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Sporn Plant Explosion Injures Two Seriously, Rips Out Section

Four employees were injured, two seriously, in an explosion July 18 at Philip Sporn plant. Damage estimated at \$450,000 is covered by insurance.

The explosion at 7:12 p. m., following a fire in a coal bunker, ripped out a section 21 feet high and 350 feet long across the front of the building. Falling masonry damaged parts of the office section.

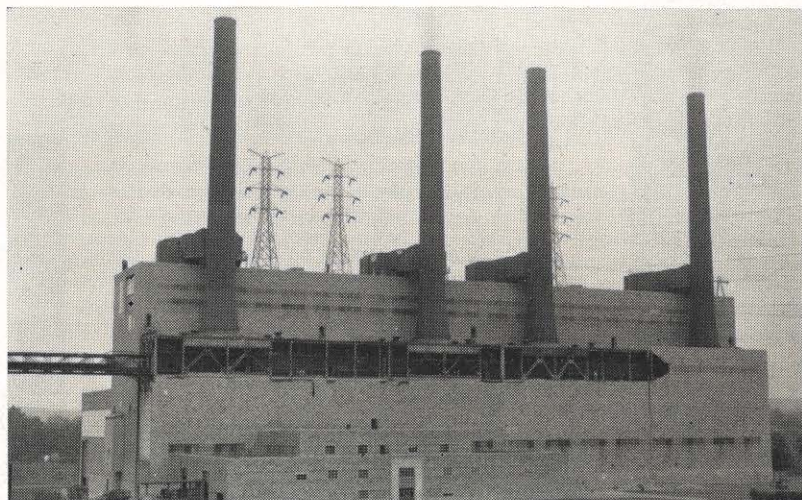
Two In Hospital

Continuing to improve from serious burns are Paul E. Huber, conveyor operator, and K. E. Carter, coal handler. They are recovering at Holzer Hospital in Gallipolis, Ohio. Not hospitalized for minor burns were Robert Parsons, auxiliary equipment operator, and Jack Frey, first assistant shift operating engineer. All four were working in the area at the time of the explosion.

The fire broke out in one of the plant's five-story coal bunkers where fuel is stored before it is pulverized. An accumulation of coal gas in the tripper room above the coal bunkers was apparently set off by hot coal in Unit 2 bunker.

Other Damage

The brick and tile blown out by the explosion fell through the face of the building



Damage caused by the explosion at Philip Sporn plant is seen by the torn out section, 21 feet high and 350 feet long. Although falling brick caused additional damage to the plant's office section, no units were lost.

the roof of the office section of the plant. Damaged were parts of the cafeteria, locker rooms, laboratory, storeroom and machine shop.

There were no employees in the immediate damaged areas because of the time of the accident. Sollitt Construction Company moved onto the job on July 21 to make repairs, estimated to take between three and four months, depending on the availability of steel.

Although a gapping hole was torn in the front side on the bunker room level, the plant continued to operate with no loss of units. There was no interruption of service to any customers as a result of the accident.

At the time of the explosion, two of Sporn plant's units continued to operate at full capacity. A third was reduced to half capacity and the fourth was out of service prior to the accident for maintenance.

Clinch River Plant Contract Awarded

Contract for construction of the 450,000-kw Clinch River plant at Carbo has been awarded Sollitt Construction Company of South Bend, Indiana.

Excavation for the new plant in Russell County was begun in June by Greene Construction Company. The plant, scheduled for completion in 1958, will cost an estimated \$55-million. It will have two identical units of 225,000 kilowatts capacity each.

Sollitt is now installing the new 225,000-kw generating unit at Glen Lyn plant.



Brick and tile blown out by the explosion fell through the roof of the maintenance shop, shown here, and other parts of the office section. The debris has been removed and work is underway on repairing the damage.

Brooks Is Officer Of Three Companies

Paul D. Brooks, AGE Service Corporation commercial vice president, has been elected a vice president of Appalachian, Kentucky and Kingsport.



Mr. Brooks

He was elected at the board meetings of the three companies June 28. At the same time Mr. Brooks also was elected a vice president of the three other operating electric utilities of the AGE System: I&M, Ohio Power and Wheeling Electric. The elections are subject to approval of the Federal Power Commission.

Mr. Brooks joined the AGE Service Corporation as commercial vice president in January 1954. He has been in the electric utility business for over 27 years.

New Safety Awards

Our three companies have been presented awards by the Edison Electric Institute for 1955 safety records.

The companies received Accident Frequency Reduction Awards "in recognition of the achievement by employees of a 25 per cent, or greater, reduction in accident frequency rates during the year 1955 as compared with the preceding three years."

The accident frequency rate is the number of disabling injuries per million manhours worked by company employees. Appalachian's accident frequency rate was down by 43 per cent and Kentucky's and Kingsport's were down by 100 per cent. Kentucky and Kingsport had no disabling injuries last year.

At Midyear Mark

Kentucky And Appalachian Are Pacemakers In C-I Sales

Kentucky strengthened its first-place lead at the end of six months of the year-long AGE Golden Anniversary Campaign, Commercial-Industrial Sales.

Leading the Exciter division of the campaign, Kentucky has 130.6 per cent of its quota, while Kingsport, in second place, has 73.1 per cent of quota. Wheeling Electric is in third.

Meanwhile, Appalachian has reached 99 per cent of its quota but is in second place behind I&M in the Generators division of Commercial-Industrial Sales. I&M has 122.4 per cent of quota. Ohio Power is third.

New Record Set

The six companies set a new one-month record in June for kilowatt sales. The combined kw total of the six was 50,385. The month has been called "the finest load-building period in all of our history." At the end of six months the companies need only 12,378 kw to reach the year's quota of 155,000. There has been an increase of 70 per cent of kw sales this year over the same period last year.

Space Heating Leaders

In another Commercial-Industrial contest, Appalachian and Kentucky lead the two divisions of the Space Heating Campaign at the halfway mark. Appalachian has achieved 91.8 per cent of its quota of space heating kw sales to lead the Generators. I&M is second and Ohio Power third.

Kentucky has 234.9 per cent of its quota to lead the Exciters, and Kingsport is second with 93.6 per cent. Wheeling is third.

The Commercial-Industrial Sales Campaign consists of four types of load builders: lighting, cooking, heating and air conditioning-ventilation. Kw sales on the AGE System in all of these have increased over the same period last year by these percentages: lighting—65.4 per cent; cooking—

32.6 per cent; heating—81 per cent; and air conditioning-ventilation—120.9 per cent.

New 330-Kv Line To Link AGE And Edison Systems

The nation's two largest private power systems in point of kilowatt-hour sales will be linked by a 330-kv transmission line.

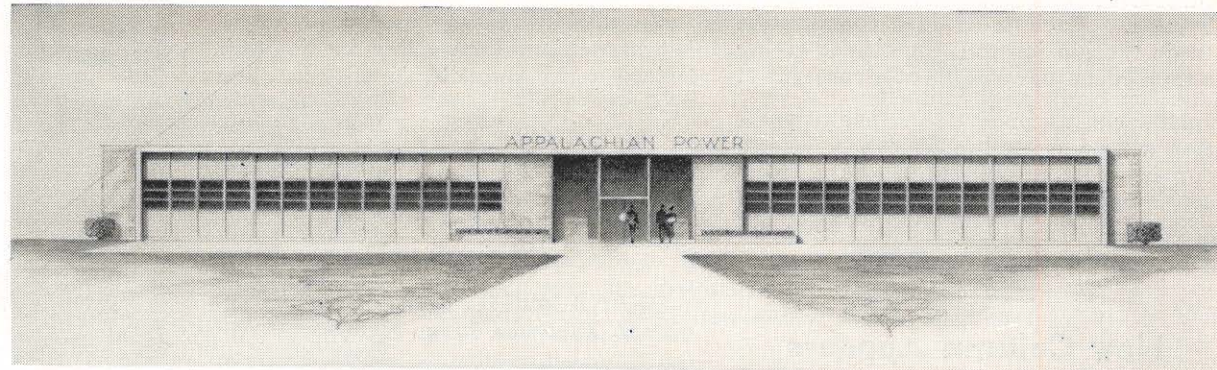
The companies are AGE and Commonwealth Edison. The 90-mile line and related facilities will cost an estimated \$25-million. The line will connect a new terminal at New Carlisle, Ind., to be built by Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, sister of our three companies, and a big new Edison distribution center, to be built at Goodings Grove near Orland Park, Ill.

The line will consist of six conductors, each 1 3/4 inches in diameter. Approximately 500 steel towers, most of them 145 feet high, will be needed to carry the conductors.

"The new line," Philip Sporn, president of AGE and our companies said, "will make possible the interchange of large blocks of emergency power between the AGE and Edison systems. The availability of such emergency power to these systems will be of great value in providing continuous service to their respective areas, which include many customers which are, in varying degrees, directly or indirectly engaged in the production of goods or services for national defense."

He cited such emergency conditions as during breakdown of major generation or transmission facilities, or maintenance of them, and during periods of abnormal demand.

New Office To Be Built At Point Pleasant



Point Pleasant district headquarters will look like this when completed.

A new office-service building will be built in Point Pleasant.

Contract for the construction of the district headquarters on Jefferson Boulevard has been let to the Sollitt Construction Company of South Bend, Indiana. Work should be finished in about a year.

Estimated to cost \$400,000, the 160 x 75-foot building will be on two levels. Offices will be on the

street level and service facilities on the lower level.

The street level floor will contain the accounting, commercial, engineering departments and district manager's office as well as auditorium and kitchen. The lower level will house a garage, line crew and servicemen's quarters, the storeroom, meter department and service facilities.

The new building will consolidate district operations under one roof.

At present, the company has two offices in downtown Point Pleasant and a storeroom on Ohio Street.

Heating and cooling will be provided by the electric heat pump. The building will be of brick and concrete construction on a structural steel framework. The front will be built of white enameled brick with colored porcelain panels. Pastel colors will be used on the building interior.

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Pattern of Progress

"Fifty Years of Progress in Electric Power" is the theme for AGE's anniversary this year. It's only natural that all employees reflect a bit on this progress.

American Gas and Electric Company has grown to a position of national prominence in the electric utility field in those 50 years. Why? Well, that's exactly what seven employees were asked. Their answers appear on this page.

Although their opinions vary somewhat, all reflect creditably on their impressions of factors that led AGE to success. Such expressions as "far-sighted planning," "relations with employees and public," "service," "aggressive salesmanship," "modern equipment," and "research" are repeated often.

The important thing is that they are aware of these factors and appreciate the contributions leading to that success and progress. What better challenge can be presented each of us than the heritage we now possess?

These past 50 years have seen so much development in the electric utility industry that our "old-timers" shake their heads and marvel at today's developments. Their keen appreciation of that 50 years of progress comes from the fact they saw much of that development and see the real contrast between the old and the new.

The devotion, sacrifices and attention given to each of our companies is directly reflected in the operations of the AGE System. Each individual contribution to do the job joins all the others, giving a total effect that we strive for constantly.

How can we build to another 50 years that will be as great? We can be firm in our belief that our contributions to a continuing pattern of progress will help make as much contrast between 2006 and 1956 as between 1956 and 1906.

New Column Appears

A new column, "Business Ticker Tape," appears for the first time in this issue of THE ILLUMINATOR. It features a few widely scattered business activities.

Some of these short items may be "old hat" by the time they appear, but others from various locations may be new and interesting. Employee interest is the foundation stone upon which the column will build, keeping in mind that it attempts to keep readers posted of business news of consequence in our four-state area. The first column appears on Page 3.

Your Opinion

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

What three factors contributed most to the success of our AGE System — now observing its 50th Anniversary?

M. G. SIMMONS, Truck Driver-Groundman, Point Pleasant District



As the company enters its 50th year, I can see the growth of the plants that produce sufficient power so that all may have the advantages of electric living. It has brought modern living not only to our towns and cities but to rural areas as well.

Our company today with its modern equipment guarantees a dependable supply of power, at all times, without major interruptions.

Today the company offers many more advantages to its employees. They have better hospital, life insurance and retirement benefits. Each employee is guaranteed security for future years.

I have always noticed that our company is interested in supporting everything designed for the social, economic and financial improvement of the communities it serves.

ELIZABETH RIDDLE, Secretarial-Stenographer, Pikeville District



To me the first and most important factor that has contributed most to the success of our system is its people or employees. They have had the vision and foresight to develop and expand a system of electric power distribution which 50 years ago undoubtedly offered many heartbreaking disappointments toward development.

The second factor would unquestionably be our customers who had confidence in our system's reliability and who consequently moved into our territory because they felt that their business would prosper in the seven-state area we serve.

Finally the atmosphere of honesty and integrity which surrounds us in our day-to-day business functions makes this not only a pleasant place to work but it attracts others of a similar nature to our system.

GRANT WHITE, Shift Operating Engineer, Kanawha River Plant



I believe the success of our AGE System is

due primarily to foresight, by anticipating the future need for increased electric power and the establishment of a long-range planning and building program.

Second, the ability to put into practice new ideas and modern equipment provides dependable and economical power for a vast number of satisfied customers.

Third, the fine relationship of AGE and its many employees means more efficient operation of the many plants now in operation.

I hope to see many more plants built in the next few years. Electric power is vital to every American today.

JOHN E. FAUST, Power Sales Engineer, Kingsport



In my opinion the three factors which contributed most to the success of our AGE System would be:

First, good management: far-sighted planning and sound financing have resulted in an adequate supply of dependable electric power always being available in the territory served by the AGE System.

Second, progressive engineering: continuing technological advances in the generation and transmission of electric power have kept electric service available at reasonable rates to customers in the AGE System.

Third, aggressive salesmanship: effective continuous load building activities have resulted in steadily increased power usage by customers in the AGE System as well as bringing in and developing new customers.

VIRGINIA MOTTICE, Private Secretary, System Operating



The ability of the men at the head of the AGE Companies to foresee the future needs of the system, communities and territory in order to be able to supply this need. This foresightedness is demonstrated by the current expansion program and the present research into nuclear science.

Reliable and low cost service rendered to its customers, made possible by constant study by their engineers in the design and building of plants, high and low voltage lines and stations to supply these demands with the cooperation of the operating people.

