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## Child Recovers From Near Drowning, Thanks To Abingdon Lineman's Action



William McFall, Jr., of Abingdon, left, is shown with a happy family after he saved the life of 17-month-old Gary Roark. Next to Mr. McFall is Mrs. Clifford Roark, Gary's mother, and holding Gary is his sister, Jane. In the foreground is the kettle in which Gary almost drowned.

Today 17-month-old Gary Roark happily plays around his home. But one day last month he was near death.

William McFall, Jr. made the difference. The Abingdon lineman in the Washington County crew saved the child's life after Gary almost drowned.

A cry for help from Gary's sister, Jane, brought Mr. McFall running from nearby, where he was working. The child had been found by his mother, Mrs. Clifford Roark, with

his head submerged in a water-filled copper kettle. Gary, unconscious, had turned blue and was not breathing when Mr. McFall arrived.

He immediately started artificial respiration, learned in company first aid classes, replacing water in Gary with air. After 10 or 12 strokes the baby stirred and Mr. McFall kept the respiration going until he revived.

Mrs. Roark later praised Mr. McFall for his quick action, which had saved the life of her son.

## The Truth About Rapid Amortization

— An Editorial —

Recently the government's rapid amortization program has been widely misrepresented as a huge "give-away." The facts about rapid amortization have been misstated and distorted. Here are the facts—simply stated and not distorted.

1. Rapid amortization was enacted by Congress for the purpose of providing an incentive to all industry to construct facilities which the Office of Defense Mobilization certified to be urgently needed for the national defense.

2. Rapid amortization certificates merely permit the companies' own capital invested in productive facilities to be recovered more rapidly than is possible through normal depreciation.

3. This faster recovery of capital only results in a temporary reduction in federal income taxes which is thereafter offset by the increased higher taxes that must be paid after the rapid amortization period of five years has ended. This has properly been termed a deferral of taxes or a temporary reduction in taxes in the early years which is made up in the later years.

4. Not a single dollar is paid or given away by the U. S. Treasury to the companies receiving rapid amortization certificates.

5. In the case of electric companies the temporary tax deferrals cannot be paid out as dividends to share owners. They must be credited to special restricted accounts to be used to offset the later higher taxes. The Federal Power Commission and our state utility commissions have so ordered.

6. The commissions' orders also provide that the temporary tax deferrals will not be used to reduce rates of present customers. If such a reduction were granted it would place an unfair burden on future customers who would then have to pay higher rates to cover the later higher taxes. Under the commissions' orders both present and future customers pay no more than they would if rapid amortization had not been used.

7. The only possible advantage of rapid amortization lies in the temporary use of the funds made available through the tax deferrals. It should be noted that the tax deferrals are not available until after the companies have constructed the facilities with their own money.

8. It has been charged that the rapid amortization program discriminates against public power. But public power groups pay no federal income taxes whatsoever. Therefore, they have no federal income taxes to be deferred.

Rapid amortization is not a "give-away." It is a method provided by Congress for temporary tax deferrals to encourage the construction of facilities found by the U. S. Government to be necessary for the defense of the country. The taxes so deferred must be paid in full during the remaining life of these facilities.

## Appalachian Plans To Enlarge Smith Mountain Hydro Project

Appalachian plans to enlarge its proposed hydroelectric development in the Smith Mountain area of the Roanoke River in Virginia.

Enlargement of this development would involve the addition of pumped storage, made possible by the construction of a secondary dam near Leesville, some 17 miles below Smith Mountain. A site for the secondary dam has been obtained by the company.

This announcement follows a little over a year the announcement of the primary dam, located at Smith Mountain about 40 miles downstream from Roanoke. Surveying, core drilling and other preliminary work has been progressing on the 60,000 kilowatt, \$20-million hydroelectric power plant.

### Power To Be Doubled

G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager, in commenting on the new proposal, said: "This comprehensive development of the upper Roanoke River will result in more than doubling power production."

The use of a secondary dam, as

is proposed, permits the increase in generating capacity by re-using a portion of the water. This is accomplished by using water from the main dam to generate electricity at the time most needed. A large portion of the water is temporarily stored in the downstream reservoir created by the additional dam. During periods of low power requirements—usually at night and over weekends—the stored portion of the water is pumped back into the main lake for re-use at times when the

electrical demand of the company's customers is greatest.

### Cool To Be Used

Electric power for the operation of the pumps will be generated at the company's coal-fired steam-electric plants, using coal from Virginia and West Virginia. It is estimated this will require more than 100,000 tons of coal per year. This method of using pumped storage has been successfully applied at other hydroelectric installations.

Mr. Furr also said: "The enlargement of the Smith Mountain development offers a number of advantages over the original plan for a single dam. It has been recognized that there is only a marginal economic justification for a single dam at Smith Mountain, due to the relatively small stream flow of the river which limits the amount of power that can be generated."

### Problems To Be Settled

The carrying out of these plans depends on several factors. Among them is the approval of the Federal Power Commission of Appalachian's comprehensive plan. The Southside Electric Cooperative is also seeking a preliminary permit from the FPC for a dam in the same area at Leesville.

The plan is also contingent on the successful settlement of the disposition of roads and bridges in the area affected by the main dam.

### New Peak Hit By Appalachian

A new peak of 1,434,000 kw was hit at noon July 23 on the Appalachian system.

This exceeds the previous high peak of 1,427,000 kw, set last November 26. The new peak is attributed to the hot weather and normal load growth. It was set despite the fact several major industries in the area were closed for industrial vacations.

## Excavation Has Begun For Giant Sporn Plant Unit



Excavation has begun for the new 450,000 kw unit of Philip Sporn plant.

Construction of the new 450,000 kilowatt generating unit at Philip Sporn plant is underway.

Excavation for Unit No. 5 has been started and preparations are being made to start driving of steel piling for coffer dams. Also under way is relocation of railroad tracks in the new unit area. Access roads for construction employees are being built.

Part of the foundations for new equipment in the 132 kv switchyard have been poured and preparations of area for concrete aggregate storage have been completed.

Sollitt Construction Company has been awarded the general contract for the unit, and is also doing the excavation. Robert Lawson is Appalachian resident engineer. He went to Sporn plant recently after serving

as resident engineer for the new unit at Glen Lyn plant.

This new unit at Sporn, and a similar one being constructed by the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, will be 73 per cent larger than any in the world today. It will raise Philip Sporn plant's capabilities from 600,000 kw to 1,050,000 kw. Only two other privately owned power plants in the world are larger—Clifty Creek and Kyger Creek plants of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation.

Sporn's new unit will consume 1,300,000 tons of coal yearly and will be capable of supplying the electric requirements of a city of 4,000,000. It will utilize close to 3-million pounds of steam per hour at the above critical pressure of 3,500 pounds per square inch.

Cost of the new unit is estimated at \$58 million.

## Explosion Repairs Underway On Glen Lyn Boiler

Repairs now underway should be completed sometime in September on the boiler of the new 225,000 kilowatt generating unit at Glen Lyn plant.

The boiler was damaged in an explosion July 6 caused by flame failure and the re-ignition of pulverized coal inside the boiler. There was no one in the area at the time of the explosion, which occurred at 11 p.m., and no one was injured.

The explosion caused a six-foot long crack in the casing of the boiler and knocked insulation from the outside of the boiler casing. Supporting steel framework also was bent.

Babcock & Wilcox Company, which built the boiler, has about 60 men working in two shifts to repair damage. Virtually all of the damaged portions of the boiler casing have been removed and minor repairs are being made to the pressure equipment which was damaged in the boiler. The steel beams that were bent by the pressure of the explosion are being replaced.

The plant's other four units, with a generating capacity of 170,000 kilowatts, were not affected by the incident. These four, and Appalachian's other generating plants, picked up the load the new Glen Lyn unit was carrying when the explosion occurred.



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## Protection For You And Your Family

Protection—that's what the employee gets when he belongs to our company's retirement, group life insurance and medical plans.

How the employee and his family are protected is explained in three new booklets which have been or will be given employees. These booklets and Employee Information Program, which also has been or will be given for employees, stress what these plans mean to the security and well-being of the employee and his family.

Our retirement plan is protection against insecurity and dependence during the later years. Our group life insurance plan is protection against the severe consequences of death during the productive years. And our medical plan is protection against the crippling expenses of illness and accident.

These booklets are well worth keeping. They should be filed in the family library, or with insurance papers and the like. They provide ready reference to clear, easily understood explanations of the plans.

But before you file these booklets, read them carefully. They tell the story of protection—for you and your family.

## For Sunny And Rainy Days

How can we make our dreams come true? The best way is to save for them.

A college education for the children, a house, a new car are possible when we regularly lay aside part of our paychecks. Whether we buy U. S. Savings Bonds, open a savings account, invest in stocks or bonds, or save in other ways, the important thing is to save.

William Thackeray put it this way: "Those who save a little, shall get a plenty more." The money we salt away regularly may seem a small amount at the time, but it doesn't take long before these "small amounts" begin to add up. And almost before we know it, they have added up to that new house or car.

The success of any business depends on what it can build up in surplus to buy the things it needs for expansion. This is true of the individual. When you see a successful man you are almost surely seeing one who knows how to save for his "expansion".

Savings are important for another reason, too. Individuals, just like businesses, must be able to meet emergencies. Savings provide a form of protection against these emergencies—if we need the money in a hurry, it's there.

Remember, "a penny saved is a penny earned." And every penny "earned" is another step toward making those dreams come true.



**MARY LOUISE KESSINGER, Home Service Representative, Williamson**

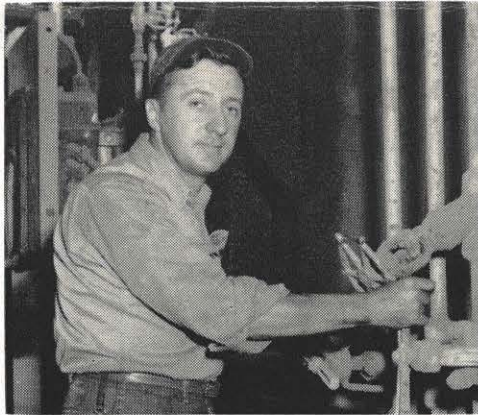


I am buying U. S. Savings Bonds because I am looking forward to the future.

I think everyone should save and save regularly, even if it is only a small amount. I know of no easier or safer way to invest than through the payroll savings plan. You save before you spend.

I have lots of plans for the bonds that I'm collecting—a down payment on a home, a child's college education and security for old age. The only trouble is that I'm afraid there won't be enough for all my wishes. However, there is a warm feeling as each bond is secured. Each one seems to add a step to my goals of the future.

**CHARLES D. YEAGER, Master Maintenance Man, Philip Sporn Plant**



I guess there are really two reasons why we buy U. S. Savings Bonds. One, of course, is an investment of our money to get a reasonable rate of interest paid back to us. U. S. Bonds pay the highest rate of interest of any safe investment you can make.

We started buying bonds nearly five years ago when our first child was born. We feel this is the best way to insure a future education for our children.

To us, the payroll savings plan is the easiest way to invest in U. S. Bonds and gives our whole family a real feeling of security to know we are backed by the U. S. government in such a savings.

**ELMER J. HAGA, Stores Clerk, Roanoke**



I am an American and it is my duty and my privilege to buy U. S. Savings Bonds.

## Why are you buying U. S. Savings Bonds?

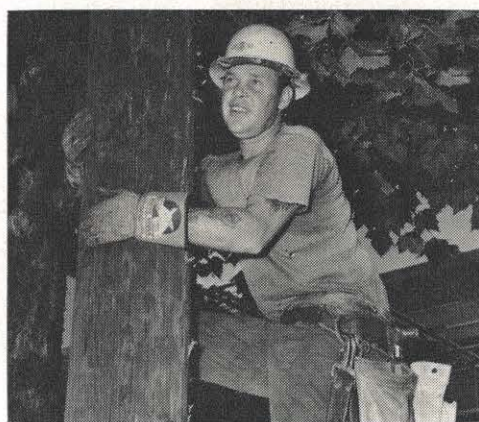
This is an excellent means of saving, at the same time making some of my money available for its needed purposes.

Consistency in anything is the answer to attainment, so consistency in saving through the purchase of Savings Bonds is attainment of financial security—the hope of every American.

There are many means of saving money, but certainly a patriotic citizen wants to help his country, so if he can save money and at the same time serve his country, he feels a deep sense of pride in doing so.

I am an American—I am proud to be able to buy bonds.

**JESSE WILLIAMSON, Lineman, Kingsport**



I'm buying Savings Bonds for several reasons. First, I'm saving money and at the same time I'm helping my government. By buying bonds, I can save at a good rate of interest and by having the bonds taken out by payroll deduction (money not seen is seldom missed) it is very helpful in planning my budget.

Also, I have three small boys to educate. With this many boys it takes careful planning to adopt a budget to include a savings plan for their education. While the amount deducted from my pay check each month may be meager, just the same it accumulates rapidly. The savings bonds will grow while the boys grow and when the time comes for the furtherance of their education, the savings bonds will certainly lighten the burden.

**MRS. HELEN D. DAVIS, Secretarial-Stenographer, General Commercial, Ashland**



The question is quite an easy one for me to answer. My husband and I have been buying bonds hoping we would be able to purchase a home when the opportunity presented itself, and we have just completed such a transaction.

Rather than investing in stocks on the market, which do fluctuate down as well as up, we felt it was better for us to put our savings in U. S. Savings Bonds which could be quickly converted into cash, plus earned interest, when needed.

