Live among men as if God beheld you; speak to God as if men were listening.

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There is a close relationship between hard work, a light heart and a clear mind.

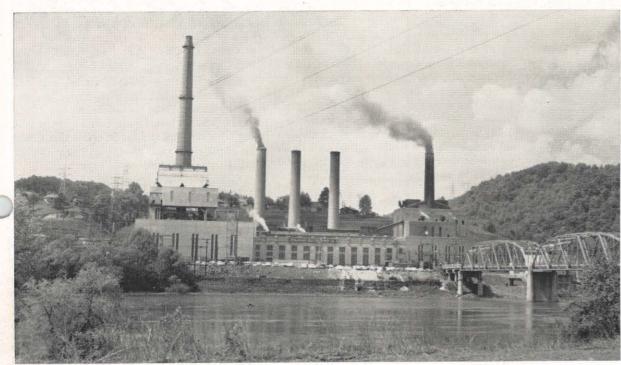
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APPALACHIAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

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New 225,000 Kw Unit At Glen Lyn Completed



This view of Glen Lyn plant from across the river shows the new 225,000 kw unit at left. The stack, 435 feet

high, is the tallest on the Appalachian system. The plant's capacity is now 395,000 kw.

Appalachian Heading For Best Sales Year

Appalachian is heading for the best year ever in residential sales. Figures at the end of June show sales in Appalachian territory 5.7 per cent ahead of 1956, which was the best previous sales year in Appalachian history.

A total of 26,892 ranges, water heaters and dryers have been sold in Appalachian territory through June this year, as compared to 25,-451 during the first six months last

Williamson district and Huntington division were named big winners as six-month campaigns within the company came to an end. In addition to the residential campaign, which was broken into several parts, campaigns for home service representatives and for Modern Electric Living Dealers have also ended.

Latest figures from AGE, at the end of five months, show Appalachian leading the Generator division with 36 per cent of its quota. Both Ohio Power and Indiana & Michigan have 30 per cent. In the Exciter division, Kingsport is first with 40 percent, Wheeling is second with 33 per cent and Kentucky is a close third with 32 per cent.

Following is a list of winners in the various Appalachian campaigns which ended in June:

Residential

District Awards—Combined units: Williamson, first; Welch, second. Residential resistance heating: Lynchburg, first; Fieldale, second. Residential heat pumps: Roanoke, first; Charleston, second.

Division Awards-Combined units: Huntington, Charleston, Bluefield and Roanoke, in that order. Residential resistance heating: Roanoke, Bluefield and Huntington. Residential heat pumps: Roanoke, Charleston and Bluefield.

Home Service Representatives

Roanoke division home service representatives finished first, with Charleston second, Bluefield third and Huntington fourth. Points were obtained by meeting or surpassing a quota set up for home parties, group demonstrations, home calls and special emphasis programs during the six

Dealers

Modern Electric Living Dealers from every district won awards during a six-month campaign sponsored by Appalachian to encourage sales of electric appliances. The campaign was divided into four parts, with the emphasis on clothes dryers, water heaters, ranges and total combined unit sales.

'The Illuminator' Wins National Award

THE ILLUMINATOR has been awarded a Certificate of Merit by the International Council of Industrial

Competing in its category with 60 other employee publications from all types of businesses, THE ILLUMI-NATOR was one of seven to receive the award. One paper received a Certificate of Excellence. The classification our publication was entered in, Internal Newspaper Purpose D, is defined as "news, employee-management understanding, information about company and products, education—published for employees in more than one community."

Of the 60 papers entered in this category, 19 were picked for final judging for scoring 85 or more points out of a possible 100. From these 19 the eight winners were picked. Three 1956 issues of THE ILLUMI-NATOR were sent to the judges for the competition.

Unit Number Six Is Put Into Service, Bringing Plant Capacity To 395,000 Kw

The largest generating unit on Appalachian's system has been put into service with the completion of the new 225,000 kilowatt unit at the Glen Lyn plant.

The addition of the new unit raises Glen Lyn's generating capability to 395,000 kilowatts and increases Appalachian's system generating capability to over 1,900,000 kilowatts.

Construction on the \$27,000,000 addition to the Glen Lyn plant was begun in October 1954. There are several firsts in the construction of the new unit. Unit Number Six has the first out-door type boiler ever built on the American Gas and Electric System. The steel stack, which has a concrete liner, is the highest on the Appalachian system, rising 435 feet above ground level.

Open Houses Slated

Special open house events to show the new unit and the plant addition are scheduled early in July. Plant employees, community leaders and the general public will be given an opportunity to see the new unit during the week of July 8.

The turbo-generating unit, which was built by the General Electric Company, has the energy producing capability to provide electricity for every home in a city of about 1,200,-000 population.

The out-door type boiler, which is 123 feet high or as high as a ten story office building, will operate at a steam pressure of about 2,000 pounds per square inch and has a maximum output of 1,523,000 pounds of steam per hour.

Fifth Change

The addition of Number Six Unit to Glen Lyn marks the fifth major change in the plant since it was put in service in 1919 with a capacity of 15,000 kilowatts, Subsequent additions were made in 1920, 1924, 1927 and 1944 to raise the plant's generating capability to 185,000 kilowatts. The original 15,000 kilowatt unit was removed during the present construction program.

The completion of the new Glen Lyn unit marks another step in the \$750,000,000 expansion program which the AGE system now has under way. This program also includes the 450,000 kilowatt Clinch River Plant now under construction at Carbo, Virginia, on Appalachian's system. When this five-year expansion program is completed in 1960, the American Gas and Electric System will have a total generating capability of close to 7,000,000 kilowatts.

Men From Other Industries Learn Our **Operations In Pikeville Station Tour**



Curtis Anders, station foreman, left, explains an operation in the Beaver Creek station of the Pikeville district to some of the Eastern Kentucky Electrical and Mechanical Institute members who toured the station.

Members of the Eastern Kentucky Little, station helper, showed the Electrical and Mechanical Institute are learning first hand how each other works.

At intervals facilities of member companies are toured to acquaint individuals with how the operations of the mining, mechanical and electric industries tie together.

Beaver Creek transmission station in the Pikeville district was the scene of the latest tour by the Institute. H. H. Kincaid, district manager, was in charge of the tour program and greeted the visitors in the station yard with a short introductory talk. The group of 22 touring the station was then broken into three sections.

Cliff Aders, station operator, explained the control room, Curt Wallen, station operator and Bernard

group the switchyard and transformer yard and Curtis Anders, station foreman, explained the purpose and operation of the synchronous condensor.

A picnic lunch served by Mrs. Guialene Smith and Biddie Worley, home service representatives, followed the tour. Each guest received a Reddy Kilowatt ashtray and an envelope containing two booklets, "Power-The Story of Electricity And A Region," and "Keeping 'Em Hot At 330,000 Volts." Also included was a map of the AGE System.

To make them easily identifiable to the visitors, each employee wore a Reddy Kilowatt badge which identified the employee and his position with the company.

S. N. Fiala And Paul Emler Are Named To High Posts In Service Corporation



Mr. Fiala

S. N. Fiala has been elected vice president and chief engineer and Paul W. Emler assistant vice president of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation.

Mr. Fiala, who has been chief engineer for AGE for three years, has been associated with the company's engineering department since 1934. He was named mechanical engineer in charge of the mechanical engineering division in 1945, and chief engineer in 1954. He is a



mechanical engineering graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology.

Mr. Emler, director of industrial sales for AGE, is a graduate of Purdue University and has been associated with the AGE System for more than 26 years. Starting with Ohio Power Company at its Portsmouth, O., office in 1931, he carried out assignments in many of Ohio Power's divisions before being transferred to the Service Corporation in 1948.

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We Are Growing With Our Area

We are growing. Every day something new is added in our companies.

Growth is a wonderful thing—it means progress. Our three companies have grown at a rapid rate since their formal beginnings in the 1920's. As the number of our customers and their uses of electricity have increased, we have met that growth with a growth of our own.

Glen Lyn plant is a good example of the growth of our companies and the dynamic area we serve.

Back in 1919 Glen Lyn began operating with a capacity of 15,000 kilowatts. As our customers increased in number and demand, Glen Lyn helped meet the challenge. The capacity at Glen Lyn has been increased to 26 times what it was in 1919.

The new 225,000 kilowatt unit that just went into service brings the plant's capacity to 395,000 kw, a long way from the original 15,000 kilowatts. Each addition to the plant—in 1920, 1924, 1927 and 1944—is indicative of the steady growth of our companies.

And each addition at Glen Lyn, and everywhere in our companies, means that we are meeting the demands of our customers for dependable electric power. It means our customers are Living Better—Electrically.

Your Good Neighbor

He's the fellow on your street:

who says he doesn't mind your borrowing his sander, and who really doesn't; and who doesn't wait until your grass turns brown before he returns your garden hose:

who doesn't blow his stack when your dog gets in his garden and your kid gets in his hair;

who, at the first sign of spring, quietly appears at Widow Brown's house to put up her screens;

who often stops by for your kids when he's taking his own for a swim;

who is the first to volunteer for community drives when the call goes out;

who doesn't make his farewells to latedeparting guests sound like the Yankees just hit a home run;

who always finds the time to referee the kids' ball game when they ask him;

who is as free with a warm word and a friendly handshake as he is with his time and trouble;

who always acts like people are the most important things around.

—from "The Flame" Cabot Industries

Your Opinion IN THE How did you earn your first dollar (in a regular job), and how did you spend it? 5 POILIGHT

JESSE RAMSEY, System Billing General Clerk, Huntington



At the age of fourteen, I was employed during the summer as a helper on a furnace in an enamelware factory in Dunbar, West Virginia. It was a nine-hour-a-day job and I had to go in a trot most of the time. I averaged about \$2.00 daily, and had yet to hear of income tax. (Those were the days.)

After paying \$7.00 for board, the remainder of my wages went toward the purchase of my first shotgun, which I had always dreamed of owning. At the end of the summer I returned to school, but I really enjoyed those weekends when I could hunt with my new gun.

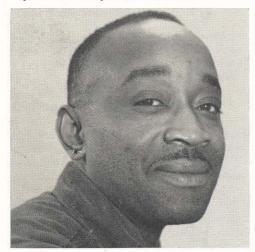
O. B. MURPHY, Appliance Serviceman, Roanoke



In the year 1909 while working at home on my father's farm, we experienced a drought to such an extent our income from the farm that year was not sufficient for the family's needs; so with my father's permission I secured a job at a saw mill and worked there cutting timber to be sawed into lumber. How well do I remember the rate of pay . . . five cents per hour, ten hours per day . . . all work and no play.

That is how I earned my first dollar, and I spent it for clothing. In those days, money was scarce . . . it came the hard way.

JEFF TATE, Janitor, Hazard



I remember very distinctly the first dollar I ever made. At the time I made this dollar, I was a boy nine years old living in Selma, Ala. As we boys were going home from school in the afternoons, Mr. Dave Vaughn would ask

one of us to open or close his gate for him so that he could pass through it in his car. One afternoon Mr. Vaughn asked me to open the gate for him, and for my work he paid me a dime. The next time I saw Mr. Vaughn approaching the gate, I opened the gate without having to be asked. In the course of opening and closing the gate for him, I learned to do it without dragging the gate; and from that time on, he asked me to take care of the gate for him.

After I had been tending the gate for him for about three or four months, Mr. Vaughn asked me to sweep his car out for him and carry some groceries into his house. I complied with his request; and for my labors he paid me the first dollar I ever earned.

It wasn't easy for me to decide how to spend the money. I had to choose between the purchase of a bicycle, a pair of billy goats or a pair of pants. I finally decided on the pants, which cost \$1.50 of which my mother contributed 50 cents because I wanted to participate in a concert in which all the boys were wearing short pants. In this concert, I recited "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

In spite of the fact that it has been 39 years since I earned that first dollar, I remember it as plainly as if it were only yesterday.

MARIE DUNN, Switchboard Operator, Bluefield



My, how times have changed over not so many years!

I felt like I owned the world when I got my first paycheck. I worked after school in a doctor's office, and my salary was eight dollars per month.

Out of my first pay, I gave my widowed, invalid mother five dollars and paid the other three on a dentist bill. That broke me for a month, but I surely did have a wonderful feeling of independence.

Eight dollars was not very much money, but in those days a Model-T roadster could be bought for \$375 and coffee was 20 cents a pound.

KEITH E. ARNOLD, First Assistant Shift Operating Engineer, Philip Sporn Plant



The first dollar I ever earned on a regular job was deslagging boilers at the Philo plant on a hot day in August, 1936. The wages were somewhat lower than they are today, so I spent two hours and a half making that dollar

and in that type of work I might add that I really earned it.

