plant at Cresaps, W. Va.

The initial surveying and design has been completed. Lines and grades are being established for buildings and for cuts and fills. The cleaning and grubbing of brush for the plant yard proper and the coal handling area is under way.

Survey Progress

Meanwhile a survey including aerial mapping is in progress on a 132 kv transmission line between the Beaver Creek station in the Pikeville district and the Fremont

station in the Abingdon district. This line will continue on to the Clinch River plant. Completion of this line, which will tie Kentucky Power into the plant, is expected in September, 1957. This will be the first line to be completed. In addition, work is progressing on the Kingsport-Hill station line, which in 1958 will tie Kingsport into Clinch River.

Appalachian, under the direction of Earl Snodgrass, supervising engineer, is building up its own engineering, accounting and stores departments as the job progresses.

Set Up Offices

Ten employees have been trans-

ferred or hired and are now on the job. The accounting department has set up offices in the Russell County Bank building at Cleveland and the stores department will occupy the company's old storeroom at Cleveland. The engineering department is housed in a temporary building on the plant site.

The plant, whose two 225,000 kw units will burn almost 1,300,000 tons of coal a year, is expected to be in full operation late in 1958.

Kingsport Stores Supervisor Dies



Mr. Blankenbeckler

Daniel P. "Pete" Blankenbeckler, 50-year-old Kingsport Utilities stores supervisor, died May 31 at his home following a heart attack.

He was born October 10, 1905, at Marion where his mother still resides. He attended high school at St. Albans.

Mr. Blankenbeckler started with Kentucky Power on April 6, 1925, serving until January 1928. He later was employed by Appalachian at Logan in July 1933 for a year. His current employment began January 22, 1940, with Appalachian at Charleston in the stores department. He transferred in January, 1948 to Kingsport, where he was promoted to stores supervisor.

A member of Lynn Garden Baptist Church, he is survived by his wife. Funeral services were held June 1, with burial at the Rose Hill Cemetery near Marion.

H. S. Scott Has 35 Years' Service

H. S. Scott, Ashland district manager, marked 35 years with the company June 27.



Mr. Scott

After receiving his BS degree in electrical engineering from VPI, Mr. Scott joined the company at Sprigg June 27, 1921 as an electrical engineer.

He became assistant Williamson district manager January 1, 1924, and was transferred to Ashland October 16, 1929. He was made that district's commercial manager November 1, 1934 and district manager December 1, 1943. Having also served as assistant general manager of the company for seven years, he is now devoting all his time to managing the Ashland district.

He is past president of both the Kiwanis Club and the Ashland Board of Trade, and is past district chairman of the Boy Scouts. He holds that organization's Silver Beaver Award. He is a member of the board of the Ashland Boyd County Air Port, the Second National Bank, the Home Federal Savings & Loan Association and the Ambassadors Club.

Mr. Scott is married and has two sons and a daughter. His hobbies include woodworking, photography, flower growing and coin collecting.

W. C. McMahan Of Charleston Promoted

Wilbur C. McMahan has been named assistant Charleston district manager. He rises to the position from assistant to the district manager.



Mr. McMahan

He came to Charleston from Beckley in April, 1954. A native of Tennessee, he joined the company June 14, 1948 as an engineer in the Beckley district, a few days after his graduation from the University of Tennessee with a B. S. degree in electrical engineering. On June 1, 1950 he was promoted to area superintendent for the Rainelle area and rose to Oak Hill area supervisor October 1, 1953.

He is a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Charleston Kiwanis Club. He has served three years in the Air Force. Mr. McMahan is married and has three children.

Beckley Men Aid Accident Victims



Two Beckley district employees tell Waldo LaFon, district manager at left, the value of first aid kits in company cars. M. C. Dwornick, engineering aide in center, and Clifford D. Stalnaker, electrical engineer, came upon an auto accident just out of Beckley. A car had overturned and a small child was bleeding severely. They gave first aid to stop the bleeding, made the other occupants of the car comfortable and directed traffic until the State Police and ambulance arrived. Although unable to find out the names of the victims, they know the value of first aid training and equipment.

Charleston District . . .

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Mrs. Jack Walters, wife of the assistant local office manager, was the winner of this month's district safety slogan contest. She also won a 30-foot section of water hose at the annual outing of the Kanawha Valley Accountant's Association.

C. F. Hann, retired employee, living at his Charleston home this summer, is recuperating from an illness.

Evelyn Lawrence, who has resigned from commercial to accompany her husband, an AGE auditor, to Fort Wayne, Ind., was honored at two parties recently. Girls in the third floor offices gave her a luncheon and gift. Later accounting women gathered to honor Mrs. Lawrence.

Luther Zinn was chosen to attend Boys' State at Jackson's Mill.

Six couples attended a surprise 34th wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Rich. Mr. Rich is a system relay engineer in Charleston.

John C. Frazier, safety supervisor, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

George W. Unangst, meter supervisor, was elected treasurer of the Charleston Lions Club.

Employees who have resigned include Marshall L. Humphreys and H. C. Alderson, line section.

New employees include Jackie Guthrie, coal procurement; Wanda Turner, local accounting; Charles P. Coiner and Samuel G. Hanson, line; and Isaac Canterbury, meter.

Co-op students returning to work are John Kauffman, Jr., meter; John Atkins, station; and Larry Hemmings, line. Richard F. Cook and James E. Totten have completed the program.

Everett Riley is a new engineering student at Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lovell took two prizes in the recent American Rose Society Show in Charleston. Mr. Lovell is assistant division manager.

Sympathy is extended Clifford Picklesimer on the death of his father, and G. V. Loveday on the death of his father.

Polly Anne Whitehair, daughter of C. B. Harris, Clendenin, area supervisor, has returned home for recuperation from the Hopemont Sanitarium.

Returning to work after illnesses were Bill Reynolds, Montgomery summer employee; and A. P. Reveal, line foreman.

Beckley District

Mrs. Maxine S. Prince, commercial stenographer, was appointed

director of the house-to-house canvass for raising funds for the Raleigh County Boy Scouts.

John E. Hammer, district personnel supervisor, was recently elected international director from West Virginia at the Jaycee Convention at Fairmont.

Mary Linda, daughter of P. W. Burks, district residential and rural sales supervisor, and Patty, daughter of C. E. Pitsenberger, station foreman, attended Girls' State at Jackson's Mill.

Barbara, daughter of J. E. Vines, Rainelle area line foreman, has been elected president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Rainelle Methodist Church.

Herbert R. Miller, draftsman senior, designed and drew two posters for the state police to be used in safety talks.

W. E. Mitchell, line supervisor, and Eugene O'Neal and W. H. Lively, inspectors, helped install small reflective crosses at spots where people were killed as the result of automobile accidents in the county. The work was in connection with activities of the Raleigh County "Slow Down And Live" committee.

Janet, daughter of H. H. Crawford, Rainelle area employee, is the Rainelle Business and Professional Woman's Club delegate to Camp Horseshoe this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bailey, newlyweds, were entertained by Oak Hill and Rainelle employees with a surprise party and a gift. Mr. Bailey is a Rainelle serviceman.

Elmer Hutchinson, line foreman, has been elected to the board of directors of the Mabscott Lions Club.

J. E. Hammer, Waldo S. LaFon and E. F. Eager held posts in the recent Farmers' Day celebration.

Clyde Marshall, junior T&D clerk, has been appointed chairman of the Mt. Tabor Community Life Program recreation committee.

James R. McVey, station section, has resigned.

New employees include Helen Elizabeth Taylor, accounting; Donald Lee Yarber, Oak Hill; Darrel Sanford, Rainelle; and Shirley Rae Bryant, Rainelle home economist.

June Winner, accounting, was elected corresponding secretary and Meta Akers, T&D records section, was elected recording secretary of the Raleigh Business and Professional Woman's Club.

Lois, daughter of H. F. Arnott, credit supervisor, attended the Youth Conference at the American Baptist Assembly in Green Lake, Wis.

Unusual Exhibit In Bluefield Coal Show



Part of the story behind the Appalachian exhibit, at left, in the recent Bluefield Coal Show concerns the model tower built by Otto Bressler, at right. Theme of the display was a combination of "Fifty Years of Progress In Electric Power" and "Coal By Wire." Otto, a Bluefield district appliance serviceman, built the model tower for the display in the N&W freight terminal where 325 manufacturers had exhibits. Using a blueprint of a 330,000 volt tower, he built the aluminum tower to scale so that it is about 7 feet high. It weighs six pounds and contains 450 aluminum rivets. He even designed

a special tool to brad the rivets since he couldn't get to them with a hammer. Other Bluefield employees who helped with the exhibit were Paul Parks, H. H. Hutcheson, Ray Heldreth, Leonard Robinette, Ryland Bailey and Warren Pearson of the commercial department and Vernon Kirk of the building-service department. An estimated 62,000 people saw the exhibits at the show officially known as the biennial Southern Appalachian Industrial Exhibit. The show alternates between Bluefield and Cleveland, Ohio.

Public And Employees Tour Galax Office



At left is the new Galax office that was formally opened on June 22. At right, employees of the area and their families listen to D. P. Minichan, Pulaski district manager, after touring the office on the evening of June 21.

Over a thousand people toured the new Galax office during Open House on June 22.

