

Good Business Year Predicted For 1958 By Philip Sporn At Managers' Meeting

Nineteen fifty-eight will be a good business year, members of management of the American Gas and Electric System were told at the 10th annual managers' meeting in Fort Wayne on November 6.

Philip Sporn, president of AGE and of our companies, told his audience of 300 that "1957 will end up not as a year of boom business, but still good business, and ahead of 1956." Then he added, "1958 will also end up, I believe, with a slight increase above 1957. A part of that will represent the increase in the price indices, but there also will be some real increases in the national output and in the general welfare of our economy."

Mr. Sporn said that next year is going to have "some uncertainties." He listed these as: the international ballistic missile race, Sputnik, Mutt-nik, Mr. Krushchev, and a number of important elections.

Offsetting Factors

On the other hand, he pointed out, factors offsetting these uncertainties will be a continuation of a



Pausing during the AGE managers' meeting are these men, who helped represent our companies. They are from left: C. J. Bryan, assistant Kingsport general manager; D. C. Kennedy, Lynchburg district manager; H. H. Kincaid, Pikeville district manager; C. C. Darrah, Williamson district manager; J. A. Patterson, Clinch River plant manager; A. F. Horne, Welch district manager; J. V. Mann, Beckley district manager; and G. E. Hervey, Point Pleasant district manager.

high-level national budget, including probably substantially greater defense expenditures; a continuation of capital expenditure outlays "at least as great as in 1957"; and a probable increase in consumer expenditures.

"Under such a climate, the AGE System should do well," Mr. Sporn said.

He said that an unusually large

increase in electric power sales in 1958, brought about principally by the beginning of operation of heavy power-consuming industries at several locations, would bring with it both "encouragement" and "problems". Among these problems will be increased interest charges, increased taxes, and increased depreciation expenses.

Mr. Sporn explained that the increases in energy sales—because they will be to a large extent in the area of low-return industrial sales—will not be accompanied by comparative increases in operating revenues, and in turn this will require special efforts to protect earnings. If earnings do not keep pace, the system's ability to finance its current record-shattering construction and expansion program—now pegged at \$800-million for the 1956-60 period—will be impaired.

Therefore, he concluded, "We are going to have to watch the efficiency of our operations very carefully to assure that our earnings are protected."

Economy Needed

He cited a number of fields in which increased efficiency and economy could be effected in the operation of the system. As an example, he made this one point: In 1958, AGE system steam plants are going to generate 27-billion kilowatt-hours. A reduction of 11/100 of a mill per kwh in average cost of operation and maintenance of these plants would reduce operating expense approximately \$3-million.

New Peak Hit By Appalachian

A new peak of 1,448,000 kilowatts was hit during the hour ending at 6 p.m. November 13 on the Appalachian system.

This exceeds the previous high peak of 1,440,000 kw, hit at noon August 15. Still another peak is expected sometime this month.

AGE, Ohio Power and Indiana & Michigan also hit peaks in November, all on November 18. The AGE System peak of 3,835,000 kw was established between 11 a.m. and noon, while I&M's peak of 929,000 kw was hit the same hour. Ohio's new peak of 1,566,000 kw occurred between 10 and 11 a.m.

Mr. Sporn also pointed to recent increased costs in various phases of operation which have compounded the problem of maintaining earnings. Specifically he mentioned hikes in the price of coal and major power apparatus. Steam turbines, for example, have increased in price 27% since April 1956; large boilers, over 28½% since 1955; and large power (See Good Business, Page 6)

Canton To Be Site Of AGE System Engineering Group

In his "state-of-the-company" address at the AGE System managers meeting, President Philip Sporn announced that plans are being drawn for establishment of "a rather complete engineering group" at Canton, Ohio.

The group, which will include engineers and draftsmen, will be a branch of the AGE Service Corporation. It will carry out engineering work not only for Ohio Power Company, which maintains its general offices in Canton, but for all other operating companies of the AGE System as well.

"As this office develops and as the affairs of the AGE System expand," Mr. Sporn said, "I would expect that other branch offices then would be opened in Roanoke, Va., and Fort Wayne, Ind." Roanoke is headquarters of Appalachian Electric Power Company, and Fort Wayne is headquarters of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company.

Principal offices of the Service Corporation are located in New York City. It also operates a system production coordination office in Columbus, Ohio, and a general chemical laboratory in Huntington, W. Va.

Huntington Lineman Saves Boy's Life With First Aid



Lineman Harold Back, right, of the Huntington district talks over missing teeth and a few head scars with 16-year-old Skip Gaede. Lineman Back is credited with saving the boy's life by quick first aid action. Photo courtesy "Huntington Herald-Advertiser."

Anyone might be called upon to save a life, but because first aid courses take time, the attitude that "it will never happen to me" is often too prevalent. However, 16-year-old Skip Gaede of Huntington and Harold L. Back, Huntington district lineman, will attest to the fact that "it can happen to me."

Lineman Back was working atop a power pole when he saw young Skip thrown from his bicycle head first into a culvert. After clambering down the pole, the lineman found skip lying face down in the mud unconscious and bleeding profusely from head cuts.

Mr. Back quickly took first aid measures. An emergency call via the service truck's two-way radio brought an ambulance and Skip's mother. Arriving before the ambulance, Mrs. Gaede found the lineman holding Skip and applying pressure to stop bleeding.

Doctors later told Skip's parents that without prompt first aid attention, Skip might have bled to death. However, because of lineman Back's

effective action the lad suffered little more than head lacerations and the loss of teeth.

In a letter to Appalachian, Mrs. Gaede expressed praise for Lineman Back's "quick thinking" and "human kindness." "What really touched me more than his saving my son's life," she wrote, "was the fact that when he left work that night, he went to the hospital . . . to inquire about the lad who had the bike accident."

Mr. Back joined the Huntington district T&D department as a laborer in 1948 and was promoted to lineman in 1949. He attended schools in Huntington and served in the Navy in 1945 and 1946. He is married and the father of two sons.

The *Huntington Herald-Advertiser* carried a lengthy article in the October 27 issue praising Lineman Back and explaining how the company's two-way radio system can be of value in emergencies. Accompanying the article were pictures of Mr. Back and Skip and of Appalachian's Huntington communications center.

January 1 Marks Start Of Registration For Education Awards Competition

Registration opens January 1 for sons and daughters of company employees who wish to enter the fourth annual AGE System's Education Awards competition.

Eight \$500 awards will be given next year. The program, initiated in 1955 with one award, grew to five awards in 1956 and to eight awards this year.

Deadline for entering the 1958 competition is January 24.

Competitors for the awards will be divided into five AGE System groups which are based, equally as possible, on the total number of employees in each group. Two awards will be made to winners from each of the three larger companies: Appalachian, Indiana & Michigan and Ohio Power. Another award will go to the top entrant from the group made up of Kentucky Power, Kingsport Utilities, Wheeling Electric, the Philip Sporn and Windsor plants, and the smaller companies. The eighth \$500 award will go to the top entrant from the AGE Service Corporation.

Any son or daughter of an employee of any company of the AGE System who plans to enter freshman year in a degree-granting institution to pursue a course leading to a baccalaureate degree may compete by taking a competitive examination (the standard College Entrance Board Scholastic Aptitude Test).

Information and forms for entering this year's competition will be available after the first of the year from the personnel supervisor at your office or plant. Each personnel supervisor will have kits containing instructions for contestants, a bulletin of information on the test, an application form, recommendation forms

to be submitted to the entrant's high school principal and forms for additional information on the contestant.

Keehne, Garnett Elected To Posts



Mr. Keehne

Mr. Garnett

W. F. Keehne, assistant secretary of Appalachian and Kingsport, and W. B. Garnett, assistant secretary of Kentucky, have been elected to the additional position of assistant treasurer of their respective companies.

Other assistant secretaries also elected to the additional position of assistant treasurer of their respective companies in the AGE System are the following: C. M. Mortenson, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, and P. T. Cosway, Ohio Power.

Mr. Keehne joined the West Virginia Water and Electric Company in Charleston September 1, 1920. Playing a part in the formation of Appalachian, he was transferred to Roanoke in July 1926. He became system office manager January 1, 1948.

Mr. Garnett joined Kentucky at Sprigg February 19, 1920. When the company became a part of the AGE System in 1922 he went to Huntington and then went to Roanoke in 1929. Ten years later he transferred to Ashland.

What Is Christmas?

Christmas is a lot of things. It's bigger than Santa Claus and it's brighter than a million lighted trees. It reaches beyond the mailing of Christmas cards and the exchanging of gifts. It's warmer than hot mince pie and more inspiring than the aroma of golden brown turkey and sage dressing.

The spirit of Christmas encircles this confused and tired world of ours every year, and neither war nor personal tragedy can dull its luster.

It begins before December 25th and lasts as long as you have the spirit of Christmas in your heart.

It begins along about the time small children with amazing intuition ask, "When's Christmas, mommy?" And the day you take the bedraggled Christmas tree down against their tearful protests doesn't really mark the end.

Christmas thrives wherever men are free, for its roots are buried deep in human dignity. No dictator can ever entirely destroy Christmas because it is impossible to put barbed wire around a man's soul.

Christmas is a magic thing. It makes a family out of relatives, turns acquaintances into friends. It changes houses into homes, makes bright lights brighter, makes snow more beautiful. Christmas even turns the music of children's laughter into a symphony of joy and praise. Christmas leaves on everything a touch of greatness and peace.

Christmas is indestructible and everlasting because it is a state of mind—a way of thinking—a manner of looking at things—a belief in people—and an abiding faith in Christ the Lord.

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Safe Or Sorry?

During Christmas common sense dictates of safe living must not be lost in the nostalgia of the season. The tree with its fascination to the youngsters, the heart-warming colored lights in the window, yule-time visits of good will can be lost in the sorrow of an accident.

For a safe Christmas let's:

1. Keep the tree in water to forestall its drying out too quickly.
2. Check the wiring and bulbs before stringing lights on the tree.
3. Make sure wall outlets aren't overloaded with Christmas tree and window lights.
4. Watch young children when they are around the Christmas tree.
5. Be careful of falls when hanging decorations.
6. Dispose of wrapping paper, a fire hazard, right away.
7. And remember, although it's heard as often as the song "White Christmas," it still makes good sense to drive safely.

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Your Opinion

What Christmas do you remember best?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



JESSE L. ASHWORTH, Payroll Clerk, Roanoke

A red wagon, that was all I wanted that Christmas.

As a boy of eight my impression of Christmas was the giving and receiving of gifts. I knew the real meaning of Christmas but up to that time it was secondary in my thinking.

Christmas morning came and there, much to my joy, was my wagon. It was on this very morning while my whole world revolved around my wagon, that through the wisdom of my father, he led me to see for the first time that the wagon was secondary and that the birth of Jesus should be foremost in my thoughts at Christmas time.



BESS JONES, Clerk-Stenographer, Point Pleasant

When I was first asked the question, "What Christmas do you remember best?", I had to stop and think. Memories of different years crossed my mind, each seeming to be the best. Every Christmas has been wonderful, even when money was not in abundance. There have been times when there wasn't a lot materially, but always the love of my parents, my brother, and two sisters.

But the one that stands out in my memory as I write this is the Christmas of 1955, maybe because it is more recent. This was the year my parents told me to select my pattern and they would start my sterling silver. This, I guess, is the dream of all young women. I know it was for me.



JAMES E. BAILEY, T&D clerk, Bluefield

My most memorable Christmas was in the year 1951. I returned with 4,000 others to the United States on December 21 after

spending fourteen months in Korea and the Far East with the First Marine Division. Everyone had spent at least one or more Christmases in Korea. San Francisco declared open house for everyone, offering the finest Christmas spirit one could ask for.

Arrangements had been made to have transportation available to rush the men to any point in the United States for the holidays. I was processed and released for a 30-day Christmas leave within four hours after landing in the States. Arriving home I found that some of the gifts that had been purchased for me for the Christmas of 1950 that could not be mailed were still gift wrapped and waiting for me under a beautiful Christmas tree.

This, I believe, is my most memorable Christmas.



WILLIAM H. HOARD, Janitor, Kingsport

The Christmas I remember best was when I was small and my brothers and sisters had gone to the church for the Christmas program. I stayed at home with mother while she was doing the last minute baking as I liked to scrape the cake pans.

I was in bed when the others returned and never saw what they brought me. The next morning I found that Santa had left me a shoe box of candy, apples, oranges, and nuts; along with a shiny pair of new boots—my first to own.

I put them on and then discovered a deep snow had covered the ground. I spent the morning helping make a snow man.



ELEANOR FRUTH, Clerk-Typist, Philip Sporn Plant

The Christmas or perhaps I should say Christmases that I remember as being best were the ones that I shared with my brothers and sisters when we were small children.

Christmas to most children seems more special than any other holiday or at least it did to me. There were so many things in which to look forward such as going tree hunting, being the first awake on Christmas morning to see what Santa brought and also going to church, not only to get a treat, but to take part in the church's Christmas program.

Since I was the youngest and the last at home, I realize that my Christmases wouldn't have been nearly so enjoyable without someone to share doing all those things.



R. J. STINNETT, System Civil Draftsman, Roanoke

To try to single out any one Christmas as the one to remember best is quite a task. There were many years when as a youngster growing up I thought each Christmas was better than the last.

Since my two youngsters have become old enough to understand and enjoy the meaning of Christmas each one becomes more memorable than the one before. And the last was, I believe, the best of all.