How I spent the dollar is a good question. But since I was just 18 years of age, just out of school and having no serious responsibilities or obligations I would guess that I spent it taking my girl friend to a movie. Now that I look back over many years of married life with that girl I consider it a dollar well spent.

JANE ABBOTT, Personnel Secretarial-Stenographer, Charleston Division

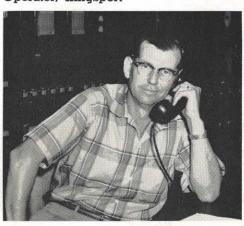


This is easy to remember — twenty-seven years ago I entered the Appalachian office with fear and trembling because, never having been in an office before, I now found myself on the verge of becoming a part of a great organization. Of course, I'd had office training in school but that cannot duplicate actual working conditions because it lacks the personal element. On that first day I found myself surrounded by endless figures, a classification of accounts system to be memorized, and a group of experienced employees who gave me an inferiority complex.

I was afraid of everything and everybody for several days, then suddenly I realized these people were my friends and wanted to help. They soon made me feel that I "belonged" to the A. E. P. family. And, more important, they taught me something I've never forgotten—that a genuine, friendly interest in fellow employees will do more for Employee Relations than any cut and dried rules in the book.

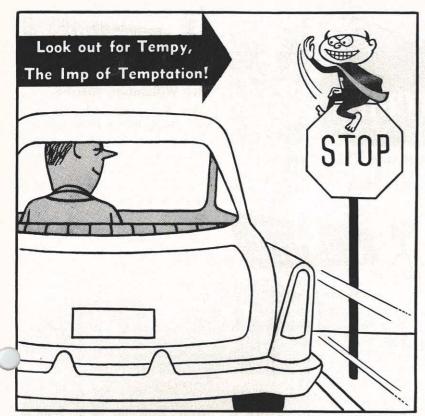
But to get back to how I spent that first dollar. Anyone living during the Great Depression knows the answer to this — it went for food, taxes and the mortgage.

HURSEL E. ELKINS, Holston Station Operator, Kingsport



My first regular job was with the State of Tennessee when I was fifteen years old. I was employed as a water boy when highway 11-W was first being black-topped about 10 miles below Rogersville. I remember being waterboy was a continuous walking job. I would walk approximately one mile to a spring and return carrying 2 - 3½ gallon buckets, then up and down the road for about ½ mile.

I worked 6 days a week, 10 hours a day and was paid \$15.00 a week. Soon as I received my first week's pay, I went directly to a clothing store in town and bought my first suit of clothes with long pants.



"Come on through. No one's watching, and besides, stop signs are just put there for scenery—they don't mean anything," urges Tempy. He'll urge the driver to completely ignore a stop sign, or "just slow down a little bit for appearance sake." He won't tell the driver that last year 3,750 persons who ignored the fact they didn't have the right of way were killed in traffic accidents, or that another 481,270 were injured in the same violation. In other words, almost 10 percent of the people killed and 22 percent of those injured last year in all types of traffic accidents gave in to the temptation of ignoring stop signs and similar traffic warnings. Tempy knows it, but he won't tell the driver a stop sign is a lifesaver. It is used where drivers need to bring their vehicles to a complete halt so they can carefully check traffic or possible hazards. When you ignore Tempy, you'll be saving your life and the life of others. You'll be Backing The Attack On Traffic Accidents. The artwork on Tempy is being done by James Gibson, artist for Stone Printing & Manufacturing Company of Roanoke, which prints THE ILLUMINATOR.

Two Employees Enter Wives Are Guests At Military Service



Two employees from Lynchburg and Roanoke have entered military service.

Joseph B. Rice, Lynchburg electrical engineer, has entered the Army for six months of active duty, and R. G. "Bobby" Garrett, Jr., Roanoke draftsman, has enlisted in the Marines.

Mr. Rice was employed June 20, 1956 and is a graduate of the University of Virginia with an electrical engineering degree. He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Lynchburg Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Garrett is stationed at Paris Island, S. C. A graduate of Montvale High School, he attended VMI prior to joining Appalachian in March 1956. He is married.

State Chamber Post Goes To Ashland Man

Rufus P. Thomas has been appointed chairman of the industrial de-



velopment committee of the Kentucky State Chamber of Commerce. He is indus-

trial development representative for Kentucky Power. A veteran of almost 34 years' service, he has serv-

ed in the meter department, residential sales and has been industrial power engineer for Ashland. He was promoted to his present position in July 1953.

On Accepting Industry Honor

Coffin Award Honors Development Of 'Complex Utility System', Sporn Asserts

(Editor's Note: The following talk was made by Philip Sporn, president of AGE and of our companies, on accepting the 1956 Charles A. Coffin Award on behalf of the American Gas and Electric Company System. It was made June 5 before the 25th Annual Convention of the Editor Electric Notes Edison Electric Institute at the Civic Opera House in Chicago.)

"Thank you. I am happy to accept the Coffin Award on behalf of the American Gas and Electric Company System; the 13,000 people who helped design, build and now operate the System; and our shareowners and investors. And I want to express our gratitude to the many organizations and individuals: manufacturers, contractors, universities, laboratories, consultants, and other companies and people with whom we work closely, for their contributions to the work and the results that have brought us this honor.

"This is a happy time for us to receive an award of this kind. Last year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of AGE. This year the electric utility industry has reached the 75th anniversary of the first implementing of the Central Station principle which started with the Pearl Street Station in 1882. Thus, as the industry is starting on its fourth quarter-century of existence, we in AGE have started on our third

Industry Growth Cited

"A great deal has happened in the interval since 1882, or, for that matter, since 1906 when our Company was founded. The industry has grown from a very modest infant rendering a luxury lighting service to the fastest growing energy supply group in the United States. Operating as a privately-owned industry, even though closely regulated and perhaps lately prodded by a highly subsidized and, therefore, a highly effective competition, the industry has given the United States world leadership in the production, transmission and utilization of electric energy for over half a century. In the last 35 years, with the population of our country only 6 percent of the world figure, we have had available to us over 40 percent of the world's electric energy.

"We in American Gas and Electric have had the privilege of participating to a certain degree in that leadership. Three years ago we were honored by a Coffin Award in recognition of the pioneering of advanced engineering .concepts in generation and transmission. This year's Award honors some of the same achievements but perhaps more important is the recognition also being given to the development of domestic energy consumption; to employee and management training programs, and to leadership in carrying out the program of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation. All of these operations we believe are important parts of the whole job.

"To us, therefore, what perhaps distinguishes this Award from the Award we received three years ago is that we are being honored for development of the many phases of a complex utility system—for being an integrated system in the broadest sense of the word.

A Look At Future

"In the world that is looming ahead, energy and particularly electric energy are bound to continue to play a vital role. There is every reason for the belief that great as are our prospects for population increase, energy use will go up faster than population and faster than economic output or gross

national product. Thus, in the period ahead, the electric utilities of the country will have a very vital and indispensable role to play. The task, however, is not going to be easy because there are going to be difficult problems in designing, financing and building the facilities to serve not only the general public, but also some of the complex industrial operations of private industry, of semi-governmental agencies, and of operations whose organizational make-up is as yet unsuspected. And there are going to be difficulties in finding, educating, training and equipping men for these most complex and difficult tasks. If the utilities are to discharge their responsibilities properly to their communities and areas, to their employees and their investors, they will have to function supremely well on all fronts -they will have to be well-integrated operations. This, I think, is perhaps the most significant fact about the Award with which we have been honored tonight.

OVEC Leadership

"I want to say a special word about the honor that has come to us through our role in the formation and operation of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation. I would like to repeat this part of the Coffin Award Citation. I quote: 'for leadership (through the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation) in supplying to the Atomic Energy Commission the largest single block of electric power ever contracted for, in less than the estimated time and at less than the estimated cost;'.

"This job was not accomplished by the American Gas and Electric Company. It was accomplished by 15 great utility organizations and their people who, inspired by a common zeal, did the necessary job that the United States Government asked to have done. We in American Gas and Electric had the privilege of participating in this group of 15 through three of our companies—and we had the special privilege through our System Service Corporation of being entrusted with the responsibility of planning and executing many of the jobs necessary to place into operation the magnificent facilities that are now the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation. The carrying out of that task could not have been performed if it had not been for the continuous, loyal and almost singleminded cooperative effort, extending over years, of the 15 companies involved in the program, and the outstanding performance of the people who today are operating OVEC. The part of the Award that has come about by virtue of that job I am glad to accept for and on behalf of these 15 companies and OVEC itself.

"And I would like to name these 15 companies: Appalachian Electric Power Co., The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co., Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Co., The Dayton Power and Light Co., Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., Kentucky Utilities Co., Louisville Gas and Electric Co., Monongahela Power Co., Ohio Edison Co., Ohio Power Co., Pennsylvania Power Co., The Potomac Edison Co., Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co., The Toledo Edison Co., and West Penn Power Co."

Educational Trust Fund Upped To \$90,000

The American Gas and Electric System's Educational Trust Fund, from which educational awards are presented annually to children of System employees, today stands at \$90,000.

Point Pleasant Meeting

ant district supervisors.

Wives were the guests at the June

After dinner G. E. Hervey, dis-

operation meeting of the Point Pleas-

trict manager, talked to the group

about the part the wives play in the

company safety program. F. H. Tay-

lor, Jr., district commercial manager,

spoke on electric cooking, drying,

water heating and home heating.

The fund was increased by \$15,-000 last month as the result of three contributions: 1) the prize of \$1,000 which is part of the Charles A. Coffin Award, won by the AGE System for the second time in the past four years; 2) a contribution of \$13,000 voted by the board of directors of AGE; and 3) a personal donation of

\$1,000 by Philip Sporn, president of AGE and of our three companies.

The entire \$90,000 fund is invested in shares of AGE Common Stock and income from the investment provides the educational awards of \$500 each. The Education Trust Fund was started in 1955, the outgrowth of AGE's winning its first Coffin Award. In that year, one educational award was made; in 1956 five awards were made and in 1957, eight awards.

The awards are based on competitive scholarship examinations and may be competed for by all sons and daughters of System employees who are preparing to enter their freshman

Luther F. McPherson III, son of the assistant Pulaski district manager, was winner of one of the 1956 awards. In 1957 Ronald N. Collier, son of Newton W. Collier, Hazard area superintendent; Robert S. Runyon, son of Clyde Runyon, Williamson R/w agent; and David J. Roomy, son of Nicholas Roomy, Jr., Logan heating and builder sales representative, were award winners.



Three checks totaling \$15,000 are presented to trustees of the AGE System Educational Trust Fund by Philip Sporn, company president, third from left. The fund trustees, from left, are: V. M. Marquis, F. G. Lippert and W. J.

Rose. Mr. Marquis and Mr. Rose are vice presidents of the AGE Service Corporation and Mr. Lippert is director



Pikeville District

Bonnie King, bookkeeper, and Margaret Ann James, meter clerk, were given a farewell party by the Pikeville girls upon their resignation.

Sympathy is extended Bernard Little, stationman helper, on the death of his brother.

Ashland District

Jessee Brooks, laborer, and Gary Gene Layne, office messenger, are new employees.

John, son of R. L. Gordon, administrative assistant, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army and was graduated from VPI.

F. M. Baker, vice president and general manager of Kentucky Power, was elected to the board of directors of the Kentucky Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Elizabeth Lowe, payroll clerk, has resigned.

Hazard District

New employees include Carolyn Centers, Dora Campbell, Wanda Napier, Ray Jones, Wendell Pridemore, James Stidham and Robert Fugate.



System

Sammy, son of Ivan French, Bluefield system transmission man, received a \$25 Savings Bond for the "student with the best attitude." He graduated from high school recently.

Glenna Sutphin, system meter clerk-stenographer, graduated from National Business College of Roanoke June 15 with highest honors.

Guy Pendleton, system meter engineer, attended the meter school in Morehead City, N. C., conducted by the University of North Carolina.

Fieldale District

Virginia Hancock, home service representative, was guest speaker at a Fieldale Rotary Club meeting. Benson Shelton has returned to

work after a recent illness.

Joy Webster, commercial, and Nancy Bradshaw were entertained with a stork shower at the home of June Leftwich, T&D. Co-hostesses were Patricia Eaton, accounting, and Betty Romero, meter.

New employees are Norma Jean Woodward, Shirley Horsley, Tommy Flythe, Max Harlowe, Leon Plaster, Wayne Riggan and W. R. Parcell.

Employees who have resigned are Nancy K. Bradshaw and Richard S. Smith.

Roanoke District

Lorraine Bratton, engineering clerk-typist, and Hallie E. Meador, local accounting clerk-stenographer, are new employees.

Mrs. J. D. Prather, wife of the appliance serviceman, is recuperating at home after receiving treatment at a local hospital for a broken ankle.