Employees and their families from the local area made a tour of the building on West Main Street on the evening of June 21. D. P. Minichan, Pulaski district manager, explained some of the building's features and expressions of appreciation for the building came from L. A. Sharpe, area supervisor, and Roy Lawson, local office supervisor.

The building, formerly occupied by Maplemoor dairy, was completely remodeled and modernized. It boasts a 200-seat auditorium and year-round air conditioning from the heat pump.

Facilities to serve the public are conveniently located on the first floor of the 50 x 150-foot building. The second floor will be used for

record storage, the four heat pumps and engineering conference room.

The 200-seat auditorium has a demonstration kitchen on stage and an adjoining commercial kitchen. A 50 x 150-foot parking lot serves customers and those using the auditorium.

About 10,000 rural and farm families in Carrol-Grayson counties are served by the new facilities and a network of over 800 miles of distri-

bution lines. Appalachian began serving Galax in 1913 when the 33,000-volt line from Byllesby hydro plant to Galax was energized. Prior to that time there was no electric power in the town.

C. P. Bailey of the Pulaski office was supervising engineer on the remodeling and construction with R. E. Phillippi the general contractor. The job started in September 1955.

Huntington Man Is Promoted To Logan

Raymond B. Bolt has been promoted to assistant Logan local office manager. He rises to the position from Huntington district utility clerk.



Mr. Bolt

Mr. Bolt succeeds Nicholas Roomy, Jr., in Logan. Mr. Roomy has moved into the commercial department as heating and builder sales representative.

Mr. Bolt was employed as an intermediate clerk in Huntington accounting June 26, 1944. He has held the positions of head cashier, senior clerk, bookkeeper and senior general clerk. He was promoted to utility clerk November 1, 1950.

A graduate of Huntington High School, he is married and has a son and a daughter. The Bolts are members of the Central Methodist Church of Huntington.

Commercial Manager

Point Pleasant Promotion Made

F. H. Taylor, Jr., power sales engineer, was promoted to Point Pleasant district commercial manager on June 1.

Employed at Charleston in April 1953 as junior power sales engineer, he transferred to Point Pleasant in April 1954. He was promoted to power sales engineer on October 1, 1955.

A native of Pennsboro, W. Va., he graduated from West Virginia University in 1951 with a degree in electrical engineering. He served in the Signal Corps from July 1951 to January 1953 in Korea.

He is a member of Trinity Methodist Church, American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Masonic Lodge. He is married and has a son and daughter. His hobbies are photography and hunting.



Mr. Taylor

Summer Employee Wins College Scholarship

Walter Lewis Young, Jr., working in the system operating department



Mr. Young

now for his third summer, has won a top scholarship to Johns Hopkins University. He will serve as a junior instructor while studying for his Ph.D. degree in physics.

The son of Roanoke councilman and Mrs. Walter I. Young, he recently graduated from the College of William and Mary with a B.S. degree.

J. W. Frey, 61, Of Logan Plant Dies



Mr. Frey

John Wesley Frey, 61, Logan plant shift supervisor, died June 7 after a heart attack. He had been in poor health for several years.

Mr. Frey was employed at the plant January 1, 1921 as an operator. He was made a shift supervisor June 1, 1938 and this past January marked 35 years with the company. He was a deacon in the First Christian Church in Logan and served two years with the Army field artillery during World War I.

Born January 29, 1895 in Jackson County, W. Va., he was married to the former Nina Hager. In addition to his wife, Mr. Frey is survived by a daughter and a son. A brother, George Frey, is mechanical maintenance supervisor at Logan plant, and another brother, Julius Frey, retired after 25 years' service on July 30, 1949. Mr. Frey lived at West Logan and had been a resident of Logan County for 36 years.

WWP Wins Coffin Award As OVEC One Of Finalists

Washington Water Power won the coveted Coffin Award at the Edison Electric Institute meeting in Atlantic City last month. Ohio Valley Electric Corporation was one of the five finalists chosen from 36 cited for outstanding achievements by a nominating panel representing every section of the nation.

The Washington company was cited for its continued efforts to advance the private enterprise philosophy and its achievement in winning acceptance in an election. As a result of a WWP campaign among voters in Stevens County last fall, a 72% majority voted to sell the county's Public Utility District's properties to WWP. The election was a resounding victory for private power.

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

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

The two plants mentioned are the 1,290,000 kw Clifty Creek plant at Madison, Ind., and the 1,075,000 kw Kyger Creek plant at Cheshire, Ohio. OVEC, organized in late 1952 by 15 private electric utility companies serving the Ohio Valley region, has three AGE companies represented: Appalachian, Ohio Power and Indiana & Michigan.

Of Mutual Benefit

Test Program By Student Engineers Started This Summer At Sporn Plant



Some student engineers get ready to make tests at Sporn plant. From the left: W. W. Baber, Jr., VMI; Clarence H. Long, VPI assistant professor who supervises the group; Roland Riddick, Jr., VPI; Tom Davis, N. C. State; James P. Gilbert, Sporn plant assistant results engineer, and Roy Shreve, W. Va. Tech.

Twelve student engineers from some of the nation's leading engineering schools are conducting a testing program at Philip Sporn plant for 11 weeks this summer. All are juniors or seniors in their respective schools.

In line with the electric utility industry's continuing efforts to improve generating stations, the student engineers will carry out efficiency tests on various pieces of plant equipment. During the course of the program, a heat rate test to determine efficiency will be conducted on one of the plant's four 150,000-kilowatt generating units, supplemented by many other tests on auxiliary equipment, including feed-water heaters, boilers, pumps and fans.

Plans also are being made for the test crew to visit some of the other AGE plants and the System Production Coordination Office in Columbus, Ohio, during the course of the program. C. Hardy Long, assistant professor of mechanical engineering at VPI, serves as immediate supervisor of the testing group in the program conducted by the AGE Service Corporation's results department and Sporn plant personnel.

Over-all objective of the program is to provide a type of summer employment for undergraduate engineering students, giving them power plant experience which could be used after graduation if they decided to join one of the AGE System companies.

Byllesby Veteran Begins Retirement



Mr. Davis

Elmer B. Davis, assistant Byllesby hydro operator, retired May 31 after almost 21 years' continuous service.

His broken service dates back to construction of the plant and lines in 1911. He then ran a farm nearby, going back now and then to help with maintenance at the plant and nearby cottages. He began his continuous employment in 1935, first in maintenance and then on operation.

Mr. Davis built his own home near Byllesby, and recently built another on the Cripple Creek road between Byllesby and Fries. He plans to "just take it easy" there during his retirement.

Three Contribute To AGE 'Notes'

Three employees contributed articles to the June issue of AGE's *Monthly Operating Notes*.



Mr. Doggett

G. N. Doggett, Huntington district station supervisor, wrote "File Board Aids 'Hold-Card' Users." He tells of a file board designed to hold in order and logical order new and old "hold" cards at the district stations.

"Stringing Conductors Across Water", written by E. H. Braid, Charleston district T&D supervisor, illustrates a fast and inexpensive method of stringing conductors whenever a boat is not readily available. The method was put in operation in the district twice when three 336,400 circ. mil ASCR cables and one static wire were pulled across the river simultaneously for attachment to the crossing towers, by means of oil drum floats and a winch cable.

Robert H. Eason, Philip Sporn plant test engineer, contributed "Locating Condenser Leaks Without Dropping Load." It describes the use of a Freon leakage detector to detect which section of the steam condenser is leaking. This testing is done without draining either section of the steam condenser and thus making it unnecessary to reduce load of the generator.



Mr. Braid



Mr. Eason

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Abingdon District

STONE W. JACKSON from groundman to material clerk; DONALD C. LANDRETH from material clerk to groundman.

Beckley District

H. A. WILTON, JR. from groundman to appliance serviceman B; JOSEPH O. CARPER from auto repairman helper to groundman; L. C. JONES from station man B to station man A; D. H. WILLIAMS from groundman to junior T&D clerk; WILLIAM D. COLLIER from auto repairman helper to groundman; TONEY C. PALLARES from appliance serviceman A to area sales representative; LORETTA TURNER from office messenger to junior contract entry and final bill clerk; 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; JANE McNABB, home economist, from Bluefield to Tazewell.

Charleston District

CAROL BLACKBURN from junior clerk to clerk-typist, T&D meter section; LILYAN DOBSON, clerk-stenographer, from stores to commercial; WILLIAM H. JONES from junior T&D clerk to senior T&D clerk; WILLIE L. CLAY, JR. from junior T&D clerk to senior T&D clerk; SAM DUNN from lineman B to lineman A; W. P. McDONOUGH from lineman C to lineman B; KENNETH ESTEP from lineman C to lineman B; JAMES E. YOUNG from auto repairman helper to station man helper; G. S. ROBINSON from truck driver-groundman to Lineman C; A. M. JONES from groundman to lineman C.

Fieldale District

J. D. HIGGINS from area sales representative to power sales engineer; W. R. NAFF from draftsman, senior, to dealer sales representative.

Huntington District

PAULINE SMITH, prepare clerk, from Huntington billing to Roanoke system accounting.

Logan District

WILLIAM M. HILL from serviceman B to area serviceman; NICHOLAS ROOMY, JR. from assistant local office manager to heating and builder sales representative.