Employee relations maintained throughout

the period of years by our company, as well as good public relations and interest in civic affairs toward the betterment and development of communities.

J. J. ROSEBERRY, Area Supervisor, Abingdon District



The three factors which have contributed most to our AGE System are pioneering in engineering, public relations and employee relations.

Our company is well-managed and engineered in developing the latest methods in industry and contributed to the long-range planning in the atomic field. These unselfish contributions have benefited the nation, as a whole, as well as our company.

Our company renders efficient and courteous service to the public; the high standard of employees has contributed to community betterment as has their leadership in civic organizations, churches and schools of the community.

Our company policy of insurance, hospitalization, retirement and safe working conditions has greatly contributed to the high morale of our employees. Our company-employee relationship is unexcelled. I think these have greatly furthered our success.

MARY LOU WIRT, Cashier, Roanoke District



In my opinion, the three factors contributing most to the success of the our AGE System, now observing its 50th Anniversary, are:

1. Advanced program to supply ample service required by our consumers; cooperation with the dealers; load-building appliances, such as water heaters, ranges, dryers, washers and many other appliances used in the home; our collection agents in different parts of the city for the convenience of our customers.

2. Rural electrification to the farms, homes, small towns and isolated communities; construction of new plants; consolidation of the AGE operating companies; the sale of stocks and bonds; industrial, residential, commercial and street lighting. The heat pump is another step in progress for the future, as is the atomic age, coming into its own.

3. Competent personnel, devoted to his or her obligation to consumer and company. Each employee, whatever his job, may be a little spoke in the big wheel that makes AGE a success.

Reddy Goes To Camp

Basic Electricity Courses Taught 4-H'ers

"But it won't fit!"
 "Where does this piece go?"
 "Lookit! It's running!"

These are just a few complaints, questions and comments heard at every 4-H summer camp where employees teach youngsters the basics of electricity. Working with these 4-H groups is a vital function of the commercial departments of our three companies.

During the year these employees serve as instructors and advisors to boys and girls in the 4-H organization. They help the youngsters get practical experience in working with electricity, in handling it safely and in making electrical equipment.

So what do the youngsters do with this information? Throughout the year they take on electrical projects, ranging from making lamps—to completely wiring a house or farm building—to repairing and making electrical equipment.

Recent Examples

Two recent examples of our employees working with the 4-H'ers were summer camps in the Lynch-



Two Appalachian employees teach 4-H Club members how to put together a small electric motor. LEFT: John W. Griffiee of Charleston taught a class in wiring at Camp Fort Lee. He distributed small motor kits, used for the first time this year by the company in 4-H classes, to teach the students the principles of wiring. RIGHT: H. L. Candler of Lynchburg uses the same type kit in a summer camp at Holiday Lake. The 4-H'ers assembled the small parts, wound the field coil, added the armature and mounted the brushes on the commutator. The motor runs on a 1 1/2-volt cell.

burg and Charleston districts. H. L. Candler, Lynchburg agricultural sales engineer, was an instructor at the Holiday Lake summer camp of the Campbell County 4-H Clubs. During the camp 200 boys and girls were taught in swimming, photography, handicraft, electric motors, firearms, fishing and party planning.

The same sort of camp was held at Camp Fort Lee in Dunbar in the Charleston district. There 718 boys and girls of all ages attended classes at the camp. John W. Griffiee, heating and builder sales representative, and Paul C. Davis, engineering student, conducted classes in basic wiring principles and safety, plus a craft class where the student made lamps. Several home economists were on hand

to teach cooking.

Paul Davis is a "graduate" 4-H'er, having won national honors in the National 4-H Farm and Home Electrical Contest in 1954 for conducting a basic wiring class which was considered the best 4-H project in the state and one of the best in the nation. He has been a summer employee for two years and is an electrical engineering student at West Virginia University.

Sporn Man Writes Article

Harry Hoffman, Philip Sporn labor foreman, had an article in the June 25 issue of "Electrical World." The article was entitled "Spud Aids Clinker Removal."

Koontz Again Heads Rural Safety Council

L. L. Koontz again heads the Virginia Rural Safety Council for the coming year. The system rural and residential sales supervisor was re-elected chairman at a recent state meeting in Roanoke. The council is made up of representatives of all agricultural groups and others working with farmers and rural people.



Mr. Koontz

Mr. Koontz holds the State FFA Degree and is a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, Chamber of Commerce, Hidden Valley Country Club, Elks Club and Second Presbyterian Church. He has served as an officer in several farm electrification councils and associations in the Virginias.

The VPI graduate joined the company in 1930 at Bluefield as an agricultural engineer. After serving in Bluefield and Pulaski in several positions, he came to Roanoke as system rural sales supervisor in 1947 and moved up to his present position in 1952. He is married and the father of three children.

Father-Son Operate Modern Dairy



The slogan "untouched by human hands" really applies at the Rich Dairy farm near Bluefield, Va. Milk comes from the cow to the consumer entirely by machines, electrically operated. Operating the farm are M. E. Rich, left, Bluefield record supervisor, and son, Neal, who is the husband of Iris Rich, clerk-stenographer in the commercial department. The milking parlor was built this year and accommodates two cows. The milk flows directly from the cow to the can in the refrigeration equipment through stainless steel and clear plastic tubes. The milk from 24 cows is sold in bulk to a local milk company.

Final Unit Overhauled At Sporn



The last of the four units at Philip Sporn plant was scheduled to return to service August 1 after a general overhaul. The other three units have been off at various times since the first of the year, usually four weeks at a time, for similar work. The last one, Unit 3, was taken off June 30. LEFT: Four employees dismantle the high pressure turbine. From the left they are George Bush, helper; Charles Yeager, master maintenance man; Homer Gordon, master maintenance man; and James Bearhs, helper.

RIGHT: Transformers were also overhauled during the outage. Shown doing this work from left: Frank Titus, maintenance foreman; Don Rea, maintenance man; John McDaniels, master maintenance man; and Ferris Justice, maintenance man. Work on Unit 3 included the replacing of a spill strip holder on the high pressure turbine, rebuilding both ash hoppers, repairing casing leaks, installing 16 IR wall slag blowers and numerous jobs on the auxiliary equipment.



Huntington will serve as the C. & O. Railway's freight car movement information center. This is the first such center ever operated by the railway which has bought the Chafin Building for center headquarters. The company for the past year has been installing a Univac system in Cleveland, and the new car information center will transmit freight data directly to that center.

Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation will expand its Institute plant near Charleston at an estimated cost of \$1 million to double production facilities for polyethylene.

Far-reaching plans are under way for an airport of commercial size to be located near Dublin, Virginia, on Route 100. Mayors and representatives from eight area towns met recently in Pulaski to lay foundation plans.

Kaiser Aluminum Company's plant near Ravenswood went into operation recently, producing the first coil of aluminum foil laminated to paper for use in cigarette packages. This initial production marks the beginning of what will become a major operation. Ground has been broken and construction started on the reduction plant adjacent to the rolling mill.

Fourteen Kingsport homes started recently are slated to have all-electric heat, according to residential building permits.

General Electric's Industrial Control Division plant near Roanoke has added 1,843-kw in load for air conditioning, ventilation, heating and lighting.

In a recent \$33 million increase in tax valuation on utilities doing business in West Virginia, Appalachian became the state's second largest taxpayer behind C. & O. Railway. Appalachian paid taxes last year on a valuation in West Virginia of \$97 million, increased \$5 million this year to total \$102 million. C. & O. has an assessment of \$108,500,000.

Appalachian extended service on July 3 to the Old Dominion Power Company's St. Paul station. A 10-year contract was negotiated for sale of power to Old Dominion, a subsidiary of Kentucky Utilities, which serves part of Wise County.

The Garrard Coal Company plans to install a 300-kw converter to produce about 800 tons of coal per day at their mine on Hal's Fork in Leslie County, Hazard district.

Slated for Floyd, Virginia, is an 18,800 square foot building to house Maid Best Garment Company. The Floyd Development Corporation has been working with the manufacturer of inexpensive ladies' garments.

Fieldale district has taken over and rebuilt the Stanleytown distribution system in Henry County. This means adding 100 new customers, 83 residential and 17 commercial.

E. L. Rasnake Elected To Cleveland Council

Eugene L. Rasnake, Abingdon district groundman, was recently elected to the Cleveland Town Council. He was a write-in candidate.

Married, he has been an employee since March 1949.

Jones Gets New Post In Area Development

James E. Jones, Roanoke division electrical engineer, has been promoted to the new position of division area development representative.

In his new position he will assist in the promotion of area and industrial development in both the Roanoke and Bluefield divisions. He will work closely with Chambers of Commerce, civic organizations and other groups interested in the economic development of the Roanoke, Lynchburg, Fieldale, Bluefield, Pulaski, Abingdon and Welch districts.



Mr. Jones

Mr. Jones is the second division area development representative. Last month's issue of THE ILLUMINATOR carried the story on the promotion of Jack Lloyd, former Montgomery area supervisor in the Charleston district, to the new position for the Charleston and Huntington divisions.

Joining the company in 1941, Mr. Jones served over three years in the Air Force during World War II, part of the time in India. For several years he has been working in the division engineering department.

A leader in community affairs, he has been president of the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce and vice president of the state Jaycee organization. He was recently appointed chairman of Roanoke's 1957 March of Dimes campaign in which he has been active for five years.

He also has served in Community Fund, Red Cross and YMCA drives. He served two years on the executive committee of Employ The Physically Handicapped and is a past board member of the 200 Club.

Former young people's director and Sunday School teacher at Huntington Court Methodist Church, he is now a member of the board of stewards at South Roanoke Methodist Church where he also is an assistant teacher and secretary of the Men's Club. He is married and the father of an 18-month-old daughter.

Charlestonian Heads Accountants Group

E. C. "Cliff" Flannery, Charleston division administrative assistant, has been elected president of the Kanawha Valley Accountants Association.



Mr. Flannery

A member of the organization for seven years, he has also served as assistant secretary - treasurer, secretary - treasurer and vice president. The organization is composed of bankers, lawyers and businessmen of various industries in the valley who meet and review their mutual business problems. One of the chief functions of the group is to head up all accounting for the annual community chest drive.

Mr. Flannery is also a member of the Charleston Civitan Club. A veteran of 21 years service with the company at Huntington, Logan, Roanoke and Charleston, he is married and the father of two sons and a daughter.



Roanoke District

Marion P. Paitsel, area sales representative, has been promoted to first lieutenant in the Army Reserve.

New employees include Scott Haskins, tracer; Claudine Riely, junior accounting clerk; Martha Ann Woolwine, junior accounting clerk; and L. E. Ferguson, Jr., part-time junior accounting clerk.

R. B. Creasey, junior contract clerk, has resigned.

W. B. Fulcher, division payroll clerk, recently became a Gallon Club member.

Lynchburg District

Sympathy is extended E. L. Sutor, Jr., local office manager, on the death of his daughter, and Baxter McIntosh, meter supervisor, on the death of his brother-in-law.

John W. Wingfield, junior T&D clerk, has resigned.

System

New employees include Katherine L. Matney, Frank J. Clingenpeel and Robert A. Hutchens, system civil engineering; Sattis G. Landis, system operating at Kanawha station; Perry W. Miller, Jr., system operating at Switchback station; Herbert F. Sayre, system operating at Sporn station; Lindy B. Heptinstall, system station; James R. Bowman, system accounting; and Gloria Ganske, system purchasing.

Employees who have resigned include Adrene Palmer, R. N. Williams and Ivadell Hunter, system accounting; Nancy C. Hall, system civil engineering; and James E. Hunter, Jr., system station.

Sympathy is extended A. D. Stockton, Jr., system station, on the death of his mother, and John H. Campbell, system station, on the death of his father.

E. C. Rankin, system station supervising engineer, has been appointed a member of the committee on substations for the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.



Williamson District

District employees held their annual picnic July 28 at Mingo County Country Club. Woodrow Holbrook was food chairman and E. L. Bevins was recreation chairman.

Mrs. G. B. Trent, wife of the electrical engineer, is recuperating at home after a lobectomy.

Florence Murphy, commercial, held a buffet dinner at her home recently honoring Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shelton, newlyweds. Mrs. Shelton, the former Alberta DeWese, is a managerial department employee.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King on the death of her brother, and Myrtle Bevins on the death of her grandfather.

Sympathy is also extended Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Peyton on the death of her brother.

Patsy Ruth Varney is a new commercial employee.

Irene Kirchman has resigned from commercial.



Logan Plant

Mary Pete, daughter of Coy E. Marshall, chief dispatcher, has returned from Girls' State where she was a delegate sponsored by the DAR Princess Aracoma Chapter.

L. C. Houchins, Jr., plant personnel supervisor, has been re-appointed industrial representative of the Logan County Rehabilitation Council.

Sympathy is extended Arden Garrett, turbine operator, on the death of his mother-in-law.

S. S. Hunter, control operator, has returned to work after recovering from more than a months illness caused by active ulcers.

Logan District

Caleb L. White, janitor, recently received a pin for becoming a two-gallon blood donor. Dallas Kinser, station man, and Mildred Hannah, personnel, were recent gallon donors.

J. B. Tucker, assistant stores supervisor, was recently appointed appraiser for the Veterans Administration.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Jackson have returned from Florida where she was recovering from a serious brain operation. Mr. Jackson is stores supervisor.

The Appa-Lassies were recent guests of Eunice Fitzgibbon, local accounting, at her home for a cook-out. A swimming and dancing party was also recently held by the club.

Huntington District

Laura S. Collins, T&D employee, has been elected historian of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 16.

Mrs. R. T. Hibner, wife of the district record supervisor, is a co-chairman of the bazaar sponsored by the Woman's Club. Mrs. C. H. Campbell, wife of the assistant system billing supervisor, is on the telephone committee.

H. D. Stillman, division manager, wrote a guest editorial for *The Advertiser* in Huntington, calling for (See Huntington, Page 5)



The annual company picnic was held recently at Warriors' Path State Park with 400 persons attending. Entertainment featured bingo, horseback and pony rides, miniature golf and boating.

Seventy fifth and sixth graders from Dunbar Elementary School of Johnson City toured the Holston Station on a one-day visit to Kingsport.

Fred S. LaRue, area sales representative, represented the American Legion on a float in the July 4th parade.

