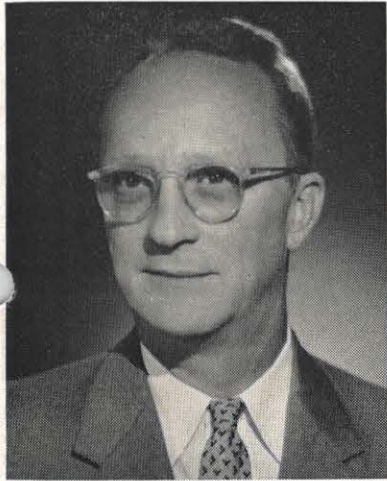


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Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.

Five Major Promotions Are Made In Kentucky And Appalachian



Mr. Doyle

Promotion of R. E. Doyle, Jr., to assistant general manager of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company recently started a chain reaction of promotions. The vice president and general manager of Kentucky Power Company was succeeded as general manager of the Kentucky company by F. M. Baker, assistant general manager.

Waldo S. LaFon, Beckley district manager, was promoted to assistant general manager of Kentucky Power, succeeding Mr. Baker. John V. Mann, Point Pleasant district manager, succeeds Mr. LaFon at Beckley. George E. Hervey, Charleston district superintendent, was promoted to Point Pleasant district manager, succeeding Mr. Mann.

All promotions became effective the first of January.

Doyle's Service

Mr. Doyle was employed by the company at Pikeville in 1930 as a construction engineer. He was later named district engineer and became Pikeville district manager in 1941. He was promoted to assistant general manager in 1947 and rose to general manager in 1948. He was elected to the company's board of directors and was named vice president of the Kentucky company in 1952.

In his new position, he will be assistant general manager of I&M which serves over 260,000 customers in southern Michigan and eastern Indiana. The principal cities served are Fort Wayne, South Bend, Marion and Muncie, Indiana, and Benton Harbor, Michigan.

A VPI graduate with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering Mr. Doyle recently completed special graduate work at Harvard University. He is a registered professional engineer in Kentucky.

He has served as president of the Ashland Board of Trade, member of the board of managers of the Kings Daughters Hospital, deacon of first Presbyterian Church, director of the Boyd County Community Chest, member of the Rotary Club and the Masonic Shrine, and a regional vice president and member of the board of directors of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. He is married and they have two daughters.

Baker Moves Up

F. M. Baker, now general manager of Kentucky Power Company, began



Mr. Baker

Two Are Elected Vice Presidents

F. M. Baker was elected a vice president of Kentucky Power Company and R. E. Doyle, Jr. was elected a vice president of I & M at Board of Directors meetings of the respective companies on December 27.

At the board meeting Mr. Doyle resigned as vice president, general manager and director of Kentucky Power and Paul D. Brooks, commercial vice president of the AGE Service Corporation, was elected to the vacated directorship. Mr. Brooks also is a vice president of Kentucky Power.

All actions were effective January 1.

work with the company at Pikeville as an engineer in 1931. He served as meter superintendent, general superintendent and assistant district manager before being promoted to Pikeville district manager in 1947.

Mr. Baker was promoted to assistant general manager of Kentucky Power in July 1956 when he moved to Ashland.

A native of Alderson, West Virginia, he graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a degree in electrical engineering. While at Pikeville he served as Kiwanis Club president, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission and chairman of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian Church. He is married and they have two daughters.

LaFon To Kentucky

The new assistant general manager at Kentucky Power, Waldo S. LaFon, graduated from VPI in 1939 with a degree in electrical engineering. He was employed that year by the company in the Charleston engineering department. Called to active duty, he served as a captain in the China-Burma-India theatre during World War II.

In 1945 he returned to Appalachian at Beckley as power engineer and became district commercial manager in 1948. Two years later he was named assistant Charleston district manager and was promoted in 1951 to Beckley district manager. He has served as president of the



Mr. LaFon



Mr. Mann



Mr. Hervey

Beckley Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, state director of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, director of the Rotary Club, member of the executive committee of the Appalachian Council of the Boy Scouts and has headed community fund campaigns. He is married and they have three daughters.

New Beckley Manager

John V. Mann, the new Beckley district manager, is a 33-year veteran with the company. He started as a rodman in 1923 when he worked out of Charleston with construction crews in several states. In 1935 he became Charleston division distribution engineer.

He served over three years with the Army Corps of Engineers in World War II and rose to the rank of major. In January 1947 he was promoted to local superintendent at

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Top Prizes

'Operating Notes' Awards Go To Ashland And System Men

O. O. Henderson, Ashland district supervising engineer, won first place in the annual AGE *Monthly Operating Notes* competition. His \$100 award was accompanied by a letter from President Philip Sporn who commended him for his contribution.

H. E. McCormack, superintendent of system operations, won \$50 for a second-place tie with an I & M employee. He also won second place last year in the contest by the publication that prints ideas for saving time, work and money.

Mr. Henderson's winning article appeared in the February issue of *Operating Notes*. It was entitled "Basing Demands on Customers' Meter Readings." The judges in announcing the first-place winner from among the 108 field ideas published last year said: "This conclusion is reached by reason of the fact that the writer shows originality of thought and has made an outstanding attempt to solve one of our very difficult problems—a problem of which the solution has evaded many very highly experienced people."

His article which he termed "a progress report" traced a four-year program of developing an improved method of calculating transformer demands from customers' meter readings. Nine advantages of the new method were listed.

Mr. McCormack's article entitled "Pulse-Type Fault-Finder Experience" appeared in the July issue of *Operating Notes*. It described tests made with an instrument about the

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O. O. Henderson, winner of AGE "Operating Notes" competition at left, receives a check for \$100 and congratulations from F. M. Baker, recently promoted vice president and general manager of Kentucky Power Company. The Ashland district engineer's outstanding contribution was selected the best of 108 field ideas.



H. E. McCormack, superintendent of system operations at right, is congratulated by G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager, for winning second place in the annual AGE "Operating Notes" competition. He received a \$50 award.

Patterson Named Manager Of Clinch River Plant, Is Succeeded By Schneider

John A. Patterson, Logan plant manager, has been promoted to manager of the Clinch River plant under construction at Carbo, Virginia. He will be succeeded as Logan plant manager by Paul T. Schneider, assistant manager of Philip Sporn plant.

Announcement of the promotions was made January 3 by G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager, who said they are effective February 1.

Mr. Patterson will be moving soon to the \$55-million plant slated for completion late in 1958. Ground was broken May 16, signaling the start of construction at the 450,000-kw plant.

Patterson's Service

Mr. Patterson has been associated with Appalachian and other companies in the American Gas and Electric Company System for 26 years. He has served as assistant plant superintendent at Cabin Creek plant and as superintendent of the Hazard plant.

He was promoted in May 1948 to assistant steam plant superintendent of Logan plant and rose to superintendent in May 1949. He became Logan plant manager in November 1950.

He has served as president of the

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Mr. Patterson



Mr. Schneider

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The New Year Brings New Opportunities

A bright new calendar, a clean slate awaits the year's developments. Each day of 1957 will bring new challenges and new chances for service in our business.

It's a fact that our customers are doubling their use of electricity every 10 years. That means we have to be ready for that growth. And it means that we must have more than plants and stations and lines—vital as they are—to bring that "power for progress" to our customers.

The progress of our business in 1957 and other years ahead rests squarely on the shoulders of people, all types of people, in all types of jobs. Shouldering our share of the load, as we have demonstrated in the past, is a quality common to employees of the power company.

Added responsibility will be assumed by employees accustomed to sharing in the team effort. Realization of being part of the total effort—can pave the way for better working relationships.

Too often we are apt to look at our single job by the light of a one-bulb lamp that shows only that job. We need a brighter three-way lamp that also shows how our job fits into the over-all picture of company operations and its influence on fellow employees and other people.

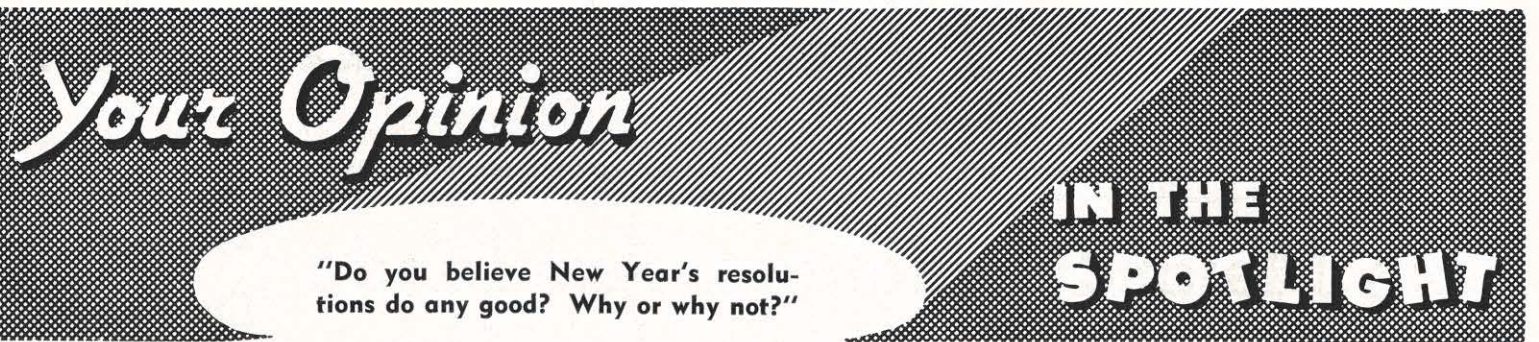
We also should keep in mind that expansion of our business means expanding opportunity for each of us. The number of major promotions in this issue of the paper shows the extent of opportunity that is common to our companies. And for each major promotion there will be many more moves up the ladder as successors are named to fill vacancies.

Promotion from within the company is a very real policy. It's a policy that assures each employee of more opportunity to assume more challenging responsibility in the future.

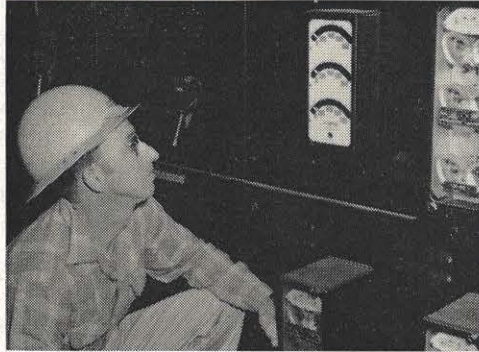
Developing qualified personnel for the next step on the ladder is a constant process. Positions that become vacant cannot wait for someone to train for them. They soon must be filled so that work continues.

All of this is by way of saying that we can expect to get more out of our jobs in 1957. We can, that is, when we take the broad look at what we contribute to our company and our customers.

Progress in 1957 will continue to take the combined talents of all of us. We can be proud of sharing in that progress through the new year ahead.



WALTER M. DRINNON, Station Man, Kingsport



Yes, I believe New Year's resolutions are good. None of us are perfect; therefore, to make new resolutions reveals the fact that there is a desire within oneself to do all in his power to make himself a better person.

If a person makes resolutions, good ones that is, and carries them out, the result is good. If resolutions are made and kept, the will power is strong and this in itself is a strengthening agent for a person. Attaining the confidence that "I can do anything which I really want to do" helps us, not only in our personal lives but in connection with our work and also with our relations to our customers and our other contacts.

PEGGY I. EDWARDS, Rocky Mount Cashier-Clerk, Roanoke



Yes. They make us think of the wrong things we are doing and the many ways we can help ourselves correct them. They even help to set an example for other people. No matter who you are somebody is always looking at you and trying to do just like you, so our resolutions help others as well as ourselves.

Anytime we make a resolution we are doing good because we are thinking of doing better. When we think of doing better a little of it will stay with us. As the adage goes, "As a man thinketh, so is he," by making good resolutions we are moving toward improvement.

C. A. McKINNEY, JR., Hazard



I believe that the resolutions we make at the beginning of the New Year do a great deal of good. First of all, I believe that all of us intend to do some very serious thinking during this season. The results are in the form of New Year's resolutions.

However, these resolutions hardly ever

survive more than a month. Since all resolutions are usually of a good nature, then we must admit that a great deal of good has been done if only for a month. On the other hand, many people make resolutions and carry them out during the year.

Yes, I say that New Year's resolutions are of a great value to us. I hope all employees will make one resolution and keep it this coming year: "I resolve to work safely during the coming year."

MILDRED G. BISHOP, Princeton Bookkeeper, Bluefield



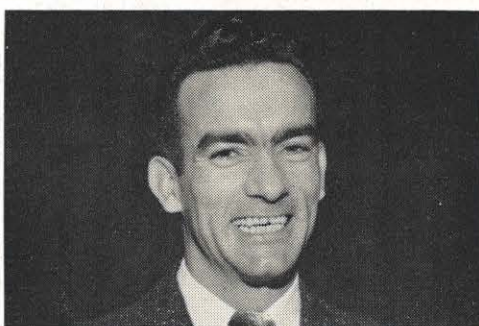
Do I believe in New Year's resolutions? I'll say I do! It was a wise person who said: "Hitch your wagon to a star." I think that this quotation expresses and also interprets the definition of a resolution.

A resolution provides an opportunity to overcome bad habits, accomplish feats, improve one's ability, by creating challenges always made with good intentions. Personally, I consider resolutions little tracks that enable us to keep on a straight path. Because of the existing turmoil, I believe, universally the hopes and prayers of the people center around the words: peace, brotherhood and goodwill.

With these three important words in mind, I resolve to: (1) Do a good job each day. (2) Spread a little happiness. (3) Give someone a helping hand. (4) Last but not least, "Resolve to be thyself and know that he who finds himself loses his misery."

I am in favor of bigger and better New Year's resolutions. How about you?

