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Lines were down and other company facilities hit when a flash flood struck in the vicinity of Charleston August 8. Here, Charleston employees work under emergency conditions to speedily restore service to the area. Picture courtesy "Charleston Daily Mail."

Costly Flash Floods Hit Charleston, Lynchburg

Five lives were lost and much property damage done when flash floods hit the Charleston and Lynchburg areas on separate August weekends.

A heavy flood, which took three lives, also left wrecked homes, highways and Appalachian facilities in its wake in the Kanawha Two-Mile and Elk Two-Mile vicinities near Charleston August 8. Equally devastating was the Lynchburg flood, which hit August 15, leaving two dead and heavy property damage.

Damage estimates were given at \$850,000 up in Charleston, while Lynchburg figured its losses at over a half a million dollars. In both cities company lines were down and many customers were without service, but round-the-clock efforts by company men returned all service by the next day.

Charleston Disaster

A final accounting in Charleston showed 19 homes were destroyed, 17 others suffered major damage and 73 dwellings were damaged less severely.

Nearly 200 refugees from the flood were temporarily housed in several public buildings.

The destruction was touched off the evening of August 8 when two inches of rain were dumped into the already swollen streams of hollows around Kanawha County. Heavy rains fell off and on for several days preceding the day of the flood.

Scattered reports of trouble began coming in by 5 p.m. at Appalachian's North Charleston Service Center. Jack Wilkinson and G. W. Arthur were dispatched to the Sissonville road area. At Slip Hill they were met by water and when they turned around, the flood had moved so rapidly it had cut off their retreat. They got to high ground to wait it out.

H. L. Bostic and L. E. Jones, meanwhile, were on their way to the Tappers Creek area, where some poles were reported in a slide. At one point they were met by a foot of water swirling down the road. They got

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Appalachian-Sponsored

Burn-Me-Not Ranks Second In National JA

The Burn-Me-Not Company of Roanoke, Appalachian-sponsored Junior Achievement firm, has been judged the second ranking Company of the Year in the nation.

Competing with 3,432 other companies from over the country, Burn-Me-Not tied for second in judging at the annual Junior Achievement Conference at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

Judy Purcell of Roanoke represented Burn-Me-Not at the conference. She was attending with delegates from five other JA firms in Roanoke. At the meeting in Bloomington 50 companies were winners of the National Industry Award — Burn-Me-Not, which made and sold aluminum cookie sheets, was the national winner in the aluminum industry category. This entitled Burn-Me-Not to enter final all-category judging. Representatives of these 50 companies, including Judy, had to take four exhaustive tests on all phases of business. Three Indiana businessmen conducted the two-hour interviews, and from their findings listed the five best companies in the nation. Top company was



Happily welcoming back Judy Purcell from Bloomington, Ind., were these Appalachian employees, advisors during the past year for the Burn-Me-Not Company, an Appalachian-sponsored Junior Achievement firm. From left are J. W. Vaughan, N. G. Marshall, W. W. Ford and J. W. French. Judy was Burn-Me-Not's representative at the National Junior Achievement conference where the company was judged second best in the nation. Also on hand at the airport were Judy's fellow members in the JA firm and representatives of JA in Roanoke.

Utilco Co. of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Under the Junior Achievement program of business education teenage

high school students form miniature companies, float stock and manufacture and sell a product or service.

Roanoke Hits Million Manhours For Fourth Time To Set Record

Averaging over 3,000 hours of safe work each, the 328 employees of the Roanoke district have accumulated another one-million manhours without a disabling injury.

The coveted mark was reached August 11 by the district for the second time in four years and the fourth time in 18 years. District employees have suffered only one disabling injury in the last four years.

That injury occurred December 21, 1956, ending a previous million manhour record. The present accumulation, still continuing, was begun on December 22, 1956. The new mark makes Roanoke district eligible for another Edison Electric Institute Safety Merit Award.

In commenting on the record, E. L. Munday, Jr., assistant Roanoke district manager, said: "We are pleased about reaching a million manhours, not so much because we have established a record, but because it means no one has been injured during that length of time. This kind of accomplishment takes all employees working together, and it is strong evidence that our employees have made safety a part of their jobs.

"These records present a challenge to us to strive for the two-million manhour mark. I feel sure our employees will do their best to reach it."

Reaching the million manhour mark four times constitutes a record among Appalachian districts and plants. Welch district has reached the mark twice, and Pulaski, Logan and Lynchburg districts, Kanawha River plant and Bluefield division have reached a million manhours once each. Appalachian as a company has hit the mark four times. In Kentucky, Ashland district employees have worked a million manhours without a disabling injury once, Hazard district employees twice and Pikeville district employees once. The Ashland accumulation is continu-



Building for a safe future in the Roanoke district are from left: W. P. Booker, district manager, and T. A. Kirby, safety supervisor. The blocks at right list Roanoke's million manhour records, including the latest.

ing. In addition, Kentucky as a company has reached the mark twice.

The three previous Roanoke district records extended from October 10, 1940 to December 31, 1942, when employees worked 1,275,735

hours without a disabling injury; from November 27, 1943 to December 31, 1945, an accumulation of 1,008,831 manhours; and from December 18, 1954 to December 20, 1956, a total of 1,001,743 manhours.

Appalachian Applies For FPC License To Build Smith Mountain Dam Project

Appalachian has filed an application with the Federal Power Commission for a license to construct its proposed \$45-million Smith Mountain hydro-electric project on the Roanoke River.

The filing took place August 26. This application follows by two months the granting of a license by the State Corporation Commission of Virginia to build the project. Destined to be the largest hydro in the state, the project will have a capacity of about 320,000 kilowatts.

Construction, to start in a few months, is expected to take about three years. Appalachian has conducted preliminary studies for over four years. The first phase of construction is to be a diversion tunnel. During the construction period the tunnel will divert the Roanoke River around the dam location. After completion of the dam, the tunnel will be modified to serve as an intake tunnel for the plant.

The development includes an upper dam 235 feet high to be constructed at the Smith Mountain Gap on the Roanoke River and a lower dam 90 feet high to be built at a site 17 miles below the upper dam. The lower dam is to be located a few miles above Leesville.

The two dams will combine conventional development of hydro-electric power with pumped storage.

This involves pumping back into the upper reservoir, during hours when Appalachian's power demand is relatively low, water from the lower reservoir for re-use in the upper dam when power demand is relatively high.

TVA Finance Bill Dies In Committee

The Kerr Bill (S1869) to finance Tennessee Valley Authority expansion through revenue bonds died in the House Rules Committee when Congress adjourned on August 24. To be considered again, it will have to be re-introduced as a new bill in the next session of Congress which convenes in January.

The Kerr Bill that passed the Senate proposed that TVA issue \$750-million of revenue bonds to finance expansion. The bill passed the House Committee of Public Works by a narrow majority but was not reported out of the Rules Committee.

President Philip Sporn appeared before the Committee of Public Works on July 29 in opposition to the Kerr Bill. His statement pointed out two major faults of the bill: loss of effective Congressional control over TVA and failure to define the TVA territory in such a way as to prevent unchecked expansion.

The Open Door To Education

Some people have gone through all kinds of schools and colleges, making the grades and receiving the diplomas, without ever getting an education.

That's because they figure just going to school, getting passing marks, gives them a complete education.

The real purpose of high schools and colleges is to make it possible for people to educate themselves. Our schools offer all the help we need—classrooms, books, other instructional aids, teachers, hints on the best ways to learn—but all of this is wasted when a student is going to school "just to get through so I can say I've been". The school, then, is the door to the practical commonsense way of learning.

And the student must enter with a purpose. He should decide where he is going—what subjects he will need to learn to prepare himself for life after school. The student's years in school won't be wasted when he has the guidance and counsel of those who know him and love him.

It's our responsibility to see that our children aren't just going to school—we must see that they are getting an education.

A Wave Of The Hand From My Little Pal

A wave of the hand—a kiss blown on the breeze—from the sweetest little pal in the world.

I stood for some moments watching her, a chubby little figure in blue and white, an extremely important little person on her way to school.

And she turned the corner.

It must have been about four o'clock—my mind has been sort of deadened since—that the boss sent for me.

Laying his hand on my shoulder, he said: "There's been an accident and you'd better hurry up to the house."

Well, there isn't much more to tell. That little pal of mine—she wasn't at the window watching for me as usual. For an instant I faltered, and I had to fight for breath.

In a little time I went out to the gate, just as I had that very morning. And I looked down the street as best I could. Right over there, a short block away, was where she turned the corner—and passed out of my life forever.

Today it was my little girl. Tomorrow, or next day, it will be some other little pal quite as dear. And so on, and so on, until the conscience of men shall cry a halt to this passion for fast driving in localities where danger, obvious danger, stares drivers plumb in the eye.

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Your Opinion

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

What is a parent's responsibility in the educational guidance of his child?



Edward Lykins and his son, Jimmie.

EDWARD LYKINS, Draftsman, Pikeville

We owe our children every educational advantage possible. It is our responsibility as parents to send our children to schools that have the highest educational standards. It is our responsibility to encourage the child to choose a career that he has an aptitude for and that he will enjoy. In so doing, we enhance his chances of success in the field of his choice.

Every child should be taught the value of activities in his leisure time. Such activities often will affect interest and success in his chosen profession. If he is guided into activities that affect community welfare, he not only has a chance to succeed professionally; but also become a good citizen.



Gordon R. Jackson and his daughter, Nila Ruth.

GORDON R. JACKSON, Boiler Operator, Glen Lyn Plant

This month millions of our children are starting back to school. We as parents should be interested in our children's school life. We should encourage our children to respect the rights and opinions of others. A sound religious foundation is an important factor in making our children good students. They should feel confident that we are ready to advise and assist them in any way.

We should impress upon our children the value of education and the part it plays in helping to achieve their chosen vocation. Last, but of great importance, we should help our children sight a goal and achieve it.



H. M. Figg, Jr., and his son, Ronnie.

HERBERT M. FIGG, JR., Engineering Aide, Lynchburg

September of this year my boy enters junior high school. Guidance at this point and

through high school may well establish his life's activity.

The parent should work very closely with the teacher in helping his child decide which courses will be most valuable for future life, allowing for the individual's intelligence and aptitude. Compare results of all types of testing now available in school, and with the teacher's knowledge of individual students, valuable suggestions by parents and teacher, give educational guidance in choosing the proper courses for his career.

The child should be encouraged in finding part time work, not primarily designed to be of great financial aid, but to introduce him to various types of occupations and the value of making decisions on spending or saving what he has earned.



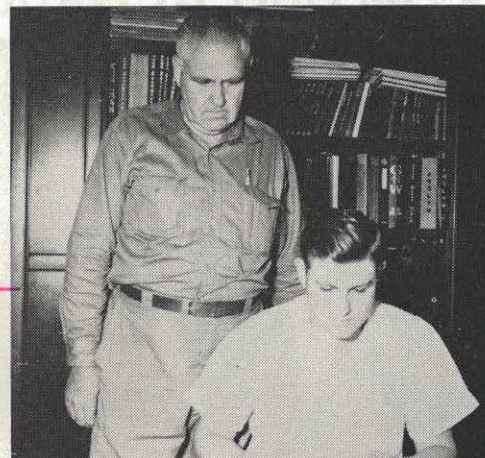
Barbara Hudson and her daughter, Julia.

BARBARA HUDSON, Cashier, Charleston

The parents' primary responsibility to the educational guidance of his child is to recognize that each child is of a distinct personality and must be treated as an individual.