Logan Plant

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

Lynchburg District

ANNA LACKEY from senior contract clerk to commercial stenographer; AGNES L. DILLARD from credit and collection clerk to senior contract clerk; CHARLENE L. THOMPSON from clerk-typist to credit and collection clerk.

Roanoke District

B. M. GRISSO from meter service helper to appliance serviceman A; PAUL HARTMAN from working foreman to area sales representative; J. G. HUNT from area sales representative to dealer sales representative; MARION P. PAITSEL from division draftsman to district area sales representative.

Philip Sporn Plant

CHARLES B. CORNWELL from maintenance man to master maintenance man; WYLLIS F. DAVIS, JR. from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; GILBERT C. HART from barge attendant to tripper operator; ROBERT G. HART from laborer to coal handler; ROBERT F. NICKEL from tractor operator to results helper; KENNETH O. ROLLINS from tripper operator to tractor operator; PAUL E. TAYLOR from coal handler to barge attendant; LEONARD R. N. ROUSH from barge attendant to helper; MARION K. OHLINGER from laborer to coal handler.

System

LORENA TERRY from junior accounting machine operating clerk to system personal record clerk, system personnel; HELEN KASEY, system personnel clerk-stenographer, from wage and salary section to employee relations; JEANETTE KIDD from system safety stenographer to system personnel secretarial-stenographer; JEWELL WOOLRIDGE, stenographer, from system personnel to system safety.

Williamson District

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

Kentucky Power Company

Pikeville District

VIRGIL CARTER from appliance serviceman A to area sales representative; CHESTER SMITH from area sales representative to power sales engineer; 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.

B&W Lynchburg Plant Building Nuclear Reactors



This is a general view of the Babcock & Wilcox Company nuclear facilities plant near Lynchburg. Fuel element fabrication building, gate house and steam plant are in foreground. At extreme left is experimental facility, where tests and experiments with nuclear reactor components will be conducted.

Lynchburg may well become a major center of atomic power development for commercial use. Paving the way is the recent announcement by Babcock & Wilcox Company that its new multi-million dollar nuclear fuel factory in Campbell County will be expanded immediately by 150 percent.

The B&W plant will make fuel elements for furnaces of nuclear-powered steam generating plants. The announcement confirmed earlier hints by some company officials that they expect the carefully chosen 520-acre site on the James River to be the scene of almost continuous construction for five or ten years.

The Atomic Energy Commission had announced earlier that it has selected a proposal of B&W to

design, fabricate and operate a liquid metal-fuel reactor experiment. This reactor will be the seventh type chosen by the Commission for its program of research and development aimed at the achievement of economic electrical power from nuclear fuels. This type of reactor offers potential advantages of flexi-

bility of operation for a wide power output range to meet steam conditions comparable to those in modern conventional generating plants.

The plant, opened to the public May 18, is served from Lynchburg's newest 33,000-volt station which was energized in February.

History Of Company Emerging In Series Of Charleston Scrapbooks

On AGE's 50th Anniversary the Charleston district personnel department is preparing for the Centennial.

It all started when four scrapbooks full of pictures were found in the North Charleston service building. They had been started 25 years ago by B. F. Montague, retired employee. Although the pictures tell a story of company activities in the past, they were not identified or dated.

So personnel employees in Charleston have started another series of scrapbooks, tracing company history where the old ones left off. In addition, the pictures will be properly labelled as to identities, locations, dates, occasions and so on.

Employees have taken hints from the old scrapbooks, using pictures that are representative of all phases



Sandra Waggy, right, helps select pictures as Chris Tardy writes the identifying information in the scrapbook. Three more books have already been filled and it will take several more to bring this pictorial history up to date. The girls work on the albums in their spare time.

of company activities. For instance, in the four old books were pictures of storms, old construction camps, power poles being pulled by mule teams, old plant pictures and employees.

They are hoping that in 2006, or sooner, when a complete history of Appalachian and Charleston is needed, one can pick up these scrapbooks and help trace that history.

Man Honored At School

James K. Kendall won the Campus Club Award of \$35 for maintaining the highest average as a freshman at the West Virginia Institute of Technology.

He is the son of C. A. Kendall, a 40-year veteran at Cabin Creek plant.

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System

Raymond N. Williams, forms and office supply clerk, has returned after four years in the Air Force.

Sympathy is extended Vonice Gish, system accounting, on the death of her husband, and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lewis and W. E. Ferrell, system operating, on the death of their mother.

Sympathy is also extended Arnie A. Nester, system operating, on the death of his father, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Rowland on the death of their son. Mr. Rowland is a system operating employee at Holston station.

Sympathy is also extended Edmund W. Woody, system station, on the death of his father, and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Old on the death of her brother. Mr. Old is a system station employee.

Sympathy is also extended I. E. Conner, system station, on the death of his mother.

Former employees who have returned to system accounting, billing section are Iris P. Bostian, Mildred H. Smith, Ethel Virgili and Doris Wilhelm.

New employees include Martha Burnette and Patty Jo Divers, billing section of system accounting; and these system operating employees: Herbert H. Lewis and Jimmy P. Hardwick, Holston station; Arnie A. Nester, Saltville station; James R. Vaught and William A. Haddad, Kanawha station; Jonas E. Cook, Sporn station; Jimmie W. Munsey, Switchback station; and Charles W. Bacchus and Clarence W. Haas, Turner station.

Mrs. R. L. Herr, wife of the Holston station regional chief operator of system operating, is recuperating from a tonsillectomy.

Charleston Man Retires To Farm



Mr. McKibbin

Lee M. McKibbin, Charleston general foreman, has retired early, effective April 1, because of ill health.

He has spent almost 28 years with the company, starting at the Beckley office of the West Virginia Water Service Company in 1928. Later Appalachian bought the water company and Mr. McKibbin was transferred to Charleston in February 1935 in the T&D department.

After serving as estimator, inspector and district engineer, he was promoted to general foreman in April 1946.

Mr. McKibbin was born in Germantown, Ky. His hobbies include gardening, hunting and fishing. He has been residing on his farm at Dover, Ky. since his retirement.

Bluefielder Gets 7-Diamond Pin

A. L. Wellford, Jr., Bluefield division supervising engineer, completed 35 years' service July 1.

A graduate of VMI, he later attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. He came with the company July 1, 1921 as an electrical engineer. He was district manager of the Pulaski district from 1924 to 1937. He was previously employed by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company at Pittsburgh, Pa.

During World War I he served nine months overseas in France and was discharged as a first lieutenant.

He is a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, the Bluefield Rotary Club, University Club, Bluefield Country Club and Christ Episcopal Church. He is married and the father of two children.



Mr. Wellford

Roanoker Named To Division Post

Harold P. Laughon has been named Roanoke division residential and rural sales supervisor. He was Roanoke district dealer sales representative.



Mr. Laughon

A native Roanoker, Mr. Laughon joined Appalachian in 1935 in the transportation department. He also worked in the meter department before going to the commercial department. In his new position he will help in the direction of residential and rural sales activities in the Roanoke, Lynchburg and Fieldale districts.

A graduate of Jefferson High School, he attended National Business College. He served in the Navy in Panama during World War II and was discharged in 1946.

He is past exalted ruler of the local chapter of BPOE and now serves on the board of trustees. He is also a member of the Lakeland Lodge of the Masonic order. Mr. Laughon is married and has one son. Mrs. Laughon is a PBX operator in the Roanoke general office building.

Roanoke Woman Elected President Of Sorority

Mrs. H. F. Carter has been installed as president of Alpha Gamma chapter No. 1414, Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Sorority.

Mrs. Carter is the wife of Harold F. Carter, Roanoke district lineman.

Williamson . . .

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Williamson District

Mrs. Lorraine Corea and Mrs. Virginia Stafford, accounting, are den mothers for two Cub Scout dens in Williamson. Johnny and Billy, sons of Everett Carrico, foreman, and Mrs. Corea's son, Larry, are in her den. Mrs. Stafford's son, Glen, is in her den.

Mrs. R. L. Carpenter, wife of the junior T&D clerk, and Mrs. G. T. Boothe, wife of the meterman, have returned home after hospital treatment.

Sympathy is extended A. O. Hatfield, stores supervisor, on the death of his father, and H. A. Cross, Jr., commercial sales representative, on the death of his father-in-law.

New employees include Bill Williams, line section; Peggy J. Francis, accounting; and Helen Honaker and Barbara Williamson, commercial.

Gustina Davis, accounting, has resigned.

Logan Plant

Mary Pete, daughter of C. E. Marshall, chief dispatcher, attended Girls' State at Jackson's Mill.

W. G. Matthews, plant engineer, was appointed captain of the host of Logan Chapter No. 41, Royal Arch Masons.

Sympathy is extended R. L. McComas on the death of his father, and W. C. Workman on the death of his father-in-law.

Leonel O. Ellis, laborer, is a new employee.

Naaman Pridemore, mechanical maintenance helper, has returned to work after a recent illness.