Sympathy is extended Edward R. Barrett, Jr., meter department, on the death of his father, and Clarence J. Bryan, assistant general manager, on the death of his mother.



Philip Sporn Plant

New employees include Robert L. Sayre and Jack L. Pickens, laborers, and Donnal M. Duncan, test engineer.

Sympathy is extended Leonard Roush, maintenance helper, on the death of his mother, and John Ferguson, laborer, on the death of his brother.

Sympathy is also extended Emma Forthe, bookkeeper, on the death of her foster father.

Earl Q. Teaford, assistant chief chemist, has resigned.

Charles E. Hannum, laborer, has returned to work after a month's recuperation from a ruptured disc.

Point Pleasant District

Ann Bartlett, a new home economist, Betsy Miller, student home economist, and Eugene Sterrett conducted cooking and lamp-making classes during the Mason County 4-H Camp.

Mary L. Walker, cashier clerk, is recuperating at home after hospital treatment for Bright's Disease.

James L. Darby, agricultural engineer, has been appointed deputy district governor of District 29A, West Virginia Lions International. He was formerly zone chairman.

Beckley District

The Appaleisure Club held a wienner roast for 75 employees and their guests recently. Swimming, fishing, croquet and other games were part of the program.

P. W. Burks, residential and rural sales supervisor, has been elected chairman of the Beckley Area Rural Development Council's Country Life Commission. He and Waldo S. LaFon, district manager, attended the Southeastern Community Development Association meeting at the University of Tennessee.

W. E. Mitchell, line supervisor and chairman of the Beckley Lions Club "Slow Down And Live" campaign, has been awarded a certificate for outstanding service rendered during the campaign in helping prevent accidents.

New employees include Mrs. Ann Lilly, T&D engineering, and Kathryn Lam Craft, Oak Hill area home economist.

Sympathy is extended Eloise Pierce, T&D meter, on the death of her father.

Cabin Creek Plant

R. E. Morrison, test engineer, was elected secretary of the Pratt Lions Club and C. B. Burner, plant personnel supervisor, was elected secretary of the East Bank Lions Club.

E. D. "Preacher" Jarrell, electrical maintenance man, and his wife

Thoma, Charleston office employee, received serious injuries in an automobile accident near Kingsport, Tenn., when they were returning from a vacation. Mrs. Jarrell remains in the hospital and Mr. Jarrell has been discharged.

Sympathy is extended William A. Martin, relief operator, on the death of his father, and C. G. Coughlin, plant manager, on the death of his sister.

Sympathy is also extended Donald E. Weaver, temporary laborer, on the death of his father.

Kanawha River Plant

S. A. Brown and C. W. Crawford are new coal handling employees.

About 255 persons attended the plant's annual picnic co-sponsored by the company and the Appakan Club. There were horseshoes, softball, sack racing, rolling pia throwing, pony riding, volleyball, balloon contests and swimming at the picnic.

Charleston District

Mrs. Jack Matheny, wife of the commercial department employee, was installed secretary of the Clendenin Garden Club.

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Ashland District

New employees include Lois Marushi, Carole S. Ison and Donald L. Forrest, junior accounting clerks; Maurine Friel, junior purchasing clerk; and Jack Taylor Pauley, meter reader.

Employees who have resigned include Nancy I. Eads and Hugh F. Eads, accounting; Amy Watts, commercial; and Janet Buyalos, purchasing.

Sympathy is extended Charles Pope, main accounting, on the death of his brother.

Hazard District

Bill Ferguson is a new transportation employee.

Sympathy is extended the Earl Smith family on the death of their infant son, and the K. C. Brashear family on the death of their grandmother.

R. E. Doyle, vice president and general manager, and F. M. Baker, assistant general manager, were honored at a recent district dinner.

Pikeville District

New employees include Biddie Worley, home economist, and James Hobson Rodman, engineering.

Patty Ricketts, junior accounting clerk, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Allen Blackburn, auto repairman, on the death of his wife.



Pulaski District

Lorene Parks Nester, recent bride, was honored at a recent dinner party by women employees. The group presented gifts to Mrs. Nester.

James J. Duncan, record supervisor, who was in the hospital for almost three months, is now recuperating at home.

Mrs. G. C. McCall, widow of Mack McCall, retired employee, is recuperating at home after a kidney infection and gall bladder operation. She is the mother of Opal Newland and Bruce McCall, Pulaski employees.

R. E. Lowe, Galax lineman, is recovering from bad burns about the legs and hips suffered when a spark ignited a jug of gasoline on his back porch.

Sympathy is extended D. B. Smith, engineering, on the death of his mother, and Fred M. Bennington, commercial, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Mildred W. Martin is a new Galax employee.

Welch District

Robert A. Gilmore, Switchback station operator, has returned to work after a three-month illness.

G. W. Steadham, Pocahontas meter serviceman, is recuperating at home after surgery. He has been off almost three months.

Sympathy is extended Jack D. Martin, Pineville, on the death of his grandfather.

Bluefield District

Elsie Heifner, division commercial, was a delegate from the Bluefield chapter to the National Secretaries Association (International) convention in Detroit. Mary Ruth Whittington, system transmission line, was alternate delegate. Miss Heifner is president of the local chapter and Miss Whittington is secretary.

James M. Loyd, utility clerk, attended the Imperial Council of the A.A.O.N.M.S. Shrine in Detroit as a member of the Bluefield Patrol Auxiliary Unit of Beni Kedem Temple.

Earl A. Jackson, Jr., head bookkeeper, was recently elected second vice president of the Princeton Jaycees.

C. B. Yearout, division personnel supervisor, served on a state committee preparing a textbook on conservation for use by teachers of grades one to twelve.

Abingdon District

Joe E. Collins, district residential and rural sales supervisor, has been made a registered professional agricultural engineer in the State of Virginia.

Barbara Anne Winter replaces Barbara Ann Connelly, who resigned, as home economist.

L. C. Valley, area supervisor, was re-elected to the board of directors of the Gate City Civitan Club.

James White, commercial manager, was elected vice president of the Abingdon Chamber of Commerce. He was also appointed to the industrial committee, and Rufus Bondurant, district superintendent, was re-appointed to the natural resources committee.

Service Anniversaries Marked By 20 Vets



Veterans of our three companies who have received pins for 20 or more years' service in recent weeks are pictured above. **FIRST ROW**, from left, all 30 years: Benjamin C. Cook, Lynchburg; Lawrence R. Hudson, Lynchburg; J. W. Roach, Charleston; Verdie E. Linkenhoker, Roanoke; and B. E. Burnette, Roanoke. **SECOND ROW**, from left: V. E. Callihan, Abingdon, 30 years; A. Roy Guthrie, system, 30 years; Wilma A. Melrose, Huntington, 25 years; F. M. Baker, Ashland, 25 years; and E. E. Echols, Roanoke,

25 years. **THIRD ROW**, from left: Raymond C. Reynolds, Lynchburg, 25 years; J. W. Proffitt, Kingsport, 20 years; R. B. McKenzie, Glen Lyn plant, 20 years; J. B. Vest, Glen Lyn plant, 20 years; and C. H. Thompson, Glen Lyn plant, 20 years. **FOURTH ROW**, from left, all 20 years: J. W. Scholtens, Hazard; B. N. Kidd, Pulaski; O'Neal Amos, Pulaski; C. O. Weise, system; and J. E. Vines, Beckley.

Charleston . . . (Continued from Page 4)

About 60 women employees from the district and Kanawha River and Cabin Creek plants held their annual wiener roast recently. Highlight of the affair was a "White Elephant Exchange."

Mrs. M. D. Prowse, wife of the T&D line foreman, was the winner of the monthly safety slogan contest.

Retired employee Walter Stricklen is moving from Charleston to Florida due to his wife's illness.

New employees include Isaac Canterbury, T&D meter; Robert Mitchell, station; Robert Gillispie and Donald Hundley, T&D line section; Judith Powers, commercial; and Bonnie Means, division payroll.

Employees who have resigned include Lilyan Dobson, commercial; Barbara Westfall, division payroll; and Homer R. Slack, part-time meter reader.

Sympathy is extended Jack Jarrett, Marmet hydro plant employee, on the death of his father, and Ernest Kavinsky, Whitesville commercial, on the death of his sister.

Sympathy is also extended J. C. King, groundman, on the death of his mother.

Sandra Waggy, personnel clerk-stenographer, placed second in the 17th annual convention beauty pageant of the Middle Atlantic Florists Association.

Sylbia Hinchman, home service director, is a judge in the annual

Gazette cook book recipe contest which started July 1.

Mrs. Thoma Jarrell, Charleston accounting, and her husband, E. D. "Preacher", Cabin Creek plant electrical maintenance man, received serious injuries in an automobile accident when they were returning from a vacation. Mrs. Jarrell remains in the hospital and Mr. Jarrell has been discharged.

Ohio Still Leads

At the half-way mark in the 1956 AGE Division Safety Contest, Ohio Power's Eastern division continued to lead. Eastern won last year's contest.

Roanoke division was in fourth place and Bluefield in seventh place for the only divisions in the Southern Properties to seriously challenge the leaders.

System Employees Win Jaycee Prizes



Two Roanoke system employees won weekly prizes in the recent Roanoke Jaycee Dream Home Contest. Mrs. Virginia Phillips, system accounting, left, is shown with a chair from the dining room suite she won in one of the 18 weekly contests. C. Richard Lovegrove, public relations, looks at the 21-inch television console he won. Mrs. Phillips' mother won an electric freezer as another weekly prize. Prizes were awarded on the basis of the best fourth line to a jingle each week.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—30 YEARS: V. E. CALLIHAN, area serviceman; 15 YEARS: JOHN F. ELGIN, draftsman; 10 YEARS: JAMES M. ORR, station man.

Beckley District—20 YEARS: J. E. VINES, line foreman; 10 YEARS: M. C. DWORNICK, engineering aide; C. H. MANN, draftsman.

Bluefield District—15 YEARS: P. H. FRY, area serviceman, Princeton; E. W. MEADOR, radio engineer; 10 YEARS: C. W. HEDRICK, truck driver-groundman.

Charleston District—30 YEARS: J. W. ROACH, area serviceman; 15 YEARS: D. H. CALDWELL, head material clerk; 10 YEARS: T. P. HULL, lineman; L. C. SHAFFER, lineman; E. L. SPENCER, truck driver-groundman; J. G. POWELL, station man; P. F. CURRY, meter serviceman; J. C. FRAZIER, safety supervisor; 5 YEARS: CLAYTON STARCHER, JR., meter service helper; BARBARA WESTFALL, junior payroll clerk; W. P. MCDONOUGH, lineman; R. J. FAIRFIELD, electrical engineer.

Glen Lyn Plant—20 YEARS: C. H. THOMPSON, boiler operator; J. B. VEST, boiler operator; R. B. MCKENZIE, boiler operator; 15 YEARS: E. B. COMER, boiler operator; 5 YEARS: M. H. LEONARD, guard.

Huntington District—35 YEARS: CHARLES ELAM, service foreman; 25 YEARS: WILMA A. MELROSE, senior power billing clerk; 10 YEARS: ETHEL L. HYLDAHL, draftsman; 5 YEARS: MAURICE H. COTTLE, junior PBX operator.

Logan Plant—35 YEARS: ELIAS ADAMS, boiler operator; 15 YEARS: NORMAN JOHNSON, JR., mechanical maintenance helper; 5 YEARS: W. G. MATTHEWS, plant engineer; OPAL P. WHITE, secretarial-stenographer.

Lynchburg District—35 YEARS: HARRY C. METTS, line foreman; 30 YEARS: BENJAMIN C. COOK, material clerk; LAWRENCE R. HUDSON, personnel assistant; 25 YEARS: Raymond C. Reynolds, station man helper; 15 YEARS: CHARLES D. ROSS, line inspector.

Point Pleasant District—10 YEARS: W. F. MACHIR, head T&D clerk.

Pulaski District—20 YEARS: O'NEAL AMOS, administrative assistant; BRADIE N. KIDD, area serviceman; 10 YEARS: GERALD G. ROSEBERRY, head material clerk; DURWARD B. SMITH, junior T&D clerk; PAUL L. SOWERS, lineman; 5 YEARS: J. C. BUCKNER, meter reader.

Roanoke District—40 YEARS: A. H. FIREBAUGH, meter serviceman; 30 YEARS: VERDIE E. LINKENHOKER, senior contract entry and final bill clerk; B. E. BURNETTE, line foreman; 25 YEARS: E. E. ECHOLS, division radio engineer; 10 YEARS: T. W. ABSHIRE, meter serviceman.

Philip Sporn Plant—5 YEARS: OSCAR L. LEONARD, auxiliary equipment operator; HARLAN H. WEHRUNG, auxiliary equipment operator; DALLAS A. CADLE, auxiliary equipment operator; IRA R. MULFORD, auxiliary equipment operator; DWIGHT R. WALLACE, auxiliary equipment operator; RAYMOND L. COLE, auxiliary equipment operator; WILLIAM R. JOHNSTON, test engineer; ROBERT H. EASON, test engineer; WILLIAM H. KING, instrument maintenance man; JOHN W. TAYLOR, maintenance man.

System—35 YEARS: RUSSELL M. KIRK, system senior meter engineer; 30 YEARS: A. R. GUTHRIE, consumers billing supervisor, system accounting; GLADA B. FLEISHMAN, secretarial-stenographer, system accounting; 20 YEARS: C. O. WEISE, regional dispatcher, system operating; 5 YEARS: B. L. SAUL, site ledger posting clerk, system accounting; BARBARA J. POWELL, clerk-stenographer, system R/e & R/w; H. H. JOHNSON, JR., boiler operator; Radford Arsenal steam plant.

Welch District—15 YEARS: ELIZABETH R. POWELL, secretarial-stenographer.

Williamson District—15 YEARS: F. E. VARNEY, line foreman; 5 YEARS: VIRGINIA STAFFORD, junior bookkeeper.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District—25 YEARS: F. M. BAKER, assistant general manager; 15 YEARS: EDWARD J. HUMPHREY; 10 YEARS: JOHN PAUL CAINES.