JOHN L. JOHNSON, Helper, Kanawha River Plant



At the beginning of each New Year, almost all of us make at least one New Year's resolution with a fixed purpose and determination of doing something which will make us a better person.

Whether we are able to accomplish this goal or not depends largely on whether or not the individual has the faith, determination, courage and will power to carry through under individual circumstances. Some resolutions will be kept while others will not; but it is my belief that those resolutions which are kept will do good as to making the individual a better person, a better neighbor, a better friend, a better homemaker and to help him recapture the clean, exalted feeling of a New Year's morning today and every day.

Resolutions can do good and will do good if we have the determination to keep them. May we all remember that to make a fellow happy is greater than any work of art and may we all resolve to make our contribution toward making a better world for all of us.

MARGUERITE GREGG, Proof Clerk, System Accounting



When I was asked the question, "Do you believe New Year's resolutions do any good?", my answer was no. Why this answer?

I firmly believe that after the Christmas season (which always puts one into such a happy and forgiving mood) is over, you think of all the things you didn't do the past year and make all these promises and resolutions for the New Year. You really mean to keep each one, but as the New Year begins and you go along your everyday way of life, working and mixing with your friends, these promises or resolutions are quickly forgotten. They are broken in one split second, and you are back in the same old rut or way of living. It is so easily done and without a single thought of the resolution.

I think for this reason it is far better not to make resolutions, but to try each day to live by the "Golden Rule" and have a feeling of real contentment in knowing that each day you are doing the things you should and leaving undone the things you shouldn't do. This saves you the time of making all these false promises and then breaking them.

CARL L. PHILLIPS, Commercial Sales Representative, Huntington



Yes, definitely! The resolution to begin or continue an act, if good, or to end or curb an act, if considered bad, is the culmination of accumulated positive thinking. Resolving is but a type of progressive planning. The planning has helped us to a better understanding.

The orthodoxy of resolution is recognized by our various religions. Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year celebration, is a time of penitential prayers and resolutions for the coming year. We, as Christians, regard the New Year as a commencement, a clean slate, an opportunity to better ourselves in numerous ways. Many conversions are made as the New Year begins, with the halo of Christ's birthday anniversary just past but still present in the hearts and minds of men.

Reddy Rates Reply . . .

Your dun was mighty cute,
It almost struck me mute,
And this is all I have to say.
Enclosed you will find your pay
And begging your pardon for the delay.
We will continue to get along fine
If I don't lose your bill next time.

A BLUEFIELD CUSTOMER

Harry Silling, Charleston Vet, Killed By Truck



Mr. Silling

Harry M. Silling, 61, of Charleston died December 1 in a hospital an hour after being struck by a truck.

The Charleston district residential and rural sales supervisor was a 21-year veteran with the company. Born January 24, 1895 at Williamsburg, Ky., he attended Charleston schools. He joined the company May 1, 1935 as rural service salesman and moved up through the commercial department to district residential sales supervisor July 1, 1948. He became district residential and rural sales supervisor April 1, 1954.

He served during World War I as a sergeant in the 79th Division in France and Germany. A member of the Presbyterian Church, he had been a deacon since 1931 and chairman of the ushers committee since 1935. He was chairman of the Board of Deacons in 1946.

Mr. Silling was active in Masonic organizations and was secretary and treasurer of the Electrical Association of Charleston for 10 years. He also represented this organization at International conferences on 10 occasions.

He served on the Election Board frequently and was active in Red Feather campaigns.

Mr. Silling is survived by his wife, one daughter, one brother, one sister and two grandsons. Funeral services were held December 3 at the First Presbyterian Church. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery.

Promotions . . .

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Montgomery in the Charleston district.

He became manager of the Point Pleasant district in November 1948 when it was organized. Married and the father of three children, he has been active in the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce and other community activities.

Hervey's Record

His successor as Point Pleasant district manager, George E. Hervey, was employed by the power company in June 1940 as electrical engineer in the Charleston district. He became substation supervisor in July 1948 and district supervising engineer in June 1951. After promotion to assistant district superintendent in September 1953, he rose to the position of district superintendent in March 1955.

He graduated from West Virginia University with an electrical engineering degree in 1932. He served in the European Theatre in World War II as a major in the Signal Corps. He is now a colonel in the Army reserve.

Married, he is the father of two children. A registered professional engineer in West Virginia, he is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the University Club and the Army-Navy Club.

Alertness Pays Off For Youth

A tragedy was recently averted by the alertness of Paul Kelley.

The Bluefield line inspector was getting out of his truck in Arista when he noticed a small boy playing under a loaded five-ton coal truck. At that instant the truck started pulling out.

Paul started running toward the truck, yelling at the driver, who jammed on his brakes. Paul reached the truck and pulled the boy from in front of the dual wheels. Unhurt, the boy skipped off to play elsewhere without even telling Paul his name.

Whitlock Promoted To Commercial Post

J. A. Whitlock has been promoted to Charleston district residential and rural sales supervisor. He succeeds Harry M. Silling, who died December 1.



Mr. Whitlock

Mr. Whitlock, rising to the position from assistant district residential and rural sales supervisor, which he has held since December 1951, joined the company January 11, 1938 as a rural solicitor. After a military leave of absence he became a rural representative April 25, 1946 and district rural sales supervisor July 1, 1948.

A native West Virginian, he is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney in Virginia with a B.S. degree in chemistry. He served five years in the Air Force during World War II, attaining the rank of first lieutenant. He is a member of the University Club, is married and has two daughters.

New, Modern St. Albans Office Opens Operations With 3-Day Open House



Modern inside and out, the new St. Albans office recently began operations.

Operations have begun in the new St. Albans office of the Charleston district, combining duties performed by the old St. Albans and Nitro offices.

The modern building features the latest in electric living, including planned lighting, cooking and heating. It has an auditorium and an all-electric kitchen to be used for company and civic functions.

An open house marked the beginning of operations in the new building. About 14,000 invitations were extended to customers, and guests were served refreshments and given door prizes. Commercial department employees were on hand with demonstrations of electric appliances and to answer questions.

Reddy Remembered At Christmas

A grateful Charleston customer remembered Reddy Kilowatt on her Christmas card list.

The Christmas greeting card was addressed to "Redi-Kilowatt and his co-workers" and pictured an angel sleeping peacefully. The customer penned under the printed message: "I'm glad you don't take naps when you should be working. Signed, a grateful customer." In a postscript the customer pointed out the electric appliances she uses.



Chester Spradling, commercial sales representative, serves refreshments just cooked on an electric range. The two customers are looking at one of several displays of electric appliances.

Patterson . . .

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Logan Rotary Club and has been active in the Chamber of Commerce and in Boy Scout work. He is married, the father of two daughters.

Schneider Is Veteran

His successor as Logan plant manager, Paul T. Schneider, also is a veteran of service on the AGE System. He came with Ohio Power Company as a draftsman at Philo plant in April 1936. He transferred that year to Windsor plant as a test engineer, later holding positions of assistant results engineer, results engineer and supervisor of operations.

Mr. Schneider became supervisor of operations at Sporn plant in May 1949. He was promoted to assistant Sporn plant manager in August 1950.

He is a graduate of Ohio State University with an electrical engineering degree. He has served as president of the New Haven Rotary Club and the New Haven Recreation Foundation and as a member of the Wahama Band Boosters and the White Falcon Boosters. He is married, the father of a son.

Roanoke Vet Is Elected President Of 1900 Club

Joseph Angell has been elected president of the 1900 Club of Roanoke. He is a draftsman in the system R/e department.

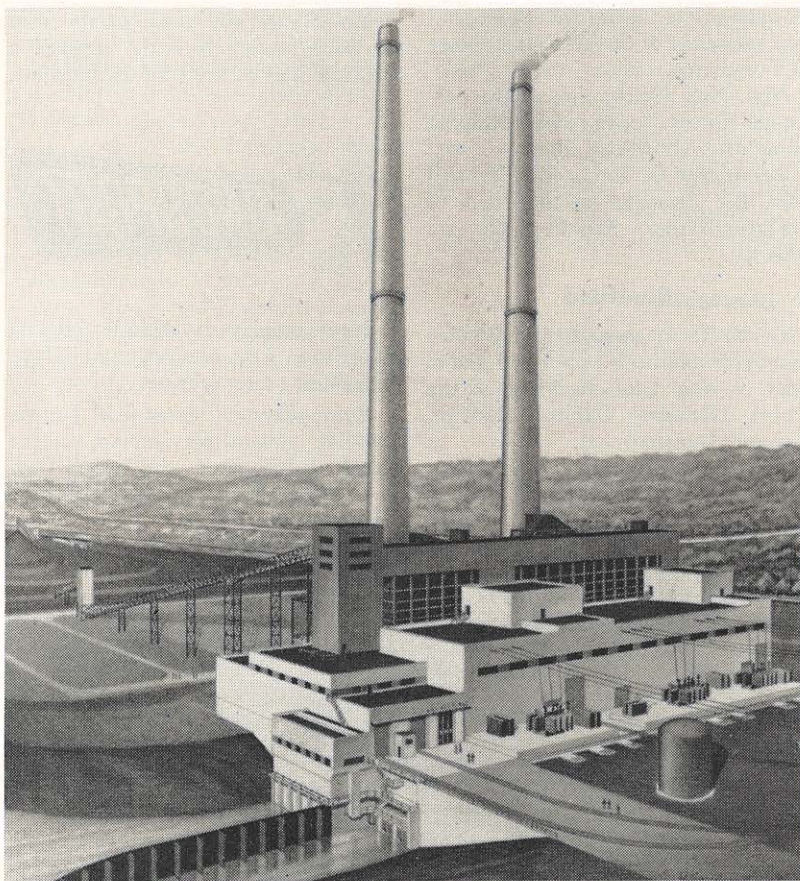
The 1900 Club is an old chartered social club consisting of about 100 business and professional men in Roanoke who were born in 1900.

Mr. Angell joined the company November 23, 1936. Married, he has one son and two grandchildren.

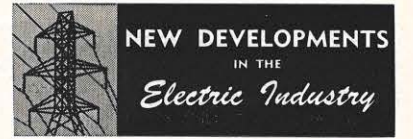


Mr. Angell

Sketch Shows Kammer Plant



This is how the 675,000-kilowatt Kammer Plant at Cresap, W. Va., will look when completed. The plant is being built by Ohio Power Company. Two of its 225,000-kw generating units will be owned by Olin Revere Generating Corporation and will serve the major new aluminum project of its parent company, Olin Revere Metals Corporation, under way at nearby Clarrington, Ohio. The third unit will be owned by Ohio Power and all three units will be operated by Ohio Power. First of the \$90-million power plant's units is scheduled for completion early in 1958. Erection of the plant's 9,000 tons of structural steel was begun on December 3.



(The following items are based on material appearing in recent issues of "Electrical World.")

Pioneered By AGE: Transmission lines are going EHV (extra-high voltage). In 1957, 1,200 circuit miles of line will be in operation at 330 or 345 kv.

Out Of Darkness: During the depression, industrial use of electricity rose from 2.75 kwhr per man-hour to 4.04, indicating that the firms which survived perhaps did so because of greater electrification. Today, industry uses 9.7 kwhr per manhour and is expected to use 20 kwhr by 1965.

Flying Salt: Salt spray whipped from the ocean by a 40-mph wind may reach 4,000 feet altitude and fall on electrical facilities a half mile or more inland.

Word To The Wise: When driving through Ogdensburg, N. Y., be very careful not to hit any power poles belonging to the city water department. Here is what happened to one motorist who did. He paid this bill: \$175 for a new pole, \$15 for power the department was forced to purchase, \$4.50 for operating a gasoline motor during the service interruption, \$31.20 for services of a pumping station attendant, and \$12.05 for an electrician. A total of \$237.75—plus a \$25 fine for speeding.

A Week Of Our Own: National Electrical Week in 1957 will be the week of February 10 to 16.

Digging Deeper: Known coal reserves in the United States are adequate to last 1,600 years if consumed at the average rate of the decade which ended in 1950.

Awards . . .

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size of a portable TV set to determine the location of a line fault or where sleet formation may be giving trouble. A story about the tests appeared in last month's issue of THE ILLUMINATOR.

In a letter which accompanied the award, AGE President Sporn complimented McCormack for the procedure which he said "should further increase the dependability of AGE service and further assure maximum utilization of the investment in system facilities . . ."

Mr. Henderson graduated from West Virginia University in 1938 with a degree in electrical engineering. He was employed that year in the Pikeville substation department. He went to Williamson in March 1943 as substation foreman and to Ashland in October 1943 as district substation superintendent. He was promoted to Ashland district engineer in April 1947. He is married and the father of a daughter.

Mr. McCormack is a veteran power company employee with over 38 years' service. He began his long career in the utility business at Cabin Creek plant in May 1918. He has been superintendent of system operations since 1946. Married, he is the father of two children.

The article that tied with Mr. McCormack's for second place was written by M. G. Papazian, engineer in the substation department of I & M at Fort Wayne. His contribution was entitled "Coordination of Maintenance Cuts Expense" and appeared in the September issue of *Operating Notes*.



Hazard

The Volta Club held their annual Christmas party at the home of Miss Margaret Baker with a pot-luck supper. Gifts were exchanged by Misses Leyburn Cody, Margaret Baker, Rita Barker, Tommy Jean Gabbard, Pat Farmer, Eunice Dixon, Joyce Combs, La Redith Pratt, Dixie Napier, Mary Franks, Margie Wilder and Mesdames Kay Begley, Pauline Garrett, Clydie Combs, Nannie Faye Herd, Louis Graef and Doris Combs.



Beckley

Earl O. Snider, administrative assistant, has been elected director of the Beckley Kiwanis Club and has also been appointed industrial representative for the Pilot Agriculture Program on the Industrial Committee.

