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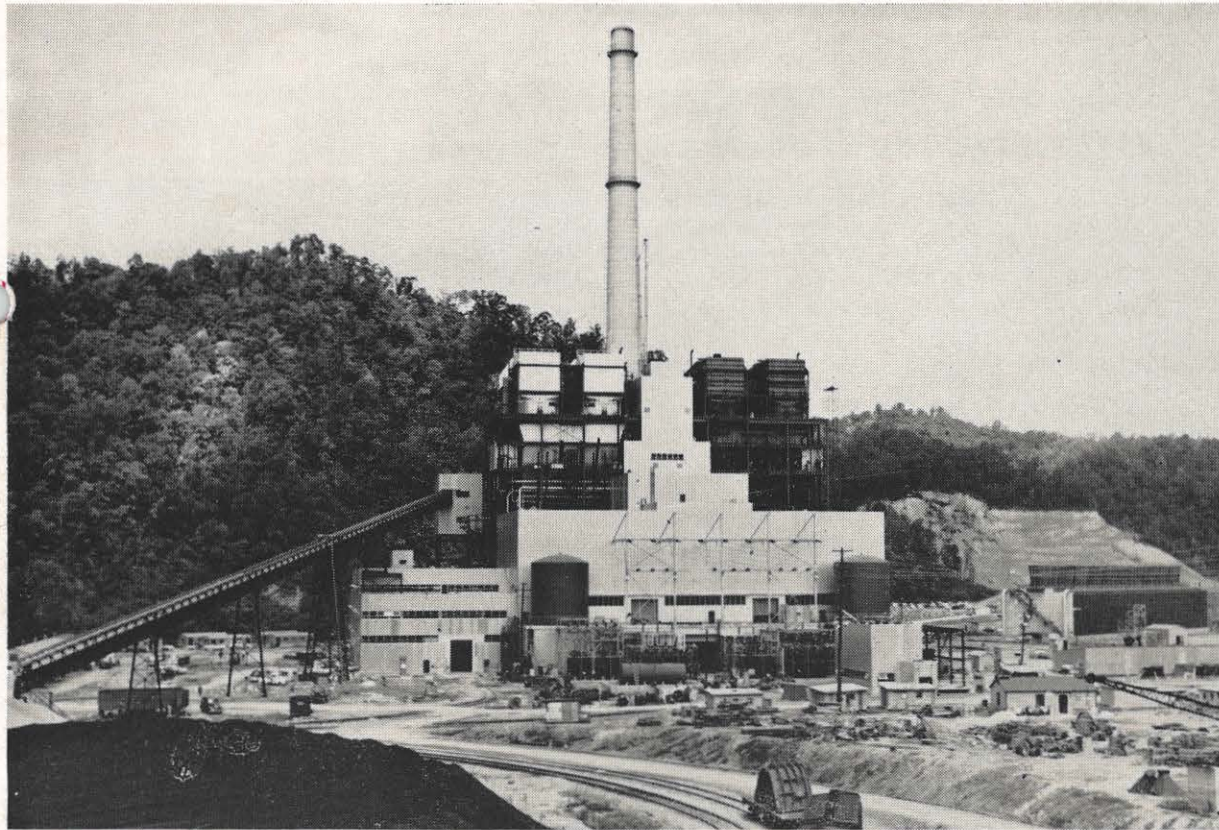
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Unit One At Clinch River In Operation



The first of two 225,000 kilowatt units at Clinch River plant is now in operation. The second is scheduled for November. At right in the picture is one of the plant's four cooling towers, and in the left foreground is part of the coal storage yard. In full operation the plant will consume 1,300,000 tons of coal a year.

Second Unit Scheduled For November; Plant To Use 1.3-Million Tons Of Coal

The first of two identical 225,000-kilowatt units has been placed in operation at Appalachian's Clinch River steam electric generating station at Carbo.

A second generating unit of the same capacity is scheduled for completion in November. The completed 450,000-kw plant will cost approximately \$60-million.

Coal Use

When the units at the plant are in operation the plant will consume a total of almost 1,300,000 tons of coal per year, all of which will be supplied by the Clinchfield Coal Corporation from its newly-developed Moss No. 3 mine near the Clinch River plant. The coal will be processed through Clinchfield's new \$35-million coal preparation plant, and will be stored in Clinch River's 350,000-ton capacity storage yard.

Construction of the plant began in mid-1956. Since then 1.3-million cubic yards of earth have been removed to make way for the plant. Initial grading and excavation was done by Green Construction Company of Oaktown, Ind. and construction work was contracted to Sollitt Construction Company of South Bend, Ind. At the peak of construc-

tion 1,500 people were employed at the plant. A permanent staff of 127 will operate the plant, according to John A. Patterson, plant manager.

Power Carriers

Power generated in the plant will be carried by three 138,000-volt double circuits that will run from the plant's transmission station to the network of transmission lines that serve Appalachian and her sister companies.

One line goes to the Beaver Creek transmission station of Kentucky Power. Another goes to the Saltville transmission station in the Pulaski district, and a third goes to Hill station in the Abingdon district. From this point power will be transmitted to the Tennessee area served by Kingsport Utilities.

Work Begins On Bluefield Service Building

Construction of the new Bluefield district service building was scheduled to begin October 1. The project will represent an investment of \$650,000.

The new building will be erected on a hilltop location on the west side of U. S. Routes 21 and 52 just south of Cumberland Road. It will be of two-story design taking advantage of the contour of the hill. From the road, however, the building will appear as a long, low, one-story structure.

Contract Awarded

Contract for the building's construction has been awarded to John P. Pettyjohn & Co., of Lynchburg. Construction will be completed in the late summer of 1959.

The building will bring together all service operations of the district into one location and will free much space at the existing combined office and service building at 704 Bland Street. The latter building will continue to serve as Appalachian's Bluefield division and district headquarters.

In an announcement story to the public concerning the new service building, W. J. Gillespie, Jr., Bluefield district manager, described the project as a reflection of the continuing growth and expansion of the Bluefield area, and he said he felt the new facilities would enable Appalachian to provide even more efficient service to its 43,120 customers in the district.

The building will be 250 feet long and 100 feet deep. It will be constructed of monolithic reinforced concrete faced with brick. A continuous series of windows will extend the entire front of the building.

Two Features

Two outstanding features of the ultra-modern structure will be its use of an electric heat pump for year-

round comfort-conditioning of the offices and working areas, and electric resistance heating cable imbedded in the sloping driveway to automatically clear its concrete surface of ice and snow.

Stillman Elected PUA V President

Hugh D. Stillman, Huntington division manager, has been elected president of the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias.

H. A. Hitch, vice president of Virginia Electric & Power Company, was named first vice president, and Eric C. Summers, executive vice president of Monongahela Power Company, was elected second vice president. W. F. Keehne, Appalachian assistant secretary, assistant treasurer and system office manager, was chosen treasurer of PUA V.



Mr. Stillman

The elections took place at the group's 40th annual meeting at White Sulphur Springs September 20. A native of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Mr. Stillman has been with the company 35 years. He is an electrical engineering graduate of the University of Michigan, and holds a masters degree from MIT. Joining Kentucky Power in 1923, he worked as an engineer and meter superintendent at Hazard and Pikeville before transferring to Huntington as meter superintendent in 1926. He became Logan district manager in 1934 and assistant Huntington division manager in 1943. He was promoted to Huntington division manager in 1950.

The upper level will house offices of operating supervisors, distribution and substation department shops, facilities for testing meters and safety equipment, an appliance and heat pump storage room, locker and shower rooms, and an 82-seat meeting room.

Lower Level

The lower level will include two large storage rooms containing about 10,000 square feet of floor space, additional supervisors' offices, a transmission department shop, an automotive repair garage, wash rack, tool room and locker and shower rooms. Loading platforms will face a large concrete yard for parking and moving of vehicles. Garage facilities for 17 vehicles and an outside parking shed also have been provided. At the back of the concrete yard will be located a transformer storage area.

Beckley Hits Million Manhours

Averaging about 6,000 safe man-hours each, the 170 Beckley district employees have accumulated a million manhours without a disabling injury.

The million manhour mark was reached at 2 p.m., September 22 and at press time is continuing. The district's last disabling injury was on August 27, 1955.

In commenting on the accomplishment, J. V. Mann, district manager, said this is the first time any district in the Charleston division has attained the coveted safety record.

He emphasized, however, that it was not so much the record that is the primary achievement. More important, he said, is the fact that no disabling injuries have been sustained during this 3-year period. He expressed hope that the district would push on to the 2-million mark.

World's First

Clinch Unit Enables AEP To Reach Five-Million Kw Generating Capacity

The American Electric Power Company is the world's first electric power company to exceed a total generating capacity of 5-million kilowatts.

The operation of the 225,000 kilowatt Unit 1 at Appalachian's Clinch River plant raised the AEP System's total power capacity to 5,113,000 kw. Only 10 states have a total generating capacity that is greater.

Philip Sporn, president of AEP and of our companies, in commenting on the beginning of operation of the AEP System's 13th major steam-electric station, said: "Completion of

Unit 1 at Clinch River plant is doubly significant: it not only raises our System's power capacity to a new record plateau, it also represents a major contribution to the growth and development of the Southwest Virginia area."

Mr. Sporn pointed out that the plant's location was especially advantageous for three reasons: it supplies a territorial need for additional power, it is situated in the middle of an extensive field of economically-mined coal, and it is able to utilize existing transmission lines to feed the bulk of its power to major load centers.



Beckley district manager, J. V. Mann, second from right, congratulates district employees on helping achieve the million manhour safety record. From left are L. C. Jones, Wesley Walker, Tom Dickenson and Earl Wood.

Beckley is the sixth of the 13 Appalachian districts to reach the goal. Others are Roanoke, Welch, Pulaski, Logan and Lynchburg. In

addition Kanawha River plant and Bluefield division have reached the mark, and Appalachian, as a company, has hit it four times.

Nine Years For You

With this issue THE ILLUMINATOR begins its tenth year of publication. During the past nine years the pages of your employee newspaper have carried millions of words and thousands of pictures about you and your family, our companies, and the electric industry.

This was in keeping with the purpose of the paper, as set forth in the beginning. And we feel that the objectives listed in October 1949 are still the objectives of THE ILLUMINATOR in October 1958.

THE ILLUMINATOR's purpose, as stated then, is threefold: (1) To keep employees informed about the operations, policies and progress of the company; (2) To report activities about employees and their families which are interesting to others within the company and (3) To keep employees informed of the progress and the development of the electric industry in general.

Twice we have made surveys of employees to see if we were printing the types of articles that interested you, and both times you responded favorably. Many of you also made suggestions about changes in the paper, and where possible we have incorporated these suggestions into THE ILLUMINATOR.

We are proud that THE ILLUMINATOR has also pleased experts in the industrial editing field—during the past nine years it has received 12 significant awards.

The largest part of the credit for these things should go to the associate editors, correspondents and reporters in the field. These men and women work long hours covering their districts and plants for news about each employee, each company activity. Their "noses for news" have resulted in most of the stories you have read in these pages.

And so we begin our tenth year. As we have said many times before, we welcome your suggestions and comments about THE ILLUMINATOR. After all, THE ILLUMINATOR is published for you.

November 4—A Big Day

November 4 is a big day in the lives of all of us. It is the date of general elections in our states and over the country.

It is the day when we can use our voice in our government by voting for the candidates of our choice. Between now and then all of us should study these candidates and their platforms and decide who will do the best job for us, our town, our state and our nation.

Then we should vote our convictions. Many good reasons why voting is so important to us are listed by employees answering the question of the month on this page. Read their reasons—they are important to us all.

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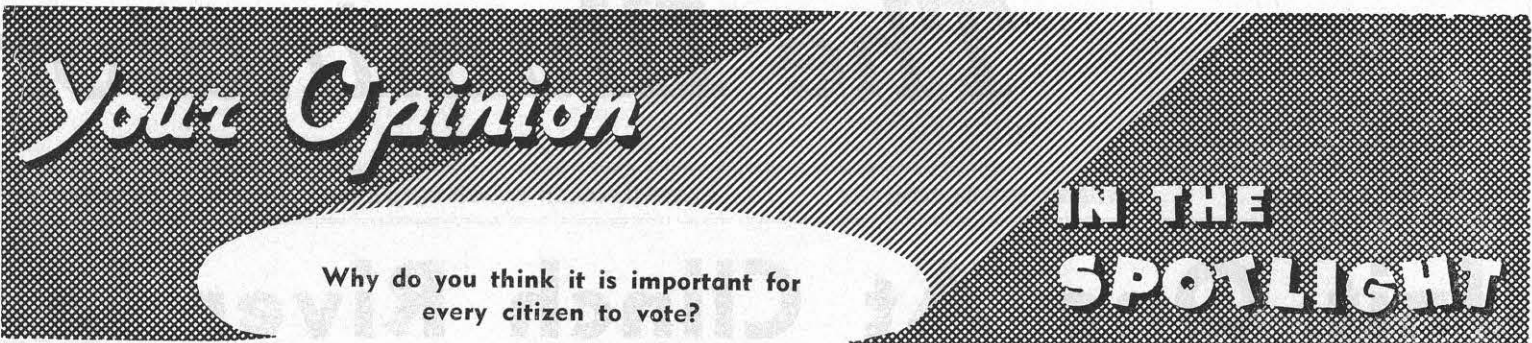
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It has been found that, on the average, only 50 to 70 per cent of the Americans who have the right to vote go to the polls. Voting is one of the highest privileges of American Citizenship. Voting gives us a chance to express ourselves for or against any plan or program offered to us.