Ann, daughter of H. R. Miller, division payroll supervisor, was crowned "Queen Regent" in a coronation service in the First Baptist Church in Roanoke recently. To attain this highest possible rank in the Girls' Auxiliary system of the Baptist Church requires study for



about six years.

Marshall G. Covey, electrical engineer, and William M. Mills, meterman, attended the 26th annual meter school conducted by North Carolina State College and held in Morehead City.

Lynchburg District

Samuel M. Cloyd recently graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis with a Bachelor of Science degree. He is the son of F. M. Cloyd, district commercial manager.

Douglas B. Fuqua and Donald W. Burks are new groundmen.

Lawrence R. Hudson, personnel assistant, has returned to work after an illness of nine weeks. Eye surgery was necessary following an acute attack of glaucoma.

William D. Crews, T&D clerk, was elected vice president of the Amherst Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Sympathy is extended Leslie D. Wright, meter, and Elga T. Wright, line and station, on the death of their mother.

Sympathy is also extended Robert D. Curtis, lead draftsman, on the death of his mother.



Charleston District

H. E. Brown and G. V. Loveday, Marmet Hydro Plant employees, have returned to work after extended illnesses.

Mrs. Keith L. Lazenby was a delegate at the National Women's Convention at Ashland last month. She is chairman of the American home department of her Woman's Club.

Madge Jarvis, T&D record section, Bruce Armentrout, engineering, Richard A. Wells, meter, and George Pappas, Isabel Craig, Gail Lovell and Wanda Neal, all of accounting, have resigned.

New employees include Barbara Zopp, T&D record section, Larry Dolin, James Lowther and Charles Gray, meter.

C. W. Lovell, assistant division manager, won several ribbons in the recent Charleston rose show.

Jack, son of Myrtle Lawhorn, PBX operator, is serving as assistant pastor at the First Presbyterian Church this summer. He is a student at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.

Sylbia Hinchman and Pansy Millard attended a meeting at the Nela Lighting Institute in Cleveland. Miss Millard was elected vice chairman of the Home Economists In Business Club at a recent Charleston meeting.

Sympathy is extended W. F. Smith, Jr., meter department, on the death of his brother.

Beckley District

E. L. Hutchinson, line foreman, has been elected treasurer of the Mabscott Lions Club.

Edward Dziedzic, co-op student, has returned to school at VPI.

These employees have been elected to offices in the Beckley Business and Professional Women's Club: Meta Akers, recording secretary, Patty Mac-Allister, corresponding secretary, and Jennie Gaziano, parliamentarian.

R. D. Smith, Oak Hill office employee, was elected secretary of the Oak Hill Civitan Club.

W. E. Mitchell, line supervisor, was appointed to the board of directors of the Beckley Lions Club.

Mrs. Kenneth K. Keatley, wife of the Beckley lineman, has been selected "Girl of the Year" for the second time in four years of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Oak Hill Chapter.

New employees in the district are Robert L. Lively, Graham K. Break, John L. Lemons, Howard L. Mollohan, Burnice G. Bucklin, Richard T. Steele, Thomas G. Allen, Noel T. Griffith and Leslie B. McClung.

Kanawha River Plant

W. E. James, test engineer, has resigned.

Three men have been elected councilmen of their communities. Eli D. Buskirk, shift operating engineer, was chosen for his first term as councilman for the City of Glasgow; Carl R. Richards, control operator, will serve his first term in the city of Cedar Grove; and W. L. Wilshire, maintenance foreman, was reelected to his second term for the city of Marmet.

Sympathy is extended J. W. Dunaway on the death of his father and J. H. Blankenship on the death of his father-in-law.

Philip Sporn Plant

Jack H. Ford, Gerald W. Arnold, Harry B. Staats, Bernard B. Lieving, John H. Taylor, Jr., and Thomas R. Vance are new laborers.

Donnal Duncan, test engineer, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Lester Damewood, maintenance man, on the death of his father, and Lawrence Hall, guard, and his wife on the death of their daughter.

Point Pleasant District

The Ripley line crew held a steak dinner at Williams Restaurant in Ripley recently. The crew, organized in August 1953, has not had a disabling injury.

Upon graduation from junior high school, Melinda, daughter of G. E. Hervey, district manager, was awarded the school citizenship award which is given to only one boy and one girl in each graduating class.

Mrs. F. E. Wolf, wife of the meterman, and Mrs. Dana Nowlin, wife of the meter service helper, are recuperating at their homes after recent surgery.

Carol Roush of the accounting department has resigned.

George E. Hervey, district manager, has been appointed by the Point Pleasant City Council to serve as chairman of the Harmon Park fiveman committee for the next four years.

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Abingdon District

Cadet John H. Quillen, Jr., son of the R/w agent, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Virginia Military Institute. He will attend VPI this fall to study for an MA degree in forestry.

Claud K. Kirkland, district manager, gave the principal address at the graduating exercises of Damascus High School.

James M. Cole, power sales engineer, has been elected chairman of the Board of Stewards at the Abingdon Methodist Church. Serving on the board are James Craig, R. A. Sheffey, Jr., Claud K. Kirkland, Paul S. Dunn and C. M. Wagner, Jr.

Sympathy is extended Claud K. Kirkland, district manager, on the death of his father-in-law.

Pulaski District

Ivan K. Stoots, T&D record clerk, has returned to work after an operation.

Walter Gray, retired employee, and Mrs. Gray have returned home after receiving hospital treatment in a Roanoke hospital.

J. D. Burnett, Jr., K. E. Rosenbaum, Verl Ann Owens and R. C. Nickols, Jr., are new employees.

W. S. Johnson, retired employee and father of Lynn Johnson, Pulaski district engineer, recently underwent surgery.

Bluefield District

Elizabeth L. Munsey, secretarialstenographer in the managerial department, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Helen Brinegar on the death of her brother. New employees are Anna B.

Turner, personnel, David Lee Pearce and L. F. McPherson III, T&D.

Welch District

Frances, daughter of B. M. Nuckolls, Grundy area supervisor, has completed over seven years of perfect school attendance. When she graduated from Grundy High School recently, she was presented an award for her attendance record.

The annual district picnic was held at Claytor Lake in June with about 300 employees attending.

G. N. Rutherford, meter man, has returned to work after being off four months with a heart attack.

Lovis R. Mitchell, Grundy home service representative, was appointed chairman of the home life committee for the Grundy Junior Woman's Club. Marleen Keene, Grundy accounting junior clerk, is on the same committee.

Mrs. William T. Collins, wife of the Grundy local office supervisor, has been elected treasurer of the Grundy Junior Woman's Club.

G. B. Gent, Pocahontas truck driver-groundman, was elected sergeant-at-arms of the Pocahontas Post No. 14 of the American Legion.

(See Welch, Page 9)



Williamson District

The K-Appa-K Girls Club sponsored Odessa Hall to Girls' State.

Robert Shepherd, meter, and Lelia Thurston, engineering, have resigned.

Mrs. Grace Carrico, mother of Everette Carrico, foreman, has been named president of the Mingo County classroom teachers association and will attend the National Association Centennial Convention at Philadelphia this month.

E. C. Funk, retired employee, is recuperating at home after a recent illness.

Beverly, daughter of Ada Jean Lowe, accounting, has been elected a cheerleader at Marshall College and elected to represent her class as a senator in the student government for two years.

Sympathy is extended Ruth Windle, accounting, on the death of her father-in-law.

Logan Plant

Coy Marshall, chief plant dispatcher, is team representative for the Logan Rotary Club entry in the Logan Little League.

Clarence W. Harmon, Jr., laborer, is a new employee.

Sympathy is extended George Frey, supervisor of maintenance, on the death of his brother.

Logan District

Sheffey N. Massey, Jr., co-op with VPI, was recently selected manager and director of the photographic staff of the college. In addition to the staff work, he will be a member of the Publications Board, the governing body for all journalistic activity.

Syrean D. Baker, assistant credit supervisor, was recently elected Associate Matron of the Eastern Star.

E. W. Watts has been employed as car washer, replacing A. J. Davis who resigned.

A. D. Osborn is a new groundman.

Huntington District

Roy Birnbaum has returned to work after a six months' illness.

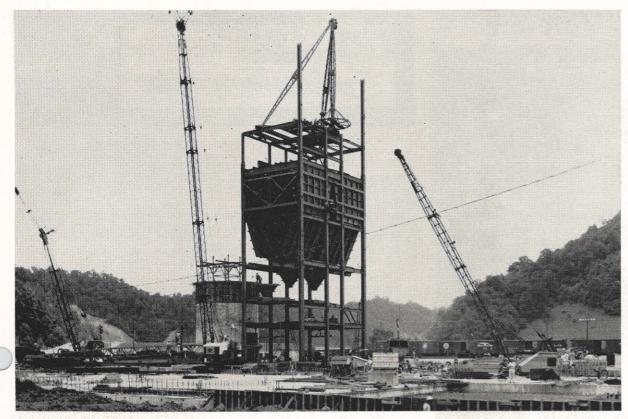
Maurice Cottle, T&D line, graduated from Marshall College last month with a degree in physical education.
S. R. Pritchard, district manager, and C. J. Akers, safety supervisor, (See Huntington, Page 5)



Clark, son of C. J. Bryan, assistant general manager, was awarded the Civitan citizenship award for best all-round sophomore at the Dobyns-Bennett High School commencement exercises.

Six employees, two retired employees and three members of employees' families were recently hospitalized. Employees include Cecil C. McClellan, James P. Smith and Fred Pierce, all of the line section; Carson L. Barnes, William D. Trent, meter section; and Fred S. Larue, commercial. Retired employees were I. W. White and Walter Bellamy. Relatives include Mrs. I. W. White, Mrs. James W. Johnson and Balacia Ann, daughter of Jack Pippin, meter section.

Sympathy is extended Alvin Pairgin, engineering section, on the death of his sister.



Looming against the skyline is the rising steel work of the bunker bay section and the foundation of the main building of Clinch River plant. Other sections of the

plant are also under way and some work has been completed.

Clinch River Plant Begins To Take Shape

Each day brings many changes in physical appearance as the \$55-million Clinch River plant rises from its foundations on the Carbo bend of the Clinch River in the Abingdon district.

Steel in the bunker bay section, concrete for the 450-foot high stack and California redwood in the Nos. 1 and 2 cooling towers have reached heights well above the elevation.

Over 16,500 cubic yards of concrete and 1,000 tons of reinforcing steel have been used in foundations

Cabin Creek Man Named Town Mayor

S. E. McConihay has been elected mayor of Chesapeake and two other



Mr. McConihay

Cabin Creek plant employees have been named councilmen.

The boiler operator was named to the town's top post in an election marked by the highest number of voters in town history.

Elected councilmen were Basil Jarrett, mechanical maintenance mechanic, and D. B. Young, shift supervisor.

Mr. McConihay joined the company October 2, 1944 as a laborer and went to his present position in September 1954. He served in the Army during 1945 and 1946. He is married and has two sons.

Ashland Employee Is Outstanding Student

Paul Buyalos, Ashland employee, was named one of two outstanding students in the

graduating class of Ashland Junior College.

He received a \$100 savings bond as part of the honor. The bond is awarded annually by Ashland's Second National Bank.



Mr. Buyalos

Mr. Buyalos is a clerk in the Ashland local office, and earned an Associate of Art degree from the for the main plant, cooling towers, 132 kv structures and the access

Employment at the plant continues on the increase. On June 14 there were 511 people employed on the construction job, including 73 Appalachian employees.

The flyash storage area, the coal handling area, highway changes, the access bridge across Clinch River and the seeding of river banks and slopes have all been completed.

Construction is under way on the

College Scholarships Go To Two Girls





Ann Wolford

Patty Pitsenberger

Two high school graduates, daughters of employees, have been awarded college scholarships.

Ann Wolford, daughter of J. R. Wolford, system transmission foreman in Bluefield, will attend Bluefield College in the fall on a scholarship. And Patricia Ann Pitsenberger, daughter of C. E. Pitsenberger, Beckley station supervisor, has received a Board of Governors Scholarship to West Virginia University.

Ann graduated an honor student and was a member of the Secretaries Club and Beta Club and was editor of the school annual, secretary of the senior class and a 1956 representative to Girls' State. She will major in accounting.

Patty Pitsenberger was co-valedictorian of her Woodrow Wilson High School graduating class of 315. In school she was a member of the Student Council and its Senate, an honor Thespian, scribe of the Thespian Club and assistant editor of the annual. She was also a Girls' State delegate.

In college she will study pharmacy. Although she did not win a scholarship when she recently took the National Merit Scholarship Corporation Qualifying Test, she finished in the top one-half of one percent of the seniors participating.

132 kv double circuit line from the plant to Beaver Creek in the Pikeville district. Also to be built are 132 ky lines from the plant to Hill in the Abingdon district and Saltville in the Pulaski district.