Hazard District—20 YEARS: J. W. SCHOLTENS, assistant manager; 15 YEARS: BEARL K. EWEN, lineman; 10 YEARS: ARNETT STRONG, draftsman.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

20 YEARS: J. W. PROFFITT, general serviceman; 5 YEARS: HOWARD G. BROOKS, groundman; JAMES W. OVERBEY, meter serviceman.

Huntington . . . (Continued from Page 4)

city planning commission aid to speed city growth. It was one of a series of guest editorials by prominent Huntington personalities. Mr. Stillman was also recently elected to the Board of Trustees of the United Fund.

S. R. Pritchard, district manager, has been re-elected treasurer of the Tri-State Area Boy Scouts Council.

New system billing employees include Rebecça Farmer, Betty Lemley

and Helen L. Plymale.

Barbara Thompson has resigned from system billing.

Active and retired employees of the district and division and their guests held their annual picnic recently. Recreation included tennis, badminton, volleyball, three-legged race, rolling pin toss, pennies in sawdust, egg toss, fishing and round and square dancing. Box lunches were served to about 400 persons.

During Replacement Work

Mud In Byllesby Forebay Gives Up Secrets



Roy Easter descends into the water at Byllesby hydro to fasten a cable around a log lodged in the mud against the trash rack bars. In the left foreground is the pontoon used for supporting the jetting nozzles and in center is a stiff-leg boom to carry the hoist cable. The two men at the right are standing in a barge used to haul away trash and debris.

The mud at Pulaski district's Byllesby hydro is giving up its secrets to employees who are cleaning out the forebay to prepare for more work.

Dredging of the mud is turning up all sorts of objects, including logs, tires, boats, trees, cross ties and many other items. When the mud is cleared, new trash rack bars will be installed on the plant generator intakes.

This will be the first time since the plant was built in 1911-12 that the trash rack bars have been replaced. The work is being done under the direction of King Mustard and E. L. Shaw, Jr. of the Byllesby plant, assisted by A. D. Clark, district superintendent, and Paul J. Johnson, system hydro engineer.

The crew is washing away the silt

by using a high pressure pump which supplies water to a nozzle that jets away the mud and debris which has lodged against the rack bars, cutting

Welch Engineer Is Lions State Official

Richard H. Ruff, Welch senior power sales engineer, was elected governor of District 29-W of Lions International of West Virginia at a Beckley convention. There are 64 clubs in his district which extends from Ceredo-Kenova to White Sulphur Springs.



Mr. Ruff

In the past 10 years he served in four positions in the Welch Lions, including president, and held posts in the state organization, including deputy district governor. He was employed in 1938 and has worked as clerk, rural solicitor, engineer, civil engineer, distribution engineer and electrical engineer. He was promoted to his present position in April 1955.

An Army veteran with three years' service in World War II, he attended Elkhorn public schools and graduated from the Washington and Lee University engineering school. He is a member of the vestry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and has been active in Scout work and Welch Little League baseball, serving as president for four years.

AGE Annual Report Wins Another Award

The 1955 annual report of the American Gas and Electric Company has received a merit award from *Financial World* magazine in its preliminary judging to determine the nation's best annual reports.

This is the 12th consecutive year in which the AGE report has been thus cited. The award qualifies the AGE annual report for the finals in both its own public utility holding company category and for the all-industry competition. More than 5,000 reports were examined in the preliminary screening.

The AGE annual report had previously won top award in the 17th Annual Report Contest sponsored by Reddy Kilowatt, Inc.

down the efficiency of the generator turbines. The nozzles are carried on a special pontoon which moves back and forth across the forebay. Two-inch pipe on a frame is raised and lowered to place the jets in contact with the mud.

Roy Easter of Ravenswood, a diver who does a lot of work at our plants and hydros, has been going down to place a cable around the heavy objects embedded in the mud. These objects, badly deteriorated by the mud, are hoisted. Each time the cable comes up, the mud gives up another secret.

Employee Is Leader Of Princeton Club

Earl Graham, Bluefield division radio engineer, has been elected president of the Princeton Lions Club.



Mr. Graham

He has held other offices in the club, including lion tamer and third, second and first vice presidents. He has been chairman of several committees, including the Christmas Salvation Army Toy Drive in 1955. He attended the last state convention as a delegate and will be a delegate this year to the International Convention at Miami Beach, Fla.

Mr. Graham joined the company in Bluefield as an engineer April 16, 1949 and was promoted to radio engineer February 1, 1950.

Clintwood PTA Elects L. C. Thomas President

Lewis C. Thomas, area sales representative in the Abingdon district, was elected president of the Clintwood PTA.



Mr. Thomas

Employed in October 1948 in local accounting, he transferred in March 1952 to the commercial department as clerk. He was promoted to his present position in February 1955.

He is married and the father of a son and daughter.

Major Work Done On Boilers At Kanawha

The two units at Kanawha River plant have been returned to service after major repair work to the boiler of each unit.

And while Babcock & Wilcox, designer and builder of the boilers, was doing the work on them, plant maintenance employees were working on the turbo-generators, boilers and auxiliaries, main transformers and electrical auxiliaries.

During the outage the drum internals were revised to increase circulation through the screen tubes. Sections of tubing in the secondary super-heater were replaced and thermocouples installed. Changes were made to the reheater sections to relieve stresses.

Unit No. 1 was overhauled in June and Unit No. 2 in July. The plant went back in full operation on July 9.

Changes Made By Beckley Personnel



Mr. Griffith

Mr. Pomykata

Changes involving three employees have been made in the Beckley district. O. C. Hall, Oak Hill area supervisor, has been promoted to Charleston district power engineer, and R. R. Griffith, Rainelle area supervisor, succeeds Mr. Hall. Lloyd F. Pomykata, electrical engineer, succeeds Mr. Griffith.

Mr. Hall joined the company



Mr. Hall

June 12, 1950 as an engineer trainee in Roanoke. He went to Beckley as power sales engineer January 1, 1951 and became junior distribution engineer February 16, 1951. He became area supervisor at Rainelle on January 1, 1953 and later moved to Oak Hill in the same capacity.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky with a degree in electrical engineering, he is a state-registered professional engineer and a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, the Oak Hill Rotary Club and the Oak Hill Chamber of Commerce. He is married and has two daughters.

Mr. Griffith came with the company June 6, 1949 as an engineer trainee in Roanoke and went to Beckley January 1, 1950 as a junior distribution engineer. On October 1, 1953 he became an electrical engineer and on June 16, 1954 was promoted to Rainelle area supervisor.

A graduate of West Virginia University with a degree in electrical engineering, Mr. Griffith is a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers and is president of the Rainelle Rotary Club. He is married and has a son.

Mr. Pomykata joined the company September 14, 1953 as a distribution engineer and went to electrical engineer October 1, 1953. He is also a graduate electrical engineer of West Virginia University.

40-Year Pin Goes To Roanoke Vet



Mr. Firebaugh

A. H. Firebaugh, Roanoke district meter serviceman, completed 40 years' service July 5.

A native of Botetourt County, he joined the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company, Appalachian predecessor, in 1916 at the age of 18 as a meter installer. He worked a short time with the Norfolk and Western Railway before coming with the company.

Mr. Firebaugh has seen the Roanoke district grow from 6,000 to 55,000 customers and remembers how working conditions were then as compared to today. He recalls how he had to ride the trolley with a coil of wire, meter and other equipment to give customers service. He worked 12 hours a day, six days a week.

Mr. Firebaugh's main interests are his work, entertaining his three grandchildren and hunting.

Home Economist Heads Beckley B&W Club

Jennie Gaziano, Beckley home economist, is the new president of



Miss Gaziano

the Raleigh Business and Professional Woman's Club. Chairman of the finance committee last year, she is a graduate of West Virginia University and a member of the state and national Home Economics Association.

She was first employed as home economist in 1952 and resigned in 1955. She returned in March.

Swing Your Partner



Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brendel lead the Circle-8 Square Dance Club in Charleston for the coming year. He is the new president of the club and senior personnel assistant in the district. Both are charter members of the club organized four years ago. They became interested in folk dancing while visiting in Cincinnati and took it as a hobby at North Charleston Recreation Center when they returned home. They have taken part in exhibition dances at Kanawha Country Club, Edgewood and other clubs in the area. Photo courtesy "Charleston Daily Mail."

Retired Cabin Creek Plant Janitor Dies

William Gifford, 61, retired Cabin Creek plant janitor, died July 20 in a Gallipolis, Ohio hospital after a short illness.

Mr. Gifford was employed at the plant March 15, 1943 and retired early due to ill health February 1, 1955. Born April 26, 1895, he was a member of the Chelyan Methodist Church and a veteran of World War I. He lived at Danville, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Opal, one daughter, one sister, two brothers and his stepmother. Funeral services were held at Hitchins, W. Va. on July 22.

Hazard Craftsman



W. C. Haddix has made several pieces of furniture, but his pride is this solid cherry desk, finely sanded and polished and finished with clear varnish. The Hazard district stationman has a workshop in his home where he makes such furniture as tables and cabinets. The desk has four drawers on one end, a center drawer and a book shelf.

Summer Business Boost

'Who's Too Hot?' Asks Mr. Holdout — Our Target

More people than ever before are cool about hot weather.

The reason, of course, is air conditioning and its ever-increasing use.

It all started when profit-wise businessmen learned they had to comfort-condition with air conditioning to get their share of business.

No Silent Suffering

People next turned to comfort at home, especially that sleeping comfort so essential to rest and renewed vigor.

Thus grew the trend—faint at first but climbing rapidly. And all the while we heartlessly torment that uncomfortable Mr. Holdout who keeps saying, "I can always sleep after it cools down."

So what does your power company do? Do we let him stew in his own juice? No! We join the manufacturers, distributors and dealers of air conditioning to make him realize just how miserable he is.

We Hit Him—Often

Here's a sample of what we hit him with in one of our radio commercials: "High near suffocation . . . low near misery. That's the weather prediction for many summer days and nights.



This is Mr. Holdout—rescued in the nick of time before melting. But thousands of our customers are still sweltering without comfort conditioning.

Or maybe he's reminded of his discomfort at the breakfast table by a newspaper ad or before going to bed by a TV commercial.

And all these tell him how easy it is to enjoy air-conditioned comfort. The famous American credit system of a small amount down and monthly payments convinces him—along with his discomfort—that he should have air conditioning.

Real Cool Pioneer

Once that unit is in his home, we've added another air conditioning salesman. To hear Mr. Holdout tell about it, he practically pioneered the mass movement to cool comfort.

But we've got some real advantages. In addition to our promotional efforts and those contributed by Mr. Holdout who tells envious neighbors about his sleeping comfort, the rising standard of American living promises many more things for every household.

You can bet air conditioning will be among the first of those new additions. And the all-electric heat pump with year-round air conditioning is gaining popularity with all types of customers and boosting the trend.

Summer Business Better

Just how important is this air conditioning to our business? If you're not on speaking terms with what our engineers call "load," then you'll be surprised. Air conditioning for all

types of customers (industrial, commercial and residential) means our power companies have been selling more electricity than we used to in summer months—traditional time for a slump in the power business.

In years past we always hit a winter peak and slowly declined during summer until fall business pushed that load up again to another winter peak. But air conditioning is helping us level off that load curve—helping us to keep our business on a more even level.

Hot Weather Peak

Here's an example from the system operations office in Roanoke where they keep a constant check on that load. Appalachian's peak load in June was 1,323,000 kilowatts compared with the peak hit last January of 1,349,000 kilowatts, only about two per cent difference.

This more near-even generation of electricity in summer and winter means that plant units are kept busy on a steadier basis. This, in turn, means more efficient plant scheduling. All of it adds up to better business.

With the help of air conditioning, we are building toward a better summer load. And we can thank Mr. Nolonger A. Holdout and others like him for part of this gain. By the way—since we got our air conditioner, we've been real cool about this hot weather. Why, just last night . . .

Roanoker Is Head Of AIEE Section

J. B. Whitmore has been elected chairman of the Virginia Mountain Section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

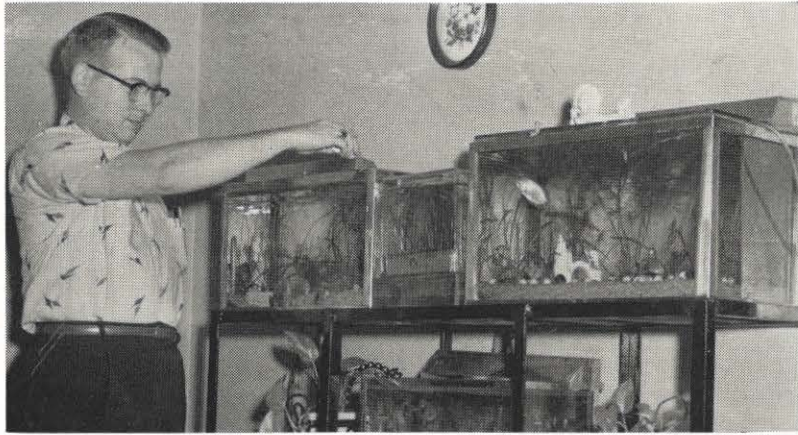


Mr. Whitmore

He is Roanoke division commercial manager. E. C. Rankin, system supervising station engineer, was named second vice-chairman and program committee chairman.

Mr. Whitmore just returned as a delegate to the summer general meeting of the AIEE in San Francisco, Calif. A graduate of VPI with BS and MS degrees in electrical engineering, he joined the company August 19, 1935, as a meter reader. He moved up until he reached his present position August 1, 1951. He is a veteran of World War II and holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army Reserves.

Bluefielder Has Growing Aquarium



Starting with 10 guppies and trading among friends, Hylbert H. McClung, Jr. of Bluefield has built up a collection of 150 tropical fish. The office messenger has 12 varieties and hopes to add 18 more to his collection. Tropical fish need special care, like an even temperature of water the year round. Hylbert accomplishes this with electric heaters and thermostats. He also has to keep glass lids on his aquarium to keep the fish from jumping out. He has been collecting fish for two years, starting with the 10 guppies given him by a friend. Hylbert's father is Bluefield division head T&D clerk.

Little Stinkers Captured By Employee Change Hands Rapidly After Reaction



Hugh Garrison shows the baby skunks he captured to Jeanne Ramsey, secretarial-stenographer. It is reported that some people can make good pets of the animals, but several employees doubt this.