Recent Service Emblems Go To Twenty-Nine Veterans



Veterans who have received pins for 20 or more years' service in recent weeks are pictured above. **FIRST ROW** from left: J. O. Bartlett, Charleston, 30 years; A. T. Wilks, Huntington, 30 years; H. T. Mitchell, Ashland, 30 years; R. E. Hodges, system, 30 years; Shirley R. Miller, Pulaski, 25 years; and Edward J. Rice, Lynchburg, 25 years. **SECOND ROW** from left: T. A. Roberts, Jr., Radford Arsenal plant, 25 years; E. A. Murray, Jr., Charleston, 25 years; W. L. Turley, Charleston, 25 years; Charles J. Brown, Jr., Welch, 20 years; P. J. Wolpert, Philip Sporn plant, 20 years; and H. C. Skaggs,

Jr., Kanawa River plant, 20 years. **THIRD ROW** from left, all 20 years: C. J. Kelley, Charleston; G. T. Turley, Charleston; E. E. Landers, Charleston; D. A. Allison, Charleston; D. B. Cassell, Pulaski; and L. A. Sharpe, Pulaski. **FOURTH ROW** from left, all 20 years: K. E. Farley, Cabin Creek plant; K. L. Williams, Cabin Creek plant; G. B. Carrico, Cabin Creek plant; L. B. Lee, Bluefield; C. F. Mundy, Bluefield; and Herbert F. Thomasson, Beckley. **FIFTH ROW**, from left, all 20 years and all from Glen Lyn plant: E. E. White, E. E. Comer, G. T. Powell, E. W. Comer and J. C. Drain.

W. M. Pancake To Head State D. A. V.

W. M. Pancake, Point Pleasant district draftsman, was elected state commander of the Disabled American Veterans at the June 9 convention. He was senior vice commander in 1955.



Mr. Pancake

Employed at Charleston in August 1945 as rodman, he transferred to Point Pleasant as instrument man in April 1949. He was promoted to his present position in March 1952.

Twice wounded in action in World War II, he was a machine gunner with the First Infantry Division.

He is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church, is married and has two sons.

Employees Become Actors In Pulaski

Several Pulaski district employees will become well-known figures after movies and television shows recently made are released.

VPI started it when the school produced a movie "Beyond The Meter." The movie shows modern farm wiring and lighting as compared to the inadequate system of 25 years ago. R. E. Lester, Christiansburg area sales representative, chose the Howell-Myers farm near Riner for a wiring and lighting demonstration. A. P. Jones, Christiansburg area supervisor, and his crew moved in to do the work while the cameras were grinding.

The demonstration plans were so good that the VPI motion picture unit decided to make a five-minute TV show from part of it. The film was finally lengthened to 13½ minutes and will be released to area stations. The movie itself will be available to county agents, vocational agricultural teachers and power suppliers.

Welch . . .

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Sympathy is extended Flora Ann Evans on the death of her grandfather.

Forrest C. Brown, Grundy station operator, has returned to work after an extended illness.

William O. Slade has returned to the T&D record section from military service.

Abingdon District

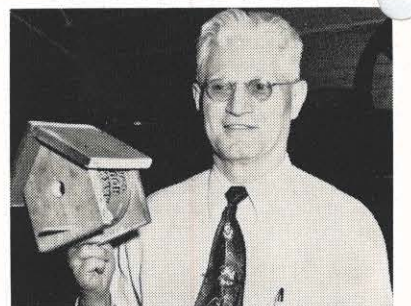
Jack Carter, Lebanon, accounting, has been appointed to the Town Planning Commission at Lebanon.

Sympathy is extended James Booth, Jr., assistant local office manager, on the death of his father.

Brownie Yeager, secretarial-stenographer, and Henry Brown, junior T&D clerk, have returned to work after being hospitalized.

Mrs. Nona B. Meade, Clintwood accounting, has resigned.

News For Wrens



Any wren would be glad to see a "Vacant" sign on this Coffee Can House held by its designer and builder, Warren Brooks, Bluefield meter superintendent. He gives the following directions for those who want to help feathered friends after a long winter. First he makes the wooden sides and screws the bottom of the coffee can to one and the top to the other. Next he bores the hole the size of a quarter for the entrance and drives a dowel underneath for a perch. Of course, he cut a hole in the lid before mounting it. Next he puts the lid on the can and puts a spot of solder in several places to hold the can together. Next comes the roof, then a coat of paint and it's ready to hang in a tree.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—10 YEARS: JAMES R. WARDEN, commercial sales representative.

Beckley District—20 YEARS: H. F. THOMASSON, senior power billing clerk; 10 YEARS: J. A. THOMPSON, meter man; J. B. RICHMOND, station man; ROSE A. MOORE, senior PBX operator.

Bluefield District—35 YEARS: A. L. WELLFORD, JR., division supervising engineer; 20 YEARS: L. B. LEE, district superintendent; C. F. MUNDY, Mullens area supervisor; 15 YEARS: G. C. ROACH, truck driver-groundman; H. S. MEADOWS, district engineer; W. A. JOHNSON, meter reader, Princeton; C. M. McGRADY, meter serviceman, Narrows; 10 YEARS: M. M. BOSTIAN, senior station engineer; E. L. GARRETT, groundman; E. E. HASH, truck driver-groundman; 5 YEARS: ELSIE R. HEIFNER, stenographer.

Cabin Creek Plant—20 YEARS: G. B. CARRICO, boiler maintenance mechanic; K. L. WILLIAMS, boiler operator; K. E. FARLEY, mechanical maintenance man; 15 YEARS: E. F. DARLINGTON, boiler maintenance helper; JOHN MOSES, coal and ash equipment operator; M. G. WILLIAMS, mechanical maintenance man; C. H. MARKS, turbine operator; H. S. MULLINS, plant janitor; 5 YEARS: G. T. LINGER, JR., boiler maintenance helper.

Charleston District—30 YEARS: J. O. BARTLETT, station man; 25 YEARS: E. A. MURRAY, JR., district commercial manager; W. L. TURLEY, line foreman; 20 YEARS: C. J. KELLEY, station man; G. T. TURLEY, material clerk; D. A. ALLISON, area serviceman, Nitro; E. E. LANDERS, truck driver-groundman; 15 YEARS: J. D. WALTERS, assistant local office manager; 10 YEARS: J. C. NUTTER, JR., meter serviceman; ROBERT ISNER, senior meter clerk; 5 YEARS: W. F. SMITH, JR., meterman; KENNETH ESTEP, lineman.

Glen Lyn Plant—20 YEARS: E. E. WHITE, mechanical maintenance man; J. C. DRAIN, turbine operator; G. T. POWELL, boiler operator; E. E. COMER, shift supervisor; E. W. COMER, boiler operator; 5 YEARS: E. C. WEATHERLY, electrical maintenance helper.

Huntington District—40 YEARS: JUNE H. DAVIS, receptionist; 30 YEARS: A. T. WILKS, assistant to division manager; 15 YEARS: ARLIE CHAFFINS, meter service helper; IRA C. HANDLEY, working foreman; HARRY IRONS, groundman; HERSHEL V. MAYO, groundman; JAMES A. MASSIE, groundman; ROBERT C. McCOY, station man helper; 5 YEARS: JOHN DONATHAN, JR., appliance serviceman.

Kanawha River Plant—20 YEARS: H. C. SKAGGS, JR., plant manager.

Logan District—5 YEARS: ONA M. MURRAY, junior power billing clerk.

Lynchburg District—25 YEARS: EDWARD J. RICE, area sales representative; 10 YEARS: WARREN C. BOBLET, ground-

man; WALTER R. WORLEY, JR., Reusens hydro maintenance man; 5 YEARS: THOMAS H. PILLOW, power sales engineer.

Point Pleasant District—15 YEARS: C. H. MURRAY, JR., line inspector; 5 YEARS: J. L. DARBY, agricultural sales engineer.

Pulaski District—25 YEARS: SHIRLEY R. MILLER, local office supervisor; 20 YEARS: DALLAS B. CASSELL, lineman; LOUIS A. SHARPE, area supervisor; 15 YEARS: LANZY R. MABE, meter reader; 10 YEARS: DOROTHY N. WHITAKER, stenographer; FRANK R. CECIL, lineman; 5 YEARS: EARL L. SHAW, JR., electrical engineer.

Roanoke District—15 YEARS: W. I. HARTMAN, groundman; 10 YEARS: F. G. LLOYD, lineman; J. R. TUCK, station man; 5 YEARS: V. ELAINE WOOD, clerk-stenographer, T&D engineering; R. L. UNRUE, division electrical engineer.

Philip Sporn Plant—20 YEARS: PHILIP J. WOLPERT, operations supervisor; 5 YEARS: MAJOR F. JUSTIS, maintenance man; ARTHUR H. HILL, maintenance man; CLARENCE A. BRADFORD, auxiliary equipment operator; GAIL P. BUCK, maintenance man; WILLIAM C. GIBBS, auxiliary equipment operator; KENNETH O. ROLLINS, tripper operator; CHARLES P. BUXTON, auxiliary equipment operator; GEORGE A. WOLF, auxiliary equipment operator.