J. E. Hammer, personnel supervisor, was master-of-ceremonies at the Sophia High School football banquet.

Felix E. Fisher, electrical engineer, has been elected first vice president of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, Beckley Chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. LaFon and Mr. and Mrs. Brashear entertained Beckley district supervisors and their wives at a Christmas party in the LaFon home.

Susan and Sally, twin daughters of Parthenia Winner, personnel stenographer, recently appeared on WOAY-TV on the Montgomery Ward Christmas program.

Harry C. Sessions, who retired this month, was honored by a dinner given by the commercial department.

New employees in the accounting department are Lucille G. Wiseman and Barbara T. McGraw.

Patricia L. Lowery, junior meter clerk, has resigned.

Cabin Creek Plant

Frances Ann, daughter of C. K. Orr, Jr., boiler operator, has been re-elected president of the East Bank Girl Scouts troop.

Sympathy is extended W. K. Evans, chief dispatcher, on the death of his daughter, and Mae S. Powers on the death of her step-father.

Sympathy is also extended G. C. Williams on the death of his father-in-law.

Kanawha River Plant

New employees are F. D. Carelli and R. L. Ingram.

Sympathy is extended W. L. Wilshire on the death of his sister.

Philip Sporn Plant

Tommy, son of Bethel Vance, control operator, has been selected to play with the West Virginia University Concert Band. He holds second chair in the French horn section.

Sympathy is extended Alton F. Roush, janitor, in the recent death of his mother.

Charleston

Co-op student John Atkins is back from VPI for his fifth work assignment in the commercial department.

V. C. Bartlett, retired garage supervisor, is recuperating after being critically ill.

John Bobersky, meter section, has



Happenings

Around the Circuit

... Among Employees and Their Families

returned to work after being off several weeks for a shoulder operation.

New employees include Cecil L. Evans, Isabel Craig, Wanda E. Neal, Helen C. Midkiff, accounting; and Judith E. Shabdue, T&D record section.

Employees who are recovering from extended illnesses are Denzil Allison, line; J. W. Roach, Montgomery line; Thoma Jarrell, local accounting; and J. W. Layne, commercial.

Sympathy is extended Gamble Hawkins on the death of his mother.

E. H. Braid, O. C. Hall and Earl A. Stone are the new chairmen of the line, meter and station committee, educational committee, and general committee, respectively.

Resignations include Maxine Parsons, miscellaneous; Samuel G. Hanson, line; William C. Knight and Bobbie Burke, engineering; Wanda Turner and Evelyn D. Garnett, accounting; and Sara H. Pettit, Larry Frontino and Marcia Ingbar, commercial.

Sympathy is extended E. A. Murray, commercial supervisor, on the death of his wife and Peggy Jane Gallagher, Montgomery accounting, on the death of her mother.

Sympathy is also extended Mayo and Paul Goode, Montgomery area, and Leroy Goode, Charleston line, on the death of their father and Roy Young, meter department, on the death of his sister.

Point Pleasant

B. N. Thomas, heating and builder sales representative, presented a talk on selling electric heating to existing homes to the AGE Managers Meeting in Canton, Ohio, at a commercial managers' meeting in Ashland, and at the Electric Space Heating and Heat Pump Conference sponsored by *Electrical World* magazine and Edison Electric Institute in New York.

Sympathy is extended P. H. Steenbergen, Jr., district engineer, on the death of his mother.



Roanoke

Mrs. B. E. Burnette, wife of the line foreman, T&D line and station section, was the winner of the December Slogan of the Month Contest.

J. E. Stebar, groundman, T&D line and station section, resigned.

Fieldale

Earl Joyce, H. S. Mason and Mrs. Audrey Harlowe have returned to work after extended illnesses.

Sympathy is extended Bruce Hogan on the death of his brother-in-law.

Lynchburg

Doris D. Stanley, local accounting cash poster, has resigned.

Anne R. Cothran, clerk-typist, is a new employee in local accounting.

D. C. Kennedy, district manager, F. M. Cloyd, district commercial manager, and Loyd T. Smith, administrative assistant, attended a regional conference on industrial development in Roanoke sponsored by

the U. S., Virginia State and Roanoke Chambers of Commerce.

Sympathy is extended G. C. Wheeler, district engineer, on the death of his father, and E. L. Sutor, Jr., local office manager, on the death of his mother-in-law.

System

Edward J. Gray, system R/E & R/W, has been appointed chairman of the makeup committee for the Roanoke Diamond Jubilee. He has also headed the makeup department for the past five years for "Show-timers", a local summer play organization.

Bill, son of Mrs. Glenna Jago and student at VPI, has been named in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

The women employees of system accounting held their annual Christmas luncheon at the Panel Room of the Hotel Ponce de Leon.

Roy G. Burgess, system station operator at Sporn is recuperating at home from a circulatory condition.

Sympathy is extended the family of E. A. Dodson.

Ron Brammer, sports editor of the *Jefferson News*, his high school paper, recently served a short period as guest editor-in-chief. He is the son of G. G. Brammer, system operating.



Welch

W. T. Collins, Jr., local office supervisor in Grundy, was recently elected first vice president of the Buchanan County Chamber of Commerce.

R. J. Wood, assistant district manager, has been elected second vice president of the Welch Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Nell Smith, wife of the personnel supervisor, is recuperating at home after six weeks' illness.

Sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pearman on the death of her grandfather. Mr. Pearman is a lineman.

Bluefield

O. B. Yost, assistant local office manager, has been appointed chairman of New Club Building of the Third Division, Capitol District, Kiwanis International.

Mrs. Earl A. Jackson, Jr. has been chosen to represent Knob School, Princeton, at the Mercer County

Parent-Teachers Association.

W. E. Brooks, meter supervisor, is recuperating at home from a broken vertebrae received in an automobile accident.

The girls of the Bluefield Girls' Service Club manned the telephones for the Bluefield Community Christmas Tree Fund and raised \$200 to add to the fund.

Sympathy is extended J. S. Dodd on the death of his father-in-law.

Pulaski

Mrs. Lois B. Sutphin has resigned to join her husband who has returned from an overseas station.

New employees include Winifred B. Jackson, Jeanne K. Duncan, Kathleen W. Lemley and Viola Sims.

The Pulaski office women employees held their annual Christmas dinner at Blair House. The group exchanged gifts and presented a corsage and gift to Lois B. Sutphin, who has resigned.

Sympathy is extended E. G. Dalton, Byllesby hydro, and LeRoy Dalton, Pulaski meter section, on the death of their mother and grandmother, respectively.

Mrs. F. E. Rouse, Sr., wife of the Claytor hydro operator, is recuperating from a major operation.

Wytheville T&D clerk Carl G. Powers' "Stop-Think-and-Live" slogan was the winner of the week in the safety slogan contest conducted by the Wytheville Merchants in conjunction with radio WYVE Safety School of the Air.

Abingdon

Mrs. Anita Artrip is a new employee in the Clintwood accounting department.

Employees and their guests from Russell County recently enjoyed a steak dinner at the Pine Restaurant.



New employees include Hoyatt Morrison, line section, and Clyde Lovelace, meter section.

Sympathy is extended J. W. Proffitt, general serviceman, on the death of his sister, and Ralph Casteel, head bookkeeper, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Molo Club Selects Officers



New officers of Ashland's Molo Club are pictured above. They are from left: Maureen Friel, purchasing, secretary-treasurer; Phyllis Hamm, general accounting, president, and Verna Smith, local accounting, reporter.



Logan Plant

L. C. Houchins, plant personnel supervisor, was elected vice president of the Men's Fellowship Group and president of the Men's Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church of Logan.

Sympathy is extended to Opie Pridemore, janitor, on the death of his wife, and C. R. Stickler, control operator, on the death of his father-in-law.

Sympathy is also extended Don Jonas, laboratory attendant, on the death of his grandmother.

Williamson

Mrs. C. R. Wilson, Jr., wife of the district engineer, was elected president of the Williamson Rotary Ann Club. She succeeds Mrs. William F. Giles, wife of the district commercial manager.

Employees who took part in special Christmas church programs were Helen Honaker and Patsy Varney, commercial; Florence Murphy, personnel; Myrtle Bevins and Peggy Francis, accounting.

Williamson district local office windows, decorated by Mrs. Lorraine Corea, accounting, have drawn considerable interest. The windows had Mr. and Mrs. Snow Man with painted holly leaves around the Reddy Kilowatt emblem.

The K-Appa-K Girls' Club held their annual Christmas party recently at the Mountaineer Hotel dining room.

Gustina Davis, local accounting, has resigned and has been replaced by Ruth S. Windle.

C. C. Darrah, district manager, has been elected president of the Mingo County Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. He succeeds C. R. Wilson, Jr., district engineer.

J. L. Gilbert, local accounting office manager, has returned to work after hospitalization. Burnice Sowell, car washer, has also returned to work after an extended illness.

Mrs. C. C. Darrah, wife of the district manager, is recuperating at home after recent hospitalization and Walter, son of Woodrow Holbrook, residential sales supervisor, is recuperating after hospitalization with bronchial pneumonia.

J. T. Harrold, retired employee, is recuperating from a five weeks' illness and hospitalization and Mrs. Harrold is now at home after hospital confinement.

Logan

The Appa-Lassies entertained the supervisors and their wives recently with a dinner in the local office auditorium.

Mary Elizabeth Davis, commercial department, directed the Christmas Cantata at the Peach Creek Methodist Church.

Sympathy is extended T. L. Henritze, line foreman, on the death of his sister, and H. J. Collins, district personnel supervisor, on the death of his father.

Huntington

J. C. Hansbarger, assistant division manager, has been named 1956-57 chairman of the government and taxation committee of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

Phyllis Johnson, system billing, has resigned.

Roy Birnbaum is recuperating from major surgery performed at the Doctor's Hospital in New York City.

Allene Jones is a new system billing employee.

Deadline: January 25

Registration Open For Education Awards

Registration is now open for sons and daughters of company employees who wish to enter the AGE System's third annual \$500 Education Awards competition.

A total of eight \$500 awards will be given this year, with two of them going to the top-ranking entrants from Appalachian. Another will go to the top entrant from among Central Operating (Philip Sporn plant), Kentucky, Kingsport, Wheeling Electric and Beech Bottom Power.

Deadline for entering has been set for January 25. Information and forms for entering this year's competition may be obtained by writing or contacting the personnel supervisor at your plant or office. Each personnel supervisor has kits containing instructions for contestants, a bulletin of information on the test, an application form, recommendation forms to be submitted to the entrant's high school principal and forms for additional information on the contestant.

This material may be obtained either by the company employee or the son or daughter wishing to take the test. This should be done immediately, however, in order to make sure all entry forms are completed and turned in in time for consideration. All material should be in the personnel supervisor's hands by January 25.

Who Is Eligible?

Any son or daughter of an employee who plans to enter the freshman year at a degree-granting institution in the fall to pursue a course leading to a baccalaureate degree is eligible to enter.

Awards will be given in five AGE System groups. In addition to the ones named, two awards each will go to Ohio Power and I&M and one award will go to the top entrant from the AGE Service Corporation. The groups have been divided as evenly as possible according to number of employees.

Test Date And Sites

To try for an award applicants must take a competitive examination—the standard College Entrance Board Scholastic Aptitude Test. This exam will be given Saturday morning, March 16, in key cities in or near our service area. These cities include Bluefield, Charleston, Parkersburg and Clarksburg, W. Va.; Lynchburg, Roanoke and Chatham, Va.; Lexington, Ky.; Portsmouth and Marietta, Ohio, and Bristol, Tenn. Cost of the examination will be paid for by the company but each contestant must bear his or her expenses, if any, to and from the city where the test will be given. All examinations will be prepared,

administered and scored by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N. J. ETS will turn over the results to an impartial and prominent educator who will be the judge. This year's eight winners will be determined on the basis of (1) test scores, (2) school records furnished by each contestant's high school principal and (3) additional information about each contestant provided by the contestant. Names

Moore Promoted To Cabin Creek Plant Assistant Manager

J. A. Moore has been promoted to assistant Cabin Creek plant manager. He rises to the position from supervisor of maintenance.



Mr. Moore

Mr. Moore replaces A. G. Mehlman, who was promoted to Philip Sporn plant last August. With broken service dating to 1935, Mr. Moore has been employed continuously at the plant since 1939. He has served in different jobs in the maintenance department, moving up to maintenance foreman in 1951 and supervisor of maintenance in 1954.

A native of Shrewsbury, where he now lives, he has completed a special course in machine shop at West Virginia Institute of Technology. He is presently enrolled in the Hayes Correspondence School of Combustion. Married and the father of four children, he is active in the Chelyan Lions Club and PTA.

Heat Pump Installed In Williamson Office

Year-round working comfort has been assured employees in the Williamson district office.

A heat pump has been installed to provide summer cooling, winter heating and year-round humidity control. The new system replaces a combination coal-fired boiler and summer air conditioner which has been in service since the office was built in 1940. The original ductwork system has been retained, and the system of air pressure operated controls is being modified to provide a simple yet fully automatic operation.

The installation consists of a compressor directly driven by a 40 hp motor, an air-to-air heat exchanger with the outdoor coils mounted on the office building roof, and a forced air distribution system. The auditorium is separately zoned.

of winners will be announced on or about May 1.

Money To School

As soon as each award winner has matriculated in the college of his choice, the \$500 will be deposited to his credit with the school's treasurer. The treasurer will be authorized to release the money to help pay charges for tuition, room, board, books, or laboratory fees—but for no other purpose. Winners who go into military service prior to entering college may defer use of the award money until the conclusion of their terms of service.

A total of 73 sons and daughters of AGE System employees entered last year's competition in which five \$500 awards were presented. Appalachian's winner last year was Luther F. McPherson III, of Bluefield who is now attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Lynn Spradlin Of Bedford County Attends National 4-H Congress As Electric Winner

Lynn Spradlin of the Stewartsville 4-H Club in Bedford County recently received national 4-H honors.