The first of Clinch River plant's two 225,000 kw units is scheduled for completion in the spring of 1958 and the entire plant will be in operation late that year.

Huntington . . .

(Continued from Page 4) attended the Public Utilities Accident Prevention Conference held in Charleston.

Sympathy is extended Charles Elam on the death of his sister and Otis Gaddis on the death of his

Duddie Thomas, system billing, has resigned.

David, son of C. W. Dunlap, graduated from Marshall College and received a degree in business administration. He has also received his commission as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and will enter Washington and Lee Law School this

Sympathy is extended T. R. Templeton on the death of his

Mr. and Mrs. Azel McCurdy, Jr., attended the 33rd annual West Virginia Public Health Association Conference Banquet where he served as master of ceremonies.

SAR President Is Employee At Logan

M. R. Atkinson has been elected president of the West Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revo-



Mr. Atkinson

The Logan administrative assistant has also been given the Legion of Honor Award Certificate and a lapel pin for having been a member of the Kiwanis Club for 30 years.

He has also been a member of the Elks, Masonic Bodies and the board of the Logan County Community Chest. He joined the company August 1, 1926 and rose to his present position March 1, 1945.

New Switch: Bill Cashed

A new switch was added recently to the electronic billing system going into effect in our three companies.

Planning to move, a Bluefield district customer wanted service ended at his house. He understood the company was to take his final bill out of his deposit and send him the bal-

Sent to him instead was the final bill. It was the new type of bill used with the IBM system of billing. Thinking it was a check for his balance, he took it to a store, endorsed and cashed it.

Then he got a collection notice from the company. He came into the office to say that he had paid his bill and gotten his refund. He was told that what he thought was a check for the refund was really his final bill.

He then paid his bill to the company, received his deposit refund and returned to the store where he repaid the money for the "check." Everyone came out even.

Cabin Creek Plant Veteran Retires After 37 Years



Mr. Massey

James W. Massey has ended 37 years of service at the Cabin Creek plant and plans to spend his retirement tending his bees and playing

Mr. Massey first began in the electric utility business in 1914 as a "trouble shooter" and walked many of the distribution lines of the old Virginia Power Company, predecessor of Appalachian. He resigned to accept other employment in 1919, but returned to Cabin Creek Plant in 1920. He was born in Chelyan, West Virginia and lives in a house next door to the one in which he was

The boiler operator gives a lot of credit for his long years of service to the desire of everyone to work safely. He says, "I figured when I accepted the job that the plant would be a safe place to work and I found that was true. It was a real pleasure to know that everyone is interested in safety. The men I worked with are the finest group of people to be found anywhere."

As for the future, Mr. Massey has 21 hives of bees, a large garden and fruit trees. He says he'll be free to hunt and fish without hurrying back when evening comes or whenever he feels in the mood he can play his fiddle, "which I've been doing for 50 years."

Mr. Massey is married and the father of four daughters and one son.

R. G. Skinner Has Much Planned For His Retirement



Mr. Skinner

R. G. Skinner, Charleston division commercial manager, is retiring after almost 35 years of service.

He plans to spend part of his time copying and studying diaries kept by his grandfather during the days of the Civil War. He will also continue his well-known activities in Charleston civic and athletic endeavors.

Born in Brooklyn, he grew up near Chautauqua Lake, N. Y., where he now has a summer home. He attended Peeksville Military Academy.

He graduated from Cornell University in 1919 with mechanical and electrical engineering degrees. His studies were interrupted in 1917 by a hitch in the Navy.

From 1919 to 1922 he was employed by General Electric and in April 1923 joined the Scranton Electric Company, then an affiliate of AGE. In September that year he came to Charleston as power salesman for the old West Virginia Water and Electric Company. In 1934 he became manager of lighting sales and in 1936 manager of residential sales. He was promoted to division residential sales supervisor in 1946 and to district commercial manager in 1948. In May 1949 he became division personnel supervisor and in 1951 division commercial manager.

Mr. Skinner is a former Charleston and Kanawha Valley tennis champion and in 1926 was instrumental in building the Charleston Tennis Club, which recently honored him with a dinner and named its singles championship trophy the "Robert G. Skinner Trophy."

In 1951 the Edgewood Country Club renamed its trophy the "Robert G. Skinner Trophy" in appreciation of his efforts in the sport's behalf. In 1937 he was named president of Ice Sports Inc., a skating rink in Kanawha City. His house is filled with the trophies, medals and other honors he has won in athletic contests. His first love remains sailing and water sports and he engages in them at Lake Chautauqua, where he and Mrs. Skinner spend the summer.

Roanoker Re-Elected **Boones Mill Mayor**

L. R. "Buck" Buchanan, Roanoke district building supervisor, has been re-elected mayor of Boones Mill. Not a candidate, he



Mr. Buchanan

He is a member of the Isaac Masonic Lodge of Boones Mill, active in Boy Scout work and a member of the Boones Mill Christian Church, where

was elected by

a write-in vote.

he serves on the board of deacons. He is married and the father of two children.

Service Marks Reached By Veterans



G. D. Capito Lynchburg 30 Years

C. J. Bryan

Kingsport 25 Years



E. F. Lacy, Jr. Lynchburg 30 Years

F. W. Harman

System

20 Years



J. D. Burnett Pulaski 30 Years

H. M. Harris

System

20 Years



T. W. Testerman Bluefield 30 Years

H. W. Owen

System

20 Years



H. J. Rader Philip Sporn Plant 30 Years



S. A. Whitley Roanoke 30 Years



K. H. Ford







R. C. Nickols Pulaski 20 Years



G. C. Smith Charleston



20 Years



G. W. Unangst



J. B. Tucker

Logan 20 Years

B. B. Corker



Tolbert Rasnake

Abingdon

M. G. Covey



C. E. Archer

Glen Lyn Plant

20 Years

J. A. DeShazo

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He is janitor

at Philip Sporn

for a two-year

term. Active in

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many years, he

has previously

been mayor and

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plant.



Bess K. Hodges

Bluefield

K. D. Moore

Sporn Man Elected

Leslie C. Ingels has been elected

mayor of Mason, W. Va. by a two

Mayor Of Mason

45-Year Veteran Of Welch Retires



Mr. Steadham

40th Anniversary Marked By Vet



Mr. Dunn

Everett Vance Dunn has completed serviceman of the Bluefield district.

Mr. Dunn started with the old Appalachian Power Company of Bluefield as a lineman at Piedmont May 10, 1917. He later did relief work at Switchback before moving to Welch, where he worked until 1919. He served in Bland and Bastian before going back to Bland in 1929.

He is a past master of the Masons, past commander of the American Legion and member of the Kiwanis Club, Eastern Star and Methodist Church. He served in World War I and his hobbies include fishing and watching television. He is married and has a son and a daughter. The son, Jack, is also employed by the company at Bland.



joined the company at the plant

April 25, 1951 as temporary guard

and became a member of the labor-

janitor department in February 1956.

The supervising engineer for Kingsport, Charles E. Holyoke, was



Mr. Holyoke

recently named a district lieutenant governor of Optimist International.

Mr. Ingels

Mr. Holyoke will be lieutenant governor of Zone Four in Tennessee. Included in his area are Kingsport, Lynn Gar-

den, Johnson City, Elizabethton and Greeneville. He is a charter member and past president of the Kingsport club.

George W. "Flap" Steadham retired June 1 after 45 years of service. He was Pocahontas meter serviceman in the Welch district.

Employed March 1, 1912 as an operator, he has also served as district serviceman, serviceman and groundman. He was born in Sparta, N. C. on May 29, 1892 and attended school at Rock Creek, N. C. He moved to the Welch area when he was 15.

At one time Mr. Steadham weighed about 325 pounds but a doctor put him on a vegetable diet after his legs, feet and breathing started giving him trouble. He now weighs 150 pounds, but remembers the diet well: "I've eaten enough lettuce to feed all the rabbits in McDowell County."

A retirement dinner was held in his honor by fellow employees, who presented him with a set of luggage. John D. Dalton, Welch line supervisor, remembering Mr. Steadham's service, told how many years ago Mr. Steadham was working on a line in the Coalwood area. He had taken 33 bolt guy clamps off the line, and not wanting to leave them, stuffed them in his pants legs, in his belt and on his back and walked to Welch on a path across the mountain. The clamps weighed a total of 90 pounds.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Steadham also enjoys hunting and fishing. These and traveling will occupy him during retirement.

Service Anniversaries

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District-20 YEARS: TOLBERT RASNAKE, lineman.

Beckley District-20 YEARS: B. B. CORKER, district engineer; 10 YEARS: J. A. BARKER, meterman; J. R. LOWERY, meter serviceman; D. S. BOZO, col-

Bluefield District—40 YEARS: EVERETT V. DUNN, area serviceman; 30 YEARS: TROY W. TESTERMAN, area supervisor; 20 YEARS: BESS K. HODGES, head cashier; 15 YEARS: MANDERVILLE E. RICH, record supervisor; 10 YEARS: ELIZABETH L. MUNSEY, secretarial-stenographer; ROBERT E. CROWDER, lineman; 5 YEARS: EMMETT D. HICKS, draftsman.

Cabin Creek Plant—15 YEARS: W. R. McDANIEL, test engineer; P. S. ROSE, turbine operator; A. R. LIVELY, turbine operator; DANA BROWN, utility operator; S. J. VEALEY, results maintenance mechanic; 5 YEARS: R. E. MORRISON, test engineer; W. A. MARTIN, mechanical maintenance helper.

Charleston District—20 YEARS: G. W. UNANGST, meter supervisor; G. C. SMITH, administrative assistant; BESSIE WESTERFIELD, head cashier; 10 YEARS: V. J. MILLER, car washer; CAROL WHITTINGTON, groundman.

Fieldale District-20 YEARS: J. A. DESHAZO, lineman; 10 YEARS: B. A.

Glen Lyn Plant-20 YEARS: C. E. ARCHER, plant manager.

Huntington District—20 YEARS: KYLE D. MOORE, area sales representative; 15 YEARS: JAMES E. LEMASTER, station man helper; 10 YEARS: RICHARD H. SMITH, heating and builder sales representative; 5 YEARS: EDITH M. JONES,

Kanawha River Plant-15 YEARS: EARL ADKINS, maintenance foreman.

Logan Plant-15 YEARS: ZACK BROWNING, guard; 5 YEARS: ARNOLD E.

Logan District—20 YEARS: J. B. TUCKER, assistant stores supervisor; 10 YEARS: C. E. ELKINS, appliance serviceman; JEAN WILLIAMS, authorization

Lynchburg District—30 YEARS: GEORGE D. CAPITO, stores supervisor; EDWARD F. LACY, JR., head meter clerk; 15 YEARS: EDITH B. WOFFORD, PBX operator.

Pulaski District—30 YEARS: J. D. BURNETT, hydro maintenance man; 20 YEARS: R. C. NICKOLS, working foreman; 10 YEARS: D. D. TAYLOR, local office supervisor; 5 YEARS: MARY ELIZABETH L. HILL, home service representative.

Roanoke District—30 YEARS: S. A. WHITLEY, division station engineer; 20 YEARS: M. G. COVEY, electrical engineer; 10 YEARS: J. W. VAUGHAN, district commercial manager.

Philip Sporn Plant—30 YEARS: HOWARD J. RADER, maintenance supervisor; 5 YEARS: EDWARD IHLE, helper; CHARLES F. KING, helper; OREN L. WRIGHT, helper; CARL E. SEARLS, helper.

System—35 YEARS: WILLIAM G. FRENCH, system transmission engineer; U. K. VAUGHT, system purchasing agent; 20 YEARS: K. H. FORD, regional assistant chief operator, Sporn station; HERBERT W. OWEN, system transmission inspector; HENRY M. HARRIS, engineering aide; FRANK W. HARMAN, system transmission foreman; TIDA J. LONG, work order cost clerk; 10 YEARS: W. A. HENLEY, system operating draftsman; CHARLES C. BEARD, system distribution engineer; FRED T. COMBS, system transmission man; JANE V. ROBERTS, accounting machine operator clerk; 5 YEARS: W. H. GILMORE, boiler operator, Radford Arsenal Steam plant; MARY R. WHITTINGTON. secretarial-stengarsher.

Welch District-35 YEARS: SAMUEL D. MARTIN, lineman.

Williamson District-10 YEARS: GEORGE N. HAIRSTON, janitor.

Kentucky Power Company

Hazard District—10 YEARS: ROBERT B. BIBB, power sales engineer; 5 YEARS: WOODROW FUGATE, engineering aide.