The parents' role in educational guidance should be that of a consultant and to assist the child in his selection of school courses to be studied in conjunction with the basic courses required by the school system. Courses should be selected that best meet the needs of the child. These needs can be recognized through group discussions with the child and a member of the school system who is familiar with the child's educational progress.

Parents should not feel that the full educational responsibility belongs to the school system. They should realize that education is a mutual responsibility of the parent and the school.



Lester M. Safriet and his son, Ralph.

LESTER M. SAFRIET, Meter Serviceman, Kingsport

I believe a parent's responsibility in the educational guidance of his child should be based on the best interest of the child. I don't believe a parent should try to pick a career for the child. This has been done all too often and usually results in a person doing something for which he is neither suited nor happy with.

I do believe the parent should help pick the proper courses which will prepare the child for his chosen career. The parent should also

show an interest in the student's extra-curricular activities as well as in his studies.

The student should be encouraged to make his own decisions with his parent's guidance in the proper directions.

If the child has not yet chosen a career, the parent should urge him not to fall back on the easier courses but to take those that offer a solid background for any career.



Mrs. R. H. Huff and her son, Gregory.

MRS. R. H. HUFF, Wife Of Power Sales Engineer, Welch

Parents should guide their children into fields in which they have natural talents and interests, and not force them into their ancestors' footsteps, since forcing children into careers in which they are not interested often causes unhappiness, increased cost of education and loss of valuable years in study due to change in curriculum.

To me, the parents' responsibility is to marshal all known accomplishments and interests of the child's family background, couple them with the child's known interests and desires, plus his teachers' opinions of that child's aptitudes and abilities, then take the subjects offered the child by his school and work out a complete curriculum. Not to force the child, but to take planned, long range advantage of what is known to be a fact.



Hazel Farris and her daughter, Leah Sue.

HAZEL FARRIS, Pre-Audit Clerk, Williamsport

My responsibility is to guide my child's education toward her chosen career, selecting schools equipped to train her for it, but also educating her in other fields. An Einstein in one field, but "Lil' Abner" in others, is not successful.

It would hinder my daughter, age twelve, to select schools known for graduating teachers, while her wish is to be a scientist. This she decided when conducting her first experiment, age six, using vinegar, mustard, catsup and airplane glue.

The experiment failed, but her wish remains, and since recent book selections cover space travel and electronics, apparently she means it. Her inquisitive mind will make her a good research scientist, and my responsibility is to see she gets the education needed to attain this goal.

Flood Aftermath Reported By Eyewitness

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Chris Christie, Charleston personnel clerk and reporter for THE ILLUMINATOR, went to the flood area in the district to gather facts and pictures for a story. Below are excerpts from her eyewitness account of the mop-up operations.)

Three days after the flood I went to the flood area with W. C. McMahan, assistant district manager, who was making a general inspection. The devastation and misery of the people on Kanawha 2-Mile were beyond my imagination.

Residents, sorting out water-soaked clothing and belongings, moved aimlessly among the wreckage. A layer of mud and slime about six inches deep lay in most of the houses. Piti-ful piles of mud-soaked clothing lay around on the ground and were draped over clotheslines and ban-nisters.

Contaminated foodstuffs were being removed from a neighborhood store, under the watchful supervision of the National Guard. Men and women attempted to wash down the walls and floors with water hoses, while children played in mud and water. Some looked hopelessly beaten, while others worked with grim deter-mination. I noticed one woman stop and carefully examine a potted cactus plant in her yard, while all around her, her home lay in shambles. Things like that make it difficult to place a dollar value on what these people lost.

We stopped on the opposite side of the creek from the home of W. T. Miller, truck driver-groundman—or what was his home. I had been told his home and personal effects, as well as another house he had bought for an investment, were all a total loss. He seemed in remarkably good spirits. The footbridge across the creek was gone, so we drove around to another bridge. We had to squeeze past the end, where a barn had been picked up and deposited—sides now falling but still filled with hay. Somewhere, under that hay, a dog was barking.

Mr. Miller told us he was going to rebuild, on higher ground. One fellow working around Mr. Miller's house said he had a terrific headache. I was very happy I had three aspirin



Water rolls through a bridge and over the highway as heavy rains swelled creeks during the recent Charleston area flash flood. Water such as this cut off areas and left heavy property damage in its wake.

tablets to give him. Funny how im-portant little things can be sometimes—he was so grateful I almost cried.

A lady told me she and her hus-band had been unable to leave their home fast enough and had been forced to remain in the house while the water rose to within a foot of the ceiling, leaving just enough room for their heads.

We stopped along the way back, talking to meter servicemen, linemen and groundmen. They all had stories to tell. One told of seeing three poles, a transformer and a car, all tangled together under a bridge. Some had taken about 150 flashlight batteries to state police and guardsmen during the blackout. One had to move his truck in the middle of the chaos, so a small boy could be taken to the hospital for an emergency appendec-tomy.

In one area a house was kept from being washed away by a service drop. When repairmen slackened the line the pole bounced back in an upright position, where it had been pulled almost from the ground.

We left Kanawha 2-Mile about 2, and it began raining again. Mr. Mc-Mahan remarked that a good rain would help wash off some of the mud, but we wondered where all those people could go for shelter, except inside those mud-filled houses.

Back at the office, Golda Johnson, secretary to C. B. Talley, district

bridges and culverts, flooded base-ments, knocked out electric power and 1,500 telephones and almost paral-lyzed the city.

The storm centered over the city, with high winds and lightning knock-ing trees into our lines and blowing transformer fuses. Without power were Murrell Road, Rivermont sec-tion and Langhorne Road. One phase was knocked out at Monroe station, and west of the city on Boonsboro Road and at Eagles Eye atop Locke Mountain trees knocked out lines.

One of the major outages in the city was the Lynchburg General Hos-pital, caused by lightning burning underground service cables. The hos-pital operated on an emergency gen-erator until service was restored.

Pole Yard Hit

Two other parts of our company facilities in Lynchburg were also dam-aged. At the company's pole yard, flood waters from the creek in the area floated poles off racks and down the creek several hundred feet. Also, two street lighting circuits were knocked out with 800 lamps burned out.

All crews were on hand, working all night to return the city's electric power. A total of 500 to 600 custo-mers had interruptions of from one to nine hours, while 2,000 others had interruptions of less than an hour.

manager, remarked: "It makes me feel bad to think how all of us waited around Friday evening at quitting time—didn't want to go out in all that rain to get wet, complained about having just washed the car, or how we'd have to postpone some plans."

Giles Transferred To Huntington Post

William F. Giles, Williamson dis-trict commercial manager, has been transferred to Huntington division headquarters in the new posi-tion of division



Mr. Giles

accounts in the division.

Mr. Giles was employed by the company at Logan in 1929 and was named Williamson district com-mercial manager in 1952.

Fieldale Draftsman Reports To Army

Michael B. Pitches of Fieldale re-ported to the Army August 18.



Mr. Pitches

He is a draftsman in the Fieldale dis-trict T&D de-partment. A native of Broms-grove, England, Mr. Pitches joined the company October 27, 1955 as a clerk and rose to his present position November 5, 1956.

Princeton Site Purchased For Office



Surveying the recently-purchased lot for a proposed Princeton office and service building are from left: Leroy Poythress, division civil engineer, and Robert J. Gilpin, draftsman. The office in the Bluefield district will be built at a later date, replacing quarters now leased on Main Street. The lot is on the east side of North Walker Street and is about 100 by 230 feet. The proposed building will house offices, auditorium, demonstration kitchen, work kitchen, line headquarters and storeroom.

Roanoke's Viscose To Close Plant

The third largest industry in the Roanoke Valley, American Viscose Corporation's multi-million dollar plant, is closing.

The Roanoke plant manufactures continuous rayon filament yarns used in clothing and decorative fabrics, and according to Viscose announcement of the closing, is not equipped to produce the types of fibers which are now largely in demand.

A total of 1,750 workers, with an annual payroll of about \$7-million, will be affected. Viscose has said it will work out a plan for termination of employment, with release to be gradual.

Payroll at the plant is exceeded only by the N&W Railway and General Electric in the Valley. The plant, which covers 226 acres, opened in 1917 and during its peak employ-ment year in 1929 employed 5,500 persons. Normal employment was about 3,000, but in recent years em-ployees have been gradually released. According to Viscose officials, very few Roanoke workers will be absorbed by other Viscose plants as they too are working on a curtailed basis.

A delegation of Roanoke business and civic leaders have conferred with Viscose about the situation, and re-ported back they were convinced that the plant will never reopen in Ro-anoke.

Meanwhile, Virginia Governor J. Lindsay Almond, Jr., has announced that he will direct the state's new Conservation and Economic Develop-ment Commission, which will con-centrate its efforts on locating a new industry in Roanoke to replace Viscose.

Pole Re-Location Presents Problems

A pole re-location project is under-way in East Williamson along a por-tion of U. S. Route 52.

A 2,200-foot segment of the route is being widened by the State. The re-location brought forth some special problems to planning and work crews. Code clearance difficulties arose be-cause the area is congested. Some poles had to be moved only 18 inches while others had to be moved as much as four feet.

To add to the construction prob-lems, it was found that standard cross-arms would not work and that alley-arm construction was necessitated.

The crews of Fred Varney and Ernest Bailey are doing the work. These crews have been complimented by customers for clean-up operations in moving excess dirt and scrap ma-terials.

Life Of Baby Saved By Employee's Wife

Mrs. Milton Cole, wife of a Wil-liamson heating and building sales representative, recently saved the life of an 18-month-old baby.



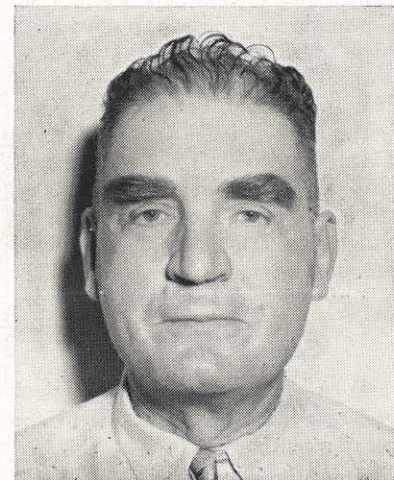
Mrs. Cole

Mrs. Cole was on her porch when the baby's nurse-maid ran up with the child who was chok-ing on a piece of candy. She took the baby by its heels and slapped it sev-eral times on the back. This failed to dislodge the candy.

She then ran her fingers down his throat, but to no avail. By this time, the baby was turning blue and was gasping for breath. Mrs. Cole again turned him upside down and slapped his back, finally dislodging the candy. After several minutes the baby's color-ing returned to normal.

Although she never had formal first aid training, Mrs. Cole had read the first aid book her husband used when he took company training.

Long Service Ends For A. W. Reeves



Mr. Reeves

After completing almost 35 years' continuous service at Glen Lyn plant, Ambrose Weaver Reeves retired re-cently because of disability.

Mr. Reeves joined the plant in October 1923 in the operating de-partment. Upon his retirement, he was serving as auxiliary equipment operator.

He attended public schools at Marion, Va. A brother, W. J., is shift supervisor at the plant. Mr. Reeves plans to spend his retirement at Glen Lyn.

County Fair Awards Won By Six Youths

Children of Point Pleasant district employees won several top awards during the recent three-day annual Mason County Farm Youth Fair.