Two things make it stand out—my son's first participation as an acolyte in a very beautiful midnight Mass on Christmas Eve; and secondly, Santa Claus' answer to his request—his very first shiny, new bike. Why do I think it the best? That is the way it happened to me—to relive it with my family makes it the best to remember.



MARTHA RUTHERFORD, Cashier, Pikeville

If I had to name one Christmas as being the best, I think it would be the Christmas of 1941—my last Christmas at home.

World War II had just been declared and all the boys were volunteering or being drafted. My husband and brothers were no exception. At Christmas that year we tried to forget the war and what it might bring. I think we succeeded. Since then we have never all been together, but when any of us are together, we never fail to recall our last Christmas at home.

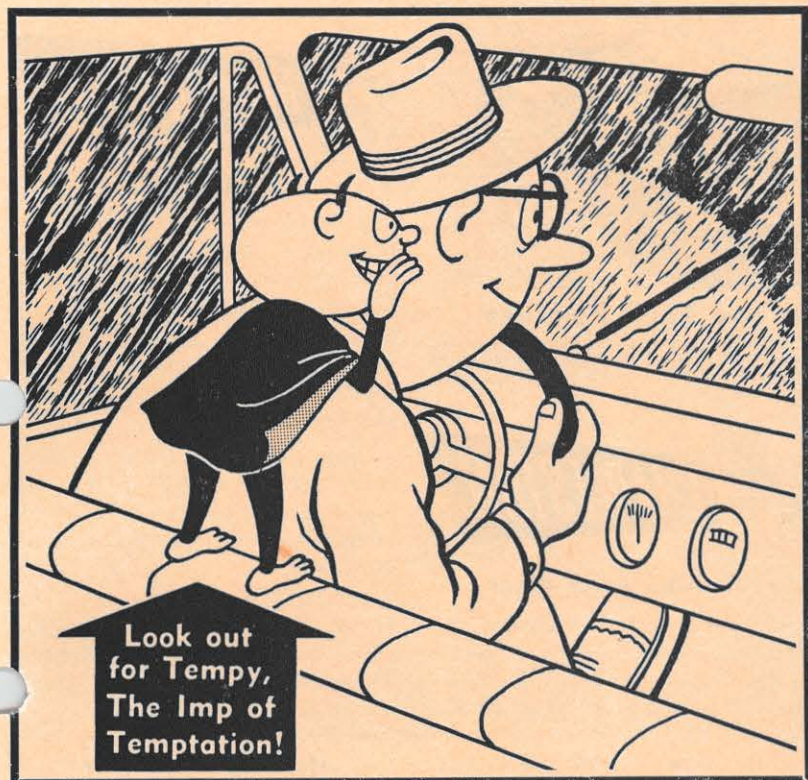
What we remember is mostly personal and humorous only to us. I am sure each of us left that day knowing that we had experienced a Christmas that we would always remember.

Look Into A Child's Eyes

Look into a child's eyes and see there the tremendous eternal miracle of Christmas.

Discover there what has made Christmas live when a thousand other customs have been trampled under the feet of the passing years.

Look into a child's eyes, listen to a child's laughter, and be humbly grateful that you are privileged to live in a world where Christmas lives.



"G'wan, buddy. Push it! What's a little rain, sleet and snow? You can see the nose of your car, can't you?" That's Tempy talking to a man who figures he doesn't have time to stop and wait for the weather to clear up some. This man, with Tempy's encouragement, is ignoring all common sense driving rules so he can save a few minutes.

A few figures from last year's traffic accidents might change this man's mind. But if he listens to Tempy he'll never know that 5,000 fatal accidents and 306,030 non-fatal accidents occurred in foggy, rainy or snowy weather. Or to look at it another way, wet, snowy or icy road conditions accounted for 6,580 fatal and 417,010 non-fatal accidents last year.

The smart driver will stop his car when the weather acts up. He'll be particularly careful when the roads are bad. That way he will save his life and the life of others . . . and will help Back The Attack on Traffic Accidents.

New Unit Operation Slated At Ohio's Muskingum Plant

The 225,000-kilowatt turbine-generating Unit 3 at Ohio Power Company's Muskingum River plant, Beverly, Ohio, was expected to be placed in commercial operation in late November.

Operation of the new unit raises the Muskingum River station's total generating capability to 655,000 kilowatts, making it the largest power

plant on the seven-state American Gas and Electric System. The plant's capacity will be increased again—to 880,000 kw—when Unit 4, an identical 225,000 kw unit, is placed in operation early in 1958.

Units 3 and 4, each capable of supplying electric service to 650,000 average homes, together will cost an estimated total of \$57-million.

The Muskingum River plant's first two units, each with a capacity of 215,000 kw, were placed in service in December 1953 and June 1954, respectively.

Unit 3 at Muskingum is the second in a series of eight 225,000-kw power machines to go into operation on the AGE System; in addition, the System also is currently building two 450,000-kw units, the world's largest upon their completion. Unit 3 also was the second Ohio Power unit to be placed in service in the past four months, Philo plant's historic 107,000-kw Unit 6 having gone in commercial operation August 1.

Operation of Unit 3 also increases the AGE System's total capability to 4,571,000 kw. Remaining units under construction at five different locations in four states on the System will raise total capacity to 6,365,000 kw by 1960.

All told, the AGE System is investing an estimated \$800-million in new construction during the five-year period 1956-60. By the end of 1957, approximately \$293-million of this total will have been spent.

Fifth First Aid Class Completed In Charleston

In the fifth First Aid class held in the Charleston district, 15 more employees completed courses under the instruction of Clifford Picklesimer.

Included in the group were: Frank C. Young, Walter Tibbetts, Frederick C. Lawrence, E. R. Young, T. F. Jordan, Lake Turley, Earl E. Landers, F. L. Thompson, Mark M. Miller, William V. Hess, Denzil A. Allison, James P. Smolder, Rex Hayes, J. O. Bartlett and E. C. Hammock.

Charleston Vet, Retired, Dies



Mr. Lavender

Ivan C. "Pinky" Lavender, 61, died at his Deland, Fla. home November 2, one month after his retirement from the Charleston district.

A native West Virginian, he was born at Morris Creek February 13, 1896. He served with the Army Artillery during World War I and worked for the Lake Superior Coal Company and Wheeling Electric Company before joining Appalachian.

He came with the company April 1, 1926 as a lineman. In 1945 he became a troubleman and moved up to line foreman in 1947.

He retired early at the age of 61 in October and he and his wife bought a home in Deland, Fla.

Surviving Mr. Lavender, besides his wife, are three sisters and three brothers. Charleston line foremen were pallbearers at the November 6 funeral at Bartlett Funeral Home in Charleston. Burial was in Tyler Mountain Memorial Gardens.

Christmas Parties Planned Over System

One of the highlights of the Christmas season in our companies is the gala employee party. And again this year locations are busy planning for the biggest and best parties yet.

The following locations have announced their plans for Christmas parties:

Abingdon—District employees will have their party December 20, beginning at 7 p. m. Children's parties will be held in Gate City December 16 at 3 p. m., in Lebanon December 17 at 3 p. m., in Clintwood December 18 at 3 p. m. and in Abingdon December 19 at 3 p. m.

Beckley—The Beckley Elks Club will be the scene December 20 at 7 p. m. for the employees' party. A dinner will be followed by a dance. The children will be entertained December 14 at 10 a. m. in the Elks Club. Santa will highlight the program.

Bluefield—Bluefield district, division and system employees and their guests will gather at the Bluefield City Auditorium December 20. A buffet dinner will be followed by a visit from Santa. An entertainment program is next, and the evening will be closed with a dance. C. L. Shockey, district personnel supervisor, is in charge of arrangements.

Cabin Creek Plant—A theater party for children, with adults invited, is planned on December 21 at 10 a. m. at Browns Theater. Santa Claus will have gifts for the youngsters.

Charleston—Three parties are slated. On December 13 the adult party will be held at the Shrine Mosque beginning at 6:30 p. m. Charleston high school students will present a special show after dinner, and they will be followed by a dance. Teen-age children of employees and their guests will be entertained, beginning at 7 p. m. December 19, at Humphrey's Driftwood Room. Children between the ages of 13 and 19 will have a buffet dinner and a dance. The kiddies' party is scheduled for December 21 at the State Theatre. Movies and Santa are planned.

Hazard—December 13 is the date of the employees' party. A dinner will be followed by bingo. The evening begins at 6:30. Children will be entertained December 21 at 2 p. m. with movies and Santa and his gifts.

Huntington—The district-division annual dinner-dance will be held December 6 in the main office building beginning at 6:45 p. m. A dance

and bingo will follow the dinner. Carl M. Dunn, C. J. Akers, J. M. Scites, S. R. Pritchard and Ted McCurdy are chairmen of the party. Children will have a party the next day, December 7, beginning at 2 p. m. Charles Hoschar will see that Santa gets to the party and brings gifts for everyone.

Kanawha River Plant—Three parties are planned. The adults will visit the Mountaineer Room at Belle December 20 at 6:30 p. m. for a dinner-dance. Teen-agers will go to the Chelyan Junior High School gym for a juke box dance December 6. And the little ones will have their party at the Chelyan gym December 13, beginning at 7 p. m. Santa will bring with him gifts and a magician.

Kingsport—Employees and their guests will have a Christmas dinner December 13 at the Kingsport Inn, and the children's party is scheduled for the afternoon of December 21, with Santa Claus. A teen-age dance will be held after Christmas.

Logan District—The adult party will be held December 20 and the children's party December 14. A separate party for teen-agers is being planned.

Lynchburg—The Oakwood Club will be the scene December 14, at 7 p. m., for the employees' party. A dinner will be followed by singing and other entertainment, and a dance will climax the evening. Children will visit the Quality Dairy Club Room December 21 at 2 p. m. to receive gifts from Santa and see movies. Earl R. Driskill is in charge. Colored employees will have a party December 14 at the Mecca Restaurant. Dinner and music have been arranged by William Davis.

Pikeville—Employees will gather at three Pikeville restaurants at 7 p. m. December 13 for dinner, and will convene in the main office about 8:30 for singing, door prizes, a visit from Santa and a dance. The district's Reddy Kilowatt Players will entertain. The main office will also be the scene December 14 at 2 p. m. for the children's party. Movies, refreshments, and of course, Santa, will highlight the day.

Point Pleasant—December 14 is the day for the adults' party at the Moose Home. The Point Pleasant High School Band will join employees in presenting a program, which follows a buffet dinner. A dance ends the evening. Teen-agers will gather December 20 at the Episcopal Church Parish House for a record dance and refreshments.

And the little ones will have a party at the State Theatre December 21, beginning at 9:30 a. m.

Roanoke—District, division and system R/e & R/w employees will have a party December 13 at 7 p. m. at the Hotel Roanoke. A dinner will be followed by a dance. The children's parties will be held December 23 in the company auditorium at 1:30 and 3:30. The planning committee is composed of C. E. West, M. G. Covey, Ruth Cummings, Helen Young, R. H. Thomas, D. E. Trout and I. B. Peters. The colored party will be held December 14 at Hotel Dumas. It will also be a dinner-dance. The colored children's party is slated for the Orange Avenue YWCA December 21 at 2 p. m. Elizabeth Sydnor, Julia Law and J. H. Terry are on the planning committee.

Roanoke System—Employees on the third and fourth floors of the main office and in system meter will have a dinner-dance at the Elks Club December 20. Employees on the fifth and sixth floors of the main office will have a dinner-dance December 18 at the Hotel Roanoke.

Philip Sporn Plant—The Moose Club in Point Pleasant will be the scene December 11 and 18 for parties for employees and their guests. Paul Scally, Ralph Gibbs, Jr., Karl Wiles and Bill Baronick and Rome Williamson are in charge of arrangements. Children will be entertained December 21 at the Haven Theatre in New Haven. Santa will bring gifts and movies with him.

Welch—Six parties are scheduled. Welch employees will have a party December 20 in the Community Room, the same place the children's party will be held December 21. The Grundy employees' party is slated for the Temple Motel December 13, and the children's party December 14 at the Grundy office. The Pocahontas-Switchback employees' party is tentatively scheduled for December 18 at the Pocahontas office, and the children's party will be December 18 at Switchback.

Williamson—A turkey dinner at 7 p. m. December 13 in the Mountaineer Hotel will begin the employees' party. Dancing, bingo and entertainment will follow at the company auditorium. A visit from Santa, with gifts and movies, will highlight the children's party December 14 at 2 p. m. J. R. Hartzog, Woodrow Holbrook, Alberta Shelton, Florence Murphy and E. J. Clouser are in charge of the parties.

Two More Beckley Classes Completed



Nearing the end of a planned program, Beckley employees have completed two more first aid classes. One more class is scheduled. J. E. Hammer, W. E. Zopp, P. W. Burks and Clyde A. Marshall were instructors. The two newest graduating classes are shown above. TOP: Pictured during a session are, front row from left: Bill Lively, John Thompson, E. W. Vest, Emory McGuffin, Keith Evans, Linda Bryant, Bob Biggs, Felix Fisher, Earl Snider and

Joe Stanley; back row from left: Wesley Walker, Bill Brown, Eddie Berginnis, P. W. Burks, Homer Greene, John Steele, Herbert Miller, John Gates, Jennie Gaziano and J. E. Agee. BOTTOM: Receiving instructions are from left: J. V. Mann, B. H. White, Jr., C. L. Honaker, R. E. Presley, R. S. Brashear, P. W. Burks, B. B. Corker, Otis Lyons (Beckley fire chief), W. E. Mitchell, P. E. Pauley and C. E. Pitsenberger.