Pikeville District—10 YEARS: DOROTHY FORD, stenographer.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

25 YEARS: C. J. BRYAN, assistant general manager; 10 YEARS: J. G. RAY-FIELD, T&D clerk.

24 Roanokers Complete First Aid



Part of the 24 Roanoke office employees who recently completed the Standard First Aid Course are shown practicing what they have learned. In the foreground C. L. Fulp, system accounting, applies artificial respiration to J. L. Ashworth, division payroll. Others are from left: W. R. Houchins, system meter, applying a dressing to the arm of R. O. Ragland, district engineering; R. F. Howard, system R/e & R/w, and J. E. Hopkins, division engineering, applying a head bandage to C. A. Sweeney, system R/e & R/w; Marcia Wright, system commercial; Jewell Woolridge, system safety; J. A. Deyerle, Jr., L. A. Tinsley and E. B. Johnson, system operating, look on. T. A. Kirby, district safety supervisor, and R. R. Snedegar, division electrical engineer, were instructors.

Three Vets Have 35 Years' Service With Appalachian





Three Appalachian veterans have reached the 35-year milestone in their service with the company.

Samuel D. Martin of Welch and William G. French and U. K. Vaught of system completed 35 years of serv-Ice during June.

S. D. Martin

Samuel D. Martin, Welch lineman, joined the company June 23, 1922 as a utility man. He has also worked as a patrolman, maintenance man and serviceman.



He is wellknown in Welch as a teller of tall tales, one of his hobbies. His favorite concerns the time he and other employees were pulling in a line. Ordinarily this didn't take too much

hard pulling, but this time all of them were straining to make the line budge. Sam decided to check the other end and on his way happened to glance up at the line. Suspended about 20 feet in the air, caught by the line, was a cow. Work went smoothly after the cow was lowered.

Other hobbies include hunting, fishing, knitting, sewing and gardening. He has quilted several quilts and made 600 aprons last year. He is also active in Coalwood community

W. G. French

William G. French, system transmission engineer of Bluefield, joined the company June 1, 1922 as a transitman in Bluefield T&D. He became an engineer with the system transmission line department in 1949 and moved to his present position in 1953. He has supervised construction of many lines in the four-state area of our three companies.

A native of Bluefield, Va., he and his wife live there now. He has one son. He served in the Navy during World War I, and his hobbies are hunting and gardening.

U. K. Vaught

U. K. Vaught, system purchasing gent in Roanoke, joined the company at Sprigg as plant clerk June 21, 1922. In 1924 he became the youngest stores supervisor on the AGE system. He later went to Williamson as storekeeper and in 1930 became Ashland storekeeper. In 1936 he was promoted to chief storekeeper for Kentucky Power, and three years later became that company's purchasing agent. He moved into his present position in 1952.

He is a member of the Huntington Court Methodist Church and serves on its finance committee. He is also a member of the Roanoke Lions Club, the National Association of Purchasing Agents, and the Edison Electric Institute Stores and Purchasing Committee. Mr. Vaught is married and has two children.

Do Meter Readers Have Sixth Sense?

You would almost think meter readers had a sixth sense about such things. They always seem to be on the spot when help is needed.

The latest example is provided by Jack Smithers of Charleston. As he was starting up a hill to a house on top he met the housewife carrying groceries. He carried them up for her and when they arrived they found her 12-year-old nephew bleeding badly from a cut from broken glass.

Acting quickly, Jack helped the boy down the hill and into his jeep. He rushed him to a hospital four miles away where 20 stitches stopped the bleeding and closed the wound.

Retired Veteran Of Reusens Dies



Mr. Porter

James A. Porter, 49, retired Reusens hydro maintenance mechanic in the Lynchburg district, died of a heart ailment June 3.

Born January 8, 1908 in Lynchburg, he joined the company February 26, 1933 and retired due to ill health January 1 this year after nearly 24 years' service.

Mr. Porter is survived by his wife and three children. Funeral services were conducted June 6 at Diuguid Memorial Chapel with interment in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Superintendent Is Named At Radford Plant

Eldon L. Goforth has been promoted to plant superintendent at Radford Arsenal steam plant, replacing F. E. Wyatt, who has resigned.



Eldon L. Goforth

Mr. Goforth, rises to the position from assistant plant superintendent. He joined the company November 1, 1949, and has been previously employed by the East Tennessee Power Company

as a substation operator and by Hercules Powder Company at Radford Arsenal and Louisiana, Mo.

He attended King College in Bristol, Tenn. He is a member of the board of directors of the Fairlawn Kiwanis Club, director of the Fairlawn Civic League, a steward of the Fairlawn Methodist Church and a member of the Virginia May Lodge No. 38, AF&AM at Radford. Mr. Goforth is married and has two sons and two daughters.

Charleston Division Program

Students Train For Career In Summer Jobs



Student engineers working for the summer in the Charleston district gather for an indoctrination meeting about their new training program. They were told the story of Appalachian—how it works, its organizational set-up, generating facilities and so on. The new program was explained in detail by Charleston employees, shown standing in the rear. They are from left: W. C. McMahan, Frank Melton, G. W. Unangst, C. B. Talley, E. A. Murray, W. R.

Witzel, John C. Frazier and Ronald Hively. At the left table are these students, from left: Don Smithers, Everett Riley, Larry Hemmings, George Adkins, Bob Bowles, Sam Stone, Jim Patton, John Humphries, Melvin Puckett and Charles Dotson. At the right table are from left: Vernon Mace, Paul Davis, John Cleveland, Thomas Graley, Pat Donnally, Steve Carpenter, Walter Hensley, John Kauffman, Jr., and Jerry Miller.

The demand for engineers, in our business and in others, has never been greater. Competition for the good ones is strong and companies are finding new ways to attract them.

The Charleston division has begun a new training program with the purpose of attracting more college students into engineering, and further, to show them why Appalachian would be a good company for which

The program is for student engineers working in the summer. In the past college students have spent the summer months in company employ, but the new program takes them into practically every department of the district they're working in, giving them practical experience in the operation of an electric utility.

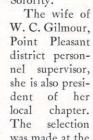
This is done to give the students a broad knowledge of the company. At the same time, they will be doing necessary jobs for the company. Work schedules for these students are based on the number of years of school each has completed—as a boy progresses toward graduation he is given more technical assignments.

John Cleveland, a rising senior at West Virginia University, has a schedule that will take him all over the district. Last summer he worked in the station section. This year he

Employee's Wife Chosen State Sorority Leader

Bernadine Gilmour has been elected West Virginia state president

of the Lambda Chi Omega Sorority.



Mrs. Gilmour

was made at the sorority's annual state convention at Parkersburg.

Point Pleasant . . .

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Donna McCoy is a new employee in commercial sales. Clarence S. Donahue, Jr., a former employee, has returned from college and is working on the line crew for the summer.

Paul A. Sayre, material clerk, has been elected a member of the Point Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department.

Kenneth, son of Bernice Roush, secretary to the district manager, won second place in an oration contest held at the State DeMolay meeting in Bluefield.

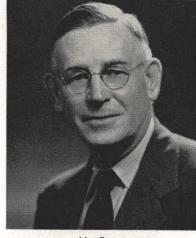
Sympathy is extended W. F. Machir, head T&D clerk, on the death of his mother.

spent June in the meter department. The first of July he spent a day in personnel and followed with three days in accounting. He will spend two days in the record section, two in stores and one in the garage department.

Then he will work for two weeks in the commercial department and two weeks in engineering. Beginning August 5 until he returns to school, he will be with the line section.

In Charleston district, the students come from many schools. Represented by the 21 summer employees are West Virginia University, West Virginia Tech, Ohio State, West Virginia State, Marshall College, Purdue, Morris Harvey College, Virginia Tech, Wheeling College and Brigham

40-Year Pulaski Veteran Retires



Mr. Ryan

Thomas Ryan, assistant Pulaski district manager, retired June 1 after over 40 years' service.

He first worked for the old Appalachian Power Company in 1913 as an operator at the West Gurdon station near Pocahontas. He left the company in 1916 and returned in February 1917 as substation operator at Jenkinjones. He later went to Switchback and rose to substation foreman, and in 1923 transferred to the Bluefield construction depart-

He was construction foreman at Glen Lyn plant from 1925 to 1927, supervising installation of the first 132 kv station equipment for the plant. From 1927 to 1931 he was inspector for the Bluefield construction department.

In 1931 he was named plant superintendent at Byllesby and Buck hydros in the Pulaski district. He became district distribution superintendent in 1937 and district superintendent in 1944. He was promoted to assistant district manager in 1947.

Mr. Ryan is married and has five daughters. He is a member of the First Christian Church, the Masons and enjoys woodworking as a hobby.

Palmer Promoted To Service Corporation; Lovegrove Is Editor



Mr. Palmer

Mr. Lovegrove

Jack A. Palmer, editor in system public relations has been promoted to the public relations department of the AGE Service Corporation in New

He has been succeeded as editor of THE ILLUMINATOR by C. Richard Lovegrove, assistant editor.

Mr. Palmer will be in charge of press relations for the Service Corporation. His other duties include coordination of System news for the employee publications in the AGE System.

A native of Roanoke, Mr. Palmer joined Appalachian as a feature writer in the public relations department in July 1950. He became assistant editor in December 1953 and editor in February 1955.

He graduated from Washington and Lee University with a BA degree in journalism in 1950 and was news editor of the Franklin News-Post at Rocky Mount before joining Appalachian.

Mr. Lovegrove, new editor of THE ILLUMINATOR, is a native of Waynesboro, Va. and joined the public relations department in September 1953 as feature writer. He moved up to assistant editor in March 1955.

He is also a graduate of Washington and Lee, receiving a BA degree in journalism in 1953. He has worked on the news staffs of the Staunton News-Leader and the Waynesboro News-Virginian.

Logan Manager **Heads Chamber**

Miller C. Porterfield has been elected president of the Logan County Chamber of Commerce.



Mr. Porterfield

The Logan district manager is active in civic and community affairs and is also serving as president of the Little League Baseball Association. He joined the company at Bluefield as a rural

surveyor April 8, 1935. He became Logan district manager in 1954.

Planning Pays Off In Ashland Conversion

Planning and coordination spelled success when a major transmission and distribution change-over was made recently in the Ashland district.

Working in the South Shore area of the district, employees converted a 6.9 kv line crossing the Ohio River to 33 kv, and converted all distribution in the area to 12,000 volts. Ohio Power men cooperated in the transmission switch.

Also involved was the construction of a South Shore 33/12 kv station and a 33 kv line from the river crossing to the station.

When construction of these two began several Ashland men met to plan the conversion work. They were H. S. Scott, district manager; O. O. Henderson, district supervising engineer; Gene Moore, general foreman; Ralph Evick, power engineer; Paul Lumbard, district personnel supervisor; H. T. Mitchell, stores supervisor; and D. E. Lake, meter supervisor. They decided to have all the work possible done before the actual conversion, and assignments were made to individuals and groups, who also met in planning and training

At another general planning con-



John Cornette removes grounds from a three-phase transformer bank as conversion work progresses on schedule.

F. E. Rotenberry Is Named Supervisor Of Pulaski Hydros

Fred E. Rotenberry, Claytor hydro plant supervisor, has been promoted to Pulaski district hydro plant supervisor.

His duties will include the coordination and supervision of the Byllesby,



Mr. Rotenberry

tor hydro plants in the district. His company service began in 1936 in the maintenance of the London-Marmet and Winfield hydro plants for the Kanawha Valley Power Com-

Buck and Clay-

pany. Previously he had worked on substation construction doing switchboard and plant wiring.

In 1939 he transferred to Claytor to do electrical maintenance. In 1943 he became assistant plant superintendent and was promoted to hydro plant

supervisor in 1948.

A graduate of VPI in 1926 with an electrical engineering degree, he is married and has a son. He is a deacon in the Presbyterian Church. Machine shop work is his hobby, and in his fully equipped basement he has worked for several years building a working model railroad steam engine.



Examples of the careful planning and work that went into the recent transmission and distribution conversion in the South Shore area of the Ashland district were the progress checks made throughout the change-over. Here several employees make one of these progress checks. They are, front row from left: H. Bowling, H. Lowe, L. Osborne and H. S. Stratton. In the rear right are from left: D. Bolner, R. Fankell and C. Burnette.

ference a date was set for the cut-over and permission for a three-hour outage had been gained. Foremen were briefed and trucks and men assigned to each. Special clearance, radio and grounding procedures were set up.

Employees were ready. Many of them watched the late show on television Saturday night, got something to eat and left for work. By 4 a.m. Sunday morning 42 men and 19 vehicles had left Ashland for the South Shore area — Ohio employees were already working. At 5:25 a.m. a signal was given to begin. And as work started, so did the rain. In accordance with agreements in the planning sessions, work went right on since it was not lightning.

Three hours and five minutes later, only five minutes past the designated time, employees were ready to cut the area back into service. Everything in the area had been changed to 12,000 volts. A bad breaker caused some trouble when service was restored, but 20 minutes later all trouble had been cleared and the South Shore area had its new voltage.

