

*We never know what ripples of healing we set in motion by simply smiling on one another.*

# The Illuminator

*The more fears we work up the less initiative we have. Do not cultivate fears, cultivate hope.*

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## Industry Milestone

### AEP, Commonwealth Joined By New 345,000 Volt Line

A 345,000 volt line has been placed in service between the systems of American Electric Power Company and Commonwealth Edison, marking a new milestone in the electric power industry.

This extra-high-voltage power line is the nation's largest for interchange of a bulk electricity supply between two power systems. The 90-mile line runs between New Carlisle, Ind., of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company and Orland Park, Ill., of Commonwealth.

The interconnection enables either system to call upon the other for help during an emergency and enables both to operate more economically with less generating reserve. The nearly 12-million population served by these two utility systems thus will have added assurance of continued dependable electric service.

Completion of the line came less than two years after the project was started. The line and its related facilities cost about \$28-million. I&M built, owns and operates the eastern portion of the line. With this new line, the AEP System now has about 600 tower miles of 345,000

volt line in service, with another 185 miles under construction in the state of Indiana.

The line connects two electric utilities each with a generating capacity in excess of 4-million kilowatts. Among the country's private systems, AEP and Commonwealth ranked first and second, respectively, in kilowatt-hour sales last year.

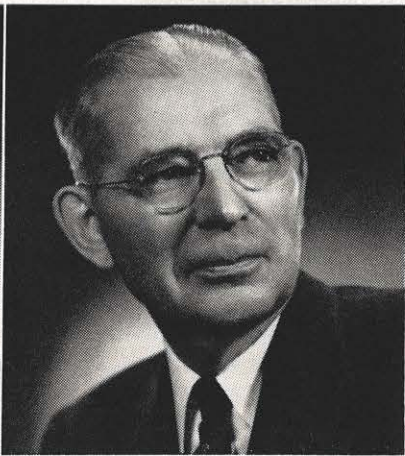
A joint announcement by Philip Sporn, president of AEP and of our companies, and Willis Gale, Commonwealth chairman, said in part: "The line will permit both systems to operate with less generating reserve. It is estimated that, at its original planned capacity of 300,000 kw, the interconnection will enable each system to operate with about 200,000 kw less generating capacity than otherwise. At today's costs, this would represent a savings in capital investment of more than \$30-million for each company.

"The interconnection, in effect, permits these adjoining systems to get benefits which would accrue from operating them as an integrated producing system yet each retains the benefits of independent operation and load control."

### Doyle Succeeds Sorenson As I&M General Manager



Mr. Doyle



Mr. Sorenson

R. E. Doyle, Jr., vice president and assistant general manager of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, has succeeded C. V. Sorenson as that company's general manager. Mr. Sorenson, vice president and general manager, retired June 1 as general manager.

Mr. Doyle went to I&M in January 1957 from the position of vice president and general manager of Kentucky Power. Mr. Sorenson also retired as director of the AEP Service Corporation, but will continue as I&M vice president and director.

Also a director of I&M and the AEP Service Corporation, Mr. Doyle is a 28-year veteran in the electric utility field. He joined Kentucky Power in Pikeville in 1930 as a construction engineer and later became district manager. He transferred to Ashland as the company's assistant general manager in 1946. He was named general manager in 1948 and elected vice president in 1952.

A native of West Virginia, he is a 1928 graduate of V.P.I. While at Kentucky, he was president of the

Ashland Board of Trade, member of the board of managers of Kings Daughters Hospital, deacon of the First Presbyterian Church and a regional vice president and director of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. He is now a member of the Fort Wayne Country Club, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Quest Club and First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Sorenson is a 45-year veteran of the utility field, beginning his first job as meterman in 1913. He came to Fort Wayne, Ind. in July 1945 as president of the Indiana Service Corporation. This company was acquired by AEP in June 1947 and merged into I&M in August 1948, when Mr. Sorenson became I&M vice president and general manager.

He is president of the Michigan Electric Association, past president of the Indiana Gas Association and a director and past president of the Indiana Electric Association. He is a former director of the Edison Electric Institute and is a director of the Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation.



Water rises in Catlettsburg of the Ashland district during the recent flood. The flood also hit the Pikeville and Williamson districts.

### Kentucky, Williamson Hit By Flood; Residents Ready

Much property damage was averted through preventive action as heavy storms brought flood waters to the Ashland, Pikeville and Williamson districts last month.

This flood did not approach the record flood of February 1957 in severity, but the experience gained by the Eastern Kentucky people in that one paid off in this flood.

Knowing what to expect, residents moved belongings to high ground and took other precautions. Our employees took up vigil at stations, removed meters and got automotive equipment out of the flood path.

In the Pikeville district, the flood crested at 42.8 feet, 10 feet below the 1957 flood. Jess Collier, Perry Cline, Andrew Poulos, Curtis Anders and John Turnley were stationed at the Pikeville, Allen and Martin stations. Water got four feet deep in the Pikeville station and almost reached the control house at Allen. All switching at the stations was done before the flood hit, and a safety plan, worked out beforehand, was put into effect.

More than 250 meters were removed before water reached them. Another 80 were caught by the flood. For two days and a night Pikeville was isolated from traffic.

The Ashland district was hit less hard—only 108 meters were removed in the district's area. Catlettsburg was probably hardest hit, with water standing in the streets.

Crest of the flood in the district was 59.3 feet, some 15 feet lower than the record flood of 1937.

The Jaeger line was off in the Williamson district for 31 minutes, and 20 other cases of trouble were reported during the flood. The Tug River rose 9 feet above flood stage, but here again, severe property damage was averted by its removal from the path of the water.

Water was 26 inches deep in the Williamson station shop and flooded parts of the Sprigg station.

The story of Eastern Kentucky's latest flood was the story of "flood veteran" employees and customers knowing from experience, how to minimize damage.

### With More Jobs, Sales

## Huntington Challenges Recession

An anti-recession program to help make work and increase sales was originated recently by Appalachian in the Huntington district.

Through the company's sponsorship, a high-speed, intensive training class was held to teach young men, out of work because of business conditions, to become electrical appliance salesmen.

To select the trainees, ads were run in the newspaper and aired over radio and television. The State Employment Security office cooperated by screening applicants of the ads and giving aptitude tests. An estimated half of the applicants were found to have aptitudes as salesmen.

Fifteen men completed the 5-day course consisting of Edison Electric Institute sales training and appliance product training. Conducting a part of the course were manufacturers' representatives of General Electric, Hotpoint and Philco. Appliances covered during the instruction included electric water heaters, ranges, freezers, refrigerators and automatic laundries.

Since completing the course May 9, the men are being placed with appliance dealers. Two have entered



Earl Sigler, Hotpoint representative, center with arm on cut-away water heater, discusses internal workings of electric water heaters during the recent salesmen's class held in Huntington. Sponsored by Appalachian, the 5-day training program, designed as an anti-recession measure, had the dual purpose of creating work for individuals laid off during the current business lag and increasing sales as part of the national "buy now" campaign.

the electrical heating field. Placement of the salesmen is being handled jointly by the Employment Security office and by our company's personnel, who are keeping in close contact with the dealers.

Nationally, anti-recession campaigns are promoting buying as a way

### Nuclear Group Incorporated; Hodges Trustee

R. E. Hodges, Appalachian assistant general manager, will serve as one of 14 trustees of the newly incorporated East Central Nuclear Group, Inc.

Articles of incorporation for the group were filed in Columbus, O., May 23. An Ohio non-profit membership corporation, ECNG was organized by a group of 12 electric utility companies of the East-Central Region of the United States, including the American Electric Power Service Corporation, to carry out research and development work in the atomic power fields.

For a number of months prior to its incorporation, ECNG had been studying a program of nuclear research and development that would represent an important advance toward making electric power produced from atomic fuel competitive with power generated by conventional means. Last December, ECNG, jointly with the two-company Florida West Coast Nuclear Group, made a proposal to the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission for research on, and development of, an advanced nuclear power reactor. In February, the AEC announced it had accepted the ECNG proposal as a basis for further negotiation contingent upon necessary action by the joint committee on Atomic Energy of the U. S. Congress and appropriate Congressional legislation. The proposal is now before Congress.



Mr. Hodges



## What Is A Vacation?

**VACATION:** ... an intermission or rest ... a scheduled period during which activity or work is suspended ... a period of rest and recreation ... a holiday. (Webster)

According to Webster, the word "vacation" has a number of connotations, and the answers elsewhere on this page are evidence that people differ in their idea of the "perfect" vacation.

However, if we are going to refer to our time off as a "vacation," it should include at least one of the following closely related elements. First, we may choose to consider our vacation as a rest, a time of freedom from activity, a time of quiet and tranquility. Second, we may define our vacation as a period during which work is suspended. Generally, this is interpreted to mean time off from one's usual occupation, but it may be interpreted as time off from any "trying" labors. Third, a vacation may be considered a period of recreation, of refreshment and strengthening of spirits. Fourth, it may be a holiday, a term which might include all the aforementioned elements.

Regardless of which thought line we follow in planning our vacations, we should return relaxed, refreshed and ready to plunge revitalized into our work. Our vacation should afford enough diversion to keep us from losing perspective in the routine of daily life. It should sharpen our sense of proportion and adventure, thereby keeping youth alive and preventing us from being bogged down in a one-sided life. Also, we must keep our vacations safe. We certainly don't want tragedy—in any shape or character—spoiling our "period of rest and recreation."

## My Creed

I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon—if I can.

I seek opportunity—not security.

I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me.

I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail or to succeed.

I refuse to barter incentive for a dole; I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of Utopia.

I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout.

I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act for myself, to enjoy the benefit of my creations and to face the world boldly and say: "This, with God's help, I have done."

All this is what it means to be an American.

—Author Unknown

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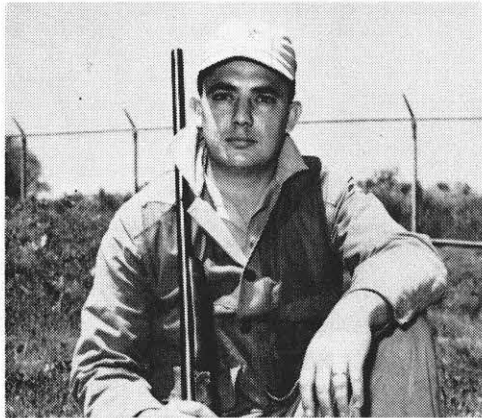
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# Your Opinion

What do you think is the best way to spend a vacation?

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**ALBERT B. HERALD, JR., T&D Clerk, Bluefield**

In my opinion, the best way to spend a vacation is hunting. Hunting provides an opportunity to get away from it all. The sport does not have to be expensive and is a complete change.

The game you bag does not tell the complete story, only part of it. The other part is that you get a chance to be alone, think things over, and add yourself up.

Many a problem, either family or otherwise, can be completely worked out while sitting on a log waiting for something to shoot at. And, if the game doesn't show up, the whole time has been a complete success anyhow.



**DORIS S. ROBINSON, Payroll Clerk, Pikeville**

I think a vacation is a time for doing just what you like to do. I like to travel, but one must have a destination. So one should use as a basis in choosing a vacation resort a sport that they like.

When I have made my choice, I like to plan the trip there and back by different routes, allowing time to stop to visit all historic places and nature's wonders en route. While at the resort I like to sleep late each morning, swim and boat ride.

Then I always like to return home to rest a day before returning to work.



**E. M. JONES, Station Man, Kingsport**

Vacations should be arranged and scheduled so an employee can completely relax at the beginning of the scheduled leave.

I usually like to spend a good part of my time fishing in the streams of my native state of Virginia where I now reside with my mother and other members of my family.

Occasionally I enjoy trips to Florida and other places to see things that I have read and heard about. A change in scenery and viewing lots of unfamiliar things usually keeps you very much interested and is a very good way to spend a vacation.



**PEGGY JEAN ARRINGTON, Clerk-Stenographer, Clinch River Plant**

To my way of thinking, there is no more enjoyable way that one could spend her vacation than at a good beach. We, in this area, are very fortunate to have any number of good beaches nearby. Having visited both Virginia Beach and Myrtle Beach, I can recommend them to anyone who would like to enjoy a restful, healthful and invigorating vacation.

There is something about the sand, the sun, the tide and the breeze at a beach that enables one to relax more easily and no one can deny that it is stimulating to swim in good cool salt water.



**JEWELL WOOLRIDGE, Stenographer, System Safety**

I think the best way to spend a vacation is to take the family and "get away from it all."

My idea of a vacation spot is a lazy spot. It really doesn't matter—just get away from the cares of everyday living with no housework to do, no lawns to mow, no chores for the children, nothing to do but relax and enjoy the particular surroundings chosen for a vacation.

Funny thing though, after a week or so of relaxation and nothing to do, we are always glad to get back home and to the old routine. But we do need this type of relaxation to re-wind our "mainspring" for the job ahead.



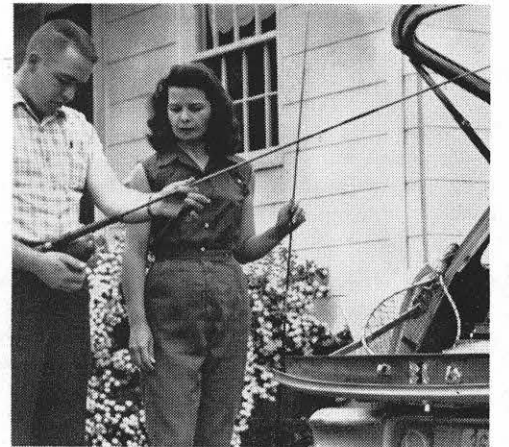
**EVERETTE CARRICO, Line Foreman, Williamson**

The mere mention of the word "vacation"

and my imagination leaves on the double, to the mountains.

On our job there is little time for anything other than the tasks at hand. The tensions become terrific, so it is necessary to get away occasionally and completely relax. What better place than the mountains? Here you arise clear of eye and mind, bouyant and eat hearty. You take your fly rod and try for the trout you missed last year. Or maybe with your favorite gun match wits with a buck or wild turkey.

Sometimes you just sit and watch the fox-squirrel try to claim all the hickories in sight, or watch pappa grouse strut and prance around. I know where all this is. I've been there and next vacation I hope to go back.