Roanoke District

Bernard A. Wingo, local accounting office messenger, has returned to work after being on a six months' military leave of absence with the Army.

D. N. Sink, lineman; Joy J. Nash, sales display arranger; Beatrice Eakin, commercial clerk-stenographer; Lois Gordon, meter clerk; F. T. McLemore, meter service helper; G. T. Brown, meter serviceman; S. M. Musselman, groundman, have returned to work following extended illnesses.

R. E. "Toby" Slaydon, area sales representative, attended the fall reunion of the Scottish Rite Bodies held in Roanoke.

Lois Bond, local accounting clerk, is a new employee.

C. T. Rader, lineman, has returned to work after an illness.

J. R. Slaughter, engineering aide; C. W. Hodges, groundman; A. G. Adams, truck driver-groundman; W. W. Scott, truck driver-groundman; and O. L. Turner, groundman, have returned to work after hospitalization.

Charlotte A. Stump, PBX operator, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended R. W. Reese, T&D clerk, on the death of his father-in-law and St. Elmo Murray, meterman, on the death of his father.

Lewis, husband of Elizabeth Sydnor, elevator operator, has been asked to submit his biography for inclusion in the upcoming sixth edition of *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*. Mr. Sydnor is principal of Booker T. Washington Junior High School.

Lynchburg District

W. Laybon Booth, Jr., electrical engineer, was one of 32 Virginians invested with the rank of Knight Commander Court of Honour by the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction.

Helen E. Webber, home service representative, was elected secretary-treasurer of District IV, Virginia Home Economics Association.

New employees are Andrew B. Crews, groundman, and Charles R. Wooten, clerk-stenographer.

Sympathy is extended Anne C. Showalter, commercial clerk-stenographer, on the death of her grandmother and R. C. Foster, record supervisor, on the death of his uncle and his father-in-law.

Thomas M. Sandidge, hydro maintenance man, was elected vice president of the Boonsboro Ruritan Club.



Ashland District

Carolyn Slone, petty cash clerk, has resigned.

Ralph Evick, power engineer, was elected to the board of directors of the local Kiwanis Club.

R. T. Nash, power engineer, served as chairman of the Lions Club old clothes drive.

Hazard District

Gayle Muncy is a new employee in the commercial department, replacing Mrs. Mary Querry, who has resigned.

Mrs. Querry was honored with a farewell party by the Volta Club.



Happenings

Around the Circuit

... Among Employees and Their Families

Pikeville District

H. H. Kincaid, district manager, was elected as a director in an organizational meeting for a Chamber of Commerce in Pikeville.

Sympathy is extended Arlie Wright, auto repairman, on the death of his father-in-law and Tilden Justice, meter serviceman, on the death of his brother.

A. H. Jopp, district commercial manager, was guest speaker for the economics class of Pikeville High School.



Bluefield District

Okey B. Yost, assistant local office manager, has been appointed chairman of the Bluefield, Va., Community Chest drive. He has also been elected secretary of the Graham Kiwanis Club.

Patty Ryan, former summer home service representative, has been selected as one of 21 outstanding honor graduates of Concord College. She will appear in "A Biography of Honor Graduates."

Clifford M. "Tip" Fletcher, line supervisor, is the first man in the district to bag a deer this season.

Joe Whittaker, Jr., meterman, spoke on safety at the Princeton Lions Club recently.

W. C. "Hoppy" Dillow, retired employee, is recuperating at home following illness.

Robert Dale Lawrence, accounting, and Charles S. Bowling, Jr., T&D station section, are new employees.

Sympathy is extended I. F. "Slim" Houston, Tazewell working foreman, on the death of his sister and Harry S. Slocum, retired employee, on the death of his wife.

E. W. Meador, radio engineer, was a participant in the annual championship trap shoot of the Tri-Angle Gun Club and finished among the top five in this event.

Lina Light, private secretary, spoke on "Lawns and Ground Covers" at a recent meeting of the Bluefield Laurel Garden Club.

Rebecca Boyd, elevator operator, has returned to work after hospitalization.

Jo E. Brown, commercial clerk-typist, was given a party and gifts by her fellow employees upon her resignation.

Charles Yearout, division personnel supervisor, has been selected as a deacon of the Princeton Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. J. B. Roach, wife of the station operator, is recovering at home after surgery and hospitalization.

The Bluefield district annual Halloween party was held in the company auditorium in the form of a round and square dance. About 100 employees and guests attended.

David R. Mann, Pearisburg groundman and outfielder for the Peterstown Vets Baseball Club, assisted his team in winning the Blue Grass Baseball League championship over the Sweet Springs nine.

Roy J. Kidd, meter serviceman; Paul C. Kelley, Princeton line inspector; Otto Bressler, appliance serviceman; Thalia Mathena, meter clerk; and W. O. Crawley III, janitor, have returned to work following illnesses.

Ray C. Heldreth, dealer sales representative, addressed members of the Bluefield Kiwanis Club on "A New Development In Armed Forces Logistics".

Woodrow W. Munsey, station operator, has returned to work following an operation.

Mary Kirby, Pearisburg home service representative, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Peterstown Woman's Club.

Mrs. Archie G. Phlegar, wife of the Pearisburg heating and builder sales representative, is recovering at home after hospitalization.

Abingdon District

The Clintwood office employees held a dinner party in the office auditorium for their families and guests recently.

Betty Mullins, Clintwood accounting, is a new employee.

Employees of the Abingdon office and their guests were entertained at a Halloween party in the office auditorium. Costume prizes were won by James E. Flenor, Jack B. Frier and Shirley Landreth.

Sympathy is extended R. A. Sheffy, Jr., on the death of his father.

Welch District

William T. Collins, Grundy local office supervisor, has been re-elected treasurer of the Grundy Kiwanis Club.

John W. Vermillion, working foreman, has returned to work after a month's absence due to illness.

Billie Jean Combs and Marsha Nuckolls have been employed as junior clerks in Grundy accounting.

J. C. Smith, Jr., district commercial manager, was the winner of the third flight in the Gary Country Club golf tournament.

Perry Hatmaker, dealer sales representative, and Sally Sutherland, clerk-typist, were judges in the Buchanan County beauty contest.

Syble G. Hardy, junior clerk, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended B. E. Bates, meter supervisor, on the death of his father-in-law.

Pulaski District

Helen R. Cox, clerk, is a new employee in the Pulaski office.

Mrs. Gleason K. Smythers, wife of the T&D record clerk, was a delegate to the Business and Professional Women's Club convention at Richmond.

James N. Nickols, meter serviceman, and Mrs. Nickols, were injured in a car accident when they were in a collision with another automobile. Both were patients at Pulaski Hospital but are improving.

Mrs. Robert H. Love, wife of the power sales engineer, was one of the models in the annual Junior Woman's Club fall and winter fashion show.

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Kanawha River Plant

W. F. Gray, J. W. Kitchen and Glen Douglas are new employees.

Sympathy is extended A. F. Hanning on the death of his infant daughter.

J. D. Hunley, work order clerk, has resigned.

Philip Sporn Plant

Ferris Justice, maintenance man, was elected vice president of the Mason City Civic Council.

Ivan D. Miller, maintenance helper, and Edwin H. Clarke, maintenance foreman, have returned to work after over a month's absence due to hospitalization and recuperation from operations.

Donald L. Lanning, auxiliary equipment operator, and Marshall Fowler, master maintenance man, have resigned.

Harold C. Johnson, assistant shift operating engineer confined to a local hospital since early September, has been transferred to the University Hospital in Columbus, O., for further treatment.

Sympathy is extended Ira R. Mulford, auxiliary equipment operator, on the death of his mother and Ferris Justice, maintenance man, on the death of his father.

Point Pleasant District

Mavis Weaver, PBX operator; Bessie Wilson, cashier, Rose Martin, clerk-stenographer; R. D. Miller, lineman; Darrell Boggess, area serviceman; J. R. Pugh, meterman; and Vera Stephens, cashier-clerk, have returned to work after illnesses.

The Pat Wilson Shrine Club was the setting for the annual Halloween party with about 40 employees and their guests in attendance.

James L. Darby, heating and builder sales representative, was presented the Lion Club Master Key award.

Bekley District

W. P. Jennings, Rainelle area serviceman who has been off from work several months due to illness, recently underwent surgery at Charlottesville, Va.

J. V. Mann, district manager, has been appointed to the Area Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Sympathy is extended E. R. Biggs on the death of his 11-month-old son and K. K. Keatley on the death of his father-in-law.

Kermit D. Bridges, electrical engineer, and John V. Mann, Jr., line, are new employees.

Ardith H. Ferrell, accounting, has resigned.

W. E. Zopp and J. E. Hammer were appointed to the Miners Day Committee.

Charleston District

John Frazier and Paul Parsons, personnel, conducted a driver training course for the drivers in the motor corps division of the American Red Cross.

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Logan Plant

A. N. Jessee, results engineer, attended the annual results engineers' meeting in Huntington recently.

Sympathy is extended P. T. Schneider, plant manager, on the death of his mother-in-law and C. T. Addair, janitor, on the death of his grandmother.

Sympathy is extended Buell Cook, boiler auxiliary equipment operator, on the death of his mother and W. J. Dingess, boiler operator, on the death of his brother.

Sympathy is also extended C. H. Feiszli, assistant maintenance supervisor, on the death of his father and Tomie H. Johnson, retired guard on the death of his wife.

Huntington District

Fred Preston is confined to the hospital following a heart attack.

Albert Alley and Ted McCurdy are recuperating at home following surgery.

T. A. "Andy" Gilkerson and Vernon Galloway are recovering at home from heart attacks.

Sympathy is extended R. S. Musgrave on the death of his mother-in-law and T. M. Payne on the death of his mother-in-law.

W. E. Dillon has returned to work after a six weeks' absence due to illness.

J. K. Jarrell has returned to work after an eight weeks' absence due to surgery.

Betty T. Brumfield is at home recovering from an illness.

Sympathy is extended Monty Huffman on the death of his father and Paul E. Harlan on the death of his father-in-law.

E. C. Berry and Roy M. Bates are recuperating at home following injuries.

Frank C. Lake has returned to work after being off four months due to an injury.

Sympathy is extended G. W. Akers on the death of his stepfather.

Williamson District

H. A. Cross, commercial, has returned to work after an illness of four months.

Patsy Ruth Varney, commercial, and Myrtle Bevins, accounting, served as committee chairman and decoration committee member, respectively, of the Charity Ball given by the Junior Woman's Club.

The K-Appa-K Girls Club gave a Thanksgiving dinner in the local office auditorium for their invited guests.

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Employees returning to work after illnesses include J. P. Smith, W. K. Bradshaw, H. H. Benton, F. S. Russell, C. C. McClellan, J. V. Bowman, Wayne Matthews, C. G. Allison and John Faust.

Sympathy is extended James Arnold, engineering, on the death of his brother, and Marjorie Seal, accounting, on the death of her grandmother.

Mrs. F. W. Isley, wife of the supervisor of area development, is recovering at home after hospital treatment.

Tommy, son of T. C. Dorton, Jr., has recuperated after hospitalization.

Kentucky Has Display At College



This three-dimensional display was on exhibit by Kentucky Power at the annual Career Guidance Carnival, sponsored by the University of Kentucky. Over 22,000 people saw this and displays from 136 other firms during the three-day meeting. University students and students from Lexington and nearby high schools were the chief visitors. This display told the story of electricity from the coal pile to the consumer.

Retiree Expects Profit From Hobby



Mr. Vickers

Retirement doesn't necessarily mean inactivity for retired Cabin Creek Plant boiler operator D. C. Vickers and his wife.

Mr. Vickers, who retired November 1 after 29 years of service, has a wood-working shop at his home in Chesapeake. Both he and his wife are skilled in shop work, and they expect to make their shop a profitable hobby.

Mr. Vickers joined the Cabin Creek staff November 24, 1928. He is a veteran of World War I.

Concerning the company's safety program, Mr. Vickers said, "I believe in safety on and off the job, and I am happy to see the many safety improvements which have been made for the employees."

College Student Earns Two Honors

Two college honors have recently been bestowed on James R. Stidham, a junior at the University of Kentucky.

The son of Gaine Stidham, Hazard district superintendent, James was initiated into the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, electrical engineering honorary fraternity.

He has also been accepted for the advanced Air Force ROTC and has been appointed a Cadet Second Lieutenant. James has worked during the summer in Hazard's engineering department.

James Stidham



AGE President Receives Honors

Philip Sporn, president of American Gas and Electric Company and of our companies, has been selected as one of the nation's "Fifty Foremost" business leaders in nation-wide balloting conducted by *Forbes Magazine* in connection with its current 40th anniversary observance.

The distinguished businessmen and industrialists were honored at a banquet in New York on November 6.

Just a few of the other 49 honorees are: R. M. Blough, General Lucius Clay, John L. Collyer, Ralph J. Cordiner, Harlow H. Curtice, Henry Ford II, C. H. Greenewalt, George M. Humphrey, Henry R. Luce, Richard K. Mellon, Frank Pace, Jr., General David Sarnoff, Gardiner Symonds, and Thomas J. Watson, Jr.