Over 400 youths entered exhibits of their projects into 12 major divi-sions and 140 classifications. Em-ployees' children winning first places were: Tina and Randy Bias, children of L. C. Bias, local office manager; Becky Martin, daughter of Rose S. Martin, clerk-stenographer; Patricia Miller, sister of Phyllis Miller, clerk-stenographer; and Suzanna Crump, daughter of J. R. Crump, line fore-man.

Winning second place awards were: Randy Bias, and Dianne Crump, daughter of J. R. Crump. Randy also won a third place, and two thirds were taken by Becky Martin. Shirley Gilmour, daughter of W. C. Gil-mour, district personnel supervisor, also exhibited her project.

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through to complete their job, using detours and fighting damaged roads.

Crews Move

Soon other Charleston crews began going into the area, and a total of five line, two service and two trouble crews worked all Friday night and Saturday repairing damage to com-pany lines and other facilities.

One of the first was L. C. Shaffer's crew, which in an hour and 40 min-utes had 17 spans re-energized and the entire hollow where they were working back on the line by 8:15 the next morning. Several residents of the area commented that they thought under the circumstances full restora-tion of service would take at least three days.

In the Elk Two-Mile area, the 46 kv line was lost from Capitol Hill to Hartland in Clay County, and from there to Gamoca. A slide did the damage.

Working in that area were general servicemen Sidney Jean and W. W. Champe. The line was re-routed and service restored by 12:30 a.m. By 5 p.m. Saturday all service had been restored.

Flooded Lynchburg

The worst storm in 30 years hit Lynchburg the afternoon of August 15, when 5.25 inches of rain fell in an hour. The flash flood washed out



Kanawha River Plant

B. W. Dockery is a new test engineer.

Sympathy is extended A. W. Searls on the death of his mother.

Charleston District

New employees are Charlotte Canterbury, miscellaneous; Patricia Cummings, payroll; and Charles E. Lawrence, Montgomery miscellaneous.

Connie Goff was transferred from the payroll department to the record section to replace Barbara Zopp, who resigned.

Retired employees C. F. Hann, J. W. "Smoky" Roach and C. A. Foster visited the office recently.

Nell Wenzel, Montgomery home economist, attended a meeting in connection with the W. Va. Federation of Junior Women at West Virginia University.

A. T. Reed, St. Albans meter reader, and Maxine Urwin, contract clerk, are at home after hospitalization.

C. V. Harris, Clendenin area supervisor, has returned to work after being hospitalized.

Several employees' children attended the International Lions Club Convention in Chicago, playing with high school bands in the Charleston area. They were: Joan, daughter of Howard Basham, St. Albans accounting; Betsy, daughter of George Unangst, district T&D superintendent; Carolyn, daughter of Ralph Allen, St. Albans collector; Wanda, daughter of Denzil Allison, St. Albans groundman; and Arthur, son of A. F. Whaples, St. Albans area serviceman.

Cabin Creek Plant

F. A. "Pappy" Drennen, retired boiler maintenance man, visited the plant recently.

Sympathy is extended E. L. Workman, laborer, on the death of his brother.

Beckley District

The Dry Hill-Prosperity Community Center was the scene of the annual company picnic recently. Approximately 350 persons attended the chicken barbecue.

Point Pleasant District

J. A. Ferrell, retired employee, was elected a delegate to the West Virginia annual state conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Kenny, son of K. G. Roush, area serviceman, has returned home after hospitalization.

J. A. Ferrell, Jr., son of the retired employee, has returned home after five months' hospitalization due to first, second and third degree burns inflicted by chemicals at the plant where he works. About 30% of his body and burns have healed and he continues to take therapy.

Robert, husband of Joan H. Baird, T&D record clerk-stenographer, has returned home after hospitalization due to the loss of one toe and severe cuts in a power mower accident.

Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Roush attended the national banquet and reunion of Roush (Rausch) and Allied Families Association of America, Inc., at Ohio Caverns. Mrs. Roush is secretarial-stenographer in the managerial department.

Philip Sporn Plant

Earl H. Keefer, chemist, was elected to the Mason County School



Board for a six-year term.

Over 600 employees and their families attended the annual plant picnic held at Bailey's Lake. These employees were in charge of arrangements: Paul Scalley, general chairman; Ralph Gibbs, Jr., and Phil Wolpert, children's games; Rome Williamson, food committee chair-

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Pikeville District

Dewey Lake was the scene of the annual employee and family picnic for Pikeville district.

The Big Sandy Chapter of Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers and Big Sandy Electrical and Mechanical Institute held their family picnic at the Beaver Creek substation picnic area.

Mrs. Rodman Crutchfield, wife of the head transmission and distribution clerk, has returned home following illness and hospitalization.

Frances Johnson, accounting clerk-trainee, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended H. M. Eagle, general foreman, on the death of his son-in-law.

Hazard District

J. W. Scholtens was honored with a farewell dinner at the Hazard VFW Club. He was presented with a wrist watch.

Wilma Jean Combs, who resigned, was entertained with a farewell dinner.

Rankin Combs, engineering record clerk, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Kay C. Begley, PBX operator, has resigned.

Members of the commercial department and their families had an outing at Gwin Island of Herrington Lake recently.

Ashland District

Wendell Pridemore has returned to work in the engineering department from the University of Kentucky.

Wilma Sullivan, contract clerk, has resigned.

The annual meter department family picnic was held in Grayson, Ky., by the Meterette Club.

Sympathy is extended Frank Huffman, serviceman, on the death of his mother-in-law.



Williamson District

Leah Sue, daughter of Hazel Farris, pre-audit clerk, won six badges for achievements at Girl Scout camp.

Barbara Williamson, home service representative, was presented gifts from the K-Appa-K Girls' Club and the commercial department upon her transfer to Logan district.

Steeple Painter



Here's the church, here's the steeple, look on top and there's Bob Hylton. The Bluefield meter serviceman volunteered to paint the steeple of the Bland Methodist Church, doing what church members described as a "beautiful job." He used experience gained with the company in the job, which also included scaling and sanding the steeple.

Patsy Hackworth and Mrs. E. J. Clouser, wife of the district personnel supervisor, were elected chairman of moral and spiritual values and chairman of communications, respectively, of the Tug Valley Junior Woman's Club. Mrs. Hackworth is also recording secretary.

Logan Plant

Retired employees R. L. Boyd, A. S. Hatfield and John H. Jones were recent visitors.

Mrs. John J. Keck, wife of the retired employee, is at home after hospital confinement for several weeks.

Robert Daniel, son of Dallas T. Hayner, mechanical maintenance mechanic, has reported to San Antonio, Texas, for basic training in the Air Force.

Over 400 Logan district and plant employees and their guests attended the annual employees' picnic held at the Madison Swimming Pool.

Logan District

Nicholas Roomy, Jr., local office manager, attended the adult conference of Christian Churches of West Virginia.

Ann J. Pozega, home service representative; Juanita Copher, Madison cashier clerk; and F. D. Chambers, lineman, have resigned.

Harriet Ann Javins is a new home service representative.

Mrs. H. R. Jackson, wife of the stores supervisor, has returned home following surgery.

C. A. Keener, auto mechanic, is recuperating at home after surgery.

H. J. Collins, district personnel supervisor, attended the Lions International Convention in Chicago as a delegate from the Logan Lions Club.

Huntington District

A chicken dinner at Cemden Park was the district's annual picnic re-

cently. About 475 employees and guests were in attendance.

T. W. Hardy, retired employee, is recuperating at home following a heart attack. Mrs. Hardy is at home after suffering a broken leg.

Georgia Marcum and John T. Russell, T&D record section, are recuperating at their homes from surgery.

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Abingdon District

John F. Elgin has returned to work following an extended illness.

William A. Denny, Lebanon lineman, has returned to work after surgery.

Enid Brooks, Gate City home service representative, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended John F. Elgin, draftsman, on the death of his father and Andy C. Skeen, line inspector, on the death of his father.

Sympathy is also extended Peggy J. Johnson, clerk-stenographer, on the death of her grandmother and James Booth, Jr., assistant local office manager, on the death of his brother.

Welch District

Bill, son of power sales engineer William Belchee, appeared on Jan Murray's TV show, Treasure Chest, in N. Y. He was picked to select the "home card" and was presented an electric train for doing this.

"Ricky", daughter of Clyde Dangerfield, meter serviceman, won some luggage, a mixer and several other prizes on a quiz program in Baltimore.

William Hulme, head T&D clerk, has returned to work after a two months' absence due to surgery.

Sally Sutherland, clerk-stenographer, has resigned.

Employees' sons who participated in the Junior League Baseball playoff at Mullins were Scott, son of O. L. Robinson, office manager; Bill, son of William Belchee, power sales engineer; Tommy, son of O. R. Nunnery, meterman; and Mac, son of C. M. Wagner, residential and rural sales supervisor. William Belchee and O. R. Nunnery were the coach and assistant coach, respectively, of the team.

Pulaski District

R. P. Asbury, Jr., co-op student engineer, has returned for his second tour of duty. J. N. Shepherd, co-op student engineer, has returned to school.

A/1c1 T. Fred Carrico has returned to spend 30 days' leave with his parents after a year's service in the Mid-East. He is a former employee and the son of Fred L. Carrico, stores supervisor.

Sympathy is extended J. T. Kegley, lineman, on the death of his brother, Mark, a former employee.

Sympathy is also extended D. B. Smith, T&D clerk, on the death of his brother-in-law.

Ann S. Poe, Marion contract clerk, is recuperating from an injury received in a fall.

J. D. Bryan, retired employee, and Mrs. A. D. Thornton, wife of the Claytor plant hydro maintenance man, have returned to their homes after being in the hospital.

H. P. Grubb, Wytheville area supervisor, has returned to work after being off duty due to a foot injury.

Bluefield District

Lois K. Rounion, commercial secretarial-stenographer, was a delegate for the Bluefield Chapter at the annual convention of the National Secretaries Association (International).

Ryland Y. Bailey, area sales representative, agricultural engineer, has been named to the board of directors of the Bluefield American Legion and Ray C. Heldreth, dealer sales representative, has been appointed chairman of the house committee.

C. P. "Pop" Peterson, retired employee, has returned to his home in Bluefield after spending the winter and spring months in Columbus, O. H. P. Crabtree, retired employee, has returned to Pearisburg after spending the winter in Osprey, Fla.

James D. Cassell, Tazewell T&D clerk; Orville R. Taylor, Pearisburg

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J. W. Bolton, meter supervisor, was elected to the School Board of Education.

Peggy, daughter of Curtis H. Hurd, truck driver-groundman, is recuperating following a broken leg in a swing accident.

Employees and their families held their annual picnic at Warriors' Path State Park.

Wilson Trumbo, personnel supervisor, presented the National Safety Council Award of Merit to two divisions of the Tennessee Eastman Company. Each division accumulated over one-million manhours without a disabling injury.



System

Richard Lovegrove, editor in system public relations, has been presented the internal Key Man Award by the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Tri Fori Club, made up of system employees on the third and fourth floors of the general office building and system meter, held its annual picnic at Lakeside recently.

Roanoke District

M. J. Hartley, system meter supervisor; B. H. McKeever, district meter supervisor; and M. G. Covey, electrical engineer, attended the 22nd annual meeting of the Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors.

R. T. Adams, retired employee, and H. A. Howbert, area sales representative, have returned to their homes following hospitalization.

James Crouch, district administrative assistant, is confined to his home with a broken ankle.