We found this was a wise choice and plan to invest our future savings the same way—in U. S. Savings Bonds.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**BROWNIE E. YEAGER, Secretarial-Stenographer, Abingdon**



Through experience I have learned that saving money is next to impossible without a specific savings plan. When our company offered United States Savings Bonds on a payroll deduction plan, I did not hesitate to take advantage of the opportunity to save a portion of my check each month in this manner.

Our personnel supervisor assisted me in determining the amount I could easily set aside for the purchase of bonds and after a year of participating in this plan, I am well pleased with my accumulated savings. The attractive feature of this method of saving is that no effort is required on my part since the company assumes the responsibility of handling the details . . . including even the delivery of my bonds.

I also realize that through the purchase of United States Savings Bonds I am, in a small way, helping our government meet its many obligations.

**KATHRYN R. WEDDLE, Clerk-Stenographer, System Operating**



You have heard the saying, "It's the little things that count," and when I see the hand-clasp ad, who could resist buying bonds for the future of those we love?

I buy U. S. Savings Bonds because I know they are the safest and surest investment I can make. Buying bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan makes saving simple and automatic. I know of no other plan that is so well-founded.

By buying bonds, my savings are guaranteed by the U. S. Treasury and will be replaced if they are lost, stolen or destroyed.

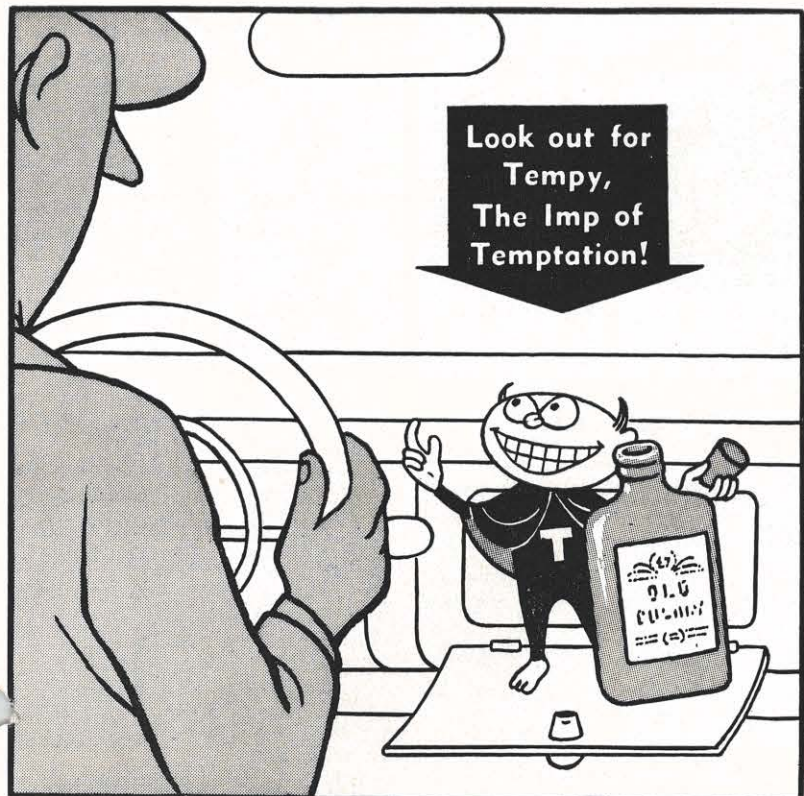
Buying bonds is my way of helping with the family savings for the future—security, a home, and a college education for our children.

## In Reply To Reddy

Believe me boy, I'm just like you,  
I want my cash when it comes due.  
So here it is without delay.  
I've been on vacation, away.

Huntington customer





"Come on, live it up. A little drink will make you feel better," Tempy pleads. He believes in mixing driving and drinking, and others do too, evidently. Over a fourth of the drivers and adult pedestrians killed in traffic last year had been drinking. Further, 6 out of every 100 killed were under the influence. But Tempy won't tell the driver this. He insists that a few drinks never hurt anybody, nor his driving. But national tests indicate this isn't so. These tests show the drinking driver (drinking beer as well as whiskey) loses six ways. He suffers loss of visual sharpness, drops in depth perception, is unable to judge distances well, is adversely affected by glare, has his judgment impaired and has his reaction time slowed. A driver needs these six abilities and he doesn't have them if he drives after drinking or drinks while driving. The smart driver will Back The Attack On Traffic Accidents by realizing that driving and drinking don't mix.

### Girl's Life Saved By Quick Actions Of Charleston Man

It was a lazy Sunday and Paul Moss was relaxing in a hammock at a friend's camp on Coal River.

Suddenly the Charleston ground-man heard a scream from the opposite bank. He rushed to the river and saw a 17-year-old girl under the water. Three of her friends, none of them able to swim, were trying to pull her out by her hair, but she was slipping



Mr. Moss

away from them.

Paul quickly helped get the girl out of the water and applied artificial respiration, using what he had learned in company pole top resuscitation training. After about 10 minutes the girl revived and was taken to Thomas Memorial Hospital where she was treated for shock.

The lazy Sunday had become a day of action for lifesaver Paul Moss.

### Beckley Man Moves To Roanoke Post

R. F. Cooke, Beckley utility clerk, has been promoted to the Roanoke district as assistant local office manager.

He joined the company February 13, 1941 as office boy and served as meter reader, clerk and general clerk before moving to utility clerk

May 16, 1955. He served in the U. S. Navy for four years during World War II.

Mr. Cooke is a native of Beckley and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1938. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and the First Baptist Church in Beckley. He is married and has four children,



Mr. Cooke

### Two Veterans Reach 35 Years



Mr. McIntosh

Mr. Cruise

Baxter McIntosh of Lynchburg and Rufus Claude Cruise of the Bluefield division have received pins for 35 years of service.

#### Baxter McIntosh

Baxter McIntosh, Lynchburg district meter supervisor, joined the company July 17, 1922 in the Sprigg district. He came to the Lynchburg district in his present position November 1, 1926.

A native of Newberry, S. C., he graduated from VPI in 1918 with a BS degree in electrical engineering. He is a veteran of World War I, serving as a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery. Before joining Appalachian he completed a student test course with General Electric.

He is a member of the Industrial Management Club, the International Association of Electrical Inspectors and the First Baptist Church. He is married and has one son.

#### R. C. Cruise

Rufus Claude Cruise, Bluefield division working foreman, joined the company July 3, 1922 as a chauffeur. He served as mechanic, electrician's helper, maintenance man and sub-station man before being promoted to his present job June 8, 1953.

He is also a World War I veteran, fighting in three major engagements in France. He earned several medals, including the Victory Medal. He is a member of the American Legion and the Masonic Lodge and attends the First Baptist Church. He is married and has one son.

## Roanoke Division Engineers Look Into The Future To Predict Growth Pattern Of Area

Roanoke division engineers have just taken a long look into the future and come up with a picture of what Appalachian will probably look like in this area in 20 years.

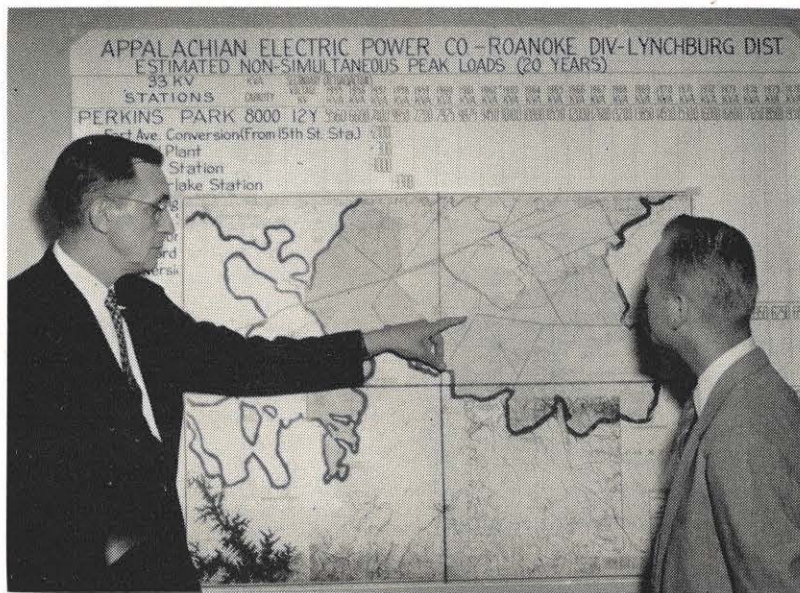
A load study of the Roanoke, Lynchburg and Fieldale districts has been completed by members of the division engineering department. The study was made to determine as accurately as possible where and when the demand for electricity will increase in the division during the next two decades, so that lines and stations can be planned and built in time to meet these demands. Engineers, in making the study, were guided by the suggestions and recommendations of AGE Service Corporation engineering department.

Past trends indicate that the electrical load will increase 400 per cent in the division during the next 20 years, but the increase will not be uniform throughout the territory. In making the study to find where the load will be, several factors were taken into consideration: natural resources and climatic conditions; geographical features and limitations; availability of roads, water supply, gas lines and railroads; cultural, educational and recreational facilities available; existing transmission and station facilities; and load trends in each area, especially those areas subject to industrial development.

#### Information Assembled

Information was assembled on maps and tables. Using these as a guide, the territory was divided into logical areas which could be best supplied using 12,000 volts for distribution and higher voltage for heavier loads. The engineers tried to make use of existing stations and lines to the best advantage, and additional facilities were forecast and designed to fit into the pattern.

Also forecast was a suggested transmission system to supply each of these load centers with an alternate source of electric power. A study of this system will be made by the network analyzer in New York, a computing machine that correlates information about transmission and distribution facilities over the entire AGE System. Any suggested changes coming from this study will be made, and then proposed distribution facilities will be planned to complete the network of electric power supply.



J. L. White, Roanoke division supervising engineer, left, discusses the 20-year projected load study for the Lynchburg district with R. R. Snedegar, division electrical engineer. The study covered the entire division.

The plan is elastic in that unforeseen developments can be worked in with only minor revisions.

#### Many Benefits

What can be gained from such a long-range, intensive plan? Members of the division engineering department feel there are many benefits.

First, of course, the plan will enable the company to meet future demands for electricity in the area when that demand is made. Along with this, under an overall plan of construction, work on expensive temporary facilities can often be avoided. Once in a while temporary facilities have to be built to serve a customer while permanent facilities are under construction. By planning ahead, the permanent structure would be there when the customer needed it.

Information needed in the preparation of improvement requisitions will be available from the load study. This will help district engineers prepare the requisitions so that the improvements fit into the overall plan.

Engineers point out another benefit is that heavy equipment, such as transformers, oil circuit breakers and regulators can be used to their best advantage. The study shows what will probably be needed where during the next 20 years, and the proper size heavy equipment can be installed to meet both present and future demands.

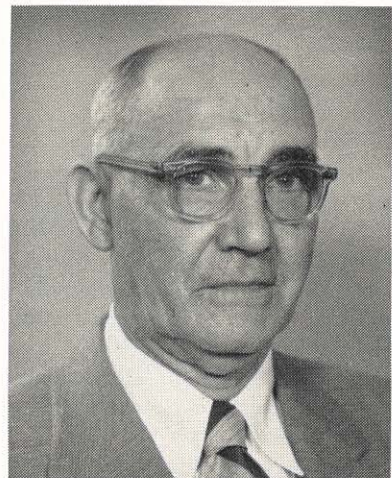
#### Ready Reference

The maps and data in the study provide a ready reference for system departments, the general manager's office and AGE Service Corporation engineers, who must approve proposed improvement requisitions.

Another benefit is the training district and division engineers got while they were making this study. Finally, comparisons can be made between the projected loads and the actual loads each year to check accuracy and to make indicated changes.

The Roanoke division engineering load study is another step in the company's efforts to provide the best possible electric service to our customers.

### Retired Veteran Of Kenova Dies



Mr. Johnson

David Floyd Johnson, 66, retired Huntington employee, died July 14 following surgery.

Mr. Johnson was employed March 21, 1924 at Kenova plant in the Huntington district and retired July 1, 1956. During his employment he worked as coal handler, special guard, watchman and janitor. Before coming with Appalachian he worked for the Imperial Colliery Company of Kanawha County.

He was born June 22, 1891 in Elliott County, Ky. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son, three brothers, four sisters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were active employees Nolan Campbell, Roy E. Preston, H. V. Mayo, Fred LeMaster and Miller Smith and retired employee Edwin L. Stein. Honorary pallbearers were active employees W. W. Grim, C. J. Akers, Ervin Lowe, V. L. Thacker and Ted Smith and retired employees E. H. Murphy, Ed Rakes and D. J. Rowe.

### Philip Sporn Is 'Virginia Cavalier'



The honorary title of Virginia Cavalier has been bestowed upon Philip Sporn, president of AGE and of our companies. Mr. Sporn, at left, is shown receiving the Cavalier certificate from Alvin H. Newman, president of the Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce. The award is given by the Jaycees to non-Virginians who have distinguished themselves by contributions to the state and was presented Mr. Sporn at a dinner in Roanoke attended by Appalachian officials and Roanoke Jaycees. He is the 15th person to receive the honorary title since the award was set up three years ago. Photo courtesy 'Roanoke Times.'





Cecil C. McClellan, James P. Smith, Fred Pierce, line section; and Carson L. Barnes, meter section, have returned to work following hospital treatment.

Dewey Bowman, labor foreman, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended James W. Johnson, line section, on the death of his mother-in-law and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Dorton on the death of her grandmother.



#### Abingdon District

A. C. Hutton, Jr., area sales representative, and J. E. Fields, meter reader, were elected first vice president and treasurer, respectively, of the Abingdon Junior Chamber of Commerce. James E. Prater, heating and builder sales representative, was presented an award by the local club as the outstanding committee chairman of the year.