System—30 YEARS: R. E. HODGES, Appalachian assistant general manager; 25 YEARS: T. A. ROBERTS, JR., Radford Arsenal plant stores supervisor; 15 YEARS: ANDREW R. MAIN, JR., system civil draftsman; CHARLES F. WHATLEY, JR., system control wireman; W. M. CHILDERS, system station operator; 10 YEARS: RUTH E. POINDEXTER, private secretary, junior, system public relations; 5 YEARS: MABEL A. FERGUSON, work order adjustment clerk; NORMA H. AKERS, junior accounting machine operator clerk; W. W. FORD, JR., system commercial sales development representative; ERLIN K. CHAMBERS, electrical engineer; HUBERT E. MOORE, JR., electrical engineer.

Welch District—20 YEARS: C. J. BROWN, JR., meter serviceman; 15 YEARS: ALICE R. SPENCER, junior personnel assistant; 10 YEARS: C. I. TAYLOR, meter serviceman.

Williamson District—5 YEARS: G. H. FELTY, groundman; B. J. BARBOUR, appliance serviceman.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District—35 YEARS: R. L. GORDON; H. S. SCOTT; 30 YEARS: H. T. MITCHELL; 15 YEARS: ROGER G. THOMPSON; 10 YEARS: JAMES R. PAUL.

Pikeville District—10 YEARS: WILLIAM B. SYCK, appliance serviceman; 5 YEARS: ANDREW POULOS, station man.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

5 YEARS: CARL J. RIDDLE, lineman.

35-Year Mark Reached By Kentucky Man

R. L. Gordon, Kentucky administrative assistant, completed 35 years' service June 27.



Mr. Gordon

It was on that day in 1921, right after graduating from VPI with a BS degree in electrical engineering, that he joined the company at Sprigg as assistant operator. He went to Logan as an inspector February 26, 1923 and became line superintendent there January 1, 1924. He was named assistant district manager February 1, 1929.

On October 1, 1931 Mr. Gordon became Hazard district manager and April 16, 1948 joined the general staff of Kentucky Power as administrative assistant.

He is past president of the Logan Kiwanis Club, the Hazard Rotary Club and the Hazard Chamber of Commerce, and is past vice president of the Lonesome Pine Council of the Boy Scouts. He holds the Silver Beaver Award. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and is a 32nd degree Mason, Beni Keden Shrine at Charleston.

His hobbies are woodworking and reading. Mr. Gordon is married and has two sons.

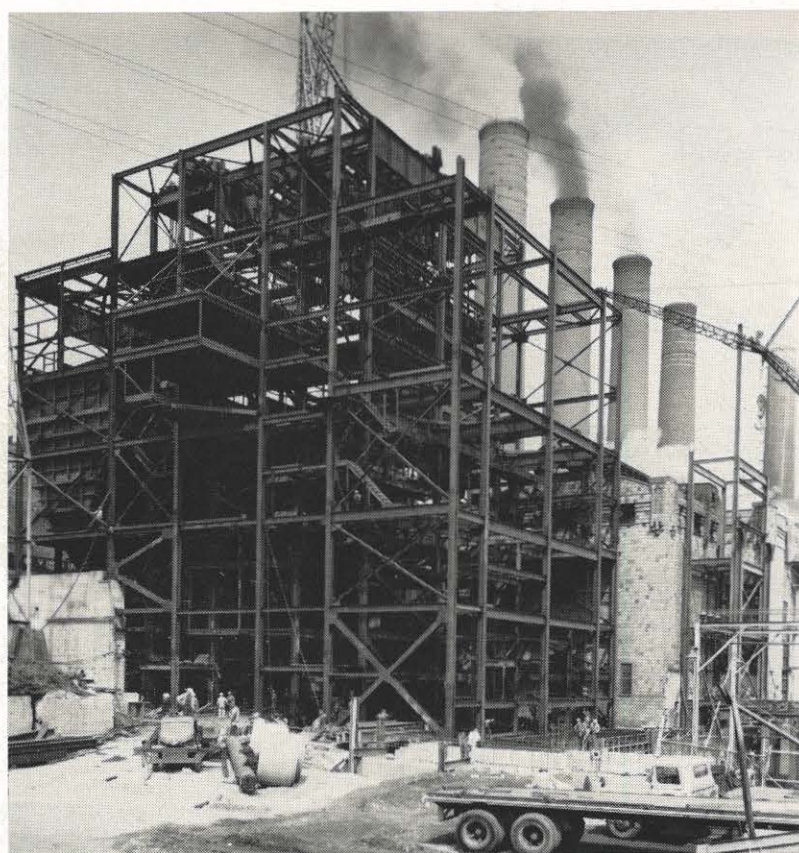
Leading The Industry

AGE And President Sporn Featured In 'Business Week' Magazine On June 16

President Philip Sporn and the American Gas and Electric System were featured in the June 16 issue of *Business Week*. The article, "How to Get Ahead in the Utilities Industry," appeared in the magazine's department on companies. President Sporn was pictured on the cover and in the article.

The article traced the importance of heat rate as a measure of the "power business' principal variable cost—fuel." A chart showed that no plant stays ahead long in the race for top technical performance

Glen Lyn Unit Takes Shape



The new 225,000 kw unit at Glen Lyn plant is taking shape. Structural steel shown in the picture is more than two-thirds complete on the addition that will more than double plant capacity — raising it to 395,000 kw. R. H. Lawson, supervising engineer, reported in late June that concrete work is 95 percent complete. The largest remaining pour will be made for the foundation of the turbine and generator in the main building. All excavation is finished for the main plant building and erection of the boiler started in May. Concrete work on the screen house is three-fourths finished and erection of the stack starts this month. Scheduled for completion early next year, the unit will cost an estimated \$26,400,000. Its outdoor-type boiler will be the first of its kind on the Appalachian system and its stack will tower 430 feet above ground level.

Hazard Veteran Retired July 1



Mr. Stallard

William S. Stallard, Hazard office head janitor, retired this month after 22 years' service.

Born in Wise County, Virginia, in 1891, he attended school there and came to Kentucky in 1915. He worked in the mines for several years and was employed as a groundman in 1934. After several years, he transferred to his present position.

Mr. Stallard is a deacon in the First Baptist Church at Lothair and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He will visit his children in many sections of the country during retirement. His twelfth child starts high school next fall.

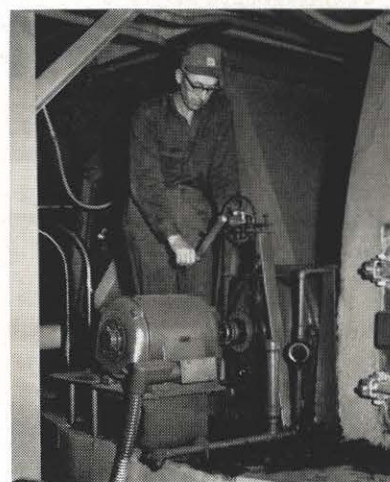
Lions President Is Abingdon Employee

Jack S. Carter, Abingdon district accounting employee, was recently elected president of the Lebanon Lions Club.

A native of Cartersville, Ga., he was employed in the Clinch Valley district November 1, 1923. He came to Abingdon as a serviceman when the district was formed July 1, 1948.

He is a member of the Lonesome Pine Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Masonic Lodge and the Baptist Church. He is married and has one son and one grandson.

Problem Whipped



This auxiliary drive mechanism used by C. H. Feiszli has paid dividends at Logan plant. The assistant supervisor of maintenance at the plant was foreman in charge of the research project jointly conducted by AGE and the Air Preheater Corporation since 1955. To collect data on seal design, a device had to be made that would enable rotation of the rotor by hand without having to uncouple and remove the existing motor drive. The mechanism was the result of a combination of ideas and six dollars worth of material. Use of the auxiliary chain drive reduced the average time for completion of this operation from 20 man-hours to only 4 man-hours.

Wedding Bells Ring For Nineteen Couples

Employee's Wife Is Elected To HD Post



Brides and grooms in recent wedding ceremonies are shown above. **FIRST ROW** from left: Mrs. John Paul Johnson, system; Mrs. Raymond Ricketts, Pikeville; Mrs. Edward W. Lovell, Jr., Charleston; and Mrs. Kenneth Blaine Bailey, system. **SECOND ROW** from left: Mrs. Don Jonas, Logan plant; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lee Lester, Huntington; Mrs. Kenneth Lyon Mowles, system; and Mrs. Arnie Nester, Pulaski. **THIRD ROW** from left: Mrs. Charles L. Weaver, Point Pleasant; Mrs. Norris Cecil Hamilton, system; Mr. and Mrs. Coy Farmer, system; and Mrs. Nelson James, Jr., Pikeville. **FOURTH ROW** from left: Mr. and Mrs. John Edwin Kline, Huntington; Mrs. Jimmy Frazier, Kingsport; and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hairston, Williamson.

Johnson-Lovell

Gail A. Johnson and Edward W. Lovell, Jr. were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony May 26 at the home of the bride in Charleston. Mrs. Lovell is a Charleston district clerk-typist.

Mullins-Jonas

Flora Lee Mullins was married June 1 to Don Jonas at the home of the Rev. J. C. Gilbert at Verdunville, W. Va. in a double ring ceremony. Mr. Jonas is a laboratory attendant at the Logan plant.

Loyd-Farmer

Oneda Loyd and Coy Farmer were united in marriage at the Barnhart Baptist Church Parsonage in Stewartsville June 2. Mrs. Farmer is employed in the billing section of system accounting.