**Emil Gore and his wife, Neva, prepare for a fishing trip.**

**C. E. GORE, Dealer Sales Representative, Point Pleasant**

The best way I know to spend a vacation is to visit any one of our beautiful state parks. My family and I love being outdoors and enjoying the fun of all the summer recreational sports you will find at these parks.

For instance, there is hiking, horseback riding, water sports, and streams and lakes nearby where the fishing is great, or if you prefer, just lie in the sun and relax, taking life easy. Another convenience is, these parks aren't located so far away from home that you have to spend half your vacation time traveling.

## In Reply To Reddy

I appreciate your Hot Wires, don't think that I don't.

I'm going to pay you, don't think that I won't. I'm sorry that I lost your original bill, But I knew you'd send another if I just kept still.

At last it's here, that reminder from you, That my electric bill is way past due.

I can hardly do without you, Mr. Reddy Kilowatt.

You're always right there "Reddy On The Spot."

One flip of the switch and what have I got? Plenty of light, and a hot coffee pot.

And on my TV, which comes on cause of you, I know how to guard against the ole Asian Flu. So Reddy, I will admit that you're a good man, And keep the hot line out here to Branchland. There is one thing to do, if I want to enter Heaven.

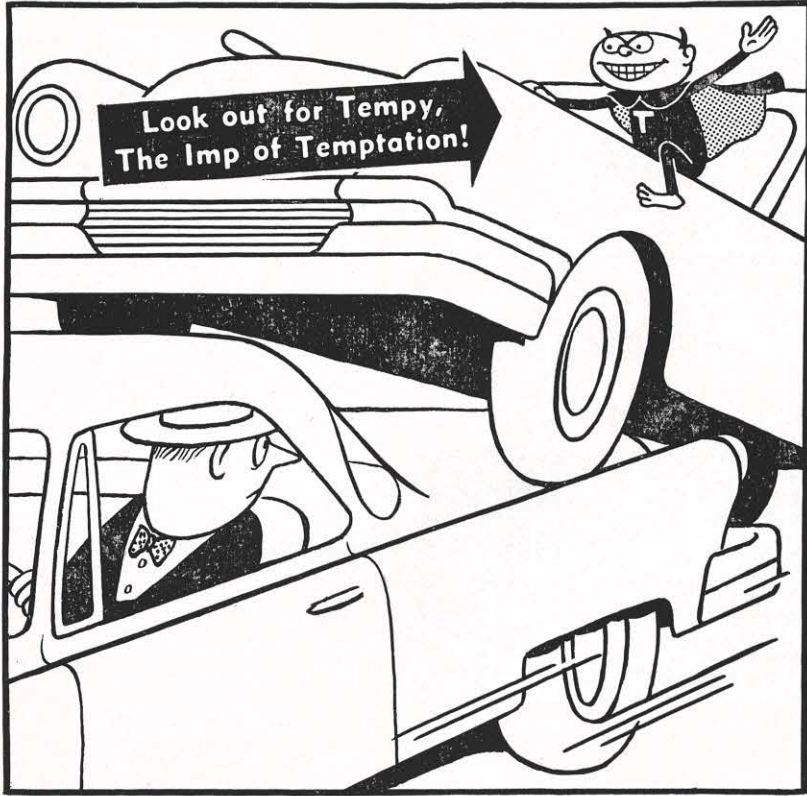
That's to pay this unpaid bill, so here's your two twenty-seven.

—Huntington Customer

I sent my son right to your gate To pay my bill altho I was late. He would have paid the balance I'm shore If you had told him it was more. You serve me well both day and night So I will do the thing that's right. I received the dun at noon today, Your 62 cents is on its way.

Hazard Customer





Tempy is delighted. He was able to influence a driver to become impatient and get too close to the car in front. It all happened this way. Traffic was heavy because it was a pleasant summer Sunday afternoon. Listening to Tempy, the driver crept closer and closer to the car traveling in front. The driver wanted to get around it as soon as possible. Suddenly, the car in front had to brake. Tail lights flashed red. Tempy, who knew this would happen, clapped his hands and giggled with glee. Crash! And we see the results. The driver should have ignored Tempy. He should have stayed far enough behind the car to stop safely in the event of an emergency. He should know how far it takes to stop his car at different speeds. If he remembered these things, Tempy wouldn't have been able to spoil a Sunday pleasure drive.

## \$900,000 Expansion Project Announced For Lynchburg

A \$900,000 expansion project to provide more electric power for a growing Lynchburg has been approved recently.

The project includes construction of a new station at East Lynchburg which will be linked to the Reusens station by a new 132-kv steel tower line. This new eight mile double-circuit connection will be another link in the planned 132-kv loop around the city.

As the first segment of the loop, 132-kv lines are already operating between Reusens and South Lynchburg. Future plans call for construction of a line between east and south Lynchburg, completing the circuit.

The new Lynchburg station will have two transformers and associated equipment to reduce the 132-kv transmission voltage to 33-kv for secondary transmission.

As another part of the project, additions will be made to the South Lynchburg and Elm Street stations. At South Lynchburg, capacity will be doubled by installation of a 60,000-kva transformer to replace the 30,000-kva unit now in service there. A circuit breaker to be installed in the Elm Street station will improve the switching arrangement on the

Lynchburg 33-kv system.

The expansion project, along with the projected 132-kv loop, is the result of a study made by Appalachian engineers from 1956-57 to determine future power requirements of Lynchburg and the area. The study, which took into account past load conditions and trends, gives an estimate of electric power needs for the next 20 years.

### L. E. Nutter Averts Possible Rail Wreck

Loomis E. Nutter, Kingsport Utilities line supervisor, was recently credited with preventing a possible train wreck.

En route to visit a line crew, Mr. Nutter noticed a fire on a Clinchfield Railway car. He immediately radioed the car's number to E. A. Clay at the Kingsport base station, who telephoned the railway. The train was radioed, and about three minutes later, according to Mr. Nutter, the train was stopped and the car uncoupled.

Railroad personnel said the fire was caused by a "hotbox" and if it had gone unnoticed, would have soon wrecked the train.

## McDowell Celebrates Centennial



A hundred years of history was marked during the recent McDowell County Centennial Celebration. These Welch district employees formed a "Brothers of the Brush" chapter as part of the official activities. They are, front row from left: C. R. Settle, Clyde Welch, Karl Mann, J. B. Rhudy, L. H. Myers and D. C. Wright; second row from left: Joe Mullins, J. J. Harman, Jr., William Hulme and daughter, Martha Jo, and W. P. Horton; third row from left: Joe Barns, L. J. Mills, Fred Adams, H. H. Bivens, Bobby Doss, Joel Pugh and Jack Green. On the board of trustees of the centennial were A. F. Horne and R. H. Ruff, while Sank Smith wrote the history of electricity. Nancy Smith and Mary Ellen Lanter entered the Queen's contest, and other employees took active parts in the celebration.

## Nine Veterans Honored For Long Service

Three Appalachian veterans received emblems for 40 years' service and six received 35-year service pins recently.

Receiving 40-year pins were Spencer D. Brinegar, Logan plant coal handling foreman; H. E. McCormack, superintendent of system operation; and Arthur R. Hoffman, Cabin Creek plant office supervisor.

Thirty-five year pins were presented James Beverly Meador, Bluefield division station man; George Connor, Pulaski district Ivanhoe area serviceman; A. C. Rogers, assistant system station superintendent; James M. Brown, Pulaski local office manager; N. J. Jessee, Glen Lyn plant shift supervisor, and H. R. Smith, system station operator.

### Spencer D. Brinegar

Mr. Brinegar joined our company in 1918 as a machinist's helper at Logan plant. In 1923 he became yard foreman and was promoted to coal handling foreman in 1941. Before joining Appalachian, he served as operator for the Huntington Development Gas Company in Huntington. A native of Branchland, W. Va., he attended the Dial School. He is a member of the Elks Club and attends the First Baptist Church of Logan. He is married and has one daughter.



Mr. Brinegar

### H. E. McCormack

Mr. McCormack joined the Virginian Power Company, a predecessor of Appalachian's, at Cabin Creek plant in 1918. He served as control operator, load dispatcher and chief dispatcher. In 1926, with the formation of Appalachian, he transferred to Charleston as chief system operator and later became assistant superintendent of system operation. When the department was reorganized in 1946, he was promoted to his present position.

A member of the Greene Memorial Methodist Church, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Roanoke Country Club, Shenandoah Club and Lions Club, he is married and the father of a son and daughter.

### Arthur R. Hoffman

The same day he was graduated from high school in 1918, Mr. Hoffman began his employment with the Virginian Power Company's construction payroll department in Charleston. In 1920, he transferred to the Cabin Creek plant and has been in charge of the plant office since that time. A veteran of World War I, he is a member of the Chelyan Masonic Lodge and the Cabin Creek American Legion Post. Married, he is the father of two children.

### James B. Meador

Born in Bedford, Va., Mr. Meador joined the company in 1923 as a member of a Bluefield line gang. During 1927, he worked at Byllesby hydro and transferred to Bluefield in 1928. He was made maintenance supervisor of the Bluefield office building in 1944. In 1949, he transferred to the division transformer shop in Bluefield as station man. A member of the Methodist Church, his hobby is sports. He is married and has two sons.



Mr. McCormack



Mr. Hoffman



Mr. Meador



Mr. Conner



Mr. Rogers



Mr. Brown



Mr. Jessee



Mr. Smith

### George Conner

In 1923, Mr. Conner joined the company at Mullins, W. Va. Transferred to Bluefield, he worked on construction of lines between Bluefield, Byllesby and Pulaski. In 1926 he went to Byllesby hydro as line serviceman. He was promoted to his present position, Ivanhoe area serviceman, in 1938. Married, he is a member of the Methodist Church and the Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoys hunting, fishing and farming.

### A. C. Rogers

A native of Texas, Mr. Rogers joined the company in 1923 as a draftsman in Bluefield. He was promoted to relay engineer in 1935 and system supervisor in 1946. Later in 1946, he became assistant system station superintendent, the position he now holds. A graduate of Texas A&M, he has a BS degree in electrical engineering. He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and is a registered professional electrical engineer in West Virginia.

### James M. Brown

Joining the company in 1923, Mr. Brown worked as payroll clerk at Sprigg, W. Va. When Appalachian purchased the Williamson Electric Company, he served as assistant office manager and payroll clerk in Williamson. In 1927 he moved to Hazard as office manager, where he worked until his transfer to Pulaski district as chief clerk in 1935. He received his present position, Pulaski local office manager, in 1945.

Having attended Emory and Henry College, he taught school in Smyth County before joining the company. He is married and a member of the Lions Club, Masonic Order and Pulaski Country Club.

### N. J. Jessee

Mr. Jessee served as switchboard operator upon his employment at Glen Lyn plant in 1923. He has served as shift operator since 1936. Prior to his employment with the company, he attended Castlewood, Va., public schools. He is married and a member of the Rich Creek Lions Club. His son, N. J. Jessee, Jr., is also an employee at the plant.

### H. R. Smith

Mr. Smith was 14 years old when he began his employment at Niagara hydro plant. He was transferred to the Roanoke steam plant in 1938 as an operator and was promoted to plant foreman in 1947. When use of the plant was discontinued in 1952, he was transferred to the system operating department as system station operator, his present position.

A member of the Vinton Baptist Church, Vinton Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club, his hobbies are hunting, fishing and spectator sports. He is married and father of one son.

### System Engineer Heads AIEE Group

E. C. Rankin has been elected chairman of the Virginia Mountain Section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

J. W. Kepner, assistant superintendent of system operation, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The system supervising station engineer has been a member of the AIEE for 12 years, serving in the past as program chairman, secretary and treasurer, first vice chairman and member of the national AIEE committee on substations.

Mr. Rankin joined Appalachian in 1935 as a meterman in Roanoke, after graduation that year from V.M.I. with a BS degree in electrical engineering. In 1940 he entered the Army as a first lieutenant and was released in 1946 as a lieutenant colonel. He returned to Roanoke as a substation engineer and joined the system station department in 1947. In 1950 he rose to his present position.

Married and the father of two daughters, he is a registered electrical engineer in Virginia.

### Conversion



Auburn Helvey and Ira Smith, Pikeville linemen, swing a transformer into place during the recent conversion of the Betsy Layne-Harold area of the district to 12,000 volts. Additions at Betsy Layne station, linked to the Harold area by 2 1/2 miles of new line, have quadrupled the amount of electricity available to the area. The Harold station was retired.





**Pikeville District**

H. H. Kincaid, district manager, served as chairman for one of the technical sessions at the East Central District American Institute of Electrical Engineers meeting in Huntington.

Daughters of two employees were participants in the annual May Day Festival at Pikeville College. Linda, daughter of Milford Layne, engineering clerk, appeared in the "Dance of the Clouds and Stars" and Patricia, daughter of Edward Lykins, draftsman, was featured with the college band.

Mrs. Auburn Helvey, wife of the lineman, has returned home after hospitalization.

R. L. Huffman, R/w agent, has been re-elected president of the John's Creek PTA.

Sympathy is extended John Layne, janitor, on the death of his brother and mother and Hersell D. Clark, groundman on military leave, on the death of his brother.

Susan Coleman, daughter of Harold Coleman, stores supervisor, will represent Pikeville High School at Girls' State to be held at the University of Kentucky this summer.

**Hazard District**

Annette Muncy, daughter of Russel Muncy, distribution engineer, graduated from Hazard High School with a record of no absences or tardiness during her 12 years of school.

**Ashland District**

D. P. Wade, rural and residential sales supervisor, has completed a course in "Group Organization and Leadership" put on by the University of Kentucky extension department.



**Welch District**

Barbara L. Marrs, commercial clerk-stenographer, is a new employee. Janice Morton, Welch home service representative, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Carl J. Peery, Coalwood station operator, on the death of his brother.

Henry E. Farmer, Jr., Grundy lineman, is recovering at home from injuries incurred in a traffic accident.

John W. Vermillion, Welch meter supervisor, has returned to work after several weeks' illness.

George W. Steadham, Pocahontas retired employee, and W. C. Carr, Pocahontas T&D clerk, are hospitalized.

Nancy E. Smith, cashier; Reba Banner, contract clerk; and Janet Browning, clerk-stenographer, attended the state convention of the Junior Woman's Club in Charleston.