"Butch," son of R. A. Armistead, line and station supervisor, played in the East-West football game in the position of fullback.

Sympathy is extended L. R. "Zeke" Thomas, meterman, on the death of his mother.

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Flying Low Over Circuit, Whirlybird Sprays Right-Of-Way For Pikeville District Lines



LEFT: Preparing for take-off with loaded spray tanks is this whirlybird, used to spray right-of-way on a Pikeville district line. A funnel-shaped spray tank can be seen in the middle of the copter. RIGHT: Spraying along the David-Falcon 46,000 volt line, this helicopter whirls along only six or eight feet above the circuit.

Whirling through the air at six or eight feet above the line, a helicopter was recently used to spray right-of-way on Pikeville district's David-Falcon 46,000 volt circuit.

The whirlybird, flying only in the early morning and late evening, when wind currents aren't as strong, laid down 555 gallons of spray under the 13-mile line. Total flying time added up to 2½ hours, not flown all at once.

The spraying is done to clear the right-of-way of brush and undergrowth so that it won't interfere with the line, and to permit inspection

on foot of the line.

The helicopter carries 60 gallons of spray which covers about 9,000 feet of right-of-way. Three successive sprays are made on a 100-foot strip, and when the undergrowth is particularly heavy a fourth spray is made.

Spraying from the air is still effective at 200 to 300 feet, but on this line most of it was done from a height of 60 feet, about six or eight feet above the line. The furious whirling of the copter blades forces the spray down in a direct stream from the spray tanks.

Stull's, Inc., which chartered the whirlybird to do the spraying for Kentucky Power, has found that the best job can be done while leaves and brush are a little damp. Rain has no effect on the spray if it has been on the brush 10 to 20 minutes.

It takes just a week for the effects of the spray to be seen—the brush begins to droop and wither.

This first spraying from a whirlybird was considered an experiment, but it is another in the many ways our companies strive to provide the most efficient operation of our facilities.

Collins Named To System Post

Joseph E. Collins of Abingdon has been promoted to the position of senior agricultural sales engineer in the system commercial department in Roanoke. He succeeds A. W. Cook, who died April 28.



Mr. Collins

Mr. Collins joined Appalachian at Abingdon as agricultural engineer in April 1949 after employment with the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service at VPI. He became rural and residential sales supervisor in 1950 and electrical engineer in 1957.

A graduate of VPI with B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural engineering in 1940 and 1955, respectively, he is a registered professional engineer in Virginia and a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Housepower Prizes Won By Six In Area

Six Appalachian customers were national winners in the recent Housepower Contest, sponsored by electric power companies across the United States.

Contest officials reported that hundreds of thousands of contestants vied for \$100,000 in prizes. Awards were based on captions to a cartoon, with entries secured at power company offices and from national magazines.

Winners in our area include: William Ernest Balderman, Roanoke, combination refrigerator-freezer; Mrs. Eloise A. Batchelor, Salem, Roanoke district, automatic washer; Mrs. Girard Fowler, Point Pleasant, vacuum cleaner; Mrs. L. C. Carper, Hurricane, Huntington district, vacuum cleaner; Mrs. George D. Booth, Kenova, Huntington district, vacuum cleaner; and Bessie Webb, Allisonia, Pulaski district, steam iron.

First Aid Training Helps Employee To Treat Customer With Snake Bite

Another instance where company first aid training paid dividends was recorded in the Welch district recently.

Working in the Knox Creek section, Walter Crouse, Grundy meter serviceman, happened across a customer who had been bitten by a copperhead. The snake bite was between two fingers of the hand.

Using a shoe string as a tourniquet, Mr. Crouse isolated the bite. With the snake bite kit in his truck, he made an incision and used the suction pump to extract the venom. He then advised the customer to see a doctor.

Checking on the victim later in the week, Mr. Crouse found the man practically recovered. And he had returned to the place where he was bitten and had killed the snake.

Veteran Retires From Glen Lyn



Mr. Thomas

Carl McKinley Thomas, Glen Lyn plant maintenance helper, retired September 1 after 14 years with the company.

He joined Appalachian in September 1944, after spending 30 years with the Norfolk and Western Railway. He lives at Narrows with his wife and granddaughter.



Walter Crouse, Welch meter serviceman, who recently treated a customer for snake bite, shows the technique for using a suction pump to Henry E. Farmer, lineman. Before he treated the customer, Mr. Crouse had never actually used a snake bite kit.

Bluefield . . .

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meter serviceman; Walter P. Hawkins, assistant stores supervisor; Sadie L. Bundy, elevator operator; and Lena G. Moseley, home service representative, have returned to work after hospitalization.

Gary, son of Mullens station operator Chester G. Smith; Mrs. Dewey Jessee, wife of the Richlands area serviceman; Mrs. David M. Davis, wife of the Pearisburg working foreman; Mrs. Robert D. Simmons, wife of the T&D clerk; Mary Martha, daughter of electrical engineer Jerry R. Whitehurst; and David Chester, son of C. G. Smith, Mullens station operator, have returned to their homes following hospitalization.

Mrs. E. T. Gills, wife of the system supervising transmission engineer, and Mrs. B. E. Bates, wife of the meter supervisor, have been named delegates to the West Virginia State D. A. R. Convention.

C. L. Shockey, district personnel supervisor, has been named vice-chairman for the forthcoming Bluefield Community Chest Drive.

Retired employees Maude J. McCulloch, H. W. Walk, H. E. Mattox, W. T. Elswick and W. G. Peck visited the office recently.

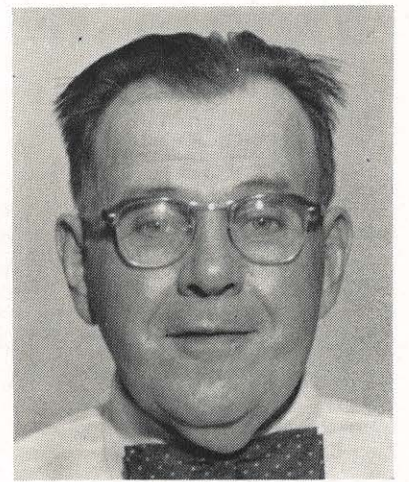
Fred J. Mullins, meterman, is convalescing at home after hospitalization.

Dave Rowe, Tazewell area supervisor, underwent emergency treatment for a hand injury.

J. Donald Haynes, Princeton general clerk, who was hospitalized with a bleeding ulcer, is improving.

Sympathy is extended Cecil A. Rhudy, Tazewell area serviceman, on the death of his grandfather.

John B. Ragland Retires Recently



Mr. Ragland

"Stick with it, try to do the best you can and work safely as possible," is the advice retiring employee John Benjamin Ragland has for young people joining the company.

Mr. Ragland, Roanoke district material clerk, retired September 1 after more than 30 years of service. He joined the company in 1927 and has worked in the old Roanoke steam plant and the Niagara hydro plant. He served as laborer, turbine room man, hydro plant superintendent and plant maintenance man. When the Roanoke steam plant closed in 1954, he was transferred to the stores department.

Very proud of his large family, Mr. Ragland has eight children and 31 grandchildren. He is a member of the Melrose Baptist Church.

He has been a barber for a number of years and plans to continue at this trade during retirement.

Dog's Best Friend

There's at least one little pup who probably figures that "man's best friend is dog" could just as well be turned around.

This pup owes his life to the Roanoke district surveying crew. Owned by Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Huff, the pup was in the habit of accompanying the crew up Fort Lewis Mountain, where they were working. He watched them all day, sharing their lunches. And the crew, made up of Marvin Short, Paul Lynch, Joe Fitzgerald and Harold Greene, enjoyed the dog's company.

One day recently, when the crew was leaving the mountain, the dog was bitten by a copperhead. The crew went to work immediately, using a snakebite kit, extracting venom from the dog's leg. Then they carried the dog to its owner, and the wound was bandaged.

Four days later, when a member of the crew checked, the dog was running around, feeling just fine.

Long Service Ends For Mary Lou Wirt



Miss Wirt

Mary Lou Wirt, Roanoke district cashier, retired August 1 due to ill health after almost 40 years of service.

Miss Wirt has the longest service record of any woman ever employed in the Roanoke district. She joined the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company, predecessor of Appalachian in Roanoke, September 2, 1918. At that time, she recalls, the company's office force consisted of eleven employees.

All of her company service has been in the accounting department where she has worked as bookkeeper, clerk, cash poster, switchboard operator and cashier.

During World War II, she was granted a leave of absence and served three years in the Women's Air Force. Upon her discharge, she had reached the rank of sergeant.

Her hobbies include coin and stamp collecting, sewing and working in her yard. She is active in the Greene Memorial Methodist Church.

Commenting on her long company service, she said: "You can't work for a better company than Appalachian."

FACTS ABOUT



Substations On The American Electric Power System

	Transmission Stations		Distribution Stations		Total	
	Number	KVA Capacity	Number	KVA Capacity	Number	KVA Capacity
Appalachian*	53	4,459,189	463	1,098,344	516	5,557,533
Indiana & Michigan	42	3,069,246	215	932,829	257	4,002,075
Kentucky	13	405,251	103	208,941	116	614,192
Kingsport	3	97,500	7	103,000	10	200,500
Ohio	55	4,962,915	355	1,036,809	410	5,999,724
Wheeling	8	226,000	15	46,184	23	272,184
Total AEP System	174	13,220,101	1,158	3,426,107	1,332	16,646,208

*Includes Kanawha Valley Power

A Changing Plot

Villain Wins In Accident Drama

The most terrible aspect of an occupational accident is, of course, the threat of pain and personal injury. As the AEP safety manual states: "No operating condition or urgency of service can ever justify endangering the life of anyone."

However, lost-time accidents have other costs. Throughout industry, a drama that is being acted daily illustrates this—a drama, in tragedy form, performed so subtly that it is often undetected. This is the complete, unabridged drama of occupational accidents.

Too often, only the acts featuring violent deaths or permanent maiming are seen. The consequences of these are obvious. Only when we look closely behind the scenes, however, can we see the complete drama of occupational accidents.

The name of the drama is "Hidden and Unrealized." The action focuses around the villain, Accident Cost, who is out to do all possible harm to the main characters, Person I, Person II and Company.

As the curtain rises, Accident Cost is planning to rob Person I. The victim suffers an occupational accident, losing the use of an arm. This is to the great delight of the villain, who takes the opportunity to nab a

large portion of Person I's lifetime productivity. This is particularly damaging to the family of Person I. Because he has lost much of his former ability to produce, he cannot earn as much as previously.

Person II is assailed in the next scene. This character receives only a minor disabling injury. Accident Cost uses Inconvenience as a weapon to bludgeon this victim. This is costly to Person II in a different way. A long-awaited vacation trip is spoiled; plans to build that new room are delayed; the youngster loses time at school because Daddy is unable to care for himself and she has to help.

As the curtain falls on Act I, it is obvious that Accident Cost is besting his victims.

In the second act, the villain starts to work on company. Accident Cost knows that Company is in reality a fusing of individuals, ideas and the things they have created. He knows that by taking any one of its individuals, Company will suffer.

The remainder of the play shows how this happens.

When an employee suffers a disabling injury, Accident Cost greedily grabs the wages paid that employee while he is at home. During this time, the employee is producing nothing, but he is still being paid.

In the next scene, Company loses money through accidents which damage or destroy equipment and material. During this scene, Company also loses wages paid supervisors at several levels who must take time from productive work to make adjustments

and investigations after the accident.