It took complicated procedures and

Heart Attack Fatal To Huntingtonian



Mr. Adams

John Gurney Adams, 61, retired Kenova plant employee of the Huntington district, died of a heart attack at his home June 12.

Mr. Adams retired August 1, 1956 as a control operator after 44 years' service, one of the longest service records in the Huntington district. He began working for the Camden Interstate Railway Company, Appalachian predecessor, January 14, 1912. For 23 years he worked in the boiler room at Kenova plant and for 21 years worked in the control room.

Born at Mt. Savage, Ky., January 26, 1896, he lived most of his life in Catlettsburg, Ky. He served two years in the Navy during World War I.

Surviving are his wife, one son, three daughters, one brother, one half-brother, a sister, ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. operations and careful but swift work. The conversion of a large area to higher voltage had been accomplished, through planning and coordination.

Lynchburg Vet Heads VPI Alumni Group

F. M. Cloyd, Lynchburg district commercial manager, has been elected president of the

Mr. Cloyd

He is also on the board of directors and executive committee of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, past president of the member of the

Lynchburg

Chapter of VPI

Alumni.

Kiwanis Club and a member of the Central Virginia Industries, Industrial Management Club, Amherst County Chamber of Commerce and Oakwood Country Club.

An employee since May 1928, Mr. Cloyd came to Lynchburg from Welch in August 1951 to assume his present duties.

'Operating Notes' Has Ideas Of Men From Ashland, Sporn, Two Districts

One Kentucky and three Appalachian employees have contributed articles to the June issue of AGE's Monthly Operating Notes.

C. D. Hopson, Ashland engineering aide, was the author of "Rear Truck Speaker Adds Value To Two-Way Radio." He describes a speaker for the truck's radio which has been installed on the rear. This increases the hearing range of employees working away from the truck. Switches allow for use of either or both the inside and outside speakers.

William R. Hayes, Philip Sporn plant master maintenance man, wrote "Saving Time Dismantling LP Turbine Intercept Valves." He describes the use of a jig, a lever type screw driver and a hydraulic jack to dismantle turbine intercept valves with a great saving in over-all time and manhours.

"Line-Crew Dispatching Board Aids Operations" was written by M. D. Prowse, Charleston district

P. E. Harlan Named Line Supervisor

Paul E. Harlan has been promoted to Huntington district line supervisor, succeeding C.

D. Bassford who recently retired.

He rises

to the position from assistant line supervisor. Mr. Harlan joined the company in Huntington April 17, 1928 as a

Mr. Harlan

groundman. He has worked as truck driver, clerk, chief clerk and inspector, and was promoted to assistant line supervisor September 1, 1954.

A graduate of Huntington High School, Mr. Harlan is married and has two children. His hobbies include woodworking and gardening.



Mr. Hopson



Mr. Prowse

Mr. Thompson

Mr. Hayes

line foreman. The board is issued to classify employees who are on duty, on vacation, sick or off for personal reasons. Each job classification has a different color peg, and a person can tell at a glance whether crews are complete. Job assignments can also be made on the board.

D. J. Thompson, Jr., Lynchburg draftsman, wrote "Line Plotting Aided By Modified Scales." He describes a method he has developed for easy calculation of pole heights needed for certain clearances.

Cabin Creek Foreman Gets College Degree

J. E. Hoffman has graduated from Morris Harvey College with a twoyear Associate in Arts degree in business administration. He is maintenance foreman

at Cabin Creek plant.

Mr. Hoffman has attended night school for the past six years. He was employed in September 1945 as an engineer, and



Mr. Hoffman

worked as a clerk, work order clerk and laborjanitor foreman before being promoted to his present position in February 1956. He is a graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School in Charleston.

A Navy veteran, he is married and has one daughter.

Gets EE Degree



W. M. Mills, Roanoke meterman, right, receives his electrical engineering diploma after completing requirements through correspondence school. W. P. Booker, district manager at left, is presenting the diploma to him. Mr. Mills is the third Roanoker to complete this course. He joined the company in June 1939 as a meter helper and went to his present job in October 1948. He has also completed courses in radio, TV and electronics and attended the North Carolina State College Electric Meter School. Mr. Mills is married and has a daughter.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Bluefield District

ORVILLE R. TAYLOR from lineman B to meter serviceman B.

Charleston District

RICHARD L. ISNER from groundman, line section, to junior T&D clerk, engineering; E. R. YOUNG from meterman B to meterman A; KENNETH ESTEP from lineman B to lineman A.

Huntington District

INIS NEBEL from clerk-typist to stenographer; BARBOUR V. WINK-LER from rodman to instrumentman.

Logan District

N. P. CANTLEY from appliance serviceman B to appliance serviceman A; F. D. CHAMBERS from groundman to lineman C.

Philip Sporn Plant

EDWARD W. CARDER from barge attendant to tripper operator; JOSEPH E. CULLEN from laborer to coal handler; WILLIAM R. HARRIS from accounting junior bookkeeper to results clerk, results; BERNARD G. HOFFMAN from tripper operator to tractor operator; SHIRLEY G. KARR from accounting clerk-stenographer to accounting junior bookkeeper; KENNETH O. ROLLINS from harbor boat operator to conveyor operator; HAROLD R. RUSSELL from tractor operator to harbor boat operator; TOMMY SIMMONS from coal handler to barge attendant.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District

HARRY CURTIS DIXON from local messenger to junior clerk, payroll; LOWELL THOMAS WHEELER from junior engineering clerk to engineering aide.

Units At Sporn, Kanawha River Plants Down For Overhaul And Repairs



Shown at work during the outage of Philip Sporn plant Unit No. 1 are three plant employees. From left: William Soulsby, maintenance helper, inspects new tubes for the dust collector, while Paul Fitzgerald, maintenance man, and Fred Smith, laborer, inspect the worn tubes. In the background is the dust collector housing in which the new tubes will be placed.

The No. 1 units at both Philip Sporn and Kanawha River plants have been off the line recently for repairs.

Sporn's unit was returned June 17 after two weeks' work, including replacement of aerotec tubes in the dust collectors, rebuilding of clinker grinders, and washing of air preheaters.

Actually the major job was the replacement of the aerotec tubes in the dust collectors. Each unit dust collector contains 6,240 tubes and it

June H. Davis Retires After 41 Years Of Service



Miss Davis

June H. Davis, who says she came to work for only a few weeks in 1916 at Huntington, has retired after 41 years of service.

The Huntington district receptionist was first employed on June 26, 1916, as a ledger clerk for the old Camden Interstate Railway Company. Her office in those days was a flat car which was pulled by a street car along Ninth Street in Huntington. She handled the bills of lading for freight which was carried by the street railway.

Miss Davis says, "I've done almost everything for the company, including pinch-hitting for a home economist once."

June says she had no idea of going to work in the first place, but "my fiancee had just died and while I was explaining that I didn't intend to work, my family was already putting me at it. I thought I'd stay a few weeks. And I did, I sure did. That was 41 years ago."

She had high praise and gratitude for the company because "they were so good to me when I was off sick."

In speaking of her retirement, Miss Davis said, "I've lived a lot and had a lot of fun and I intend to go on doing it." She has plenty of hobbies to keep her busy and many friends for which she likes to help plan parties. She is a member of the Central Christian Church, a member of the Morris Memorial Hospital Board and the Bradshaw-Diehl advisory board.

takes 49,920 bolts and nuts to hold these tubes in place. They collect the fly ash from the smoke and help to eliminate air pollution. The fly ash is then mixed with water and pumped to the fly ash disposal area.

Kanawha's unit went off June 28 and was expected to be off two weeks, during which extensive work will be done on the boiler and it will be chemically cleaned. Several secondary superheater tubes were to be replaced, ash hoppers will be repaired and several dust collector tubes will be replaced.

The chemical cleaning of the boiler is accomplished by pumping acid solution into the boiler to remove iron oxide deposits. The acid for cleaning will be delivered to the plant in concentrated form by tank car. Inhibitors and additives will be added and the acid diluted to proper strength before use.



Kingsport: Contract for the building of the City-County Health Center, which will use heat pumps, has been awarded to a local contractor.

Lynchburg: Babcock & Wilcox Company has signed a contract with the Danish Atomic Energy Commission to make nuclear fuel elements for a tank-type reactor which the commission is now building in Denmark.

Roanoke: The Federal Reserve Board has reported that Roanoke led the South in department store sales gains the first four months this year with an 18 percent increase.

Lynchburg: Work is scheduled to begin soon on the Virginia State Junior Chamber of Commerce building, to cost an estimated \$65,000.

Charleston: Charleston was in seventh place among the "10 best business cities" around the country last month, according to the Rand McNally Company.

Roanoke: Coal loadings on the Norfolk and Western Railway reached a seven-year high the week ending June 21 with 23,697 cars being loaded. This was the highest since the week ending April 18, 1950 when over 24,000 cars were loaded.

Ashland: Studies by the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce show Boyd County has progressed faster in the past seven years than most parts of the United States. The county has a 11½ percent gain in population since 1950, compared with a gain of 1.9 percent for the state. Average income in the county, after taxes, has increased from \$1,016 in 1950 to \$1,387 today.

Logan Plant And Beckley Employees Earn Safety Awards

Awards for working 500,000 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury have been presented employees of Logan plant and Beckley district.

The plant employees received both the AGE Certificate of Merit and the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company awards, while Beckley employees earned the AGE Certificate.

Logan plant's awards cover the period between September 16, 1954 and February 5 this year. Through May another 75,000 manhours had been worked without a disabling injury. D. C. Duncan, system safety director, presented the AGE Certificate to S. D. Brinegar, coal handling foreman, a 39-year vet at the plant. W. S. Kitchen, system safety supervisor, presented the Aetna Award to Walter C. Blankenship, mechanical maintenance mechanic helper, who has made outstanding contributions to the American Red Cross and the plant first aid and safety program.

At the same time C. H. Yoho, AGE fire protection supervisor, commended employees on Logan's record of being the only plant on the AGE System to not have a reportable fire during 1956.

Mr. Duncan also presented the Beckley award, which was accepted on behalf of employees by J. V. Mann, district manager. Copies of it were sent to local offices at Oak Hill and Rainelle. Employees worked from August 27, 1955 to March 10, this year to establish the record.

Appalachian

Kentucky

Kingsport

Sporn Plant Man To Head Jaycees

Marshall Fowler has been elected president of the Point Pleasant Jun-

ior Chamber of Commerce.

The Philip Sporn plant master mainte-



Mr. Fowler

The Philip Sporn plant master maintenance man has previously served on the organization's board of directors. In the same election Robert S. Lut-

ton, maintenance man at the plant, was elected to the board.

Mr. Fowler joined the company as a maintenance man March 20, 1950 and became master maintenance man in September 1952. He is a native of Mason County and a graduate of Point Pleasant High School. He is active in church work, is married and has three children.

Nuclear Research Group Chooses Operating Name

East Central Nuclear Group has been chosen as the name for a group of electric utility companies operating in and near the Ohio Valley.

This group recently announced plans to undertake a program of nuclear reactor research and development. The new group's membership consists of 12 companies, including the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation representing the AGE System

Box Score Of

ALL-Electric Homes

following number of homes in our three-

Electric heat is being enjoyed in the

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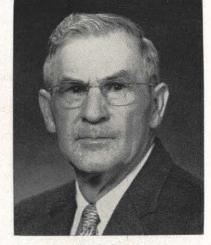
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John P. Halbig

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Veteran Station Operator Retires



Mr. Dehaven

Palmer Dehaven, Pulaski's 88 kv station operator, retired June 1 after 34 years with the company.

He started on a vocational training program with the old Appalachian Power Company in April 1922 and became a regular employee in June 1923 at Sagamore, W. Va. as a station operator. He went to Pulaski station later that year.

A native of Carroll County, he served three years in the Army at Fort Totten, N. Y. beginning in 1911. Following that he was employed as a fireman on the Clinchfield Railroad at Erwin, Tenn. and in 1917 was recalled into service. He served in France until his discharge in 1919, when he returned to the railroad.

Married, Mr. Dehaven has three daughters. He is a member of the American Legion, the VFW, Disabled American Veterans and the First Christian Church, where he is a deacon, member of the property department and the Men's Bible Class.

His main hobby is carpentry, but he and his wife also like to travel. They plan to visit several places this summer.

Welch . . .

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Jerry Clement, meter reader, has resigned.

W. T. Colling, Grundy local office supervisor, was in charge of the Breaks District Scout Camporee held at Indian Grove Gap recently.

Claude Lane is a new meter employee.