He attended the national 4-H Congress in Chicago as the Virginia State winner of the 4-H electric project for 1956. At the convention he was named first alternate to a \$300 scholarship in the home and farm electric contest.

Roy M. Foster, Roanoke district area sales representative, accompanied Lynn to Chicago. Mr. Foster worked closely with Lynn the past six years on his electric projects.

Among Lynn's many accomplishments in the electric project field are caring for all electrical equipment in his home and on the farm, building an electrical workshop, re-wiring the back of his house, helping install a modern laundry, installing an electric fence, helping a neighbor wire a new house and barn and help-



Lynn Spradlin, 4-H state winner, shows an unusual lamp he made to Roy M. Foster of the Roanoke commercial department. The lamp is made from the natural growth of a tree trunk, and was part of Lynn's electric project in 4-H work.

ing many younger members in their projects.

Lynn says of his awards and work: "It's impossible to express in words the value I am receiving from working in this project. It has saved my family lots of money, and it's a pleasure to show others what I am learning."

ALL-Electric Motel Opens In Kentucky

More and more motels in our area are turning to electric heat to satisfy their customers. Owners are finding that ALL-Electric Living is best for their business.

The Ivy Point Motel in Salyersville of the Pikeville district opened for business recently, the first ALL-Electric motel in Eastern Kentucky. John H. Adams, owner and operator, chose electric heat for his motel after receiving bids from conventional types. Working closely with him were Pikeville commercial employees.

Joe Collins To Head Abingdon Merchants

Joe E. Collins has been elected president of the Abingdon Retail Merchants Association.

The Abingdon district residential and rural sales supervisor was a director this past year and served as chairman of committees on the community improvement contest and 4-H Club achievement day.

Mr. Collins is assistant Sunday School superintendent of the Abingdon Baptist Church, a past president of the Abingdon Kiwanis Club and a member of the Burley Tobacco Festival steering committee.



Mr. Collins

Breaker Workshop Held In Charleston



These Appalachian employees gathered in Charleston recently to attend the annual circuit breaker workshop conducted by S. H. Wise of system T&D. Shown on the left side of the table, front to back are: C. V. Thompson, Charleston; F. R. Frango, Bluefield; L. C. Mollohan, Beckley; G. W. Fernatt, Roanoke; W. S. Sheppard, Charleston; R. R. McKinney, Bluefield; J. M. Kauffman, Charleston; W. S. Shanks, Roanoke and C. L. Reynolds, Roanoke. At the rear are C. L. Robinson, Jr., Charleston; S. H. Wise, Roanoke; and W. M. Abbott, Charleston. On the right side of the table, back to front, are: J. D. Wingfield, Bluefield; F. L. Lineberry, Welch; W. L. Thacker, Huntington; C. N. O'Dell, Charleston; D. O. Frango, Jr., Roa-

noke; C. H. Bryant, Bluefield; O. V. Middlekauff, Roanoke; and H. C. Williams, Charleston. Not pictured is A. R. Smith, Cabin Creek plant. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the problems of all classes of circuit breakers and their solutions. In addition there were discussions of modifications of these breakers. The first day of the meeting was given over to subjects relating primarily to low and medium voltage breakers, while the second day system breaker employees planned work for 1957, including construction, modernization and maintenance. Discussions were also held on troubles peculiar to high voltage circuit breakers.

Kenova Man Moves To Huntington Foreman

Nolan Campbell has been promoted to Huntington district working foreman. He was mechanical maintenance mechanic at Kenova plant.

Employed September 18, 1939, at Kenova as a maintenance man, he has also served as master mechanic. Mr. Campbell was born in Wayne County, where he attended schools.

He is married and lists gardening and sports among his hobbies.



Mr. Campbell

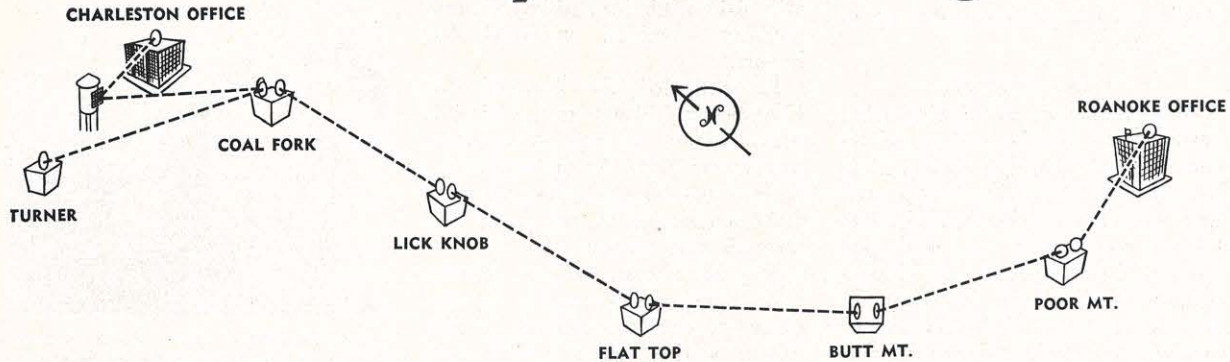
Handy Device



Henry Altieri, general utility man at right, adjusts the holding device he designed and made for G. M. Gray, of the Roanoke district. The device assists the one-armed meter reader in reading meters under the new IBM billing system which recently went into effect. The meter reading card revolves in this device and allows Gray to turn the box over and place the card which he has marked in the back of the box.

New Communications

Microwave System Being Built



These will be the main points in the microwave system. A reflector will be built on the side of a water tank to reflect the signal into the Charleston office which is below the direct path of the signal from Coal Fork.

Microwave, a new means of communication for our three companies, is being introduced in Appalachian. Work has started on a 145-mile microwave system to connect the Roanoke and Charleston offices.

The 8-station system will provide 10 voice channels. In addition to the main terminals atop the Roanoke and Charleston offices, another terminal point will be at Turner substation near Charleston. The five repeater stations that receive the signal and send it along will be located atop mountains between Roanoke and Charleston.

George Guill, system senior electronics engineer who is supervising the work, said no towers will be needed atop the mountains at the repeater stations. The parabolic antennas will be mounted atop the roof of the small buildings that house the radio equipment. Work is expected to be completed by next summer.

Point-To-Point System

He explained that microwave is a point-to-point system of communication. It differs from a radio system which sends beams out in all directions. The microwave signal is concentrated much like a searchlight beam. Instead of permitting the antenna to scatter the waves in all directions, the parabolic reflectors that look like huge circular dishes concentrate the energy in the desired direction.

Because it is focused so narrowly, a microwave transmitter needs only about as much power as a small flashlight. Each voice channel can be used for 18 signaling functions, such as telegraph, telemetering, load control and other functional operations. If all present 10 channels were used for these and other purposes, it would be possible to send 180 messages between Roanoke and Charleston at one time.

Microwave, which gets its name from the fact that the wave length is

Kanawha River Man Moves Up At Plant

Earl Atkins has been promoted to Kanawha River plant maintenance foreman. He moves up from master maintenance man.

He joined the company at Cabin Creek plant as a laborer on June 12, 1942. In August 1943 he entered the Navy and was discharged in

January 1946, when he returned to work as a maintenance helper. He went to Kanawha River as a maintenance man March 2, 1953 and was promoted to master maintenance man August 31 the same year.

A graduate of East Bank High School, Mr. Atkins is married and has a son and a daughter.



Mr. Adkins



George M. Guill, system senior electronics engineer, touches the wave guide on the parabolic reflector atop the Roanoke office. This is one of the pieces of equipment being installed for the new microwave system between Roanoke and Charleston.

exceedingly short compared to regular radio waves, is beamed from transmitter to receiver on a line-of-sight path. By use of reflectors, it can be bounced over or around mountains.

Another Big Advantage

Mr. Guill pointed out another advantage. As no wires are involved, microwave is practically unaffected by ice or wind. Even lightning doesn't bother it. This means that vital messages can get through anytime.

The equipment is designed for 24 voice channels. Each channel can be sub-divided so that it will carry many teletype, telemetering, load control or data information and supervisory circuits.

Mr. Guill explained that the new system will expand the power company's communications. He said, "Today's operating methods place new demands on communications and require higher quality, faster and more accurate signals with the least possible interruption."

Present Communications

The company is now using carrier current (a means of sending messages along high-voltage transmission lines) as well as leased facilities and long-distance telephone. The power line carrier system is already fully saturated. Additional communications for voice and telemetering are provided by leased telephone circuits—or "direct lines" as they are more commonly called. Charleston and Roanoke are now interconnected with such a direct line.

The 10 Channels

This line will be replaced with the new microwave system which will provide for three voice channels between Roanoke and Charleston and another voice channel between Charleston and Turner station.

Two of the channels will be used by the system dispatching office, in Roanoke to Charleston and thereby extended to the AGE Central Dispatching office in Columbus, Ohio, by leased circuits. Another two channels will connect Roanoke's system dispatching with Turner station.

The ninth channel from Turner to the Roanoke dispatching office will carry a maximum of 18 telemeters while the tenth channel will be used for service, connecting all terminals and repeaters for maintenance.

At the 5 repeater stations, signals from opposite directions can be simultaneously received, amplified and retransmitted. A small building will house the equipment and support the parabolic antenna.

Problem Solved

At the Charleston end, a special problem had to be solved. The office is located far below the direct path of the signal from Coal Fork. Rather than erect an extremely high tower atop the office or build another repeater station to redirect the microwave down to the office, a big aluminum reflector will be mounted on an existing water tank on a hill in the southern part of Charleston. This "passive repeater" will reflect the waves from high ground down into the receiving equipment at the Charleston office.

Another feature of the microwave system is that duplicate equipment is automatically switched in at time of trouble and alarm devices indicate the spot of the break. This means repairs can be made much quicker than on a wire line.

The miracle of microwave radio relay provides clearer, more distinct voice reception over long distances, is less costly to install and operate than conventional communication methods, is not vulnerable to sleet and ice storms and other weather conditions, and requires a minimum of critical materials. This new system with its multitude of abilities will further aid Appalachian in providing dependable service to customers—wherever they may be on power company lines.

Charleston Engineer Receives Promotion

Donald P. Newman has been promoted to assistant Charleston district engineer. He rises to the position from electrical engineer.

Mr. Newman joined the company June 16, 1939 as distribution engineer and in 1942 went into the Navy. He became a lieutenant commander before rejoining the company in 1946. On September 16, 1953 he became electrical engineer.

He is a graduate of West Virginia University where he earned a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. He is married and the father of a son and a daughter. Mr. Newman lists amateur photography as his hobby.



Mr. Newman

Richardson, Richmond, Schwartz, Kovich Are Affected By Changes

Four Huntington division and Logan district men were named to new positions January 1.

Boyd Richardson, Logan district superintendent, moved to the Huntington division engineering department. James L. Richmond, Huntington division line engineer, succeeded Mr. Richardson. G. Fred Schwartz, Logan district engineer, became Huntington division line engineer, succeeding Mr. Richmond. Joe A. Kovich, Logan electrical engineer, succeeded Mr. Schwartz.

Mr. Richardson was employed April 15, 1926 as a draftsman in the Logan district. He moved up to district engineer October 1, 1935, and was named district superintendent March 1, 1945. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Methodist Church. He is married and the father of three children.

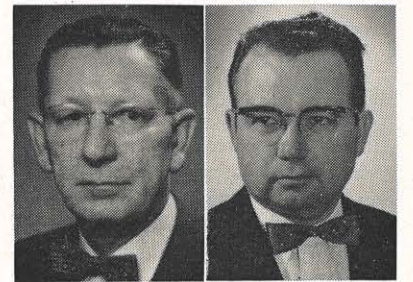
Richmond To Logan

Mr. Richmond was employed June 13, 1938 as an engineer in the Williamson district and was promoted to electrical engineer February 1, 1950. He became district engineer July 1, 1953. On March 1, 1954 he went to Huntington as division line engineer.

A graduate of West Virginia University with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering, he is a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. He is a Navy veteran of World War II, where he attained the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade. A Methodist, he is married and has three children.

Schwartz Advances

Mr. Schwartz joined the company at Logan July 11, 1939 as an engineer. He became district engineer February 1, 1954. He is also a graduate of West Virginia University



Mr. Richardson Mr. Richmond



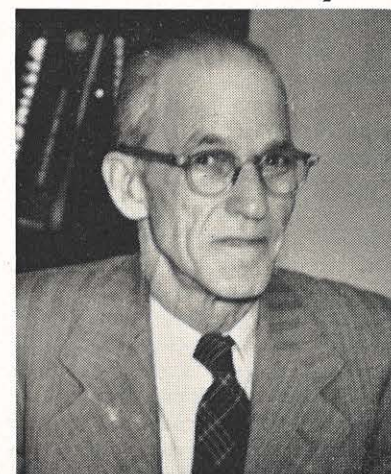
Mr. Schwartz Mr. Kovich

with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering, and was an engineer with the Army during World War II. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Logan Lions Club.

Mr. Kovich was employed December 1, 1937 as a draftsman at Logan. He later served as engineer and inspector, and was promoted to electrical engineer July 1, 1953. A Navy veteran of World War II, he attained the rank of lieutenant.

Mr. Kovich graduated from West Virginia University with a B.S. degree in civil engineering. He is a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church of Logan and a member of the Rotary Club and the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. He is married and has two daughters.

Beckley Engineer Retires January 1



Mr. Sessions

Harry C. Sessions, Beckley district power sales engineer, retired January 1 after 24 years' service.

Born in Alabama in 1892, he is a graduate of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute with a degree in electrical engineering. Before coming with Appalachian he worked for the Virginia Electric Company. He then joined the West Virginia Water Service and remained with the company when Appalachian took it over.

For the past several years he has been president of the Beckley Electric Credit Union. He is a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers and the Elks Club, past president of the Beckley Kiwanis Club and active in the Episcopal Church. During World War I he served in the Navy and was discharged as an ensign.