We have in our free country a form of government established on a basis that affords every citizen a right to participate in our government.

If we want our nation, under God, to continue to be free, we must cast our votes in every election so that the Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.



LOIS L. SHEPPARD, Cashier-Clerk, Fieldale

It is a privilege of every citizen to vote and we should exercise this privilege.

There is a saying that bad officials are elected by good citizens who did not vote, but that is not necessarily true. They may have been elected by the good citizens who voted but did not vote intelligently or wisely.

Vote for the candidate of your choice but vote regularly, wisely and intelligently, but by all means VOTE!



W. E. BIVENS, District Residential & Rural Sales Supervisor, Logan

All of us own a share in America. As a citizen of the United States of America

it is our high privilege and solemn duty to cast our vote for the person or persons who will serve us in our various public offices. We as stockholders in this great nation should exercise this duty in order that we may elect those who will be best qualified to govern us.

When we cast our vote on election day we not only are showing our loyalty to our country but also insuring ourselves that the best qualified candidates will be elected. We as individuals are free to choose our leaders by casting our votes and in doing so, we will guarantee the perpetration of our way of life which is the greatest form of government the world has ever known.

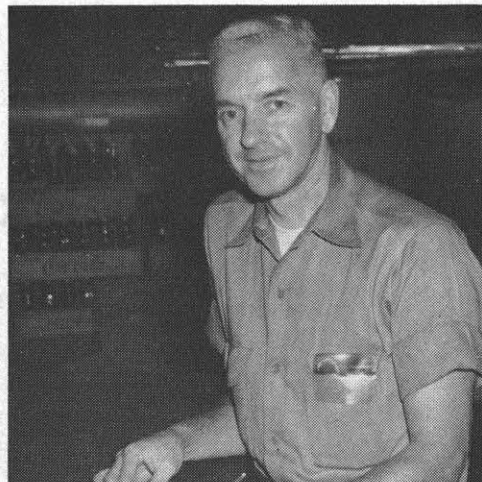


L. C. BIAS, Local Office Manager, Point Pleasant

When our forefathers settled in this country, they were searching for a better way of life. They made the original investment in America and through the ages we have enjoyed the fruits of their efforts in establishing freedom of speech, press, and religion.

They also conceived and formulated a method whereby these freedoms could be retained. This, of course, was the "Vote" through which every citizen might have a voice in his government. The power of the "vote" is astounding and if this power is not used—and wisely—it could prove fatal. Every vote that is cast individually and independently of any coercion, means one more vote which must be cast by those yielding to dictatorial pressure.

If we are to continue a free nation and if we want to protect our "investment in America", we must vote.



B. J. FARRY, Material Clerk, Kanawha River Plant

In the Revolutionary War men gave their lives and suffered unbelievable hardships to win for us the right to vote. In subsequent wars our best men have given their lives to preserve this right.

We should not allow those men to have made the supreme sacrifice in vain.

Every citizen should vote to defeat organized politicians who seek to install incompetent, corrupt men, who place politics above the welfare of their country.

We can have good government if every

citizen will examine the merits of every candidate and vote for the man best suited to represent him.

The primary election is most important, for this is when the men are chosen. Therefore, vote in every election.



M. MARGARET HALEY, Secretarial-Stenographer, System

BECAUSE: Nobody lives alone. Each is called upon to develop his God-given capacities to the utmost in order that he may serve his own needs and meet his obligations as a member of that society from which he is constantly drawing benefits.

BECAUSE: He has the privilege of choosing public servants without favor, without fear. He may choose a new form of government or help to improve the old one.

BECAUSE: He must wield his individual power; use his enthusiasm to inspire others; crush that sense of futility and show what personal effort can do to change a situation. Arouse the thoughtless parasites who give nothing of themselves yet are ever eager to accept benefits achieved by others for the common good.

BECAUSE: Democracy may pass and we too may find ourselves under some iron heel, our mouths closed. It would be fit punishment for those of us who idly thought democracy might be preserved without effort.



GORDON WARRICK, Auto Repairman, Kingsport

I think it is very important for each citizen to vote and it is just as important for each citizen to take the time to find out all he can about each candidate running for public office.

Prior to election time, a voter should know the background, qualification, views and interests of each candidate as well as the responsibilities of the office to be filled. A person that votes without obtaining advance information so as to be seen at the polls or just to be able to tell others he has voted is doing an injustice to himself as well as to everyone else.

If every eligible voter would study each candidate and office to be filled—then decide who would do the best job in the office—vote—then we would be assured of a strong, sound and honest governing body.

'Work Smarter—It's Easier'

Work Simplification Program Underway

"Work Smarter—It's Easier" is the theme of the Work Simplification program being introduced in our companies.

Supervisors are now learning the fundamentals and techniques of Work Simplification. All employees will have the opportunity later of contributing to the success of the project aimed at finding better ways of doing jobs.

Work Simplification has been defined as "common sense at work," as "doing a better job with less effort, fewer steps and less time," and as "a systematic procedure for improving work methods." All these definitions have one quality in common: every employee can benefit.

The Work Simplification program is new only in that it is a planned program for all employees. The existence for almost 30 years of the AEP System *Monthly Operating Notes* with employees' ideas of doing work better is just one example of attention to the principles of Work Simplification. Of course, there have been thousands of other improvements initiated by employees in their work.

Profits Are Many

Profits from Work Simplification are many and related. For the employee, improved work methods mean less fatigue, better and safer working conditions, job security, recognition and job satisfaction. For the company, W-S means satisfied employees and customers with increased sales and growth. The customer profits from economical and dependable service.

Major emphasis in "Work Smarter—It's Easier" is placed on the 5-Step Pattern for improving work methods. First step is to pick the job to be improved. Look for day-to-day jobs that need the most improvement because they take too much time, or too much moving around, or cost more than they should.

After picking the job, keep in mind that it consists of three parts: make ready, do (actual productive work), and put away.

Get Facts

Second step is to get the facts. Don't trust to memory; actually put down the details in the order they are performed. Split the details among the three parts of the job: make ready, do, and put away.

Third step is to challenge the job, apply the questioning attitude. Start with: Why is it done? If the job

is unnecessary, there's no need for further analysis. Then comes the fourth step: develop the new method, probe further. Proceed to ask:

What is done? If not obvious, probe further.

Where is it done? Perhaps it should be done elsewhere.

When is it done? Possibly another

time would be better.

Who does it? Should someone else do it?

How is it done? Uncover the mystery by getting the facts.

Apply Method

Fifth step is to apply the new method. The organized approach in

the first four steps leads naturally to the final step. Some helpful questions at this stage include: Will it work? Will it save time? What is the cost? Who can help further develop the new work method?

After progressing to this point, the employee presents the proposal to his supervisor who is just as interested in making jobs easier and better because that helps him. The common sense approach of explaining the proposal and its benefits is always effective.

Summary

In summary, here is the 5-Step Pattern of Work Simplification:

1. Pick the job to be improved.
2. Get the facts, break down the job in detail.
3. Challenge the job, question each detail.
4. Develop the new method, probe further.
5. Apply the new method, prove its worth.

Those five points are the basic framework of the program of Work Simplification. Employees soon will be hearing more about them in a program to "Work Smarter—It's Easier."

Two Pulaski Employees Help 4-H Girl Become State-Wide Club Project Winner



Margie Vest, left, state 4-H Club project winner, demonstrates the assembly of a lamp to Pulaski district employees Martha Horne and Ray Lester, who have assisted her in 4-H work.

Two Pulaski district employees have reason to be proud of Margie Vest, state winner of the 4-H Club electric project competition. Both have been advisors to this Check, Va., 4-H enthusiast who will represent the state at the national convention in Chicago.

Ray Lester, Christiansburg area sales representative, counseled Margie in assembling a valance lighting panel, which she has used in many demonstrations. Martha Horne, home service representative, helped her develop demonstration techniques. Margie has also worked with both employees on many other projects.

In applying her training, Margie has given a total of 85 electric demonstrations, has built a chick and lamb

brooder and has helped junior groups in their electric project.

Her largest project was the planning of her parent's all-electric home. The home includes modern lighting, wiring and appliances along with electric baseboard heat. When the home was completed, Appalachian sponsored an open house. Margie assisted in conducting the tours.

Having attended the 4-H Club Congress in Richmond five times, she assisted in planning and building the Floyd County exhibit, which took second place at the Congress this year.

Margie plans to enroll in Madison College to major in home economics. She is considering a career as home service representative.

Ashland Office Remodeled

Extensive remodeling of two buildings has resulted in additional office space for Ashland employees of Kentucky Power.

Remodeled were the company's downtown office building at 15th and Carter and its building at 25th and Greenup.

At the 25th Street building a portion of the large garage was converted into a substation shop, auto repair shop, radio repair shop and a crew locker room. The space formerly used by the substation and auto repair shops was remodeled into four offices for the distribution department and a meeting room.

The old meeting room, radio shop, storage vault and telephone equipment room were converted into new engineering department offices. A meter shop and offices for the meter department, formerly housed in the downtown building, were built in the area formerly occupied by distribution. The result was that engineering, distribution, meter and stores are now under one roof, with adequate parking and storage facilities.

Downtown, at the 15th Street building, the district commercial department has moved into seven new offices formerly occupied by meter, and a garage at the rear is being remodeled into an appliance repair and parts shop.

The general commercial department

has taken over the second floor area vacated by district commercial. This space was converted into six offices and a conference room.

Now occupying the general commercial department's old quarters on the second floor are the district and general safety and personnel offices, formerly located in the basement.

Altogether 13 new private offices and a conference room were added to existing quarters, providing a more efficient grouping of departments and relieving overcrowding.

Huntington Man, C. H. Price, Dies



Mr. Price

Clarence H. Price, Huntington division personnel supervisor, died September 5 following an illness of five days. He was 53.

Mr. Price, who was appointed division personnel supervisor in 1949, joined the company in 1926 as filing and posting clerk in the Bluefield district. In 1936 he was transferred to the Huntington district as bookkeeper. He has served as assistant chief clerk, division chief clerk and administrative assistant.

He was born in Giles County, Va., and graduated from high school in Eggleston, Va., and was also a graduate of Bluefield Business College.

A member of the Huntington Personnel Association, he was active in the Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, National Office Management Association and the Huntington Lodge 313, BPO Elks. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, two sisters and two brothers. Funeral services were conducted at the Presbyterian Church in Rural Retreat, Va., with burial in a cemetery there.

Williamson Employee Named Fund Leader

Woodrow Holbrook, Williamson residential and rural sales supervisor, has been appointed a co-chairman of the second annual United Appeals campaign in Williamson.

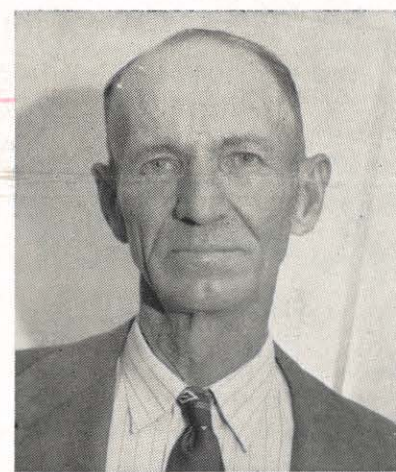
Active in civic affairs, he is a past president of the Lions Club, on the board of directors of the Salvation Army and Mingo County Cancer Society and is treasurer of the Memorial Methodist Church where he also serves on the board of stewards.

Married, he is the father of one son.



Mr. Holbrook

Working Foreman Dies September 4



Mr. Graham

Joe C. Graham, Welch working foreman in Pocahontas, died September 4 of a heart attack while working near Crumpler.

Mr. Graham joined the company on a permanent basis in 1934 and had 10 years of broken service prior to that time. He had served as mechanic, electrician's helper, electrician, assistant foreman, lineman, and serviceman. He was promoted to working foreman in 1952.

Born in Brushfork, W. Va., in 1899, he attended public schools there. He is survived by his wife and one son.