Meter readers make all kinds of contacts. One of the most unusual in rural Lynchburg district territory was made by Hugh M. T. Garrison. He ran across two baby skunks that had evidently strayed away from their mother.

Hugh lost no time in capturing them. He brought them back to the office at the end of the day and gave the playful animals to two employees who wanted them as pets.

One employee took his pet skunk home for the children to play with, thinking he would have surgery performed later on because it had been

well behaved up to that time. But the children were a little too rough and the little stinker showed his resentment in no uncertain terms. The children now have two bunny rabbits to replace the skunk.

What about the other one? Well the employee's wife would not let him in the house. She said one of them had to go.

Both employees gave their skunks to friends who thought they could have better luck with them as pets. By now their friends may be former friends.

R. N. Orth Plans Florida Fishing



Mr. Orth

R. N. Orth, Charleston district general serviceman, retired August 1 after 22 years' service.

Mr. Orth joined the company in June 1934 as an overhead man. He became a lineman January 1, 1937 and was promoted to general serviceman February 2 this year. He previously had broken service with the Virginian Power Company and the West Virginia Water & Electric Company, Appalachian predecessors.

Born at Big Chimney, he served in the Army Field Signal Battalion during World War I and saw action in Europe. He was a member of the 126th Masonic Lodge at Clendenin and is fond of hunting, fishing and gardening. His wife is also a fishing enthusiast and they plan to spend a lot of time at this sport as soon as they get settled in their new home at Lake Helen, Fla.

Looking back on his service, Mr. Orth remembers helping build the first 132-kv line in the Charleston vicinity, from Beech Bottom, W. Va. to Canton, O. He also remembers when Charleston had just two trucks and two cars—one of them a roadster for trouble calls.

"And," he laughingly recalls, "in those days we had one pair of rubber gloves. Not one pair each, but one pair, period. These were carefully kept in a special box built on the dashboard of the car, and were used only during rainy weather when working—cutting in the old plug-type fuse cut-outs."

Scholarship Awarded Williamson Student

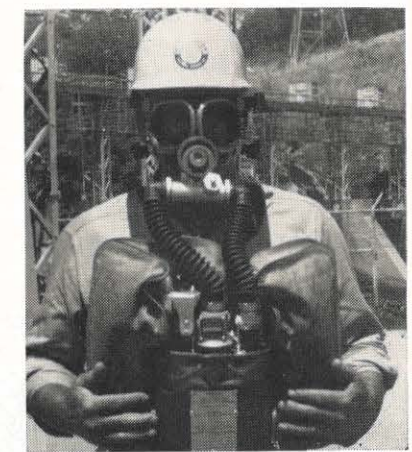
A scholarship to Marshall College has been awarded Doris Ann, daughter of Wayne Herald, Williamson meter reader.

Class valedictorian of Crum High School where she graduated in May, Doris Ann was also editor-in-chief of the Mountaineer yearbook and of the school paper, president of the National Honor Society, vice president of the senior class, captain of the cheerleaders the last two of her five years as a cheerleader, and head majorette.



Doris Ann Herald

Breathe Easy



Stranger looking than some of the creatures dreamed up by fantasy writers is this life saving equipment worn by a Lynchburg employee. C. D. McCarthy, Reusens hydro maintenance mechanic, is dressed in self-contained breather equipment, to be used to enter smoke-filled areas without harm. The equipment, just added to the hydro safety apparatus, was demonstrated recently before several company employees. Captain C. O. Peters of the Lynchburg Fire Department explained the equipment, pointing out that it will supply fresh oxygen for one hour. Air comes from the oxygen container into the two rubber lungs and on to the user. Ten employees attending the demonstration tried the equipment in an especially prepared smoke-filled building.

Which Store Has The Air Conditioning? A diagram showing two store layouts, A and B, with stars indicating air conditioning units. Store A has more units than Store B.

Charleston Employee Heads Lions Club

Walter G. McGraw has been elected president of the Cedar Grove Lions Club. He is Montgomery area sales representative of the Charleston district.



Mr. McGraw

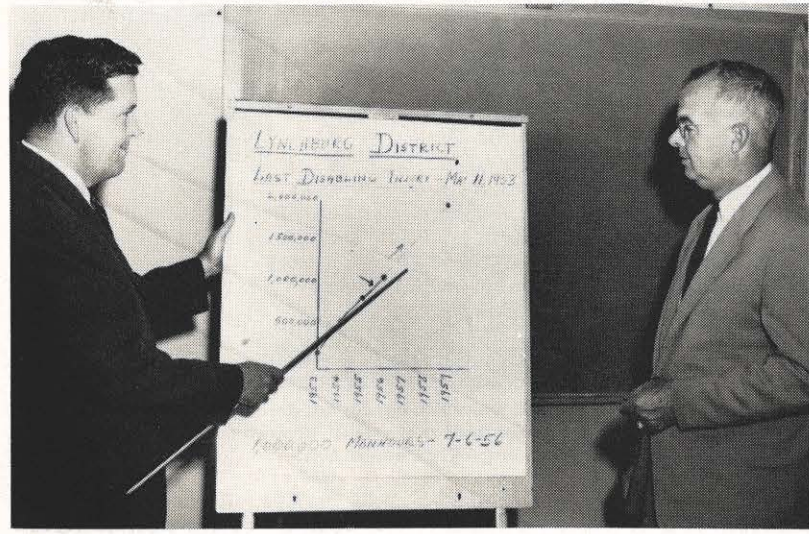
He is also treasurer of the Glasgow PTA, member of the Glasgow Methodist Church, where he is president of the young adult class, chairman of the church membership committee and

teacher of the Junior class, reserve member of the Glasgow Volunteer Fire Department, former scoutmaster and neighborhood commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America, and former water commissioner of Glasgow.

Married and the father of two children, he joined the company August 8, 1949, as a rural sales representative and rose to his present position June 1, 1950.

First Time In History

Lynchburg Employees Reach Million Manhours Without Disabling Injury



Stretching into the second million manhours is a line on this graph. L. G. Dougan, Lynchburg district personnel supervisor, left, and D. C. Kennedy, Lynchburg district manager, discuss the district's million manhour record.

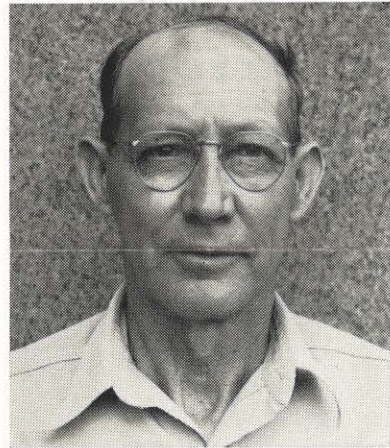
Lynchburg employees have worked a million consecutive manhours without a disabling injury for the first time in the district's history.

Beginning May 11, 1953 employees completed the million on July 6 this year and are continuing on into their second million. Employees are now eligible for the Edison Electric Institute Safety Merit Award and national recognition.

D. C. Kennedy, district manager, in a message to employees, stated: "This is the first time that we have been able to achieve this goal in the Lynchburg district, and I want to congratulate all of you who have worked to make this possible. It is a grand goal to achieve and I hope that we may enjoy many more accident-free days."

The record comes in a year when Appalachian as a company also achieved the million manhour mark for the first time. The company has reached the coveted mark twice this year.

30-Year Veteran Retires At Plant



Mr. Wilkinson

Raleigh N. Wilkinson, Glen Lyn plant maintenance foreman, retired August 1 after 30 years with the company.

Mr. Wilkinson began with the company in 1926 at Glen Lyn as a skilled laborer. He was a master mechanic and working foreman before his promotion to maintenance foreman two years ago. Two of Mr. Wilkinson's brothers, Watson and Mitchell, are also retired employees of the plant.

He lives at Pearisburg with his wife. His favorite hobbies include baseball, football and hunting. He is the plant softball team's most faithful fan.

Pianist From Roanoke Wins Scholarship

Don Pullen has won a \$350 scholarship as state winner in the Negro Division of the James A. Bland Memorial Music Scholarship competition.



Don Pullen

The son of A. S. "Elec" Pullen, Roanoke district street light attendant, Don plays the piano. A rising sophomore at Lucy Addison High School, he was sponsored by the Raleigh Court Lions Club and won a gold medal in addition to the scholarship. He reached the state finals in Richmond after two preliminary contests.

TV Keeps Watch At Two Plants

When employees at Philip Sporn plant watch television at work, it's not the same as sitting down in front of the TV set at home.

For one thing, although there are two channels at the plant, there is no choice of programs. For another, what the employees see is not there to entertain them.

Closed circuit television is used at Philip Sporn plant, and at Kanawha River plant, to give the operators a view of the boiler drum gauge glass and the burner flame inside of the furnace. The two screens are located in the control room, the nerve center of the plant. From this room, using over 850 operating and recording devices, the operator keeps a close watch on the operation of the plant. Much of the information necessary to proper operation comes from the television sets.

Water Level Watched

One camera is placed before the boiler drum gauge glass and transmits a picture showing the water level in the boiler drum to a receiver in the control room. This information is necessary to the operator. If the water gets too low, the huge boiler may be damaged. If it gets too high, the water may carry over and damage the turbines. That's one "program" the operator gets on a control room screen.

The other "program" is of the flame in ten portholes in the boiler. The camera is placed on the side of the boilers near the burners. The portholes are placed over an area 40 feet wide and each porthole has a mirror reflecting a view of inside the furnace to a master mirror before the television camera. This picture

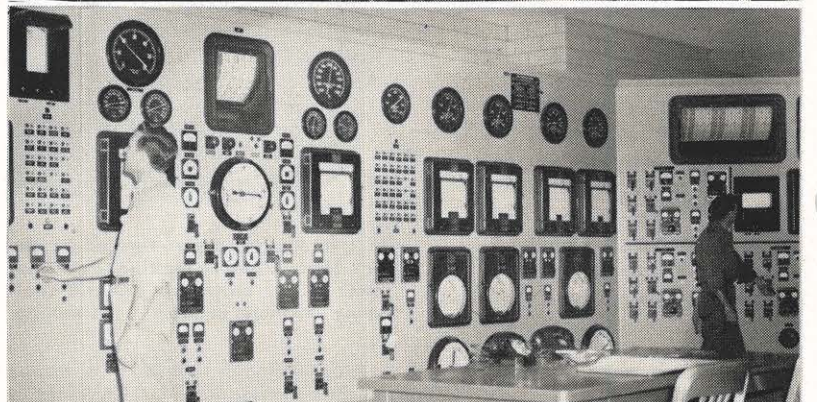
State PTA Post Goes To Welch Engineer

William B. Belchee, Welch district power sales engineer, was appointed State Regional Director of the Parent-Teacher Association. Appointed by the state president, he will direct PTA activities in Wyoming and McDowell counties.



Mr. Belchee

Immediate past president of the Welch Grade School PTA, he has served as president of The Footlighters, a theatrical group for which he has written plays and acted in them. He is a member of the First Methodist Church and active in the Junior League Baseball program and other sports.



The television camera shown in the top picture relays a picture to the screens shown in the bottom picture. At the top, Dwight K. Sayre, Philip Sporn plant instrument maintenance man, is making adjustments to the camera that shows the burner flame inside of the plant furnace. Note the mirrors, to the left and down the middle, which reflect pictures of the flame from ten portholes in the boiler. All ten are reflected to a master mirror, from which the television picture is taken. In the bottom photo, two assistant control operators are watching the plant's two closed television circuits. William D. Cossin, left, is watching the boiler drum gauge glass screen and Dana E. Hoffman, Jr., is watching the burner picture. These two screens are part of 850 operating and recording devices located in the plant's control room.

of ten views of the inside of the furnace is transmitted to the control room.

Any indication of trouble in firing the boiler can be detected on the screen and is especially important when there are unstable firing conditions.

Has Three Advantages

Actually, the closed circuit television hook-up at the plant has three advantages. First, the operators get a more distinct picture of the plant in operation. They also get a more dependable source of information. Third, the set-up saves time and a lot of physical effort. There are 78

stair steps from the control room to the burner deck and 107 stair steps from the control room to the gauge glass on the boiler drum.

Television at Philip Sporn plant is not relaxing or entertaining, but it is most important to the efficiency and operation of the plant.

Welch Retired Man Active In Two City Government Posts



From dealer sales representative to assistant to Welch's city clerk and judge is the retirement story of C. T. Southern.

From Appalachian to a newspaper to appliance dealers to city government—that is the road C. T. Southern has traveled since his retirement.

Mr. Southern was Welch district dealer sales representative until his retirement in February this year. Since then he has been busier than ever—he worked for a local newspaper and then joined two different appliance dealers. But then along came the job he had been waiting for—he was appointed by the mayor as assistant to the city clerk and assistant to the city judge.

He handles the records of city taxes and licenses and when the judge is absent Mr. Southern takes over his bench. He has continued his civic activities—he is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Chambers of Commerce of McDowell and Buchanan counties and is active in the Welch Methodist Church.

Roanoke System Man Heads School Board

J. P. Cruickshank has been re-elected chairman of the Roanoke City School Board. He is general superintendent of the system T&D department.

Mr. Cruickshank was re-elected to a three-year term on the board and its members re-elected him their chairman. Before becoming chairman last year he was vice chairman in 1954.

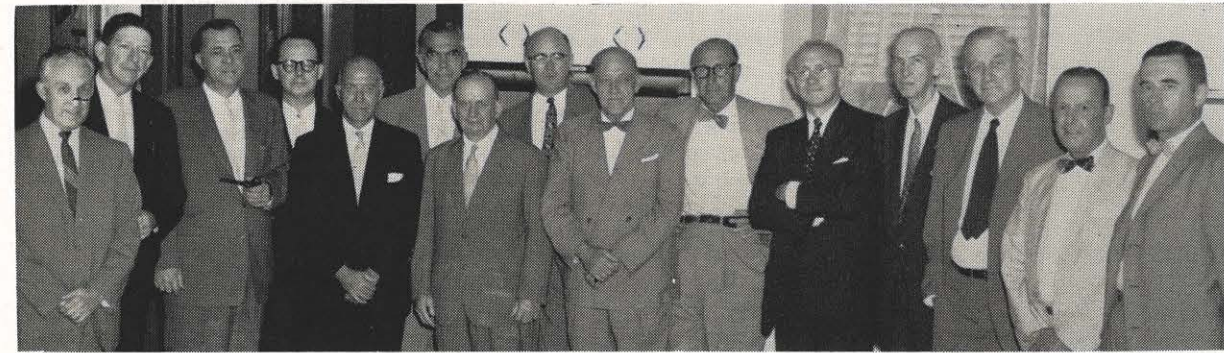
In 1955 he was recognized by the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce as "Father Of The Year In Education." He is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, Williamson Road Lodge No. 163, AF&AM, Kaziin Temple of the Shrine and a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He has a son.