**Pulaski District**

Cecil Buckner, Pulaski meter reader; Mrs. Charlie E. Shepherd, wife of the retired employee; and J. B. Brillheart III, son of the Pulaski draftsman, have returned to their homes after hospitalization.

Mrs. Thomas Ryan, wife of the retired employee, remains ill at the Pulaski Hospital.

J. M. Custer, Christiansburg lineman, and John R. Hudson, Pulaski material clerk, have returned to work after hospitalization.



**Happenings**

**Around the Circuit**

... Among Employees and Their Families

Adelene W. Newman, commercial clerk-stenographer, attended the Business and Professional Women's Club convention in Richmond as a delegate of the Pulaski club.

Dorothy Whitaker, personnel stenographer, was installed as vice president of the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church.

Sympathy is extended G. B. Chumbley, T&D clerk, on the death of his father-in-law and James T. Kegley, Pulaski lineman, on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is also extended E. H. Conner, material clerk, and George Conner, Ivanhoe area serviceman, on the death of their brother.

**Abingdon District**

L. C. Angle, Jr., district commercial manager, was honored by Lions International for achieving 15 years' perfect attendance.

D. C. Landreth, groundman, has been elected treasurer of the Washington County Lord's Acre Association.

Sympathy is extended H. M. Boothe on the death of his father.

Joe E. Collins, electrical engineer, was elected president of the Abingdon PTA.

Audrey Haga, stenographer, has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Clear Branch Methodist Church.

R. M. Bondurant, district superintendent, attended the Appalachian district Civitan convention in Gatlinburg.

**Clinch River Plant**

Plant employees and their families who are newcomers to Lebanon were honored at a dinner given by the Lebanon Memorial Methodist Church recently.

(See Bluefield, Page 5)



Winston Morrison, line foreman, was elected a director of the Lynn Garden Optimist Club.

James W. Johnson, line, and Ballary J. Ingram, meter, have returned to work after injuries and Ralph Casteel, accounting, has returned to work after hospitalization.

**First Aid Studied At Logan Plant**



Learning the proper way to place a blanket under a victim during a Logan plant first aid class are from left: W. H. Snider, A. G. White, W. Z. Lee, C. T. Addair and C. F. Herbert. C. D. Jeffrey is the victim. Instructor for the course was R. L. McComas. Also completing the standard first aid instructions in this class were J. R. Beckett, R. L. Carter, N. T. Dial, L. O. Ellis, M. F. Morrison and Alvie Napier.

**New Club Formed At Glen Lyn**



A new social organization, the Kilowatt Club, has been formed at the Glen Lyn plant. Officers for the club are, from left: E. A. Painter, director; Nancy Smith, secretary; R. E. Johnson, president; Ruth Thompson, treasurer; J. A. Johnston, vice president, and C. E. Jones, director. J. E. Brown, director, was absent when the picture was taken. Purpose of the club is to create a closer relationship among employees and at the same time to furnish additional recreation for employees and their families. The club has 75 members.



**Fieldale District**

Betty J. Baker, commercial stenographer, was installed as recording secretary of the Martinsville Chapter of the National Secretaries Association, International.

**System**

H. P. Crickenberger, administrative assistant, and Leno Bianchinotti, Turner station regional dispatcher, are recuperating at home after operations.

**Roanoke District**

C. I. Dixon, meter reader; J. C. Thomas, groundman; and C. W. Hodges, groundman, have returned to work after illnesses and C. E. Moore, power sales engineer; D. B. Roberts, air conditioning engineer; and Barbara A. Boitnott, secretarial-stenographer, have returned to work after hospitalization.

Betty J. Sweeney, contract clerk, was named "Miss Clean Up of 1958" by the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce.

Rosemary, daughter of D. W. Henry, assistant stores supervisor, was a contestant in the "Miss Roanoke County" beauty pageant.

The first round of the annual employees' golf tournament was held at Mountain View Country Club on May 24 and the second round will be at Boonsboro Country Club, Lynchburg, on June 7.

**Lynchburg District**

Thomas H. Pillow, power sales engineer, has been elected treasurer of the Fort Hill PTA.

Sympathy is extended Edward J. Rice, area sales representative, on the death of his father-in-law and Kenneth R. Brooks, groundman, on the death of his father-in-law.

Earl R. Driskill, dealer sales representative, was elected vice president of the Lynchburg Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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**Williamson District**

Victor Harris, area serviceman, has been elected vice president of a newly-formed archery club.

C. C. Darrah, district manager, was elected to the board of directors of the W. Va. Society of Professional Engineers.

**Logan Plant**

Paul M. Hefner, Jr., son of the plant control operator, portrayed the leading role in "All In The Family", a comedy presented by the Logan High School sophomore class.

Mrs. Coy E. Marshall, wife of the chief plant dispatcher, was elected recording secretary of the Princess Aracoma Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution.

Retired employees Sam W. Woody and John J. Keck were recent visitors at the plant.

John J. Keck, retired janitor, was honored at a supervisory dinner recently.

**Huntington District**

Ira C. Handley, working foreman, has returned to work after a two months' illness.

Employees who recently completed an Advanced First Aid Course are E. C. Davis, J. R. Drenan, B. C. Connelly, Norma Jean Harbour, C. E. Hoschar, Jr., Kyle D. Moore, Charles H. Ferguson and Mrs. Ferguson, wife of the employee. C. E. Hoschar, Jr., and B. C. Connelly completed the Instructor's Course.

Sympathy is extended Christine Shank on the death of her brother and J. R. Hughes on the death of his brother.

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**Beckley District**

Margaret Ann Garges, accounting, has been elected president of the Raleigh County Baptist Youth Fellowship Association.

Eddie Berginnis has returned to work after a month's illness.

L. D. McGraw, J. S. Hicks and Eddie McGinnis are recovering at their homes after surgery and hospitalization.

Sympathy is extended Paris Hatcher on the death of his infant daughter and Earl and Mason Wood on the death of their father.

Sympathy is also extended Bonnie Evans on the death of her grandfather.

**Philip Sporn Plant**

Willis Davis, Willis Dudding, Ralph Gibbs, Jr., Carl Searls, James Haggerty, Billy Thomas and James Hoffman participated in the Ohio State Bowling Tournament.

Ralph Gibbs, Jr., safety supervisor, participated in the National ABC Bowling Tournament at Syracuse, N. Y.

Dorothy J. Russell, bookkeeper, has resigned.

Jack W. Needs, maintenance helper, has returned to work after being off six weeks for an operation.

Harold Johnson, assistant shift operating engineer, is convalescing at home after hospitalization.

**Point Pleasant District**

Elizabeth M. Mattox, T&D engineering clerk-stenographer; Inez F. Monroe, maid; and W. L. Wilson, janitor, are new employees.

Patty, daughter of W. F. Machir, T&D clerk, was selected as a member of the West Virginia State Band Festival.

Dolores R. Chambers, commercial clerk-stenographer, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Mavis J. Weaver on the death of her grandfather.

Paul S. Sayre, material clerk, was elected secretary of Point Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department.

G. E. Hervey, district manager, and J. L. Twitty, meter supervisor, participated in the program of a joint meeting of the W. Va. Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers at Charleston.

**Charleston District**

R. L. Crook and R. J. Fairfield are new employees.

Judy Hackney finished in 10th place in the doubles at the WIBC state bowling tournament at Parkersburg. She has been elected publicity chairman of the city bowling association in Charleston.

C. W. Lovell, assistant division manager, has been elected president of the Charleston Rose Society.

Mrs. W. R. Witzel, wife of the district personnel supervisor, was elected vice chairman of Kanawha-Clay Chapter of the American Red Cross.

R. L. Thompson, Montgomery T&D engineering, has resigned.

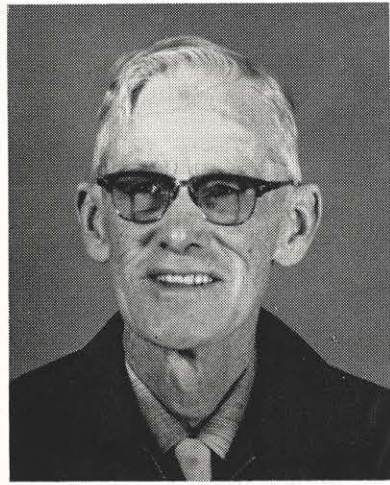
John Griffee, commercial, won honorable mention for his oil exhibit "Smoky" at the annual exhibition of the Allied Artists of W. Va.

Joe Bedinger, commercial, has returned to work after an extended illness.

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## Charleston Vet Retires In June



Mr. Reveal

A. P. Reveal, Charleston district line foreman, retired June 1 after almost 35 years of service.

Mr. Reveal joined the company in 1924 as a lineman and was promoted to foreman in 1934. He has two years of broken service dating from 1916-18. Prior to joining the company, he was employed by Raymond City Coal Company and West Penn Power Company.

According to Mr. Reveal, "the company has come a long way" since his early days of employment. He remembers when linemen knelt on crossarms to string wires, with no winches or "A" frames to help. Most of the poles were green, damp and untreated he recalls. They were creosoted only about three feet above the ground.

"We had a chain drive T-model," he said, "and if we had to haul a reel of wire from Virginia Street to South Charleston, the crew walked along behind the truck."

About the company's safety advances, he comments, "there was no rubber coverage program then. We wore canvas gloves until we felt a 'bite' which let us know our gloves were probably too wet."

Married, Mr. Reveal has three daughters, two sons and eight grandchildren. He plans to spend retirement at his home in Charleston and expects to do some fishing and squirrel hunting during retirement hours.

## J. L. White Co-Authors Article For "EL&P"

J. L. White, Roanoke division supervisor of engineering was co-author of an article entitled, "Planning For 20-Year Load Growth," which appeared in the May 15 issue of *Electric Light And Power*.

T. J. Nagel and A. F. Gabrielle of the AEP Service Corporation were co-authors with Mr. White.

## A Family Of Scouters



The family of Lewis Mills, Roanoke district power sales engineer, can truly be called a "scouting family." Mr. Mills is chairman of a cub pack committee and a den father. Mrs. Mills is a den mother. Twin sons, Bob and Dick, are Cub Scouts, and daughter, Betty, is a Girl Scout. Here, Mr. and Mrs. Mills and daughter watch the boys decorating a soap cake centerpiece for a Cub Scout banquet.

## H. M. Bailey Gives Warning of Fire, Helps In Disaster

On his way to work one Sunday morning recently, H. M. Bailey, Charleston district lineman, noticed smoke around a row of houses on Sissonville Road in the Slip Hill area.

Upon investigating, he found one of the houses on fire and could find no one stirring. Blowing his vehicle's horn and shouting, he awoke the occupants of the burning house and the other houses. These people began moving possessions and vacating their homes. Mr. Bailey also sent for the fire department and notified trouble shooter Charlie Neeley, who disconnected services.

Since the houses were close together and there was no hydrant, four of the structures were destroyed. However, because of Mr. Bailey's timely warning, no one was injured and some possessions were saved.

## "Aid" Courses Completed by Bluefielders



These members of the Bluefield line department have completed the standard and advanced first aid classes, taught by H. D. Jones, Jr., and C. E. Wysor. They are front row from left: C. W. Hedrick, J. H. Kiser, J. R. Bailey, G. C. Roach, W. D. Lineberry, R. T. Bowen, Jr., J. E. M. Scott and H. D. Jones, Jr. Back row from left: C. E. Wysor, E. L. Garrett, C. B. Lampert, Lamer Shrader, T. W. Testerman, J. L. Saunders and G. L. Slade. G. S. Helton also completed the course.

## Thomas Poole Given Research Fellowship

Thomas R. Poole, first year medical student at West Virginia University, has received a fellowship from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for summer training in research.



Mr. Poole

Watts, professor of pharmacology at the university.

Mr. Poole is a graduate of East Bank High School and Marshall College, where he majored in zoology. He holds a Masters Degree from W. Va. U.

The 26-year-old son of Thomas W. Poole, Charleston district, Montgomery area serviceman, Mr. Poole will do research work this summer with Dr. Daniel T.

## Ashland Plays Host To Safety Directors



Attending the annual American Electric Power Company Safety Directors meeting in Ashland were, seated from left: R. F. Millikan, Ashland; F. G. Lippert and R. N. Hurt, New York; R. Haverford, Fort Wayne; Sam Kitchen, Roanoke; Gene Bell, Canton, O.; Dick Brooks, Wheeling;

H. P. St. Clair, Jr., New York; F. W. Frecker, Canton; and D. C. Duncan, Roanoke. Standing from left are: Bud Cornett, OVEC; Roy Duncan, New York; O. J. Smith, Philadelphia; Paul B. Lumbard, Ashland; and Al Reid, New York.

Ashland recently played host for the annual American Electric Power Company Safety Directors Meeting, attended by representatives of AEP and its operating companies.

All phases of safety were covered during the two-day session. They

were discussed through the use of speakers, movies, flannelboard presentations and roundtables. Driving, fire fighting, working with electricity, our companies' safety manuals, protective equipment, safety meetings were some of the general subjects.

## Charleston . . .

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Still seriously ill at their homes are O. M. Smith and Jackie Shaffer, accounting.

Retired employees R. G. Skinner, J. H. Russell and R. N. Orth have returned to their homes in Charleston after spending the winter in Florida.

G. B. Moir, Sr., E. A. Reihl and G. W. Blackshire, retired employees, are convalescing at their homes after hospitalization.

Co-workers of F. R. Frishette honored him with a farewell party at Charleston's Press Club where he was presented with accessories for his amateur radio station.

The May 5 issue of *Electrical World* magazine carried a picture of Mike Shafer, line foreman, in a Du Pont Neoprene advertisement telling how Appalachian's Charleston network is protected.

## Bluefield Personals . . .

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### Bluefield District

Barbara Lynn Marrs, clerk-trainee, has resigned.

Mrs. E. A. Jackson, Jr., wife of the Pearisburg local office supervisor, has been elected vice president of the newly organized Pearisburg Garden Club.

Margaret Ann Bradley, pre-audit clerk, has been elected treasurer of the Bluefield Business and Professional Women's Club.