Jack Leonard, meter serviceman, has been elected to the Town Council of Dungannon.

Fred Rosenbaum, station man, has returned to work after being hospitalized.

George L. McClellan is a new employee in the Clintwood line crew.

James Cole, power sales engineer, was appointed by the Abingdon Town Council to the board of zoning appeals.

Joe Arrington, Jr., Clintwood area sales representative, has resigned.

Rufus M. Bondurant, district superintendent, has been re-elected secretary of the Abingdon Civitan Club.

#### Pulaski District

Mrs. J. D. Burnett, wife of the Byllesby hydro maintenance man, has been elected chairman of the board of stewards at Fries Methodist Church.

R. E. Lowe, Galax lineman, has returned to work after an extended illness from burns.

T. V. Harrington, Independence area serviceman, is recuperating at home following surgery.

G. K. Smythers, T&D records clerk, was elected vice chairman of the board of stewards at Pulaski First Methodist Church.

#### Bluefield District

Jay W. Farley, Jr., T&D clerk who is a former president of the Bluefield Jaycees, attended the National Jaycee convention in Milwaukee, Wis.

L. W. Robinette, power engineer, has been elected first vice president of the Bluefield Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Walter Green Peck, credit supervisor, has returned to work after a two months' illness due to a fall.

Mildred G. Bishop, junior bookkeeper, is recuperating at home after hospitalization.

The district annual picnic was held at Camp Rowland, Virginia, recently with about 400 employees and their families in attendance.

John Danley is a new employee in local accounting.

John Kahle, heating and builder sales representative, and W. E.



Brooks, meter supervisor, attended a joint meeting of the West Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers at the Daniel Boone Hotel in Charleston.

Lois K. Rounion, division commercial, has returned from the National Secretaries Convention held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Maude J. McCulloch, retired employee, is recuperating at home after an operation.

#### Welch District

Alice R. Spencer, personnel assistant, is the first woman in the Welch district to serve on jury duty.

Frank W. Richards, T&D records clerk, and Joe C. David, meter serviceman, have resigned.

Sympathy is extended Thelma C. Taylor, Grundy contract clerk, on the death of her father and Howard Bivens, district stores supervisor, on the death of his father-in-law.

B. E. Bates, meter supervisor and president of the Welch Kiwanis Club, attended the Kiwanis International Convention in Atlantic City.



#### Lynchburg District

Sympathy is extended C. D. Mattox, customer service clerk, on the death of his brother.

#### Fieldale District

Ronny, 11, and Danny, 9, sons of M. W. Brown, tied for second place honors in the first children's handicap golf tournament held by Bassett Country Club. Ronny shot 146 and Danny had 128 strokes. Each won a golf cap.

#### System

Velma J. Scott, Marie C. Ward and Fannie J. Craft are new employees in system accounting.

H. M. Hamilton, assistant disbursing agent, is confined in the hospital following a heart attack.

Members of the Appa-Mo Club and guests held their annual picnic at Claytor State Park recently.

Barbara Harper, Allie Caldwell and Bonnie Thompson, all of system accounting, have resigned.

Sympathy is extended M. C. Funk, Appalachian vice president, on the death of his wife and Lynn Higginbotham, system purchasing, on the death of her two brothers and sister-in-law.

#### Roanoke District

Wilbur Guthrie, station man, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Reva Kirk, cashier, has returned to work after an accident.

Mrs. Edward Grisso, mother of Mary Ann Grisso, clerk-stenographer, was the winner of the July safety slogan of the month contest.

New employees are Billy D. Sizemore, Joyce A. Kraige and Joan E. Vandergrift, accounting clerks; W. B.

Tilghman, tracer; and J. D. Cooper, draftsman.

W. S. Williams, Jr., PBX operator, has returned to work after an operation.

Sympathy is extended Alice M. Naff, cashier, on the death of her mother and Verdie E. Linkenhoker, power billing clerk, on the death of her father.



#### Huntington District

C. H. Price, division personnel supervisor, has returned to work after being off several months recuperating from a heart attack.

R. T. Hibner, T&D record supervisor, was appointed managing director of the West Virginia Credit Union League.

Sympathy is extended Drue J. Rowe, Huntington district retired employee, on the death of his wife.

Paul E. Spaulding, Jr., billing, has resigned.

Approximately 340 employees and guests attended the annual district employees picnic at the Huntington police recreation center recently.

#### Logan District

Mary Margaret Rowe is a new home service representative.

G. W. LeGrande, line foreman, has returned to work after a month's absence due to a heart condition.

M. R. Atkinson, administrative assistant, attended the 42nd annual convention of Kiwanis International at Atlantic City.

W. M. Hill, Man area serviceman, is recuperating from a fractured vertebra.

## Repairs Clocks



His experience as an appliance man with the company resulted in an electric clock repairing hobby for L. H. "Pete" Myers. The Welch area supervisor, here being watched by his dog Pat, worked quite a bit on electric range timers, somewhat similar to electric clocks. He began repairing clocks and soon was doing work for fellow employees and neighbors. He repairs about 10 clocks a week. So far, his repair jobs number in the hundreds. Woodworking is also one of Pete's hobbies, as are hunting and fishing. He practically built his entire house and made all of the kitchen cabinets. He has also made furniture, windows and other household objects. Pete has been an employee since September 1942.

#### Logan Plant

W. C. Workman, mechanical maintenance helper, has been elected president of the Logan County Fox Hunters Association.

Betty Lou Egnor, personnel, and Tyler A. Fender, laborer, are new employees.

Sympathy is extended Zack Browning, guard, on the death of his mother-in-law.

#### Williamson District

George Hairston, janitor, and Lester Cather, groundman, are recuperating at their homes following recent surgery.

Sympathy is extended Lat Bevins, lineman, on the death of his father and Myrtle Bevins, cashier, on the death of her grandfather.

Jerry Akers is a new employee in T&D line and station department.

Sympathy is extended Leonard Justice, meterman, on the death of his father-in-law and A. P. Henry, area serviceman, on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is also extended Emma Warren, maid, on the death of her mother.



#### Cabin Creek Plant

F. A. Drennen, retired boiler maintenance helper now living in Florida, visited the plant recently.

Sympathy is extended B. L. Cooper on the death of his son.

#### Charleston District

Margaret Evans, Montgomery accounting, was the winner of the June monthly safety slogan contest.

Approximately sixty girls from Charleston district, Cabin Creek and Kanawha River plants attended the annual weiner roast at Coonskin Park.

Employees who have resigned are Betty Speas and Ernestine Williams, Montgomery accounting; Joan Davis, commercial; and Richard Farley, meter.

The Glass House Restaurant at Kanawha Airport was the scene of the recent service pin dinner honoring forty-eight people.

Richard E. Wells has been employed in the meter section.

Sixteen persons have completed the standard first aid course under the instruction of Clifford Picklesimer, line inspector. Those who received certificates are D. G. McCallister, R. E. Gully, A. I. Bailey, W. A. Quarrier, D. H. Caldwell, G. B. Moir, Jr., John G. Harrison, C. J. Kelley, W. H. Bostic, O. R. Allen, R. E. Christenson, L. J. Pfost, J. E. Young, W. J. Burgess, W. F. Smith and S. G. Oxley.

#### Beckley District

William F. Epling, Rainelle area office general clerk, has been appointed chairman of the public affairs committee of the Meadow River Lions Club and H. H. Crawford, Rainelle area employee, has been

named chairman of the citizenship committee.

John V. Mann, Jr., son of the district manager, has received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy.

Jack C. Keaton, T&D station, has returned to work after several months' absence due to a back operation.

B. H. White, Jr., has been re-elected secretary of the Civitan Club for the ninth year.

Sympathy is extended Lucille Wiseman on the death of her grandfather.

Anna Faye Jones is a new employee in the Oak Hill office.

W. E. Zopp, personnel assistant, has been re-appointed chairman of the safety committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and also made chairman of the physical fitness committee.

L. D. McGraw, line foreman, is a patient in the Beckley hospital after an accident.

James A. Barker and Mildred L. Webb, T&D meter section employees, have returned to work after lengthy illnesses.

#### Philip Sporn Plant

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Sheets have been selected Meigs County Grange couple of the year for the second consecutive year. They have been entered in the Ohio State contest for Grange couple of the year, where they will be judged on civic, community and home activities.

Charles Weaver, assistant storekeeper, has been elected recording secretary of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. James Hart, assistant yard foreman, has been named a trustee of the organization.

Sympathy is extended Charles F. King, maintenance helper, on the death of his father.

Pearl J. Hawthorn, Allen L. Harris, William J. Sheridan, John M. Denison and Charles P. Lochary are new temporary laborers.

George Hout, chemist assistant, attended the Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., in the capacity of local assistant district commissioner.

#### Point Pleasant District

James W. Morrison, who has been on military leave of absence with the U. S. Army, has returned to work as a truck driver-groundman.

J. R. Crump, line foreman, has become a Gallon Club member.

Mrs. R. L. Barnette, wife of the lineman, has returned home from the hospital.

Sympathy is extended C. Emil Gore on the death of his niece.



#### Pikeville District

The annual district picnic for employees and their families will be held this month.

New employees in the accounting departments are Lonetta Rowe and Peggy Ford, clerks.

Sympathy is extended Farest Bevins, meter serviceman, on the death of his father.

#### Ashland District

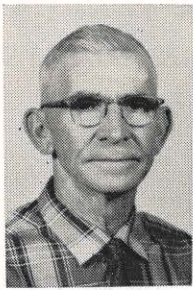
Richard Hutchinson has been employed as a laborer.

#### Hazard District

Two amateur radio operators, James R. Stidham and Woody Fugate, Hazard employees, participated in national field day radio tests recently.



## Vets Receive Pins



**C. D. Carrico**  
Abingdon  
30 Years



**R. S. Hicks**  
System  
30 Years



**H. R. Miller**  
Roanoke  
30 Years



**W. L. Nuhfer**  
Cabin Creek Plant  
30 Years



**R. A. Macomb**  
Ashland  
30 Years



**W. J. Buchanan**  
Kanawha River  
20 Years



**C. A. Kidd**  
Pulaski  
20 Years



**A. E. Lemons**  
Pulaski  
20 Years



**G. L. Poythress**  
Bluefield  
20 Years



**G. L. Slade**  
Bluefield  
20 Years



**Russell Muncy**  
Hazard  
20 Years



**W. C. Gilmour**  
Point Pleasant  
20 Years



**G. P. Chain**  
Huntington  
20 Years



**J. T. Hill, Jr.**  
Lynchburg  
20 Years



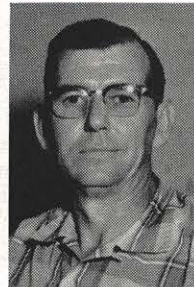
**G. L. Staples**  
Lynchburg  
20 Years



**J. B. Frier**  
Abingdon  
20 Years



**N. G. Marshall**  
System  
20 Years



**H. E. Elkins**  
System  
20 Years



**S. S. Snidow**  
Roanoke  
20 Years



**C. C. McClellan**  
Kingsport  
20 Years

## KVPC Man Moves To Clinch River

Paul B. Blizzard has been promoted to the position of maintenance foreman at Clinch River plant, now under construction.



**Mr. Blizzard**

He is being promoted from mechanical engineer for the Kanawha Valley Power Company in the Charleston district. A native of Dunbar, Mr. Blizzard is

a graduate of Marshall College at Huntington, from which he holds an electrical engineering degree.

He joined the Kanawha Valley Power Company as hydro maintenance helper in 1946. He was later named engineer and in 1950 moved to mechanical engineer. Mr. Blizzard is married and has four children.

## E. S. Slone To Head Hazard Rotary Club

E. S. Slone, Hazard district supervising engineer, has been elected president of the Hazard Rotary Club.



**Mr. Slone**

He joined the company in June 1948 after graduation from the University of Kentucky with a BS degree in electrical engineering. After engineering training he became head of

the electrical section of engineering, and later was promoted to his present position.

Active in community sports and the Salvation Army and Red Cross campaigns, he is a member of the Caney Alumni Association and the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers.



### Appalachian Electric Power Company

**Abingdon District**—30 YEARS: CARL D. CARRICO, groundman; 20 YEARS: JACK B. FRIER, district personnel supervisor; 10 YEARS: RAYMOND A. SHAFFNER, lineman; HURLEY A. ROBINSON, working foreman.

**Beckley District**—10 YEARS: JOHN C. STEELE, heating and builder sales representative; MARSHALL E. WEIKLE, auto repairman.

**Bluefield District**—40 YEARS: L. W. BATES, assistant division manager; 35 YEARS: RUFUS C. CRUISE, division working foreman; 20 YEARS: G. L. POYTHRESS, division civil engineer; GEORGE L. SLADE, working foreman; 10 YEARS: HARRY B. BOYD, lineman; JOSEPH T. CLAYTOR, lineman; GARLIN E. HILL, JR., station man; JOHN E. WEAVER, auto repairman; 5 YEARS: MARGARET ANN BRADLEY, contract entry and final bill clerk.

**Cabin Creek Plant**—30 YEARS: WILLIAM L. NUHFER, chief electrician; 15 YEARS: D. D. CAMPBELL, boiler operator.

**Charleston District**—15 YEARS: GEORGE O. WATKINS, janitor; 10 YEARS: H. C. MOSLEY, truck driver-groundman; GUY M. KELLY, assistant Winfield hydro utility operator, Kanawha Valley Power Company; 5 YEARS: JACK E. JARRETT, Marmet hydro maintenance helper, Kanawha Valley Power Company.