Mr. Sessions has no definite plans for the future, although he will take it easy for awhile and remain in Beckley.

Plant Man Profits From Picture Hobby

Skill and interest in his hobby of photography recently paid off for J. L. Kern, Kanawha River plant instrument maintenance man.

Jack sold a picture story to the *Charleston Gazette* about a group of Roncoveerte teenagers and the way they had fun on slender pocketbooks. The teenagers used the American Legion Hall, a record player and plenty of records to provide dances at a cost of ten cents per person.

Jack's series of pictures showed the groups entering the hall, dancing, the chaperones and other informal poses. The entire layout appeared in the *Gazette's* Sunday Magazine. Jack has been interested in photography for over ten years.



Mr. Kern

Camera Officers



Two officers of the Bluefield Camera Club, consisting of 40 members, are Appalachian employees. They are from left: Paul E. Hilliard, president; and Ira Henderson, vice president.

Service Pins Go To 12 Vets



E. L. Wirt
Roanoke
30 Years



F. N. Kellermann
Roanoke
30 Years



Fred Preston
Huntington
30 Years



B. L. Burnley
Lynchburg
30 Years



R. F. Jackson
Welch
30 Years



G. C. Beasley
Pulaski
30 Years



G. A. Weatherton
Ashland
25 Years



E. L. Stein, Jr.
Philip Sporn Plant
20 Years



Helen Brinegar
Bluefield
20 Years



G. K. Sands
Pulaski
20 Years



F. B. Woods
System
20 Years



A. W. Cook
System
20 Years

Kingsport Rodman Enters Air Force In Georgia

Roy Lee Ferrell, Kingsport rodman, has entered Air Force basic training at Fort Benning, Ga.

Attached to the communications section, he was active in the enlisted reserve as a sergeant before going on active duty.

Sgt. Ferrell was employed by Kingsport on March 19, 1956.



Sgt. Ferrell

Supervisors Complete Roanoke Division Courses

Eighteen supervisors in the three districts of Roanoke division have completed a 35-hour, week-long training program.

Supervisors, most of them new, from Fieldale, Lynchburg and Roanoke districts took courses in how to conduct a meeting, basics of supervision, accident control, better communications and interview technique.

Instructors were J. A. Mundy, employee relations supervisor; W. P. Booker, Roanoke district manager; W. S. Kitchen, system safety supervisor; and I. B. Peters, Roanoke district personnel supervisor.

Lynchburg Vet Gets High Civitan Post

R. Conner Foster has been appointed lieutenant governor at large for the Appalachian District of Civitan International.

The Lynchburg district record supervisor is a charter member and past president of the Lynchburg Civitan Club. Given an interim appointment, he will serve until May.

Mr. Foster will administer executive aid to clubs in Lynchburg, Roanoke, Salem, Martinsville and Danville, and will assist in Abingdon area clubs. He is past president of the Industrial Management Club, a deacon in the First Baptist Church and active in Boy Scout work.



Mr. Foster

Cabin Creek Plant Janitor Retires



Mr. Hudnall

W. E. Hudnall, Cabin Creek plant janitor, retired December 1 after over 13 years' service.

He joined the company at the plant July 7, 1943. He had previously spent 14 years with the Kanawha County Board of Education. He is a World War I veteran.

Mr. Hudnall, in commenting on his retirement, said: "I would like to express my appreciation to the company for the time, money and effort which has been expended to protect me while I worked. I also would like to pay tribute to my fellow workers who were the best group of people I have ever worked with."

He went on: "As for the future, I expect to rest until spring, and then I hope to add some suitable hobby or activity to my daily living to prevent boredom and wearing out from disuse."

Golden Day



Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Settle of Rosedale celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary December 1 at their home. They are the parents of C. R. Settle, Welch District superintendent.

Ways You Can Beat 'Common Cold' Before Or After Virus Bug Attacks

Your Health

By Harry J. Johnson, M.D.
Medical Director
Life Extension Examiners

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles on your health prepared by Dr. Johnson. They are released as a public service by The Life Extension Foundation, Inc.)

No other illness causes so much loss of time and money as the common cold. We call it "common" because everybody has one sooner or later.

People speak of "just a little cold" as though it were the least important thing in the world. Yet this "little cold" that we brush aside causes a greater amount of misery than any other illness and costs our country's economy an estimated \$5-billion a year in wages, production and medical expense. Directly or indirectly, the loss comes out of industry's earnings and your pay check.

Avoiding A Cold

Colds are caused by germs, or, by today's more popular term, a virus. These germs are so small that the strongest microscope cannot detect them. In spite of their size, they are tremendously powerful for they can travel as far as six feet when propelled by a sneeze, thrive for hours and spread at lightning speed. They attack where the defense is weakest—the physically run-down body. The spearhead of the attacking cold germ is at the lining membrane of the nose.

So Rule 1 for avoiding colds is to avoid the germs themselves. Keep out of line of fire of a person sneezing or coughing.

Rule 2 for keeping your defenses strong against colds is to eat the proper foods and drink plenty of water. It is important to assure yourself of a well-balanced daily menu. Water helps make your tissues and organs function more smoothly.

Rule 3 is to keep your guard up against the cold virus by getting enough sleep—don't become overtired.

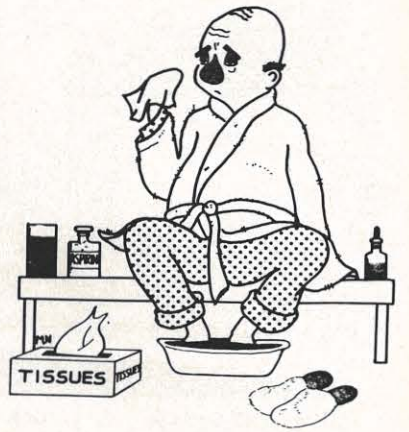
Rule 4 is to toughen yourself by exercise, fresh air and cool baths, and strengthen your resistance to cold-causing conditions. Avoid drafts and change wet clothes promptly. House temperatures are best kept at 68 degrees F. for normal adults and 70 degrees for children and older folks. Walking outdoors is one of the best forms of moderate exercise for conditioning the body. But dress for the weather! Cool baths, not cold ones, are also beneficial.

So You Have A Cold

A cold usually has two stages. First, there is the stage of invasion when the cold germs try to establish a beach-head. This is the time to do all you can to stop the cold before the germs get a chance to multiply and spread. Many times you can break it up overnight. Go to bed early, after taking one or two aspirin tablets with a glass of hot lemonade.

If your cold has gotten a good head start, stronger measures are demanded. First, take a hot bath before bed and be sure to avoid drafts or cold air between the tub and bed. Follow the bath with hot lemonade to induce perspiration. Bundle up well with extra blankets. You might even wear a sweater over your night-clothes and wool socks on your feet to aid the "sweating out" process. Stay in bed at least 10 hours and, after rising, take a cool shower.

If you fail to knock out the cold in the first stage, it enters stage number

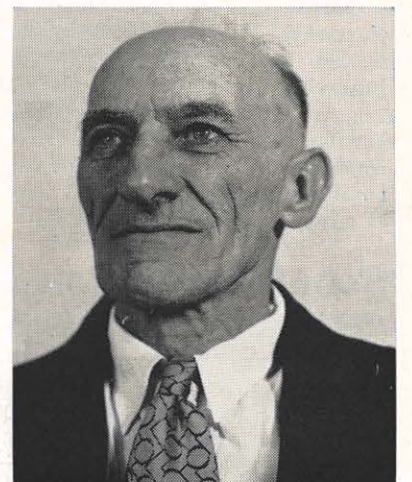


two where the germs are really entrenched. Your nose becomes clogged, and blowing does little good because the stuffy feeling is due to a swelling of the membranes of the nose. You may develop a cough and you feel miserable. If you're going to have a fever, you'll have one by now, and, if it rises above 101, it is best to call your doctor. What you think is just a cold may be serious influenza or more dangerous pneumonia. The earlier the doctor sees you, the more he can do for you and the more effective will be the drugs he prescribes.

For Added Relief

While you are treating your cold, here are a few general measures which will help you to a faster recovery: 1)-Eat normally and drink plenty of water, fruit juices and bouillon soups. 2)-A hot salt water gargle will soothe a sore throat. Use one-fourth teaspoon of ordinary table salt to a glass of hot water. 3)-Blow your nose gently. Blowing hard might force the infection into the passage between your ear and nose and cause a middle ear infection. 4)-Nose drops help, but, taken too frequently, may produce an effect opposite to that desired by setting up an irritation rather than relieving congestion. 5)-If your cough is bad, your doctor can prescribe something effective for it.

Kenova Plant Vet Of 32 Years Dies



Mr. Hatten

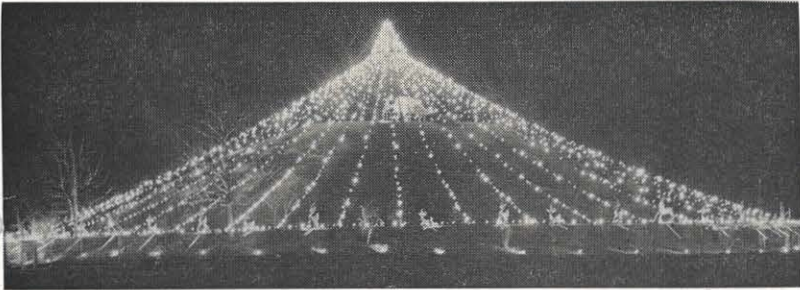
Lawrence M. Hatten, 63, of Kenova plant, died November 23 after a short illness.

A 32-year company veteran, he was mechanical maintenance man at the plant in the Huntington district. Mr. Hatten came with Appalachian June 6, 1924 as a repairman. He had also served as maintenance man, special guard and boiler maintenance man.

Born at Kenova October 15, 1893, he attended school there. He was previously employed by the American Express Company in Kenova.

Mr. Hatten is survived by his wife, three sons, two daughters, a granddaughter and three sisters. Funeral services were conducted at the Church of God in Kenova.

Christmas Round The Mound



Charleston employees had a hand in this unusual Christmas decoration, a civic project in South Charleston. Using 4,000 lights, 12,000 feet of wire, 45 reindeer with spotlights and a scene from Bethlehem, citizens decorated an old Indian mound, famous in the region. The lights blink in such a fashion as to create a carousel effect. Employees who helped include Guilford Smith, coordinator between Appalachian and the decorating group; John Dolan and George Litsinger, assistants in the design and switching problems; and W. C. McMahan, general work. Other employees helped as citizens in the project. Carols are played continuously at the mound and Santa Claus is housed on the edge of the decorations.

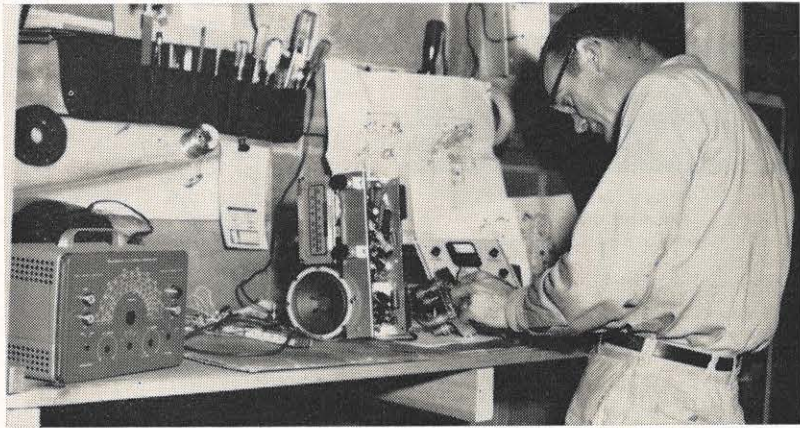


Box Score Of ALL-Electric Homes

Electric heat is being enjoyed in the following number of homes in our three-company area:

	Employees	Customers	Total
Appalachian	135	753	888
Kentucky	16	51	67
Kingsport	21	1516	1537
Total	172	2320	2492

Beckley Lineman Expands Repair Business As Radio, Television Sales Increase In Area



A. E. Zutaut of Beckley is shown in his television and radio repair shop, where he pursues his hobby-business.

As the number of radios and television sets in the area increases, so does A. E. Zutaut's hobby-business.



Construction of a new veneer plant, employing 100 persons, of Columbia Veneer & Plywood Corp. has been started in Rocky Mount of the Roanoke district. Initial floor space will amount to 5,000 square feet, and a dry kiln planned for 1958 will add another 1,750 square feet. The electric load will be 200 kw initially, with an added 44 kw upon completion of the dry kiln.

The Lincoln Brassiere Co. has announced plans for expansion at Hamlin of the Huntington District. Included will be an increase of personnel from 150 to 250 women.

The 12 kv line to Thompson Products Company's new plant site in Franklin County, Roanoke district, has been energized to supply the construction and interim power requirements.

In the Hazard district four coal companies have been connected with a combined load of 675 kw.

Charleston City Council has approved construction of a multi-million dollar office building by the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. on MacCorkle Avenue in South Ruffner. The four-story building will cost an eventual \$4-million.

Construction of the new \$500,000 plant of the Virginia Solite Corp. has started on the 500-acre site at Leaksville Junction, Pittsylvania County, Roanoke district. When kiln fires are started three shifts of employees will be hired. Plans call for 30 workers by March 1 and 60 to 75 within 18 months.

The Rainelle lineman of the Beckley district repairs sets in his spare time. Several years ago he became interested in radio and television and decided to take a course designed for two and a half years' study. He completed the course in eight months, working on week-ends, holidays and at night. He now has had enough repair work to pay the cost of the course.

Although he has an equipped bench, he wants to enlarge his working area, adding several new pieces of equipment. He now has a current and circuit signed generator, a tube tester, voltmeter, multi-testers, voltage probe and a supply of vacuum tubes.