Pulaski Reservist Promoted To Colonel

E. Lane Whitley, Pulaski district commercial manager, has been promoted to colonel in the United States Army Reserve.



Col. Whitley

technical division.

During World War II Col. Whitley served in the European Theatre with SHAEF. Many of his assignments had to do with the rehabilitation of water and power facilities. For the past four summers, during his annual two-week active duty tour, he has studied latest methods applying to his assignment at the Pentagon.

At present he has a Mobilization Day assignment in the office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, properties and installations, as public works and utilities officer in the

Roanokers Witness Unusual Safety Show



"Tic Tac Safety" was the title and theme of a recent Roanoke safety meeting. Based on the television program, "Tic Tac Dough," the show was seen by 400 employees. In the picture, J. G. Hunt, district commercial, left, asks a question of Donna Silcox, local accounting, second from right. Her opponent is O. A. Hawkins, system accounting. Standing with Mr. Hunt is Barbara Creasey, system operating,

the MC's assistant, and at far right is Mrs. Betty Goode, system T&D, an usher. Mrs. Etha Reynolds was also an usher. J. L. Ashworth, division payroll, and J. G. Willhide, system operating, co-arranged the program, in which contestants picked from the audience competed for prizes by answering questions on safety.

KINGSPOURT

Kingsport

Fred Pierce, Jr., line section, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Curtis Hurd, line section, on the death of his mother-in-law.

BLUEFIELD

Clinch River Plant

Sympathy is extended Marvin V. Pack on the death of his mother and A. J. Conley on the death of his mother-in-law.

Abingdon District

Leonard, son of L. C. Angle, Jr., commercial manager, was elected president of the eighth grade class of William King High School.

Betty C. Mullins, Clintwood accounting, has resigned.

Paul S. Dunn, administrative assistant, attended the Capital District Kiwanis Convention.

Shirley G. Landreth, clerk-stenographer, has been elected secretary of the Washington County Lord's Acre Association.

Sympathy is extended Paul S. Dunn, administrative assistant, on the death of his mother-in-law and Verlin R. Parris, auto repairman, on the death of his mother.

Glen Lyn Plant

R. K. McClaugherty spent two weeks at the Brown Instrument School in Philadelphia.

H. H. Reed attended the B&W Boiler Company School in Ohio.

Eighteen plant employees donated blood for the Bloodmobile on its visit to Giles County.

Approximately 360 persons toured the plant during the open house for employees.

Welch District

Melbie R. Jones, commercial clerk-typist; Patty W. Fletcher, Grundy home service representative; and Charles D. Stover, groundman, are new employees.

W. T. Lanter, head material clerk, won an all-expense paid trip for he and his wife to the first two games of the World Series. This was the Round Wound Contest sponsored by Line Material Industries.

G. E. Adams, Pocahontas area supervisor, has been confined to the hospital for several weeks with pneumonia.

Pulaski District

Mrs. B. B. McCall, wife of the power sales engineer, served as one of the judges at the Pulaski County Fair.

R. C. Nester, Galax working foreman, is undergoing surgery at a Charlottesville hospital.

Glenn Brillheard, Jr., son of the station man, is improving after surgery on his right knee as the result of a football injury.

Sympathy is extended C. P. Bailey, electrical engineer, on the death of his mother and J. E. Wolford, Wytheville truck driver-groundman, on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is also extended Roy L. Madison, T&D clerk, on the death of his wife.

Bluefield District

Three daughters of employees have received honors in Fairview Junior High School. Beth, daughter of district engineer H. S. Meadows, and Freda, daughter of commercial sales representative Lewis C. Thomas, have been elected cheerleaders and Star-

lene, daughter of Starlin Litteral, line inspector, has been elected a major-ette.

Ryland Y. Bailey, area sales representative, agricultural engineer, has been made a captain in the U. S. Air Force Reserves.

Albert B. Herald, Jr., T&D clerk, has returned to work after undergoing a tonsillectomy.

Dewey W. Barnette, Princeton line inspector, and J. Donald Haynes, Princeton general clerk, are recuperating at their homes following hospitalization.

Jerry C. Umberger, Jesse W. White, and Frank F. Mize, T&D line; Marguerite P. Witten, accounting; James T. Gregory, T&D station; and Doris C. Richards, home service representative, have resigned.

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KENTUCKY

Hazard District

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

Sympathy is extended Roy and Wanda Napier in the loss of their grandmother.

Pikeville District

G. D. Ison, engineering aide, aided a small boy who had a bike wreck. The boy's leg and foot were stuck through the spokes of the wheel. Ison cut the spokes with his side cutters and released the boy.

Allen Halcomb, clerk-trainee, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Cecil Deboard on the death of his brother.

ROANOKE

Fieldale District

J. D. Higgins has been named to the board of the Martinsville-Henry County Chapter of the American Cancer Society

Betty J. Baker has been re-elected recording secretary of the Blue Ridge Chapter of the National Secretaries Association (Int.) and has been appointed education chairman for the chapter.

The Fieldale cashiers have balanced to the penny in July and August.

The annual company picnic was

Happenings

Around the Circuit

... Among Employees and Their Families

held in the Fieldale ball park.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Bruce Cox, wife of the district manager, on the death of her brother-in-law.

System

Members of the Appa-Mo Club, system accounting office, held a hamburger fry and square dance at Rockledge Inn, Mill Mountain.

Mary Long, key punch operator, has resigned.

Donald V. Haraway, system station operator, is a new employee.

R. K. Gaw, system operations coordinator, is recuperating at home after an operation.

H. E. Elkins, Holston Station, is recuperating at home after an extended illness.

L. E. Johnson, system public relations, has resigned to re-enter military service.

Lynchburg District

Margaret Shorter, credit and collection clerk, has been elected vice president of the Young Business Girls' Club, sponsored by the YWCA.

Sympathy is extended Jesse G. Tucker, retired district line foreman, on the death of his brother and Joe F. Wilson, Jr., engineering aide, on the death of his grandmother.

Roanoke District

The Franklin Swimming Club was the setting of the Rocky Mount Appalachian employees' club picnic.

The annual colored picnic was held at the Pine Oak Inn in Salem.

E. C. Baldwin, meter reader; W. E. Overstreet, lineman; M. L. Clemons, lineman; and W. P. Saul, station man, have returned to work following illnesses.

Dorothy B. Mason, contract clerk, and H. A. Howbert, area sales representative, have returned home following hospitalization.

Sympathy is extended R. W. Swain, station man, on the death of his brother and E. L. Munday, Jr., assistant district manager, on the death of his mother.

(See Roanoke, Page 5)

Contest Winner



A Kingsport Utilities customer has won 25th prize in the nation-wide housepower contest. Mrs. David C. Pierce, left, stands by the dishwasher-sink she was awarded. At right is L. P. Gregory, a local appliance dealer, who presented the sink to Mrs. Pierce. The housepower contest had 301,498 entries.

CHARLESTON

Philip Sporn Plant

Marvin W. Livesay, test engineer, is a new employee.

Marjorie Matchinski, secretarial stenographer, has been elected president of the Purple Hatters, an organization made up of past presidents of the Point Pleasant Junior Woman's Club. Mrs. Robert Lutton, wife of the maintenance man, was elected vice president.

James H. Bearhs, maintenance man, has returned to work after a two months' illness.

William D. Winebrenner, maintenance man, has returned to work after a month's absence due to a broken finger.

Kenneth E. Carter, coal handler, has returned to work after recovering from a back injury.

Sympathy is extended Albert Boston, guard, on the death of his brother.

Point Pleasant District

H. E. Rhodes, Jr., has returned for his second assignment under the co-op plan.

W. P. Workman, groundman, has returned to work after a foot injury.

Elizabeth K. Mattox, engineering clerk-stenographer, has returned to work after an operation.

J. D. Spiggle, commercial sales representative, is back at work after several months' absence following a heart attack.

Mrs. H. E. Walters, wife of the lineman, has returned home after an operation.

K. C. Morris, T&D clerk, has returned to work after six months' military service.

Donna McCoy, commercial clerk-typist, was honored with a surprise kitchen shower given by Phyllis Miller, personnel clerk-stenographer.

Kanawha River Plant

C. A. Willson, former co-op student, is a new test engineer.

Charleston District

Audrey Arnold, office messenger, was honored with a stork shower

given by Golda Johnson, Hilda Zontini and Georgie Sevy.

New employees are Pat Cummings, division payroll; Charlotte Canterbury, meter; Jo Ann Asbury and Eldivia Gullian, accounting.

Audrey Arnold and Kenneth Hamrick, accounting, have resigned.

John Kauffman, Jr., has returned to VPI after completing a work assignment.

Retired employee C. F. Hann has returned to Florida after spending the summer in Charleston.

Jim Russell and C. T. Older, retired employees, visited the office.

Walter Stricklen, retired employee, is recuperating at home after hospital confinement.

Sympathy is extended Joe Wells, line inspector, on the death of his son who died as the result of injuries sustained while swimming.

Sympathy is also extended Delt Crosier, T&D line, on the death of his mother.

Beckley District

Dorothy Barker, home service representative, has resigned.

Edward Dzedzic and Bob Lively have returned to school after completing their work assignments under the co-op student engineer plan.

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HUNTINGTON

Logan Plant

Mrs. W. W. Dalley, wife of the mechanical maintenance helper, received a B.A. degree in teaching from Marshall College in Huntington.

Stewart Randall Adkins, laborer, and Guy V. Mauck, test engineer, are new employees.

Sam F. Mingrone, retired employee, visited the plant recently.

Mrs. J. J. Pearl, wife of the electrical maintenance mechanic, was elected treasurer of the Suburban Garden Club.

M. F. Morrison, plant personnel supervisor, attended the Marshall College foreman-manager conference.

Sympathy is extended George Frey, supervisor of maintenance, on the death of his sister-in-law, who was the wife of the late Julius J. Frey, retired employee.

Sympathy is also extended Warren C. Workman, mechanical maintenance helper, and William G. Workman, utility operator, on the death of their father.

Logan District

T. J. Hanley, heating and builder sales representative, has been elected president of the Logan Civic Little League. Mrs. Hanley was elected secretary of the league and W. H. Honaker, line and station supervisor, was elected vice president.

Huntington District

A. T. Wilks, assistant to the division manager, has been re-elected a director of the American Automobile Association. He is also president of the Huntington Automobile Club and the West Virginia State Auto Club Association.

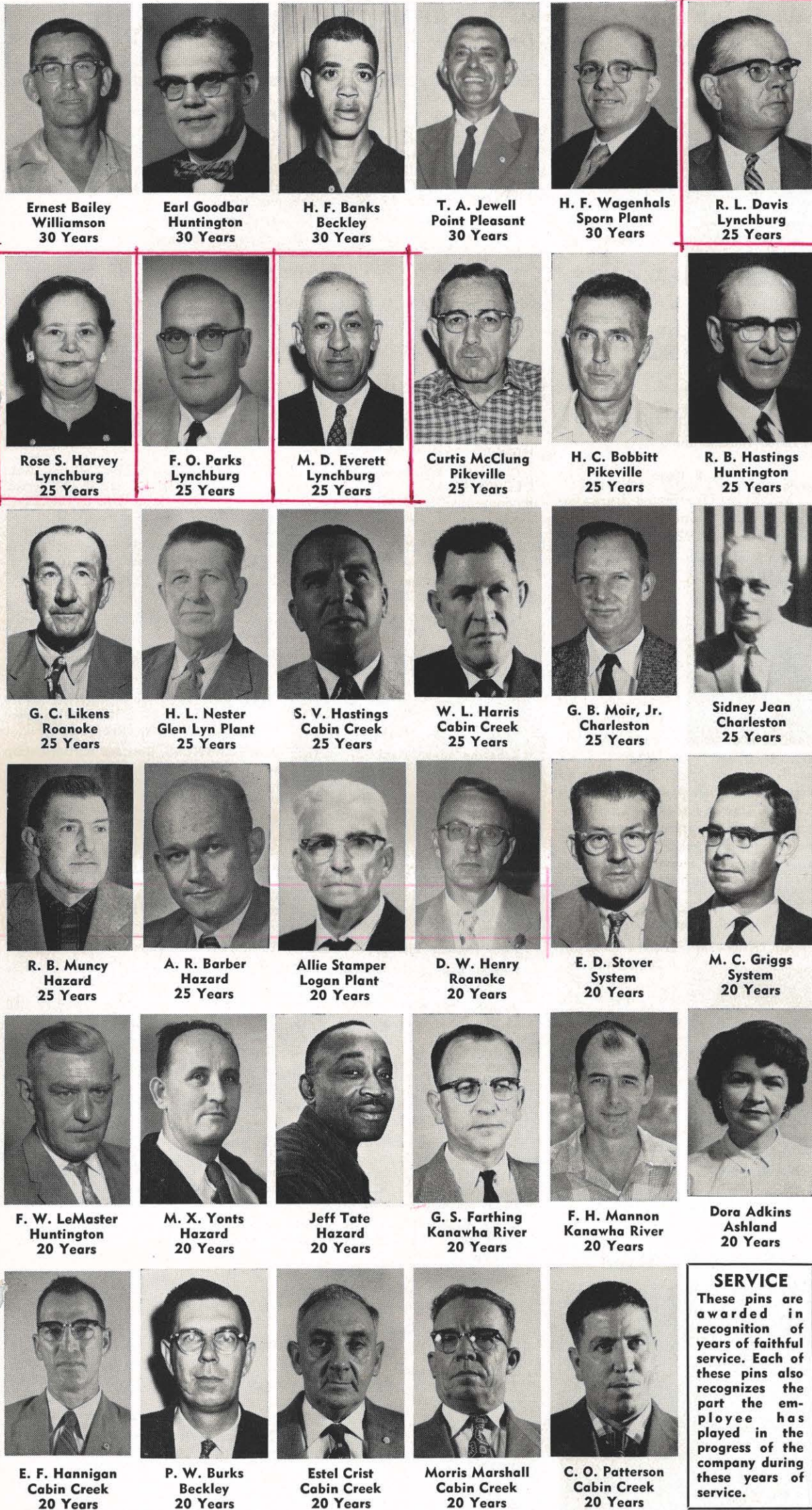
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Hughes Family Active In Scouting