Bevins-James

Margaret Ann Bevins was married June 2 to Nelson James, Jr. at Stone, Ky. Mrs. James is a junior clerk in the Pikeville district meter department.

Greer-Ricketts

Patty Greer and Raymond Ricketts were united in marriage at Clintwood, Va. June 15. Mrs. Ricketts is an accounting junior clerk in the Pikeville district.

Caul-Hairston

Alberta Caul and Leroy Hairston were united in marriage June 8 at Chattaroy. Mr. Hairston is a janitor in the Williamson district.

Jordan-Weaver

Mavis E. Jordan and Charles L. Weaver were married June 2 at the Baptist Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle in Point Pleasant. Mrs. Weaver is a Point Pleasant junior PBX operator.

Mrs. Maude S. Owens has been elected president of the Fifth District of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. She is the wife of Earl P. Owens, assistant Pulaski local office manager.



Mrs. Owens

The Fifth District is comprised of the counties of Pulaski, Giles, Wythe, Montgomery, Patrick, Floyd, Carroll, Grayson and Bland. Mrs. Owens was on the committee-at-large

when home demonstration work was organized in Pulaski County in 1949 and was first county chairman. She has also served as president and project leader of the Shiloh Club. She is secretary of the Pulaski Woman's Club and a member of the Christian Church.

Welch Employee Is Eastern Star Leader

Dorothy W. Lawless has been elected Worthy Matron of the Northfork Chapter No. 99 of the Eastern Star.



Mrs. Lawless

She is senior cashier-clerk in the Keystone office of the Welch district. Mrs. Lawless was employed by the company in October 1942 as a cashier. She was promoted to her present

position in 1950. She is secretary of the District Young Adults of the Methodist Church, vice president of Alpha Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and is on the advisory board for the Northfork Assembly, Order of the Rainbow Girls. Her hobby is knitting.

Peters-Lester

The Ceredo Methodist Church was the scene May 4 of the marriage of Judith Frances Peters and Ronald Lee Lester. Mr. Lester is the son of Pearl Lester, Jr., Huntington district T&D line section employee.

Yester-Eads

Patsy A. Yester was married June 1 to William B. Eads in a double ring ceremony at Richmond, Ind. She was a secretarial-stenographer at Philip Sporn plant.

Shrader-Valley

Patsy Shrader was married June 1 to Ben Valley in Cocoa, Fla. Mr. Valley is the son of L. F. Valley, Abingdon area supervisor.

Carter-Givens

Vivian Faye Carter became the bride of Gregory Olen Givens III on May 25 in the Salem Baptist Church. Mr. Givens is an office messenger in the Roanoke district.

White-Hart

Martha Norton White and James Potts Hart III were married June 9 in St. John's Episcopal Church in Roanoke. She is the daughter of J. L. White, Roanoke division supervising engineer.

Wells-Kline

Barbara Ruth Wells was married June 1 to John Edwin Kline at the Milton Methodist Church. Mr. Kline is the son of John B. Kline, Huntington district meterman.

Seagroves-Johnson

Shirley Seagroves and John P. Johnson were united in marriage June 17 at Grace Methodist Church of Wilmington, N. C. Mr. Johnson, who recently graduated from VMI, is the son of Paul J. Johnson, hydro supervising engineer in the Roanoke system offices.

Hurt-Mowles

Nancy Hurt and Kenneth Lyon Mowles were united in marriage June 2 in a double ring ceremony at the Salem Baptist Church. Mrs. Mowles is a system personnel employee.

Dishner-Frazier

Lindal B. Dishner and Jimmy Frazier were united in marriage May 25 in a double ring ceremony at the Weber City Chapel. Mrs. Frazier is a junior contract clerk at Kingsport.

King-Bailey

Mary Ann King and Airman 1/c Kenneth Blaine Bailey were united in marriage June 23 at the First Methodist Church of Hampton, Va. Mrs. Bailey is a former system accounting summer employee and is the daughter of W. Earl King, system valuation department.

Warren-Hamilton

Bee Warren and Norris Hamilton were united in marriage June 8 in a double ring ceremony at the Melrose Baptist Church of Roanoke. Mrs. Hamilton is a system station clerk-stenographer.

Parks-Nester

Lydia Lorene Parks and Arnie Nester were married June 2 at the First Methodist Church of Pulaski. Mrs. Nester, a Pulaski home economist, is the daughter of Dewey E. Parks, Hillsville lineman.

New Arrivals

Abingdon

MR. AND MRS. ROY R. GREGORY, a son, Michael Dwight, June 15. Mr. Gregory is a meter serviceman.

Beckley

MR. AND MRS. TONEY C. PALLARES, a daughter, Cynthia, June 12. Mr. Pallares is an area sales representative.

Bluefield

MR. AND MRS. W. A. JOHNSON, a son, Willard Albert, April 26. Mr. Johnson is a son. MR. AND MRS. J. H. KISER, a son, James Walter, May 13. Mr. Kiser is employed in the line department.

Charleston

MR. AND MRS. JOHN BOBERSKY, JR., a daughter, Jon Stephanie. Mr. Bobersky is a meter service helper.

MR. AND MRS. LARRY FRONTINO, a daughter, Roseanne Marie, May 10. Mr. Frontino is a junior merchandise order and billing clerk.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD ROBINETTE, a son, Richard Lee, June 12. Mrs. Robinette was formerly employed as a clerk-typist.

Fieldale

MR. AND MRS. V. P. REYNOLDS, a son, David Leon, June 4. Mr. Reynolds is employed in the line section.

Huntington

MR. AND MRS. KEITH ROWE, a daughter, Beverly Norene, June 11. Mr. Rowe is employed in the T&D department — line section.

Pikeville

MR. AND MRS. EARL G. BELLAMY, a son, June 14. Mr. Bellamy is a lineman.

Point Pleasant

MR. AND MRS. E. D. BOGESS, a daughter, Marsha Lynne, June 12. Mr. Bogess is an area serviceman.

MR. AND MRS. G. C. FOWLER, a daughter, Patricia Suzanne, May 31. Mr. Fowler is a lineman.

Pulaski

MR. AND MRS. S. R. MOSER, JR., a son, Mickie Lee, May 12. Mr. Moser is a lineman.

Cabin Creek Plant

MR. AND MRS. G. W. BOSTIC, a son, Michael Wayne, June 5. Mr. Bostic is a laborer.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH L. FINLEY, a son, Gregory Lewis, June 16. Mr. Finley is plant accounting clerk.

System

MR. AND MRS. PAUL C. BERNARD, JR., a son, Stephen C., May 26. Mr. Bernard is employed in the system operating department, Kanawha Station.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL F. ROUSH, a son, Mark David, May 26. Mr. Roush is employed in the system operating department, Sporn Station.

MR. AND MRS. CARL L. SMITH, a son, James Brian, April 24. Mr. Smith is employed in the system operating department, Turner Station.

MR. AND MRS. DEWEY E. WEDDLE, a son, Steven Edward, May 25. Mrs. Weddle was formerly employed in the system operating department.

They're Engaged

ELIZABETH ANNE DAUGHERTY to William G. Conley, III. Miss Daugherty is a Charleston summer home economist.

CAROLYN BARRETT to Bryan Smithers. Miss Barrett is a clerk-typist and Mr. Smithers is a junior draftsman in the Charleston division.

ALBERTA DeWESE to Russell Shelton. Miss DeWese is secretary-stenographer in the Williamson managerial department.

Beckley Powermen Open Softball Season



The Powermen, Beckley district's softball team, launched their season recently. Team members include, front row from left: Bill Wiseman, Bob Thomas, Bill Collier, Fred Bonham, Eugene O'Neal, Jim Morgan, Manager Maxie Dwornick and Keith Evans. Back row from left: R. W.

Martin, Herb Miller, Eustace Robertson, A. H. Lilly, Chester Pate, Tommy Humphries, Carl Smith, Jim Farmer and Eddie McGinnis. Bat boys are Larry Smith and Harry Keith Evans, Jr. The team, after several practices, entered the Inter-City Softball League.

Johnston Tops Roanoke Golfers



Winners of the Roanoke division golf tournament are shown above. They are from left: M. W. Brown, runner-up; E. L. Munday, Jr., assistant Roanoke district manager who presented the awards; and E. F. Johnston, winner.

E. F. "Eddie" Johnston recently won the Roanoke division golf tournament for the second straight year and the third time in the tourney's history.

Eddie's net of 140 for 36 holes edged M. W. Brown's 141 for the distance. Eddie is system operating administrative assistant and Mr. Brown is Fieldale local office manager.

M. D. "Dick" Shepherd, system senior personnel assistant, had low gross honors for the tournament with a 151. He was tied with Mr. Brown at the halfway point for the lead.

Sixty golfers from Roanoke division, Roanoke, Fieldale and Lynchburg districts and system offices took part in the tournament. The first round was played May 19 and the second round was delayed by bad weather until June 16. The Calloway Handicap System was used.

N. G. Marshall was general chairman of the tournament. Other committees and their members were: general — A. R. Main, R. L. Mills, M. G. Covey and P. C. Ray; handicap and registration — A. R. Main, J. G. Wilhide and Jesse Bussey; food — R. L. Mills, C. E. Moore and Ira Peters; prizes — M. G. Covey, R. L. Spencer and P. C. Ray.