Next is a scene where the productivity and efficiency of a complete work crew are seriously affected because one man suffers an occupational accident. The crew is upset because a buddy has been hurt. They are also handicapped until a replacement is provided. The replacement is inexperienced and must undergo a costly learning period. Because the crew doesn't function as efficiently as before, Company's costs climb higher and higher.

Another accident in this scene enables Accident Cost to glean more money from Company. An accident occurs which stops delivery of Company's service. Accident Cost's coffers are substantially enriched every minute of the outage because, to Company, a minute's loss of productivity is expensive.

As the final curtain falls, Accident Cost has seriously hurt the main characters. This makes the villain victorious.

However, by popular demand of its audiences, this sometimes obscure drama is being re-written. The new action will show Persons I and II becoming more safety conscious. Consequently, their physical suffering will be reduced, and Accident Cost will be unable to prey upon them or upon Company.

The final curtain of the revised drama will show Accident Cost slinking away, breathing, "Curses, foiled again." How did it all come about? Throughout the play all characters began making "safety a way of life."

Appalachian Vets Presented Emblems For Long Service



Iva S. Nowlan Mr. Young

Two Appalachian employees recently received pins for 35 years of company service.

Awarded the emblems were Iva S. Nowlan, general clerk in the Huntington district, and Ellis P. Young, Cabin Creek plant boiler maintenance mechanic.

Iva S. Nowlan

Iva S. Nowlan joined the company in 1923 as a clerk in Charleston. In 1926 she transferred to the Huntington centralized billing department.

A native of Alderson, W. Va., she attended Greenbrier County schools and is a graduate of the Capitol City Business College of Charleston. As hobbies, she lists ornithology and gardening.

Ellis P. Young

Joining the Cabin Creek plant staff in 1923, Mr. Young served as an ash handler in the coal handling department. He worked for several years in the operations department and was transferred to the maintenance department in 1935.

Born in Oka, W. Va., he resides in Chelyan. He is married and the father of two children. As hobbies, he likes hunting and fishing.

Sporn Man Has Article In 'Electrical World'

An article by B. R. Vance, unit foreman at Philip Sporn plant, appeared in the August 11 issue of *Electrical World*.

The article was entitled "Long-Handled Mirror Finds Steam Leaks."

'Operating Notes' Articles Written By Appalachian, Kentucky Employees

Better and more economical ways to do things were described in six articles by Appalachian and Kentucky employees in the August issue of AEP's *Monthly Operating Notes*.



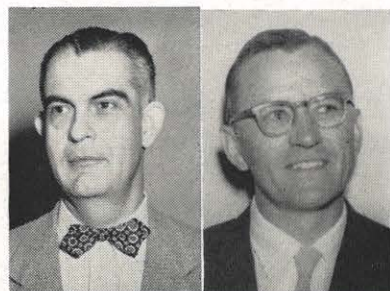
Mr. Caldwell

Luie Caldwell, Ashland lineman, was the author of "Better Way To Drive Ground Rods." In it he describes a tool designed to drive ground rods into even the roughest terrain, saving much wear on the head of the rod and preventing the rod from bending.

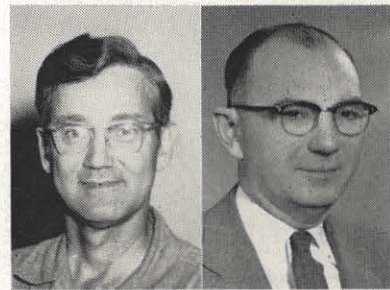
"Display Sells Electric Heating" was co-authored by two Lynchburg men, H. L. Candler, agricultural engineer, and L. D. Evans, building and heater sales representative. The display shows construction details for prospective electric heating customers, approved methods of installation, insulation requirements and other information that formerly had to be conveyed verbally or in writing.

Edwin Clarke, Philip Sporn plant maintenance foreman, wrote "Less Maintenance For Coal Feeders," in which he described new cover-plate segments for the 20 coil feeders at the plant. Use of the segments will save \$1,800 a year in maintenance labor and materials, since they outlast any other types used before.

"Warns Of Banked Secondary" was contributed by P. C. Kelsey, Huntington district engineer. He describes a sign posted on banked transformer secondaries to warn linemen of the specialized operating condition.



Mr. Candler Mr. Evans



Mr. Clarke Mr. Kelsey

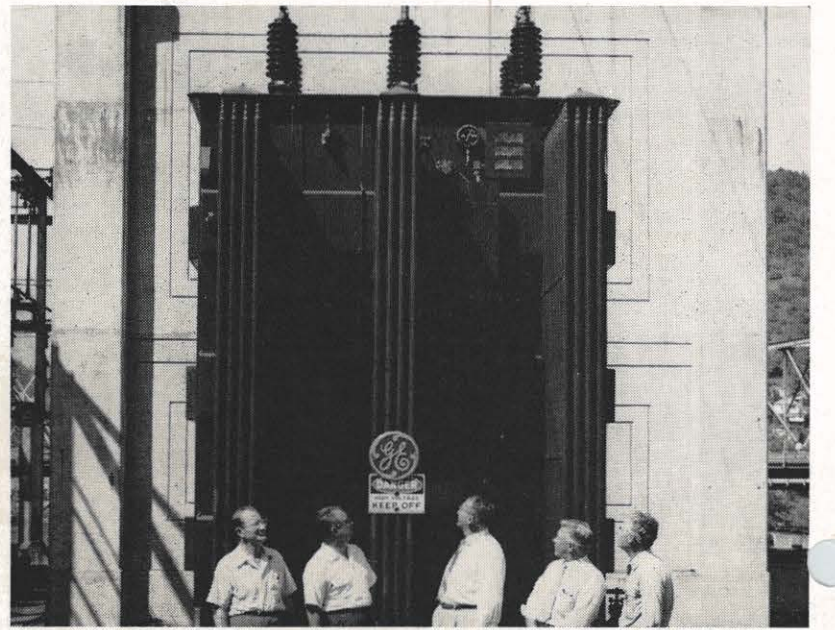


Mr. Jones Mr. Willhide

R. R. Jones, Bluefield station man, was the author of "Threading Large Pipe," which told how a two-inch pipe threader had been adapted for threading four-inch diameter pipe.

"Plotting Aid For Charts" was written by J. G. Willhide, system operating engineer. He tells of a plastic tool that saves time and reduces errors in plotting and reading charts.

Project In Logan Brings More Power To Customers, Vast Coal Reserves



This new \$55,000 phase-shifting transformer, one of the largest of its kind, was recently installed in the Logan plant switchyard. Inspecting the unit are, from left, Coy E. Marshall, J. L. Richmond, M. C. Porterfield, Paul C. Schneider and J. R. Warren.

A \$250,000 project underway in the Logan district will provide more electric power for our customers and the future development of the largest coal reserves in West Virginia.

The project includes construction of a tie line, installation of new equipment and improvements in the present set-up.

A six-mile 69-kv line is being constructed from the Sundial station in the Charleston district to the Logan district's West Fork station. This line, to be operated at 46-kv, will serve the coal reserves.

In preparation for the new line, a 33-mva, phase-shifting auto transformer, one of the largest of its kind, has been installed at the Logan plant switchyard. This unit will also bring Logan into phase with other districts.

The new line will be connected to the Hopkins-Becco 46-kv line. As part of the project, capacitors are being installed along a 34-mile segment

of the Hopkins-Becco line.

All right-of-way has been cleared for the new line and stringing of the 219,900 MCM ACSR conductors is in progress.

Transformer banks at Chauncey and Hopkins stations were reconnected from "Y" to Delta, and grounding banks were installed.

Lynchburg . . .

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Lynchburg District

C. W. Singleton, meter serviceman, has returned to work after being off nearly 14 weeks with a broken leg.

Roy A. Tibbs, power sales engineer, won the qualifying round for the Oakwood Country Club golf tournament.

Second floor office employees and their guests enjoyed a dutch treat picnic and outing at Dan Candler's lake recently.



Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon District

ALLISON C. STEFFEY from lineman C to meter serviceman B.

Bluefield District

JAY W. FARLEY, JR., from head T&D clerk to engineering aide; JOHN B. KAHLE from commercial sales representative to division heating maintenance helper to Clinch River plant junior maintenance man; E. E. CRIST from Cabin Creek plant electrical maintenance helper to Clinch River plant junior maintenance man; W. N. HALL from Cabin Creek plant mechanical maintenance helper to Clinch River plant maintenance man; L. M. KEENEY from Cabin Creek plant results maintenance helper to Clinch River plant junior maintenance man; E. E. MAMORAN from Cabin Creek plant mechanical maintenance helper to Clinch River plant maintenance man.

Cabin Creek Plant

G. W. ABSHIRE from Cabin Creek laborer to Clinch River plant junior maintenance man; C. E. BROWNING from Cabin Creek plant boiler maintenance helper to Clinch River plant junior maintenance man; E. E. CRIST from Cabin Creek plant electrical maintenance helper to Clinch River plant junior maintenance man; W. N. HALL from Cabin Creek plant mechanical maintenance helper to Clinch River plant maintenance man; L. M. KEENEY from Cabin Creek plant results maintenance helper to Clinch River plant junior maintenance man; E. E. MAMORAN from Cabin Creek plant mechanical maintenance helper to Clinch River plant maintenance man.

Huntington District

RICHARD BAUMGARDNER from lineman B to lineman A; WILLIAM T. LOCKE from lineman B to lineman A; EPPERSON C. MAYNARD from groundman to lineman C; CHARLES E. PORTER from lineman C to lineman B.

Logan Plant

ARNOLD E. BOYD from Logan plant utility man to Clinch River plant utility operator; BOBBIE J. GEORGE from Logan plant utility man to Clinch River plant utility operator; CLAUDE F. HERBERT from Logan plant utility man to Clinch River plant utility operator; ELWELL L. KIMMELL from Logan plant utility man to Clinch River plant utility operator; ALVIE NAPIER from Logan plant electrical maintenance helper to Clinch River plant maintenance man; LEE A. SINGLETON from Logan plant mechanical maintenance mechanic B to Clinch River maintenance foreman; RAY STAMPER from Logan plant utility man to Clinch River plant coal equipment operator.

Point Pleasant District

R. L. BARNETT from lineman C to lineman B; F. E. WOLFE from meterman C to appliance serviceman B.

Roanoke District

M. G. OVERSTREET, clerk-trainee, from local accounting to T&D engineering.

Williamson District

BARBARA ANN WILLIAMSON, home service representative, from Williamson to Logan.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District

RICHARD BUYALOS from clerk-trainee to PBX operator; RICHARD HUTCHINSON from clerk-trainee to engineer records clerk.

Veterans Receive Service Emblems



T. F. Valley
Williamson
30 Years

William Davis
Lynchburg
30 Years

M. L. Saunders
Pulaski
30 Years

G. E. Adams
Welch
30 Years

C. E. Marshall
Logan Plant
30 Years

K. M. Wiles
Sporn Plant
25 Years

F. C. Lake
Huntington
25 Years

E. P. Hogan
Lynchburg
25 Years

Everette Carrico
Williamson
25 Years

F. E. Fisher
Beckley
20 Years

M. E. Maxey
Roanoke
20 Years

T. H. Whited
Kanawha River
20 Years

Janice Champe
Charleston
20 Years

W. H. Zinn
Charleston
20 Years

P. H. Parsons
Charleston
20 Years

J. W. Griffiee, Jr.
Charleston
20 Years

T. S. Lunsford, Jr.
System
20 Years

H. W. Taylor
System
20 Years

Veteran Retires At Cabin Creek



Mr. Doyle

L. M. Doyle, Cabin Creek plant mechanical maintenance man, retired early August 1 after almost 23 years' service.

Mr. Doyle started working with the Kanawha Valley Power Company September 6, 1935 in construction work. He became a turbine operator before being transferred to Cabin Creek in 1942 as a mechanical maintenance man. He is a native of Highland County.