J. R. Beckett Moves Up At Logan Plant

Jack R. Beckett has been promoted to shift supervisor at Logan plant. He was an auxiliary equipment operator.

Mr. Beckett joined the company October 3, 1935 as a laborer. He became auxiliary equipment operator August 8, 1954. A native of Logan, he graduated from Logan High School in 1935. He is a member of Aracoma Lodge No. 99, AF&AM and his main hobbies are hunting and fishing.

He is married and has two daughters and one son.



Mr. Beckett

KVP, Charleston Men Write 'World' Articles

One Kanawha Valley Power and two Charleston employees had articles in the December 10 issue of *Electrical World*.

O. S. Bailey of Kanawha Valley wrote "Stand Facilitates Servicing Of Anti-Friction Bearings." And R. J. Fairfield and J. F. Melton of Charleston contributed "Give Alternate Source Voltage Drop Faster."

Lions Honor Clinch River Man



Jack S. Carter, right, is shown receiving the Senior Master Key, one of Lions International's highest awards, from district governor Harry Fisher. The award, which consists of a wall plaque, key and Lions International membership certificate, was presented the Clinch River plant administrative assistant for "proving himself exceptional in promoting and expanding Lionism." Mr. Carter is the first recipient of the award in his district, which encompasses 1,350 members in 30 clubs. Mr. Carter is president of the Lebanon Lions Club in the Abingdon district and as a charter member has sponsored 25 new members into the club in 16 years. He has also been active in the Boy Scouts, a troop of which is sponsored by his Lions Club. He has held several high offices in BSA. He is a member of the Lebanon Planning Commission, the Lebanon Masonic Lodge, the Eastern Star and the First Baptist Church of Lebanon.

Scout Resolution Honors Appalachian



This framed resolution expressing Scouting's appreciation to Appalachian was presented G. L. Furr, vice president and general manager, at a recent surprise ceremony. The resolution passed by the Executive Board of the Blue Ridge Council that serves 14 counties in southwest Virginia was presented Mr. Furr by Noble G. Marshall, Jr., Cub Scout of Den 2, Pack 1. He is the son of Noble Marshall, system accounting department. Mrs. Worth Boone, den mother, also took part in presenting the resolution that pointed out that Scouting is dependent "upon contributions of time, material, and facilities by the civic-minded people, firms and industries." The resolution recognized that "the management and employees of the Appalachian Electric Power Company are staunch friends and active supporters of Scouting." It also expressed appreciation for use of company facilities for meetings and for "magnificent cooperation." N. W. Kelley, president of the Council, signed the resolution.

Williamson Man To Head PD Commission

E. J. Clouser has been elected president of the Civil Service Commission of the Williamson Police Department.

The Williamson district personnel supervisor was a commissioner last year. The commission's functions are establishing rules and procedures, governing the rights and limitations of police employees and appointing and promoting all employees of the department.

Mr. Clouser is also a member of the Williamson Kiwanis Club, Elks Club, Chamber of Commerce and Mingo County Country Club. He joined the company in 1945 and was promoted to his present position in 1954. He is married and has one daughter.



Mr. Clouser

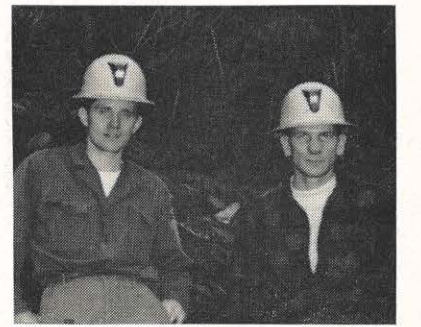
Elderly Man And Dog Saved When Welch Employees Pull Them From Burning House

Lives of an 86-year-old man and his dog were recently saved when they were pulled from a burning house by two Welch employees.

Kermit Horn, lineman, and C. E. Spraker, groundman, were working with the Grundy line crew in the Big Rock area when they noticed a house on fire. As they ran toward it they saw an old man sitting on the front porch. Yelling for him to leave the porch, they continued around to the side where they had heard a dog barking.

Frightened, the dog became vicious when the men tried untying him. They finally got him loose and went back to the front. The old man was still on the porch and would not leave, even at the employees' insistence.

The fire was spreading rapidly, so the men ran to the porch and picked the elderly man up bodily and carried him away, all the time fighting off the dog who thought they were harming his master. Neighbors



Kermit Horn and C. E. Spraker are back on the job in Welch after saving a man and dog from a burning house.

have taken the old man in until he finds a place to live.

National Resources Meet Headed By Roanoker

J. B. Whitmore will be conference administrator for a two-week National Resources Conference in Roanoke next month. He is Roanoke division commercial manager and a colonel in the Army Reserves.

The course, lasting four hours a day, five days a week, is sponsored by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Some 350 civilian leaders and reserve officers will attend the conference, one of 16 being conducted throughout the United States in 1957. The primary purpose of the conference is to study the human and industrial resources of the United States and other nations of the world.

Mr. Whitmore recently returned from Augusta, Ga., where he was an official observer at a conference there.

Abingdon Leaders



These employees were elected to offices in the Abingdon Benevolent Association for 1957. They are from left: W. L. Smythers, president; Sylvia Nye, treasurer; and J. B. Frier, secretary.

Employees Receiving Anniversary Booklets

Employees are receiving copies of the AGE 50th anniversary booklet, "Power—The Story of Electricity and a Region."

The 24-page booklet tells, through words and artist pictures, the story of electricity and its expanding use through facilities of the AGE System over the past 50 years. The color booklets are being distributed to interested groups and extra copies are available for employees at all locations.

The booklet is divided into sections by subjects.

Meter Reader's Aid Is Cited In Logan Letter

A letter of appreciation arrived at the Logan district office recently.

Written by two Charleston women, the letter cited Glenn Ball, meter reader, for his help during a recent auto trip the women took.

They were near Van when they ran out of gas. Glenn came along in a company vehicle and took them to a service station, where they got fuel and continued their journey.

Camavo Club Names 1957 Officers



The Camavo Club of Roanoke has named officers for the coming year. They are from left: M. P. Paitsel, president; Alma Obenchain, secretary; and J. G. Brittain, treasurer. The club is made up of Roanoke district employees on the first and second floors of the general office building.

AGE CORNER

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of facts and figures about our American Gas and Electric Company System.)

Company	Headquarters	Service Area	Sq. Miles	Cus-tomers
Appalachian Electric Power Co.	Roanoke, Va.	Western Virginia, Western and Southern West Virginia		
Indiana & Michigan Electric Co.	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Northern and Eastern Indiana, Southwestern Michigan	18,600	470,000
Kentucky Power Company	Ashland, Ky.	Eastern Kentucky	7,160	268,000
Kingsport Utilities, Inc.	Kingsport, Tenn.	Kingsport area	5,725	90,000
Ohio Power Company	Canton, Ohio	Northwestern, Central, Eastern, Southern Ohio	215	20,000
Wheeling Electric Company	Wheeling, W. Va.	Wheeling area	14,210	440,000
			460	43,000

Native Of Germany Becomes Citizen Of The United States



Proudly holding her certificate of citizenship is Mrs. Thomas Helm of Welch.

A lifetime ambition was realized when Mrs. Thomas Helm of Welch became a United States citizen December 5.

Elise, wife of the Welch serviceman, came from Mannheim, Germany. She met Thomas there when he was with the Armed Forces and they were married April 2, 1953. She had to live in this country three years before she could apply for citizenship.

Then in July, 1956, she started working on her papers, completing them the first of December. The ceremony in the McDowell County Courthouse followed.

Elise says her first year was a tough one—she was homesick and didn't know a single person. All our habits and way of life are different from those in Germany, but she is learning them.

The Helms have a son, Tommy, who is learning to speak both English and German.

Benefit Style Show Is Held By Ashland Molos

A benefit style show and card party was sponsored recently by the Ashland Molo Club. Proceeds went to the Ramey Children's Home and the Salvation Army.

Modeling in the show were Tootsie Smith, Orilla Felty, Carol Dyer, Mary Moore, Virginia Lewis, Bob Hornbuckle, Jo Phillips, Gay Kleykamp and Clyde Watkins. Husbands taking part were Don Hamm and Johnny Dyer.

Vianna Witters, Mike Sang and Rita Compton had acting roles. Fern Gesling and Helen Davis were the commentators and Hugh J. Eads directed proceedings. Bob Smith, an employee's husband, handled the lighting.

They're Engaged

HELEN I. KASEY to Charles E. West. Miss Kasey is a system personnel clerk-stenographer.
 THELMA M. CHARLES to Andrew D. Taylor. Miss Charles is a contract clerk in the Grundy office of the Welch district.
 BETTY LOU VINYARD to William T. Carter. Miss Vinyard is a clerk-stenographer in public relations.

Four To Lead Appa-Mo Club



These four employees will lead the Appa-Mo Club of Roanoke next year. They are from left: R. A. Shank, Jr., assistant treasurer; Margaret Haley, president; Bobby Saul, treasurer, and Jean Wertz, secretary. The club is made up of system accounting employees in the general office building in Roanoke.

It's Small World For Roanoker

The familiar orange of an Appalachian truck was a welcome sight to Jewell Ramsey recently.

The Roanoke division payroll employee was driving between Mount Hope and Beckley on icy roads when her car slipped into a ditch. There seemed to be no help in sight, and passing motorists ignored her. That was when the orange Appalachian truck appeared.

The truck stopped and out stepped W. H. Lively, Beckley line inspector, and his passenger, W. C. Mills, foreman for a contractor. In just a few minutes Miss Ramsey's auto was back on the road and she was on the way to Oak Hill to visit her mother—through the courtesy of a fellow employee in another district.

Employees' Families Win Flower Ribbons

Fifteen ribbons were won by eleven relatives of Philip Sporn plant employees at the Seventh Annual Flower Show in New Haven.

The show, sponsored by the New Haven and the Nehaclima Garden Clubs, had a theme entitled "All Through The House."

Winners and their ribbons included: Mrs. Philip Wolpert, 3 red and 1 yellow; Mrs. Edwin Stein, Jr., 2 blue; Mrs. William Gibbs, 1 blue; Mrs. Howard Wagenhals, 1 red; Mrs. Wyatt Chadwell, 1 red; Mrs. George McKnight, 1 red; Mrs. Tom Hoffman, 1 yellow; Mrs. Robert Layne, 1 yellow; Mrs. Edward Ryan, 1 yellow; Mrs. Jack Frey, 1 yellow; and Susan Wolpert, 1 yellow.

Ancient Bulbs Still Burning

Two relics of a bygone era have been discovered in the Beckley district. They are light bulbs, estimated to be over 40 years old and still in use.

Emory Weikle, auto repairman, discovered the first one in his rooming house. His landlady, Mrs. E. L. Ellison, said that the bulb has been in continuous use on her front porch since it was purchased many years ago. The bulb, of clear glass, was made by Westinghouse with the Mazda stamp on it.

G. D. Covey, commercial sales representative, saw this bulb and said he had one like it in his basement. The bulb was in the basement when he moved in in 1926 and that his wife's family had used it there since 1914.

Ten Couples Joined In Holy Matrimony



Those persons recently married among employees and their families are pictured above. TOP ROW from left: Mrs. David L. Spivey, Bluefield; Mrs. E. C. Baldwin, Jr., Roanoke; Mrs. Edward Lee Thigpen, Kanawha River plant; Mrs. J. Arthur Deyerle, Jr., Roanoke; and Mrs. Emory R.

Miller, Beckley. BOTTOM ROW from left: Mrs. Mason Lee Whitenack, System; Mrs. Roman P. Patts, Williamson; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Smith, Pikeville; Mrs. James D. Haynes, Bluefield, and Mrs. Lloyd F. Pomykata, Beckley.

Farris-Patts

The King's Avenue Methodist Church of Columbus, Ohio was the scene recently for the marriage of Lura Jo Farris and Roman P. Patts. She is the daughter of Mrs. Hazel Farris, Williamson accounting employee.

Wills-Pomykata

Marjorie Sue Wills and Lloyd F. Pomykata were united in marriage December 15 at the First Baptist Church of Beaver. She is a former T&D engineering employee at Beckley, and he is Rainelle area supervisor of the Beckley district.

Meriwether-Miller

Betty Jean Meriwether became the bride of Emory R. Miller December 14 in the First Baptist Church of Beckley. She is a Beckley commercial clerk-typist and he is Oak Hill area sales representative of the Beckley district.

Key-Whitenack

Charlotte Key and Mason Lee Whitenack were united in marriage November 28 at the parsonage of Calvary Baptist Church of Roanoke. She is a system accounting employee.

Burgess-Smith

Barbara Gail Burgess and Glenn A. Smith were married November 24. Mr. Smith, a former employee, is the son of Ira Smith, Pikeville lineman.

Carico-Spivey

Carolyn Lavon Carico and David L. Spivey were united in marriage November 17 at the Presbyterian Manse in Galax. Mr. Spivey is a Bluefield print machine operator.

Hall-Thigpen

Ruth Hall was married October 6 to Edward Lee Thigpen at the Emmanuel Baptist Church. He is an assistant shift supervisor at Kanawha River plant.

Wright-Deyerle

Ann Bradley Wright and J. Arthur Deyerle, Jr. were united in marriage November 17 at the First Presbyterian Church of Roanoke. Mr. Deyerle is a Roanoke PBX operator.

Stanfield-Haynes

Billie Jean Stanfield and James D. Haynes were married November 17 in a double ring ceremony at the home of the bride in Bud. He is a Princeton clerk in the Bluefield district.

Crosswhite-Baldwin

Virginia Joyce Crosswhite and E. C. Baldwin, Jr. were married November 16 at the Central Methodist Church of Salem. He is a Roanoke district meter reader.