Each member of the J. P. Hughes family devotes a large portion of leisure time to scouting. Mr. Hughes, Beckley district electrical engineer, is a scoutmaster while his wife is a Cub Scout den mother. Phillip, left, is a scout and Douglas, right, is a Cub. Last summer, the family took a scouting vacation. Attending a course at Concord College, Mr. Hughes and Phillip took a course in scouting while Mrs. Hughes and Douglas took a Cubbing course.

Veterans Of Three Companies Honored



Ernest Bailey
Williamson
30 Years

Earl Goodbar
Huntington
30 Years

H. F. Banks
Beckley
30 Years

T. A. Jewell
Point Pleasant
30 Years

H. F. Wagenhals
Sporn Plant
30 Years

R. L. Davis
Lynchburg
25 Years

Rose S. Harvey
Lynchburg
25 Years

F. O. Parks
Lynchburg
25 Years

M. D. Everett
Lynchburg
25 Years

Curtis McClung
Pikeville
25 Years

H. C. Bobbitt
Pikeville
25 Years

R. B. Hastings
Huntington
25 Years

G. C. Likens
Roanoke
25 Years

H. L. Nester
Glen Lyn Plant
25 Years

S. V. Hastings
Cabin Creek
25 Years

W. L. Harris
Cabin Creek
25 Years

G. B. Moir, Jr.
Charleston
25 Years

Sidney Jean
Charleston
25 Years

R. B. Muncy
Hazard
25 Years

A. R. Barber
Hazard
25 Years

Allie Stamper
Logan Plant
20 Years

D. W. Henry
Roanoke
20 Years

E. D. Stover
System
20 Years

M. C. Griggs
System
20 Years

F. W. LeMaster
Huntington
20 Years

M. X. Yonts
Hazard
20 Years

Jeff Tate
Hazard
20 Years

G. S. Farthing
Kanawha River
20 Years

F. H. Mannon
Kanawha River
20 Years

Dora Adkins
Ashland
20 Years

E. F. Hannigan
Cabin Creek
20 Years

P. W. Burks
Beckley
20 Years

Estel Crist
Cabin Creek
20 Years

Morris Marshall
Cabin Creek
20 Years

C. O. Patterson
Cabin Creek
20 Years

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

Roanoke . . .

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J. V. Mann, J. E. Hammer, P. W. Burks and W. E. Zopp participated in the Good Will Caravan sponsored by the Beckley Chamber of Commerce.
Sympathy is extended W. E. Mitchell on the death of his father and R. D. Smith on the death of his mother.
Sympathy is also extended Harold Lilly on the death of his father and E. L. Hutchinson on the death of his brother.

"Aid" Course Taken By 13 In Charleston

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Thirteen Charleston district employees recently completed standard first aid training. Instructor for the course was Willie Clay.
Receiving certificates were: D. R. Huffman, D. F. Boggess, Bill Ferrell, G. T. Turley, Bill Bacchus, J. B. Weaver, Norman Young, Vernon Costello, John Wright, Herman Jones, Jim McCormick, C. E. Jones and Ted McGavran.

Beckley . . .

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W. P. Booker, district manager, has been re-appointed to a four-year term as commissioner of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority.
W. Dewey Clower, power sales engineer, is a new employee.
Ruth Cummings, payroll clerk, has resigned.
Mrs. J. G. Brittain, wife of the merchandise bookkeeper, was the August winner of the safety slogan of the month contest.

Social Security Increased

Social security taxes will rise in January and retired persons will start getting bigger social security benefits in February.
President Eisenhower in early September signed into law a measure boosting social security benefits by about seven percent for some 12-million retired people and survivors.
At present, social security taxes are deducted at the rate of 2¼ percent of annual earnings up to \$4,200. The new law boosts social security taxes up to 2½ percent of earnings up to \$4,800—starting January 1.
This will result in an additional \$89,500 in social security taxes to be paid next year by our companies. When added to the present annual payments by our companies, the total social security taxes paid by our companies next year will be an estimated \$495,000.
The employee and the company pay equal amounts of social security taxes.
Effective with checks mailed out by the Government next February, retired persons getting the minimum monthly payment of \$30 will receive \$33. Persons drawing the present maximum of \$108.50 a month will receive \$116. As a result of the increase in the wage base from \$4,200 to \$4,800, additional boosts up to a maximum monthly payment of \$127 will go to those who retire in the future.
Following the increase to 2½ percent in January 1959, the tax rate will rise to 3 percent in January 1960, followed by successive one-half point increases in each three years after that to a maximum of 4½ percent each for employee and employer starting in January 1969.

OVEC Film Has Successful Run

Close to 16-million persons throughout the nation have viewed the color motion picture, "Twins On The Ohio."
This Freedoms Foundation Award-winning movie, which describes the creation, construction and operation of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation project, was released two years ago this month.
Since then the film has been seen by an estimated 160,000 persons at 3,100 live audience showings and by an estimated 15,520,000 viewers in 240 television bookings.
In addition, thousands have witnessed the film in showings arranged by the sponsor companies of OVEC, including Appalachian.
The film has been shown in all 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii and Cuba and has been seen by almost every type of civic, school, church, professional, youth and industrial group.

Point Pleasant Men Help Scout Campaign

O. C. Hall, Point Pleasant district superintendent, has been named chairman of the Tri-State Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, finance campaign.
The council is composed of three counties in Ohio, three in West Virginia and three in Kentucky.
Committee chairmen at the council level of the fund drive are P. H. Steenbergen, Jr., district engineer, and W. C. Gilmour, district personnel supervisor.



Mr. Hall

Rufus C. Cruise Retired Recently



Mr. Cruise

Rufus Claude Cruise of Bluefield retired recently after 36 years' continuous service.
Mr. Cruise, who was working foreman in the division general shop, had broken service dating back to 1916.
Prior to his permanent employment with the company, he entered military service in 1917 and served in three major engagements in France.
For several years Mr. Cruise has been active in the American Legion and the Masonic Lodge. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Bluefield. An enthusiastic baseball fan, he counts hunting and fishing among his favorite sports.
At a dinner given in his honor by fellow employees, Mr. Cruise was presented a gold wrist watch.

Huntington . . .

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John T. Russell, T&D record, and Georgia M. Marcum, T&D record, have returned to work following surgery.
Jack K. Butler, T&D line, is recuperating at home from a leg fracture.
Oscar Endicott, T&D line, is hospitalized following a heart attack.
H. A. McGowan, T&D line, and Virginia B. Marrow, T&D engineering, are recuperating from illnesses at their homes.

Williamson District

Sally, daughter of J. R. Hartzog, meter supervisor, was elected a member to the House of Delegates at Girls' State. She was sponsored by the K-Appa-K Girls' Club.
Patsy V. Hackworth, commercial clerk-stenographer, has resigned.
Junior Stanley, lineman, has returned to work following hospitalization.
Members of the accounting department honored Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Strong and Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Valley with a surprise "welcome" party, at which time they presented Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Valley with gifts. Mr. Strong is local office manager, coming from Princeton, and Mr. Valley is assistant local office manager, coming from Logan.
Sympathy is extended Claude H. Ward, dealer sales representative, on the death of his mother and Emma Warren, maid, on the death of her father-in-law.

Eleven Veterans Complete 35 Years' Service

Eleven veterans from our companies have reached the 35-year mark in service.

They include Felicia Billips and Rufus P. Thomas, Ashland; H. C. Ballengee and Oliver M. Smith, Charleston; B. E. Bates and C. C. Yost, Bluefield; J. D. Lawrence, Roanoke; James J. Harmon, Welch; W. D. LeSage and N. B. Kean, Huntington; and Jake Kimberlin, Hazard.

Felicia Billips

Miss Billips, Ashland district utility clerk, was employed September 15, 1923, as a cashier.



Miss Billips

Born in Catlettsburg, she graduated from Thomas R. Brown High School and Booth Business College.

R. P. Thomas

Kentucky's industrial development representative, Mr. Thomas completed 35 years September 21.

He was employed as a meter tester with Appalachian at Huntington and Logan in 1923, and transferred to Ashland in 1936 as a clerk. He rose to his present position in 1953.



Mr. Thomas

Born in Bedford, Va., he attended VPI. He is a member of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers.

H. C. Ballengee

Mr. Ballengee, Charleston general clerk, joined the company September 7, 1923 as a billing clerk.



Mr. Ballengee

He has worked as bookkeeper and clerk special, and was promoted to his present position in 1950.

He attended Alderson Baptist College and served in the Army in 1918. He is married.

O. M. Smith

Mr. Smith reached the 35-year mark September 15, joining the company that day in 1923 as a lineman.



Mr. Smith

He became a PBX operator in 1926 and has been senior PBX operator since 1953. He is married.

B. E. Bates

Mr. Bates, Bluefield meter supervisor, joined the company in 1923 in the Bluefield meter department.



Mr. Bates

In 1944 he transferred to Welch as meter superintendent, and returned to Bluefield as meter supervisor in March this year.

A native of Somerset, Ky., he attended Emory and Henry College. He is immediate past

president of the Welch Kiwanis Club, past master of Harmon Lodge 22, AF&AM, a member of the Pocahontas Electrical and Mechanical Institute, American Legion Post No. 122, the International Association of Electric Inspectors and assistant general superintendent of the Sunday School at the First Methodist Church of Bluefield, Va. He is married and has three children.

C. C. Yost

Charlie C. Yost, Bluefield meterman, joined the company at Bluefield in 1923 as a groundman.



Mr. Yost

He transferred to the service department in 1925 and returned to the meter department in 1939 as a troubleman. He became a meterman in 1955.

A 32nd degree Mason, he is a member of Mercer Lodge No. 160, Lodge of Perfection Eastern Star, and the Trinity Methodist Church. A native of Shawvers Mill, he is married.

J. D. Lawrence

Joseph D. Lawrence, Roanoke division manager, was employed by the Kentucky Power Company as a meterman in 1923.



Mr. Lawrence

In 1928 he became Williamson district manager and in 1943 district manager at Logan.

He came to Roanoke as assistant division manager in 1946 and was promoted to division manager in 1956.

A native of New Jersey, he is an electrical engineering graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He is married.

J. J. Harmon

Mr. Harmon, Welch area serviceman, completed 35 years August 10.



Mr. Harmon

He joined the company on that day in 1923 as a utility man, and has also served as troubleman, patrolman and maintenance man.

A native of Ivanhoe, he is vice president of the Welch "Old Timers" Club and the father of seven children.

Meter-Distribution Leads Bowling Loop

Meter-Distribution has taken an early lead in the 8-team Roanoke district bowling league. The team has a 5-1 record.

Tied for second place are Division Engineering and Line-Station with four wins and two losses each. Leroy Gregory, Line-Station, has high average of 118 and high set of 354. C. R. Paxton, Division Engineering, has high game of 134, and System has high team game of 561.

Team captains for the league are: Mr. Gregory, Line-Station; Mr. Paxton, Division Engineering; J. A. Wheeler, Meter-Distribution; R. F. Howard, System; O. A. Hawkins, Accounting; G. M. Gray, Local Office, and N. G. Hamrick, Stores.

W. D. LeSage

W. Doval LeSage, Huntington administrative assistant, joined the company September 1, 1923, as a construction clerk,



Mr. LeSage

and has worked as a statistician, chief clerk and plant records supervisor.