Red Cross Headed By Ashlander

D. P. Wade, Ashland residential and rural sales supervisor, has been elected chairman of the Boyd County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Formerly vice chairman, he is filling an unexpired term in the chairmanship. He is also co-chairman of the Community Chest and a member of the Optimist Club. Married, he has a son and a daughter.

Mr. Wade joined Kentucky as a clerk in 1942 and went to his present position in 1950.



Mr. Wade

Station Foreman of Welch District Has Many Activities For Spare Time



F. L. Lineberry, Bluefield district station foreman, stands on the doorstep of a cottage he built in his leisure time.

F. L. Lineberry, Welch district station foreman, is a man with several leisure-time activities. Besides raising vegetables, fruits and chickens, Mr. Lineberry, a skilled carpenter and plumber, is constructing small cottages on his land near Bluefield. He has completed one.

Mr. Lineberry has two sons and

a daughter. Both sons, Gene and William, work for our company, and both have built their own homes.

Each year Mr. Lineberry expands his orchards by planting more trees.

Mr. Lineberry was employed by the company in 1920 as a lineman. He has nine years of service before retirement. He is a Mason and active in community affairs.

Fieldale Man Honored In Course



L. W. Jenkins, center, shows four classmates the bronze plaque he won as the highest honor in a recent Dale Carnegie Sales Course. The Fieldale area sales representative was selected as the "one who did the most for the class." Looking on from left, all Fieldale employees, are W. R. Naff, Jack M. Burnett, J. D. Higgins and G. W. Turner.

Resident Reptile Was Cremated

The proverbial "snake in the grass" turned out to be a snake in the control house recently at the Williamson district's Tierney 44 kv substation.

The snake, apparently taking up winter residence in the control house, met his death when he touched a 2.3 kv phase wire to the metal control house and shorted out the station.

The temporary power failure to a mine customer was ended when W. H. Stratton, line and station supervisor; R. L. Carpenter, rodman and Woodrow Holbrook, residential sales supervisor, on a timely inspection tour, removed the toasted victim.

Ben Martin Elected To Club Presidency

Ben Martin, Charleston record section, has been elected first president of the newly-organized Peqonia Lions Club.



Mr. Martin

Mr. Martin, a T&D clerk, has 19 years' service with the company. From 1942-46 he was on military leave and rose to the rank of staff sergeant in the Infantry.

A sports enthusiast, Mr. Martin likes football, basketball, baseball, swimming and bowling.

Instructors Finish First Aid Re-training



Nine employees of the Bluefield district have been re-trained as first aid instructors by the American National Red Cross. The course, taught by James M. Burns, right, field representative of the national headquarters, consisted of a 9-hour re-training program for those holding active instructor's certificates and 15 hours' instruction for holders of inactive certificates. The main purpose of the course was to familiarize instructors with the new

first aid textbook revised in 1957. Front row from left: Annie Hubbard, maid; W. Arnold Crotty, draftsman; C. L. Shockey, district personnel supervisor and Okey C. Glover, lineman. Second row from left: Clifford M. Fletcher, line supervisor; Ray T. Eskew, station man helper; Clyde E. Wysor, lineman; Bob E. Crowder, lineman and Dixon Jones, T&D clerk.

Service Emblems For 35 Years Go To Veterans



Mr. Spence

Mr. Evans



Mr. Rowland

Mr. Hess

Four Appalachian veterans have completed 35 years with the company. They include J. M. Spence, Welch; W. K. Evans, Cabin Creek plant; K. R. Rowland, system; and W. V. Hess, Charleston.

J. M. Spence

Mr. Spence was employed December 1, 1922 at Switchback, and his story has been the story of construction and maintenance of lines in the Welch district. He began as a mule driver, when material was transported over roads and trails by mule-drawn wagons.

He came to Welch when line gangs were moved there from Switchback, and later went to Buchanan County to work on construction. When that job was finished he returned to Welch where he joined the service gang.

A native Virginian, he was raised in Carroll County near Hillsville. He is married and has seven children. A resident of Grundy, he is a member of the Methodist Church.

W. K. Evans

Mr. Evans, Cabin Creek plant chief dispatcher, joined the company November 6, 1922 as an electrician at the plant. In 1935 he became control room dispatcher and was promoted to chief dispatcher in 1952.

A resident of Cabin Creek, he is married and has one daughter and six grandchildren. He enjoys flower gardening and is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

K. R. Rowland

Mr. Rowland, system station operator, was employed in November 1922 at the Kingsport plant as a maintenance man. He went to appliance serviceman in 1927 and 1931 went to the Holston station as operator. He became station operator in 1935.

He served in the Navy during World War I and is a member of the American Legion and the Kingsport Methodist Church.

W. V. Hess

Mr. Hess, working foreman in Charleston, joined the company November 16, 1922 as a utility man at Burnwell and Gamoca. On January 1, 1937 he became a district serviceman and in May 1948 a foreman in the Montgomery area. On October 1 of this year he was transferred to the Charleston area.

Mr. Hess is married and has two sons. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

Engineers Active In Institute



Examining the special gavel awarded the Virginia Mountain section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers are J. B. Bewley, Jr., General Electric, left, and J. B. Whitmore, Roanoke division commercial manager. The section received the award for membership gains. Photo courtesy "Roanoke Times."

Thirty-two Appalachian engineers of the Roanoke, Lynchburg, Fieldale and Bluefield districts are members of the Virginia Mountain Section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. This section was recently awarded a gavel by the national organization for increased membership and attendance at meetings.

Last year, J. B. Whitmore, Roanoke division commercial manager, was section chairman, and E. C. Rankin, system station supervising engineer, was program chairman. This year Mr. Rankin is membership chairman.

The institute, composed of qualified electrical engineers, is dedicated, among other things, to maintaining a high professional standing among members, encouraging research, developing technical standards and providing educational opportunities through publications and meetings.

New Orebank Station To Connect With 132 Kv Loop Around Kingsport



John Armstrong, system operating supervisor, switches Kingsport's new Orebank station into operation. Present when the 132/12 kv station went into service were from left: R. L. Herr, chief operator, Holston station; Mr. Armstrong; R. E. Wells, Kingsport station man and F. S. Russell, Kingsport line foreman.

Kingsport's new Orebank station was placed in service November 13. The station, which will step down current from 132,000 to 12,000 volts, is served by a portion of the 132,000 volt loop line being built around Kingsport.

This 132-kv loop will eventually connect with the Clinch River plant and with Holston station by way of West Kingsport.

Located about six miles from Kingsport, the Orebank station has a capacity of 7,500 kva. The station was built to relieve a portion of the Bloomingdale Road 12-kv line.

At present one 12-kv circuit has been built to the new station. However, it is designed for additional circuits when needed.

Good Business . . .

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transformers over 27% since September 1955.

Sales Balance

Mr. Sporn also put in a plea for increased sales of energy in the residential and commercial fields as a means of helping to offset the lowering ratio of revenues to sales. He reported that 1957 sales of major electric appliances—ranges, water heaters and clothes dryers—probably will reach 171,650 units, compared with 166,951 units last year. He also reported 1957 electric home-heating installations will be in excess of 3,000 units, including about 290 heat pumps. And average residential electric usage is expected to reach 3,600 kwh per year, against 3,318 kwh in 1956.

Conversely, he said, it now appears that the system will not be able to beat its 1956 sales records in commercial lighting, cooking, production heating and air conditioning. The bright spot in commercial sales, however, is in space heating, now running better than 40% above last year.

Records Predicted

Mr. Sporn estimated that total system sales of energy will increase 17.6% in 1958, compared with this year, and that industrial power sales alone will go up an unprecedented 3 billion kwh.

System peak load before the end of 1957 is expected to reach 4,150,000 kilowatts and by 1960 will reach an estimated 5,700,000 kw. Generating capability of the AGE system by 1960 will be 6,400,000 kw, thus creating a reserve capacity of 700,000 kw, or about 12% at that time.

Point Pleasant Open House Draws Over 1,000



Over 1,000 persons attended the open house held recently at the new Point Pleasant office service building. The front of the building features white enameled brick with porcelain paneling. The 160 by 75-foot building is of split level design.

An estimated crowd of more than 1,000 persons attended the open house held recently at the new Point Pleasant Office and service building.

Favors were passed out to the ladies and children; refreshments were served and two door prizes were given away.

Items on display were an electronic oven, heat pumps and construction materials of the 345,000 volt line.

Employees were stationed throughout the building to explain the various departments and equipment.

Construction on the 160 by 75-foot, two-level building began a little over a year ago. The building is of concrete and brick construction. The front is white enameled brick with porcelain panels. Heating and



Ann Bartlett, right, shows visitors the electronic oven during Open House at the Point Pleasant office. Electric heat exhibits can be seen back of the visitors.

cooling are furnished by an electric heat pump.

Mrs. Hazel White, Janitress, Dies



Mrs. White

Hazel Dickerson White, 47, janitress in the Bluefield district, died October 22 after a lingering illness.

She was employed by Appalachian February 11, 1952.

Mrs. White was born in Bramwell where she received her early education. She attended Bluefield State College for three years, majoring in education and science.

Mrs. White is survived by her husband, Thomas. Funeral services were held October 26 at the Mount Zion Church in Bluefield.

Lineman Revives Victim Of Shock

A construction company foreman owes his life to the first aid training of Point Pleasant district lineman R. L. (Jim) Barnette and the quick action of a fellow worker.



Mr. Barnette

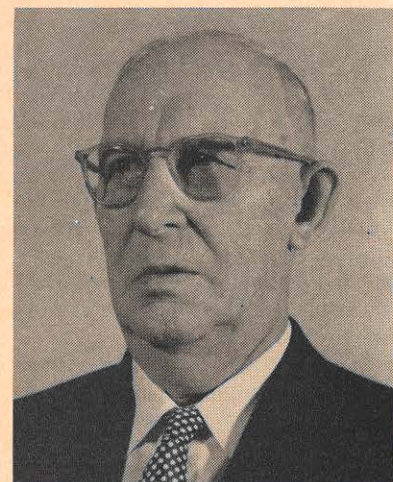
Mr. Barnette was nearby when the construction company foreman was knocked unconscious after touching a hot conductor. A lineman working with the foreman brought the limp figure to the ground where Mr. Barnette began administering artificial respiration.

A radio call to the Point Pleasant base station via company short wave brought an ambulance.

After 20 minutes of artificial respiration, the foreman responded.

The accident occurred during construction of a 66,000-volt line between the Leon and Ripley stations.

Cabin Creek Plant Employee Retires



Mr. Isaacs

Leonard Isaacs, 65, Cabin Creek Plant boiler maintenance helper, retired November 1 after almost 22 years of company service.

At a dinner honoring retiring employees, Mr. Isaacs made this comment about fellow employees: "Although I am anxious to retire, I'll certainly miss the fine people with whom I worked."

Mrs. Isaacs concurred with her husband's opinion of Cabin Creek plant employees. "Now I know why Leonard had such nice things to say about the people at the plant. Everyone seems so nice and friendly," she commented after a tour of the plant.

Born in Muncy, Kentucky, October 18, 1892, Mr. Isaacs worked in the coal mining industry before his first employment with Appalachian in 1934. After five years of broken service, he has been employed continuously since 1939.

The Isaacs have a home in London, Ky., where they have a plot of ground which they expect to garden.

Display Shows Unsafe Conditions



A display depicting 20 unsafe office conditions was set up recently in the Roanoke office building lobby for one week. J. E. Hopkins, head T&D clerk, who is chairman of the Roanoke Office Safety Subject Committee, is shown preparing the display. In conjunction with the exhibit an eight-employee inspection team was selected to look for unsafe conditions in Roanoke offices.

Pulaski Man Heads ASAE Local Section

R. J. Blair has been elected chairman of the Virginia Section of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.



Mr. Blair

The Pulaski residential and rural sales supervisor was named to the office by the group's 100 members at their annual meeting. He has been employed by the company for 20 years.

Returned Souvenir Brings Happiness

On Navy patrol during the battle of Guadalcanal, Hubert King, Williamson district meter serviceman, found a small Japanese army notebook floating in the water. Upon his discharge, Mr. King sent the notebook home as a souvenir.



Mr. King

Last year he read an article in *Reader's Digest* concerning the gratitude of a Japanese family for a lost loved one's diary that was returned to them.

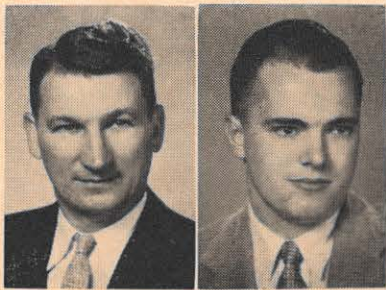
Moved by the article, Mr. King sent his souvenir to the *Reader's Digest* to be returned to the family. Recently, he received a letter translated into English by the magazine from the family of Chomatsu Shimizue, the dead Japanese soldier.

Expressing their gratitude for the returned notebook, the family explained that "there was still some shadow of a doubt as to his officially reported death since no identifying items reached us at any time." In a letter from the *Reader's Digest* Tokyo office, Mr. King was thanked by magazine representatives for "the great happiness that was brought to this soldier's family who had nothing memorial of its dear member who had to die somewhere in a far-off and utterly unknown place."

Winning Costumes



Costumes judged best at the annual Charleston district Halloween party were worn by, left to right, Bonnie Jarrett, Dave Matthews and Helen Chapman. Scattered corn meal over the floor made a smooth surface for dancing to the orchestra's music. Decorations of fodder and fall leaves further emphasized the autumn motif. About 150 attended.