**Huntington District**—20 YEARS: GORDON P. CHAIN, chief draftsman; 10 YEARS: JOHN B. BARTHOLOMEW, general serviceman; EDWARD C. BERRY, working foreman; WILLIAM H. HOLLEY, working foreman.

**Kanawha River Plant**—20 YEARS: W. J. BUCHANAN, JR., maintenance supervisor.

**Logan District**—10 YEARS: EUNICE FITZGIBBON, bookkeeper.  
**Lynchburg District**—35 YEARS: BAXTER MCINTOSH, meter supervisor; 20 YEARS: GLOVER L. STAPLES, line foreman; JACOB T. HILL, JR., R/w agent; 15 YEARS: AGNES L. DILLARD, contract clerk.

**Point Pleasant District**—20 YEARS: W. C. GILMOUR, district personnel supervisor; 10 YEARS: P. F. RAIRDEN, R/w agent; C. W. JEWELL, area serviceman; FRED M. SIMMONS, cashier clerk.

**Pulaski District**—20 YEARS: A. E. LEMONS, dealer sales representative; C. A. KIDD, working foreman; 15 YEARS: R. E. LOWE, lineman; 10 YEARS: J. L. MARSHALL, JR., heating and builder sales representative.

**Roanoke District**—30 YEARS: H. R. MILLER, division payroll supervisor; 20 YEARS: S. S. SNIDOW, auto repairman; 10 YEARS: R. E. SLAYDON, area sales representative; JEWELL C. RAMSEY, payroll clerk; 5 YEARS: R. J. JARRETT, power sales engineer; PATTY B. PARKEY, home service representative.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—5 YEARS: GEORGE A. HOUT, JR., chemist assistant; CHARLES D. KENNEDY, helper.

**System**—30 YEARS: R. S. HICKS, lead draftsman, R/e & R/w; 20 YEARS: N. G. MARSHALL, head of general books section, system accounting; H. E. ELKINS, system station operator; 5 YEARS: H. R. BALL, head addressograph operator.

**Williamson District**—15 YEARS: LEROY HAIRSTON, janitor; 5 YEARS: RUFUS MEADE, lineman.

### Kentucky Power Company

**Ashland District**—30 YEARS: R. A. MACOMB, district commercial manager.

**Hazard District**—20 YEARS: RUSSELL MUNCY, distribution engineer.

**Pikeville District**—10 YEARS: CLAUDE JUSTICE, area sales representative; VICTOR COLEMAN, meter reader.

### Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

20 YEARS: CECIL C. McCLELLAN, truck driver-groundman; 10 YEARS: M. C. SIMPSON, commercial manager.

## AGE Annual Report Wins Merit Award

A Merit Award has been presented AGE for its 1956 Annual Report by *Financial World* magazine.

With this citation, AGE's 50th Anniversary Annual Report automatically qualifies as a candidate for the coveted "Oscar of Industry" trophies presented each October by the magazine. The 1955 and 1954 AGE annual reports won the Bronze Oscar of Industry, while the 1953, 1952 and 1948 reports won Merit Awards.

The Merit Award states that AGE's annual report "was judged as among the most modern from the standpoint of content, typography and format of the 5,000 annual reports examined during 1957."

## Mullens Crewmen Complete First Aid

The Mullens line crew of the Bluefield district is another group convinced that action speaks louder than words. Recently, the entire crew was presented certificates for completing the Standard First Aid Training Course sponsored by the American Red Cross.

Instructions included ten two-hour periods of instructions, applications and emergency treatments. Pole top resuscitation also absorbed a part of the linemen's training.

Employees completing the training were: C. F. Mundy, C. S. Bowling, Elmer Hash, E. E. Gragg, S. F. Litteral, J. E. Chapman, A. G. Ferrell, C. G. Smith, C. L. Farley and R. A. Runion. Okey C. Glover served as instructor.

## L. W. Bates Earns 40-Year Emblem



**Mr. Bates**

L. W. Bates, assistant Bluefield division manager, completed 40 years of Service July 15.

He joined the company that day in 1917 at Bluefield as a meterman. He has been automatic substation inspector, relay engineer, power sales engineer and Bluefield district manager, and was promoted to his present position September 1, 1951.

He is director and vice president of the Bank of Graham in Bluefield, Va., director of the Commercial Bank of Bluefield, W. Va., a past member of the board of governors of the Bluefield Country Club, and a member of the University Club, the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce, the West Virginia-Virginia Chamber of Commerce, and the Pocahontas Electrical & Mechanical Institute. He is also a member of the board of stewards of the First Methodist Church of Bluefield, Va. and is a former mayor of that town.

Mr. Bates is married and has two daughters.

## Odd Fellows Elect Layne To Key Post

Milford Layne, a member of the Pikeville engineering department, has been elected chief patriarch of the S. Marion Cecil Encampment, No.

105, Pikeville. The post is one of the highest elective offices within the Odd Fellows Lodge encampment.

In recent years, Mr. Layne has served as Noble Grand, secretary, and District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. He has been extremely active in lodge affairs for more than twenty years.

Milford was employed in the Pikeville stores department in 1943 and promoted to the engineering department in 1951. Mr. Layne and his wife are the parents of one daughter.

## Charleston Area Men To Teach First Aid



Nine men from Charleston district and Cabin Creek, Kanawha River and Philip Sporn plants are now qualified first aid instructors, completing a 15-hour course. At right Clifford Picklesimer, Charleston engineering, "instructs" on poisonous snakes. Each man was given an assignment to teach the others, just as if he was instructing a regular class. Various methods of teaching were also demonstrated. Standing in the rear, from left, are W. S.

Kitchen, system safety supervisor and class instructor, and John C. Frazier, Charleston district safety supervisor. Seated from left are: Ralph Gibbs, Jr., Sporn; Kenneth Farley, Cabin Creek; Roy J. Rader, Sporn; W. L. Clay, Jr., Charleston; J. Carter Burnette and C. W. O'Daniels, Kanawha River; and Paul H. Parsons, Charleston. All men completed the standard and advanced first aid courses before going into this one.



## Two Giant Transformers Delivered To Site Of New Charleston Station Assistant Manager At Sporn Named



Patrolman Wayne Summerfield of the Charleston City Police prepares to clear the way as one of two giant transformers begins its journey to the site of the new Capitol Hill transmission station.

Two giant 45,000 kva transformers have been moved to the site as work progresses on the new \$650,000 Capitol Hill transmission station in Charleston.

The new station, which will step power down from 132,000 volts to 44,000 volts, is adjacent to the existing 44 kv switching station at Capitol Hill. The new station will serve the major portion of Charleston's residential and rural load and will supplement loads carried by the company's Turner, Chemical and Cabin Creek stations.

The two transformers have a combined weight of over 180 tons when fully assembled. Moving them from the railroad to the site created some problems. The main one was transportation of the units up a steep and winding hill to the site, but a heavy truck and other motor equipment got them there safely. Charleston police cleared streets leading to the station.

Two 132,000 volt breakers and other related equipment will also be installed at the station, which will be served from the recently completed Kanawha-Chemical 132 kv line.

L. T. Halstead Company, Inc., of St. Albans contracted for all grading

and foundation work, construction of 132 kv steel structures and placing of transformers on the foundation. The electrical work was contracted by the New River Construction Company of Roanoke. All work should be completed by October 1, a year from the starting date.

E. H. Gloss has been appointed assistant manager of Philip Sporn plant. He comes to Sporn from the position of supervisor of operations at the Kyger Creek plant of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation.

A native of New York, Mr. Gloss became associated with OVEC in September 1954 as operations supervisor at Kyger. Prior to OVEC employment he served in various engineering capacities at several generating stations of Ohio Edison Company.

He is a mechanical engineering graduate of Lehigh University in the class of 1948. He holds a professional engineers license in Ohio and is a charter member of the Gallipolis, O., Lions Club and a member of the Chamber of Commerce at Gallipolis. Mr. Gloss is married and has one child.



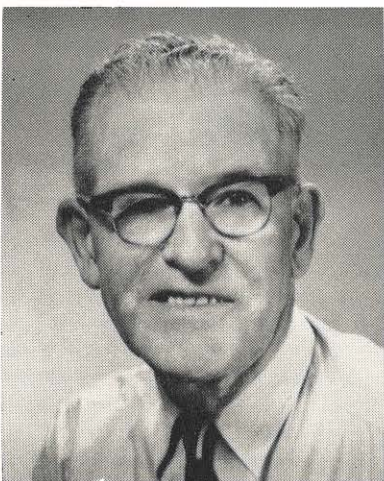
Mr. Gloss

## Hazard Switchyard In Full Operation



The Hazard switchyard is back in full operation. A 45,000 kva transformer, damaged in the flood January 29, has been returned to service after repairs by Westinghouse. Shown inspecting the transformer are Gaine Stidham, Hazard district superintendent, and Tom Old, system station. At right is another of the three transformers that make up the switchyard's 135,000 kva bank. Between the two, in the background, is a 15,000 kva mobile unit that was used while the damaged transformer was away for repairs.

## Plant Veteran Retires At Logan



Mr. Woody

Sammie W. Woody, Logan plant control operator, retired August 1 after more than 30 years' service.

He joined the company as an oiler at the plant March 20, 1927 and advanced to control operator July 1, 1944. Before joining Appalachian he was a mine foreman for a Logan coal firm and served on the Virginia State Police force.

During World War I he saw much action in Europe as an aerial photographer with the Army Air Force. He still pursues photography as a hobby and has many photos of early to Huntington where he will manage Logan plant history.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody plan to move his real estate.

## Goodwill Ambassadors

### Language No Barrier To Rosie Sandor In Contacting Foreign-Born Customers

The man was getting a little impatient. He had made a simple request, but the girl just couldn't seem to understand him.

Then another young lady came over and he repeated his request to her in his mixture of Italian and broken English. She smiled and replied that what he asked would be done, bringing smiles of relief to the faces of the man and the girl.

This scene took place in Montgomery in 1951 and has been repeated many times since. The young lady who understood the gentleman was Rosie Sandor, bookkeeper. And Rosie is Appalachian's ambassadress of goodwill to the many foreign-born customers who live in that area of the Charleston district.

Rosie's parents are Italian-born and she speaks the language fluently, as well as several foreign versions of broken English. Since she joined the company six years ago she has listened, explained and translated company business between Appalachian employees and customers who are separated by the language barrier.

In this way, according to Wesley Zinn, office manager, and Ronald Hively, area supervisor, she has rescued employees and customers alike from awkward situations and promoted goodwill with our customers. In this capacity she has gone on service calls with appliance servicemen, commercial representatives and accounting department collectors.

She believes one reason that relations sometimes get a bit strained between a foreign-born customer and an employee is that the foreigner feels the American should be able to understand him. In his native land he has heard much of this country and its high standards and sometimes attaches a sort of "superhuman" ability to Americans.

She laughingly illustrates her point



Breaking the language barrier between foreign-born customers and Montgomery employees is a job Rosie Sandor handles well. Here she talks to a customer for Wesley Zinn, office manager.

with an incident of a few years back. An immigrant with a long, complicated name got very indignant when one of the Montgomery employees asked him to spell it. "What! You go to school in America and can't even spell?" was his reply. Rosie was nearby and came to the rescue. Later when the customer left, his anger was gone.

Rosie was named for the birthplace of her parents, Rosa, Italy. They came here in 1919. At home all conversation is in Italian, and when Rosie and her brother and sister began school they couldn't speak a word of English. They learned quickly and "we did all right and we all made good grades," she proudly adds.

She was born with cataracts on both eyes and at age 16 had three operations. In the 10 months between them she was totally blind, but today, with the aid of glasses, has 20-20 vision. She admits she was despondent, but learned to appreciate things she had always taken for granted. This insight has proven valuable in her unofficial job as "interpreter."

The barrier of language between employees at Montgomery and a group of its customers is gone. Rosie Sandor has torn the barrier down, and in its place has built goodwill and harmony.

## Bluefield System Veteran Retires



Mr. Walk

Robert A. Walk, Jr., system transmission inspector in Bluefield, retired July 1 after 45 years of service.

A native of Max Meadows, Va., he attended schools there. He was employed by Appalachian on construction May 1, 1911. In 1919 he went to the Welch district as foreman of distribution. He then transferred to the system transmission line department as foreman in 1944 and became system transmission inspector in 1947.

Mr. Walk has played an important part in the construction of major lines. As inspector he worked on transmission lines in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

He is a 32d degree Mason, a Shriner and a member of the Trinity Methodist Church of Bluefield. Married, he has one daughter.

## Son Of Pulaski Man Wins Ocean Cruise

A way with words has won a two-week ocean cruise for 11-year-old Richard Ruble of the Pulaski district.

The son of Wayne Ruble, Christiansburg area serviceman, Richard's essay on the American Merchant Marine earned him a trip on the "M. S. Sabine Sun," a tanker of the Sun Oil Company. It began when Richard's class "adopted" the tanker as part of a nation-wide Adopt-A-Ship program sponsored by the Women's Organization of the AMM.

The Christiansburg children wrote to the ship for information and crew members became interested in the project. They offered to pay the way to Marcus Hook, Pa., their home port, for the best essay, while the company agreed to award a two-week cruise.