In discussing his retirement, he indicated that improvement in working conditions, particularly safety, was outstanding. "When I first started to work, safety was a word seldom used or practiced. I wonder how I ever survived." He also considers it a privilege to have worked for the company because he had steady employment and earnings. "This has made it possible for me to take this early retirement. I have also found the company supervisors and the company to be very reasonable."

He and his wife live at Marmet, and their retirement plans include farming, fishing, hunting and traveling.

Sporn Plant . . .

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man; Karl Wiles, bingo committee chairman; Kenneth Finley, pony rides; and George MacKnight and Bill Baronick, chairman of the soft drinks and ice cream, assisted by accounting department girls.

Helen Handley, clerk-trainee, and Claire Blackwood, clerk-typist, are new accounting employees.

Eleanor Davis and Marie Keefer, clerk-typists, have resigned.

Sympathy is extended Leslie C. Ingles, retired janitor, on the death of his son and John H. Taylor, laborer, on the death of his father-in-law.

Nelson R. Roush, master maintenance man, was elected commander of the New Haven American Legion Post.

William R. Harris, results clerk, was appointed a member of the Mason Town Council.

Keith Arnold, first assistant shift operating engineer, received a golf bag when he won first place in his flight in the Findley Cisco Memorial Tournament held at Hazard, Ky.

James Hoffman, laborer, has returned to work after over a month's absence to undergo an operation to correct a knee injury received while playing softball. George E. Holman, laborer, has returned to work after a month's absence to recuperate from an injury received in a fall.

Red Cross Aid Course Held In System Meter

Twelve employees of the system meter department recently completed a Red Cross standard first aid course.

The course was taught by O. P. Cornelison. Completing it were J. E. Beall, J. A. Bostian, D. L. Brooks, H. E. Bucklen, M. J. Hartley, W. R. Houchins, Guy Pendleton, Claudine Ratcliffe, William Sheaff, Glenna Sutphin, Wayne Webb and B. K. Martin.

Huntington Lineman Moves To Foreman

Lawrence E. Perkey, Huntington district lineman, has been promoted to line foreman.



Mr. Perkey

He was employed in Huntington March 15, 1946 as trouble clerk. He has also served as PBX operator and groundman. A native of Cabell County, he is a graduate of Huntington High School. He served in the Navy for 3½ years and is currently a Chief Petty Officer in the U. S. Naval Seabee Reserve, which he has been a member of for 13 years.

Mr. Perkey is a senior deacon of the Masonic Lodge No. 32 of Ceredo and a member of the Marcum Chapter No. 61 of the Order of Eastern Star. He is chairman of Troop 44, Boy Scouts, and has been field supervisor of the Little League for three years. He is a member of the church board at the Westmoreland Methodist Church, and he and his wife are active in the Westmoreland PTA. They have one son and two daughters.

Huntington . . .

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Oscar Endicott, T&D line, has been confined to the hospital following a heart attack.

Jack K. Butler, T&D line, is recuperating at home after breaking one of his legs.

H. I. Simmons, T&D meter section, is recovering at home following an illness.

Sympathy is extended W. C. Rose, Jr., on the death of his father and R. S. Strother, retired employee, on the death of his wife.

Sympathy is also extended W. E. Sarsfield on the death of his father-in-law.

F. C. Leap, T&D line section, has resigned.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon District—15 YEARS: LLOYD G. SMITH, stores supervisor; 10 YEARS: PAUL S. DUNN, administrative assistant; 5 YEARS: THOMAS G. BRABSON, commercial sales representative; ALLISON C. STEFFEY, meter serviceman.

Beckley District—20 YEARS: FELIX E. FISHER, electrical engineer; 10 YEARS: JAMES E. AGEE, engineering aide; WALTER E. WARD, JR., area serviceman; 5 YEARS: LORETTA WISEMAN, credit and collection clerk.

Bluefield District—15 YEARS: SADIE L. BUNDY, elevator operator.

Cabin Creek Plant—35 YEARS: E. P. YOUNG, boiler maintenance mechanic; 15 YEARS: D. D. BOWMAN, laborer; D. A. MURPHY, mechanical maintenance helper; 10 YEARS: R. L. PAYNE, turbine auxiliary equipment operator.

Charleston District—20 YEARS: JANICE M. CHAMPE, secretarial stenographer; J. W. GRIFFEE, heating and builder sales representative; P. H. PARSONS, personnel assistant; W. H. ZINN, local office manager; 10 YEARS: S. E. ROBIE, R/w agent; 5 YEARS: P. E. BRYANT, JR., division heating sales engineer; J. L. SMITHERS, meter reader.

Clinch River Plant—10 YEARS: E. E. MAMORAN, maintenance man.

Fieldale District—10 YEARS: C. F. OSBORNE, lineman.

Huntington District—35 YEARS: IVA S. NOWLAN, general clerk; 25 YEARS: FRANK C. LAKE, station man; 10 YEARS: ROY M. BATES, T&D clerk; WILLIAM E. CHAPMAN, payroll clerk.

Kanawha River Plant—20 YEARS: T. H. WHITED, plant personnel supervisor; 5 YEARS: W. L. HUGHES, auxiliary equipment operator; R. L. VICKERS, helper.

Logan District—10 YEARS: EMMETT K. BIAS, heating and builder sales representative.

Logan Plant—30 YEARS: COY E. MARSHALL, chief plant dispatcher; 10 YEARS: SHERMAN WORKMAN, guard.

Lynchburg District—30 YEARS: WILLIAM DAVIS, janitor; 25 YEARS: EUGENE P. HOGAN, meter reader; 10 YEARS: JOHN H. WARD, truck driver-groundman.

Pulaski District—30 YEARS: MAXWELL L. SAUNDERS, lineman; 5 YEARS: THOMAS M. BASS, lineman; CHARLES H. CLAYBURN, janitor.

Roanoke District—20 YEARS: M. E. MAXEY, heating and builder sales representative; 15 YEARS: S. R. FERGUSON, truck driver-groundman; 10 YEARS: W. E. COLLINS, truck driver-groundman; P. H. LYNCH, rodman; R. W. REESE, T&D clerk.

Philip Sporn Plant—25 YEARS: KARL M. WILES, assistant office manager; 5 YEARS: ROGER L. WALKER, helper.

System—20 YEARS: T. S. LUNSFORD, purchasing and stores assistant; H. W. TAYLOR, draftsman; 10 YEARS: G. E. CROMER, draftsman; LYNDON R. MUSSER, rodman; 5 YEARS: PATSY E. BALL, stenographer; CHARLIE E. CARTER, system station man.

Welch District—30 YEARS: G. E. ADAMS, area supervisor; 10 YEARS: QUENTION R. COOK, meter serviceman; 5 YEARS: BOBBY L. DOSS, draftsman; JAMES W. NUNNERY, meter serviceman.

Williamson District—30 YEARS: T. F. VALLEY, assistant local office manager; 25 YEARS: EVERETTE CARRICO, line foreman.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District—10 YEARS: ROY KIRK, meter reader; ROY SALLEE, general heating sales engineer; 5 YEARS: CHARLES POPE, assistant plant accounting supervisor; SAM ROBERSON, truck driver-groundman.

Pikeville District—15 YEARS: HENRY H. BLACKBURN, engineering record clerk. 10 YEARS: GUIALENE SMITH, home service representative. 5 YEARS: SIBYL M. KEENE, merchandise order and billing clerk.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

15 YEARS: A. R. TIPTON, appliance serviceman.

Supervisors Tour Aluminum Plant

The August monthly operating meeting in the Point Pleasant district consisted of a tour of the gigantic Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation plant at Ravenswood.

A guide explained why Kaiser chose the Ravenswood site for the plant. He outlined the process raw materials go through before reaching Ravenswood for the production of aluminum.

The supervisors were shown the pot lines and saw where and how carbon electrodes for the furnaces are made. They followed an aluminum ingot through the rolling mill until it was reduced in size from a block 16 inches thick and 10 feet long to a mile long sheet of aluminum foil.

Supervisors making this tour were O. C. Hall, L. C. Bias, W. F. Machir, F. H. Taylor, Jr., M. W. Scott, L. D. Balding, W. O. Sallaz, J. R. Crump, W. H. Stricklen, C. A. Burdette, C. A. Simmons and W. C. Gilmour.

Retirement Gift



On behalf of Bluefield district supervisors, L. W. Bates, right, recently-appointed division manager, presents J. P. Gills with a mahogany desk and chair. Mr. Gills retired August 1 from the division manager post. He will remain in the Bluefield office as executive assistant to G. L. Furr, vice president and general manager. The desk was presented Mr. Gills at the August supervisors meeting.

Former Employee Models, Appears On Network Show

To TV viewers in the Bluefield area, vivacious "Junie" who appears with Bill Cullen on "The Price Is Right" might look familiar.

If she does, it's no wonder. "Junie," who is now Mrs. June Ferguson, is a former home economist for Appalachian and the daughter of W. T. Goodloe, Jr., system transmission records supervisor in Bluefield.

June has been appearing on the top-rated TV show since last September. She first went to New York with her husband, Jack, after he had won a three-year scholarship to New York University law school. To pass time while her husband was in class and to help with the budget, she turned to professional modeling.

During her senior year in high school, June was chosen queen of the school carnival. Later, at Radford College, she was named Homecoming Queen by the student body at VPI. After transferring to Marshall College in Huntington, she was chosen Snow Queen in 1952 and Spring Carnival Queen in 1953. Also in 1953, she was runner-up in the Miss West Virginia contest.



Mrs. June Ferguson, former home economist for Appalachian who is now on the NBC-TV show, "The Price Is Right," strikes a typical modeling pose. During her modeling career, her pictures have appeared in many national ads. This pose was used by a national dress manufacturer.

Wedding Bells Ring Recently For Twelve Couples



Married in recent weeks were the brides pictured above. TOP ROW from left: Mrs. Bill G. Dixon, Roanoke; Mrs. Charles E. West, system; Mrs. Loyd Terrell Smith, Jr., Lynchburg; Mrs. James Hubert Haley III, Lynchburg; and Mrs. William G. Massey, Kanawha River plant. BOTTOM ROW from

left: Mrs. Howard Lee Mollohan, Beckley; Mrs. Cliff Allen Cremeans, Logan; Mrs. James Wallace Rebeck, Bluefield; Mrs. Gordon Dale Cooper, Point Pleasant; and Mrs. Robert L. Nutter, Kingsport.

Raymond-Kirk

Betty Jo Raymond and Robert Kirk III were united in marriage August 16 at the Whitesville Presbyterian Church. She is a Montgomery credit and collection clerk in the Charleston district.

Grille-Haley

Sara Driver Grille and James Hubert Haley III were married August 23 at the Bolling Air Force Chapel in Washington, D. C. Mr. Haley is the son of James H. Haley, Jr., Lynchburg customer service representative.

Fleshman-Mollohan

The First Baptist Church in Beckley was the setting July 26 for the wedding of Julia Fleshman and Howard Lee Mollohan. Mr. Mollohan is a student engineer in the Beckley district and the son of L. C. Mollohan, Beckley station foreman.