A native of Huntington, he attended the University of Virginia, and graduated from Ohio State University with an LL.B. degree. He did graduate work at West Virginia University.

He is an Elder in the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, where he teaches the Men's Bible Class, and is married and has one son.

N. B. Kean

Mr. Kean, Huntington district superintendent, joined the company September 16, 1923 as assistant superintendent of distribution.



Mr. Kean

Also a civil engineer and acting superintendent of distribution and substation, he was promoted to his present position September 1, 1952.

Born at Stockport, O., he attended Marshall College. He is a registered civil engineer in West Virginia and a member of the Foreman-Manager Club, Chamber of Commerce and Elks Club. He is married and has five children.

Jake Kimberlin

Mr. Kimberlin, Hazard collector, joined the company September 17, 1923 as a meter helper.

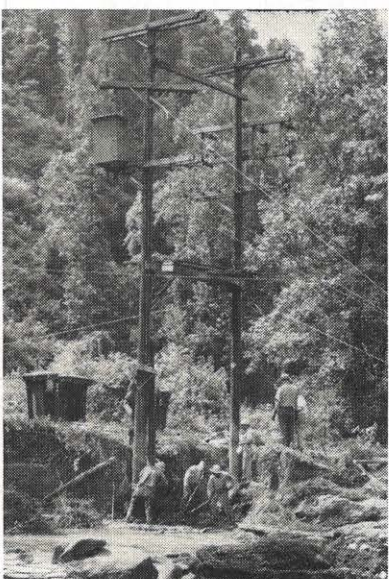


Mr. Kimberlin

Previous to becoming collector he was Jackson area serviceman.

Married, Mr. Kimberlin lists as hobbies hunting and fishing. He also has a large collection of old guns.

Felled By Flood



A recent flash flood on Garden Creek in the Welch district washed out a transformer station. Here, poles are being re-set after toppling when the bank gave way. Large rocks, concrete and grading were employed to prevent a re-occurrence of the damage. The three transformers on the poles were torn loose, and two were damaged beyond repair when the poles fell.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon District—15 YEARS: CHARLEY R. HEFNER, T&D clerk; ELBERT J. SANDERS, meter reader. 10 YEARS: LEON W. DUNCAN, T&D clerk; WORLEY H. GRIZZLE, lineman; EDWARD P. LETHCOE, electrical engineer; JAMES L. Q. MOORE, JR., general clerk; JOHN S. ORR, T&D clerk; JAMES E. PRATER, heating and builder sales representative.

Beckley District—30 YEARS: HORACE F. BANKS, janitor. 20 YEARS: PETTIGREW W. BURKS, district residential & rural sales supervisor. 10 YEARS: ALVIN W. BONDS, truck driver-groundman; LEWIS C. JONES, station man; MAXINE S. PRINCE, stenographer. 5 YEARS: LLOYD F. POMYKATA, area supervisor.

Bluefield District—35 YEARS: BENJAMIN E. BATES, meter supervisor; CHARLIE C. YOST, meterman. 10 YEARS: HERMIA D. LUCAS, merchandise bookkeeper; PATSY L. MAHONEY, payroll clerk; CHESTER G. SMITH, station operator. 5 YEARS: HAROLD E. COON, auto repairman; JACK E. HAWKS, lineman.

Cabin Creek Plant—25 YEARS: W. L. HARRIS, boiler operator; S. V. HASTINGS, boiler operator. 20 YEARS: ESTEL CRIST, janitor; E. F. HANNIGAN, maintenance foreman; MORRIS MARSHALL, boiler operator; C. O. PATTERSON, boiler operator. 15 YEARS: H. S. FERRELL, maintenance man; L. C. WILLIAMS, mechanical maintenance man.

Charleston District—35 YEARS: HOBART C. BALLENGEE, general clerk; OLIVER M. SMITH, PBX operator. 25 YEARS: SIDNEY H. JEAN, general serviceman; GORDON B. MOIR, JR., record supervisor. 15 YEARS: EVERETT C. JUDY, chief of party. 10 YEARS: JAMES F. DOOLEY, lineman; CHARLES C. HARPER, meter serviceman; ARTHUR SHELL, janitor; CECIL TOLBERT, lineman; CHARLES H. YOUNG, meter reader. 5 YEARS: JACQUETTE A. MAFFETT, home service representative; EVERETT E. SPARR, lineman.

Clinch River Plant—10 YEARS: L. E. HOLLINS, unit foreman. 5 YEARS: BETTY C. STEVENSON, stenographer.

Glen Lyn Plant—25 YEARS: HOBERT L. NESTER, unit foreman. 15 YEARS: CHARLES M. SMITH, labor-janitor foreman.

Huntington District—35 YEARS: N. B. KEAN, district superintendent; W. D. LESAGE, administrative assistant. 30 YEARS: EARL GOODBAR, stores supervisor. 25 YEARS: R. B. HASTINGS, customer service clerk. 20 YEARS: F. W. LEMASTER, persman. 15 YEARS: J. O. TRIPLETT, general serviceman. 10 YEARS: R. D. PERSINGER, T&D clerk. 5 YEARS: E. M. COLEGROVE, office messenger; L. E. ERNEST, PBX operator; JANE SWANN, clerk-stenographer.

Kanawha River Plant—20 YEARS: G. S. FARTHING, assistant shift operating engineer; F. H. MANNON, unit foreman. 10 YEARS: J. L. KERN, instrument maintenance man; AMOS WORKMAN, maintenance foreman. 5 YEARS: J. K. ALLEN, janitor; E. M. PELL, instrument maintenance man.

Logan District—10 YEARS: LEONARD CRUM, auto repairman; ROBERT L. GOFF, pre-audit clerk; JAMES M. SULLIVAN, station man. 5 YEARS: ANNA RUTH HALE, clerk-stenographer; H. K. SPEARS, working foreman.

Logan Plant—20 YEARS: ALLIE STAMPER, mechanical maintenance man.

Lynchburg District—25 YEARS: RAYMOND L. DAVIS, assistant stores supervisor; MANNIE D. EVERETT, janitor; ROSE S. HARVEY, pre-audit clerk; FRANK O. PARKS, hydro operator.

Point Pleasant District—30 YEARS: T. A. JEWELL, groundman.

Pulaski District—10 YEARS: JAMES L. EARLES, meter reader. 5 YEARS: ADELENE W. NEWMAN, stenographer.

Roanoke District—35 YEARS: J. D. LAWRENCE, division manager. 30 YEARS: C. A. FARRAR, meterman. 25 YEARS: G. C. LIKENS, groundman. 20 YEARS: D. W. HENRY, assistant stores supervisor. 10 YEARS: M. L. CLEMONS, lineman; R. E. DENNIS, lineman.

Philip Sporn Plant—25 YEARS: HOWARD F. WAGENHALS, 2nd assistant shift operating engineer. 5 YEARS: STANTON E. BURDETTE, maintenance helper; KENNETH E. HARRIS, maintenance helper; ROBERT G. RHODES, maintenance helper.

System—20 YEARS: M. C. GRIGGS, head W/O section; E. D. STOVER, system automotive inspector. 10 YEARS: J. R. HUBBARD, machine operator; ALTON H. BARLOW, system station man; ROY R. HAWKINS, system station man. 5 YEARS: C. R. LOVEGROVE, system public relations editor; C. H. MAXIE, machine operator.

Welch District—35 YEARS: JAMES J. HARMON, SR., area serviceman. 10 YEARS: WILLIAM L. MITCHELL, lineman. 5 YEARS: JAMES P. SUTPHIN, station man.

Williamson District—30 YEARS: ERNEST BAILEY, line foreman. 10 YEARS: HENRY D. HATFIELD, material clerk; CHARLES J. MAYNARD, collector. 5 YEARS: JAMES W. ROBINSON, meter reader.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District—35 YEARS: FELICIA BILLIPS, utility clerk; RUFUS THOMAS, industrial development representative. 20 YEARS: DORA ADKINS, meter clerk.

Hazard District—35 YEARS: JAKE KIMBERLIN, collector. 25 YEARS: A. R. BARBER, district manager; R. B. MUNCY, power sales engineer. 20 YEARS: JEFF TATE, janitor; M. X. YONTS, distribution engineer. 10 YEARS: ROY M. MILLER, area sales representative; NELDON WHITAKER, lineman.

Pikeville District—25 YEARS: CORBIN BOBBITT, meterman; CURTIS McCLUNG, meter supervisor. 15 YEARS: SHERLIE RATLIFF, groundman. 10 YEARS: JERRY BARTLEY, appliance serviceman.

Employee Teaches 'Aid' To Kaiser Personnel

A Point Pleasant employee recently conducted special first aid classes for a group of Kaiser Aluminum employees.

W. C. Gilmour, Point Pleasant district personnel supervisor, taught artificial respiration to members of Kaiser's electrical maintenance and rectifier departments. The Ravenswood plant employees learned the back pressure-arm lift and mouth to mouth methods of respiration.

Staff Engineers Named For Service Corporation

P. S. Pugh and Otto Naef, both senior engineers of the AEP Service Corporation, have been appointed staff engineers in the electrical engineering division.

Mr. Pugh, specializing in transformers, joined I&M in 1937 and transferred to the Service Corporation the next year. Mr. Naef, specializing in switchgear, joined the New York office in 1948.

Primer For Americans

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You live in the United States of America. You are an American. Real Americans like their country. They are proud of it. They think it is a good place to live. And they want to keep it good—to keep it getting better and better all the time.

But in many countries of the world, people are unable to live the way we do. They live in Communist countries, or in Fascist countries. This means that they live more like slaves than like free men and women. They have no chance to choose their leaders.

That's just the opposite of the way we like to live. It's why Americans don't like either Communism or Fascism. So we want to keep both of them out of America.

And the best way to keep them out is to understand all we can about our free Democratic country so we can protect our freedoms.

Why is America the way it is? What makes it a good place to live? The answer is simply this:

Throughout our history most Americans have believed that every person has certain rights and duties and responsibilities.

Americans have believed that there are certain things that people should do, and other things they should not do.

They have also believed in certain things that people are, and are not.

These things that people believe are called principles. This article is an attempt to state the Principles of America in simple, primer fashion so that you can understand them, learn them, and remember them.

This is important. It was because earlier Americans believed in these principles and guided their lives by them, that America has grown to be the good place it is.

If all of us learn and remember these principles—if we also guide our lives by them—then we can help to keep America growing better, and better, and better.

And if we follow these Principles of America, we can help make the world a better place to live in, too.

The Principles of America Are These . . .

- 1) Each person is of importance and value as an individual.

This is the cornerstone . . . the foundation of all our other beliefs in a person's right to live his own life, to speak for himself, to choose and change his leaders.

Coming directly from that first principle are two other principles that are also part of the foundation of Americanism.

- 2) We believe that all men should enjoy personal freedom.
- 3) We believe that all men are created equal.

It is worth noting that the Declaration of Independence expressed the belief that "all men are created equal." It did not state or imply a belief that men develop equally or have equal ability, or that they should ever be forced to an exact equality of thought, speech or material possessions.

That would be equality without freedom. Americans have always believed that the two should go together.

From the days of the Declaration of Independence and the writing of the Constitution, Americans have known that even though life, liberty, and other unalienable rights are granted to men by his Creator, they require some protection by man, himself.

So, in our Constitution, and in other laws of our land, there are set down principles to protect the rights and freedoms and equality of individuals. And these principles play an important part in keeping America a good place in which to live.

- 4) The right to freedom of speech. This includes freedom of the press, of radio, of motion pictures, of every means by which man may express his thoughts on any subject.

- 5) The right to freedom of assembly. As we believe in the right of individual action, so we believe that individuals should be free to act together for the benefit of all. This is Democracy.

- 6) The right to freedom of worship. Not only is the individual free to worship as he will, but religions themselves are free and equal . . . regard-



"... The Right To Vote For People Of Your Choice . . ." Taking advantage of her right, and privilege, of voting is Genevieve R. Taylor, Huntington district personnel secretarial-stenographer.

less of their size or their beliefs.

- 7) The right to security of person and property.

Not just one, but three Amendments to the Constitution (4th, 5th and 14th) protect against illegal search and seizure, or loss of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.

- 8) The right to equal protection before the law.

As individuals are equally important, so laws must apply equally to all, without special privileges for any particular individuals or groups.

- 9) The right to freedom from slavery.

This includes the right to quit, for no individual may be forced to work for another.

- 10) The right to petition the government.

The legally guaranteed right of the individual to petition the government for redress of grievances is evidence of the American belief that government is the servant, not the master, of the people.

- 11) The right to vote for people of your choice.

This is the individual's most potent weapon in the protection of his rights and freedoms . . . a weapon that to be effective must be constantly and wisely used.