J. C. Martin, Princeton T&D line, is a new employee.

W. J. Gillespie, Jr., district manager, represented the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the National Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D. C. He has also been elected third vice president of the Bluefield Lions Club.

Mrs. G. S. Helton, wife of the meter serviceman; Mrs. O. C. Hawley, wife of the appliance serviceman; and Mary Ruth, daughter of Smith Compton, Tazewell groundman, have returned to their homes after hospitalization.

Helen Sue Spangler, division secretarial-stenographer, has been elected social sponsor of the Bluefield Xi Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Mrs. R. Y. Bailey, wife of the area sales representative, agricultural engineer, has been elected treasurer of the Bluefield Garden Council.

J. R. Boulton, Pearisburg area sales representative, received his diploma from the International Correspondence School upon completion of three divisions of the "Electrical Engineering" course.

Dave Rowe, Tazewell area supervisor, has been elected Tail Twister of the Tazewell Lions Club.

Lois K. Rounion, division secretarial-stenographer, has been named a member of the Advisory Board of the Mercer County Association for Crippled Children.

Mrs. J. L. Hale, wife of the Pearisburg meter reader, has been elected president of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. M. M. Yost, wife of the Princeton line foreman, has been elected treasurer of the Princeton Florabunda Garden Club.

J. W. Whittaker, Jr., meterman, has been elected vice president of the Bluefield Cumberland Heights Lions Club.

William, husband of Neva O. Shepherd, Princeton cashier, has been elected Esteemed Leading Knight of the Princeton Elks Lodge.

Mrs. P. H. Fry, wife of the Princeton area serviceman, has been elected treasurer of the Knob School PTA.

Mary Ruth Whittington, system secretarial-stenographer, has been elected recording secretary for the West Virginia division of National Secretaries Association.

## Thomas B. Skelton Named Club Officer

Thomas B. Skelton, Glen Lyn plant maintenance man, has been elected president of the Bozoo Ruritan Club. Last year he served as first vice president.



Mr. Skelton

Mr. Skelton was employed by our company in 1952. Prior to that time, he had been employed by a lumber company in Rich Creek, Va., and had operated a service station. A native of Zenith, W. Va., he attended public schools at Gap Mills where he graduated in 1945. He is married and resides in Bozoo.

## FACTS ABOUT



## Employee Service To Company By Groups

Full-Time Employees	Years Of Service To Company				
	Over 25	15 to 25	5 to 15	Less Than 5	
AEP Service Corp.	972	10%	15%	25%	50%
*Appalachian	3,738	14%	24%	40%	22%
Indiana & Michigan	2,358	16%	17%	38%	29%
Kentucky Power	383	11%	20%	51%	18%
Kingsport	117	5%	27%	52%	16%
**Ohio Power	3,908	18%	22%	35%	25%
Wheeling Electric	245	27%	27%	26%	20%
All Others	588	1%	4%	41%	54%
Total AEP System	12,309	15%	20%	37%	28%

\*Includes Appalachian portion of Philip Sporn Plant

\*\*Includes all of Kammer Plant and Ohio's portion of the Philip Sporn and Windsor plants



## Lynchburg Youth's Outstanding Work In 4-H Activities Earns Many Awards



Fifteen blue, 19 red, 2 pink, 2 yellow, 1 green and 1 brown ribbons testify to Herman Morris' activity in 4-H work. He also won the three loving cups, for outstanding dairy exhibit in the Bedford Fair, outstanding dairy exhibit in the county and public speaking contest winner.

Dairy and farm achievements in 4-H work have earned honor upon honor for Herman L. Morris, Jr.

The 17-year-old son of the Lynchburg district meter reader, Herman has won a total of 41 ribbons, three loving cups and county and state recognition. A 4-H member in Bedford County, he won a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in 1956 as state winner in field crops.

In 1953 he was county winner in the 4-H Electric Project, receiving a trip to the 4-H Electric Congress

in Richmond. The following year he again attended the Congress, this time to give a demonstration with another member. Active in 4-H work since 1952, he is a junior at New London Academy and wants to attend VPI to study dairy science.

### Sporn Plant Turbine Returned To Service

Philip Sporn plant unit No. 3 has been returned to service after a 3-week outage for mechanical changes and repair work.

Work completed on the unit during the outage included changing the low pressure turbine from water seal to steam seal, rebuilding clinker grinders, installing new burner pipes, repairing casing leaks and fans and cleaning turbine valves.

### ROTC Award Given To Ashland Youth

Samuel Humphrey has been given the American Legion Auxiliary Award as the first-year cadet showing outstanding ability in military and scholastic work in the Ashland Senior High School ROTC.



Samuel Humphrey

The cadet sergeant is the son of E. J. Humphrey, Ashland engineer. A sophomore, he is an honor student, member of the Key Club, golf and football teams. He is a Star Scout and junior scoutmaster of Troop 106 and a member of the Greenbo Conservation Club and the First Baptist Church.

### Logan . . .

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#### Logan District

P. M. Vannoy, commercial, has been elected co-ordinator of the Slow Down and Live League of Logan County.

M. C. Porterfield, district manager, was named to the Central Ohio Valley Industrial Council Roads Committee.

Eleanor Cunningham, managerial, was re-elected president of the Women's Bowling League.

Mrs. M. A. White, wife of the working foreman, was elected president of the Stollings PTA.

Mrs. J. H. Raper, wife of the line inspector, was chosen as one of three queens in a local drug store Mother's Day promotion and received merchandise.

Thomas J. Hanley, commercial, and his wife were elected vice president and secretary, respectively, of the Logan Civic Little League.

H. J. Collins, district personnel, was re-elected president of the McConnell Grade School PTA.

Sympathy is extended Carol White, accounting, on the death of her grandfather.

### Lynchburg . . .

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Anne C. Showalter, former commercial clerk-stenographer, was honored with a stork shower-luncheon at the Town and Country Restaurant given by Joyce A. Brown, managerial, and Joan P. Smith, personnel.

Sympathy is extended Joe F. Wilson, Jr., engineering aide, on the death of his grandfather.

### Youths Named Valedictorians



Charlene Dunn Virgil Brewer

Charlene Dunn of Kingsport and Virgil Brewer, Jr., of the Ashland district have been selected valedictorians of their high school graduating classes.

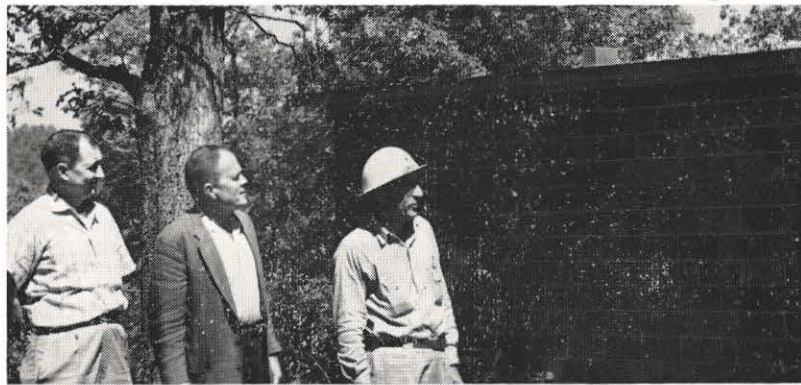
The daughter of Paul R. Dunn, Kingsport general serviceman, Charlene was named the outstanding senior at Lynn View High School. President of the Journalism Club this year and editor of the school publication the last two years, she was vice president of the sophomore class and secretary of the junior class. She is a member of the Dramatic Club, folk and social dance club, Beta Club, Y-Teens and National Honor Society.

A member of the mixed chorus and choir for four years, she was selected to the East Tennessee chorus her sophomore year and All-State chorus as a junior. She played in the school band and dance band.

Virgil, son of Virgil Brewer, Ashland employee, achieved a perfect 4.0 scholastic standing in his four years at Catlettsburg High School. He has played three years of football and baseball and two years of basketball, served as president of the Ro Club and was Ro Club representative to the World Institute at Cincinnati this spring.

He received a superior rating at the Morehead speech festival and won the Catlettsburg Science Fair recently. He is a member of the Beta Club, the annual staff and was a delegate last summer to Boys' State.

## Employees Work On Scout Lodge



Three of several Pikeville employees who are helping build a new lodge for Senior Scout Explorer Post No. 1 inspect the building. They are from left: Chester Smith, Jarrett Wood and F. E. Phillips. H. M. Eagle joined Mr. Phillips and Mr. Smith in building a line to the lodge, with wire and fixtures donated by local electrical contractors and supply houses. Mr. Wood is troop leader and has worked on the project since its beginning.

## Williamson Employee, Husband Build Recreation Room, High Fidelity Set



Helen Honaker, Williamson district clerk-stenographer, and her husband, Donald, look over phonograph records in the recreation room they recently built. Impressed with high-fidelity music the first time he heard it, Mr. Honaker built a hi-fi set, seen at left, into the room.

Need for an extra room and fondness for music were two factors that inspired Mr. and Mrs. Donald Honaker to more than three months of spare time work.

Mr. Honaker and his wife, Helen, a Williamson district clerk-stenographer, recently built a recreation room, which includes a home-built high fidelity record player, cabinets, book shelves, a desk and sewing table.

At one end of the pine paneled room are storage cabinets, shelves and the hi-fi cabinet. The desk and book shelves for their son are built into the room as is the table for Mrs. Honaker's portable sewing machine.

Mr. Honaker plans to build a two-level table at one end of the room for his son's electric trains and a round coffee table for the center.

For the project, Mr. Honaker had only one power tool, an electric drill, but he claims the others were power

tools also—muscle power. The work didn't discourage him from planning building projects, however. A workshop and laundry are being considered for the future.

### Another Work Phase Ends At Clinch

Another phase of construction was completed at Clinch River plant recently when the station buses at the plant were energized and the start-up transformer was placed in service.

Present service to the plant is from one circuit of the Beaver Creek-Clinch River 132,000 volt line, which was energized in late April. The other circuit, broken at Fremont, was also energized. Plant engineers are now testing electrical installations in the pumping station, the coal conveyors and other operations within the plant.

## "Live Better Electrically" Days



C. B. Talley, Charleston district manager, shows Mrs. Earley Peters how her name was drawn as winner of an electric clothes dryer during Charleston's recent "Live Better Electrically Days." Watching at left is E. A. Murray, Jr., district commercial manager. The two-week promotion was handled by J. D. Porter and Jennings Fulkner, dealer sales representatives. Cooking schools were held in our offices, literature was given the public, offices were decorated with "LBE" material and banners were hung across streets and highways throughout the district. Thirty-three radio spots a day were broadcast and newspapers carried a coupon to be filled out and dropped in boxes at dealers' stores. These represented chances on the dryer. The entire two weeks was devoted to showing our customers how they can and why they should "Live Better Electrically."

### Sorority Honors Go To Two Employees



Miss Baker Miss Mahoney

The Fieldale and Bluefield chapters of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority have named employees "Girl of the Year."

The award, presented to the outstanding member of a chapter, is voted on by the membership. Betty J. Baker, Fieldale stenographer, and Patsy Mahoney, Bluefield division payroll clerk, received the awards at their chapters' Founders' Day Banquets.

Miss Baker, president of the Gamma Delta chapter during the past year, was also given a past president's pin.

Miss Mahoney served as vice president of the Lambda Chapter this past year.

## Resuscitation Program Begun



A program has been established in the Charleston district to give all line crewmen, metermen and servicemen review training in pole top resuscitation every two months. Here, on a pole erected in the Slack Street Building, P. D. Hull, right, administers resuscitation to "victim" Paul Curry while R. C. Carte hooks a line preparatory to lowering the "victim" to the ground. Pole top resuscitation is an emergency technique by which artificial respiration can be applied to a person, who, when working on a pole, receives an electrical shock which suspends normal breathing. Four times in the Charleston district the application of this knowledge has saved or prolonged human lives.



**Aerial Patrolling**

**Airplane Now Being Used For Inspections Of Transmission Lines In Our Companies**

Take one airplane and an experienced pilot and add over 1,400 miles of transmission lines. What you get is aerial patrol—another way in which our companies provide the most efficient electric service we can to our customers.

Flying low to scan transmission lines and towers in our three companies, the patrolling pilot looks for trouble spots as part of a regular line inspection program. This is coupled with the regular inspections on foot of our lines, and between the two inspections real line trouble is often prevented because trouble conditions are caught before they become serious.

The entire Southern Properties is flown every three months, supplementing the foot inspections, which usually take from a year to 18 months to cover the three companies.

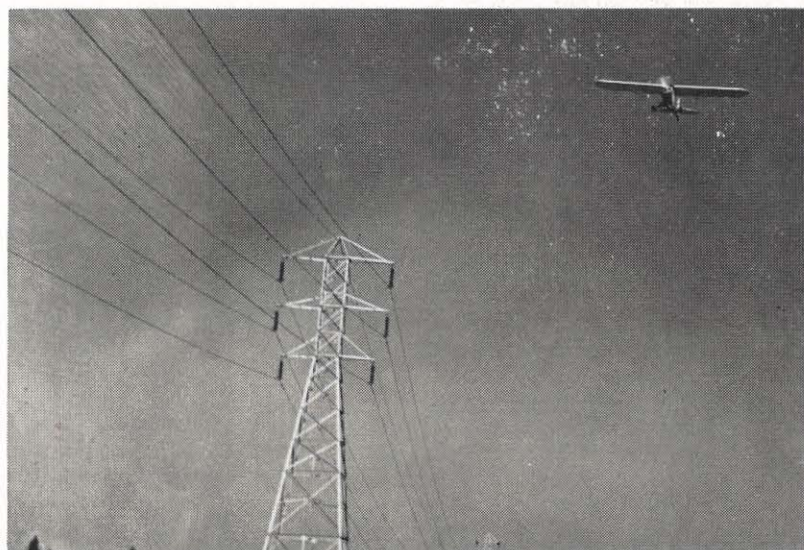
Our companies contract for these aerial inspections with Aerial Patrols, Inc., of Canton, Ohio. Ray Willaman is the pilot now doing the patrolling work for us, working closely with employees in the system transmission line department in Bluefield, headed by W. P. Carter, system transmission line superintendent. Aerial patrol of our lines began on an experimental basis six years ago and has proven itself important in our companies' operation.