Mr. Morrison Mr. McComas

Plant Changes Affect Loganites

Luther C. Houchins, Jr., Logan plant personnel supervisor, has been named to the same position at Clinch River plant, now under construction at Carbo.

He is succeeded at Logan plant by Marvin F. Morrison, office supervisor. Richard L. McComas, Logan plant time clerk, has moved up to office supervisor.



Mr. Houchins

A native of Hinton, W. Va., Mr. Houchins is a graduate of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University. During World War II he served with the Army in Europe. He was manager of personnel and controls for the Guyan Machinery Company before coming to Logan plant in 1955 as personnel supervisor.

Married and the father of a son, he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Masons and the VFW.

Mr. Morrison, new Logan plant personnel supervisor, is a native of Milton and was employed by the company July 28, 1939 in Charleston. He came to Logan as plant office supervisor in 1951.

Married, he has two daughters and is a member of Aracoma Lodge No. 99, AF&AM, Logan Chapter No. 41, RAM and the First Baptist Church. He graduated from Marshall College in 1939.

Logan plant's new office supervisor, Mr. McComas, joined the plant in October 1952 as work order clerk and later became time clerk. He is a native of Branchland and graduated from Logan High School in 1951.

Married and the father of a son and a daughter, he attends the McConnell Tabernacle. He is a Marine veteran of the Korean War.

Recently he completed the Instructor's Training Course in First Aid at Brevard, N. C. and is a member of the American Red Cross. He is also president of the Logan AEP Federal Credit Union.

Employees Who Maintain Street Lights Are 'Ye Olde Lamplighters' With Modern Touch

Civilization has progressed since the days of the lamplighter. But the lamplighter is still with us.

The modern lamplighter is quite different from the one of old, who walked his lonely rounds lighting up the city. Today, the lights come on automatically, so the modern lamplighter, patrolling in his truck, is the man who sees that they stay on. Maintenance of street lights today is

a 24-hour job—in the old days the lamplighter did not appear until it began growing dark.

People still take lighting for granted, just as they did in the old days. It was unthinkable that the lamplighter would miss making his rounds, and it is unthinkable that the street lights won't come on.

That's where our employees come in. In Kingsport, for instance, several men are directly responsible for street lighting maintenance.

Kingsport's general servicemen, J. W. Proffitt, J. E. Ford and E. R. Barrett patrol the city's 911 overhead and whiteway street lights. The whiteway lights, including 210 that were just installed, are patrolled every night and burned out ones replaced the next morning by employees under R. C. Scarlett, station supervisor. The general servicemen fall under the supervision of J. W. Bolton, meter supervisor.

The remaining 701 lights, placed along other commercial and residential streets, are inspected weekly. Last year 2,687 lamps were replaced in the city. It takes eight hours just to inspect the city's street lighting system.

Kingsport's city lights are controlled by a timing device, while those in the suburbs are controlled by photo-electric cells, which automatically turn the lights on when the

light density reaches a low point. Paul Dunn, general serviceman, and E. A. Clay, meterman, install and maintain these devices.

The lamplighter of old has been dressed up for modern living, and while he's still being taken for granted, his services mean people are Living Better . . . Electrically.



James E. Ford, Kingsport general serviceman, changes a residential street light during a service patrol at night.



A modern lamplighter, James D. Spivey, Kingsport station man, replaces a whiteway lamp using a hydraulic lift ladder truck.

Young AGE Engineer Chosen One Of Best

An AGE Service Corporation engineer was recently named one of the three outstanding young electrical engineers in the nation.



Mr. Stagg

Glen W. Stagg, 34, will receive his honorable mention award at the February meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in New York. His selection for the award was announced recently by the award organization committee of Eta Kappa Nu, national electrical engineering honor society.

Those eligible for the award must be under 35, and they must have been graduated not more than 10 years from a regular course in electrical engineering. Selection is made on the basis of achievement in chosen field; service to community, state or nation; cultural and aesthetic development and professional activities.

Test Installations At Sporn Plant Studied By ASME Research Committee



Test equipment, installed in the Philip Sporn plant in 1956, is examined by members of the ASME research committee. Kneeling in the foreground are Lyle Schueler of Diamond Power Specialty Corporation (left) and Philip Sporn plant manager A. G. Mehlman. In the background are representatives from our company, AGE and several other industries.

Members of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers research committee on high temperature steam generation examined test installations at the Philip Sporn plant November 4. The test equipment, installed by the ASME research committee in 1956, had completed six months of operation at design temperatures.

In the research program selected alloy steels in tubular form were to

undergo high pressure steam at temperatures of 1,100 degrees F. to 1,500 degrees F. for periods up to 36 months. This would aid in determining their resistance to internal corrosion, the effects of oxide films on heat conductivity, stability of the metal and resistance to repeated heat shock.

Specimens which have undergone tests will be further studied at Purdue University.

Bluefield Benevolent Group Names Leaders



LEFT: Elected to offices in the Bluefield Employees' Benevolent Association were from left: Shirley A. Long, secretary; Robert D. Simmons, chairman; and Nancy Tibbs, treasurer. RIGHT: One of Mr. Simmons' first duties on behalf of the organization was to deliver 60 Asiatic Flu

shots to Mrs. Beulah Ann Bailey, Mercer County Public Health Nurse. The Association paid for the vaccine, which will be given needy persons. Members of the board include M. R. Callaway, J. Paul Rose, Earl Maynor and Ann B. Turner.

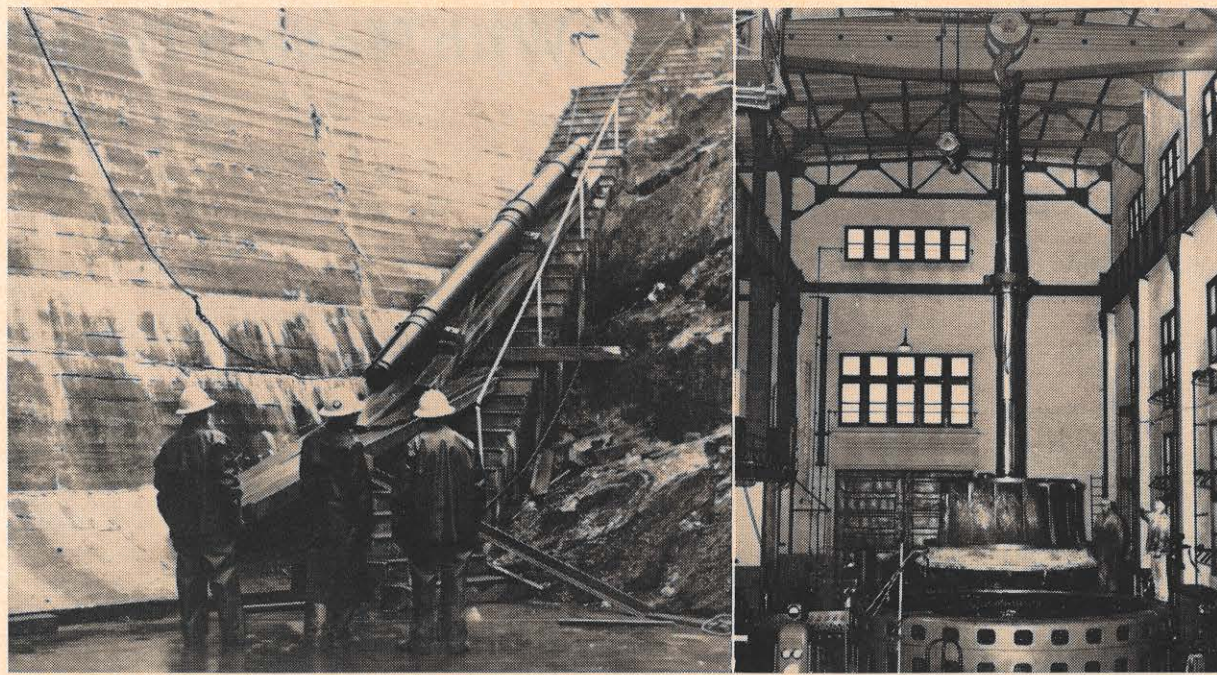


Box Score Of ALL-Electric Homes

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

	Employees	Customers	Total
Appalachian	236	1176	1412
Kentucky	28	90	118
Kingsport	22	1765	1787
Total	286	3031	3317

Byllesby Unit Out Second Time In 46 Years



In 46 years of service the turbine and generator shaft of the No. 3 unit at Byllesby hydro, Pulaski district, has only needed repairs twice. It was recently re-installed after being sent to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company for straightening. The first time it was out was in 1933, when the shaft broke. LEFT: E. C. Porterfield, Cabel Littreal and O. D. Rhudy help lower the straightened shaft down steps on its way back to the hydro powerhouse. RIGHT: At right O. D. Rhudy and Frank Barger

supervise the lowering of the shaft and turbine wheel back into place. While the 24-foot long shaft was out, repairs were also made to the runner, which for the first time was welded with stainless steel to fill cavities. Other repairs and changes were also made to give longer life to the unit, installed in 1911. Work was done by the Byllesby maintenance crew under the supervision of R. C. Littreal, working foreman, and F. E. Rotenberry, district hydro supervisor.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District

THOMAS E. BEAUCHAMP from junior contract entry and final bill clerk to junior general clerk.

Beckley District

LINDA K. BRYANT from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer; SAMUEL J. FARMER, JR., from Beckley meter reader to Oak Hill junior general clerk; BILLIE J. MARTIN from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer; HARRY A. WILTON, JR., from appliance serviceman B to engineering aide.

Bluefield District

JUNIOR E. CHAPMAN from meter serviceman B to meter serviceman A; EDWIN DALE COOPER from groundman to truck driver-groundman; CHARLES E. HOWELL from lineman B to meter serviceman A; JOHN E. M. SCOTT from groundman to lineman C; CLYDE E. WYSOR from meter serviceman A to lineman A.

Huntington District

J. H. LOWE from station man C to station man B; BARBARA MARKIN from junior cashier to junior contract clerk; E. B. NORRIS from meter serviceman C to meter serviceman B.

Logan District

JIMMIE BUTCHER from lineman C to lineman B; S. C. HALSTEAD from lineman C to lineman B; GLENNEDA PERRY from junior petty cash clerk to junior general clerk; BETTY STEVENSON from junior contract entry and final bill clerk to junior cashier; JEAN WILLIAMS from authorization clerk to senior contract clerk.

Logan Plant

AVON G. WHITE from utility man to senior time clerk VII.

Philip Sporn Plant

WALTER R. COUCH from maintenance man to auxiliary equipment operator; GLENN HUFFMAN from tractor operator to auxiliary equipment operator; DONALD L. LANNING from maintenance man to auxiliary equipment operator; CARL L. TENNANT from maintenance man to master maintenance man; GEORGE A. WOLF from auxiliary equipment operator to assistant control operator.

Williamson District

GEORGE T. BOOTHE, JR., from meterman A to commercial sales representative; RUFUS MEADE, JR., from lineman C to lineman B.

Roanoke Names Benevolent Officers



New officers of the Roanoke Area Appalachian Employees' Benevolent Association are from left: D. E. Trout, district personnel assistant, secretary; A. R. Main, Jr., system civil draftsman, chairman; and N. C. Turner, tax accounting clerk, treasurer. For 1957-58 a total of 610 members paid into the Association \$11,162 of which \$10,668 was contributed to various charitable organizations. This is about 10 percent above last year.

AGE CORNER

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

Pole Miles Of Line Serving AGE System In 1957

Company	345,000-Volt	132,000-Volt	Other Transmission—22,000-Volt and Over	Distribution—Under 22 kv	Total
Appalachian	77	1,038	1,853	29,640	32,608
I & M	166	722	1,051	10,393	12,332
Kentucky		101	554	6,166	6,821
Kingsport		5	24	660	689
Ohio Power	245	1,334	2,063	15,818	19,460
Wheeling		51	63	1,214	1,328
AGE SYSTEM	488	3,251	5,608	63,891	73,238

Wins Twice



When little James David Honaker, son of Helen Honaker, Williamson district commercial department, was called a "skunk" he didn't mind it at all. In fact when a judge at the annual Jaycees Halloween Party said, "We have a skunk in the crowd. Will he please come up?" Jimmy was as thrilled as a nine-year-old could be. The skunk costume his mother made had won first prize. However, Jimmy wasn't finished collecting honors. His suit won first prize at a school party next day.

Charleston . . .

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Retired employee Ray Smoot is seriously ill in a hospital in Dunedin, Fla.

New employees are Beulah Gross, Joan K. Bonham, Jo Anne Adams, accounting; Robert G. Harper, engineering; William T. Durrett, Jr., Montgomery line section; Conda Fisher, records; and Crystal Rogers, miscellaneous.

Janet Hypes, stores, has returned to work after hospitalization.

Sympathy is extended Bill Witzel, district personnel supervisor, on the death of his father and B. W. Clay, stores supervisor, on the death of his mother.

Employees who have resigned are Joe Burdette, commercial; Shirley Hanson, coal procurement; Charles Leavens, engineering; Carolyn Smithers, records; Robert E. Jones, Paul Moss, line; Roberta Dodrill, accounting; and William F. Smith, meter.

Sympathy is extended Bill Salmons, engineering, on the death of his wife and infant son and Ralph Myers, engineering, on the death of his mother.