Abingdon

MR. AND MRS. WILSON B. CLATTERBUCK, a daughter, Rebecca Dell, November 20. Mr. Clatterbuck is a Russell County lineman.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD BOOTHE, a son, Terry Anthony, December 1. Mr. Boothe is a Clintwood meter reader.

Charleston

MR. AND MRS. FELIX PORTER, a daughter, Kathy J., November 3. Mr. Porter is a lineman.

MR. AND MRS. KERMIT FISHER, a daughter, Diana Lynn, November 19. Mr. Fisher is division electrical engineer.

MR. AND MRS. STANLEY JARRETT, a daughter, Lynn Carol, November 24. Mr. Jarrett is a groundman.

Fieldale

MR. AND MRS. EARL BULLARD, a daughter, Meryl Ann, November 17. Mr. Bullard is an instrument man.

MR. AND MRS. J. R. NEWMAN, a daughter, Pamela Sue, November 2. Mr. Newman is a groundman.

Hazard

MR. AND MRS. JOHN PENNINGTON, a daughter, Mary Ann, December 10. Mr. Pennington is a lineman.

Huntington

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS R. GIBSON, a daughter, Diana Elizabeth, November 27. Mr. Gibson is a stores employee.

MR. AND MRS. L. E. ERNEST, a daughter, December 4. Mr. Ernest is a line section employee.

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT L. VICKERS, a son, Stephen Dale, November 30. Mr. Vickers is a plant employee.

Logan Plant

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD L. McCOMAS, a daughter, Cynthia Lynn, November 23. Mr. McComas is a time clerk.

Lynchburg

MR. AND MRS. J. R. WILSON, JR., a son, John Shannon, December 1. Mr. Wilson is an engineering aide.

Pikeville

MR. AND MRS. GRATHO WILLIAMS, a son, Gratho, Jr., December 10. Mr. Williams is a groundman.

Point Pleasant

MR. AND MRS. R. D. TILLIS, a son, William Denver, November 23. Mr. Tillis is a collector.

Pulaski

MR. AND MRS. J. B. BRILLHEART, JR., a son, James Benson III, November 30. Mr. Brillheart is a draftsman.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT S. LUTTON, a daughter, Sara Beth, November 24. He is a maintenance man.

MR. AND MRS. CLYDE T. CLARK, a daughter, Martha Jean, November 22. He is a conveyor operator.

System

MR. AND MRS. JACKSON B. FARMER, a son, Daniel Keith, November 15. Mr. Farmer is employed at Switchback in the system operating department.

MR. AND MRS. GERALD R. BARBOUR, a daughter, Donna Lynn, November 18. Mr. Barbour is employed at the Roanoke station in the system operating department.

Welch

MR. AND MRS. KERMIT HORN, a son, Craig Anderson, December 3. Mr. Horn is a Grundy lineman.

MR. AND MRS. COY RAY, a daughter, Cheryl Lynn, November 14. Mrs. Ray is a former Pineville accounting employee.

MR. AND MRS. W. G. RICHARDSON, a son, Paul David, December 5. Mr. Richardson is a Grundy lineman.

Dozen Point Pleasant Veterans Attend Dinner

A dozen veterans of the Point Pleasant district were honored at a recent service pin dinner.

The 12 received pins during 1956. They included C. H. Murray, Jr., J. L. Stewart, L. D. Balding, C. A. Burdette, W. F. Machir, J. D. Spiggle, W. H. Stricklen, Vonda Lee Barnette, J. L. Darby, Elizabeth Mattox, K. G. Roush and C. R. Street.

Bluefield Officers



New officers of the Bluefield District Girls' Service Club are pictured above. In front is Norma J. Longanacre, vice president, and behind her are from left: Pauline Bowman, secretary; Mary Ruth Whittington, president; and Juanita Crouch, treasurer.

New Benefits, Tax Added To Social Security

For the third time in the past six years, the government's Social Security program has undergone major changes.

On January 1 the Social Security tax went up from 2 per cent to 2 1/4 per cent for both you and the company. You now pay 2 1/4 cents on every dollar you earn up to \$4,200 annual earnings. And the company matches every cent you pay.

Along with the increased tax goes new benefits from Social Security. Briefly, they are:

1. Benefits for non-working wives at age 62 when their husbands retire at or after age 65.

2. Benefits for working women any time they retire after age 62.

3. Benefits at 50 years of age for permanently and totally disabled workers.

4. Benefits to disabled child of retired or deceased worker to continue past age 18.

Numbers 1 and 2 went into effect in November 1956, number 3 will go into effect July 1, 1957, and number 4 was effective January 1 this year.

What The Tax Means

The increased tax means that one-quarter of one per cent more will be withheld from your pay checks this

year. How much extra is deductible depends, of course, on how much you make. If your annual earnings total \$3,000, this year you will pay \$67.50 for Social Security as compared to \$60 last year. If you make \$4,200 or more, a total of \$94.50 will be withheld this year—\$10.50 more than in 1956.

Now let's look at the additional benefits in more detail.

1. When a man retires at or after age 65 his wife can start drawing benefits as early as age 62, instead of having to wait until she is 65. If she applies for benefits before she is 65, however, she receives a smaller amount. If the husband should die, the widow can begin drawing the full widow's benefit when she is 62 instead of having to wait until 65.

If the wife waits until she is 65, she gets an amount equal to half of her husband's monthly pension. If she starts collecting at 62, she gets only 75 per cent of the amount she would have been entitled to at age 65. Each month after 62 that she delays filing her claim increases her monthly benefit by 25/36 of one per cent.

2. Working women covered by Social Security may retire at any time after 62, instead of waiting until

65, and begin to draw Social Security benefits. As in the case of wives of retired men, though, her monthly benefits are reduced if she applies before reaching age 65. If a woman worker retires at 62, she draws only 80 per cent of the benefit she would be entitled to at 65. But each month after 62 she delays retirement increases her benefits by 5/9 of one per cent.

Points To Remember

It is important to remember that a lower pension, once accepted, continues for life. It does not go up to a higher amount after age 65 is reached. The one exception is when a woman's husband dies—she then becomes eligible for a widow's full benefit. Another point to remember is that a non-working wife cannot take advantage of the early retirement provisions until her husband reaches age 65.

3. Any person covered by Social Security who becomes permanently and totally disabled can start drawing full benefits at 50 years of age, instead of waiting until 65. These benefits continue until death. To entitle a person to collect a pension at age 50 the disability suffered will have to be a physical or mental impairment which prevents the individual from holding a job. Benefits are not payable to his dependents, and they are payable to the disabled worker only after a six-month waiting period. At age 65 his status is changed from "disabled" to "retired" so that his dependents become eligible for benefits. Any workman's compensation benefits are deducted.

Workers already disabled when the new law goes into effect also can collect if they are 50 or older. But their benefits in some cases may be computed under a different formula which may bring them somewhat lower payments.

What About Children?

4. Disabled children of a deceased or retired worker also receive aid under the new law, provided the disability occurred prior to age 18. Formerly payments to them, as to any dependent child, stopped at age 18. Now they can be continued for as long as the child remains disabled. In addition, a widow caring for a disabled child will continue to receive payments which ordinarily would have stopped when the child reached 18.

This article briefly covers the major changes in the Social Security law. If you have a question or desire additional information regarding your status under Social Security, contact your personnel supervisor.

Turner Condenser Is Heavyweight



This piece of equipment weighs "only" 148 tons. It is a 50,000 kva, 11 kv synchronous condenser and will be installed at Turner transmission station in a \$1-million expansion program. Turner, located at Institute in the Charleston district, is now receiving all materials necessary for the expansion. The condenser is shown on a siding, being prepared for transfer to a flat car for transporting to the foundation. Two low boys, with a total of 60 tires, and a bulldozer were required to move the condenser, largest in the Appalachian system and only the third one of its size ever built by Allis-Chalmers.

Pikeville Station Operator Retires



Mr. Lafferty

John B. Lafferty, a 15-year veteran at Pikeville, retired January 1. He was Beaver Creek substation operator.

He joined the company August 11, 1942 as a special guard at the substation. He was promoted to station operator September 1, 1945. Previous to company employment he was a mine foreman and mine superintendent of the Elkhorn Coal Corporation. He was also postmaster at Wheelwright for many years.

Born in Carter County, he moved to Floyd County at an early age and has spent most of his life in the Beaver Creek section. He and his wife have been living at the substation in a house provided for operators, but they plan to move to Allen. They have spent considerable time remodeling a home there for their return and as yet have not made definite plans for retirement.

Abingdon Employee Named Lodge Master

Clark Peck, Jr., has been elected master of the Abingdon Masonic Lodge No. 48 AF&AM.



Mr. Peck

The Abingdon district records supervisor was one of three employees elected to lodge offices. James R. Warden, commercial sales representative, was named senior warden and C. M. Wagner, Jr., heating and builder sales representative, was re-elected treasurer.

Mr. Peck is also president of the Abingdon Rotary Club and the Men of the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church.

Hazard Man Named To College Board

A. R. Barber has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of Lee's Junior College at Jackson, Kentucky.



Mr. Barber

The Hazard district manager will serve until 1960, when he will be eligible for reelection. Named Hazard's Outstanding Citizen last year, Mr. Barber is active in civic, church and charitable organizations.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District

JESSE S. CARTER from area serviceman to administrative assistant, Clinch River plant.

Beckley District

PATTY J. PAXTON from office messenger to junior clerk, T&D record; CECIL EVANS, senior contract entry and final bill clerk, from Oak Hill of Beckley to Charleston.

Bluefield District

DAVID K. SPIVEY from junior contract entry and final bill clerk, Princeton, to print machine operator, Bluefield; HENRY S. COMPTON, junior clerk, from Princeton to Bluefield.

Charleston District

FREDA MARIE SIMMONS, senior cashier clerk, from Charleston to Ripley of Point Pleasant district; ROSIE SANDOR from cash poster to junior bookkeeper; JAMES A. COOK from lineman B to lineman A; MARSHALL L. DOWNEY from lineman C to lineman B.

Fieldale District

W. L. NICHOLS, JR., from lineman B to lineman A; B. A. CRUISE from truck driver-groundman to lineman C; V. P. REYNOLDS from groundman to truck driver-groundman.

Huntington District

AUDREY H. NEWMAN from junior clerk to junior billing machine operator; REBECCA FARMER from junior clerk to control clerk; RUTH F. JENKINS from junior clerk to prepare clerk.

Logan Plant

A. E. HAYNER from boiler auxiliary equipment operator to auxiliary equipment operator; RAY STAMPER from coal conveyor operator to boiler auxiliary equipment operator C; E. L. KIMMELL from utility operator A to coal conveyor operator; C. F. HERBERT from utility operator B to utility operator A; RAY PRIDEMORE from mechanical maintenance helper to mechanical maintenance man.

Point Pleasant District

K. C. MORRIS from junior T&D clerk to senior T&D clerk.

Philip Sporn Plant

RODGER L. WALKER from laborer to helper.

Welch District

JAMES W. BOOTH from lineman B to lineman A.

Williamson District

ROBERT CARPENTER from groundman to rodman.

Kanawha Bowlers Beat Beckley Twice



Kanawha River plant bowlers recently defeated Beckley in two matches by slim margins. The annual series between the two locations went to the plant when its team edged Beckley by just one pin in the first match and by 31 pins in the second. Shown above, front row from left, are the Beckley bowlers in the first match: Jennie Gaziano, Eugene O'Neal, Elizabeth Scott, Paul Hancock, Ed Berginnis, Jim Lowery, Keith Evans, Clyde Marshall, Elmer Hutchinson

and John Hammer. Standing from left are the Kanawha bowlers: Russ Fields, Newt Balliet, Bill James, Gil Farthing, George Youell, Madge Hudnall, Harold Higginbotham, Bill Ribble, Jeanne Creasey and Wiley Gwinn. Berginnis of Beckley had high series and high game the first match and high game the second match. Each location had two teams of four men each and a woman each. Dinners followed both matches.

Successful Employee Nimrods Bag Deer



These five employees recorded on film their deer killed during the recent hunting season. TOP ROW: At left Walter J. Thomas is shown with the 5-point buck he downed. Mr. Thomas is a Welch meter serviceman. At center Robert S. Hylton, Bland meter serviceman in the Bluefield district, poses with the 9-point buck which he killed in Back Bay in Bath County. Weighing 200 pounds, the buck was one of seven shot by Mr. Hylton's hunting party of 15 persons. At right K. B. Widener, Pocahontas

meter serviceman in the Welch district, stands beside the 8-point buck he bagged. BOTTOM ROW: At left T. A. "Andy" Gilkerson, Huntington district draftsman, shows the 8-point buck he killed in Pocahontas County. And at right Russell M. Franklin, at far right in picture, poses with the 7-point 145-pound buck he downed. The Lynchburg office messenger went hunting with his brother, Bill, shown at left in the picture. This was Russell's first hunting trip.

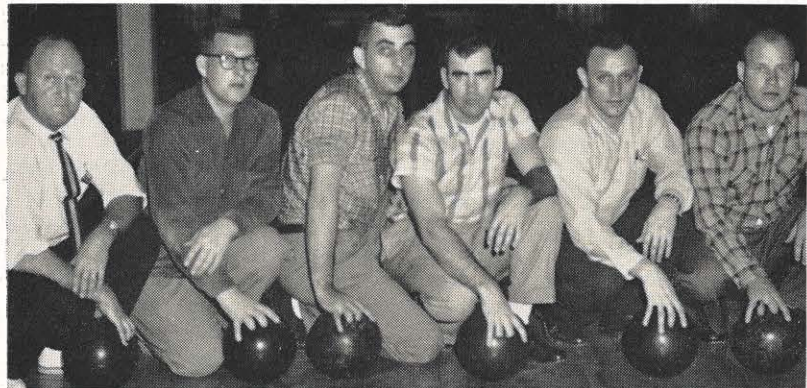
This has been a good hunting season for employees. In addition to those deer pictured above, several other kills have been reported in our area by employees.
Abingdon—Andy Skeen, line inspector, and Thomas J. Overbay, killed deer on the last day of the

season in the White Top area of Washington County. Both were does.
Lynchburg—William H. Stinnette, groundman, and Granville N. Patterson, auto repairman, had successful hunting trips.
Point Pleasant—Employees of this

district killing deer included Paul Rairden, R/w agent; E. D. Boggess, area serviceman; and W. B. Langford, area serviceman.
Roanoke—Three district and one division employee got deer. G. C. Likens, groundman, downed a 4-point buck weighing 100 pounds and an 8-pound turkey in Bath County. L. S. Caldwell, lineman, killed an 8-point, 170-pound buck in the Barbours Creek section of Craig County. R. D. Turner, lineman, shot a 125-pound spike deer in Bath County. And R. L. Spencer, division T&D, got a 125-pound doe in Roanoke County.