Davis-Cremeans

Peggy Janice Davis became the bride of Cliff Allen Cremeans in a double ring ceremony July 19 at the Johnson Memorial Methodist Church in Huntington. He is a co-op student engineer in the Logan district and is attending Georgia Tech.

Coffey-Smith

Louise Inman Coffey and Loyd Terrell Smith, Jr., were united in marriage August 23 at the Memorial Methodist Church in Lynchburg. Mr. Smith is the son of Loyd T. Smith, Lynchburg administrative assistant.

Sallaz-Cooper

Lula Jean Sallaz and Lt. Gordon Dale Cooper were united in marriage August 1 in a double ring ceremony at the Ripley Evangelical United Brethren Church. Mrs. Cooper is the daughter of W. O. Sallaz, Point Pleasant district line foreman.

Good-Nutter

Gladys Good and Robert L. Nutter were united in marriage August 8. Mr. Nutter is a Kingsport line section employee.

Charlestonian Vies For Miss Universe

Representing West Virginia at the recent "Miss Universe" contest in California was Mary Ann Guthrie of Charleston.

The sister of Carol Boggess, Charleston district clerk-stenographer, Mary Ann was also appointed a princess in the court of Queen Sylvia XXII in the Mountain State Forest Festival at Elkins.



Miss Guthrie

Kasey-West Kasey-Dixon

Two sisters were brides in a double wedding held July 19 at the Vinton Baptist Church. Helen I. Kasey became the bride of Charles E. West, and her sister, Doris J. Kasey, was married to Bill G. Dixon. Mrs. West is a system personnel stenographer in Roanoke, and Mr. Dixon is the son of C. E. Dixon, Roanoke district meter reader.

Samples-Massey

The Chelyan Methodist Church was the scene August 1 of the double ring wedding of Martha Carolyn Samples and William G. Massey. Mrs. Massey is the daughter of Leo G. Samples, Cabin Creek plant boiler maintenance man, and Mr. Massey is a laborer at Kanawha River plant.

Hutcherson-Comer

Mabel C. Hutcherson and C. B. Comer were united in marriage August 15 at the Vinton Baptist Church. Mr. Comer is the Roanoke district T&D records supervisor.

Caudill-Rebeck

Martha Ann Caudill was married August 1 to James Wallace Rebeck in Sparta, N. C. Mrs. Rebeck is the daughter of R. L. Caudill, Bluefield division line inspector.

Fashions For Fall Spotlighted In Show



Charleston women employees got a preveue of the new fall creations at their annual swim-dinner party. The evening was highlighted by a style show, sponsored by The Fashion Shop. Models from left, are: Mary Hanley, wearing a blue tweed two-piece dress; Judy Hackney, sporting a tweed suit and Kelly green hat; Georgie Sevy

in a brown tweed sheath with beige hat; Anne Calvert in a green and cinnamon checked princess line dress; Frances McHenry in a blue-green paisley shirtwaist set off with a black cloche; Peggy McCullough in a brown and black checked number; and Cissy McDowell wearing a new sack jumper in bright plaid.



New Arrivals



Beckley District

MR. AND MRS. R. R. GRIFFITH, a son, Gary Robert, August 17. Mr. Griffith is Oak Hill area supervisor.

Bluefield District

MR. AND MRS. JAMES H. KISER, a son, Randall Stevens, July 29. Mr. Kiser is a lineman.

MR. AND MRS. JERRY C. MARTIN, a son, Larry Edwin, July 23. Mr. Martin is a Princeton groundman.

MR. AND MRS. JACK NEWLAND, a daughter, Angela Lee, August 18. Mr. Newland is an engineering aide.

Cabin Creek Plant

MR. AND MRS. T. A. GRAHAM, a daughter, Helen Carol, August 12. Mr. Graham is a boiler maintenance man.

Clinch River Plant

MR. AND MRS. JACK G. FACEMIRE, a son Jeffrey Lynn, July 24. Mr. Facemire is assistant structural engineer.

Huntington District

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD C. BERRY, a son, John Marshall, July 22. Mr. Berry is a working foreman.

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. JAMES A. BENNETT, a son, James Alfred, August 9. Mr. Bennett is a plant engineer.

Roanoke District

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD BRATTON, a son, Richard Kirk, August 9. Mrs. Bratton is a former cashier.

MR. AND MRS. MARVIS OVERSTREET, a son, Larry Gray, August 7. Mr. Overstreet is a clerk-trainee.

MR. AND MRS. E. M. PAYNE, a son, Ronald Lee, July 27. Mr. Payne is head material clerk.

System

MR. AND MRS. R. T. YOBAGGY, a son, Scott Thomas, June 30. Mr. Yobaggy is a feature writer in system public relations.

Welch District

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM YOUNG, a son, Mark Anthony, July 27. Mr. Young is a janitor.

Williamson District

MR. AND MRS. DENNIS LEE DUDLEY, a daughter, Cynthia Sue, July 18. Mrs. Dudley is a former accounting employee.

Charleston District

MR. AND MRS. R. O. WOODS, a daughter, Dietta Pearl, July 21. Mr. Woods is a meter serviceman.

They're Engaged

CAROLEE LUTHER to Lloyd E. Bush. Miss Luther is a clerk-typist in Ashland.

NANCY SMITH to R. L. White. Mr. White is a Clinch River plant chemist.

DOROTHY CLAY to Price Copley. Mr. Copley is a T&D clerk in Williamson.

RIXINE NELSON to James Edward Taliaferro. Miss Nelson is a system purchasing clerk-stenographer, Roanoke.

Father, Son On Top Teams

The old saw, "like father, like son" is certainly true in the case of R. C. "Cam" Coffman and his son, Charles.

Like his father, who is a Charleston division instrument man, Charles is happiest when he's on a ball diamond. While his dad played center field for the "Smokehouse" softball team, Charles was playing in the Dunbar Pony League. He alternated as pitcher, shortstop and first base for the Dunbar Super Market team.

At the season's end, his dad's team had taken the city championship and, as sectional runner-up, had advanced to the State tourney. Meanwhile, Charles' team had won the league title, and he was selected to play left field for the Dunbar All-Stars.

Charles embarked on his tournament travels first. Battling for the regional title in Salisbury, Md., Dunbar was defeated in the semi-finals after winning two and losing one.

As Charles arrived home, his dad was leaving for the state softball tourney. A short time later they were able to console each other—his dad's team lost the first game.

This was Cam's second year with the Smokehouse team. From 1948-56 he played company ball and was chosen an all-star in 1955 and 1956. This was Charles' first season with the



"That's my boy," says R. C. "Cam" Coffman, Charleston division instrument man, about his son, Charles. Like his dad, Charles likes to play ball. Also, like his dad, he played on a winning team this season.

Pony League. He had played two seasons in Little League competition.

Game, Fish Dinner Given At Claytor

Bennett E. Thompson, Claytor hydro plant operator, was co-host recently for a rather unique dinner outing at Claytor picnic area.

Along with three other couples, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson entertained with a fish and wild game dinner. All food served was prepared by the hosts and hostesses, who had also shot the game and caught the fish.

Included in the game menu were bear, deer, squirrel, rabbit, groundhog, raccoon and grouse. Among varieties of fish served were blue cat, bass, pike and blue gill, all caught in or below Claytor Lake.

After the dinner, the 50 guests were given a water skiing exhibition by the Thompson's son, Billy.

Sporn Bowman Leads In Contest



Demonstrating proper archery form is Darrell Hoffman, Philip Sporn plant maintenance man. He is drawing his favorite bow which was made for him by George Wolf, auxiliary equipment operator at the plant.

Darrell Hoffman might well be called the William Tell of the Philip Sporn plant.

The instrument maintenance man is currently leading in a local live game archery contest. This year he has shot 12 groundhogs and a crow, earning him first place in Meigs County Bow Hunters Club competition.

His longest shot was a groundhog which he toppled at 30 yards. The practicing he does on his own archery range has probably paid off. He has already killed three more groundhogs than last year.

A native of Mason County, Mr. Hoffman joined the plant in 1950 as coal handler. Later he became auxiliary equipment operator and results helper. He is married and has two children.

Sporn Softballers Take Bend Tourney

Beating the best from the area, the Philip Sporn plant softball team recently won the annual Bend Softball Tournament.

Repeating their 1954 first-place finish in the tourney, the Sporn softballers earned the L. C. Roush trophy. Sixteen teams entered this year's competition.

Sporn won the first game 9-4 from Biggs Department Store of Middleport, O. In the second game the team blanked Gallipolis State Institute 7-0 and won the semi-finals from Lakin State Institution 2-1. Kaiser Aluminum was a 9-6 victim of the Sporn softballers in the finals.

Abingdon Youth Gets Football Scholarship

Kyle W. Skeen has been awarded a football scholarship to Lees-McRae College at Banner Elk, N. C.



Kyle Skeen

He is the 17-year-old son of A. C. Skeen, Abingdon district line inspector. Kyle is a 1958 graduate of William King High School and was due to enter college about August 25.

Cabin Cruiser Won By Pikeville Man

Rodman Crutchfield is one man who is all set for his retirement.

The Pikeville head T&D clerk first bought a home site in Florida. And then just recently he won a 22-foot luxury cabin cruiser. Three years ago he bought the home site in Lehigh Acres, a development in Fort Myers, Fla. Recently the development corporation sponsored a Good Neighbor Contest, offering prizes to lot owners who sold the most lots in the Acres.

Mr. Crutchfield, working in and around Pikeville, finished second in the contest, winning the cruiser. He also won a set of silverware in a related contest. The boat suits him fine—he is a fishing enthusiast and member of the Pikeville fish and game club.



Mr. Crutchfield

Point Pleasant Men Guide Little League

Five employees and the husband of another in Point Pleasant are active in the Little League this season.

L. C. Bias, local office manager, is president of the Mason County Little League, while W. H. Stricklen, line foreman, R. D. Tillis, collector, T. J. Rose, meter record clerk, and Eustace Wilson, husband of Bessie Wilson, cashier, manage teams in this loop.

L. D. Balding, local office supervisor, is mentor of a Jackson County League team. Mr. Rose is also secretary of the Mason County loop.

EL&P Prints Article By Sporn Plant Employee

An article by Earl Rottgen, yard foreman at Philip Sporn plant, appeared in the August 15 issue of *Electric Light and Power*.

The article was entitled "Cutting Maintenance Costs On Shaker Screens."

Hassell A. Hale Has Baseball Hobby; Son, Donald, Is Chip Off Old Block

Hassell A. Hale, Roanoke district station man, feels that his first year as manager of the Vinton Sports Club baseball team in the Babe Ruth League has been a success.

The team ended the season in a tie for second place, having won ten games out of fifteen.

Sports, particularly baseball, have long been a hobby of Mr. Hale's. He started playing sandlot baseball when he was 14. He played high school ball three years, semi-pro two years and was catcher on the company softball team for ten years.

Mr. Hale's son, Donald, is following in his dad's footsteps. He not only pitched for the team (winning six games and losing two), but he assisted in coaching.

Donald averaged 10 strikeouts per game. He earned a letter playing for Jefferson High School this year



Hassell A. Hale, left, has a long-time interest in baseball which has rubbed off on his son, Donald, right. Mr. Hale is manager of a Babe Ruth League baseball team, and his son is pitcher and coach for the squad.

and hopes to play again next season. Mr. Hale is of the opinion that baseball is a good character builder for youngsters, teaching them teamwork, fair play and responsibility.