Ill Health Causes Janitor To Retire



Mr. Jordan

Augustus "Gus" M. Jordan, Roanoke district janitor, retired November 1 because of ill health.

Mr. Jordan's continuous employment with the company began in 1945. For the most part he has worked as a janitor except for two years as boiler operator. He was also employed by the company from 1940-44 as a fireman.

Mr. Jordan's first job was with the Norfolk and Western Railway where he was employed as a laborer at the age of 14.

He has four children and five grandchildren. He is a member of the Central Baptist Church.

In retirement, Mr. Jordan plans to spend many leisure hours fishing. He will continue to live at his home in Roanoke.

Robert G. Butcher Dies After Illness

Robert G. Butcher, 79, retired Lynchburg district electrician's helper, died November 8 at his home in Monroe, Va., following a long illness.

Mr. Butcher was employed by the line department in 1915 and retired in 1943.

For 23 years he was active pastor of the Morning Star Baptist Church in Amherst and was also active in the Masonic Order. He was born in Dinwiddie County.

Mr. Butcher is survived by his wife and four children.

Services were held November 11 at the church where he was pastor. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Food, Fun Easy As "ABC"



The Appalachian Breakfast Club is a little unusual—it has no officers or board of directors and no formal business matters. What it does have is food. Formed by employees of the Pearisburg office in the Bluefield district, the club meets once a month for breakfast. Here, David R. Mann, left, and Dave Davis turn out a batch of buckwheat cakes for the group, 17 strong. Mr. Mann is wearing rubber gloves and protectors because "of the high calorie count of the meal", and both are smoking cigars because they've already eaten. The monthly meal begins at 7 a.m. in the company commercial kitchen, each member paying \$1. Besides the fellowship enjoyed by members, they also take this opportunity to discuss problems and iron out job details.

Vets Honored



T. R. Mitchell
System
30 Years



R. C. Callison
Charleston
25 Years



C. J. Neeley
Charleston
25 Years



W. O. Sallaz
Point Pleasant
25 Years



Oscar Hamilton
Pikeville
20 Years



A. H. Jopp
Pikeville
20 Years



C. T. Rader
Roanoke
20 Years



J. H. Raper
Logan
20 Years



A. S. Morgan
Pulaski
20 Years



C. C. Jackson
Charleston
20 Years



R. H. Lawson
Philip Sporn
20 Years

SERVICE

These pins are awarded in recognition of years of faithful service. Each of these pins also recognizes the part the employee has played in the progress of the company during these years of service.

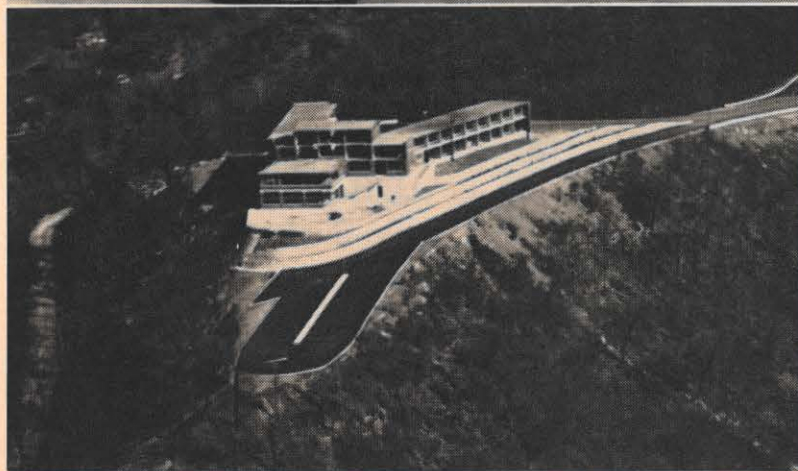
Clinic And Motel Are Kentucky Milestones

Two new buildings going up in the Hazard district represent major milestones in Kentucky Power's electric heat sales.

The new Hazard Medical Clinic is the largest heat pump installation in the Kentucky properties. And an all-electric motel being built on a hill will be the largest electric heat installation upon completion.

The clinic, largest in Eastern Kentucky, will have four heat pumps. The building will house 9 doctors, two dentists, a laboratory, a drug store and the business office for the organization.

The Citadel Motel will make use of electric ceiling cable heat in each of its 39 units. It is part of a large development on this hill near Hazard—22 new homes are part of the development plan, and the seven homes of these 22 that have been completed contain electric heat. The motel, to open June 1, 1958, will have air conditioning in each unit.



TOP: The largest medical clinic in Eastern Kentucky is also the largest heat pump installation in Kentucky Power. The new clinic is almost completed. **BOTTOM:** Perched 1,350 feet above sea level is the Citadel Motel, to be completed next year. This aerial view does not show sites for 22 homes, also part of the development. The motel will have electric heat and air conditioning.



Point Pleasant: The first primary aluminum was poured last month at Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation's big Ravenswood works. Final completion date for the \$200-million works is slated for "early next year."

Abingdon: The Columbus McKinnon Chain Corporation, Tonawanda, N. Y., has signed a lease for 30,000 square feet of floor space in the new Abingdon Tobacco Redrying Corporation plant. Production is expected to begin about March 1, 1958, with employment from 150 to 200.

Fieldale: Two major industries have completed construction. A 270,000 square foot addition to Stanley Furniture Company has been completed. Employment will be increased by about 500. And Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc., has begun production in its new \$2-million table plant at Bassett. This 300,000 square foot plant is Bassett Industries' sixth and is the world's largest table plant. About 500 people will be employed.

Pulaski: Klear Knit, Inc. of Independence has under construction a 15,000 square foot addition for 30 sewing machines.

Pulaski . . .

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Marie G. Marshall, commercial stenographer, was a delegate to the Virginia State Convention of the Beta Sigma Phi National Sorority which was held at the Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach.

Jeanne K. Duncan, PBX operator, has resigned.

Mrs. Posey C. Payne, wife of the transportation supervisor, has been a patient at University of Virginia hospital for ear surgery.

Mrs. D. P. Minichan, wife of the district manager, attended the State Board meeting of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond. She is regent of the Count Pulaski Chapter.

Virginia N. Roberts, managerial stenographer, is improving at home following major surgery.

James D. Ryan, retired Wytheville employee, has been hospitalized but is improving.

Mrs. C. E. Rosenbaum, wife of the Galax lineman, is recovering after surgery at a Roanoke hospital.

Gail F. Skiba, Pulaski home service representative, was honored with several parties upon her resignation. Marie Marshall and Adelene Newman, commercial, were hostesses at a dinner party at Blair House and presented her with a gift of crystal; Winifred B. Jackson gave a miscellaneous shower and the girls of the Pulaski office held open house and presented the honoree a gift of silver.

Bobby, son of Aulden Lemons, Pulaski dealer sales representative, was injured in a sandlot football game and has returned home after hospitalization.

B. B. McCall, Jr., son of the power sales engineer, is recuperating from surgery at a Roanoke hospital.

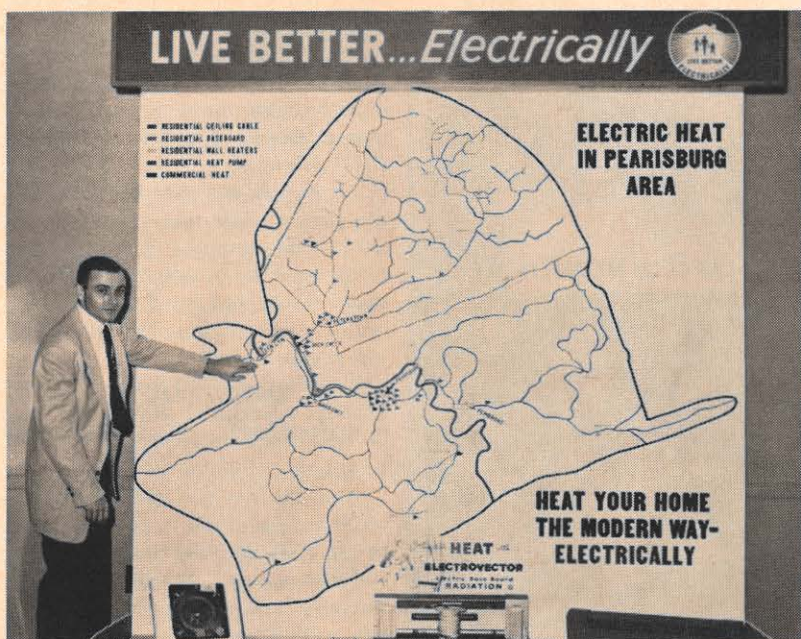
Donna Jo, daughter of Maxwell L. Saunders, Pulaski lineman, received her Graduate Nurse Diploma from the Pulaski Hospital School of Nursing.

New Switchboard



Patricia Dudley, Williamson district accounting department, demonstrates the district office's recently installed PBX, cord-type switchboard. In addition to other key communication points, this will permit dial communication between the service building on the Kentucky side of the river and the office in Williamson for the first time. Also, the system will improve answering service for customers in case of trouble.

Boult Board Boosts Electric Heat



Each of the 56 electric heating installations in the Pearisburg area of the Bluefield district is represented on this display by a triangle. Called the Boult Board, after its designer, James R. Boult, area sales representative, at left, the board is in the Pearisburg office lobby. It is 8 by 10 feet and is illuminated by the lighted "Live Better Electrically" sign at the top. The triangles are color coded to show the type installation. Mr. Boult was assisted by Mary Kirby, home service representative, and Archie G. Phlegar, heating and builder sales representative, in the board's sign work.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—10 YEARS: AUDREY J. HAGA, stenographer; ANCEL C. HUTTON, JR., area sales representative; HENRY McDONALD JONES, lineman.

Beckley District—15 YEARS: MILDRED L. WEBB, meter clerk; 5 YEARS: TONEY C. PALLARES, area sales representative.

Bluefield District—5 YEARS: NORMA JEAN LONGANACRE, petty cash clerk.

Cabin Creek Plant—35 YEARS: W. K. EVANS, chief plant dispatcher; 15 YEARS: E. E. WYATT, coal conveyor operator; 10 YEARS: MARJORIE CRAWFORD, clerk-stenographer; 5 YEARS: G. W. ABSHIRE, laborer; B. L. FERRELL, material clerk; J. H. VICKERS, boiler maintenance helper.

Charleston District—35 YEARS: W. V. HESS, working foreman; 25 YEARS: R. C. CALLISON, groundman; C. J. NEELEY, general serviceman; 20 YEARS: C. C. JACKSON, working foreman, Kanawha Valley Power Company; 15 YEARS: J. R. BOSTIC, stationman; 10 YEARS: C. B. BADGER, JR., groundman; J. K. BUSTER, Montgomery groundman; L. K. BUSTER, Montgomery truck driver-groundman; A. M. JONES, lineman; BARBARA SHREWSBURY, St. Albans cashier-clerk; 5 YEARS: D. E. CAVENDER, meter reader.

Fieldale District—10 YEARS: J. L. INGRAM, meterman.

Huntington District—10 YEARS: C. H. McCALLISTER, T&D clerk; 5 YEARS: CARLOS J. AKERS, safety supervisor.

Logan District—20 YEARS: J. H. RAPER, line inspector.

Lynchburg District—15 YEARS: KATHLEEN V. HUDSON, T&D clerk; JAMES O. PULLEN, janitor; 10 YEARS: EDWARD L. BAKER, lineman; RAYMOND E. THOMAS, draftsman.

Point Pleasant District—25 YEARS: W. O. SALLAZ, line foreman.

Pulaski District—20 YEARS: ADIEL S. MORGAN, meterman; 15 YEARS: CLAUDE S. HALE, meterman; 10 YEARS: MARION A. DEHAVEN, T&D clerk; BRUCE J. STONEMAN, meter reader.

Roanoke District—20 YEARS: C. T. RADER, lineman; 15 YEARS: J. D. PRATHER, appliance serviceman helper; 10 YEARS: C. W. HODGES, groundman; E. M. PAYNE, head material clerk.

Philip Sporn Plant—20 YEARS: ROBERT H. LAWSON, resident engineer; 5 YEARS: JOSEPH R. BAILEY, helper; CLARENCE S. JORDAN, helper; NANCY G. SCALLY, payroll clerk.

System—35 YEARS: K. R. ROWLAND, system station operator; 30 YEARS: T. R. MITCHELL, assistant electric plant accounting supervisor; 5 YEARS: ROY I. JENNELLE, maintenance man, Radford Arsenal; D. M. MINNICK, maintenance man, Radford Arsenal; VICTOR SEMONES, JR., utility operator, Radford Arsenal; JULIAN L. VAUGHAN, maintenance mechanic, Radford Arsenal.

Welch District—35 YEARS: J. M. SPENCE, meter serviceman.

Williamson District—5 YEARS: JOHN R. BARBOUR, JR., lineman.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District—15 YEARS: VIRGINIA LEWIS, secretarial-stenographer.

Pikeville District—20 YEARS: OSCAR HAMILTON, line foreman; A. H. JOPP, district commercial manager; 10 YEARS: JACOB P. CLINE, JR., engineering aide; T. E. STEELE, area supervisor.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

15 YEARS: HENRY GILREATH, junior PBX operator; 10 YEARS: JAMES L. KESTERSON, appliance serviceman.

Six Couples Married



Among employees and members of their families married in recent weeks are those brides pictured above. From left: Mrs. William H. Ferguson, Jr., Abingdon; Mrs. Charles D. Cooper, Huntington; and Mrs. Elmo A. Murray, Jr., Charleston.