ASE CORNER

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in a series of facts and figures about our American

company area:

Employees

19

22

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Officers

American Gas and Electric Service Corporation

Paritimet
President
Executive Vice Presidents:
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Engineering & Construction
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Area DevelopmentLee L. Davis
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Labor Relations
TreasurerR. O. Whitman
Assistant Vice President
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M. P. McGlone
Edward Smith
W. C. Stewart
D. M. Tonge
Assistant Treasurers

Meter Nester



singing you hear at this Bluefield home is not the meter-it's the phoebe (pee wee) that built its nest on the meter. The meter is on the porch of Mrs. Ethel Wiley's home near the Mercer Golf Course. Like most wild birds the pee wee is shy around strangers. This picture was made with special equipment by Ira Henderson, Bluefield administrative assistant. The cocked camera was set up on a tripod and connected to 30 feet of extension cord. The cameraman then hid and waited. No doubt the baby birds this pee wee is hatching will grow up to become experienced meter readers or people watchers.

Ten Couples Recently Married



Married in recent weeks are these employees and members of employees' families pictured above. TOP members of employees' families pictured above. ROW from left: Mrs. Delbert C. Ludwig, Jr., Point Pleasant; Mrs. James Crouch, Jr., Roanoke; and Mrs. Paul Harlow Witting, Charleston. MIDDLE ROW from

left: Mrs. James Hardin Hill, Pulaski; Mrs. Charles E. Jones, Charleston; and Mrs. Richard Wayne Farley, Charleston. BOTTOM ROW from left: Mrs. James Francis Brandabur, Beckley; Mr. and Mrs. David L. Bedinger, Charleston; and Mrs. Thomas Austin Dickenson, Beckley.

Cummins-Crouch

Mona Annette Cummins became the bride of James Crouch, Jr., June 11 at the Virginia Heights Baptist Church. He is the son of James Crouch, administrative assistant in the Roanoke district managerial depart-

Bailey-Jones

Charlotte Anne Bailey and Charles E. Jones were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony performed in the Charleston Community Mission Church May 24. Mrs. Jones is the daughter of O. S. Bailey, hydro maintenance man for Kanawha Valley Power Company, and Mr. Jones is a station man helper in Charleston.

Lynch-Hill

The Salem Methodist Church of Mount Airy, N. C., was the scene June 1 for the wedding of Mary Elizabeth Lynch and James Hardin Hill. Mrs. Hill is a Galax home service representative in the Pulaski dis-

Faber-Farley

A double ring ceremony performed June 9 in the Evangelical United Brethren Church of Dunbar united Ellen Jean Faber and Richard Wayne Farley. Mr. Farley is a meter service helper in Charleston.

Casto-Ludwig

Marilyn Casto and Delbert C. Ludwig, Jr., were married June 14 at the Epworth Methodist Church of Ripley. Mrs. Ludwig is a Point Pleasant home service representative.

Hackett-Scally

Yvonne Hackett and Tom Scally were united in marriage June 22 at the Sacred Heart Church in Middleport, Ohio. He is the son of Paul E. Scally, personnel supervisor of Philip Sporn plant.

Own Creation



Suitable for office, shopping and all around town is this matching dress and purse worn by Lois Walker, Charleston secretarial-stenographer. This is just one of Lois' practical creations since she began making her own clothes. Without the hat, gloves and purse the outfit becomes a casual in marine blue and grey. Lois also makes her own drapes and other things for her home.

Blankenship-Bedinger

The Pearisburg Methodist Church was the scene of the April 26 wedding of Mary Lou Blankenship and David L. Bedinger. He is the son of Joe E. Bedinger, Charleston division heating sales engineer.

Ritchie-Dickenson

Patricia Ann Ritchie became the bride of Thomas A. Dickenson May 24 in a ceremony performed in the First Methodist Church of Beckley. Mr. Dickenson is a Beckley area serv-

White-Brandabur

Sara Marian White and James Francis Brandabur were married in a formal ceremony at the Beckley Catholic Church June 8. Mrs. Brandabur is the daughter of B. H. White, Jr., Beckley local office manager.

Davis-Witting

Marriage vows were exchanged by Joan Brandenburg Davis and Paul Harlow Witting in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church of Charleston on June 15. Mrs. Witting is a former Charleston home economist.

They're Engaged

BARBARA KAY BURNER to Russell G. McDonald. She is the daughter of C. B. Burner, Cabin Creek Plant personnel supervisor.



Rew Arrivals



MR. AND MRS. R. F. COOKE, a son, Charles Otway, June 10. Mr. Cooke is a util-

Bluefield

MR. AND MRS. JAMES R. BOULT, a daughter, Karen Lynn, June 15. Mr. Boult is a Pearisburg area sales representative.

MR. AND MRS. R. D. SIMMONS, a son, Robert D., Jr., May 25. Mr. Simmons is a T&D clerk.

MR. AND MRS. FRED HELM, a daughter, Katherine Vincent, May 24. Mr. Helm is a power sales engineer.

MR. AND MRS. R. L. LOUDERMILK, a son, David Lee, June 2. Mr. Loudermilk is a commercial sales representative.

MR. AND MRS. RANDY WOODYARD, a

daughter, Patsy Dawne, May 22. Mr. Wood-yard is a commercial sales representative.

MR. AND MRS. FERNANDO ADKINS, a daughter, Gayle Joyce, May 25. Mrs. Adkins is a former accounting employee.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE H. BURNS, a son, David Bruce, June 3. Mr. Burns is employed in the Huntington division commercial

MR. AND MRS. DONALD EDWARD TOL-R, a daughter, Tamara Shay, May 26. Tolliver is a former system billing em-

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. J. W. DALTON, a son, Michael William, May 20.

MR. AND MRS. G. H. HARTMAN, a daughter, Joy Lee, June 14. MR. AND MRS. W. B. MOORE, a son Jon Frederick, May 20.

Kingsport

MR. AND MRS. JOHN A. RANDALL, a daughter, Linda Louise, May 27. Mr. Randall is an appliance serviceman.

Lunch So Good **Guests Purr**

There's nothing quite so contented as a well-fed cat. And there's no one quite as unhappy, for the moment at least, as a man who has just had his lunch eaten by someone or something else.

In this case the two go to-gether. Bob Carpenter and Gene Hall of Williamson were surveying near Wolf Creek when they decided to eat lunch. Gene went back to the truck to get the lunches and found two cats, contentedly washing themselves on the front seat. A quick check showed Bob's lunch was the cause of all the contentment—the felines had eaten every bit of it.

Bob arrived about then and the first thing he did was to resolve never to leave his lunch in an unlocked truck. All's well that ends well though-Gene shared his lunch with Bob and the cats went on their

MR. AND MRS. R. C. ATKINS, a daughter, Terri Lynn, May 22. Mr. Atkins is a Madison meter service helper.

Point Pleasant

MR. AND MRS. WALTER O. MATTOX, a son, Brent Scott, June 1. Mrs. Mattox is a former engineering department employee.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND L. COLE, a daughter, Rayanna Sue, May 25. Mr. Cole is an auxiliary equipment operator.

MR. AND MRS. MARSHALL L. FOWLER, a son, Forest Sherman, June 6. Mr. Fowler is a master maintenance man.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES P. GILBERT, a son, William Lee, June 11. Mr. Gilbert is assistant results engineer.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT G. RHODES, a daughter, Karen Sue, May 30. Mr. Rhodes is a maintenance department helper.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH MOWLES, a daughter, Lysa Ann, June 17. Mrs. Mowles is a former employee in system personnel.

Hazard Woman Is **B&PWC** President

Leyburn Cody, Hazard contract clerk, has been elected president of



Miss Cody

a native of Knott County, Ky. and a graduate of Caney Junior College and Morehead State Teachers College. She is a member of the Baptist Church, where she

works in the children's department. She is also active in other civic affairs. **Bluefield Employee**

Heads Secretaries

Mrs. Lois K. Rounion has been installed as president of the Bluefield



Mrs. Rounion

ation (International). Secretary to the Bluefield division commercial manager, Mrs. Rounion

is a charter

member of the

group. Elsie Heifner, outgoing president, and Mary Ruth Whittington, outgoing corresponding secretary, both employees, are also charter members.

The Bluefield group has attracted widespread interest through its work in civic and educational projects.

Kingsport "Cinderella" Reigns At Ball



Betty Jean Cloud adjusts her crown as she happily reviews a recent event in her life. Daughter of Roy Cloud, retired Kingsport steam plant supervisor, she was recently crowned "Princess Cinderella" at the Tennessee State Convention of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She was presented jeweled glass slippers and a wand (on the dresser), and two dozen yellow roses by Walter W. Ross, founder of the international cultural and social sorority. She won out over contestants from cities all over Tennessee and was selected on the basis of achievements in her local chapter, beauty, poise, and personality. She reigned over the convention ball after her selection was announced. Photo courtesy "Kingsport

Teaching Others To Ride Is One Way Shirley Bowyer Shows Love Of Horses



Instructing several beginners in the art of riding a horse is Shirley Bowyer, Charleston employee and avid horsewoman.

A couple of months ago Shirley Bowyer received an important tele-

It read like this: "Just arrived, a peautiful filly, with blazed face and fawn color." It was signed "Dakota." Shirley, Charleston records clerktypist, was happy at the news, for Dakota is her horse and the telegram meant she now owned another. Dakota lives at Shirley's sister's camp in Wisconsin, where Shirley has visited the last seven summers and taught riding the last four.

Horses are a big part of Shirley's life—this summer she is teaching youngsters how to ride at Coonskin

Roanoker Elected President Of Lions

E. L. Munday, Jr. has been elected president of the Roanoke Lions Club. He is assistant Roanoke district man-



Mr. Munday

A graduate in 1936 of VPI with a BS degree in industrial engineering, he joined company the that year as a groundman. He has worked in the line and station department, as a

power sales engineer and as district commercial manager. He became assistant district manager in 1956.

He is a member and past chairman of the Virginia Mountain Section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, director of the Roanoke Area Manufacturers Association and a member of the Hidden Valley Country Club, Masonic Lodge, Chamber of Commerce and Trinity Methodist Church. Married, he has two children.

Giant Catch



A trophy for his office is this giant sailfish caught recently in Florida by Joe P. Gills, Charleston division manager. Over six feet long and weighing 301/2 pounds, the fish was landed off Pompano Beach. A citation was awarded Mr. Gills by the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce, recognizing him for his fishing prowess and certifying the fish's dimensions.

Park. She receives no pay for teaching them how to trot, post and canter their horses, or how to mount and dismount and bridle them. She does it because she likes it and because "I get to ride free and when you're crazy about horses that's a lot."

An all-around athlete, Shirley played basketball in junior high and in a church league, and softball at camp. She plans to take up bowling this winter, but "best of all I like

Credit Association Headed By Roanoker

W. P. Danforth, Jr., has been elected president of the Roanoke Association of Credit Men. He is Roanoke district credit supervisor.

Mr. Danforth joined the company as a clerk in



ing January 1, 1935, went to assistant chief clerk in February 1937 and was promoted to his present position in June 1942. He is a high

local account-

school graduate of the Academy of Richmond County in Augusta, Ga., and has completed a course in standard banking and commercial law. Before joining Appalachian he worked in banks in Augusta and Roanoke.

Mr. Danforth is past president of the Roanoke Chapter of the American Institute of Banking and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. He is married and has two daughters and two grandchildren.

Kentucky Official Is Commission Chairman

Waldo S. LaFon, assistant Kentucky general manager, has been chosen chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission of Boyd County.



He joined Appalachian in 1939 in Charleston and after serving in the Army during World War II returned to the company as Beckley power engineer. He became district

commercial manager in 1948 and assistant Charleston district manager two years later. He was promoted to Beckley district manager in 1951 and to his present position in January this year.

He has also served as chairman of the Beckley Zoning and Planning Commission and is active in civic work. He is married and has three daughters.

Bass Catch Ties State Record

A large-mouth bass recently caught by Bethel Vance of Philip Sporn plant has tied a West Virginia state record.

Weighing eight pounds and measuring 24 inches in length and 171/2 inches in girth, the fish ties the state size record in its category. Mr. Vance, control operator, landed the fish in a farm pond in Jackson County, near Evans, using a yellow jitter bug as bait.

Lynchburg Man Has High Civitan Job

R. Conner Foster has been elected Lieutenant Governor of Civitan International.



Mr. Foster

The election came at the annual convention of the Appalachian District of Civitan in Abingdon.

The Lynchburg district record supervisor was appointed to serve an interim term last January. He is

a charter member and past president of the Civitan Club of Lynchburg. In his new post he will administer executive aid to Civitan Clubs in Lynchburg, Roanoke, Salem, Martinsville, Danville and in Abingdon

He is past president of the Lynchburg Industrial Management Club, a deacon in the First Baptist Church and active in Boy Scout work. He has been with the company 28 years.

Williamson Man Has Combined Hobbies With Much Success



Thurman Ball stands beside the knotty pine gun closet he made to store his gun collection.