Richard Ruble

## AGE CORNER

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

### AGE System Operating Companies

#### Appalachian Electric Power Company

Vice President & General Manager.....G. L. Furr  
Vice President.....M. C. Funk  
Assistant General Manager.....R. E. Hodges

#### Indiana & Michigan Electric Company

Vice President & General Manager.....C. V. Sorenson  
Vice President & Assistant General Manager.....R. E. Doyle  
Vice President & Division Manager.....Arnold Hogan

#### Kentucky Power Company

Vice President & General Manager.....F. M. Baker  
Assistant General Manager.....W. S. LaFon

#### Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

Vice President & General Manager.....J. E. Wright  
Assistant General Manager.....C. J. Bryan

#### Ohio Power Company

Vice President & General Manager.....A. N. Prentice  
Assistant General Manager.....G. V. Patterson

#### Wheeling Electric Company

Vice President & General Manager.....R. R. Jewell  
Assistant General Manager.....W. J. Stewart



# Dependable Service To Customers Continuous With Help Of Employees Who Work At Night



An electric utility is not just an eight-hour a day operation. We operate 24 hours a day to provide dependable electric service to our customers.

For that reason the night force takes over where the day force leaves off in our plants and districts. These employees who work at night keep electricity flowing to the homes, industries and businesses and hospitals in our territory.

At the plants electricity is generated 24 hours a day. Employees of Philip Sporn plant, who help illustrate night operations in the pictures below, do some work that cannot be done during the day. Twenty-three employees operate the plant at night—13 operating, seven shift maintenance and two coal handling employees and a guard. Equipment is prepared for the next day's load and routine maintenance is performed.

In the district, the number of employees working at night is also less than during the day. At Beckley, shown in the pictures, employees are on duty to make sure the power generated at plants is carried to the customer.

All this means dependable service, any time, day or night. The jobs illustrated are some of the many operations in our companies carried on at night.



Demand for electricity slacks off at night when the majority of our customers are asleep. Here, at Philip Sporn plant, these employees in the control room are reducing the load on the units for this night curtailment. They are from left: William Wentzell, control operator; D. A. Cadle, auxiliary equipment operator; and Clarence Tennant, shift operating engineer.

**Lynchburg:** The offices of the General Electric Company's rectifier department have been moved to the new multi-million dollar plant, where 262 persons are now employed. Employment is expected to reach 1,000 by late fall.

**Logan:** Ground has been broken in Logan for a new \$500,000 building to house the dial exchange of the C&P Telephone Company. This is part of an overall conversion program in the area to cost an estimated \$6½ million.

**Charleston:** Carbide & Carbon Chemicals Company has announced it will construct another giant multi-million dollar chemical plant about midway between St. Albans and Winfield. Completion of the unit is set for 1960 and approximately 500 people will be employed.

**Huntington:** Construction has started on a \$1.8-million expansion at the West Virginia Works, Connors Steel Division of the H. K. Porter Company.

**Huntington:** General Metals Corporation has announced that its entire industrial production, now located in Burbank, Calif., will be moved to Huntington.

## White And Bondurant Elected To Chamber Posts In Abingdon

Two Abingdon employees, James B. White and Rufus M. Bondurant, recently were elected to offices of the Abingdon Chamber of Commerce. White, commercial manager, was elected president while Bondurant, district superintendent, became treasurer.



Mr. White

Prior to the annual organizational meeting, White served the Chamber as vice president and also as chairman of the Industrial Development Committee. He is a director of the Rotary Club and a deacon of the Sinking Springs Presbyterian Church. First employed by Appalachian at Pulaski in 1938, he worked in the Abingdon district from 1949 to 1952. Following a transfer to Bluefield, he returned to Abingdon as commercial manager in 1954.

## Modern Ohio River Towboat Christened The 'Philip Sporn'

The newest towboat in the Ohio River Valley has been named "Philip Sporn," in honor of the president of AGE and of our companies.

In ceremonies at Jeffersonville, Ind., July 5, Mrs. Sporn christened the modern towboat, which then joined the large fleet of American Barge Line Company to help move nearly 7-million tons of freight handled annually by the company on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers and tributaries. The boat was built by Jeffersonville Boat and Machine Company, American Barge subsidiary.

Speakers at the christening included Homer B. Capehart, senior senator from Indiana, Thruston Morton, junior senator from Kentucky, Patrick Calhoun, Jr., president of American Barge Line, and Mr. Sporn. Mark Ethridge, publisher of the *Louisville Courier-Journal and Times*, was master of ceremonies.



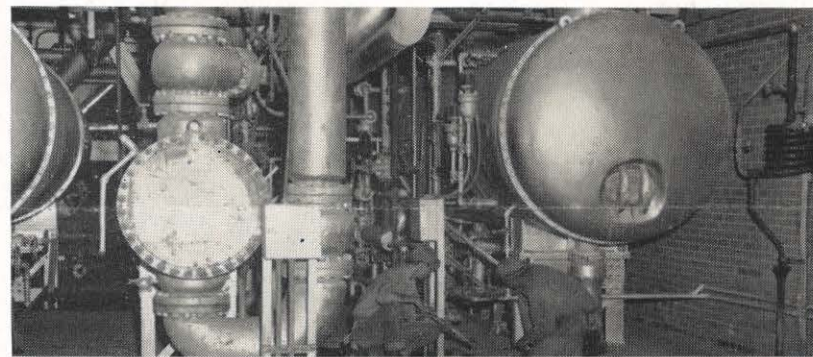
LEFT: William R. Dean, assistant control operator, makes a routine inspection of a turbine, helping meet the nighttime demand for electric power.



MIDDLE: Two coal handlers work at night to operate the conveyors and trippers which supply coal to the plant from the coal storage area. Here



RIGHT: John A. Bryant, guard, is on night duty at Sporn to protect the plant and property. His night watch at the plant is a lonely but important one.



Repairs are often made at night when the load is reduced, making some equipment available for tests and repairs. Seven shift maintenance men are on duty at Sporn to handle emergency repairs and routine testing and repair work. LEFT: Roger L. Walker, helper, and Charles B. Cornwell,



master maintenance man, are making routine repairs on an evaporator. RIGHT: Paul Stewart, maintenance man, and Glen Rouch, helper, make emergency repairs on a sootblower so it can be returned to service in time for the next day's load.



Line crews, servicemen and dispatchers are on duty in the district around the clock to help bring "continuity of service." In Beckley, a recent storm brought line trouble, and employees went out into the night to restore service. This job is just one of many performed at night in our companies. LEFT: Dispatcher Harry K. Evans, T&D clerk, receives the customer call about the trouble and relays the information to the serviceman. MIDDLE:



Serviceman E. A. Berginnis locates the trouble spot and prepares to climb a pole to restore service. He has talked with the dispatcher and with line supervisor W. E. Mitchell, who gives him additional information about the locality, and has put on his safety and climbing gear. At this point he plans the job ahead. RIGHT: On the pole Mr. Berginnis, with the night sky a backdrop, opens the cut-out housing with his switch stick and replaces a fuse. Lights go on in the nearby house and another night emergency job is completed.



LEFT: Company vehicles, so important to the operation of our companies, don't see the use at night they do in the day. So Beckley's transportation department is a behive of activity as night falls. Robert L. Burnam, left, and Marshall E. Weikle make necessary repairs to one of many vehicles they service and repair for the next day's operations. RIGHT: Telephone



switchboards in the company are open 24 hours a day. Here Rose Moore, PBX operator, does some paper work as she attends the switchboard, taking trouble calls and relaying information to the public. The employees in these pictures, and many others, keep our districts and plants on its 24-hour-a-day operation, providing dependable electric service to our customers.



## Pearisburg Is New Accounting Office; E. A. Jackson Named Local Supervisor



Earl A. Jackson, Jr., new local office supervisor at Pearisburg, seated, goes over the new accounting office's records with Henry Compton and Sally Litz.

Customer accounting records for the Giles-Monroe area have been moved from the Bluefield district office to Pearisburg, which now becomes a full accounting office.

With the move Earl A. Jackson, Jr., head bookkeeper at Bluefield, was promoted to local office supervisor at Pearisburg. Working with him will be Henry Compton, contract clerk, and Sally Litz, cashier-clerk.

Mr. Jackson was born in Cleveland, Va. and attended early schools there and in Grundy. He attended high school at Iaeger and college at Concord College in Athens, W. Va., where he majored in business. He was employed by the company in June 1948.

He is a member of the Christian Church and was vice president of the Princeton Junior Chamber of Commerce. He has also been treasurer of the Jaycees. He served in the Air Force from 1943 to 1946 and lists as his hobbies tennis, hunt-

ing and fishing. He is married and has one daughter.

## Bluefield Girl Gets Diploma With Class Despite Polio Attack

Joan Gail Doss' desire for an education has not been suppressed, despite a crippling attack of polio.



Joan Doss

The daughter of J. B. Doss, system transmission general foreman in Bluefield, Joan graduated from high school with her class despite the fact she did not go to school with them two of the past four

years. Polio hit her in August 1953 and although she spent much time in the hospital she graduated from junior high that year with her class.

She spent her sophomore and junior years with her class at Beaver High School, but this past year underwent a knee operation that kept her from attending classes. Instead, she went to Ramsey School, a special school set up for handicapped children, and had home instruction.

Exam time came recently and Joan passed with flying colors. What about the future? She took business classes in high school, and wants to go on to business college. She also is interested in physical therapy training. A recent feature article in a Bluefield newspaper described Joan's courage and determination.

## "Washilator"



Charlie Pierce, Pearisburg lineman of Bluefield District, uses the "Washilator" in cleaning lime off 33 kv insulators. This is a major task for linemen as insulators must be changed at lime plant substations every few months due to excessive deposits. The "Washilator," an unusual combination of two scrap washers and an inventive nature, was brought into service by D. R. Whittaker, area supervisor. The machine is rigged so the agitator and the wringing mechanisms rotate or turn attached insulators during the cleaning operation. With the "Washilator," insulators are soaked in the tub, scraped and wire-brushed on the attachments.

## Switchback Veteran Retires



Mr. Bailey

Thomas L. Bailey, system working foreman at Switchback in the Welch district, retired July 1 after 30 years' service.

He was employed April 27, 1927 as an electrician's helper and has worked as station supervisor, chief operator and station superintendent. Eight of his service years were spent at the Danville station.

Born in Rustburg July 7, 1892, he attended schools there. A veteran of World War I, he is a member of the Bramwell American Legion, the Bramwell Methodist Church and is a third degree Mason. He is married and has two sons. One of them, James, is a meter reader in Pocahontas.

A retirement dinner was held in his honor recently by employees and he was presented a .22 Marlin rifle, a sport shirt and a bond. He and his wife plan to move to Lynchburg.

# Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

## Appalachian Electric Power Company

### Abingdon District

I. H. MACE from lineman C to junior T&D clerk; K. K. NIPPER from junior T&D clerk to groundman.

### Beckley District

JAMES A. KIRBY from meterman C to junior T&D clerk; CHESTER E. PATE from station man helper to station man C; HARRY A. WILTON, JR., from appliance serviceman B to engineering aide; LUCILLE G. WISEMAN from junior clerk to junior cashier; DWIGHT H. WILLIAMS from junior T&D clerk to appliance serviceman B.

### Bluefield District

JOHN E. GOBBLE, JR., from office messenger, district accounting, to tracer, division engineering; FRANCES KELLER from personnel stenographer to managerial secretarial-stenographer; WILBUR L. SLUSS from lineman C to lineman B; C. E. WYSOR from meter serviceman B to meter serviceman A.

### Charleston District

BILLY CHASE from groundman to lineman C; L. E. DUFF from meter service helper to meterman C; BOB SELBE from division axman to district groundman; GEORGE SHAWVER from junior clerk to meter reading clerk; BETTY RAYMOND from clerk-typist to authorization clerk.

### Huntington District

MARY G. MYERS from accounting junior clerk to division junior payroll clerk.

### Logan Plant

NORMAN T. DIAL from utility man to mechanical maintenance helper; EMIL HALL, JR., from utility man to mechanical maintenance helper.

### Lynchburg District

RAYMOND O. WITT from groundman to meter service helper.

### Point Pleasant District

S. E. SAUNDERS from lineman B to lineman A.

### Pulaski District

L. C. ANGLE, JR., from power sales engineer to electrical engineer; A. B. CORELL from truck driver-groundman to senior meter clerk; J. M. CUSTER from lineman B to lineman A; M. D. SHARP from senior cashier clerk to senior general clerk; C. H. WIRT from truck driver-groundman to lineman; B. B. McCALL from electrical engineer to power sales engineer.

### Welch District

OTHO KARL MANN from junior merchandise order and billing clerk to senior merchandise order and billing clerk; SALLY L. SUTHERLAND from junior clerk to clerk-typist.

### Williamson District

PEGGY FRANCIS from accounting junior clerk to T&D engineering clerk-stenographer; BILLY WILLIAMS from groundman to meter service helper.

## Kentucky Power Company

### Ashland District

DONALD G. BOLNER from meter serviceman B to meter serviceman A.

## Ohio State Presents Degree To Philip Sporn

Philip Sporn, president of AGE and of our companies, has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by Ohio State University.

The degree was presented Mr. Sporn in ceremonies by the school's new president, Dr. Novice G. Fawcett.

## Three Employees Write Articles For Magazine

One Ashland and two system men had articles in the June 15 issue of *Electric Light and Power*.

Gene Moore, Ashland general foreman wrote "Tool Losses Can Be Prevented." And E. F. Johnston, administrative assistant, and J. G. Willhide, engineering draftsman, both of system operating, wrote "Graphic Chart Interpolator Saves Time."

## Three Promoted At Logan Plant, Clinch River



Mr. Babinetz

Mr. Jessee

W. G. Matthews, Jr., Logan plant engineer, has been promoted to supervisor of operations at Appalachian's new Clinch River plant.