**Low and Slow**

How is an aerial inspection of lines made? The pilot flies a Piper Cub with a special engine that enables him to slow the plane's speed considerably. Because he usually flies only in the early morning and late afternoon, the best time for low flying, he can get right down on a line. The cooler weather at these times of day mean fewer air pockets, very important in the mountainous and rough terrain over which many of our transmission lines are run.

Because he can fly low and at a slow speed, he is able to spot all kinds of trouble on and above the right-of-way, including mine cracks, land slips, groundhog holes, woodpecker holes, defective poles, bad cross arms and cross arm and pole braces, rusty steel, damaged conductors, burned and broken insulators, and others. He gets a perspective of the lines entirely different from that of the men patrolling on foot.

As the pilot sees these conditions he records them on a tape recorder in the plane. If he spots an emergency condition, one that needs immediate attention, he has a radio in the plane, operating on the electrical utility frequency, with which he can contact company men. In addition to regular inspections, the pilot is available to patrol a line in case of major trouble, if the weather permits.



One of our companies' transmission lines gets an aerial inspection from the air. The pilot of this Piper Cub records any trouble spots he finds for correction later by members of the system transmission line department.

**Time To Report**

When the inspection is over, the pilot heads for home, where he prepares a report on the conditions he found. This report is forwarded to the system transmission line department in Bluefield. It is analyzed and work reports are issued to various transmission foremen in the department. These foremen and their men correct the conditions as quickly as possible, for two reasons. Most important, of course, is that better continuity of service results from efficient maintenance of transmission facilities. The other reason is one of possible duplication—by repairing a bad condition immediately, it eliminates the chance that the same condition will be reported again on the next inspection.

Since many of our transmission lines are located on sides of mountains, the pilot faces a problem in patrolling them. This is the way he does it: he first wings to the top of a mountain and then zigzags his way down it, crossing or flying over the circuits in each span as the plane descends. Then he must ascend again to inspect the lines down the other side of the mountain. On mountains, and elsewhere, he inspects only one circuit at a time. If towers are carrying a double circuit, he inspects one and then on a return trip inspects the other.

**Marking the Spot**

With all these towers and lines to inspect, how does the pilot keep straight what trouble is where, and how can he tell our transmission line employees what areas need attention? A clever system of tower identification has been worked out to solve the problem.

Every fifth tower or structure in a given line has, on or near its top, a bright orange marker, measuring 10 by 12 inches. The markers for towers number 5, 15, 25, etc., have

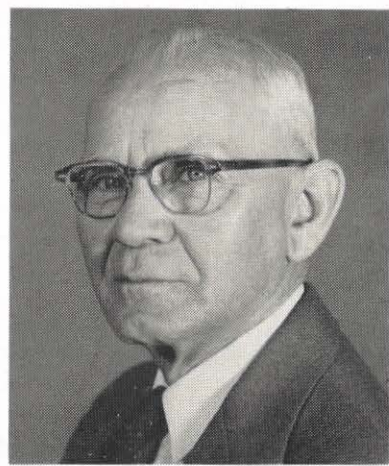
no numbers on them. Towers 10, 20, 30, etc., are marked with 1, 2, 3, etc., in black on the orange marker. The elimination of numbers on every 10th tower, beginning with tower 5, and the elimination of zeros on every tenth tower, beginning with tower 10, has resulted in a saving of sign, sign space and installation costs. These signs are visible for several hundred feet from the air.

**Pilot's Timetable**

How many miles of line Ray Willaman can inspect on one flight depends on weather conditions and other factors. Because of the very nature of the job—flying low and making detailed inspections—flying conditions must be of the best. And for this reason the amount of time it takes to cover the entire Southern Properties varies with each inspection.

The job of an aerial inspection pilot is not easy, but it has become of great importance to the efficient operation of our companies' transmission lines.

**System Employee Is Recent Retiree**



Mr. Patteson

C. E. Patteson, regional chief dispatcher at Turner office, retired May 1.

Mr. Patteson joined the company in 1916 at Byllesby hydro plant. He transferred to system operating in 1929 and worked at Switchback and Charleston as system operator. In 1937 he became plant superintendent at Reusens hydro and four years later was made assistant chief dispatcher at Turner office. He was promoted to regional chief dispatcher in 1939.

Throughout the years, he has been active in sports, particularly bowling and golf. He and his wife plan to make their home on the James River at Perrin, Va. an area noted for fishing.

**Four Employees Promoted Recently To Positions At Clinch River Plant**

Four men have been promoted recently to positions at Clinch River plant.

E. Page Ott, results engineer, has been promoted to plant engineer; Virgil Adams, Jr., was promoted to results engineer from assistant results engineer at Clifty Creek; Howard Ferguson was promoted from test engineer at Kyger Creek to assistant results engineer, and Richard L. White, formerly chemist with AEP laboratory, was named chemist at the plant.

A native of Lewisburg, W. Va., Mr. Ott joined Appalachian as an engineer trainee at Logan plant in 1951. He was promoted to results engineer in 1954. In order to do preparatory work on instrumentation for the Clinch River plant, he was transferred to AEP in New York in 1956.

A graduate of West Virginia University and a registered mechanical engineer, he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Masons and the Elks Club. During World War II, he served with the Army in Europe. Married, he is father of a daughter and son.

Mr. Adams, a mechanical engineering graduate of the University of Kentucky, joined the Clifty Creek plant of IKEC in 1955 as assistant results engineer. Prior to that, he had been a shift operating engineer at the Du Pont Savannah River project in South Carolina. A Navy veteran of World War II, he is a member of the Baptist Church, Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers, Moose Lodge, V. F. W. and American Legion.

Mr. Ferguson joined the AEP system in 1954 as an engineer at OVEC's Kyger Creek station. A graduate of the Hayes School of Combustion Engineering and a registered professional stationary engineer, he has done extensive studying in the fields of combustion engineering and steam production. A member of the Lutheran Church, the Masonic Lodge and the Instrument Society of America, he is married and father of a son and daughter.

Mr. White joined AEP in 1956 after receiving a degree in chemistry from West Virginia Institute of Technology. He has studied chemical



Mr. Ott

Mr. Adams



Mr. Ferguson

Mr. White

laboratory processes in several AEP plants. He is a member of the Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge.

**Charlestonian Ends Forty Years' Duty With U. S. Marines**



Looking over some mementos of his 40 years in the Marines is Ira Gillikin of Charleston. The major was recently retired from the Marine Reserve.

Ira F. Gillikin was recently retired from the Marine Corps Reserve after 40 years' service. He had attained the rank of major.

The Charleston merchandise bookkeeper enlisted in the Marines in 1917. He became a second lieutenant in 1918 and in 1919 joined the active reserve and served in Cuba. He joined Appalachian in 1933 and two years later returned to active Marine duty, working two years with the CCC building camps. He then returned to Appalachian.

In 1940 he reported to the Navy in Washington and was the only Marine at the Washington headquarters office on Pearl Harbor Day. From 1940 to 1942 he organized barracks and set up security guards and a fire department at Norfolk Naval Base. In 1943 he went to Camp Lejeune.

He took two companies from Hawaii to Guam in 1945 and in 1946 returned to Appalachian.

**Hazard, Two Employees Commended For Help**

Cooperation in the annual Hazard Home Show has earned a letter of commendation for the Hazard district and two of its employees.

The letter, signed by R. G. Eversole, superintendent of Hazard public schools, and James Caudill, athletic director, thanked the company for its "guidance and support. It would have been impossible to promote this show without your help."

The letter went on to thank, in particular, A. R. Barber and C. A. Zoellers for their help.

**Installed As Eastern Star Officers**



Forrest C. Brown, Welch district station operator, has been installed as Worthy Patron and his wife, Mary, has been installed as Worthy Matron of the Florence Ann Chapter No. 1330, Order of the Eastern Star, in Grundy, Va. Mrs. Brown has served as secretary and treasurer of the chapter and has been a member for over seven years.



Ray Willaman uses his plane radio to contact our company office. Besides the radio, the plane is also equipped with a tape recorder for his use in describing location and type of trouble he has found.



## Leslie C. Ingels Retires At Sporn



Mr. Ingels

Leslie C. Ingels, Philip Sporn plant janitor, retired June 1 after completing seven years of service.

Mr. Ingels joined our company as a temporary guard in 1951 at Sporn plant during construction. In 1956 he was transferred to the labor-janitor department as janitor.

Before joining the company, he contracted the hauling and shipping of salt from the Ohio River Salt Company at Mason, W. Va., served as a guard at the Navy yard at Point Pleasant and was stores clerk for the Marietta Manufacturing Company at Point Pleasant.

Born in Portsmouth, he attended school in Neffs, Ohio, and now resides in Mason, where he is Mayor of the town. Active in civic and town affairs, he has served a previous term as Mayor and was a Justice of the Peace for over 17 years.

He has made no definite plans for retirement other than to continue in his capacity as Mayor of Mason. Married, he has seven children, 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

## Hot Line Tools, Techniques Seen In Demonstrations



Insulators are changed on an energized line during a recent demonstration in the Pulaski district. On the pole are from left: E. B. Suthers, Wytheville; Christie Hurst, Pulaski; and Don Collins, A. B. Chance Company.

New tools and techniques for working on energized lines were recently demonstrated in the Pulaski and Williamson districts.

Don Collins of the A. B. Chance Company handled the demonstrations, which will take place in other districts also. In Pulaski linemen, engineers and supervisors watched as five insulators were changed on the Bylesby-Hillsville 33,000 volt line.

Eight strings of insulators were changed on a 44,000 volt line near Williamson during that district's demonstration. Thirty employees attended, with some helping in the use of the tools.

# Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

## Appalachian Power Company

### Abingdon District

THOMAS G. BRABSON from area sales representative to commercial sales representative; A. S. BUCHANAN from junior contract entry and final bill clerk to pre-audit clerk; SYLVIA H. DARNELL from senior contract entry and final bill clerk to pre-audit clerk; W. A. DENNY from meter serviceman A, Cleveland, to lineman A, Lebanon; ALICE M. GRACE from authorization clerk to contract clerk; VIRGINIA N. LESTER from senior bookkeeper to petty cash clerk, senior; JAMES L. O. MOORE, JR., from senior bookkeeper to general clerk, senior; JOSEPHINE P. PUCKETT from senior cashier clerk to contract clerk, senior; JOAN R. STEFFEY from authorization clerk to contract clerk; RHEA A. WELLS from authorization clerk to contract clerk.

### Bluefield District

MILDRED G. BISHOP from junior bookkeeper to credit and collection clerk; MARGARET A. BRADLEY from junior contract entry and final bill clerk to pre-audit clerk; HENRY S. COMPTON from junior contract clerk to general clerk; BERTHA M. HALL from senior general clerk to utility clerk, senior; JAMES D. HAYNES from junior contract entry and final bill clerk to general clerk; SALLY F. LITZ from senior cashier-clerk to general clerk, senior; NORMA J. LONGANACRE from junior petty cash clerk to general clerk; HERMIA D. LUCAS from junior bookkeeper to merchandise bookkeeper.

### Cabin Creek Plant

J. F. COMBS from laborer, Cabin Creek, to auxiliary equipment operator, Clinch River plant; A. W. ROOKSTOOL from laborer, Cabin Creek, to auxiliary equipment operator, Clinch River plant; B. J. SLACK from laborer, Cabin Creek, to auxiliary equipment operator, Clinch River plant.

### Charleston District

HOWARD BASHAM from senior general clerk to utility clerk, St. Albans; JOAN BONHAM from junior clerk to clerk-trainee; T. E. CALDWELL from collector to customer service representative; ROBERT H. CLARKSON from station man helper to station man C; WINIFRED CREWEY from clerk-typist to credit and collection clerk, Montgomery; CECIL L. EVANS from senior general clerk to local office supervisor, Whitesville; IRA GILLIKAN from head bookkeeper to merchandise bookkeeper, senior; JOHN S. GIVENS from utility clerk to local office supervisor, St. Albans; FRANK HARKINS from meter reader to collector; HELEN HOFFMAN from junior cashier-clerk to contract clerk, St. Albans; JACQUELINE HOTTLE from junior cashier-clerk to general clerk, senior, Whitesville; WANDA NELSON from authorization clerk to contract clerk; SYLVIA McCLURE from senior bookkeeper to clerk-typist; BETTY JO. RAYMOND from authorization clerk to merchandise bookkeeper, Montgomery; ROSIE SANDOR from junior bookkeeper to contract clerk, senior, Montgomery; FRANCIS E. SMITH from senior contract entry and final bill clerk to pre-audit clerk; JO SNYDER from senior cashier-clerk to general clerk, senior, Clendenin; KEITH V. THOMAS from junior general clerk to general clerk, senior, Montgomery; ELBERT C. THOMPSON from utility clerk to local office supervisor, Clendenin; C. I. WALKER from area sales representative to customer service representative; JACK WEAVER from station man B to station man A; KATHRYN WILKERSON from stenographer to assistant credit supervisor.

### Huntington District

BARBARA L. MARKIN from contract clerk to contract clerk, senior.

### Logan District

BETTY C. STEVENSON from cashier, Logan district, to clerk-stenographer, Clinch River plant; RICHARD D. BLEVINS from meterman B to engineering aide; EUNICE FITZGIBBON from senior bookkeeper to general clerk, senior; ROBERT L. GOFF from meter reader to pre-audit clerk; THOMAS J. HANLEY from head meter clerk to heating and builder sales representative; ALDA H. JONES from senior contract clerk to merchandise bookkeeper, senior; ROBERT M. OAKLEY from meterman C to meter clerk, senior; FRANCES L. THOMPSON from junior T&D clerk to T&D clerk.

### Logan Plant

DENNIS F. BRUMFIELD from utility man to electrical maintenance helper; BOBBIE J. GEORGE from utility operator B to utility operator A; ARLIE V. PACK from utility man to utility operator B.