The Principles Of America Hold That Every Man Has . . .

- 12) The right to a good education.
- 13) The right to live where he pleases.

- 14) The right to work where he wants to.
- 15) The right to join and belong to an organization.
- 16) The right to own property.
- 17) The right to start his own business.
- 18) The right to manage his own affairs.
- 19) The right to make a profit or to fail, depending on his own ability.

There are other, similar rights of individual action which are Principles of America, but all of these individual rights may be combined in these two broad principles . . .

- 20) Every man is entitled to freedom and equality of opportunity.
- 21) Every man may earn his living when, where, and how he wants to.

There Are Also Limiting Principles . . .

Principles of individual freedom sometimes clash with those of individual equality. Therefore our rights as individuals must be limited, and those limitations are themselves principles.

- 22) The rights of any individual shall not interfere with the equal rights of other individuals.

Your right to swing your arms stops where the other fellow's nose starts.

- 23) The rights of any individual shall not interfere with the welfare of the people as a whole.

Freedom of speech does not give the individual the right to shout "fire" in a crowded theatre.

- 24) Every individual owes obedience to the laws under which he lives.

The individual has the right to talk against a law, to work and vote to change that law, but not to disobey that law.

Principles That Are Patterns Of Behavior . . .

Many of our principles of individual freedom and equality are guaranteed to us by law.

But we have other beliefs, other general rules of action and conduct that have grown to the status of principles. They have stood the test of time. They have worked. They have become a basic part of the way we live and of the way we look at things.

- 25) Every man shall be judged by his own record.

A man's family background, his race or his religion, is not as important as what that man himself can do, for Americans believe a man must stand on his own feet.

- 26) Every man is free to achieve as much as he can.

- 27) To achieve anything, a man should be willing to work.



"... The Right To Freedom Of Worship . . ." Greeting their minister, the Rev. Howard Leming, after a church service are the Spraker family of Welch. Max Spraker, Welch working foreman, his wife, Betty, and their two sons, Estil Alfred, 7, at left, and Everett, 10, are members of the First Presbyterian Church.

- 28) Achievement also depends upon the ability to do a good job.

- 29) Every man has the right to a fair share of the results of his work and his ability.

Because of this belief, America has not only produced more goods, but they have been more fairly and more widely shared by more people than in any other country.

- 30) Security is the ability of a man to provide for himself.

The only true security for any individual is the opportunity, the ability, and the determination to work and plan and save for his own present and future. Self-reliance is vital to individual independence and personal freedom. No man can be proud and free who depends on others for his security.

- 31) When an individual cannot provide his own security, the responsibility should be assumed by others.

We believe that no one should starve, or be without adequate clothing and shelter, so those who have more than their basic needs share the responsibility of providing the essentials of security for those who need help.

- 32) Every individual must deal fairly with other individuals.

- 33) Fair and free competition is a good thing.

Americans have always believed that competition among individuals or groups encourages greater effort which in turn brings greater benefits to all.

- 34) Cooperation among individuals is vitally important.

President Eisenhower has said: "The freedom to compete vigorously accompanied by a readiness to cooperate wholeheartedly for the performance of community and national functions, together make our system the most productive on earth."

Principles Of Individual Responsibility . . .

Freedom for individuals carries with it an equal responsibility to use that freedom wisely. Therefore, if we wish to remain free, we must

faithfully fulfill our responsibilities as free men.

- 35) The individual is responsible for himself and his family.

He must protect them and provide for their present and future well-being.

- 36) The individual has responsibilities to the groups of which he is a part.

He must give of his best to his community, his church, his employer, his union, and to every group in which individuals cooperate for their mutual benefit.

- 37) The individual has responsibilities to his country.

He must be an active citizen, interesting himself in local, state and national government, voting wisely, thinking and speaking and acting to preserve and strengthen freedom, equality and opportunity for every individual.

- 38) The individual has responsibilities to the world.

Man's horizons have expanded. What happens in the world affects him, and his actions can affect the world. Today, therefore, each man has a responsibility to act—and to encourage his country to act—so that freedom and cooperation will be encouraged among the people and the nations of the world.

For America's Future

Most of us are still confident of ourselves and of our country. We do not claim perfection. But we have faith in our ability to move forward, to improve, to grow, to provide more and more individuals with more and more of everything they want and need in life . . .

If we, the people of the United States, want to have more material benefits, we must believe and follow these two principles:

- 39) The only way we can have more is to produce more; and

- 40) As we produce more, we must make it possible for more and more people to enjoy that which we produce.

If we, the people of the United States, want to have a better life, spiritually as well as materially . . .

- 41) We must stand firmly for our beliefs, our rights, our principles.

Walt Whitman, writing nearly one hundred years ago, put it this way: "There is no week, nor day, nor hour when tyranny may not enter upon this country if the people lose their supreme confidence in themselves . . ."

There are those who would chip away our confidence so that their special brand of tyranny might creep into America. They must not succeed. So, let us ask of every plan, or act, or idea . . .

Is It With Or Against The Principles Of America?



"... The individual is responsible for himself and his family . . ." Enjoying family security are Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Yeager, their son, Charles Martin, and their daughter, Sally Ann. Mr. Yeager is a master maintenance man at Philip Sporn plant.

Service Corporation Chemist Promotes Science As Career For Young People



A chemist's findings must be exact, "based on natural laws, and there is only one correct result," says Mrs. Patrick Anderson, AEP Service Corporation chemist in Huntington.

A "dash of this and a dash of that" will make cooking more exciting, claims Mrs. Patrick Anderson, AEP Service Corporation chemist in Huntington. However, as a scientist, she finds that her laboratory experiments must be more exacting.

Mrs. Anderson was the subject of a feature article appearing recently in the Huntington *Herald Advertiser*. The article quotes her as saying that "education continues when you leave school." With her husband, who is also a chemist, she devotes much time to studying philosophy, history and international politics. The article was written by Odetta Vickers.

Encouraging young people to become interested in science as a career, she states: "In my opinion in the future even more so than in the past, with the great expansion in technology, science and business, there will be sufficient room for both trained men and women."

Putting in a plug for the weaker sex, she continues: "If a woman doesn't follow her inclinations in selecting a career, the world will suffer the loss of those talents."

For a career in science, young people should prepare well in mathematics and have an interest in a variety of sciences, she says.

Mrs. Anderson attributes her own interest in science to her parents and to the fact she grew up "very close

George Johnson Of Glen Lyn Dies



Mr. Johnson

George William Johnson, retired Glen Lyn plant employee, died September 7 following an illness of three weeks.

Mr. Johnson joined the plant staff in 1941. He worked in the maintenance department and retired in 1955. He was born in Narrows, Va., in 1890 and attended public schools there.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Narrows and the Moose Lodge. Survivors include his wife, two sons, two daughters and six grandchildren.

Freezers Highlight Charleston Session

"Say It With Freezers," echoed Mary Hanley, home service representative, and Barbara Thabet at a recent demonstration in Charleston.

The girls talked on freezer techniques to 175 company employees and their families. A large display of appliances were arranged for the demonstration, and door prizes were given.

J. A. Whitlock, residential and rural sales supervisor was master of ceremonies for the meeting. C. B. Talley, district manager, made welcoming remarks, and E. A. Murray, Jr., commercial department manager, conducted the drawing for door prizes.

Promotion Made In System Station

Samuel H. Wise has been promoted to the position of assistant system station superintendent.

He succeeds A. C. Rogers, who died July 9. Mr. Wise rises from the position of system supervising breaker engineer.

After graduating from the University of Kentucky with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering, he was employed at Charleston September 1, 1931 as substation man helper. He became relay engineer in 1939 and system foreman in 1946. He moved up to system supervising breaker engineer in 1950.

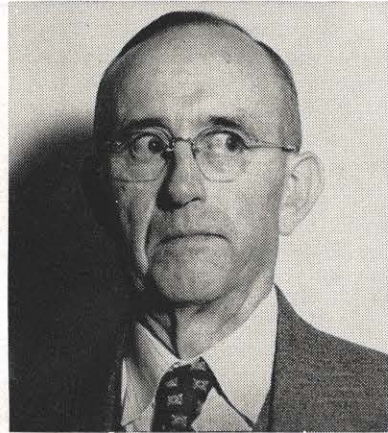
He is a registered professional engineer in mechanical and electrical engineering in West Virginia and a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He is also a member of the Huntington Court Methodist Church, first vice president of the Roanoke Camera Club and president of the William Fleming High School PTA. He is married and has a son and a daughter.



Mr. Wise

to nature" and was a "tom-boy." A graduate of Marshall College, her hobby is photography.

Retired Employee From Welch Dies



Mr. Steadham

Retired Welch district employee George W. "Flap" Steadham, died September 19. He was 66.

Mr. Steadham was employed by the company on March 1, 1912. He has worked as an operator, district serviceman, groundman and was a meter serviceman at the time of retirement June 1, 1957.

Born in Sparta, N. C., he attended school at Rock Creek, N. C. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.



Appalachian Power Company

Beckley District

JENNINGS W. BEGLEY from truck driver-groundman to lineman C; SAM H. WILLIAMS, JR., from station man helper to groundman.

Bluefield District

FRANCES L. BROOKS from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer; ELMER E. HASH from truck driver-groundman to lineman C; WILLIAM D. LINEBERRY from meter serviceman A to area serviceman; HERMIA D. LUCAS from merchandise bookkeeper to merchandise bookkeeper, senior.

Clinch River Plant

ARNOLD E. BOYD from utility operator to helper; WILLIAM H. BROWN from Abingdon T&D clerk to Clinch River plant head material clerk; RUSSELL G. FERGUSON from guard to helper; ELWELL L. KIMMELL from utility operator to helper; PAUL C. KISER from guard to yard helper; ROBERT L. PARKS from yard helper to helper; GUY E. PUCKETT from guard to utility man; PARKIS N. SUTHERLAND from guard to helper.

Huntington District

JAMES E. VAUGHT from groundman to lineman C.

Pulaski District

BARBARA B. MARSHALL from clerk-trainee to cashier.

Philip Sporn Plant

ALBERT S. BOSTON from janitor to guard; ROBERT M. COOKE from test engineering aide to test engineer.

Welch District

LOVIS R. MITCHELL, home service representative, from Grundy to Welch.

Kentucky Power Company

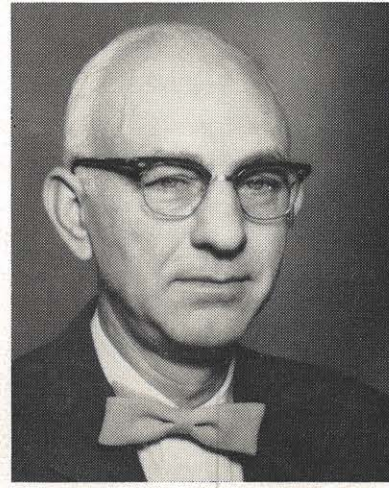
Ashland District

HILLARD LOWE from lineman B to lineman A; HUGH L. WARD from clerk-trainee to material clerk.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

CLARENCE M. CARTER from lead draftsman to R/w agent.

Raymond Hibner Dies Suddenly



Mr. Hibner

Raymond T. Hibner died August 24 of a heart attack. The Huntington district records supervisor was 55. Mr. Hibner joined our company almost 35 years ago and had been a department supervisor since 1946.

He was a Deacon in the 5th Avenue Baptist Church, treasurer of the Huntington Credit Union, treasurer of the Huntington Appalachian Employees Credit Union, and a member of the Huntington Lodge No. 53, AF&AM, the Charleston Shrine Club and the Huntington Chapter of the Civitans.

He was born at Lesage, W. Va., and is survived by his mother, his wife, a daughter, two sisters and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Klingel Carpenter Mortuary with burial in the Woodmere Cemetery in Huntington.

Bluefield . . .

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Lena G. Moseley, home service representative, conducted a teachers' workshop for all home economics teachers in Mercer County.

Haynes, son of Fred J. Mullins, meterman, is now receiving his basic training for the U. S. Army at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Henry D. Smith, electrical engineer on military leave, visited the office recently while on furlough.

Fred J. Mullins, meterman, and James D. Butler, Pearisburg lineman, have returned to work after illnesses.

Sympathy is extended Kyle B. Shelton, system engineering aide, on the death of his sister-in-law and Earle Wood, division residential and rural sales supervisor, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Lewis C. Thomas, commercial sales representative, has been named assistant athletic director of the Bluefield American Legion.

Martha, daughter of Jerry R. Whitehurst, electrical engineer, was a top winner in the junior section of the flower show sponsored by Princeton garden clubs.

W. J. Gillespie, Jr., district manager, served as master of ceremonies for the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce farmer-business day luncheon. He has been appointed chairman of the out-of-town firms' committee for the Greater Bluefield United Fund drive.