He is succeeded as Logan plant engineer by Michael Babinetz, Logan plant results engineer. Arthur N. Jessee, test engineer, has moved up to results engineer.

Mr. Matthews will spend several months in New York with the AGE

Service Corporation engineering department assisting in operational studies and manual preparation before going to Clinch River. He came to Logan plant in July 1951 as results engineer.



Mr. Matthews

A native of Wachapreague, Va., he is a mechanical engineering graduate of VPI. During World War II he served in the Coast Guard and was production manager for the Electro Plastic Fabrics Company in Pulaski for a year before joining Appalachian. He is an active York Rite Mason, a Kiwanian and a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Matthews is married.

Mr. Babinetz, new Logan plant engineer, joined the plant in 1954 as test engineer. A graduate of West Virginia University School of Mechanical Engineering, he spent two years with the Creole Oil Corp. in Venezuela.

A native of New Salem, Pa., he served with the Navy during World War II. He is a member of the Catholic Church and the VFW and is an Elk.


Mr. Jessee, new results engineer, was employed in the Lynchburg district in 1955 as an electrical engineer and transferred to the plant as test engineer in October 1956. He is a native of Swissvale, Pa. and graduated with an electrical engineering degree in 1955 from the University of Virginia.

Mr. Jessee served with the Merchant Marines during World War II and with the Army during the Korean War. Married and the father of two sons and a daughter, he is a member of the Logan Episcopal Church and is a Mason.

## Eastern Still Leads In AGE Safety Contest

Kanawha River plant is fourth and Kingsport fifth at the halfway point of the 1957 AGE Division Safety Contest.

Roanoke division ranks sixth, Logan plant ninth and Bluefield division tenth according to the standings June 30. Ohio's Eastern division continues in first place with 1,899,484 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury. Ohio's Philo and Muskingum River plants rank second and third.



### Box Score Of ALL-Electric Homes

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

	Employees	Customers	Total
Appalachian	175	946	1121
Kentucky	23	67	90
Kingsport	22	1691	1713
<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>2704</b>	<b>2924</b>



## Weeds, Flowers, Cones, Other Field Items Used In Plaque-Making Hobby



Mrs. Carl H. Murray, Jr., displays some of the decorative wall plaques she made from weeds, flowers and other field products.

Mrs. Carl H. Murray, Jr., of Point Pleasant has found a way to make use of some types of weeds. She uses weeds, as well as wild flowers and other materials, to make decorative wall plaques.

The wife of the Point Pleasant line inspector says that she finds her plaque-making hobby to be interesting, entertaining and inexpensive.

"All I have to do is go into the woods and the fields around Point Pleasant and get most of the material for the plaques," she explains. "I use almost anything I can find—different weeds, flowers, pine cones, hazelnuts, sycamore balls and the pods from the Japanese Iris."

Mrs. Murray says that the material can be gathered either in a green or a dry state. If the flowers or weeds are gathered green, they must be dried before using them. Each piece of material is shellacked after it is cleaned. After the shellacking it is mounted to the board with glue. Some of the material may have to be weighed down while it is drying on the board.

Mrs. Murray says, "One of the

more interesting phases of the hobby is in making the design. Sometimes I have a design in mind before I start, but generally I just start and make the design as I go along. It generally turns out better that way."

Mrs. Murray has a ready market for her plaques, but most of the plaques she has made have been given to friends and relatives.

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE Electric Industry

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

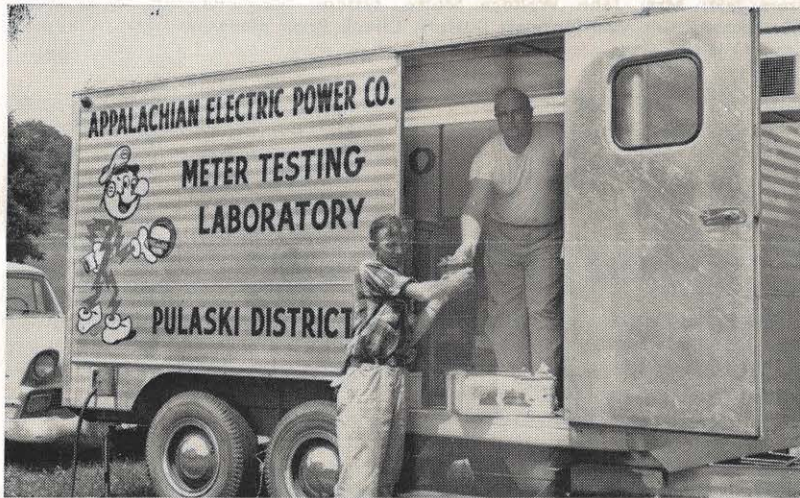
**Summer School:** The Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute is pushing the air conditioning of schools. The objective is to permit all-year use and thus mitigate the shortage of classrooms.

**Lighting A Century:** A lamp that is expected to burn over 100 years has been made by General Electric Company. A replica of Edison's first practical lamp, it is no bargain in actual light output per penny when compared with the efficiency of ordinary bulbs.

**Cool Colors:** Room air conditioners are now coming in color to match room decor. Some of them are cloud pink, jonquil yellow, bitter-sweet red, desert tan, pine green and mist gray.

**Drive-In Comfort:** A drive-in theatre at Timonium, Md., has found a way to keep open the entire year. It has secured 800 individual electric heaters which can be placed inside patrons' cars. Theft is prevented by a warning that the heaters operate on 400 volts and that the current is always left on until the last car has left.

## New Meter Lab Operates In Pulaski



Paul T. Gress, left, and G. R. Smith, Jr., metermen, make use of the new mobile meter testing laboratory in the Pulaski district. The trailer was purchased stripped down, and equipment installed inside it. M. M. Stambaugh did most of the installation work. Completely modern in every respect, the lab resembles ones already in operation in the Logan, Charleston, Huntington and Pikeville districts. Two men test between 30 and 50 meters a day, stopping in an area and testing all the meters there before moving on. One man removes the meters, brings them in and returns them after the other has tested them. Equipment in the trailer includes the testing equipment, air conditioning units, extra parts for meters and many other pieces of machinery and equipment.

### Article By System Man Is In 'Electrical World'

An article by A. G. Thornton, Jr., system electronics engineer, appeared in the June 24 issue of *Electrical World*.

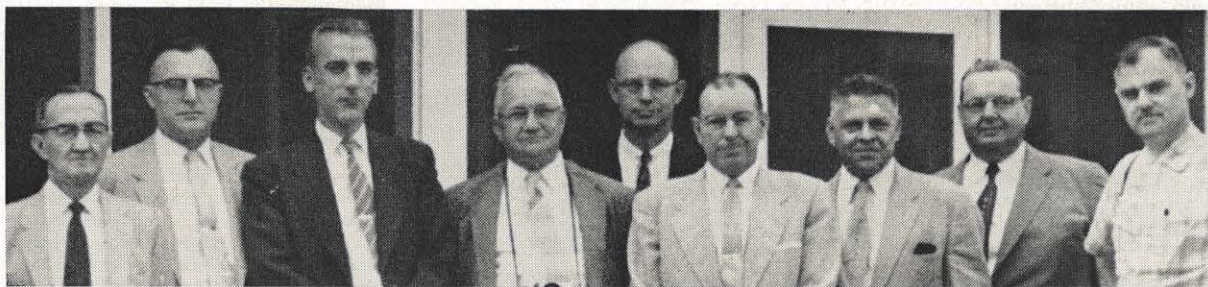
Entitled "Grid-Dip Oscillator Helps Tune Line Traps," the article is illustrated with drawings and pictures, and appears in the "How To" section.

### Sporn Employee Writes Article For Magazine

An article by J. H. Grimes, Philip Sporn plant shift operating engineer, appeared in the July 8 issue of *Electrical World*.

Entitled "Cooler Backwashing Method Is Saver," the article appeared in the "How To" section of the magazine.

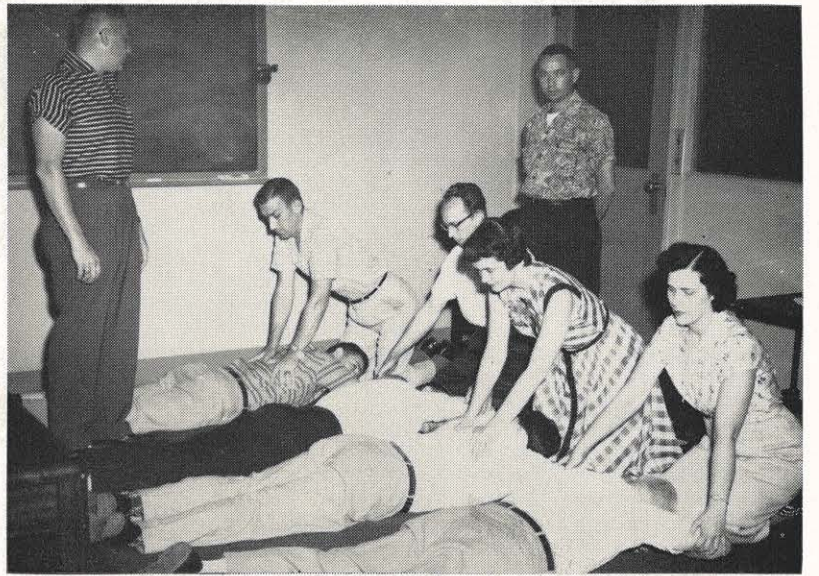
## System Coordinating Group Visits Claytor



A tour of the Claytor hydro plant and lake was on the agenda when the AGE System Coordinating Group held a recent meeting in Roanoke. These men are responsible for coordinating the power distribution of the entire system. Shown are from left: H. E. McCormack, Appalachian; E. S. Miller, Indiana & Michigan; A. H. Willenar, AGE in Columbus, O.; K. H. Kindelberger, Ohio Power;

J. W. Kepner, Appalachian; R. N. Fitch, AGE in New York; G. H. McDaniel, AGE in New York; J. J. Armstrong, Appalachian; and J. A. Ebeling, Appalachian. The group also visited Graham Claytor, retired AGE vice president, who lives near the lake. Mr. Claytor, who took this picture, and Mr. McCormack were hosts to the group during the tour.

## Williamson Employees Finish First Aid



Twenty-six Williamson district employees recently received certificates after completing the standard first aid course. Instructors for the course were H. W. Cerrato, C. L. Miller and R. L. Carpenter. Part of the class is shown in the photo above. From the left are: standing, H. W. Cerrato, "victims" Price Copley, Ford Muncy, Eddie Herald, and H. A. Cross, Jr. Rendering aid are: C. R. Wilson, Jr., M. A. Cole, Helen Honaker, and Florence Murphy. Standing at the right is C. L. Miller, instructor. Other members of the class were: A. O. Hatfield, Harold Akers, W. H. King, B. J. Oney, C. H. Ward, B. J. Barbour, Eddie Solovey, L. W. Justice, Monroe Hall, Cecil Ball, Thurman Ball, George Boothe, Jr., Jay E. Runyon, Ira Conn, E. J. Clouser, Moir P. Nowlin, Henry D. Hatfield and Don E. Hatfield.

## Employees Receive Retirement Report

Employees have received the second annual report of the AGE System Retirement Plan.

The report shows there were 11,052 members of the plan at the end of 1956. Last year the participating companies contributed \$4,588,912 to the Retirement Trust while the members contributed \$1,853,939. Thus, the contributions of the participating companies were about two and one-half times those of the members.

A total of \$197,771 was paid in benefits last year. Total assets at the end of the year were \$10,829,979.

A report on the plan along with the complete financial statement are in the booklet given to each member.

## Bluefielder's Son Earns MD Degree

Robert G. Moseley has received his MD degree and BS in medicine from the Duke University.

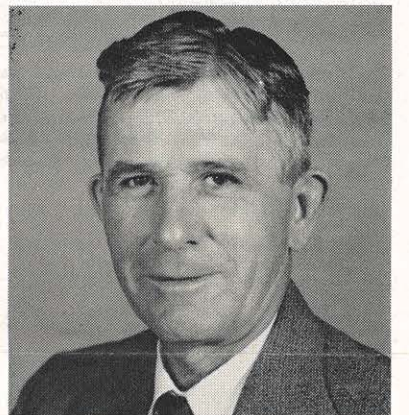


Dr. Moseley

The son of Mrs. Lena Moseley, Bluefield home service representative, he also received an award from the Borden Manufacturing Company for his research work in medicine the past two years. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, he will intern at Duke Hospital. He attended the Exeter, N. J., Academy prior to enrolling at Duke.

His father, now dead, was a former Bluefield division commercial manager.

## Charleston Vet Dies In Texas



Mr. Thompson

Clarence V. Thompson, 58, veteran Charleston station foreman, died July 12 at a Houston, Texas, hospital where he had undergone surgery for a heart condition.

Mr. Thompson was born at Wanago, W. Va., May 12, 1899. He joined the company in 1924 as an electrician and in 1946 was promoted to station man. He became station foreman in 1954. He worked for Westinghouse Electric Corp. and the Virginia Power Company before joining Appalachian.

In World War I he served two years with the Army Infantry as an equipment mechanic, and was a member of the John Brawley Post of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, four step-sons, two step-daughters, two sisters and two grandchildren.

## Employee's Son Gets BS And MA Degrees

Graduating with honors, Cordestal McGraw has received his BS and MA degrees in psychology from Marshall College.

The son of L. D. McGraw, Beckley line foreman, Cordestal completed requirements for the BS in January and the MA in May, receiving both at the same time. He also holds an ABA degree in business administration from Beckley College and plans further study for his doctorate at the University of Kentucky. He is married and has one child.