Sporn Plant Winners Given Trophies



Individual and team trophy winners got together at the annual Philip Sporn plant bowling banquet June 9 in Point Pleasant. Shown are front row from left: Harry Davis, Floyd Capehart, Jim Bennett, Luther Smith, Marvin Roush, Raymond Smith and Frank Bailey. Back row from left: Sonny Haggerty, Dennis Johnson, Gene Athey, Arthur Wehrli, Cricket Searls, Clarence Tennant, Buck Tennant and Charles Evans. After the dinner, short talks were made by Paul Schneider, assistant plant manager, and Harry Davis, league president. Roy Franklin, safety supervisor, was master of ceremonies.

Charleston Pony And Colt Leagues Getting Big Boost From President W. R. Witzel

It's going to be a busy summer for W. R. Witzel, Charleston district personnel supervisor.

As president of the Pony and Colt divisions of the Kanawa Junior Baseball Association, he will direct the activities of its 300 boys. The Pony League (Preserve Our Nation's Youth) is made up of 13 and 14 year old boys, while the Colt League (Courage, Obedience, Loyalty and Truth) consists of boys 15 and 16 years old.

Mr. Witzel became interested in youth baseball when the Little League was formed in Beckley in 1951. He assisted in the formation of the league and was co-manager of a team. After he came to Charleston in 1951 he coached, co-managed and umpired in the Little and Pony Leagues.

One of the main accomplishments since Mr. Witzel took office was getting the leagues affiliated with national organizations making teams eligible for the nationwide tournament program. His future plans call



W. R. Witzel, left, president of the Colt and Pony Leagues, hands the ball to Charleston's Mayor John T. Copenhaver to toss out to open the season. This opening game was broadcast over WCHS in Charleston.

for possible cooperation with the Charleston Senators, farm club of the Detroit Tigers, in exhibitions for the leagues this summer. He also hopes, next year, to form another league for boys 17, 18 and 19.

J. D. And Helen Porter Take Singles, Toney-Parsons Doubles In Charleston



Ping-pong champs in Charleston are from left: J. D. Porter, Helen Porter, Frank Toney and Paul Parsons.

J. D. Porter and his wife, Helen, ganged up on the rest of Charleston's ping-pong players to take home both singles crowns recently.

The two commercial department

employees joined Paul Parsons and Frank Toney, doubles winners, in becoming this year's champions. Here are the semi-finals and finals scores:

Men's Singles—semi-finals: J. D. Porter over Paul Parsons, Fred Brown over Jennings Fulknier, 21-16 and 21-6. Finals: Porter over Brown, 13-21, 21-19, 21-19 and 21-18.

Women's Singles — Semi-finals: Helen Porter over Sue Shultz, 21-13 and 21-12; Mary Morales over Sue Sheets, 21-9 and 21-10. Finals: Porter over Morales, 22-20, 21-13 and 21-12.

Doubles — Semi-finals: Frank Toney and Paul Parsons over Herman Summers and Bob Young 21-19, 21-12 and 21-12; Jim Whitlock and Joe Burdette over Danny Meade and Jennings Fulknier 21-12, 21-15 and 21-17. Finals: Toney and Parsons over Whitlock and Burdette 21-9, 23-21 and 21-18.

Others in the tournament were Larry Frontino, Walt Minsker, Basil Stump, Lindy Jividen, Pat Robinette, Chris Tardy and Barbara Westfall.

Giant Pro Baseball Contract Signed By Son Of L. F. Valley

Ben Valley has been signed to a professional baseball contract by the New York Giants and assigned to the Cocoa club of the Florida State League.

He is the son of L. F. Valley, Russell County area supervisor in the Abingdon district. After he worked out at the Giants' spring training camp at Melbourne, Fla., Ben was signed for a \$4,000 bonus, the limit a player can receive and remain eligible for minor league ball.

Dale Alexander, Giant scout and a former major leaguer, coaxed Ben into the Giant camp and says that he is a good major league prospect. He is playing second base now for Cocoa, alongside Buddy Kerr, shortstop-manager and former major leaguer. Ben throws right-handed and bats left.

A baseball, basketball and football standout in high school, Ben played semi-pro ball last summer with the Saltville Alkadies of the Burley Belt League. He withdrew from Wake Forest College where he had a baseball scholarship to make a career of professional baseball.



Ben Valley poses at home plate after signing a major league contract with the New York Giants.

Five Softball Teams See Action At Sporn

A four-team inter-plant league and an entry in the Ohio Valley Softball League got the sport under way at Philip Sporn plant recently.

The entry in the Ohio loop is undefeated after five games, four of them in league play. Al Smith is team manager and Roy Franklin is business manager. Teams and managers in the inter-plant loop are: Results, William Jones; Maintenance No. 2, Nelson Roush; Labor, Charles Hannum; and Emmert's Shift, Luther Smith. Results had a 3-0 record to win the first of four rounds of play.

Hall's No-Hitter Boosts Welch



Paul "Country" Hall got the 1956 edition of the Welch district softball team off to a good start with a no-hitter in the opening game. Playing against the National Guard in a Welch League, the team triumphed 11-0 behind Hall's sterling performance. The Pineville meter serviceman allowed two to reach base, one on a walk and one on an error. Walter Thomas hit an inside-the-park home run for Welch. Team members include front row from left: W. C. Groseclose, C. R. Settle, Walter Thomas, Jerry Clement, Ray Nunnery and J. B. Rhudy. Back row from left: Marty Tiller, Millard Gibson, Thomas Helm, Earl G. Doss, Mike Clayton, and Paul Hall. The mascot is David Wood, son of R. J. Wood.

Largest Gar



The largest gar ever caught in the Kanawa River plant area was landed recently by three plant employees. Shown in the picture with the menacing 9 1/2-pound gar are from left: Joe Chrest, employees Carl R. Lewis and Ralph Estep, and Ray Hudnall. The other employee, not shown, was William Hudnall. The 43-inch fish was caught in Paint Creek. Photo courtesy "Charleston Gazette."

Singles Tourney Won By Charleston Girl

Ernestine Williams has taken first place in the women's singles in a tournament sponsored by the EMCo Bowling League.

The Montgomery clerk-typist of the Charleston district had 530 pins for the three-game series. Her team also took first place in the team event of the tourney and won the season championship of the league. Ernestine carried a 138 average.

Record Catch



When Bruce Cox landed this giant sailfish in Florida, he found himself with a record catch. The seven-foot, 10-inch fish is the largest caught by a member of the Stuart, Fla., Sailfish Club. Mr. Cox, Fieldale district manager, caught the 80-pound fish, now displayed in his office, on a recent fishing expedition with three other Fieldale men.

July 4 Reminder

New Citizen Amazed At Wonders Of U. S. A.

As Americans were planning for the Independence Day holiday on July 4, a new American and Kanawha River plant employee said:

"The day I arrived in America was the most unforgettable day of my life. I looked to the Statue of Liberty and cried the tears of happiness. New York seemed to be a harbor of peace—no bombs, no war, no fear of tomorrow. I kept thinking, if the people here realize how happy they are to live in this great country."

Maiga Swope, chemist assistant at the plant, came to America in 1948 from Latvia on the Baltic Sea after many trying experiences. The war meant she had to leave her country overnight with just a suitcase.

She said: "It was terrible traveling from country to country, never at home, feeling worse than a gypsy. We fled from Latvia to Poland to Germany to Austria and back to Germany again. In Germany I was able to obtain a job in an American hospital and later in a post exchange. While there, I met and married an American soldier, with whom I came to the United States."

Visits Fruit Market

"I will never forget my first day in New York after I left the boat. Being seasick for ten days and on my not very steady 'sea-legs', I went to a fruit market. The first thing I bought in this country was about 20 pounds of fruit and not much less of walnuts, as most of your fruit does not grow in my cold, cold country. I just kept buying them until I almost missed my pullman. It was a great sight to travel from New York to Ohio and eat, eat, eat. In the morning, I woke up and found myself still hugging those bags of oranges and nuts."

Maiga, who moved from Ohio to Glasgow in 1953, says she still isn't quite used to the life here in America because it's so different in many ways. She had difficulty speaking English, making her feel "lost—so strange, lonely and homesick" that first year in the United States.

"But I do not feel that way anymore," she said. "I am proud that now I have a life in America." She also was very proud after studying for her citizenship test that the examination officer asked her which school she had graduated from in America.



The variety of items in the grocery store always delights Maiga Swope who tasted bananas for the first time in 1948 when she came to America from Latvia. Her impressions of her new country give added significance to our July 4 holiday.

"Can Buy Everything"

What has impressed Maiga about this free enterprise system of ours? She says, "The most wonderful thing is the big variation in everything. I think America is the only one country in the world where you can buy everything under the sun."

Talking about clothing, a subject of importance with women everywhere, Maiga says it is handy to go buy a dress you like. "In Europe, clothes are custom made and it is so tiresome to have always dates and appointments with tailors. It seems that everything here is fast, good, pretty and reasonable."

Another indication of a bountiful America is the variety of food in the grocery stores. She says, "After those dreadful years of war, when everything was rations (if any), it was more than pleasure to shop in big stores for anything you need. I found so many things I never ate or saw before—like sweet potatoes, corn, bananas, watermelons and peaches. I really did fall in love with them."