Also married were, from left: Mrs. James W. Callahan, Abingdon; and Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Canaday, Beckley.

Phillips-Dobbins

Mary Kathleen Phillips and Carlos J. Dobbins were united in marriage November 8 at the Memorial Baptist Church in Beckley. He is a Beckley meter reader.

Meadows-Canaday

Virginia Carol Meadows and Billy R. Canaday were married November 8 at the home of his parents in Crab

Employee's Daughter Elected Key Queen

Linda Thompson, daughter of Blanche Thompson, Kingsport meter clerk, was recently named Dobyns-Bennett High School's Miss Key Club for 1957.



Linda Thompson

Linda was crowned by the club president during halftime activities of a football game. She was presented a silver watch engraved with her name and title.

Voting was held by the entire student body, and Linda won over 14 contestants.

Orchard. He is a Rainelle area meter reader in the Beckley district.

Lanham-Murray

The Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church in Charleston was the scene November 8 of the double ring marriage of Pauline Lanham and Elmo A. Murray, Jr. Mrs. Murray is a Charleston power billing clerk and Mr. Murray is Charleston district commercial manager.

Selfe-Callahan

Betty Selfe and James W. Callahan were united in marriage October 19 in Lebanon. Mr. Callahan is an Abingdon district lineman.

Nye-Ferguson

Sylvia Anne Nye and William H. Ferguson, Jr. were married October 26 at the Glade Spring Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Ferguson is an Abingdon clerk-typist and Mr. Ferguson is an Abingdon dealer sales representative.

Buttrick-Cooper

Stella F. Buttrick and Charles D. Cooper were united in marriage October 12 in Russell, Ky. Mrs. Cooper is employed in the Huntington district T&D record section.

Williamson . . .

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Thirteen veteran employees were honored with a service pin dinner at the Mountaineer Hotel recently. The dinner was climaxed with the presentation of service pins by C. C. Darrah, district manager, to these employees: Ford Muncy, Monroe Hall, Jr., Price Copley, George N. Hairston, Leroy Hairston, Rufus Meade, Jr., Millard G. Phillips, Claude F. Alley, Betty L. Roach, Lorraine G. Corea, Hiram Stollings, William H. Stratton and John R. Barbour, Jr.

E. J. Clouser, district personnel supervisor, was given a surprise "Pop shower" by the office girls the day his son, Joseph Kenton, was born.

Logan District

W. R. Peyton, power sales engineer, addressed the members of the Logan Rotary Club recently concerning the engineering approach to traffic safety.

H. R. Jackson, stores supervisor, is recuperating at home after hospitalization.

H. J. Collins, personnel supervisor, is serving on the Essay Contest Committee for the State Employ The Physically Handicapped group.

G. W. LeGrande, line foreman, is recovering at home following hospital confinement.

W. M. Walls, commercial sales representative, has been elected vice president of the Chapmanville Kiwanis Club.

Ruby Walls, meter, and Mary Elizabeth Davis, commercial, have returned to work following illnesses.

W. E. Bivens, residential and rural sales supervisor, was elected to the board of directors of the Logan Kiwanis Club.

Top 10 Honor Goes To Retiree's Widow

Mrs. Florence Hastie, the widow of a system operating department retiree, was recently named one of the 10 top club women of the Charleston area. She was named from a list of 500 women. Her husband, Jim, died in 1953.

Mrs. Hastie has held several offices in the Charleston West Side Woman's Club. She is a past officer of the Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 97 and of the Ladies Auxiliary, Patriarch, Militant, a branch of the Odd Fellows. She is past state president of the Degree of Honors Protective Association and a fraternal insurance organization. She is also a past officer of the Charleston Woman's Civic Council.



Mrs. Hastie

Spirit Spawning



Anne B. Turner, Bluefield office clerk-stenographer, is her neighborhood's first exponent of the 1957 Christmas spirit. The coach lamp decoration she recently placed on the front porch was the first Christmas light in her Princeton, W. Va., neighborhood.



Surrounded by some of the many dishes they sample during a Charleston cookbook contest are these home service representatives. At right Mary K. Hanley whips up a concoction from a contest recipe. At left she checks the weight of Barbara Thabet, one of the several home service representatives who are willing to help sample dishes in the judging. The dishes? In the top row from left are Yorkshire Hot Pot, Pecos Beef in Sour Cream Sauce and Salt Rising Bread and Mush Rolls. In the next row are Apple-Sweet Potato Bake and Pumpkin Stack-Up. In the lower right the three dishes are Lasagne (beef, noodles, tomato and parmesian cheese casserole), Frozen Strawberry Cheese Cake and Real Squares (molasses candy).

Cookbook Contest Judges Have 'Weighty' Problems

Are you one of the many Americans who has become "calorie conscious"? Have you obtained calorie charts, starved yourself, taken pills, starved yourself, taken exercises, starved yourself—to lose pounds? Does the fight become a losing battle when a wedge of homemade apple pie is set before you?

Take heart. Listen to the woes of Charleston's home service representatives.

These employees serve as judges in annual cookbook contests sponsored by Charleston's two newspapers. Sylvia Hinchman, home service director, has regularly judged weekly recipes for the *Charleston Gazette* since 1949. She has also selected and tested entries for the past four years in the paper's annual cookbook contest. And this year, Mary K. Hanley, home service representative, is performing the same duties for a contest sponsored by the *Charleston Daily Mail*.

All entries are read carefully and the judges select those they want to test in the company kitchen. The recipe must be practical, the method stated clearly and it helps if the item can be prepared from "pantry shelf" ingredient.

As many as 22 classifications of food are covered in the contests, and at least three recipes of each must be tested.

And that's where the girls themselves are put to the test. To properly judge a recipe, the result must be sampled. If it happens to be a Bavarian cream glazed cherry pie, any really conscientious judge knows it often takes as many as 10 or 12 bites to make sure whether or not it surpasses the Exquisite Chocolate Mint Sticks.

And so it goes. Breads, soups, pastries, salads, meats, sea foods and

many other foods must be tasted. Even if she only takes a bite here and a couple more there, a cookbook judge consumes a great many calories during the contest.

But in Charleston the home service representative who judges cookbook contests is dedicated. She just shrugs her shoulders, picks up a fork, lets out her belt and decides the diet can begin the day after the contest ends.

Coveted Title Given Employee's Daughter

Joan Basham, 14-year-old daughter of Howard Basham, Charleston district general clerk, has received one of the most coveted honors of Woodrow Wilson High School. Joan was chosen head majorette of the school band's 9-member majorette corps.



Joan Basham

An honor student, Joan is president of the school's Youth Group and is on the staff of the yearbook. She also works in the principal's office.

They're Engaged

CATHERINE EILEEN DODSON to Bobby L. Wagner. Miss Dodson is a Princeton office clerk-typist in the Bluefield district.

HELEN WALLS to Cpl. Dennis L. Hoffman. Miss Walls is a St. Albans office cashier-clerk in the Charleston district.

JUANITA BAILEY to Robert L. Goff. Mr. Goff is a Logan meter reader.

New Arrivals

Ashtand

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD P. BUYALOS, a daughter, Kimberly Paige, October 21. Mr. Buyalos is a PBX operator and Mrs. Buyalos is a former purchasing department employee.

Beckley

MR. AND MRS. LLOYD F. POMYKATA, a son, Gregory Lloyd, October 27. Mr. Pomykata is Rainelle area supervisor and Mrs. Pomykata is a former Beckley engineering department employee.

Employee's Daughter Honored By PTA Group

Karen Sue Miller was recently crowned Princess of the Roadfork PTA Halloween Carnival.



Karen Miller

The eight-year-old daughter of C. L. Miller, Williamson electrical engineer, she is in the third grade. Her father is presently president of the PTA and was instrumental in raising money for the purchase of a commercial electric range and other equipment for the school.

Cabin Creek Plant

MR. AND MRS. D. T. BRILES, a daughter, Corrina Sue, October 4. Mr. Briles is a laborer.

Charleston

MR. AND MRS. JACK L. WILSON, a son, Craig Lee, October 25. Mrs. Wilson is a former home economist.

MR. AND MRS. K. P. MCCOY, a daughter, Mary Allen, October 26. Mr. McCoy is a St. Albans area serviceman.

Kingsport

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL E. RUSSELL, a son, Larry Samuel, November 6. Mr. Russell is a lineman.

Logan Plant

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT J. STOWERS, a son, Jerry Michael, November 4. Mr. Stowers is a janitor.

Roanoke

MR. AND MRS. W. E. COLLINS, a daughter, Kathryn Sue, October 3. Mr. Collins is a truck driver-groundman.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. JOHN N. LEWIS, a son, Dale Wesley, October 30. Mr. Lewis is a coal handler.

System

MR. AND MRS. HERSCHEL R. FIKE, a daughter, Gayle Marie, November 13. Mrs. Fike is a former system operating employee, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. HERBERT H. LEWIS, a son, Samuel Vaden, October 17. Mr. Lewis is a system operating employee, Holston Station.

MR. AND MRS. C. C. BEARD, a daughter, Bettina Louise, November 12. Mr. Beard is a system distribution employee, Roanoke.



Emil Gore's brothers, Glenn, left, and Joe, pose with Mack, the black and tan coon hound largely responsible for the raccoon pelts pictured hanging on the wall.

Coon Hound Mack Improves Record

Emil Gore's coon hound, Mack, has a commendable reputation which was improved recently during a week-long hunting trip.



Mr. Gore

Mack was the only dog used on the trip by Mr. Gore, Point Pleasant district dealer sales representative, and his two brothers. The trip yielded 21 coons.

Mack, who is a black and tan hound, was purchased as a pup and trained by Mr. Gore. Mack has been treeing coons since he was a year old. He received national recognition when his picture appeared on the cover of a coon hunter's magazine.

During the Logan centennial, Mack was featured on Appalachian's float, and he was also winner of the centennial coon chase which won him \$35. As another honor, Mack was awarded a trophy for best of breed at a dog show held by the Logan County Sportsmen Club.

Meter-Distribution Tops Roanoke League

Meter-Distribution leads the 8-team Roanoke Bowling League with a 22-8 record. The Stores team holds second place with a 17-13 record.

L. G. Gregory, Line and Station, has high average of 111 and high game of 149. K. K. Hubbard, Meter-Distribution, and P. C. Ray, Accounting No. 2, are tied for high 3-game set with 377. Accounting No. 1 has high team game of 592, and Meter-Distribution has high team set of 1,628.

Bags Turkey During Hunt

L. C. Bias, office manager, was the only Point Pleasant employee to bag a wild turkey this season. His 7-pound hen was killed in Pocahontas County.

Mosco Blackburn Aids Youngsters

Coaching a grade school football team, a Hazard district line foreman has exerted a strong influence on careers of some of his footballers.



Mr. Blackburn

Mosco J. Blackburn, who this year coached Walkertown grade school to an unbeaten, untied season, had eight team members who did not intend to re-enter school this season. Counseling the boys, he persuaded them to continue their schooling. As a result, the boys will enter high school next year where they plan to play football.

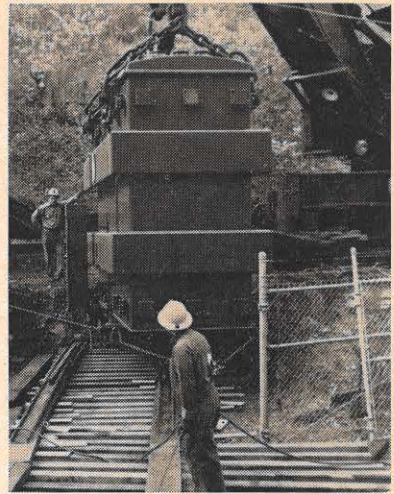
However, this wasn't the first time Coach Blackburn persuaded team players to continue schooling. Two he encouraged to remain in grammar school will graduate from high school the end of this term. Both boys are All-State football contenders, and both will receive college scholarships.

Two Williamson Golfers Receive Tourney Awards

Two Williamson district linksmen won honors in the recent Mingo County Country Club's annual golf tournament. They are C. C. Darrah, district manager, and E. E. King, district superintendent.

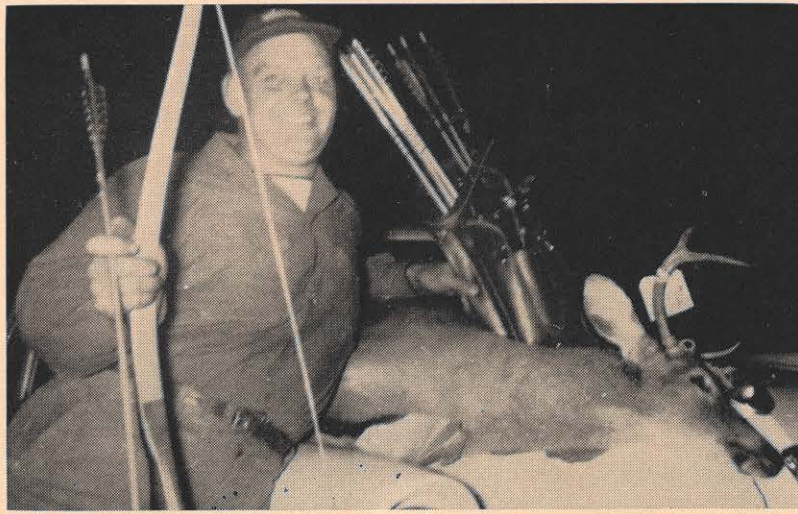
Mr. King won first place trophy in the second flight and Mr. Darrah won first place trophy in the third flight. The trophies were presented at a banquet held in honor of the tournament winners.