Walter P. Hawkins, assistant stores supervisor, is improving in the hospital after undergoing surgery.

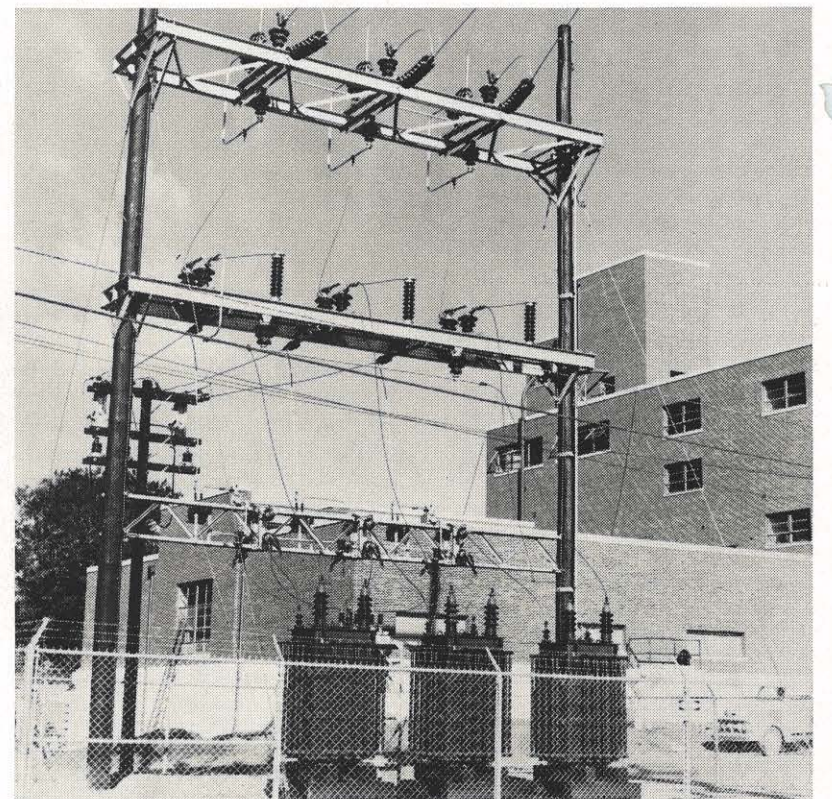
E. W. Meador, division radio engineer, finished among the top winners in the preparation shoot for the West Virginia State Trap Shoot.



Major Appliances In Homes On American Electric Power System

	Ranges	Water Heaters	Clothes Dryers	Total Units
Appalachian	274,506	101,541	60,421	436,468
Indiana & Michigan	165,625	105,547	96,506	367,678
Kentucky	41,688	12,738	8,745	63,171
Kingsport	15,039	13,849	3,334	32,222
Ohio	255,482	103,237	112,239	470,958
Wheeling	13,763	3,432	8,073	25,268
Total AEP System	766,103	340,344	289,318	1,395,765

Station Serves Growing Ashland



More electricity to serve a growing Ashland is the result of the completion of this new station at 41st Street and Winchester Avenue. The 1,000 Kva station steps power down from 33,000 to 4160 volts.

Wedding Bells Ring For Fourteen Couples



Married in recent weeks were those brides and grooms pictured above. **FIRST ROW** from left: Mrs. Ruel DeLane Ball, Huntington; Mrs. Ronald E. Perry, Charleston; and Mrs. Belvard Gillette Prichard, Huntington. **SECOND ROW** from left: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Chambers, Bluefield; and Mr. and Mrs. James Vandever Nabors, Jr., Bluefield. **THIRD ROW** from left: Mrs. Keith Benner Mullin, Point Pleasant; Mrs.

Jay Wilson Dorff III, Welch; Mrs. Earl Sidney Freeman, Glen Lyn plant; and Mrs. George D. Arrington, Clinch River plant. **FOURTH ROW** from left: Mrs. Charles Dean Stover, Welch; Mrs. Price Copley, Williamson; Mrs. Robert Christopher Pierle, Jr., Logan plant; and Mrs. James Edward Taliaferro, System.

Trammell-Pierle

Carol Beatrice Trammell and Robert Christopher Pierle, Jr., were married August 26 in Lebanon. Mrs. Pierle is the stepdaughter of Elias Adams, Logan plant assistant boiler operator.

Whittington-Chambers

Mary Ruth Whittington became the bride of Keith Chambers in a ceremony performed September 6 at the First Methodist Church of Bluefield. Mrs. Chambers is a secretarial stenographer and Mr. Chambers is an electronics engineer in Bluefield.

Dodd-Nabors

Diane Dodd and James Vandever Nabors, Jr., were united in marriage at the College Avenue Baptist Church of Bluefield on August 27. Mrs. Nabors is the daughter of James S. Dodd, Bluefield district rural and residential sales supervisor.

Croft-Gillespie

Gertrude Croft and Harvey Gillespie, Jr., were married August 16 at the Grove Avenue Methodist Church in Radford. Mr. Gillespie is a Clinch River plant test engineer.

Mullins-Stover

Nancy Lee Mullins and Charles Dean Stover were united in marriage August 30 in a double ring ceremony performed at the home of the groom's uncle. Mr. Stover is a groundman in Welch.

Counts-Arrington

Sandra B. Counts became the bride of George D. Arrington in a double ring ceremony performed August 29 at the Elk Garden Methodist Church. Mrs. Arrington is a Clinch River plant clerk-stenographer.

Clay-Copley

August 30 was the date for the marriage of Dorothy Clay and Price Copley at the Coalwood Methodist Church. Mr. Copley is a Williamson T&D clerk.

Francis-Freeman

The Cashmere Baptist Church was the scene September 12 of the wedding of Betty Jane Francis and Earl Sidney Freeman. Mrs. Freeman is a clerk-typist at Glen Lyn Plant and the daughter of O. E. Francis, equipment operator at the plant. Mr. Freeman is a utility operator at Glen Lyn Plant.

McCoy-Mullin

A double ring ceremony performed by the bride's father September 21 in the Heights Evangelical United Brethren Church joined Donna Marie McCoy and Keith Benner Mullin. Mrs. Mullin is a Point Pleasant district commercial clerk-stenographer. Elizabeth K. Mattox, Point Pleasant engineering clerk-stenographer, was the soloist and Phyllis A. Miller, Point Pleasant personnel clerk-stenographer, was the organist.

Evans-Perry

Peggy Joyce Evans and Ronald E. Perry were married September 6 at the Jeannette Baptist Church in Edmond. Mrs. Perry is a cashier in the Montgomery office of Charleston district.

Marrs-Dorff

The Presbyterian Church of Warm Springs was the scene of the September 6 wedding of Barbara Lynn Marrs and Jay Wilson Dorff III. Mrs. Dorff is a commercial clerk-stenographer in Welch.

Golden Years



Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams of Crumpler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 17. They are the parents of Fred Adams, Welch line inspector. The Adamses have 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. To celebrate the golden anniversary, the couple held open house at their home.

Dunn-Ball

Barbara Ann Dunn became the bride of Ruel DeLane Ball in a ceremony performed September 6 at the Baptist Temple in Huntington. Mrs. Ball is the daughter of Carl M. Dunn, Huntington district residential and rural sales supervisor.

Adkins-Prichard

Leona Elizabeth Adkins and Belvard Gillette Prichard were united in marriage September 5 at the Wayne Methodist Church. Mrs. Prichard is a home service representative in Huntington.

Nelson-Taliaferro

A double-ring ceremony performed September 6 in the Salem Church of Christ united Rixine Nelson and James Edward Taliaferro. Mrs. Taliaferro is a system purchasing clerk-stenographer in Roanoke.

New Arrivals

Beckley District

MR. AND MRS. R. L. BURNAM, a daughter, Roberta Hope, August 30. Mr. Burnam is an auto repairman.

Bluefield District

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT B. HERALD, JR., a son, Albert B., III August 28. Mr. Herald is a Pearisburg T&D clerk.

Charleston District

MR. AND MRS. JAMES H. ESTEP, a daughter, Teresa Lee, September 3. Mr. Estep is a groundman.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD LOY, a daughter, Teresa Lynn, September 1. Mr. Loy is a commercial sales representative.

MR. AND MRS. J. D. PORTER, a daughter, Jan Dee, September 5. Mr. Porter is a dealer sales representative.

Glen Lyn Plant

MR. AND MRS. LEONARD MCKENZIE, a daughter, Lillian Elaine, September 13. Mr. McKenzie is a maintenance foreman.

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. W. E. CHILDERS, a son, William Roland, August 27. Mr. Childers is a utility operator.

Logan Plant

MR. AND MRS. ARLIE V. PACK, a daughter, Janell, September 6. Mr. Pack is an electrical maintenance helper.

Point Pleasant District

MR. AND MRS. HARRY L. CHAMBERS, a daughter, Tamre Sue, August 23. Mrs. Chambers is a former commercial clerk-stenographer and Mr. Chambers is a material clerk.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH C. MORRIS, a son, Douglas Ken, September 12. Mr. Morris is a T&D clerk.

Pulaski District

MR. AND MRS. LESTER J. AYERS, a daughter, Betty Jean, August 25. Mr. Ayers is an assistant hydro operator at Byllesby.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. PAUL E. HUBER, a daughter, Cheryl Annette, August 19. Mr. Huber is a labor janitor foreman.

MR. AND MRS. JACK STEWART, a son, Timothy Jack, September 15. Mr. Stewart is a laborer.

System

MR. AND MRS. J. W. KEPNER, a daughter, Amy Jo, September 4. Mr. Kepner is assistant superintendent of system operating in Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. NORWOOD C. TURNER, a son, Norwood Cordell, Jr., September 16. Mr. Turner is a system accounting employee in Roanoke.

Williamson District

MR. AND MRS. HENRY D. HATFIELD, a daughter, Susan D., September 12. Mr. Hatfield is head material clerk.

Cabin Creek Plant

MR. AND MRS. J. W. PULLEN, a son, William Ralph, September 5. Mr. Pullen is a maintenance foreman.

State 4-H Honors Go To Two Youths

"Bananas And Their Nutritious Value" won third place in the West Virginia 4-H work demonstrations for two Point Pleasant girls.

Patricia Miller and Janet Eshenaur compiled and presented the demonstration. Patricia is the sister of Phyllis Miller, Point Pleasant personnel clerk-stenographer and leader of the girls' 4-H Club, the Tip Top Toppers.

On their climb to the state honor, the girls won out in the county at County Day Achievement and the Regional Demonstration Contest in Roane County.

Both have been in 4-H work for five years, but this is the first year they have worked together as a team.

They're Engaged

VICTORIA SUSAN PERRY to Fred L. Rhodes. Mr. Rhodes is a Charleston draftsman.

DELORES ESKINS to John Atkins. Mr. Atkins is a Charleston co-op student.

MARY E. MULLINS to S. V. Caudle. Mr. Caudle is a test engineer at Kanawha River Plant.

BARBARA THABET to James Norman. Miss Thabet is a Charleston home service representative.

Home Service Girls Co-Host TV Show



Two Beckley district home service representatives are presenting a weekly television show over WOAY-TV in Oak Hill, W. Va. Miss Jennie Gaziano and Miss Ruth Ellen Thomas alternate in giving the 30-minute Friday afternoon show "For The Women." Here, Miss Gaziano whips up a cake batter during one of her presentations. The show features demonstrations of electrical appliances with household hints for the homemaker.

New Pulaski Areas Lighted



Area serviceman W. M. King and J. B. Nickols, meter serviceman, work on new street lights in a recently annexed section of Pulaski. The lights in this section were mounted on upsweep arms to effectively serve each lane of the divided highway.

To provide night-time illumination for Pulaski's newest citizens, 172 street lights have been installed by Appalachian.

At a cost of \$23,000, the lights have been placed in recently annexed portions of the city. On U. S. Route 11 approaches to town, lights of 4,000 lumens were installed. At the eastern entrance, which is a divided highway, lights were mounted on 16-foot upsweep arms.

In strictly residential sections, lights of 2,500 lumens were used.

Recently the city area was expanded to include 1.83 square miles, adding 2,500 citizens to the population.

A. E. Williams, Meterman, Retires



Mr. Williams

Ambrose E. Williams, Charleston district meterman, retired October 1 after 41 years' service.

Mr. Williams joined the Consolidated Light, Heat and Power Company, an Appalachian predecessor, in 1916. Ten years later, he joined what is now Ohio Power Company. In 1928 he rejoined Appalachian in the Charleston district as a meterman. He became a meter tester in 1937 and became meterman-A in 1944.