Little League Team Guided To Pennant By Hazard Employees



Hazard employees Oscar Hudson, left, and Mosco Blackburn were co-managers of the Dodgers, a Little League team in Hazard which captured the local pennant recently.

Two Hazard district employees have managed their 1958 Little League baseball team to a pennant victory.

Mosco Blackburn, line foreman, and Oscar Hudson, meter reader, led the Hazard Dodgers into a late season rush which clinched the pennant with a 10 win, 7 loss record.

This is the first pennant victory for Mr. Hudson who has managed Little League teams for several years.

As manager of a Little League football squad, Mr. Blackburn guided his team, the Walkerton Bobcats, to a perfect season last year. The Bobcats won all regularly scheduled games. He has already started whipping his 1958 squad into shape.

Two Shooting Trophies Garnered By Bluefielder

E. W. Meador, who holds many shooting titles and medals, has done it again.

The Bluefield division radio engineer recently won the 410-gauge Class B Shoot and the 28-gauge Class B Shoot at the Huntington Gun Club Memorial Shoot.

Big Brownie



The large and small of a recent fishing trip are displayed by Eddie Sheets, Charleston division commercial power billing clerk. The fish were caught from the Cranberry River in Pocahontas County, W. Va. According to a creel census taker who measured the large brown trout, right, it was the biggest taken from the river this year. Seventeen inches long, it weighed two pounds. The other trout is a nine inch rainbow.

Member Of Combo On Sullivan Show

Pfc. Robert Lee Rounion, member of the Army's top musical combo, recently appeared on Ed Sullivan's CBS-TV show with other Army talent.



Pfc. Rounion

The son of Mrs. Lois K. Rounion, Bluefield division secretarial-stenographer, Pfc. Rounion is a member of the General's Combo at Fort Jackson, S. C. Also called the "Cold Cuts," the combo won out over all other Army combos during competition this year. All first place winners in entertainment classifications appeared on the Sullivan Show during its annual Army Entertainment night.

Pfc. Rounion, band instructor in Mercer County schools before induction, plays the trombone.

Reel Records



Ballard J. Ingram of Kingsport holds the evidence of one of two records he claims for this fishing season. This 21 3/4 inch smallmouth bass is the longest of its kind caught in the Kingsport area lakes this year. The Kingsport meterman's other record is a bit unusual—while casting to the banks recently, he had a smallmouth bass and a largemouth bass hit his plug simultaneously. He says it was quite a job pulling them in. The name of the plug? "Lucky 13."

Latest In Kitchens Seen During Workshop



Seeing the latest in built-in all-electric kitchen and laundry equipment are these home service representatives. Explaining this model is Bernice Stilwell, Westinghouse home

The new trend in selling built-in all-electric kitchens and laundries was the subject of a recent company-wide workshop in Roanoke.

Attending were home service representatives and division residential and rural sales supervisors from Appalachian and Kingsport. The three-day training program featured model kitchens installed in the Roanoke office auditorium by General Electric, Hotpoint, Frigidaire and Westinghouse. Representatives of these companies were on hand to explain the latest features and instruct the home service representatives in how to assist dealers in selling these modern kitchen appliances.

Rare Night Sights Seen By Employees

Two rather unusual sights have been observed in the sky recently by Appalachian employees.

In Bluefield, J. Paul Rose, lead draftsman, spotted Sputnik III, relaying the information to the Smithsonian Institution's Astrophysical Observatory. He has since received a letter from the observatory, thanking him for his help. Such observations by hobbyists help the Institution doublecheck its findings.

A rainbow, shining brilliantly at night, was the phenomenon observed by Florence Murphy, Williamson personnel clerk, and her husband and son during a recent Florida fishing trip.

It appeared right after a sudden storm, shining blue, purple and black in the moonlight. A night rainbow is considered unusual.

Hazard Plant Undergoes Dismantling



Boiler No. 7 of the old Hazard steam plant is dismantled by workers of Platnick Brothers Scrap Iron and Metals Company of Bluefield. The stack and most of the equipment will be removed from the plant which was retired recently after over 40 years' service. A large portion of the building will remain intact to house control equipment for the Hazard station. The plant, on stand-by status since 1954, had a generating capacity of 13,000-kw.

They emphasized that the new trend in selling is to sell complete kitchen units. The training program was also a kick-off meeting of an all-electric kitchen-laundry sales campaign, to run from August 1 to November 28.

H. L. Cushing, system commercial manager, spoke to the group on the duties of a home service representative, pointing out that their primary function is concerned with sales—telling, showing, demonstrating and convincing our customers that the electric way is the best way. He went on to point out that she works

Engineering Student Awarded Scholarship

James P. Casey, Jr., summer engineering student at the Cabin Creek plant for the past three years, was recently awarded the 1958-59 Westinghouse Achievement Scholarship.



Jim Casey

An electrical engineering senior at Notre Dame, Jim is on the Dean's list with a "B-plus" average. He is treasurer of the student branch of AIEE, a member of the Notre Dame symphony orchestra and the West Virginia Club. This summer, he has played with the Charleston Symphony Orchestra.

As a career, he is interested in power plant engineering.

economist. Appalachian and Kingsport home service representatives attending the Roanoke workshop also saw General Electric, Frigidaire and Hotpoint model kitchens.

with dealer, area, and heating-builder sales representatives, who in turn work with dealers and other sales allies to produce electric appliance sales that will increase our companies' kilowatt-hour sales.

Thoma Jarrell Retires Early



Mrs. Jarrell

Thoma C. Jarrell, Charleston accounting employee, retired August 1.

She retired early because of injuries she suffered in an automobile accident July 5, 1956. The accident occurred near Kingsport when she and her husband, E. D. Jarrell of Cabin Creek plant, were returning from New Orleans.

Mrs. Jarrell joined the company in March 1943 as a clerk and relief PBX operator. She became meter record clerk in 1952 and contract entry and final bill clerk in 1955.

Of her 15 years with the company, she says: "Everybody has been wonderful to me, particularly after my accident—those in Charleston, at Cabin Creek, and I particularly want to thank those wonderful people at Kingsport Utilities. They helped me so much."

Her injuries will limit future activities, "but I'll keep busy", she says. She is an avid reader and baseball enthusiast.

Positive thinking has helped her through the last two years. "It has been difficult to keep from getting steeped in self pity," she points out, but she is determined that won't happen.

A pair of shoes will help her too. They were made for her when she first attempted to walk after the accident. They serve as a reminder of the difficulty she had in learning to walk again, after doctors had thought it impossible. "When I feel sorry for myself I go look at them, and right away I know how lucky I am," she says.

Patent Policy Of AEP System Now Formalized

The liberal patent policy which our companies and the remainder of the American Electric Power System have followed for a number of years and which was first defined in 1940 has now been formalized.

During September, all 13,000 employees of the AEP System will be asked to sign an "Employee Patent and Confidential Information Agreement." In addition, new employees will be asked to sign this agreement at the time of their employment.

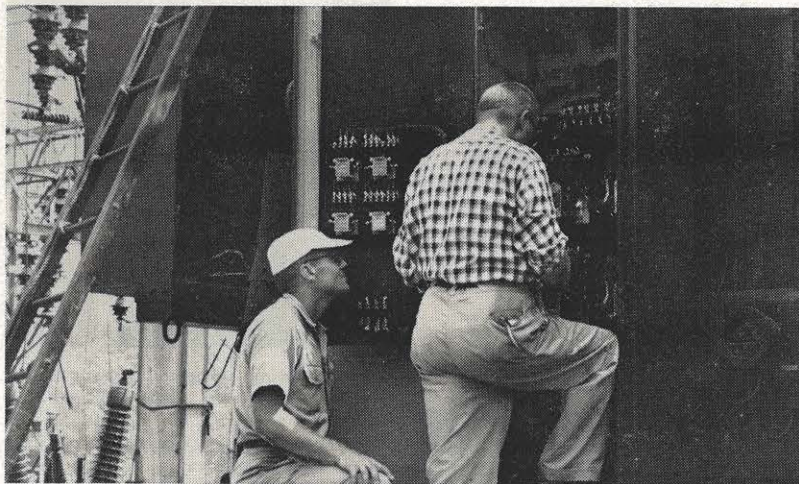
President Philip Sporn described the agreement as "an eminently fair patent policy". He said it had been formalized so that it would be clearly understood by all employees. He further commented as follows:

"Unlike many companies that require their employees to surrender to the company, in advance of employment, all rights to inventions and discoveries made while in their employ, the AEP System has consistently affirmed the right of all employees to retain full possession of their inventions and discoveries. Indeed, where an employee has made an invention or discovery which appears to the Company to be useful and practicable, the Company has made it a policy to provide a reasonable amount of legal, financial and other assistance to the employee to enable him to obtain a patent.

He continued, "The company has properly asked in return only that the invention or discovery be made available to all companies in the System for either their purchase or use without having to pay any royalties to the employee or his assignee."

A more detailed explanation of the policy, including information on "How to Get Help on Patents," was published in the June issue of the AEP System's *Monthly Operating Notes*.

50,000-kva Transformer Installed In Saltville Station Of Pulaski



B. W. Middaugh, left, system relay engineer, and Fred Wheatley, Westinghouse engineer, check the new 50,000-kva transformer at Saltville station before switching the unit into service. This unit replaces three single phase transformers which had a total rating of 30,000-kva.

Capacity of the Saltville station in the Pulaski district was increased recently with the addition of a new, 50,000-kva, 3-phase transformer.

The unit, which cost about \$145,000 installed, replaced a bank of three single-phase transformers rated at 30,000-kva. The transformer is part of the new 69-kv transmission system under construction in the district. The new system, which will run through Smyth, Russell, Wise, Dickenson and Buchanan counties, will cost about \$1½-million.

The new transformer will tie into a line from the Freemont station in Dickenson County near the Clinch River plant. General contractor for the installation was Richardson-Way-

Loganite Heads Worldwide CYF

David J. Roomy has been installed international president of the Christian Youth Fellowship, an organization of 300,000 young people throughout the world.

The son of Nicholas Roomy, Jr., Logan local office manager, David was installed at William Woods College at Fulton, Mo. As president he will travel in the United States and Mexico, meeting with and speaking to youth groups.



David Roomy

He will be based at Indianapolis, where he will receive private tutoring. He has taken a leave of absence from his ministerial studies at Bethany College. As part of his duties he will write a weekly editorial for *Vision*, the magazine of the organization.

During this summer David has been at the worldwide ecumenical church camp in Puerto Rico. He is a graduate of Logan High School, and was one of the winners of 1957 AEP Educational Awards.

Charleston Earns Award For 500,000 Manhours

A certificate honoring employees for completing 500,000 manhours without a disabling injury has been presented the Charleston district.

C. B. Talley, district manager, accepted the certificate from D. C. Duncan, system safety director, at the district's August 19 monthly operating meeting. The consecutive streak began November 16, 1957, and near the end of the month of August employees had extended the streak to 650,000 manhours.

land Company of Roanoke. A. D. Stockton was supervising inspector.

During the installation of the new unit, a 5,000-kva mobile transformer was used at Saltville to carry the load for the area.

Flag Flies In Beckley As Safety Reminder

The Green Cross For Safety flag has been erected near the Beckley district office as a constant safety reminder to employees.

The National Safety Council flag has been placed where all employees will see it, and where it will also serve as a reminder to the public to be safety-conscious.