### Pulaski District

HELEN R. COX from junior clerk to clerk-trainee; ANNIE E. FRANCIS from senior bookkeeper to general clerk, senior; ANDREW L. GRAHAM, JR., from agricultural sales engineer to electrical engineer; WILLIAM C. HAGER from area sales representative to agricultural sales engineer; H. M. LAWRENCE from senior contract entry and final bill clerk to general clerk, senior; BARBARA B. MARSHALL from junior clerk to clerk-trainee; LORENE H. PATTON from senior bookkeeper to general clerk, senior; ZELLE PHIPPS from senior contract entry and final bill clerk to general clerk, senior; ANN S. POE from senior contract entry and final bill clerk to contract clerk, senior; PEGGY R. REECE from junior clerk to clerk-trainee; CARL A. SCHMIDT from senior bookkeeper to customer service clerk; MARLER D. SHARP from senior general clerk to customer service clerk; VIRGINIA M. SMYTHERS from senior contract entry and final bill clerk to general clerk, senior; MARCUS M. STAMBAUGH from meterman A to area sales representative; HELEN L. VAUGHT from senior contract entry and final bill clerk to general clerk, senior.

### Welch District

LEONARD ADAMS from meterman C to meter reader; HENRY FARMER from meter reader to lineman C; A. K. MILES from groundman to T&D clerk; NELL B. NUNNERY from stenographer to secretarial-stenographer.

### Williamson District

MICHAEL KOHARI from appliance serviceman helper to appliance serviceman B.

## Kentucky Power Company

### Ashland District

MARY BETH DUREN from clerk-trainee to cashier.

## Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

RALPH CASTEEL from head bookkeeper to assistant credit supervisor; JOYCE MORRISON from authorization clerk to contract clerk; ADELE WILLIAMS from senior contract entry and final bill clerk to pre-audit clerk.

## Electricity Prices Lower, Bill Shows

Since the "good old days," prices have taken some lengthy leaps, but one exception is the cost of electricity.

W. J. Waldie, father of Marjorie Waldie, Philip Sporn plant secretarial-stenographer, found this to be true when he ran across a 1924 electric bill. The bill showed that electricity in 1924 was over three-and-a-half times more than it is today.

According to the bill, charge for the first 50 kwh was 15 cents each. The next 50 kwh cost 13 cents per unit, and the next 200 kwh were charged at 10-and-one-half cents each. Total charge for 123 kwh was \$16.42. The same amount of electricity today would cost \$4.37.

## Charleston, Welch, Sporn Employees Write "Operating Notes" Articles

Three Appalachian men wrote articles appearing in the May 1958 issue of AEP's *Monthly Operating Notes*.



Mr. Rutherford

Mr. Vance



Mr. Mathews

David A. Matthews, power sales engineer at Charleston, wrote "Single Phase Transformers Restore 3-phase Service." The article describes and illustrates an expedient way of connecting two single-phase transformers to give three-phase service.

"How to Save Tape-Embossing Time" was written by G. N. Rutherford, Welch district meterman. Index stops and a dial-turning knob were found to save as much as 10 per cent in time required to emboss a series of identification tags. The idea is being used on the Roover Brothers Model AA press but should also be useful for larger machines and pole numbering.

## Kanawha River Employee Has Article In "World"

A Kanawha River plant employee was author of an article appearing in the May 12 issue of *Electrical World*. T. E. Peay, master maintenance man, wrote "Avoid Trouble by Checking Grounds of Power Tools" which appeared in the "How To" section of the magazine.

## Safety Supervisor Given Red Cross Pin

J. C. Burnette, safety supervisor of Kanawha River plant, has been presented a 25-year service pin in recognition of active instructor service with the Kanawha-Clay Chapter of the American Red Cross.



Mr. Burnette

In addition to local activities, he has taught first aid at the Red Cross aquatic school at Brevard, N. C. and was active in civilian defense work during World War II in liaison between the Red Cross and civilian defense organizations.

In 1953 he received a Red Cross certificate of merit for reviving an apparently drowned man. In connection with the City Fire Department, he helped in organizing the first river rescue squad in Charleston.

## J. H. Leist Plans Busy Retirement



Mr. Leist

James H. Leist has made enough plans to keep himself pretty well occupied during retirement. The senior chemist of the American Electric Power Service Corporation retired June 1 from his post in Huntington.

A 120-acre farm including 10,000 pine and several thousand black locust trees will take up a portion of his retirement hours. He plans to sell maple, tulip poplar, white dogwood and Norway and Colorado blue spruce trees for shade and ornamental purposes. The pines will be sold during the Christmas season.

Other retirement hours, he plans to devote to his hobbies of photography and collecting U. S. commemorative stamps. Also, hunting and fishing jaunts are scheduled along with trips to the West.

Mr. Leist joined AEP in 1925 as a chemist at Ohio Power Company's Philo plant. In 1949 he transferred to Appalachian at Glen Lyn as chief chemist. In 1954, he re-joined AEP, this time in Huntington as senior chemist.

## Ashland Safety Record Earns Award



The AEP Certificate of Merit has been presented to the Ashland district for its million-man-hour safety record. Employees reached the million mark April 18. F. M. Baker, Kentucky Power vice president and general manager, is shown presenting the certificate to H. S. Scott, Ashland district manager. Others are, seated from left:

Don Wade, Wesley Ellis, Hansel Stratton, Liew Osborn, D. V. Lockwood, Don Gesling and Dan Lake. Standing from left are: Mr. Baker, Mr. Scott, Clarence Nester, R. F. Millikan, E. C. Cassidy, Jim Paul, R. A. Macomb and Paul Lumbard.



## Honored For Service



**F. M. Cloyd Lynchburg**  
30 Years



**Oscar Endicott Huntington**  
30 Years



**J. B. Bell Roanoke**  
30 Years



**E. D. Jarrell Cabin Creek Plant**  
25 Years



**Virginia Mottice System**  
25 Years



**I. F. Houston Bluefield**  
25 Years



**J. K. Jarrell Huntington**  
25 Years



**Richard Wood Bluefield**  
20 Years



**W. T. Goodloe, Jr. System**  
20 Years



**C. L. Shockey Bluefield**  
20 Years

### Gets Gavel



The new president of the Ashland Quarter Century Club, W. B. Garnett, left, accepts the group's gavel from the outgoing president, A. R. Surlbaugh. H. T. Mitchell was elected vice president and Mrs. Louise Cash secretary. The club, made up of employees with 25 or more years service, now has 29 members. Decorations for the annual dinner meeting, with a theme of space travel, were arranged by Helen Eaton, Felicia Billips and Annis Ketterer.

### Brothers Elected As Group Officers



**Ronny Brown Danny Brown**

Elected officers of the Fieldale Elementary Student Cooperative Association recently were Ronny and Danny Brown, sons of W. A. Brown, Fieldale local office manager.

Ronny, who is 12, was named president while his 11-year-old brother was elected treasurer.

Both boys are members of a school band, the 4-H Club, Cub Scouts and the Methodist Church and Sunday School. Ronny, a sixth grader, plays drum in the high school band, and Danny, in the fifth grade, plays trumpet.

The brothers competed in the Bassett Children's Golf Tournament last year and tied for second place.

### B. E. Burnette Writes Article For "World"

An article by B. E. Burnette, Roanoke district line foreman, appeared in the May 19 issue of *Electrical World*.

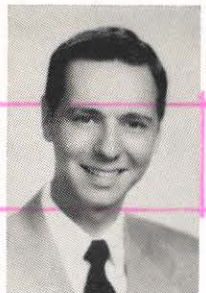
Entitled "Rope Cradles Better Line Stringing Safety," the article explains the use of parallel span ropes and cross piece ropes to prevent conductors from sagging into traffic or other wires when being strung.

### Fellowship Awarded Roanoke Student

James B. Bell, Jr., has been awarded a National Institute of Health Fellowship in basic science research at the University of Virginia Medical School.

The son of J. B. Bell, Jr., Roanoke division R/w supervisor, he is a second-year medical student at the University, and will do his research in the Department of Microbiology. A committee composed of the heads of the departments of the basic sciences in the medical school made the award on the basis of scholarship interest, previous experience and aptitude.

During the next three years Mr. Bell will complete the required work for both a Masters degree and the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He received his BA degree and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Virginia in 1956.



**Mr. Bell**

### Two From Abingdon Given Jaycee Posts

Two Abingdon district employees have been named officers of the Abingdon Junior Chamber of Commerce.

A. C. Hutton, Jr., area sales representative, was elected president and W. H. Ferguson, dealer sales representative, was chosen vice president.

Mr. Hutton served last year as vice president. A Jaycee for 10 years, he has been state director, member of the board and chairman of many projects.



**Mr. Hutton**

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

### Appalachian Power Company

**Abingdon District**—5 YEARS: KELLY K. NIPPER, groundman.

**Bleckley District**—10 YEARS: JAMES A. KIRBY, T&D clerk; HERBERT R. MILLER, draftsman.

**Bluefield District**—35 YEARS: JAMES B. MEADOR, division station man; 25 YEARS: IAN F. HOUSTON, working foreman; 20 YEARS: CAROL L. SHOCKEY, district personnel supervisor; RICHARD J. WOOD, assistant district manager; 10 YEARS: LEWIS C. THOMAS, commercial sales representative; EARL A. JACKSON, JR., local office supervisor; 5 YEARS: WILBUR L. SLUSS, meter serviceman.

**Cabin Creek Plant**—40 YEARS: A. R. HOFFMAN, plant office supervisor; 25 YEARS: E. D. JARRELL, electrical maintenance man; 15 YEARS: H. H. HARRAH, boiler maintenance man; 10 YEARS: C. E. CARRICO, laborer; F. H. REESE, laborer.

**Fieldale District**—5 YEARS: J. R. NEWMAN, groundman.

**Glen Lyn Plant**—35 YEARS: N. J. JESSEE, shift supervisor; 10 YEARS: RUTH M. THOMPSON, time clerk.

**Huntington District**—30 YEARS: OSCAR ENDICOTT, general serviceman; 25 YEARS: JAMES K. JARRELL, station man; 10 YEARS: CARL M. ELKINS, area sales representative; REBA H. HANSHAW, contract clerk; JAMES H. LOWE, station man; 5 YEARS: LESLIE F. ERWIN, meter reader; HOLLIS E. HARRISON, draftsman.

**Kanawha River Plant**—10 YEARS: R. W. GWINN, assistant control operator.

**Logan Plant**—40 YEARS: SPENCER D. BRINEGAR, coal handling foreman; 10 YEARS: JOHN H. PORTER, electrical maintenance man.

**Lynchburg District**—30 YEARS: F. M. CLOYD, district commercial manager.

**Point Pleasant District**—10 YEARS: R. D. MILLER, lineman; 5 YEARS: JOAN H. BAIRD, clerk-stenographer.

**Pulaski District**—35 YEARS: JAMES M. BROWN, local office manager; GEORGE CONNER, area serviceman; 15 YEARS: ANNIE E. FRANCIS, general clerk.

**Roanoke District**—30 YEARS: J. B. BELL, division R/w supervisor; 15 YEARS: FRANCES E. RADER, meter clerk.

**System**—40 YEARS: H. E. McCORMACK, superintendent of system operation; 35 YEARS: ARCHIE C. ROGERS, assistant system station superintendent; H. R. SMITH, system station operator, Roanoke station; 25 YEARS: VIRGINIA V. MOTTICE, private secretary; 20 YEARS: WILLIAM T. GOODLOE, JR., system transmission records supervisor; 15 YEARS: EDNA Z. McNIEL, work order cost clerk; H. I. ROOP, assistant system transportation supervisor; ROBBIE A. SINK, accounts receivable clerk; P. E. THORNTON, public relations assistant; 10 YEARS: J. O. ADDISON, system station operator, Holston station; O. P. CORNELISON, system T&D personnel supervisor; HARLEY QUANTIN DOVE, system transmission man; O. R. LAMASTUS, system station operator, Baileysville station; F. B. MITCHELL, JR., system transmission man; LEONARD M. THOMAS, system relay engineer; EDWARD C. WHATLEY, system control wireman; 5 YEARS: BEE HAMILTON, clerk-stenographer; R. D. MUDGETT, JR., hydro construction engineer; H. L. PRICE, system transmission man.

**Welch District**—10 YEARS: L. G. DeFELICE, auto repairman; GRACE B. FIZER, clerk-typist; 5 YEARS: NATHANIEL STAPLES, janitor.

### Kentucky Power Company

**Ashland District**—15 YEARS: OTTO SANDERS, groundman; 10 YEARS: CHARLES HOWARD, meterman serviceman.

**Hazard District**—10 YEARS: FRED SKAGGS, truck driver-groundman.

### Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

15 YEARS: CURTIS H. HURD, truck driver-groundman.

## Employee Builds Tractor



**L. R. "Zeke" Thomas, Roanoke district meterman, sits upon the tractor-mower he built out of an assortment of parts. He devoted about 100 hours to construction of the vehicle.**

It took about 100 hours of work, but from now on when L. R. "Zeke" Thomas does any mowing, it will be easy.

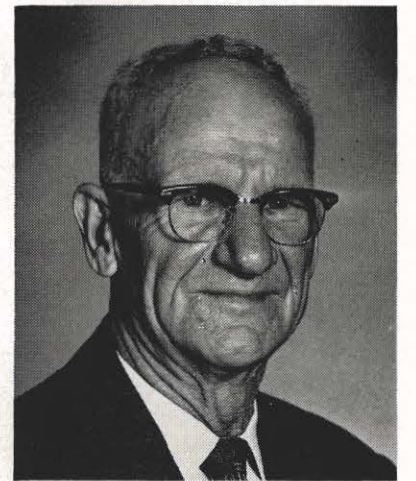
For a cost of about \$200, Mr. Thomas, a Roanoke district meterman, has built a tractor-mower out of an assortment of parts he accumulated. The tractor features an 8½ horsepower Briggs and Stratton motor, a 1926 Chevrolet 3-speed transmission, a 1939 Plymouth differential, a Crosley front end and steering assembly, a Jeep seat, Ford hy-

draulic brake system, clutch and V-belt assemblies and a 3-inch channel steel frame.

Wide open, in third gear, the tractor will hit a maximum speed of 7.8 miles per hour.

Mr. Thomas used a hack saw, drill press and electric welder in modifying the parts to fit his creation. He plans to make a 30-inch rotary-type mower for the front of the tractor and a 10-inch bottom plow and cultivator to fit on the rear.

## W. E. Dillon Is June Retiree



**Mr. Dillon**

William E. Dillon, Huntington district line foreman, retired June 1 after completing more than 34 years' service.

Mr. Dillon began his continuous service with the company in 1923 and was made line foreman in 1925. He has several years of broken service between 1911 and 1923.