One hobby leads to another, at least in the case of Thurman Ball, Williamson working foreman.

About 10 years ago he started collecting rifles, shotguns and pistols. As his collection grew he couldn't find enough space to store it. Then his second hobby entered the picture.

Thurman had often in the past made small pieces of furniture but had never attempted anything large. But he decided to try his hand at a cabinet for his guns, and it turned out to be a real asset in the house. It's made of knotty pine.

Remington and Winchester models of rifles and shotguns are Thurman's favorites. He has several pistols, including a German P-38. Many of his guns see action when Thurman goes hunting for squirrels, wild turkeys and rabbits.

Roy Tibbs Of Host Lynchburg Scores Win In Roanoke Division Golf Tourney

Roy A. Tibbs drove and putted his way to the championship as golfers from Lynchburg, Roanoke and Fieldale competed in the annual Roanoke division golf tournament recently.

The Lynchburg district power sales engineer had net scores of 75 and 65 for a two-round total of 140. His prize was a golf bag. Runner-up was Dave Trout, Roanoke district personnel, who was tied for the lead after the first round.

A total of 62 players toured the Boonesboro Country Club course in the first round. The second roundwas played at the Oakwood Country Club, also in Lynchburg, three weeks after the first.

Prizes were available in 25 categories, all the way from winner to most comical looking golfer. Melvin Brown of Fieldale had low gross for the tournament and Eddie Johnston of system in Roanoke was runner-up for low gross.

Two Sporn Plant Teams **Enter Softball League**

Two teams of Philip Sporn plant employees have entered the Ohio Valley League.

The teams also plan to play in the Bend Softball Tournament this month at Wahama High School. Al Smith is manager of Sporn Plant No. 1 team and Bob Smith is manager of Sporn Plant No. 2 team.



F. M. Cloyd, Lynchburg district commercial manager, congratulates Roy Tibbs after the latter won the annual Roanoke division golf tournament. Beside Roy is his prize, a golf bag. Mr. Cloyd was master of ceremonies at a luncheon following the final round of the 36-hole tourney.

Four Williamson Posters Adapted For Company Use

Ideas for four safety posters, created by Mrs. Florence Murphy of Williamson, have been adapted for company-wide use by the system safety department.

Mrs. Murphy, personnel clerk, creates posters for her district, and D. C. Duncan, system safety director, saw one of them during a recent Williamson visit. He asked to see more of her posters, and chose four to be used by all districts.

Two have already appeared and the others will be used later.

Retired Employee Takes Active Part In Developing Club-Owned Hatchery

One of Appalachian's retired employees has had a hand in developing an idea which is of great benefit to fishermen in Mercer County, W. Va.

Francis Claytor has been a director of the Mercer Angler's Club for many years and since his retirement has been particularly interested in the development of the club's fish hatchery. The club was organized in 1937 and several years ago began the development of its fish hatchery, which is believed to be the only clubowned hatchery in the Virginias.

This year the club's hatchery will produce some 200,000 rainbow trout which will be used to stock streams in Mercer County and two small ponds which the club maintains.

The club owns a number of acres of land on Pigeon Creek in Mercer County and employs six full time people in its operation.



Francis Claytor points to one of several ponds at the fish hatchery.

from the system substation section, Mr. Claytor, who retired last year lives on Albemarle Street in Bluefield.

Cycles Cop Williamson Crown



Winning both the first and second halfs, the Cycles team has been crowned champions of the Williamson Bowling League. Team members include, front row from left: Fred Varney, Virginia Stafford and Kermit Epperly; back row from left: Bobby Pinson and Moir Nowlin. The Watts finished second and the Hi-Volts third. Individual honors went to Jay "Sonny" Runyon for high average of 152 and high three games of 617, Jack Maynard for high game of 224, the Hot Sticks for high team set of 2264 and the Stators for high team single of 829. A bowling banquet closed out the district's season.

Employees Active In Roanoke Jubilee

Roanoke employees were among the thousands of people who took part in the festivities as the city celebrated its 75th anniversary in mid-June.

Parades, a pageant, dances, a carnival, fireworks, formal and informal ceremonies of all types, visiting celebrities, beards, costumes—all of these and many other things went into the 9-day observance of the past, present and future of the Star City of the South.

Many employees took part in "The Rising Star", the historical pageant which was presented seven nights. Others were in the parades, many headed or were on planning and operating committees and all employees helped in some way to celebrate.

Barbara Boitnott, secretary to the division personnel supervisor, was chosen "Miss Diamond Jubilee" to reign over all activities. She was also awarded an all-expenses paid trip to Hollywood for herself and one guest. She was crowned nightly at the pageant at Victory Stadium by such people as Virginia's Governor Stanley, Senator Harry Byrd, television star Ralph Story and others.



Roanoke's "Miss Diamond Jubilee," Barbara Boitnott, is crowned by Ralph Story, quizmaster of CBS-TV's "\$64,000 Challenge." Miss Boitnott, secretary to the Roanoke division personnel supervisor, was chosen to reign over the city's 75th birthday celebration in mid-June. Mr. Story came to Roanoke to crown the queen on the first night of the Jubilee. Photo courtesy 'Roanoke Times.'

In beard-growing contests, Roy Howard, system R/e & R/w, finished

fourth in the "full beard" section, and Noble Marshall, system accounting, finished third in the "mustache" section.

The company had a booth in "Index—1957", an industrial exhibit valued at \$2-million with 124 exhibitors. The company's booth featured an antique direct current motor that was manufactured in 1882 and actually used in Roanoke until 1925. Reconditioned, the motor was in operation at "Index". An animated display of the operation of a steam turbine generator; the "Power For Progress" display, showing the steps in generation of electricity with coal; and a lighting display featuring 2,500 years of progress in lighting surrounded the old motor.

The company also provided material to be included in the time capsule, which was buried on the lawn of the Roanoke Public library. The capsule is to be opened 75 years from now, in 2032. Material the company provided included the 1956 annual report, map of area served, heat pump data sheet, a picture of the Roanoke office building, background information, the "Living Better Electrically" and "Electric Power From The Atom" booklets, and "Facts and Figures," the company safety publi-



Interested visitors to "Index-1957," part of Roanoke's Diamond Jubilee celebration, stop at Appalachian's display booth. J. I. Muncey, district power sales engineer, second from right, explains an 1882 motor to them.

Two Become Logan Chemists



Mr. Woolcock Mr. Carter

Danny F. Woolcock has been promoted from chemist assistant to chemist and Robert L. Carter has been employed as chemist at Logan plant.

Mr. Woolcock joined the plant in 1951 as laboratory attendant and became a chemist assistant two years later. He attended Logan High School and Marshall College and has studied analytical chemistry through correspondence courses.

He is a regular member of the plant basketball and softball teams, is married and has a son and a daughter.

Mr. Carter, who has just joined the plant as chemist, is a former science and mathematics instructor in Logan schools. He received his BS degree from Marshall College in 1950 and has done graduate study in the fields of science and education.

He served in the Army from 1943 to 1946. Mr. Carter attends the Nighbert Memorial Church of Logan, is married and has a son.

French Government Honors Philip Sporn

The French Legion of Honor, one of France's highest orders, has been presented to Philip Sporn, president of AGE and of our companies.

The honor was bestowed by the American Section of Societe des Ingenieurs Civils de France in a ceremony at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, on June 27. Presentation was made by Minister Jacques Baeyens, newly-appointed consulgeneral of the city of New York,

representing the French government.

The Legion of Honor, an order of distinction instituted in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, is granted for meritorious civil or military services. Mr. Sporn earlier had received another French honor when he was presented the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa by the University of Grenoble in 1950.

T. N. Ward Is Elected Officer Of OVEC-IKEC

Thomas N. Ward, Jr. has been elected secretary and treasurer of Ohio Valley Electric Corporation and its subsidiary, Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation.

He succeeds Paul J. Connery, who resigned to join the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. Mr. Ward has been chief accountant and assistant to the secretary and treasurer since he joined OVEC in early 1954. Previously he was a senior accountant with the accounting firm of Arthur Anderson & Company.

Retired Logan Plant Vet Dies



Julius Frey

Julius Frey, 72, retired Logan plant employee, died May 28 at his Dunbar home after several weeks' illness.

Mr. Frey was employed for more than 24 years at the plant and was a mechanical maintenance mechanic when he retired in August 1949.

He is survived by his wife and four daughters. Mr. Frey was the brother of George Frey, Logan plant maintenance supervisor, and the late John Wesley Frey, Logan plant shift supervisor until his death last year.

Reddy Lends Hand In Changes Affect Williamson Parking

Reddy Kilowatt has again come to the rescue—this time to help Williamson employees solve a parking problem.

Shoppers had been using the company parking lot, leaving no space for company and employee vehicles. Several supervisors got their heads together and presented a plan that is working.

The lot was re-marked and large "No Parking" signs were put up. In addition, when an unauthorized car is found on the lot during office hours, a copy of the following rhyme is placed on the windshield:

"Parking space is hard to find
We know there are so few.
But our employees need this space
For they've a job to do.
Won't you help us do our job
By not parking on this lot
So we can give you better service?

Thanks—Reddy Kilowatt."

If a person repeatedly uses the lot without authorization this second notice is attached to his windshield: "This parking space is provided for our employees and company equip-

"This parking space is provided for our employees and company equipment. To enable us to give you better service won't you please leave this space open in the future? Thanks. Signed Reddy Kilowatt."

McPherson And Wood Promoted



Mr. McPherson

Mr. Wood

L. F. McPherson, Jr., assistant Bluefield district manager, is being transferred to Pulaski as assistant district manager. He will be succeeded in Bluefield by Richard Wood, assistant Welch district manager. Both changes are effective August 1.

In his new position at Pulaski, Mr. McPherson succeeds Thomas Ryan, who retired June 1 after over 40 years of service.

Mr. McPherson joined Appalachian in 1945 as power engineer at Bluefield. Three years later he was named commercial manager of the Abingdon district. He returned to Bluefield as asistant district manager in June 1954.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee, he has been active in Bluefield civic affairs. He is a member of Rotary, the University Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the board of directors of the Community Chest. He is married and has one son.

Mr. Wood, new assistant Bluefield district manager, is a graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute and first became associated with Appalachian at Pulaski as a groundman in 1938. In 1940 he was named distribution engineer and a year later became carrier current engineer and was transferred to Bluefield. He was later named a power sales engineer.

In 1951 he was promoted to Welch district commercial manager and in 1954 became assistant district manager.

He is a member of Rotary, the Welch Chamber of Commerce, the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, the Pocahontas Electrical and Mechanical Institute and is past chairman of the McDowell County United Appeal. He is married and has two children.

Changes Affect Four Abingdon, Welch Employees



Mr. Collins

Mr. Bocock



Mr. Wagner Mr. Prater

Changes affecting three Abingdon district employees and one Welch district employee became effective July 1.

Joe E. Collins, Abingdon rural and residential sales supervisor, has been named electrical engineer in the engineering department. He has been succeeded by Forrest L. Bocock, who has moved to Abingdon from Welch, where he was rural and residential sales supervisor. Succeeding Mr. Bocock at Welch is C. M. Wagner, Jr., Abingdon heating and builder sales representative. James E. Prater, Abingdon appliance serviceman, has moved up to succeed Mr. Wagner.

Mr. Collins, new electrical engineer at Abingdon, received his BS degree in agricultural engineering from VPI in 1940 and his MS degree from VPI in 1955. He joined Appalachian as agricultural engineer in April 1949 and was promoted to residential and rural sales supervisor in 1950.

He is a member of the Abingdon Baptist Church, president of the Abingdon Retail Merchants Association, past president of the Abingdon Kiwanis Club and past chairman of the Burley Tobacco Festival. He is married and has three children.

Mr. Bocock, new Abingdon rural and residential sales supervisor, joined the company in March 1935 as an agricultural engineer and moved up to Welch residential and rural sales supervisor in September 1953. He is a graduate of VPI, earning a BS degree in agricultural engineering.

He is a member of the Lions Club and Methodist Church, is married and has two children.

Mr. Wagner, new Welch residential and rural supervisor, is a graduate of the West Virginia Business College. He was employed in 1946 in accounting and worked in Bluefield and Clintwood before coming to Abingdon in 1949. He was dealer sales representative until October 1955 when he became heating and builder sales representative.

A member of the Civitan Club, Retail Merchants Association, Masonic Lodge and Methodist Church, he is married and has a son and a daughter.

Mr. Prater, new Abingdon heating and builder sales representative, is a graduate of the Washington County Technical School and is presently taking correspondence courses. He was employed in September 1948 as rural representative and moved to appliance serviceman in November 1949. He is past president of the Abingdon Jaycees and a member of the Baptist Church. Married, he has two children.