Cordestal McGraw

## 'Notes' Carries Two Ideas Of Appalachian Men



Mr. Buchanan

Mr. Brust

Articles by three Appalachian employees appeared in the July 1957 issue of AGE's *Monthly Operating Notes*.

"Valve Replacements Saved Time, Money" was written by W. J. Buchanan, Jr., Kanawha River plant maintenance supervisor. He describes the use of ball valves rather than plug valves to control the sluicing nozzles along the bottoms of ash hoppers. Substitution of this type valve has resulted in lower initial cost, longer life, less maintenance and greater ease of operation.

Two system double test engineers, V. W. Brust and J. H. Campbell, were co-authors of "Testing Hot-Line Tools With Moisture Register." In a three-page article they review the use of a moisture register for testing hot line tools, tracing their experience with this method and giving the conclusions they have reached.



# Sixteen Couples United In Marriage



Married in recent weeks are those persons shown above. **FIRST ROW**, from left: Mrs. Douglas A. Martin, Fieldale; Mrs. Vernon Russel Wilson, Jr., Logan; Mrs. Russell G. McDonald, Cabin Creek plant; Mrs. James A. Hypes, Charleston; and Mrs. William McDonald Humbert, Roanoke. **SECOND ROW** from left: Mrs. Donald Lasley, Clinch River plant; Mrs. W. Preston Horton,

Welch; Mrs. Paul Don Samples, Kanawha River plant; Mrs. Larry Joe Keefer, Philip Sporn plant; and Mrs. Eugene Lawson King, Williamson. **THIRD ROW** from left: Mrs. John Wallace Stultz, system; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chase, Charleston; Mrs. Charles Scott Butters, Clinch River plant; and Mrs. Claude I. Lane, Welch.

### Lindsey-Butters

Mrs. Jean Lindsey was married June 22 to Charles Scott Butters at the Abingdon Baptist Church. Mr. Butters is a Clinch River plant accounting clerk.

### Wertz-Stultz

Alva Jean Wertz and John Wallace Stultz were united in marriage June 28 at the Oak Grove Church of the Brethren in Roanoke. Mrs. Stultz is a system accounting employee.

### Bowman-Humbert

Elizabeth Ann Bowman became the bride of William McDonald Humbert June 29 at the Williamson Road Church of the Brethren in Roanoke. Mrs. Humbert is the daughter of F. E. Bowman, assistant Roanoke district residential and rural sales supervisor.

### Nickels-King

A double ring ceremony performed in the First Baptist Church at Gate City, Va., June 2, united Rachel Alese Nickels and Eugene Lawson King. He is the son of E. E. King, Williamson district superintendent.

### Edwards-Lasley

Billie Edwards and Donald Lasley were married June 22 in a ceremony performed in Bristol, Va. Mr. Lasley is a guard at Clinch River plant.

### Burner-McDonald

Barbara Kay Burner was married to Russell G. McDonald July 4 at the Hampton Baptist Church in East Bank. Mrs. McDonald is the daughter of C. B. Burner, Cabin Creek plant personnel supervisor.

### Blankenship-Lane

A double ring ceremony performed June 15 in Kimball united Janice Blankenship and Claude I. Lane. Mr. Lane is a Welch meter reader.

### Gross-Horton

Peggy Gross and W. Preston Horton were married June 1 at the First Presbyterian Church in Northfork. Mr. Horton is a Welch T&D clerk.

### Pritt-Samples

Marriage vows were exchanged by Dorothy Fay Pritt and Paul Don Samples in the Chelyan Methodist Church July 10. Mrs. Samples is a Kanawha River plant clerk.

### Stephens-Chase

The Hometown Methodist Church was the scene June 9 for the wedding of Opal Stephens and Bill Chase. Mr. Chase is a Charleston lineman.

### Fife-Keefer

Myrtle Marie Fife and Larry Joe Keefer were united in marriage in a ceremony performed in the bride's home in Cheshire, O., July 4. Mrs. Keefer is a clerk at Philip Sporn Plant.

### Stidham-Wilson

Dolores Jean Stidham became the bride of Vernon Russel Wilson, Jr., July 6 at the Lebanon Memorial Methodist Church. Mrs. Wilson is a local accounting clerk-stenographer in Logan.

### Withrow-Hypes

Marriage vows were exchanged in the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints in Charleston June 28 uniting Janet Withrow and James A. Hypes. Mrs. Hypes is a Charleston stores clerk-typist.

### Ramsey-Martin

Betty Faye Ramsey became the bride of Douglas A. Martin June 24 in a ceremony performed in Chesterfield, S. C. Mr. Martin is a T&D clerk in Fieldale.

## Eight Welch Girls Learn Cooking Art

Eight daughters of Welch employees have earned certificates for completing the "Sugar an' Spice" cooking course.

It was conducted by Marilyn Lackey, summer student home service representative, and on the last day mothers of the girls were invited to a lunch prepared by their daughters. Each of the girls told of some part of the course.

Earning certificates were Linda, daughter of O. R. Nunnery, meterman; Sarah, daughter of William Chaffins, area sales representative; Francene, daughter of Fred Adams, line inspector; Carolyn, daughter of J. B. Rhudy, meterman; Peggy and Patty, daughters of W. C. Groseclose, administrative assistant; Norma, daughter of John and Helen Vermillion, working foreman and PBX operator; and Carol Ann, daughter of L. J. Mills, lineman.

## Abingdon Girl Earns College Scholarship

Valedictorian of her graduating class, Nancy Clatterbuck has been awarded a college scholarship.

The daughter of W. B. Clatterbuck, Abingdon lineman, she was top student at Cleveland High School and in Russell County. For the latter, she was awarded educational funds by the trustee of the Kate Brawley Scholarship, and will attend Lee's McRae College this fall.

Last year she was president of the Student Council, president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and secretary of her church.



Nancy Clatterbuck

## Leading Girl Scouts Is Busy Job



There's no such thing as spare time when you're in charge of a Girl Scout Troop. Just ask Helen Fitzwater, top, Montgomery home economist of the Charleston district, and Juanita Hively, bottom, wife of Ronald Hively, Montgomery area supervisor. Helen is showing Beverley Mooney and Stacie Shumate of her Falls View Troop 39 how to make cookies—electrically. She "adopted" the troop after she gave them a cooking demonstration. She learned they were losing their leader, and when the girls begged her to take the troop she consented. She enjoys the work, "but it sure keeps me busy." Juanita, shown discussing plants with Karen Fragle, Vicki Lucci and Carolyn Poff, took over troop 5 in January. A former secretarial-stenographer in the coal procurement office, she worked in Charleston from 1949 to 1956, when her husband went to Montgomery. She too, enjoys working with Girl Scouts.

## New Arrivals

**Abingdon**  
MR. AND MRS. T. J. OVERBAY, a daughter, Sharon Kay, July 13. Mr. Overbay is a lineman.

**Beckley**  
MR. AND MRS. R. L. MCGRAW, a daughter, Donna Lee, July 9. Mr. McGraw is employed in T&D meter.

**Cabin Creek Plant**  
MR. AND MRS. J. R. TRAIL, a daughter, Donna Kay, June 27. Mr. Trail is a mechanical maintenance helper.

**Charleston**  
MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM D. GRIMMETT, a son, Timothy John, June 20. Mr. Grimmett is a Montgomery groundman.  
MR. AND MRS. HAROLD MONK, a daughter, Helen Elaine, May 4. Mr. Monk is a meter service helper.

**Fieldale**  
MR. AND MRS. A. L. BRADSHAW, a son, Charles Howard, July 12. Mr. Bradshaw is a meterman.  
MR. AND MRS. M. W. BROWN, a son, Geoffrey Joseph, July 16. Mr. Brown is local office manager.  
MR. AND MRS. W. R. NAFF, a daughter, Mitzie Kay, June 25. Mr. Naff is a dealer sales representative.

**Hazard**  
MR. AND MRS. BURCHELL RIDDLE, a son, Larry Edward, July 7.  
MR. AND MRS. WESLEY YONTS, a son, Charles Glenn, July 9.

**Huntington**  
MR. AND MRS. JAMES F. WELLMAN, JR., a son, James Clinton, June 25. Mr. Wellman is employed in the district commercial department.

**Kanawha River Plant**  
MR. AND MRS. E. M. PELL, a son, Emerson Marvin, Jr., July 2.

**Logan**  
MR. AND MRS. WAYNE WARREN, a son, David Lee, July 1. Mr. Warren is head material clerk.

**Logan Plant**  
MR. AND MRS. ROBERT L. CARTER, a son, George Williams, July 5. Mr. Carter is a chemist.

**Pikeville**  
MR. AND MRS. GARNIE EDMONDS, a daughter, Rebecca Lynn, June 22. Mr. Edmonds is a station man.

**Philip Sporn Plant**  
MR. AND MRS. GILBERT C. HART, a son, Monty Rea, July 9. Mr. Hart is a tractor operator.

## They're Engaged

MARY MARGARET ROWE to Donald E. Chura. Miss Rowe is a Logan home service representative.



## Philip Sporn Plant Fields Two Teams In Softball League And Tournament



Philip Sporn plant's two teams are pictured above. TOP: Players on Team No. 1 are, front row from left: Charles Yeager, Billy Thomas, Dorwin Clark, Buck Tennant, Bub Stivers and Lou Gilland; back row from left: Manager Al Smith, Cricket Searls, Junie Gibbs, Sonny Haggerty, Jack Ford, Gerald Clark, John Ferguson and Wyllis Dudding. Pee Wee Wright is not shown. BOTTOM: Playing for Team No. 2 are, front row from left: George Johnson, Glen Cartwright, Jack Needs, Gene Hesson, Wyllis Davis, Bob Couch and Robert Smith, manager; back row from left: Harold Russell, Darrell Hoffman, Bill Ohlinger, Jim Clark, Bob Moore, Nelson Roush, Harry Pickens and George Nash.

Philip Sporn plant is fielding two teams in 1957 local league action.

Team No. 1 advanced to third place in the recent Bend Softball Tournament, while Team No. 2 was defeated in its first game. Team No. 1 won the first game 1-0 and the second 15-0 in five innings behind a no-hitter by Bub Stivers. The team lost in the semi-finals but won a consolation game for third.

In regular league play Team No. 1 is entered in the Ohio Valley

## Monkey Loses Life In Lynchburg

The tail of a monkey recently led Lynchburg employees to the tragic tale of a monkey.

A service call from a customer whose service was off was answered by general servicemen Parks H. Snead and William A. Kelley at 8:05 one night. The two went to the transformer pole about a block from the house and, using a flashlight, spotted what they thought was a squirrel. Mr. Kelley observed, "Mighty long tail for a squirrel."

Mr. Snead climbed the pole and found a dead monkey, his paws clutching the riser wire from the transformer to the primaries. He removed the body and replaced a fuse, restoring service. The monkey belonged to the brother-in-law of the customer and had been missing.

## Lynchburg Leads Softball Loop



Winning 12 and losing two, Lynchburg district softballers are tied for the lead in the first half of play in the Industrial "A" City League. Raymond E. Thomas has pitched all games. Players are, seated from left: Tom Witt, captain, Richard Cash, Jim Dorman, Jack Collins, Russell Franklin and Joe Wilson. Standing are, from left: Bryan Higgins, Doug Fuqua, Bill Robertson, Sam Glass, manager, Ray Thomas and Tom Sandidge. Not shown are George Stone, Billy Lemar and George Volk.

## Horse Gets Into Biting Act

Dog bites and bee stings are fairly commonplace to employees who work outdoors. Not so common is a horse bite.

Clifford Picklesimer and D. F. "Shorty" Boggess, Charleston line inspectors, had trouble with a "hungry" horse on a recent assignment.

Here's what happened. The two were crossing a field in Nitro where a horse with a reputation for gentleness was feeding. Clifford got past okay but as Shorty started by the horse turned his head and nipped at his shoulder. He left three teeth marks and then took off as hard as he could go into an adjoining field, apparently scared himself.

A doctor patched Shorty up and the horse was to be investigated for rabies by the Board of Health. If he doesn't have rabies, then the two men will believe it is just a clear case of "bite and run."

## Welch Softballers In First In City League Action

The Welch company softball team, competing in the Welch City Softball League, is in first place. The team has run up a 9-3 record.

League and had run up a 5-2 record before the recent Bend tournament.

## Welch Baseballers Led By Employees



"Now, to bunt the ball, hold the bat like this," William Belchee explains to three of his Little Leaguers. The Welch power sales engineer is manager of a team in the Welch Little League, and his assistant manager is O. R. Nunnery, meterman, at right. The players are Bill Belchee, the manager's son; Tommy Nunnery, son of the assistant manager; and Jimmy Nunnery, son of James W. Nunnery, meter serviceman.

## 'Nancy' Wins Six Times In Mullens Horse Show

"Nancy" made quite a showing for her master in the recent Mullens Horse Show.

Owned by C. F. Mundy, Mullens area supervisor of the Bluefield district, the American saddle horse was entered 10 times in the two-day show. She was in the winning circle six times, taking three firsts and three thirds.

## Pikeville Rod And Gun Club Elects Zoellers President

Pikeville sportsmen, members of the Kentucky Power Company Rod and Gun Club, elected William W. Zoellers, distribution engineer, president at their annual election of officers.

Other officers are: Jesse Collier, vice president; Leon Huffman, secretary-treasurer; V. A. Syck, Bruce Prater, Ira Smith and Robert Flynn, directors.

Current club projects include the construction of a club house, cabin and parking lot on the Dewey Lake site. The club already has purchased 35 acres of woodland and leased another tract. Some land has been partially cleared for picnic and camping areas. Boat docking facilities and recreational areas also are being considered by the sportsmen.