Born in Wayne County, W. Va., he attended schools in Wayne and Cabell counties. During World War I, he served two years overseas. He is a member of the American Legion and Masonic Lodge. His hobbies include fishing, hunting and cultivating roses. During retirement he plans to do some fishing, especially in Florida, and some traveling.

About his employment, he said: "I think we have a wonderful company and a wonderful organization to work for and with."

Married, he has a daughter and two grandchildren.

## Secretaries Tap Two For Honors



**Mr. Kelsey Mrs. Rounion**

Paul V. Kelsey and Mrs. Lois K. Rounion have been awarded top honors of the year by the Bluefield Chapter of the National Secretaries' Association (International).

Mr. Kelsey, Bluefield division commercial manager, was named "Boss of the Year" by the group. And Mrs. Rounion, secretarial-stenographer to Mr. Kelsey was voted "Secretary of the Year."

The awards came during the group's annual Executives' Night Dinner, to which Association members invite their bosses.

## A. D. Kraft Named To Post At Kanawha

A. D. Kraft has been promoted to the position of administrative assistant at Kanawha River plant.

He goes to the position from time clerk. He was employed at the plant June 1, 1955, after graduation from East Bank High School and one year at West Virginia Institute of Technology. He is now attending Morris Harvey College evening school, where he is a junior.



**Mr. Kraft**



# Eight Couples Take Marriage Vows



Married in recent weeks were, top row from left: Mrs. Otey McLain Fulp, System; Mrs. F. M. Merritt, Pikeville; Mrs. Richard Keith Lanham, Charleston; and Mrs. James Looney, Welch. Bottom row from left: Mrs. Robert F. McCullough, Charleston; Mrs. Stephen H. James, System; and Mrs. Lewis Dean Price, Roanoke.

### Eller-James

June Eller became the bride of Stephen H. James in a double ring ceremony performed May 10 at the Belmont Baptist Church of Roanoke. Mrs. James is a system commercial stenographer.

### Ferguson-Fulp

Mabel Alice Ferguson and Otey McLain Fulp were united in marriage May 6 at Fredericksburg, Va. Mrs. Fulp, a system accounting employee in Roanoke, is the daughter of Shearl R. Ferguson, Roanoke district truck driver-groundman.

### Helen Sterrett Is Association Leader

Helen Sterrett, wife of E. M. Sterrett, Point Pleasant customer service representative, has been elected president of the Association of American University Women.



Mrs. Sterrett

She was chosen at a recent meeting of the Association. She has held other Association offices and is also treasurer of the Daughters of American Revolution.

A teacher at Point Pleasant High School, she is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

### Trail-McCullough

The Sacred Heart Church of Charleston was the scene of the May 17 wedding of Peggy Trail and Robert F. McCullough. Mrs. McCullough is a Charleston division T&D stenographer.

### Holt-Spencer

Betty M. Holt and William B. Spencer were married April 25. Mr. Spencer is assistant hydro operator at Reusens hydro station in the Lynchburg district.

### Sink-Price

Martha Clay Sink was married April 26 to Lewis Dean Price in a ceremony at Huntington Court Methodist Church of Roanoke. Mr. Price is a T&D engineering tracer now on military leave and his father, L. H. Price, is a Roanoke district general serviceman.

### Rowe-Merritt

The First Baptist Church of Clintwood, Va., was the scene of the April 26 wedding of Lonetta Rowe and F. M. Merritt. Mrs. Merritt is a Pikeville clerk-trainee.

### Clendenen-Lanham

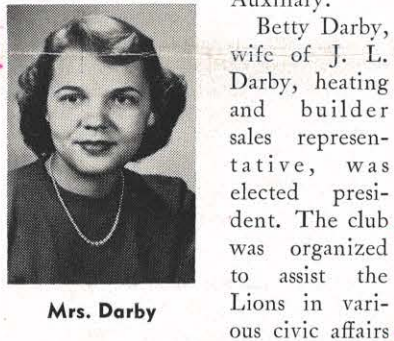
March 22 was the date of the wedding of Patricia Ann Clendenen and Richard Keith Lanham. Mr. Lanham is a Charleston groundman.

### Keen-Looney

Betty Keen and James Looney were united in marriage in the Grundy Baptist Church on April 10. Mr. Looney is a Grundy groundman, Welch district.

### Office In New Club Given Betty Darby

A Point Pleasant employee's wife has been elected president of a newly-organized club, The Lions Auxiliary.



Mrs. Darby

Betty Darby, wife of J. L. Darby, heating and builder sales representative, was elected president. The club was organized to assist the Lions in various civic affairs

and to give the wives a chance to get better acquainted.

Ruth Roberts, whose husband is G. E. Roberts, utility clerk, was elected treasurer of the club.

### Lina Light Elected To Garden Club Post

Lina Light, Bluefield division private secretary, was recently elected president of the Bluefield Laurel Garden Club.



Lina P. Light

The club works for community improvement and beautification, sponsors a bird study club at Whitehorn School in Bluefield and has introduced garden therapy to area handicapped children.

She has held offices in the YWCA and has served as president of the Bluefield Quota Club and the Bluefield Young Woman's Club. She joined our company in 1937.

### They're Engaged

MARJORIE E. WALDIE to Rev. Frederick Alfred Matchinski, Jr. Miss Waldie is a Philip Sporn Plant secretarial-stenographer.

MARY RUTH WHITTINGTON to Keith Chambers. Miss Whittington is a system secretarial-stenographer and Mr. Chambers is a system electronics engineer. Both are in Bluefield.



## New Arrivals



### Abingdon

MR. AND MRS. CARSON RASNAKE, a daughter, Karen Sue, April 30. Mr. Rasnake is a Clintwood lineman.

### Ashland

MR. AND MRS. JESSIE BROOKS, a son, Gregory Allan, April 1. Mr. Brooks is a groundman.

### Beckley

MR. AND MRS. JOHN C. STEELE, a daughter, Margaret Marie, April 27. Mr. Steele is a heating and builder sales representative.

### Cabin Creek Plant

MR. AND MRS. I. H. BROWNING, a daughter, Ann Michelle, April 11. Mr. Browning is a boiler maintenance helper.

### Clinch River Plant

MR. AND MRS. DONALD LASLEY, a son, Donald Lee, May 8. Mr. Lasley is a plant guard.

### Glen Lyn Plant

MR. AND MRS. D. L. GARRISON, a daughter, Melinda Carol, May 8. Mr. Garrison is a maintenance man.

### Huntington

MR. AND MRS. JAMES H. BLANCHARD, a son, Gregory Allen, May 13. Mr. Blanchard is an engineering employee.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM H. JACKSON, a daughter, Kimberly Ann, May 2. Mr. Jackson is a line employee.

### Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. R. T. HARDY, a son, David Jarrett, April 21. Mr. Hardy is a conveyor operator.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH WEBB, a daughter, Kathryn Jane, May 17. Mr. Webb is a laborer.

### Kingsport

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM G. POOLE, JR., a son, James Barre, May 18. Mr. Poole is an air conditioning engineer.

### Logan

MR. AND MRS. T. J. FLESHMAN, a daughter, Kim Elaine, April 24. Mr. Fleshman is a truck driver-groundman.

### Logan Plant

MR. AND MRS. FRANK E. HAY, a son, Frank Edwin, May 16. Mr. Hay is a test engineering aide.

### Lynchburg

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH R. BROOKS, a son, Michael Kent, April 28. Mr. Brooks is a groundman.

### Pikeville

MR. AND MRS. JAMES E. HOPSON, a son, Michael James, May 16. Mr. Hopson is a rodmán.

### Roanoke

MR. AND MRS. J. P. DOSS, a son, Jasper Terry, April 16. Mr. Doss is a lineman.

### Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT L. SAYRE, a son, Robert Lee II, April 25. Mr. Sayre is a laborer.

### Welch

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM CHAFFINS, a daughter, Susan Harriett, April 26. Mr. Chaffins is an area sales representative.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES R. TURPIN, a son, James Randolph, Jr., May 9. Mr. Turpin is an auto repairman.

## Scholastic Honors Go To Two Students



Shalimar Clark Mary E. Hamilton

Top scholastic honors have gone to daughters of two Pikeville employees.

Shalimar Clark, daughter of Dennis Clark, lineman, was valedictorian of the John's Creek High School graduating class, and Mary Elizabeth Hamilton, daughter of Oscar Hamilton, line foreman, was salutatorian of the Mullins High School senior class.

A member of the debating and spelling teams, Shalimar has been active in many school functions. She carried an A average throughout high school.

Mary Elizabeth, an honor student throughout school, won the DAR Citizenship Medal at graduation. She was editor of the school paper and has won many honors for her school activities.

## Painting, Activities Keep Retirement Busy For Wife Of Hazard Employee



Mrs. Alta Bonta devotes a great deal of her retirement to expressing herself with paints. Here, with some of her scenes in the background, she works on another landscape. The retired school teacher is the wife of Herbert J. Bonta, Hazard district rural and residential sales supervisor.

Not wanting to retire to sheer emptiness and that all-done-for feeling, Mrs. Alta Bonta is one of the busiest women in her neighborhood.

Mrs. Bonta, whose husband is Herbert J. Bonta, Hazard district rural and residential sales supervisor, is a retired school teacher. Since her retirement three years ago, she has devoted many hours to painting. She paints in both oil and water colors. Having studied art from Famous Artists of Westport, Conn., she plans to visit the oriental artists at Horse-shoe, N. C., this summer.

Besides her painting, she is still active in church and civic affairs. A lifetime member of the National PTA, she is Past Matron of Elizabeth Chapter 145 Order of Eastern Star and Past High Priestess of Hazard Shrine No. 11, White Shrine of Jerusalem.

For a happy and full retirement, she is practicing the rule "Retire To —Not From."

## Bluefield Club Holds Style Show



Members of the Bluefield district Girls' Service Club acted as models for a style show at the club's monthly meeting recently. Fashions were furnished by a Bluefield dress shop, and outfits included office and leisure-time attire. Modeling gowns, front row from left, are Alice Coalter, M. Frances Keller, Thalia B. Mathena and Patsy Mahoney. Second row, from left, are Norma Jean Longanacre, Lois K. Rounion, Mary Ruth Whittington, Frances L. Brooks, Anne B. Turner and Nancy Tibbs.



# Company Bowling Leagues Finish Season With Play-Offs, Trophy Presentations



In photo at left, Charleston district bowlers who received individual league honors, seated from left, are: Frank Young, Dick Speas, Judy Hackney, Chris Christy and Elmo Thaxton. Members of the district championship Eyeballers team, standing from left, are: Fred Clendenin, Ronald Givens, Frank Harkins, and Homer Bragg. Not present for the photo were Jim Willis and Charlie Clendenin. In the photo at right are the winning and runner-up teams of the Kanawha River plant bowling



league. Members of the winning team, the Ash Pits, standing at rear from left, are: Arvie Frye, A. W. Searls, R. L. Vickers, captain, C. R. Hudnall and R. A. Fields. E. L. Thigpen and Clara Armstrong were absent when the picture was taken. The Orphans team, kneeling at front, was composed of, from left, E. E. Everson, W. J. Reese, Jeanne Bryant, captain, C. E. Farley and B. B. Briggs. Absent for the photo were William Ostrom and C. E. Allinder.



The Tap Changers, left photo, won the Williamson district bowling league. From left are: W. H. King, E. J. Clouser, Hazel Farris, Harold Akers, C. L. Miller, captain, and E. E. King. In the photo at right are the Philip



Sporn plant champions, the Maintenance No. 1 team. From left are Oren Wright, William Winebrenner, Carl Searls, Wyllis Davis, George Wright and Charles King.



Individual honors in the Cabin Creek plant league went to, front row from left, Jim Britt, Hannah Coleman, Margaret Fields and L. C. Hartman. Seated at right, first row, C. B. Burner, chairman of the league, displays his "crying towel" award. League champs, the Pul-

verizers, standing rear from left, are: Ed Jarrett, Bill Rader, Lester Marshall, Walter Reese and "Jake" Daniels. Leonard McKinney, captain, was not present for the picture.

Five company bowling leagues recently completed season competition.

Winners of the leagues were: Cabin Creek plant, the Pulverizers; Charleston district, the Eyeballers; Kanawha River plant, the Ash Pits; Philip Sporn plant, Maintenance No. 1, and Williamson district, the Tap Changers.

## Pulverizers Are Champs

In Cabin Creek season competition, the Handy Cappers followed the Pulverizers closely in both the first and second halves. The Pulverizers won the first half by two games and the second half by only one. Individual league honors for women went to Margaret Field with high average of 126 and high series of 444. Hannah Coleman tallied high single game of 192. J. B. Britt scored high men's average of 169; Ed Jarrett, totaled high series with 604, and W. H. Rader scored high single game of 232. L. C. Hartman was named most improved player.

New officers selected for the coming year are L. O. McKinney, chairman, and L. C. Hartman, C. B. Burner and J. B. Britt, members of the governing board. The Cabin Creek league held its banquet with the Charleston district Kilowatt League in Charleston.

## Eyeballers Get Trophies

As Charleston champs and winners of the Cabin Creek-Charleston play-

offs, the Eyeballers received trophies and ABC League champion arm patches. Rolling over 1,000 points per game, the Eyeballers took the play-offs from the Cabin Creek champs by a score of 3,134 to 2,961.

Dick Speas and Judy Hackney took all individual honors in the Charleston league. Mr. Speas held high average of 168, high series with 625 and high single game of 257. Judy Hackney totaled a 530-point high series, high single of 193 and high average of 152. She also scored high series with handicap of 650.

Herb Hill of the Meteorites won the ABC achievement award as male bowler showing most improvement during the season. Officers for the coming year are Dick Speas, chairman, Chris Christy, secretary-treasurer, and J. P. Fulkner, Delbert Boggess and Jack Walters, members of the governing board.

## Ash Pits Takes Title

The Ash Pits defeated the Orphans, second half winners, to take the Kanawha River plant league title. Individual scoring honors went to R. L. Vickers, who tallied high average of 157 and high three-game series of 588, and C. H. Mooney, who had high game of 230.