Mr. Cruickshank was first employed by the Consolidated Electric Company at Huntington in 1925. He continued in Huntington until 1946 when he came to Roanoke in his present position. During World War II he served in Alaska and the Aleutians as a Colonel.



Mr. Cruickshank

AGE Board Inspects Appalachian Facilities



Members of the AGE Board of Directors took an inspection tour of Appalachian facilities on July 24-25. They are shown above with some of their hosts in the Roanoke auditorium. Included in the tour were inspection of Roanoke facilities, Claytor hydro, the new unit at Glen Lyn plant, Cabin Creek plant, Kanawha River plant and some of the company's larger industrial customers. From the left: G. S. Dunn, system public relations director; R. E. Hodges, Appalachian assistant general manager;

H. A. Kammer, AGE executive vice president; D. C. Cook, AGE executive vice president; W. J. Rose, AGE vice president and secretary; H. A. Winne, director; C. V. Graham, director; W. O. Menge, director; C. E. Hall, director; Graham Claytor, director; Philip Sporn, AGE president; J. B. Taylor, director; J. S. Battle, director; J. D. Lawrence, Roanoke division manager, and W. P. Booker, Roanoke district manager.

Four Employees Have Articles In 'Operating Notes'



Mr. McClaugherty Mr. McCormack



Mr. Payne Mr. Webb

Glen Lyn plant, Roanoke and Kanawha Valley Power Company employees were represented by four articles in the July issue of AGE's *Monthly Operating Notes*.

R. K. McClaugherty, Glen Lyn instrument maintenance man, wrote "Saving 25-55 Minutes Installing I.&N Thrust Washers." He described a method of splitting a thrust washer so that it can be slipped directly over a shaft of Micromax recorders in five minutes. The old method of putting in a new washer meant loosening all parts of the main cam shaft and took 30 minutes to an hour. The split washers have given just as satisfactory service as unsplit ones.

H. E. McCormack, superintendent of system operation, was the author of "Pulse-Type Fault-Finder Experience," describing a pulse-type electronic fault finder used to locate sustained faults on transmission and lower volt lines. The method was tested last summer by system operating employees and Mr. McCormack summarized their findings in his article.

J. Sherman Payne, Roanoke district meter serviceman, contributed "Added Safety With Take-Off Insulators For Service Drops." The article outlines five definite safety features as well as other advantages when using a take-off insulator when installing service drops to temporary and/or permanent installations.

The final article, "Straightening Intake-Rack Bars," was written by Hurston Webb, hydro maintenance helper of the Kanawha Valley Power Company. He pictures and describes two tools that can be used to easily straighten rack bars and any grid bars for guarding structures when they are bent by trash in the intake screen.

Into Third Year

July 14 was a milestone for employees of the Welch district.

On that date they completed the second consecutive year without a disabling injury. The last disabling injury was on July 14, 1954, and since that time employees have worked about 660,000 man-hours without a disabling injury.

The safety record has been credited to "the joint efforts of the employees and their supervisors who have been continually alert and safety-conscious at all times."

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Abingdon District

RHEA ALLEY WELLS from clerk-typist to authorization clerk.

Bluefield District

MILDRED G. BISHOP from clerk-stenographer to junior bookkeeper; R. T. BOWEN, JR. from rodman to groundman; JAMES D. HAYNES from office messenger to junior clerk; HERMIA D. LUCAS from junior PBX operator to junior bookkeeper; IRIS S. RICH from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer.

Huntington District

CLARENCE COPLEY from groundman to truck driver-groundman; STONEWALL FANNIN from groundman to truck driver-groundman.

Pulaski District

TAYLOR A. MACLEOD from station man C to station man B; JAMES L. MARSHALL, JR. from junior merchandise order and billing clerk to heating and builder sales representative; CLINTON N. ROBINSON from dealer sales representative to heating and builder sales representative.

Roanoke District

VIRGINIA J. AYERS from stenographer, T&D engineering section, to secretarial-stenographer, Roanoke district managerial department; CAROL CHRISTIE BRANCH from Welch district commercial department to Roanoke district commercial department clerk-stenographer; ANNISE P. CRAIG from secretarial-stenographer to private secretary, junior; ELAINE R. FRINGER, JR. from junior contract clerk to junior payroll clerk.

Philip Sporn Plant

EDWARD W. CARDER from coal handler to barge attendant. WILLIAM B. HARRIS from special clerk, Appalachian construction to junior bookkeeper.

Williamson District

HAZEL FARRIS from junior contract clerk to junior contract entry and final bill clerk; VIRGINIA STAFFORD from junior contract entry and final bill clerk to junior bookkeeper.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

JESSEE H. CARTER from stores clerk to head material clerk.

Plenty Help

Sporn Station Man Leads Lions Club In New Haven

Kermit H. Ford, system operator at Philip Sporn station, has been elected president of the New Haven Lions Club.

A charter member of the club since 1951, he has also served as second vice president. Mr. Ford joined the company in June 1937 as a second class lineman in Kingsport and later worked as station maintenance man and extra operator. He transferred to the Sporn station in 1949.

Chairman of the Boy Scout Committee and a member of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics, he is married and has four children.

Other officers of the New Haven Lions Club among Philip Sporn plant employees are: Charles Lester, test engineer, second vice president; Bob Johnston, test engineer, secretary and treasurer; Clarence Tennant, shift operating engineer, director; Mark Ward, second assistant shift operating engineer, director; Tom Hoffman, control operator, Lion tamer; and Jack Frey, first assistant shift operating engineer, immediate past president.



Mr. Ford

L. A. Fulcher's Son Becomes Dental Surgeon

Dr. Clyde Lewis Fulcher has received his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the Medical College of Virginia.

The son of L. A. Fulcher, Roanoke district residential and rural sales supervisor, received his B.S. degree from Roanoke College. He is a member of the Delta Sigma Delta dental fraternity. Dr. Fulcher is married.



Dr. Fulcher

C. H. Rhett, Pulaski, Is PTA President

Charles H. Rhett, Pulaski office engineering aide, will serve the Northwood School PTA as president during the coming term.

A Cub Scout leader, he is a member of the Episcopal Church and choir, the Pulaski Chamber of Commerce and the Red Cross Gallon Club. He is married and the father of four children.

A son, Harry, has returned home from Roanoke's Lewis-Gale Hospital where he was recuperating from serious injuries received at a Scout Camporee in Roanoke on May 19.



Mr. Rhett

Kingsport Man Is Stores Supervisor

Charles Gus Allison has been promoted to Kingsport stores supervisor, succeeding D. P. Blankenbecker who died May 31. He rises to the new position from head material clerk.

Mr. Allison joined the company October 19, 1936 as a laborer in the distribution department. After working as a groundman, he was transferred to the stores department as a clerk November 1, 1939.

Born at Newport, Tenn., he attended high school there.

FFA Degree Awarded Son Of Claytor Man

Jo John Thompson has been presented the State Farmer Degree from the Virginia Future Farmers of America.



Jo John Thompson

The son of B. E. Thompson, Claytor hydro plant employee in the Pulaski district, he received the honor at the 30th State Convention. It is awarded to only two percent of the state membership for outstanding accomplishments in vocational agriculture, leadership, citizenship, church attendance and scholarship.

A member of the organization for four years, he graduated from high school in June and is now at Lackland Air Force Base.

Highest Rainbow Award Goes To Three Recently

Two employees and the daughter of one of them have received the Grand Cross of Color, highest award of the Order of Rainbow Girls.

Dorothy F. Pritt, Kanawa River plant junior clerk, has been a member of Assembly No. 7 at Belle for over four years. Her Grand Cross of Color came at the Grand Assembly in Wheeling.

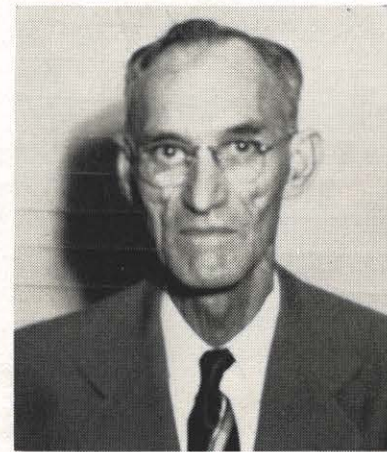
George A. Smith, Keystone area serviceman in the Welch district, and his daughter, Lynn Marie, also received the award. They were Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron last year of the Eastern Star. Mr. Smith is also a Mason.

Pikeville Dinner Marks Three Events



It was kind of a "triple-treat" night in Pikeville recently when the district safety committee honored F. M. Baker. The dinner was, first of all, a going-away affair for Mr. Baker who has left for Ashland. The reason he left was also the second reason for the dinner—his promotion to assistant Kentucky general manager for Pikeville district manager. And it was also a celebration of Mr. Baker's 25th anniversary with the company. Shown above are from left: H. H. Kincaid, new Pikeville district manager; Mr. Baker; R. E. Doyle, Kentucky vice president and general manager, who presented the service pin; and C. A. McKinney, district superintendent, who presented Mr. Baker a going-away gift from the committee.

Veteran Retires; Visits In Florida



Mr. Williams

Charles E. Williams, Cabin Creek plant assistant shift supervisor, retired July 1 after 32 years' service.

At a dinner June 28 he was honored by fellow supervisors, who presented him a desk-type combination thermometer, barometer and hygrometer. Mr. Williams was told this would enable him to forecast the fishing weather in Florida. He and his wife have started an extended vacation with relatives there.

Born in Peytona, W. Va., July 15, 1891, he has resided in the area all his life. His continuous service dates from October 1, 1924, although he also worked short periods in 1916 and 1920. He has been an operator in the turbine room and assistant shift supervisor.

Mr. Williams commented on his retirement this way: "Retirement is something we look forward to, but the closer we get to it the less attractive it seems. I have enjoyed all of my career with the company, and I have gotten along well with everyone. That's a good reason for not wanting to leave. However, the retirement plan we have relieves me of financial worry, and I am sure I'll enjoy visiting and maybe living in Florida."

Glen Lyn Plant Man Is Elected Lions President

Eugene E. Comer has been elected president of the Rich Creek Lions Club. He is shift supervisor at Glen Lyn plant.

Mr. Comer has been active in the club for a number of years. He is also a member of the Rich Creek Baptist Church. He was employed at the plant June 29, 1936 and resides at Rich Creek with his wife and three sons.



Mr. Comer

Wedding Bells Ring For Eleven Couples



Recent brides among company employees and their families are pictured above. **FIRST ROW**, from left: Mrs. Gene L. Pettit, Charleston; Mrs. Jack Franklin Roberts, system; and Mrs. Bryan E. Smithers, Charleston. **SECOND ROW**, from left: Mrs. Joe L. Stevenson, Bluefield; Mrs. Russell Shelton, Williamson; and Mrs. Richard O. Cash, Lynchburg. **THIRD ROW**, from left: Mrs. Marshall H. Stevenson, Jr., Logan; Mrs. Donald Ray Watts, Huntington; and Mrs. George William Hall, Jr., Williamson. **FOURTH ROW**, from left: Mrs. James Robert Davenport, system; and Mrs. Donald S. Ikenberry, Roanoke.

Hunter-Cash

Barbara Hunter and Richard O. Cash were united in marriage June 22 at the Sandy Bottom Christian Church. He is a Lynchburg groundman.

Wright-Davenport

Catherine Lee Wright and James Robert Davenport were married July 14 at the First Presbyterian Church of Staunton. Mr. Davenport is a system business trainee.

Hansbarger-Watts

Mary Lee Hansbarger was married to Donald Ray Watts July 15 at the Enslow Presbyterian Church in Huntington. She is the daughter of J. C. Hansbarger, assistant Huntington division manager.

Copley-Stevenson

Betty Lou Copley was married to Marshall H. Stevenson, Jr. June 14 at the First Christian Church. She is a junior contract entry and final bill clerk and he is the son of M. H. Stevenson, Logan district meter supervisor.

Employee's Wife Heads Huntington Civinettes

Mrs. Samuel W. Mustaine, Jr. was recently installed as president of the Huntington Civinettes, the ladies organization of the Civitan Club. She is the wife of the Huntington district local office manager and the mother of one son.



Mrs. Mustaine

A vice president in the club for two terms, she has been active in P.T.A., has been den mother in the Cub Scouts for three years and has worked with the Civitan's hard-of-hearing program for school children. She is a member of the 5th Avenue Baptist Church and active in the Little League

DeWese-Shelton

Alberta DeWese and Russell Shelton were united in marriage July 1 at the First Methodist Church of Williamson. Mrs. Shelton is secretarial-stenographer in the Williamson managerial department.

Stratton-Hall

Dorothy Stratton was married July 7 to George William Hall, Jr. at the South Williamson, Ky., Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Hall is the daughter of W. H. Stratton, Williamson line and station supervisor.

Bailey-Stevenson

Wanda Bailey and Joe Stevenson were united in marriage June 22 at the First Methodist Church of Princeton. Mrs. Stevenson is a junior contract clerk at Princeton of the Bluefield district.

Ferris-Ikenberry

The First Christian Church of Salem was the scene June 23 of the marriage of Phyllis Ruth Ferris and Donald S. Ikenberry. Mrs. Ikenberry is the daughter of J. L. Ferris, Roanoke district station man.

Hawkins-Roberts

Myrna Lou Hawkins and Jack Franklin Roberts were married July 1 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Roanoke. Mrs. Roberts is the daughter of O. A. Hawkins, system accounting.

Harshbarger-Pettit

Sara Harshbarger and Gene L. Pettit were united in marriage July 20 at the Milton Methodist Church. She is a Charleston home economist.