Mr. Zoellers was employed at Pikeville in 1951. Bill and his wife are the parents of one son.

## The Porters, H. Basham, B. Means Win Charleston Table Tennis Titles



Holding paddles identifying the divisions in which they won crowns during the annual Charleston Table Tennis Tournament are, from left: J. D. Porter, Bonnie Means, Helen Porter and Howard Basham.

Champions were crowned in four divisions on the completion recently of the 1957 annual Charleston Table Tennis Tournament.

J. D. Porter and his wife, Helen, repeated as champions in the singles division. J. D. teamed with Howard Basham to take the men's doubles

and Helen joined forces with Bonnie Means to win the women's doubles.

In the men's singles J. D. defeated Paul Parsons 21-19, 21-15 and 21-16, while Helen beat Judy Powers 21-14, 21-16 and 21-17 for the women's crown. Porter and Basham took the men's doubles by edging Jennings Faulkner and Jack Shaffer 21-16, 21-19 and 21-17. Helen Porter and Bonnie Means ran up scores of 21-12, 21-13 and 21-10 to win the women's doubles from Judy Powers and Hazel Sampson.

Others competing in men's matches were Basil Stump, Bob Loudermilk, Lindy Jividen, O. C. Hall, Herman Summers, Walt Minsker, Fred Brown, Joe Burdette, Bob Young, Danny Meade and Frank Toney. Also competing in women's matches were Joyce Jarvis, Jackie Guthrie, Sue Shultz and Chris Tardy.

## Boy And A Dolphin



Bill Belchee made his first deep sea fishing catch a good one. Here the son of William B. Belchee, Welch power sales engineer, admires the 38-inch dolphin he landed on a Florida fishing trip with his grandfather. The fish, largest ever caught around Fort Lauderdale by a youngster, was landed by Bill without any help.

## Beckley District Golfers Win Tournament Honors

A five man team from the Beckley district won second place honors in the 1957 Beckley Utilities Golf Association played at the Willow Wood Country Club.

Clyde Marshall, T&D Record clerk, won low net in the tournament. In addition to Marshall, other team members were Paul P. Hancock, Emory R. Miller, Harry K. Evans and J. E. Hammer.

## Father-Son Combo



This father-son combination is pacing the Jaycee entry this year in the Abingdon Little League. Roy Gregory, Abingdon meter serviceman, is coach of the team and his son, eight-year-old Charles, plays second base. This is Roy's fifth year in the loop; he has also served as umpire and umpire-in-chief. He also is a basketball official for area high school games.

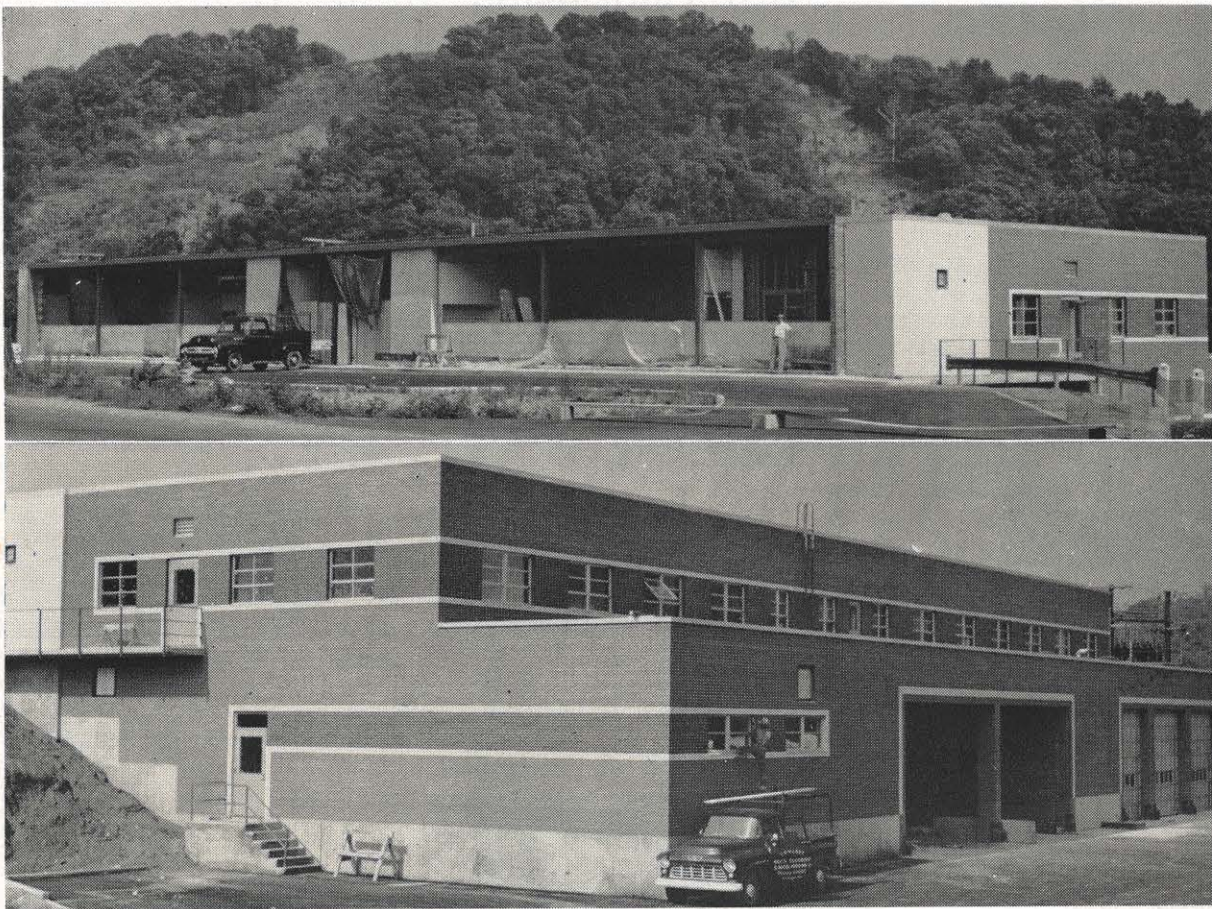
## Service Club Sponsors Swim Classes



Bluefield district's Girls' Service Club, for the third consecutive year, is sponsor of swimming classes for business girls. The classes, conducted under the supervision of Bluefield Chapter of the American Red Cross, are held at the Municipal Pool for beginners, intermediates and advanced swimmers. Certificates of merit are awarded to participants passing the swimming requirements. Appalachian's swimmers, among the 36 registered, left to right, are: Pauline Bowman, Nancy Tibbs, Norma Jean Longanacre, Mary Ruth Whittington, Mary Alice Nuan, Patsy Mahoney, Freda Akers, Gayle King, Georgann Ballard. Freda, Gayle and Georgann are instructors.



# Point Pleasant Office 85 Percent Complete



**TOP:** The front entrance to Point Pleasant's new office-service building, now under construction, is on the street level. The front of the building is the only outside work not completed. **BOTTOM:** The service entrance at the rear of the building is on the lower level.

October 1 is the target date for completion of the Point Pleasant office-service building as work progresses inside and out. Work is now 85 percent complete.

The exterior of the building is finished except for the aluminum and white metal front being put on now. Inside, plastering is 98 percent complete and painting was to begin the end of July. Plumbing and electrical contractors are well advanced in their work and the air conditioning contractor has the bulk of his equipment installed. Heating and cooling will be provided by an electric heat pump.

## Youth Is President Of Student Council

Johnny Strong, son of H. M. Strong, Jr., of Princeton, has been elected student council president of Princeton High School by his classmates.



Johnny Strong

Mr. Strong is Princeton local office manager of the Bluefield district. Johnny, 16, will be a senior next year. He is vice president of the Key Club and plays varsity football and basketball. He recently returned from a trip through Jamestown, Williamsburg and Lexington, an award for straight "A's" in American history. He was also a Boys' State delegate.

Paving has been finished and the cleaning of the building outside is also complete.

The 160 by 75-foot building is on two levels. Offices will be on the street level and service facilities on the lower level. The new building will consolidate district operations under one roof, replacing two offices and a storeroom in Point Pleasant.

## Fieldale Man Named Lions President

J. D. Higgins, Fieldale power sales engineer, has been elected president of the Collinsville Lions Club.



Mr. Higgins

June 1, 1956.

Mr. Higgins is secretary of the Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the Martinsville Junior Chamber of Commerce. Married, he is a member of the Chatham Heights Baptist Church of Martinsville, where he is president of the Young Married Couples Bible Class, an usher and a member of the Brotherhood.

## PBX Veteran Of Roanoke Retires



Mrs. Sanderson

Mayce Z. Sanderson, Roanoke district chief PBX operator, has retired due to ill health after over 29 years' service.

She was employed as a telephone operator in Roanoke November 21, 1927 and was promoted to senior PBX operator July 1, 1944. She became chief PBX operator April 1, 1949.

The flood of 1936 is what she remembers best about her service. She was on her way home at 4 p.m. after eight hours of work when she noticed the sky darkening. She asked her husband to take her back to work and shortly after the storm hit. She went back to the switchboard and before long water was over her feet—she remembers vegetables from the nearby City Market floating around the room.

That switchboard drowned out so she went to the one at Walnut Avenue, working it until 4:30 the next morning, almost a 24-hour day. The clean-up the next day revealed a snake in the switchboard room.

Among her other company activities was bowling—she maintained a 98.6 average. In retirement she plans to spend a good deal of her time with her favorite hobby—cooking.

Mrs. Sanderson has one son and two grandchildren, and is a member of the Villa Heights Baptist Church. She lives with two sisters in Roanoke, one of them Mary Mills, Roanoke district accounting utility clerk.

# Vital On-The-Spot First Aid Rendered Accident Victim By Williamson Man

Never was the importance of first aid training brought home more sharply than in a recent Williamson auto accident.

George T. Boothe, Jr., meterman, was on his way to a job near Blackberry Fork, Ky., when he came on the accident. The car had left the road and hit a rock cliff, injuring two young boys in it. Several people had gathered and George offered his assistance.

He checked the boys for injuries. One had several cuts and the other said his back felt like it was broken. Using his company first aid training, George went into action. He first assured the excited and frightened boy that no one was going to move him around unnecessarily or hurt him, and the boy calmed down. George sent another youth to a nearby house to get blankets and call an ambulance.

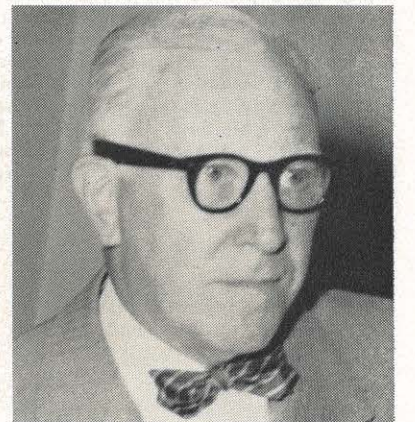
Using a mine stretcher he found in a first aid kit someone brought to the scene, George cut a 14-inch board to fit and, acting as captain, got four other men to help him place the boy on the stretcher according to proper first aid procedures. He then tied the boy in place with bandages. He was removed to the hospital.

Several days later George was back in the vicinity and inquired about the youth. His father said the boy had a broken pelvis and thanked George for the part he played in treating his son.



Back in the Williamson meter department, George T. Boothe, Jr. checks the section of the first aid manual that helped him give proper treatment to an auto accident victim.

## Vice President Of AGE Service Corp. Retires



Mr. Nagele

Frank G. Nagele, Jr., vice president and purchasing consultant of the AGE Service Corporation, retired July 31 after over 46 years of service. He had the longest service record of any Service Corporation employee.

He started March 1, 1911 with the company in New York and before becoming assistant purchasing agent in 1919 had experience in the accounting, drafting, expediting legal, engineering and statistical departments. In 1941 he was promoted to purchasing agent, was elected a vice president of the Service Corporation in May 1950 and became purchasing consultant in January 1956.

A native of New York City, he attended Columbia University. He served as an Army lieutenant during World War I. Married, he has three children and eight grandchildren.

## Employee's Son Is Doctor Of Medicine

Luther Clark Hansbarger has received his degree of Doctor of Medicine, with honors, from the Medical College of Virginia.

Son of J. C. Hansbarger, assistant Huntington division manager, he graduated from Duke University in 1953 with an AB degree.



Dr. Hansbarger

He is a member of Alpha Sigma Chi, honorary leadership fraternity, and president of Phi Chi, medical fraternity.

Married he is the father of two children. He and his family have moved to Cleveland, O. where he is an intern at City Hospital.

## Lynchburg Men Are Aid Instructors



Nine Lynchburg employees have completed the standard first aid, advanced first aid and first aid instructors courses. At left, L. G. Dougan, instructor of the courses, hands out authorization cards to these nine. They are, front row from left: J. K. Reid, W. D. Crews, C. W. Hogan, J. F. Wilson, Jr. and M. A. Langford. Second row from left: T. M. Sandidge, A. L. Ward, N. K. Langhorne and J. H. Haley, Jr. Mr. Dougan completed the refresher course with these men.

## Boiler Gets Acid Bath At Sporn



This equipment was necessary when the boiler of Unit No. 4 at Philip Sporn plant was given a recent acid bath. In addition to the trucks shown, a rail-road tank car holding the acid took part in the operation. The unit was taken out of service June 27 and returned July 15 after an overhaul. Dust collector tubes were replaced and control and intercept valves were cleaned. The boiler was washed with acid for the first time since it was put in service. This bath was to remove any scale or deposits that might have accumulated in the boiler tubes and drum.