At a recent meeting, R. A. Field was elected chairman for next season; Jeanne Bryant was elected secretary-treasurer and G. S. Farthing, R. L. Vickers and E. M. Pell were named

to the governing board. The annual bowling banquet will be held June 20.

## Sporn Loop Has Roll-off

Tennant's Shift, first half winners, were defeated by Maintenance No. 1 in the Philip Sporn plant roll-offs. Individual honors in the league went to Wyllis Davis, who totaled high average with 174 pins; Bill Hayes, who rolled high single game of 244, and Les Damewood with high three-game series of 653 points.

At a tournament held to climax the season, a team composed of Billy Thomas, Jerry Arnold, Doug Miller, Charlie Evans and John Ferguson took the team event with 2,946 pins. George and Oren Wright took first place in the doubles with 1,237 pins. First place in singles was earned by Willis Dudding when he scored 664 pins. Wyllis Davis won the all-event scoring with 1,891 pins.

## Tap Changers Are Tops

Climbing from the "cellar" during second half competition, the Tap Changers, first half champs, took the Williamson league title with a 41-34 record. The Redikilowatt team finished second in the league winning 39 and losing 36.

Ernest Bevins scored high average of 152.9 and tied Jay "Sonny" Runyon for high series of 544. Jack Maynard took high game by scoring 219.

# Golfing Hobby Becomes Full-Time To Harry Spenceley, Retired Employee

To Harry Spenceley, retirement means golf.

When he retired from the system station department in 1953, it was his intention to move to Florida in pursuit of his golf and fishing hobbies. However, it became apparent to "Spence" and some of his friends that Roanoke had room for another golf course. Accordingly, a farm was secured on the outskirts of town, and development of the Jefferson Hills Country Club began.

As "Pro" and manager of the nine-hole course, Spence keeps busy instructing and giving pointers to golfers.

Born in Kent County, England, Spence came to Canada in 1901 as an electrician in the gold mines of northern Ontario. During World War I, he served in the Canadian army, and in 1921 moved to the United States. He has worked with several electrical and utility companies, including Indiana and Michigan. He joined Appalachian in 1933 and was working foreman at the time of his retirement.

Spence became interested in golf while caddying for his brother in England. However, he has been active in other sports, and as pitcher for the Roanoke district softball team, he earned the title "Harry the Horse" for faithful participation.

## Big One Got Away But Not For Long

When trout fisherman B. N. Thomas of the Point Pleasant office talks about the big one that broke a line and got away, he gives the story an unusual twist.

On the second day of the season this year, Mr. Thomas was angling a mountain stream in West Virginia. He hooked a trout, but while reeling it in, the fish threw the hook and darted away. Retrieving his line to try again, Mr. Thomas felt what he interpreted as another strike. Upon reeling in, he found his hook entangled with a broken line, and on the end of this line was a trout. The fish had been "the big one that got away" from someone, probably on opening day.

## Groundbreaking Is Held For Williamson Armory

Ground was broken recently for Williamson's new National Guard Armory.

C. C. Darrah, district manager, as president of the Tug Valley Industrial Corporation, took part in the ceremonies. This corporation worked closely with the government in locating the armory in Williamson.

## Fine Form



Showing the form that helped earn him honors in the recent West Virginia State Bowling Tournament is T. J. Rose, Point Pleasant meter clerk. Tommy and his partner, F. W. Quillen, owner of a bowling alley, won fourth place in the doubles matches of the tourney. Over 500 doubles matches were rolled. Tommy recorded 618 for three games and his partner 570. Both are members of the Mason County Motors Bowling League.



Retired system employee Harry Spenceley has developed a hobby into a livelihood. He is "Pro" and manager of the Jefferson Hills Country Club. Here, he helps a golfer improve her game.

## Kingsport Keglers Progress In League

Continued improvement as the season progressed marked the recent bowling efforts of Kingsport's entry in an industrial league.

The company bowlers finished seventh in the first and second quarters, fifth in the third and rose to third in the final quarter. They competed in an eight-team loop.

Bowling were J. G. Rayfield, Wayne Matthews, J. L. Kesterson, Wilson Trumbo, J. A. Randall, Jr. and Emory Fugate.

## Charleston Employee "In There Punching" For "Gloves" Glory



Keith Lanham, Charleston district groundman, shows the form he hopes will take him through Golden Gloves competition next year to championship bouts in New York.

Keith Lanham, Charleston district groundman, wants very much to win a trip to New York next year, and he's willing to fight for it.

Since 1951, Mr. Lanham has participated in Golden Gloves boxing competition, and he hopes to fight his way successfully through elimination bouts to a crack at the championship in New York next year.

Fighting in the welter weight division, he lost in the finals of the Huntington tournament this year after winning two fights by knock-outs and two by decisions.

In 1951, weighing 125 pounds, he lost his first Golden Gloves bout, fighting as a fly-weight. In 1952, he trimmed his weight to 118 pounds and entered the bantam weight division. He won his first two fights by TKO's and his third by a decision. After fighting three nights in a row, he entered the finals and was beaten by a decision.

By the time next season rolls around, he feels that he will be ready for more experienced boxers and his crack at a Golden Gloves championship.



# Work Is Done On Two Projects For Hazard



In the early morning hours, Kentucky Power Company employees (left) work on the 300 ampere regulator bank installed on the Blue Grass 4-kv circuit serving part of Hazard's business district. At right, workmen remove a

pole as part of the relocation project on East Main Street in Hazard. The 4-kv circuit was moved in preparation for the city's planned street-widening project on East Main.

Work has been done recently on two projects for Kentucky Power Company customers in the business district of Hazard.

Another step was completed in a \$91,000 improvement project to help insure dependable service to the city's business district, and relocation work was done on the 4-kv circuit along Hazard's East Main Street. The relocation is in preparation for the city's scheduled street widening project on East Main.

A bank of 300 ampere regulators was installed in the Blue Grass 4-kv circuit which serves half of the Hazard business district. Because it required a service outage, the work was done between 4:00 and 6:30 a.m. The regulators will help maintain a high quality of service by com-

pensating for fluctuations in system and local peak loadings.

Eighteen new poles will be installed along East Main Street and three will be located on side taps. Also, the transformer capacity along the street will be re-spaced to furnish adequate service to the growing business area.

## Pouring Underway At Ormet Plant

Pouring started recently at the Ormet Corporation plant, the nation's second largest aluminum reduction plant. Full-scale operation at the \$110-million facility, which is located near Clarington, Ohio, is scheduled for the end of the year.

Ormet is owned jointly by Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation and Revere Copper and Brass, Incorporated. The new facility has an annual capacity of 180,000 tons of primary aluminum. When in full production, Ormet will be the nation's fourth largest aluminum producer.

The first of three 225,000-kw units at the Kammer plant, which will serve Ormet, of Ohio Power Company at Captina, W. Va., will start commercial operation in the near future. The aluminum plant is currently receiving power from the American Electric Power system.

Adjacent to the Ormet reduction plant is the huge Olin Mathieson aluminum rolling mill, which will produce flat and coiled rolled aluminum products. The rolling mill will be completed later this year.

The two plants, when in full production, will employ 2,200 people and will have an annual payroll of more than \$10-million.

## System, Roanoke Men Given Safety Posts

D. C. Duncan, system safety director, was elected president of the Virginia Safety Association at the organization's recent annual meeting in Norfolk.



Mr. Duncan

the public utilities section for the May meeting.

Mr. Duncan served on the Association's board of directors last year. He is also counselor and past chairman of the public utilities section of the National Safety Council; past chairman of the accident prevention committees of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, Southeastern Electric Exchange and Public Utilities Association of the Virginias. He is a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers, Veterans of Safety, U. S. President's Conference on Occupational Safety, the accident prevention advisory committee of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry and the accident prevention committee of the Virginia Manufacturers Association.

Joining the company in 1925 in Bluefield, he rose to his present position in 1941.

## Groundbreaking For Goodyear Plant

Ground was broken May 15 for construction of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company's new \$10-million resin and film plant to be located at Apple Grove, 15 miles south of Point Pleasant.

Start of initial construction operations was signalled jointly during brief ceremonies for company, community and state representatives at the plant site by Oka Carlson, plant manager, and Stanley C. Higgins, industrial representative, West Virginia industrial and publicity commission, representing Governor Underwood.

Appalachian was represented by Jack Loyd, division area development representative, and George E. Hervey, Point Pleasant district manager. Also taking part is the ceremonies were Point Pleasant Mayor B. W. Krodel and John Hushion, president of the Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce.

# Kingsport Employee, Wife Provide Organized Recreation For Teenagers

Thomas C. Dorton, Kingsport Utilities lineman, and his wife are doing their parts in providing recreational facilities for teenagers in their community of Church Hill, Tenn.

The Dorton's have organized about 22 teenagers, 14 and 15 years old, and meet with them once or twice a week for special outings or parties. Usually, the meetings start about 6 p.m. with games. When it turns dark, the group moves to a specially-adapted garage for dancing. The group has made two appearances on television in a neighboring town.

Mrs. Dorton has been a 4-H Club leader for the past seven years and a homeroom mother since her two sons started school.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Dorton, left rear, look on as their son, Thomas, practices a rock and roll step with a partner before the group leaves for television appearance in a neighboring town. Other members of the group organized by the Dorton's look on. Realizing the need for planned teenage recreation, the Dorton's organized the teenage group in 1956.

## High School Annual Honors Karnes Hoge

The 1958 Princeton, W. Va., High School annual, *The Tiger*, is dedicated to Karnes Hoge, Bluefield division air conditioning engineer.



Mr. Hoge

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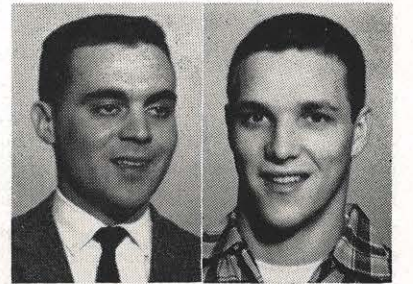
"Throughout the past 25 years, Karnes, who might rightfully be called 'Mr. Princeton,' has been the No. 1 booster of our school program. He has always worked tirelessly and unceasingly for the good of the school.

"We hope by this dedication, our small token of appreciation, that this worthy person will know how much we, the students, have deeply appreciated the work he has done for the good of the school."

The dedication inscription in the annual reads:

"It is with sincere admiration and thankfulness that we, the Senior Class of 1958, proudly dedicate our annual to Mr. Karnes

## Two Employees Enter Military Service



Mr. Hollandsworth Mr. Price

Two Roanoke district employees have entered military service recently.

E. M. Hollandsworth, Jr., power sales engineer, has reported to Aberdeen Proving Ground for a two-year tour of active duty with the Army. He is a second lieutenant. L. D. Price, engineering department tracer, is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., for a six-month tour.

Mr. Hollandsworth graduated from V.P.I. with a degree in electrical engineering. He joined the company in September 1957. A graduate of William Fleming High School, Mr. Price joined the company in December 1957.

## D. C. Kennedy Named To Two Civic Posts

D. C. Kennedy, Lynchburg district manager, was recently elected to two civic posts.

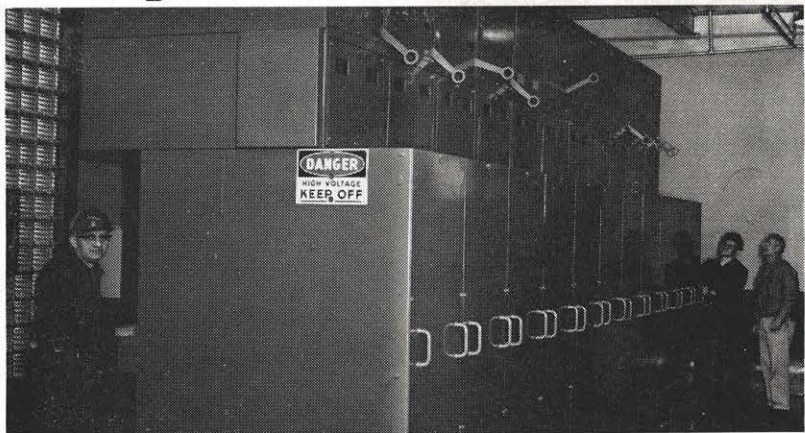


Mr. Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy was named a director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and a co-chairman of the newly organized Lynchburg Clergy-Industrial Council. He was named to the State Chamber post at the annual meeting in Richmond. The Clergy-Industrial Council was organized to promote "cooperation and understanding between churchmen and businessmen."

A 1932 graduate of West Virginia University, Mr. Kennedy joined Appalachian that year and became Lynchburg district manager in 1954.

## Switchgear Switch Gives More Room



This 15-kv switchgear installed recently in the Logan plant is serving the City of Logan and the townships of Gay and Aracoma. Operating at 4-kv, the switchgear replaces an older and larger 4-kv model. Installation of this smaller unit has provided space in the plant for a conference room. At left is employee Emery M. Jeffreys, Jr. Inspecting the unit at right are Alvie Napier and James R. Warren. The switchgear was moved to the plant from the Bluefield Avenue substation where, because of increased demand for electricity, a 25-kv unit was installed.

## Appalachian-Sponsored JA Firm Wins Aluminum Products National Honors



Appalachian advisors to the Burn-Me-Not Company congratulate Judy Purcell on the junior firm's winning a national award in its category. From left are N. G. Marshall, W. W. Ford, Judy and J. W. French. As award winner, the company was entitled to select a delegate to the national Junior Achievement Conference in Indiana this summer, and chose Judy. Other Appalachian advisors for the company were J. W. Vaughan, G. H. Broyles and C. G. Price, Jr.

The Burn-Me-Not Company, Appalachian-sponsored Junior Achievement firm in Roanoke, has won national recognition as the top JA company in the aluminum products category.

The award was presented for outstanding accomplishments in the organization and operation of a JA company. During the season, the Burn-Me-Not Company produced 1,009 aluminum cookie sheets. Income for the 16-member company totaled \$1,065.45.

Upon liquidation of the company at the end of the school year, all stock, which sold at 50 cents a share, was redeemed and a 20 per cent dividend declared.

The JA program was instituted in 1919 when a group of businessmen became concerned over the lack of business knowledge displayed by high school students. The Roanoke JA program, with about 300 high school students participating, included 18 companies and was the first instituted in the Virginia-West Virginia area.