Barrett-Smithers

Mary Carolyn Barrett and Bryan E. Smithers were married July 6 at the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston. She is a Charleston district record section clerk-typist and he is a junior draftsman.

Ceramics Creations



Displaying one of her prize ceramic creations is Mrs. Hazel Wingfield, wife of J. D. Wingfield, Bluefield station supervisor. She started in ceramics about a year and a half ago, taking a course in a Bluefield studio, and later took other lessons. She does her own firing at home in an electric kiln, and says the greatest thrill is taking the finished pieces from the kiln and watching the interesting things a high fire can do to clay and glazes. She says the final results make wonderful gifts. The phases to ceramic work include hand modeling with moist clay, slip-pouring in plaster molds with liquid clay, glazing, firing and decorating.

Officers Elected To Head Pikeville KPO Club



These officers will lead the Pikeville district KPO Girls' Club during the coming year. From the left: Margaret B. James, secretary; Juanita Goff, treasurer; Jo Nell Looney, vice president, and Elizabeth Riddle, president. Projects of the club last year included paying an underprivileged child's lunch at school, delivering Christmas baskets to needy families and contributing to the Retarded Children's School. Socially, the club has dinner meetings and an annual week-end outing.



Ashland

MR. AND MRS. WALTER LEMASTER, a son. Mr. Lemaster is a senior PBX operator.

Beckley

MR. AND MRS. J. E. AGEE, a son, Mark Harrison, July 13. Mr. Agee is employed in T&D Engineering.

Bluefield

MR. AND MRS. R. T. BOWEN, JR., a daughter, Ruth Annette, June 9. Mr. Bowen is a groundman.

MR. AND MRS. C. L. DUNIGAN, a son, William Clyde, June 15. Mr. Dunigan is a meter serviceman.

MR. AND MRS. HARRY W. GARBER, JR., a son, Harry W. III, July 9. Mr. Garber is an electrical engineer.

MR. AND MRS. LACY WALLACE, a son, Timothy Hanes, June 19. Mr. Wallace is a meter serviceman.

Cabin Creek Plant

MR. AND MRS. LANTY R. COULTER, a daughter, Ruth Ann, June 25. Mr. Coulter is an assistant control operator.

MR. AND MRS. GENE B. TONEY, a daughter, Parris Ann, June 28. Mr. Toney is a relief operator.

Charleston

MR. AND MRS. PAUL B. BLIZZARD, a daughter, Martha Jane, June 23. Mr. Blizzard is a mechanical engineer.

Huntington

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM E. CHAPMAN, a son, Mark Edward, July 1. Mr. Chapman is employed in the division payroll department.

MR. AND MRS. RANDALL HOGSETT, JR., a daughter, Susan Annette, June 22. Mr. Hogsett is employed in the commercial department.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM A. JOSEPH, a daughter, Rebecca, July 13. Mr. Joseph is employed in T&D engineering.

MR. AND MRS. RONALD STILTNER, a daughter, Cinda Gayle, June 28. Mr. Stiltner is employed in T&D engineering.

Lynchburg

MR. AND MRS. D. J. THOMPSON, JR., a daughter, Mary Stuart, June 23. Mr. Thompson is a draftsman.

Roanoke

MR. AND MRS. H. F. CARTER, a daughter, Marie Annette, July 17. Mr. Carter is a lineman.

MR. AND MRS. W. E. OVERSTREET, a daughter, Mae Angeletta, July 6. Mr. Overstreet is a lineman.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES WHEELER, a son, Michael James, July 11. Mr. Wheeler is an employee in local accounting, now on military leave with the U. S. Navy.

MR. AND MRS. W. S. WILLIAMS, JR., a son, Mark Allen, June 28. Mr. Williams is an employee in local accounting.

Welch Employee Given Farewell Party, Gifts

Three Welch employees were hostesses at a party for Mrs. Carol C. Branch who has been transferred to Roanoke.

Mrs. John Vermillion, PBX operator; Frances Brooks, home economist; and Mrs. Claude Banner, contract clerk, held the party at Mrs. Vermillion's home. Guests played bridge and canasta. Mrs. Branch was presented a cup and saucer in her china pattern. In addition, commercial department employees also gave her going-away gifts.

Bluefield Girls' Club Cooks Lunches



A cooking school for members of the Girls' Service Club was conducted recently in the Bluefield district. Held at lunch hours, the four sessions were taught by Mrs. Lena Moseley and Jane McNabb, home economists. The girls cooked their own lunches. Shown preparing a meal are from left: Alice Coalter, Eulalia Footo, Norma Jean Longanacre, Helen Brinegar, Elsie Heifner, Ola Adkins, Ann Williams, Betty Wolfe, Margaret Ann Bradley and Pauline Hawley.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT H. EASON, a son, Robert Riggs, July 9. Mr. Eason is a test engineer.

MR. AND MRS. EUGENE HESSON, a son, Rickey Eugene, June 19. Mr. Hesson is a junior maintenance man.

MR. AND MRS. GERALD KELLY, a daughter, Darla Jean, June 26. Mr. Kelly is a junior maintenance man.

MR. AND MRS. DELTON SAYRE, a daughter, Tamara Kay, June 23. Mr. Sayre is a helper in the results department.

Welch

MR. AND MRS. JACK GREEN, a son, Calvin Andrew, July 17. Mr. Green is employed in the meter department.

MR. AND MRS. E. M. HENDRICK, a daughter, Deborah Jeanette, July 8. Mr. Hendrick is a meter serviceman.

Williamson

MR. AND MRS. FRANK DAVIS, a daughter, Pamela Lynn, June 29. Mrs. Davis is a former employee in the accounting department.

Youth Receives Award From Bluefield Club

Appalachian was well represented at recent Bluefield, Va., Kiwanis Club award ceremonies.

Ida Ellen, daughter of C. W. Hedrick, Bluefield truck driver-groundman, was on hand to receive a citizenship award from the club, including \$50 toward tuition at a college of her choice. And Okey B. Yost, assistant local office manager and president of the club, made the presentation to Ida Ellen.

Jingle Skill



Mrs. Helen M. Bryant's skill with jingles made her a three-time winner in a recent Roanoke contest sponsored by Ideal Laundry. The wife of James R. Bryant, Roanoke appliance serviceman, won two weekly contests and climaxed it all with a monthly prize, a \$450 living room suite. Her weekly prizes included a studio portrait, theatre tickets, free laundry and dry cleaning, a dinner and snacks at a drive-in. She enters contests as a hobby and appeared on radio and television in connection with her winnings. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant have a son and daughter.

They're Engaged

DOROTHY C. HALL to Robert D. Hunt. Miss Hall is a stenographer in Montgomery commercial of the Charleston district.

DORIS ANN RAMSEY to Vero Raymond Blackwood, Jr. Miss Ramsey is the daughter of Jesse Ramsey of the Huntington system billing office.

VIRGINIA GAY CASSELL to William Hawson Giles. He is the son of W. F. Giles, Williamson district commercial manager.

Beckley Chosen As Site Of Eight-Team Appalachian Softball Tourney Aug. 24-25

Beckley will again be the site for the Annual Appalachian Softball Tournament. Eight teams have been invited to the 1956 tournament, to be played August 24-25.

J. A. Mundy, employee relations supervisor and tournament director, in making the announcement said that all locations with teams active in regular league play have been invited; there will be no division or plant play-offs this year. In the tournament will be Beckley, Glen Lyn plant, Philip Sporn plant, Welch, Lynchburg, Charleston, Kingsport and Logan district-plant.

Ballard Stadium Field

Games will be played at Ballard Stadium at the Pinecrest Sanitarium in Beckley. Umpires and judges will be chosen by the host district. Mr. Mundy, commenting on the choice of Beckley for the second straight year as the tournament site, said: "Beckley was picked again because of its central location, because of its excellent facilities and because of the consistently good job done by the Beckley people."

The Appalachian tournament will be the second big softball meet for Beckley in August. The week before teams from all over the state will come to Beckley to compete in the West Virginia State Softball Tournament.

Members of the tournament committee include P. C. Ray, W. S. Kitchen, W. A. McClung and J. A. Mundy of Roanoke system, and Waldo S. Lafon, John E. Hammer and W. E. Zopp of Beckley.

Games will start Friday afternoon and will continue that night and Saturday morning, afternoon and night. An awards buffet banquet will follow the final game.

Consolation Pairings

There will be five games in the consolation bracket of the tournament. The losers of games number 1 and 3 will play, as will losers of games number 2 and 4. The winners of

System Man Heads Army Reserve Unit

H. D. Veasey, system senior civil engineer, recently assumed command of the 2154th ARASU Station Complement of Fort Lee of the Army Reserve.



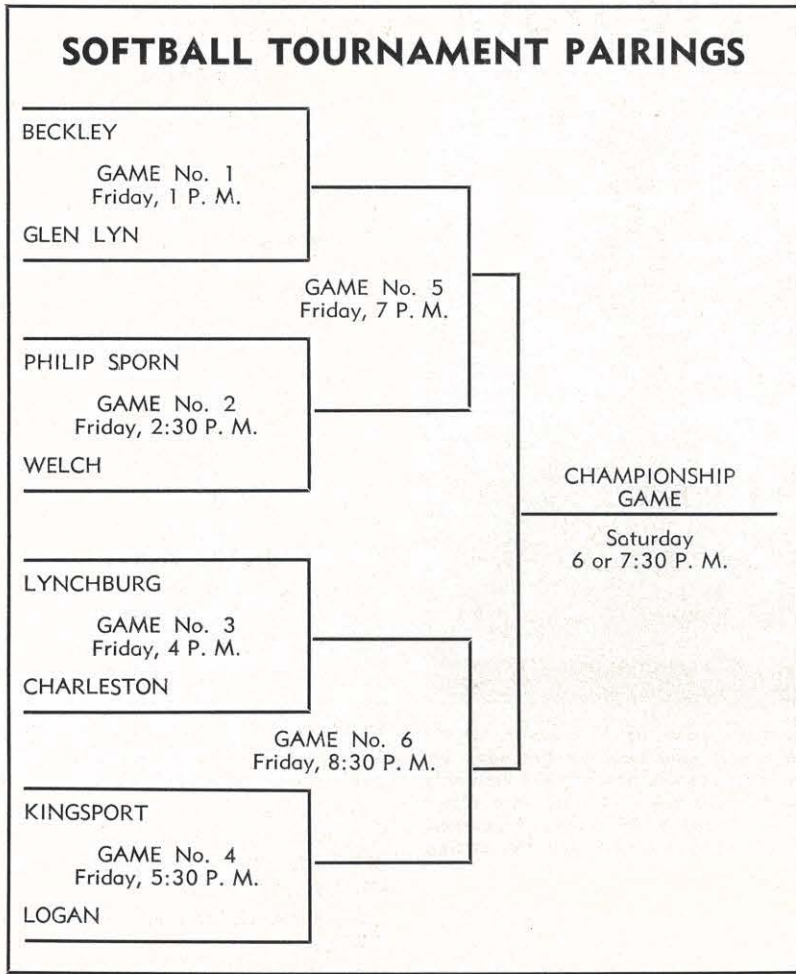
Mr. Veasey

A lieutenant colonel in the Reserve, Mr. Veasey has been executive officer of the unit since 1953. During World War II he served with the 246th Virginia National Guard at Fort Story, overseas in Sicily and Italy and at Fort Bliss, Texas.

A graduate of VMI with a degree in civil engineering, he was employed in the Roanoke district T&D department in 1935. He moved to his present position in 1953. Married and the father of two sons, Mr. Veasey has been active in the Boy Scout program, serving as neighborhood commissioner and institutional representative.

Welch In Second Place

The Welch softball team has climbed to second place in the eight-team City Recreation League. The team has a 6-2 record as compared with first-place Lincoln Mercury's 9-1 record.



Six games will lead to the 1956 Appalachian softball champion. The consolation pairings are explained in the accompanying story. Weather will play a hand in the starting time of the championship and consolation championship games. If the weather is threatening, the championship game will be played first, at 6 p. m. Saturday. Otherwise the consolation championship game will begin at 6 p. m. and the championship at 7:30.

these two games will play each other, The winners of these two games will as will the losers of games 5 and 6. meet for the consolation crown.

Logan District-Plant Form Team



Employees from Logan plant and Logan district have banded together to form an entry into a Logan softball league. Shown above is part of the team. They are front row from left: J. B. Bell, C. D. Jeffrey, Orville Napier, acting manager, J. R. Ellis and R. L. McComas; back row from left: E. R. Craddock, Elba Samson, H. S. Jimison, M. A. White, J. R. Blankenship, Naaman Pridemore and Wayne Warren, official scorer. Not pictured are Emil Hall, Chester Elkins, Caleb White, Norman Dial, Paul Sammons, Paul Cantley and H. R. Jackson.

Babe Ruth Loop Team Led By Hazard Men

Two Hazard district employees have led their team to the district title in the Babe Ruth League.

Dewey Sizemore, assistant payroll supervisor, managed the squad while Mosco Blackburn, line foreman, was coach. The youngsters on the team will compete for the Eastern Division playoff.

Rain Fails To Hinder Annual Welch Picnic

Despite early morning rain, 160 persons turned out for the annual Welch District Employees Picnic.

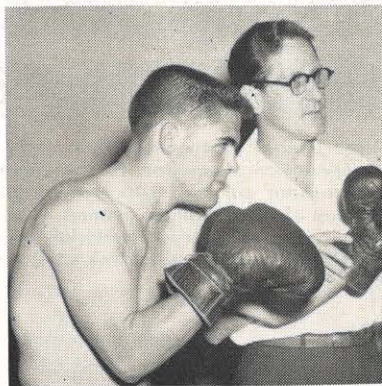
Bill Groseclose was in charge of a dinner of barbecued ham and beef. He was assisted by J. C. Hughes, Frank Barnes, Tom Collins and James J. Harmon, Jr. Games and swimming were also held at the picnic site, Panther State Park.

Glen Lyn Team Starts Fast



The Glen Lyn plant softball team has run up a 3-1 record in the Giles County Softball League. Team members include, front row from left: D. E. Hall, E. W. DeHart, O. J. Whittaker, J. B. Whitt, R. G. Elliott and J. M. White, manager. Back row from left: Don Thompson, G. L. Smith, T. E. Dent, R. E. Johnson, J. C. Sutphin, L. K. Johnston, Jr. and J. D. Butler.