Philip Sporn Plant—Six kills were reported by Sporn employees. The men include: Marvin McFarland, laborer, 14-point buck; Edwin Clark, maintenance foreman, 10-point buck; Elroy Kaylor, maintenance man, 8-point buck; Roy Cooke, maintenance man; Robert Cooke, instrument maintenance man; and William Wentzell, control operator.
Williamson—Everette Carrico, line foreman, bagged a 9-point, 160-pound buck in Pocahontas County. This made Everette's sixteenth year for hunting and his sixteenth deer.

Ash Pits Sweep Kanawha Loop



The Ash Pits swept most of the honors in the Kanawha River plant bowling league first half. The team won the title by 10 games and its captain, Russ Fields, had high single game of 223 and high three game series of 600. Team members include from left: Lee Thigpen, Bob Vickers, Russ Fields, Charles Hudnall, Aryle Frye and Paul Evans. Bill Moore was absent when the picture was taken.

Kanawha Men Hold Shooting Match



Fifty men at Kanawha River plant recently held a shooting match, sponsored by the Appakan Club. Of that number, 30 came away with turkeys and hams awarded for their skill. A shooting match is scheduled just before the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays every year at the

plant. Identifiable above from left are: W. E. Childers, R. A. Fields, D. E. Everson, A. W. Searls, E. D. Buskirk, W. W. McColgan, H. G. Higginbotham, C. E. Hudnall, J. L. Bryant, Leslie Farthing and C. E. Farley.

Cycles, Hot Sticks Are Williamson Contenders

With time running out in the first half of the Williamson Bowling League, the Cycles and Hot Sticks are in a fight for the lead.
The Cycles have a 19-11 record and the Hot Sticks a 18-12 record. Bob Waggoner and Sonny Runyon are tied for high average with 152.2. Jack Maynard has high game of 224 and Waggoner has high series of 522. The first half ends January 10.

New Officers Named At Sporn Veterans' Session

New officers were elected and five new members initiated when Philip Sporn plant veterans held their annual dinner.
Clarence R. Tennant, president; Frederick R. Emmert, vice president; and Howard J. Rader, secretary and treasurer, are the new officers. New members include P. J. Wolpert, E. L. Stein, Jr., Keith Arnold, Howard Johnson and P. T. Schneider. Al Smith, past president, conducted the meeting and short talks were made by A. G. Mehlman, plant manager, and P. E. Scally, personnel supervisor.
The group moved to include Sporn substation employees as members and Lindsey B. Ferguson, assistant chief substation operator, was taken into the club.

Roanoke Footballer Gets Three Honors

Three football honors were recently accorded Dean Price, senior back at Roanoke's William Fleming High School.
The son of L. H. Price, Roanoke lineman, he was named to a backfield position on the 1956 Roanoke City-County All-Star team. He was also named to the second team of the western district of Virginia Group One schools. The third honor was his election as co-captain of the 1956 Fleming squad.
Weighing 180 pounds and standing five feet-eleven, Dean has been on the varsity for three years. At the age of 13 he was on the Roanoke Midget team which won the national championship in the Santa Claus Bowl in Lakeland, Fla.
He also is on the school track team and manager of the wrestling team. He plays softball and basketball in the City League and baseball in the Industrial League. Photo courtesy Roanoke World-News.



Dean Price

Volts Win Title In Tight Squeeze



Winning their last game meant the first title in the Pikeville Bowling League to members of the Volts. Shown above they are from left: James Hopson, Bob Weddle, Jo Nell Looney, Bob Flynn and Milford Layne. The Hot Taps broke to the front at the beginning of the season and remained there until edged by the Volts the last game. Weddle is the Volts captain and Craig Fields is captain of the Hot Taps. The second half is beginning early this month.

Accounting, Stores Tie In Roanoke Bowling Race

A close race all the way ended in a tie in the Roanoke Bowling League.
Tied for first place in the first half are Accounting and Stores, each with 27-15 records. A special match will determine the winner.
Leroy Gregory, Line and Station, has high league average of 111 and high single game of 163. Tom Mitchell, Accounting, has the high set score of 395 while Local Office has high team game of 606 and high team set of 1727.

Roanoker Is Tabbed Outstanding Lineman

"Outstanding lineman" was the title recently conferred upon Steve Hodges of Roanoke.
The honor came at the annual awards banquet of Roanoke's Sandlot Football Leagues. The son of R. E. Hodges, Appalachian assistant general manager, Steve was tabbed top lineman in the 115-pound division.
Steve's team, Raleigh Court Lions, won the title this year, going undefeated and holding all opponents scoreless. The youngster played offensive end and defensive line-backer.
An honor student at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, Steve is president of the student government.



Steve Hodges

Two-Way Radio Stops Rabid Dog

The company's two-way radio system, important to our service, has again proved its value to the community.
The Marion line crew of the Pulaski district was recently working near South Fork when they were advised a dog with symptoms of rabies was running loose. There were no phones in the area, so E. W. Henson, lineman, quickly used the mobile radio unit to notify the Marion office. The call was in turn relayed to the deputy game warden.
When he investigated he had the dog slain. Tests proved it was rabid.

Kanawha Valley Man Is 'World' Article Author

Hurston Webb of the Kanawha Valley Power Company in the Charleston district had an article in the December 24 issue of *Electrical World*.
The article was entitled "Tools Made From Scrap Straighten Intake-Rack Bars."

Just A Little?

Visitors To Charleston Are A Little Out Of Ordinary—They're Elephants



Two of these three Charleston employees weren't as sure about the elephant Baby Opal as the other was. From left Marcia Ingbar and Carol Blackburn stood aside as Baby Opal performed. Jackie Guthrie at right was delighted with the elephant, riding its head and feeding it marshmallows and apples.

Not much can surprise Charleston employees after a recent development.

Employees dropping in to the old system meter headquarters in the Alderson Street building received the shock of their lives—five baby elephants were romping around. The elephants belong to the Shrine-Polack Brothers circus. When the tent was folded for the season, the district agreed to rent housing space for the animals until late this month.

One of the elephants is a real celebrity—Baby Opal appeared three times on the Ed Sullivan television show in 1956. Her trainers, Mac and Peggy McDonald, says she is the only elephant they have seen do the one-arm stand in their 30 years' experience. She is regarded as the outstanding elephant in circuses today, and also walks on her front feet, her hind legs and stands on her head.

Opal and her buddies, Jean, Betty, Millie and Cathy, will rise every morning at 6 and go to bed at 11 at night. Each will eat a hundred pounds of hay a day.

One other thing. The trainer blasted a popular belief when he said elephants' memories are no

better than any other animal. But for certain, Charleston employees won't forget the elephants.

Emory A. Dodson, System Vet, Dies



Mr. Dodson

Emory A. Dodson, 56, of Turner station died December 9 at a Charleston hospital of a coronary thrombosis.

The system operations coordinator joined Appalachian when he went to work for the old West Virginia Water and Electric Company on January 14, 1920. He had previously spent a year with the Pittsburgh Steel Company and a year in the Army during World War I.

During his time at the old Charleston steam plant he worked as switchboard operator, turbine operator and shift engineer. On May 14, 1925, he was transferred to Turner, in the Charleston district, as a station operator. He later moved up to the position he held at death.

Born in Charleston January 1, 1900, he had been living with his wife on a farm near Poca. Survivors, besides his wife, include four sons, one daughter, 10 grandchildren, one sister and one brother. One son, A. E. Dodson, is employed at Sporn station, and a son-in-law, R. C. Coffman, works in the Charleston district civil engineering group.

A. D. Chinn, Retired Huntingtonian, Dies

Admiral Dewey Chinn, 58, Huntington district retired employee, died December 13.

Employed December 1, 1918, he retired early because of disability on December 1, 1938. He was a lineman.

Mr. Chinn was born September 14, 1898. He is survived by his wife, four sons, one daughter, four brothers, two sisters and eight grandchildren.

Man's Life, House Saved From Fire By Alert Lynchburg Men

Lady Luck played into the hands of a Lynchburg rural resident recently.

Although the man was unlucky to have his house catch on fire, he was lucky that two Appalachian employees were the ones who spotted the blaze. Joe F. Wilson, Jr., engineering aide, and D. J. "Pete" Thompson, Jr., draftsman, Lynchburg employees, were driving along Wards Road when Joe noticed smoke curling under the eaves of a small one-story frame house.

They stopped and went to a neighbor's house to ask him to call the fire department. They then returned to the burning house and knocked on the door several times before a man answered. When he found out what they wanted, he led them to the kitchen, where grease had apparently flared up on the stove. Fire was creeping up the wall and into the attic. A hole was knocked in the ceiling, a garden hose hooked up and Joe and the man started fighting the fire. Pete and neighbors began moving furniture out of the house. Others helping included Woodrow H. Key and G. D. Burford, meter employees. The fire truck arrived just as all the water in a well was exhausted. But soon the fire was under control, after extensive damage to the kitchen and attic. But the quick action of Joe and Pete is credited with saving the man's house, and perhaps the man, since he was alone and unaware of the fire.

Glossary Of Industry Terms Now Available

What is meant by amortization? Excitation? Interchange energy? Operating ratio? Utilization factor?

Definitions of these and more than 300 other terms—both technical and financial—often used in the electric utility industry are contained in a new glossary published by the Edison Electric Institute. D. M. Tonge, head of the AGE Service Corporation statistical department, served as co-editor of the glossary.

If you would like a copy of the glossary, just put your name and address on a postal card and send it to: THE ILLUMINATOR, Appalachian Electric Power Company, P. O. Box 2091, Roanoke, Va.

M. L. May Retires After 30 Years



Mr. May

Monterville L. May, Huntington district station man, retired January 1 after over 30 years' service.

He was employed March 21, 1926 as electrician helper and has been electrician, meterman and maintenance man. He became station man September 1, 1953.

Mr. May attended schools in Catlettsburg, Ky. He is married and has two children and one grandchild. His retirement plans include staying home and resting.

Site Purchased For Lynchburg Service Building To House Many Facilities



P. L. Bailey, Lynchburg district superintendent, points out a feature of the site of the district's new service building to D. C. Kennedy, district manager.

Land outside the city has been purchased for construction of a new service building for the Lynchburg district.

The building will go up on a site on Perkins Park Road where it crosses the Southern Railway, near the General Electric Company plant. Although the 22½-acre site has been bought, actual construction will not start for a year, until survey work and building plans are completed.

The site affords easy access to all parts of Lynchburg and the surrounding area. In addition, the building will allow the district to

consolidate at one place many departments, located in several sections of Lynchburg. This will improve operations and save time because it will remove these departments from the downtown area.

At present facilities for the stores and meter departments, the T&D line shop and locker room are located at the Sixth Street shop building. Outside storage for line and station transformers is maintained next to the company's Blackwater station and a pole storage lot is located at Fifteenth Street and Tilden Avenue. The transportation department and the garage are at Rivermont Avenue and D Street.

All these facilities would be moved to the new service building.

New Man Joins AGE Area Development

Robert Y. Adams of Fort Wayne, Ind., will join the AGE Service Corporation in New York as a community planning specialist. He has been planning director for the city of Fort Wayne since 1949.

In his new position he will work in the industrial and area and community development fields in association with L. L. Davis, manager of the Service Corporation's Area development Division. Announcement of the appointment was made December 20 by Harold Turner, operating executive vice president.

Pikeville, Roanoke Men Write EL&P Articles

A Kentucky and two Appalachian employees had articles printed in the December 15 issue of *Electric Light and Power*.

Hale M. Eagle, Pikeville general foreman, wrote "Old Wood-Pin Bases Bored To Avoid Steel-Pin Adaptors." And J. E. Jones, Roanoke-Bluefield division area development representative, and R. A. Armistead, Roanoke line and station supervisor, contributed "Pole-Top Ballast Safety Chain Avoids Accidents."

Beckley Wins Illuminator Award



The 1956 Illuminator Award was won by the Beckley district. John E. Hammer, district personnel supervisor at left, receives the award for being the outstanding correspondent from Jack Palmer, editor. Watching the presentation at the district's Christmas party is Waldo S. LaFon, district manager who was recently promoted to assistant general manager of Kentucky Power. Other outstanding district correspondents finished in the following order: I. B. Peters, Roanoke, second; E. J. Clouser, Williamson, third; C. L. Shockey, Bluefield, fourth, and W. R. Witzel, Charleston, fifth.

Veteran Retires At Kenova Plant



Mr. Stein

Edwin L. Stein, Kenova plant supervisor, retired December 1, after over 35 years' service.

Mr. Stein was employed May 10, 1921 as master mechanic and in 1943 was promoted to assistant plant supervisor. On May 1, 1950 he moved up to plant supervisor.

Born at West Pittston, Pa., he graduated from school there. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Elks and attends the Presbyterian Church of Ashland, Ky. He was a member of the Air Force during World War I.

Mr. Stein is married and has six children and five grandchildren. His favorite hobbies are wood-working, fishing and gardening.