Moving A Giant



This giant transformer, to convert voltage from 88 kv to 66 kv, was recently unloaded at the Grundy transmission station in the Welch district. Weighing 45 tons without oil, the transformer was unloaded by Switchback and Grundy crews, using a crane. Work is now in progress on the installation of the equipment.

Shades of Robin Hood



One broad head arrow brought Aubry C. Altizer, Beckley district truck driver-groundman, two trophies recently. One is this 150-pound, 4-point buck killed at Watoga State Park; the other is a marksmanship trophy the Greenbrier Field Archers of Rainelle voted to present him. At a range of 20 yards, Archer Altizer shot the deer in the neck. The buck traveled 150 yards before falling. This was the first deer killed in the park this year.

Hobby Brings Cash To Hazard Man



G. C. Branson picks chrysanthemum blooms from one of his variety of greenhouse plants. Started as a hobby, the greenhouse has been expanded into a profitable business for the Hazard district stores supervisor.

When G. C. Branson, store supervisor in the Hazard district, sold some surplus flowers to help bear hobby expenses, he initiated a profitable pastime.

Increased demand for his flowers led to more and more expansion of the small greenhouse in his back yard. Now, Mr. Branson is able to furnish flowers for most floral occasions and also such garden plants as tomatoes, cabbage and peppers.

The expanded hobby has created a job for Mrs. Branson who is credited with doing much of the work involved in the enterprise.

Mr. Branson joined our company as a temporary plant clerk in 1930. Holding several positions, he was employed as storekeeper and district stores supervisor before his present promotion.

Cage Loop Starts For Logan Hoopmen

Four teams are competing in the Appalachian Logan Plant-District employees' basketball league which opened the season November 12. Thirty-six employees are vying for positions on the four league teams. Represented in the league are the Logan Plant Operators and the Logan Plant Office and Maintenance, while the district has entries from the Meter Department and T&D.

The league has a 12-game schedule with a tournament at the end of the regular season.

An all-star group of league players is competing in the Logan County industrial basketball league this season.

Season's First



Clyde L. Farley, working foreman, was the first employee in the Bluefield district to bag a wild turkey this season. Mr. Farley shot this 15-pound bird, along with several squirrels, in Pocahontas County. Accompanying him on the trip were his son, Danny; nephew, Freddie and brother, Claude, an area supervisor at Pineville.

Snow Halts Hunts Of Sporn Employees

Squirrels, turkey, grouse and deer have been sought recently by Philip Sporn plant sportsmen. However, heavy snowfalls ended two group hunts after the first day.

Both groups chose Hardy County, W. Va., as hunting grounds.

After squirrels were Mark Ward, Glen Hensler, Stan Harbour, Keith Arnold, Clarence Tennant, Dallas Cadle, Tom Hoffman, Bill Gibbs and Bill Wentzell. Their one-day hunt yielded table meat.

Turkey and grouse hunting and bow and arrow hunting for deer were Bill Roush, Bernard Hoffman, Kenneth Rollins, Ed Carter and Joe Cullen.

All-League Honors Expected For Wood

Jarrett "Butch" Wood, Jr., whose father is a Pikeville district power sales engineer, is being considered for all-league football honors.

Butch is Staunton Military Academy's first string center. He is credited by his coach as being one of the best offensive blockers in the league. The 180-pound center has started in all games this season except for one during which he was sidelined with a shoulder injury.



"Butch" Wood

Deer Jacket



A. R. Schlaegel, Kanawha River plant maintenance man, wears the deer-skin jacket for which it took him 10 years to acquire enough material. The jacket, which features a satin lining, is made from the skins of three bucks and a doe which Mr. Schlaegel killed during the seasons of 1946, 1948, 1952 and 1956.

Williamson Teams Tied For Bowling League Lead

Two teams, the Tap Changers and the Redi Watts, have tied for first place in the four-team Williamson district bowling league. Both teams have won six and lost three.

Jay Runyon of the Regulators has high single game with a score of 202, and Ernest Bevins of the Breakers has high series with 544.

Team captains are C. L. Miller, Tap Changers; Jack Maynard, Redi Watts; Ernest Bevins, Breakers and Moir Nowlin, Regulators.

Grand Gobbler



Edwin H. Clark, Philip Sporn plant maintenance foreman, displays a record-size turkey gobbler he shot recently on a hunting trip in Hardy County, W. Va. The turkey was the second largest ever killed in that county, the conservation department reports. The gobbler's 12-inch beard was the longest many natives of that county had ever seen.

Williamsonians Finish First Aid Course



Twenty-six members of the Williamson district T&D department recently completed the Red Cross standard first aid course taught by Fred Varney and Ernest Bailey, line foremen. Those receiving certificates were from left, first row: Roland Staten, Fred Alley, Henry S. Kiser, Jr., Kermit Epperly, J. B. Harris, Everette Carrico, Jerry Akers, Glen

Felty. Second row: Rufus Meade, Calvin Thompson, Okey Taylor, Lester Cather, Joe Hatfield, Bobby Pinson, Lee Compton, Ralph Williams, W. H. Stratton. Third row: Jack Akers, Lat Bevins, Ernest Bailey, Ernest Slater, B. L. Curry, Truman Smith, Junior Stanley, J. R. Barbour and Fred Varney.



Norfolk and Western railroad workers secure the low pressure stator at Roanoke after transferring it by locomotive crane to another special low-bed flat car. The stator, shipped by General Electric from Schenectady, New York, is one of the two recently received for Clinch River Plant's number one generating unit.

Clinch River Plant Receives Stators Via N&W

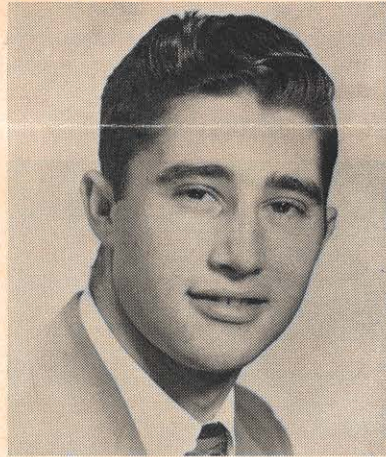
Special railway cars were required to ship two stators, weighing a total of 640,000 pounds, to the Clinch River Plant's Number 1 225,000-kw generating unit.

Shipped by General Electric from Schenectady, New York, the two units traveled only during daylight hours. At Roanoke the low pressure unit was transferred by Norfolk and Western locomotive crane to another special low-bed car. The high pressure stator was transferred at Elliston.

Stators are units which change the direct current produced by the generator into usable 60-cycle alternating

current sent over transmission lines. The stationary copper wirings

Car Wreck Kills Glen Lyn Worker



Mr. Roach

J. P. Roach, 26-year-old maintenance helper at the Glen Lyn plant, was killed instantly in an automobile accident November 3 two miles west of Glyn Lyn.

Mr. Roach was employed by the company in 1954 after completing two years Army service. He was a graduate of Narrows, Va. high school where he played football.

His brother, P. J., was killed in an occupational accident at the Glen Lyn plant in 1951.

A native of Tazewell, Virginia, Mr. Roach resided with his mother in Glen Lyn.

mounted within the units are sealed in hydrogen.

The first of Clinch River's two 225,000-kw units is expected to be in service by midsummer 1958. The \$55,000,000 plant has been under construction since October 1955. Work on transmission lines and station facilities to link the plant to Appalachian's transmission system is progressing according to schedule.

Stock Dividend Increased By AGE

The regular quarterly cash dividend on American Gas and Electric Company common stock, payable December 10, has been increased from 36 to 40 cents per share. This action was taken recently by the AGE Board of Directors and was effective for holders of stock on November 12.

The board also declared a 2 1/2% stock dividend payable January 10 to holders of record December 9, subject to the approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The increase in the cash dividend raised the annual rate to \$1.60 per share and is the fifth consecutive year that the rate of cash dividends has been increased.

The stock dividend is the fourth one declared in the past seven years; previous stock dividends were 5% in 1951, 2 1/2% in 1953 and 2% in 1956. Also, the shares were split 2 for 1 in 1953 and 1 1/2 for 1 in 1956.

Charlestonians Finish First Aid Course



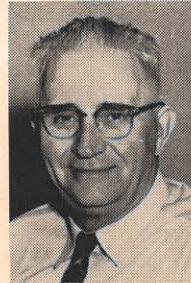
Charleston district's seventh class has completed Red Cross training for standard first aid certificates. Here, John C. Frazier, safety supervisor, demonstrates to the class the technique for removing a foreign object from an infant's throat. Kneeling from left are Dennis Blake and Joe Donegan. Standing from left, front row, are:

Lucien Bias, Dick Reed, Oscar Meador, Pansy Millard, Collett Smith, Helen Walls, C. L. Mollohan, T. E. Reed, A. F. Whaples, Joe Williams, Ralph Allen and Bill Collins. Back row, standing, from left, are: Felix Porter, John Nutter, Charlie Connor, "Mac" McClain, C. E. Bunting and Sam Givens.

Two District And Three Plant Men Are Authors Of AGE 'Notes' Articles

Two employees from Pulaski district and one each from Clinch River, Kanawha River and Philip Sporn plants contributed articles to the November issue of *Monthly Operating Notes*.

Earl M. Rottgen, yard foreman at Sporn, was the author of "Barge-Access Ladder, With Control For Clean-Up Tractor." In it he describes the use of a ladder, permanently attached to the floating dock for easy access to coal barges and the use of a control on the ladder for handling the barge clean-up tractor in a more efficient manner.



Mr. Rottgen

J. S. Sutphin, area supervisor, and C. B. Sharpe, working foreman, both of the Marion area of the Pulaski district, were co-authors of "Why Use Expensive Transformer Mountings?" In it they compare costs and effectiveness of mounting transformers on mounts and bolting them directly to poles, using a special stand-off bracket. As a result of their studies the two men recommend the latter method.

"Continuous Reaving Of Coal-Crane Lines Saves Money" was written by H. L. Ballard, Kanawha River plant yard foreman. He estimates \$2,250 is being saved annually at the plant on wire rope and time by a new method of reaving.

And T. E. Peay, now Clinch River plant maintenance foreman but master maintenance man at Kanawha River plant when he wrote the article, was the author of "Checking Grounding Of Portable Electric Tools." He

Kiwanis President Is Abingdon Employee

Paul S. Dunn has been elected president of the Abingdon Kiwanis Club. He is Abingdon administrative assistant.



Mr. Dunn

He rises to the position from vice president and program chairman, and has been on the club's board of directors three years. He is also a member of the Sequoyah Council of the Boy Scouts, director of the Glenloch Country Club, past president of the Abingdon Junior Chamber of Commerce and on the official board of the Abingdon Methodist Church.



Mr. Sutphin

Mr. Sharpe



Mr. Ballard

Mr. Peay

describes a ground checker devised at Kanawha to check portable tools and their cords before they are issued.

Carmen J. Grizzle Died In October

Carmen J. Grizzle, 35-year-old Abingdon district meter serviceman, died October 31 following a short illness.

Mr. Grizzle joined the company in 1948 with the Russell County line crew. He was promoted to meter serviceman in 1951. He was a member of the Honaker Kiwanis Club, the Masonic Lodge and the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, two children and four brothers, including Worley H. Grizzle, a lineman with the Scott County line crew.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church of Honaker.

PTA Council Headed By Point Pleasant Man

M. W. Scott has been elected president of the Mason County PTA Council, made up of representatives of several PTA's.

The Point Pleasant rural and residential sales supervisor was president of the North Point Pleasant PTA during 1956 and this year was vice president of the Council.

Mr. Scott

Sporn Vets Choose Members, Officers

Four new members were initiated into the Philip Sporn Plant Veteran Employee Association at the ninth annual meeting held November 6 at the Point Pleasant Moose Hall.

New members are: Paul Theis, office manager; Kermit Ford, assistant regional dispatcher; Robert H. Lawson, resident engineer for Unit No. 5 construction and Ralph Campbell, construction office manager.

New officers elected for the coming year are: Frederick R. Emmert, president; Clayton A. Athey, vice president and Lindsey B. Ferguson, secretary and treasurer.

Roanoker Re-Chosen For Legislature

J. M. Peck, Jr., Roanoke district area sales representative, has been re-elected to the House of Delegates representing Botetourt and Craig Counties. During his first term Mr. Beck, a Democrat, was appointed to the agriculture, claims, enrolled bills and privileges and elections legislative committees.



Mr. Peck

A member of the Masonic Lodge and Ruritan Club, he is a deacon in the Fincastle Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Peck joined the company in 1945. He is married and the father of a son and twin daughters.

"Old-Timers" Total 2,000 Years' Service

A total of 2,000 years of service was represented at the annual Pulaski district "Old-Timers" dinner held November 14. At the affair, one pin was given for 35 years' service, three for 30 years' and 25 for 20 years.

Service pins were presented by district manager D. P. Minichan.

Estimates of the total years' service represented was made by L. W. Bates, assistant Bluefield division manager, who spoke on the growth of the company and the role of employees in creating good employee-customer relations.