PAL Boxing Coach



Boxing coach and matchmaker for the undefeated Fraternal Order of Police boxers in Roanoke is Emmett L. Jacobs, right. The boxer is Bert Halsey, undefeated in seven light-weight matches. Mr. Jacobs is the husband of Mary White Jacobs, Roanoke district personnel clerk. The organization opened the Police Athletic League in Roanoke in October last year and over 200 boys have received free boxing instructions. The team has won seven matches without a loss, including the Golden Gloves State Tournament. Mr. Jacobs served as athletic instructor at San Diego Naval Training Station during World War II.

Keith Arnold Low Among Sporn Golfers

Keith Arnold's 81 was low score when Tennant's operating shift of Sporn plant took a trip to the Chester, Ohio, Country Club for a day of golf. All except three members of the shift made the trip.

Also taking part were Dallas Cadle, George Wolf, Clarence Tennant, Tom Hoffman, Bill Gibbs, Glen Hensler, Norman Baxter, Bill Wentzell and Frank Ward.

Abingdon Youth Pitches And Catches For Team

William F. Valley has played at both ends of the battery for the Civitan team, leaders in the Gate City Little League.

The 10-year-old son of Lyman Valley, Abingdon area supervisor, has won four games and lost two as a pitcher, and catches when he's not on the mound. Last year, his first in the loop, he was named to the all-star squad. The team record is 11-2.

Golf Driving Range Is Run By Beckley Employee

People around Beckley are getting in some real golf driving practice at a driving range run by an Oak Hill employee.

Emory R. Miller, area sales representative, spends his spare time running the driving range and says that quite a few Beckley employees have practiced there. Several out of towners have also stopped by to drive a bucket or two of balls. For the ones who reach a sign 500 feet away with a drive there'll be a free bucket of balls to hit.

Father-Son In Berry Business



Ernest and Stephen Scott pick strawberries on their farm. Both are members of a local association to market the crop.

Raising strawberries has grown into a real business venture for a Pikeville district meterman and his son. Ernest B. Scott and 14-year-old Stephen are members of a Strawberry Growers Association formed a year ago.

Mr. Scott's farm is one of 218 in the association that has 110 acres in cultivation. The average patch of berries will gross between \$700 to \$1,000 an acre.

The boy produces strawberries as part of his FFA project. He bought 3,600 plants for about an acre of ground on his father's farm. Already marketing 700 gallons, he expects to pick about 1,200 gallons from his patch this year.

Sporn Team Has 19-1 Record



The Philip Sporn plant softball team has yet to meet defeat after 15 games in the Ohio Valley League. Sporting an over-all season record of 19-1 the squad is preparing for the Appalachian Softball Tournament. Team members are front row from left: Bob Layne, Buck Tennant, Cricket Searls, Pee Wee Wright, Dwight Sayre, Gerald Clark and Dorwin Clark. Back row from left: Roy Franklin, Charles Yeager, Bob Gilmore, Bub Stivers, Sonny Haggerty, Chuck Stanley, Jack Ford, Junie Gibbs and A. L. Smith, manager. Another team has been organized at the plant under the managership of Gene Athey. This team has a 3-1 record. In the inter-plant league Maintenance No. 2 and Results are tied for first after three of the four rounds of play. Labor and Emmert's Shift follow. Student engineers at the plant have entered a team in the second half.

Ante Up A Penny

You And Your Company Pay Share Of Federal Road Program

You and the rest of the nation's gasoline users on July 1 started paying a penny more per gallon in tax to help pay for the new Federal road program. That extra penny per gallon may not seem like much when you "fill 'er up" for your car, but our power companies have to "fill 'er up" over and over and over again in a year.

In Appalachian's case, it means paying another 1,000,000 pennies because that's about the number of gallons of gas used each year. To keep your long division in practice, that means Appalachian pays an additional \$10,000 in a year at 1 cent a gallon for the new road program.

Two average passenger cars together weigh about the same as the pennies it will take to pay for Appalachian's increased gas taxes in a year.

Based on last year's use, Kentucky will have to pay about 140,000 pennies in a year for the additional 1 cent tax. Kingsport will shell out about 27,500 pennies for the new tax.

Tax Rolls On Tires

And the road program will get a further boost from the increased tax on tires. The tax rose 3 cents a pound on each new tire. This means an increase in taxes for our three companies of about \$4,000.

Appalachian's transportation fleet, because of its size, again will pay the major share . . . about \$3,500 a year. That new 3 cents a pound tax on tires means Kentucky will have to pay about \$400 a year and Kingsport almost \$100.

Just so you won't be "penny wise and pound foolish", the increase in



These 10,000 pennies really cover the desk top used by G. F. Murphy, system transportation supervisor, to show how the new 1 cent gasoline tax adds up. Appalachian will need 100 of these desk tops of pennies because the company will pay about 1 million pennies a year on the gas tax that went into effect July 1. In case you're wondering where Fred found \$100 worth of pennies, First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke provided the cash and the setting for the picture.

taxes on gas and tires boosts our three companies' tax up by 1,550,500 pennies . . . or about 10,608 pounds of pennies.

The third part of the road program tax was levied on trucks. The manufacturers sales tax on trucks was increased from 8 to 10%—further

Extension Course Is Taught By Employees

Three Bluefield employees recently became "professors" to teach an extension course to 40 Tazewell County Grade School teachers.

L. W. Robinette, power sales engineer; Ryland Bailey, area sales representative; and Paul Parks, commercial sales representative, prepared and taught three of the several courses that prepared these teachers to instruct science classes this fall. Mr. Robinette taught basic electricity, Mr. Bailey taught magnetism and Mr. Parks taught the science of seeing. They also assisted in laboratory work.

Top FHA Honor Goes To Charleston Man

Guilford C. Smith, Charleston administrative assistant, has been made an honorary member of the Future Homemakers of America.

The award is given to individuals who have helped to advance the homemaking program and have rendered outstanding service to the state organization. Mr. Smith is entitled to attend all meetings and wear the FHA



Mr. Smith

Honor Key.

Mr. Smith was a co-chairman in Kanawha County of a drive for funds by the FHA for the establishment of a camp at Ripley. He has cooperated in all conventions and conferences and is on two committees planning the camp's future development. He is also an honorary member of the Future Farmers of America and has received an honorary degree from the State Farmers Association and a chapter award from Elkview High School.

raising the amount our three companies will pay as part of the new federal road program.

The next time you drive into your neighborhood gas station, just think of the number of times your company has to "fill 'er up" to keep our transportation fleet rolling. Then you can realize that your company also is paying its share for better driving on the highways of tomorrow.

Jay Farley Heads Bluefield Jaycees

Jay W. Farley, Jr. was elected president of the Greater Bluefield Junior Chamber of Commerce. The head T&D clerk was first vice president last year. He also is president of the Bluefield Employees Benevolent Association.



Mr. Farley

After attending Western Carolina Teachers College and Bowling Green University, he went to work for the company in late 1942 in the Glen Lyn plant steam production department. In 1943 he entered the armed forces, serving three years. He returned to the company in Bluefield as intermediate clerk in the T&D department. He was district records clerk and senior T&D clerk before rising to his present position in 1954.

His wife, Betty, is secretarial stenographer in local accounting. His hobbies are repairing fishing tackle, building boats and photography.

Cabin Creek Man Dies After Illness

R. S. Garrison, 54, Cabin Creek plant boiler maintenance helper, died June 20 from a heart condition.

Mr. Garrison had been away from work since March. He was employed January 20, 1943 and spent his entire service in the boiler maintenance department.

Born August 24, 1901, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Garrison of Cedar Grove, and three sisters, who live in Virginia.

Service Pins Go To Four Appalachian Veterans Observing 35th Anniversary

Four Appalachian veterans received pins during July for 35 years' service with the company.

Elias Adams

Elias Adams, Logan plant boiler operator, marked his 35th anniversary July 12. He started July 12, 1921 as a fireman operating a stoker at Logan plant. In 1944 he was made a boiler auxiliary equipment operator and was promoted to boiler operator in 1948.

Mr. Adams, a member of the Aracoma Church of God, is married and has two sons. He says he believes the greatest trend in his 35 years with the company has been the tremendous progress in automation. Next, it is his belief that the progress in human relations or employee-employer relations has been greatest.

Harry C. Metts

Harry C. Metts, Lynchburg line foreman, was given a 35-year pin July 9. He joined the company on that date in 1921 as a groundman and was promoted to a lineman April 1, 1926. He became a working foreman December 1, 1945 and a line foreman January 1, 1953.

Mr. Metts is a member of the Rivermont Avenue Baptist Church and the Industrial Management Club. His hobby is fishing. He is married and has four children and five grandchildren.

Charles Elam

Charles Elam, Huntington district service foreman, completed 35 years' service July 19.

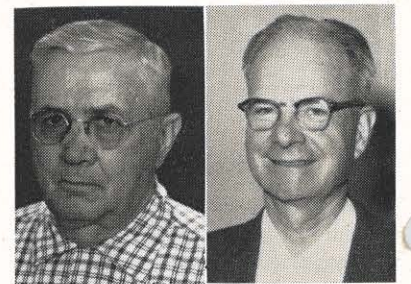
He was employed as a line foreman July 19, 1921 and went to his present position May 1, 1954. A member of the Masonic Lodge, his hobbies include hunting and fishing. He is married and has a son and daughter.

Mr. Elam commented this way on his service: "I have enjoyed working



Mr. Adams

Mr. Metts



Mr. Elam

Mr. Kirk

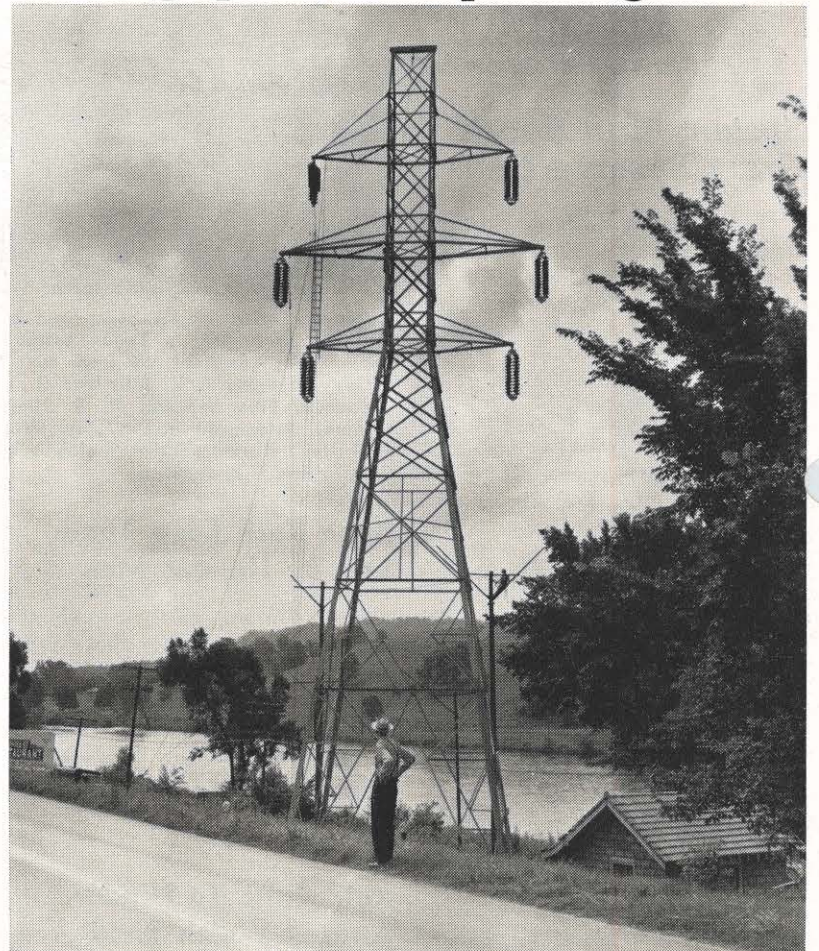
for the company. They have been mighty good to me. Everyone has been very nice."

R. M. Kirk

A 35-year pin went to R. M. Kirk, system senior meter engineer, July 7. He joined the old Virginia Power Company at Cabin Creek on that day in 1921. His first job was installing metering at the Guyandotte station to service the Consolidated Heat, Light & Power Company at Huntington. He had previously worked for that company during school vacations and right after discharge from the military service. He attended Carnegie Tech.

Mr. Kirk was assigned to the system meter department when it was organized in 1936 and has served in several capacities since then. His job takes him into six states. Mr. Kirk is married.

Kingsport Loop Progress



J. A. Randall, Kingsport meter supervisor, observes progress on the West Kingsport station-Hill, Va., station 132 kv double circuit line which is almost complete. This line is scheduled to tie in with the new Clinch River plant at Carbo and other connections to the north and will be a part of the 132 kv loop around Kingsport. The completion date for the line has been set for about August 31. One circuit will initially go in at 33 kv, and when the plant is completed will go up to 132 kv. Keystone Construction Company of Huntington is the contractor on the job. Company inspectors include R. A. Walk, system transmission inspector, and C. C. Meadows and Ivan French, system transmission men. Note the man on the pole to the right of the tower and the work ladder between two of the tower's arms on the left side.

Brief Report On Road Program

The Senate-House compromise road-building bill signed by President Eisenhower calls for spending \$33-billion in construction over the next 13 years. The program is to be financed by tax increases spread over 16 years.

The increased taxes will come from the following:

1. Additional 1 cent per gallon of gas.
2. Additional 3 cents per pound of new tire.
3. Additional 2% on cost of trucks.
4. Special registration fee on trucks weighing over 26,000 pounds.

The highway program means that some 40,000 miles of road are to be modernized. Although that's only about 1% of the nation's road surface, it carries about 14% of the traffic. Upon completion of the program, it's estimated those 40,000 miles will carry almost 25% of the traffic.

By-passes of the nation's fifty largest cities are part of the plan. These by-passing highways will be six lanes. Almost all cities with 100,000 population will be connected with six-lane highways. Four-lane highways with 20-foot dividers will run to almost every city in the 50,000 to 100,000 population class. About 7,000 miles of two-lane traffic will be built, mostly in the west.