Pineapples — Unusual

"On pineapples, I still look as something unusual. I never buy a whole one, either. Would not know how to handle it. But there is one thing I sure miss very much, at least where I live, and that is eel and lampreys (eel-like fish)."

As for people, Maiga believes the women here are much better looking than the men. However, she likes the fact that American men do not drink as much as European men.

She also observed that it was surprising "how young they get married here. When a young man of 18 or so would think about getting married in Europe, they would not take him seriously. The best age is thought to be about 30."

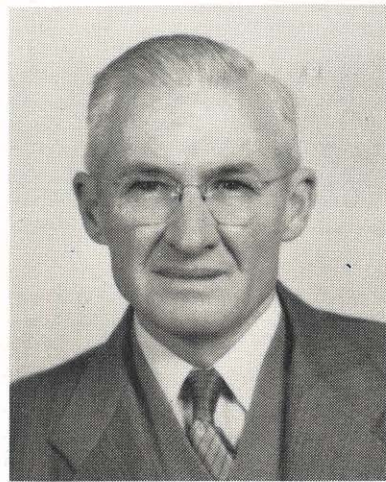
Likes American Life

"I like the American way of life. There is not so much difference in the old Latvia, where many customs are alike. For example, our food is not highly seasoned and prepared pretty much the same way as American food. I think here, that religion is taken more seriously. People attend church more often and more regularly. In my country, once every three or four Sundays was considered enough."

Naturally she gets homesick for her "little country," but would she go back to Latvia to live? She replied: "That would be a hard matter to decide. But it is probable that a visit would be enough."

She concluded with this important reminder: "The fruits of American progress is not something to be taken lightly."

Ivanhoe Employee Dies After Illness



Mr. Thomas

Max K. Thomas, 53, Ivanhoe station operator in the Pulaski district, died June 19.

Mr. Thomas, who had been in ill health for some time, was being treated in the Waddell Hospital in Galax for asthma at the time of his death.

Mr. Thomas joined the company in 1941 as a special guard and did patrol duty at Byllesby and Buck hydros. He was then assigned to guard duty at Ivanhoe and in 1944 became station operator.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Thomas is survived by his wife and one son.

R. E. Hodges Tells Of Company Role In Area Economy

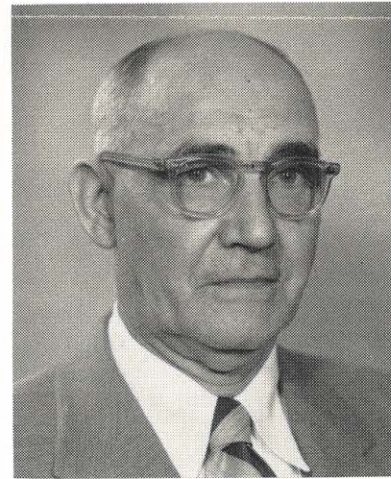
Coal's brighter outlook and Appalachian's contribution to area economy were major points covered in a talk June 5 before the annual Mullens Chamber of Commerce meeting by R. E. Hodges, assistant general manager.

Introduced by C. F. Mundy, area supervisor and president of the Mullens Chamber, Mr. Hodges traced Appalachian's early history in the Bluefield area and the close relationship between the power company and the coal industry. He pointed out that the power company is the state's biggest coal user and that new power plant units mean an increased amount of coal will be used as we continue to expand.

He said: "With our use of coal in generating plants to serve customers who are using coal in the form of electricity, it's obvious to see that we have a very real stake in the economy of the coal industry and, naturally, in the economy of this state that is so closely identified with King Coal."

He pointed out that the company "not only has a stake in aiding existing industry, but also must help in attracting new industry." He explained area development activities and the part played by the power company and the community in attracting new industry. In conclusion, he said that "we at Appalachian join you in looking for even more progress in the future" in the area.

Kenova Plant Vet Retires In July



Mr. Johnson

D. Floyd Johnson, Kenova plant employee in the Huntington district, retired July 1 after 32 years' service.

Employed March 21, 1924, he has worked as coal handler, special guard, watchman and janitor. He worked for Imperial Colliery Company in Kanawha County from 1907 to 1924.

Married, he has two daughters, one son, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. His retirement plans call for spending time with his hobbies of sports and fishing.

Upon retiring, Mr. Johnson said: "I certainly have enjoyed my service with the company and want to thank everyone very much for what has been done for me."

Beckley Parade Float Boasts Special Effects

The Beckley commercial department entered a float in the first Farmers' Day Parade recently.

The day recognized the area farmers and their work. The float included Jennie Gaziano, home economist, cooking on an electric range. Dry ice was used to give the effect of steam rising from the cooking food.

Hazard Man Is Electrocuted As Another Burned

One Hazard groundman was electrocuted and another seriously injured June 21 while stringing out wire for a new line at Millstone.



Mr. Ferguson

Killed was Lindsey B. Ferguson, Jr. In Memorial Hospital at Whitesburg with serious burns is Marvin Combs. "Sonny" Ferguson was employed as a groundman on April 13, 1948.

He graduated from Hazard High School before entering the Marine Corps June 1946 as a private. He was discharged February 16, 1948 as a corporal. His hobbies were wood-working and sports.

He is survived by his wife, Claudine; three children, Lindsey Bane III, 6; Jena Marion, 5; and Lillian Sue, 3. His father, L. B. Ferguson, Sr., is former Hazard plant supervisor and now employed in the system operating department at Sporn plant station. The elder Fergusons live at New Haven. Also surviving are two brothers, John and Bill, and a sister, Audrey.

Charleston Lineman Promoted To Foreman

Romeo E. Gulley, Charleston district lineman, has been promoted to working foreman of the T&D line section.

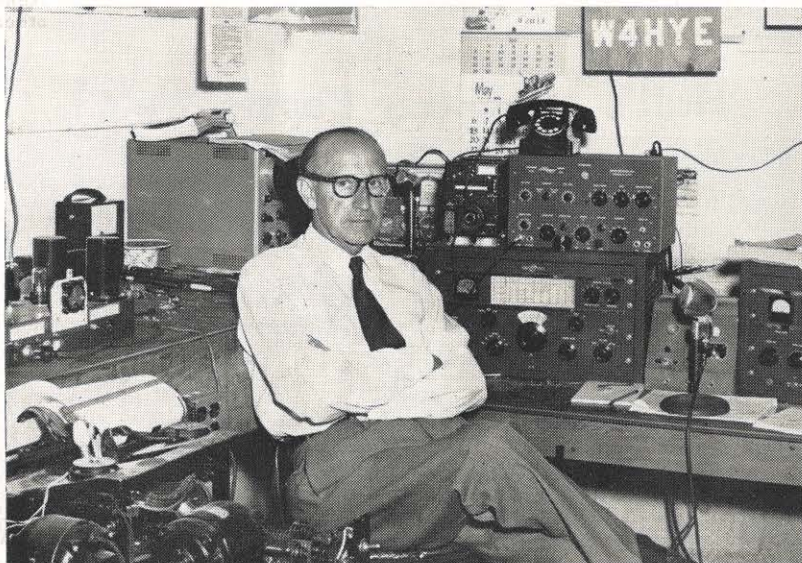
Mr. Gulley joined Appalachian in January 1946 as a groundman and became a lineman in April 1946. He advanced to lineman A in 1950.

He attended Montgomery High School and served with the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945. He is married and has one daughter and two sons. The Gulleys reside in Charleston.



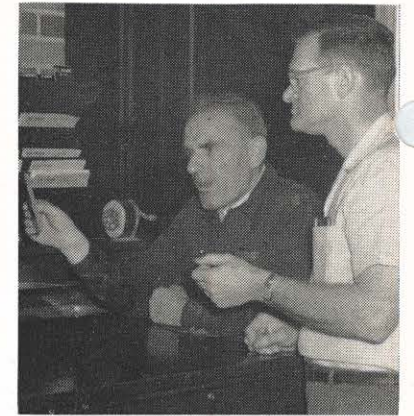
Mr. Gulley

Graham Claytor Adds To Radio Rig



Just about the first thing Graham Claytor did when he arrived at Claytor Lake recently was set his amateur radio rig into operation. The retired AGE vice president is now in the process of adding a radio teletype to his already extensive set-up. Doing his own work, he adds to or modernizes his outfit each year. He attributes much of his success in contacting other hams in and out of this country to his antenna set-up. He likes to explore new fields in ham radio and puts his tools and workshop to good use. Mr. Claytor's radio station and activities were featured in the February issue of "CQ Radio Magazine."

Foreign Visitor



American methods of operation get close study by Fima Edelman, foreign visitor at left. W. J. Buchanan, Jr., maintenance supervisor at Kanawha River plant, is explaining the work order system to Mr. Edelman who is maintenance supervisor for the Palestine Electric Company at Tel Aviv. The visitor, whose company serves a city of over 700,000 people, was particularly impressed with what he termed a well-organized company with clean and orderly working conditions. He felt that every man knew exactly what he was expected to do and carried out the assignment in a well-organized manner. Kanawha River plant also this year has been host to representatives from Formosa and Japan for study purposes.