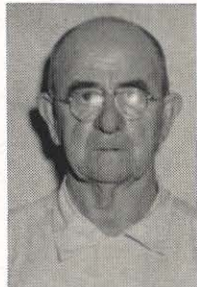
Speaking of his association with the company he said: "Everyone has been wonderful to work with from top management on down the line." When he first began servicing meters, he recalls, 100-kwh per month was high usage for a family.

About the accuracy of meters, he said: "Nine out of 10 times when we check a meter there is nothing wrong with it. It can usually be explained by new appliances being added, or the family being away on vacation or something which causes noticeable differences in consumption."

A native of Dingus, Ky., he plans to move to Arizona. Among hobbies, he counts wiring, plumbing, carpentry, landscaping and stone masonry.

Masonry, Carpentry Keep Retiree Busy

Residents of Matewan, W. Va. often call upon J. T. "Jay-Bird" Harrold, retired employee of the Williamson district, when they need carpentry or masonry work done.



Mr. Harrold

Since his retirement in February 1947, Mr. Harrold has done various odd jobs asked of him.

In addition to his carpentry and masonry work, Mr. Harrold is an active member of the Red Men and the Eagles. He enjoys gardening and the growing of flowers as a hobby. Now 77 years young, Mr. Harrold recently got a "butch" haircut to keep cooler while he works.

Mr. Harrold is married and has 7 children and 17 grandchildren. He is quite proud that his father, age 97, and his mother, age 96, are living and are still active.

Employee Killed By Line Contact



Mr. DeShazo

J. A. DeShazo, Fieldale district lineman, was electrocuted September 2 when he came in contact with a 6,900-volt line leading into a transformer.

An employee for 21 years, he had served as groundman and was promoted to lineman in 1946. Born in Spencer County in 1903, he lived most of his life in Henry County and Martinsville. He was a member of the Old Well Christian Church at Spencer and the Piedmont Commandery No. 152, Masonic Order.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, his father, three sisters and three brothers. Funeral services were held at the McKee Chapel in Martinsville with burial in Oakwood.

Pearisburg Group Takes "Aid" Course

Eighteen Pearisburg employees in the Bluefield district have recently completed first aid training. Instructors for the class were C. M. Fletcher and Ray T. Eskew.

Receiving certificates were: David R. Whittaker, Earl A. Jackson, Jr., Charles A. Peirce, J. Leonard Hale, David R. Mann, Jerry C. Umberger, Albert B. Herald, Jr., Charles M. McCrady, James R. Boulton, Willie B. Rasnake, Sally F. Litz, Clifford L. Dunigan, Orville R. Taylor, Wiley B. Buchanan, Jr., Mary Kirby, David M. Davis, William H. Lineberry and Harry B. Boyd.

Charleston Employee Leaves For Service

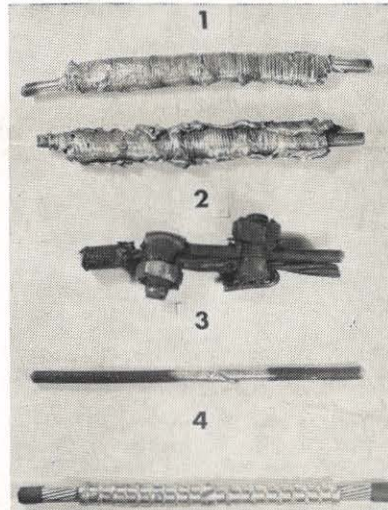
Eli J. Wooten, Charleston district station man helper, entered military service September 11.



Mr. Wooten

Mr. Wooten joined the company in January 1954 in the T&D station section. He is married and a graduate of Shady Springs High School.

Old-Type Splices Found In Bluefield Compared To New



... the old and the new ...

An old tower line through the residential section of south Bluefield produced some rare 30-year-old splices recently when the line was reworked.

Work on the line constituted the final phase of a project to convert Bluefield from 4-kv to 12-kv operation.

The two splices under No. 1 were probably made when the line was built. The 4/0 solid copper wire was lapped about nine inches. The splice was then wound with No. 10 copper, and solder was poured over the winding. Although the splice has held over the years, it would not be adequate for the ever-increasing loads of today.

No. 2, a split-bolt connection, was probably the result of a breakdown in the line. A piece of 4/0 stranded has been spliced into the solid copper line.

Since it was covered by the original insulation, No. 3 is a factory splice.

No. 4 is a modern compression splice using a copper, crimped sleeve to link two segments of stranded copper.

Originally a part of the old Bluefield-Pulaski circuit, the line which yielded splices 1 through 3 has served south Bluefield for many years at 4-kv from the west end station.

Sunday School Class Idea Becomes Hobby For Kingsport Employee, Wife



Jesse Carter, Kingsport head material clerk, and his wife display some of the figurines they have produced as a hobby. Each of the characters is hand painted and of plywood construction.

An idea to create interest in a Sunday School class has developed into a hobby for Jesse Carter, Kingsport head material clerk, and his wife.

While Mrs. Carter's primary class was studying Japan last fall, she hit upon the idea of making small statuettes or figurines to emphasize lessons. The hand-painted, plywood figurines have become popular with children, and the Carters have produced over 400 since production began.

Mr. Carter cuts out the figures while his wife, Virginia, traces the drawings onto the boards and colors them. Mr. Carter says he can cut out a figure in about five minutes. The painting takes somewhat longer, Mrs. Carter states.

The Carter's two boys have decorated their room with the statuettes varying from cowboys to sports cars.

Valley Tapped MVP By His Team

Honors are piling up on Ben Valley as he moves up through the minor leagues on his way to the majors.

This season, playing every position for the Danville Leafs, except pitcher, at one time or another, he was nominated for the Class B Carolina League's most valuable player award, and was named the most valuable player on the Danville squad by his teammates.

Last season, playing for the Class C Northern League St. Cloud Rocs, he was also named his team's most valuable player.

The son of L. F. Valley, Abingdon district area supervisor, Ben is actually a second baseman, the position he was playing at the end of the season for Danville when other regulars recovered from injuries. Danville, a farm club of the San Francisco Giants, was at or near the top of the loop all season.

Co-Captain



Joel Millikan, son of R. F. Millikan, Kentucky Power general safety and employee relations supervisor, was recently elected co-captain of the Ashland High "Tomcats." Joel, a 5-foot, 8-inch, 163-pound senior, plays guard and doubles as a kicker.

Lynchburg Team Has 16-8 Record



The Lynchburg district softball squad completed the season with a 16-8 record in an 8-team industrial league. Members of the team, seated from left, are Ray Thomas, Andy Crews, Bill Robertson, Rudy Wooten, Jack Collins, Jim Dorman and George Stone. Standing from left are: Sam Glass, manager, Tom Witt, captain, David Blondino, Doug Fuqua, Emmett Kidd and Tom Sandidge. Absent for the photo were George Volk, Earl Driskill, Richard Cash, Billy Lemar, Joe Wilson and Russell Franklin.

Kentucky Stages 1st Annual Golf Tourney; Winners Decided In Eight Different Flights

Champions were crowned after two full days of play as the first annual Kentucky Power Company Invitational Golf Tournament was staged the middle of September.

R. B. Weddle, Pikeville distribution engineer, copped the championship trophy. G. S. Dunn, Appalachian public relations director, was runner-up in the championship flight.

More than 30 golfers entered and qualified the morning of the first day of the tourney, which was played on the golf course at the Old Pikeville Country Club. These golfers came from the Ashland, Hazard and Pikeville districts of Kentucky Power, Williamson district of Appalachian and a group from Roanoke.

Mr. Weddle



Teeing off on the No. 3 hole during the first annual Kentucky Power Company Invitational Golf Tourney is C. H. Fields of Pikeville. Waiting their turns are from left: W. R. Miller, Pikeville; U. K. Vaught, Appalachian system in Roanoke; and J. M. Wood, Pikeville. The youth on the bench was caddy.

Theme of the tourney was homecoming, since most of the Appalachian participants worked for Kentucky Power in the past.

Actual competition began after

Roanoke Baseballer's Stickwork, Fielding Help Team To Little League Championship

A threat at the plate and in the field, Mack McClung paced his team to the Paul Coffee Little League championship in Roanoke this season.

The son of W. A. McClung, system supervisor of advertising and publications, played shortstop for the Raleigh Court Lions. His .388 batting average was second high on the team. Among his hits he had a home run, a triple and five doubles.

His coach had this to say about his play in the field: "His brilliant defensive play on several occasions turned what seemed like sure defeat into victory."

After winning the regular season title with a 14-2 record, Raleigh Court went on to take two of three games from the Police Athletic League squad in the play-offs.

Eleven years old and weighing 67 pounds, Mack will play halfback for the Raleigh Court 100-pound sandlot football team this fall.



An extra-base hit or a bunt—adept at both is Mack McClung, who paced his Little League team to the championship in Roanoke this season.

Hole In One



R. A. Fields returned to golf with a bang this year after a six-year layoff. The Kanawha River plant shift operating engineer recently shot a hole-in-one on the 135-yard par three No. 3 hole at the Hawks Nest Country Club, using an 8 iron. Prior to his layoff he had played golf for 15 years.

Keene Achieves Golfer's Dream

That dream of all golfers, a hole in one, came true recently for Archie Keene.

The Stuart area meter serviceman of the Fieldale district, dropped one in on No. 3 hole from the tee on the Mount Airy Golf Course. The hole is 150 yards long.

The shot became the first "Ace of the Year" for a Virginia player on the course.

lunch the first day and carried over to the next day. A dinner for all golfers was held the first night.

In addition to the championship flight winners, other victors and runners-up included:

First Flight—E. E. King, Williamson district superintendent, winner; W. S. LaFon, Kentucky assistant general manager, Ashland, runner-up.

Second Flight—J. M. Wood, Pikeville power sales engineer, winner; Bill Barnett, Pikeville district personnel supervisor, runner-up.

Third Flight—W. R. Miller, Pikeville distribution engineer, winner; C. A. McClung, Pikeville district meter supervisor, runner-up.

Fourth Flight—Herbert Charles, Hazard records supervisor, winner; G. D. Ison, Pikeville engineering aide, runner-up.

Fifth Flight—C. A. Zoellers, Hazard district commercial manager, winner; H. H. Kincaid, Pikeville district manager, runner-up.

Sixth Flight—John W. Scholtens, administrative assistant, Ashland, winner; R. F. Millikan, general safety and employee relations supervisor, Ashland, runner-up.

Seventh Flight—C. A. McKinney, Pikeville district superintendent, winner; Charles Stayton, Ashland utility clerk, runner-up.

Seabiscuit Stars As Team Goes To Region Finals

Robert "Seabiscuit" Simmons continued his record as one of the top softball pitchers in the Virginia area this season, leading his team to the regionals of the national championship.

Pitching for the Phillips 66 Oilers in the Roanoke A League, the Roanoke district groundman ran up a season record of 24 wins and six losses, including one no-hitter. Pitching against the top competition in the city, state and region of the country, he struck out 258 and walked only 28 in the 30 games.

He now has pitched for the Roanoke A League championship team for the tenth straight year. When Phillips won locally this year, the team entered the state tournament, winning three games for the title. Seabiscuit won all three, giving up no runs in the tourney. In the regional play-offs, where Phillips lost in the finals, Seabiscuit won one and lost one, both by 1-0 scores.

He is well known in our companies, pitching for Roanoke in many company softball tournaments.

Romero Strokes Swimming Record For Philpott With 9-Mile Marathon

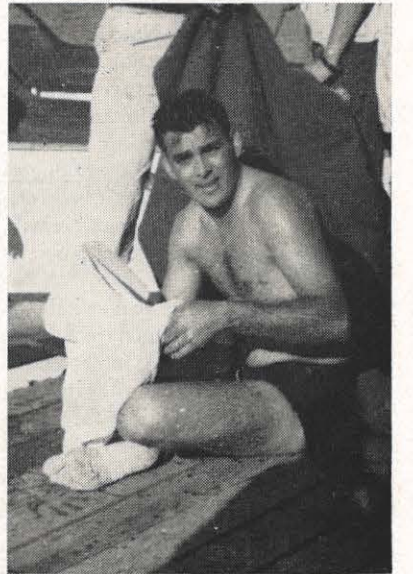
An employee's husband has set a distance swimming record on Philpott Lake.

Mac Romero, whose wife Betty, works in the Fieldale meter department, swam nine miles from Union Bridge in Franklin County to the dam. During the 7-hour swim, he used four varieties of strokes.

A swimming enthusiast, Mr. Romero often swam a mile before breakfast when living in his native Cuba. This was his first attempt, however, at swimming more than four miles at a time.

N. M. Harlowe, Jr., whose wife Audrey is a Fieldale managerial employee, made arrangements for the swim and followed Mr. Romero by boat. Progress of the venture was followed closely by local radio stations, and the finish was recorded by TV and newspapers.

Mr. Romero has lived in this country for nine years. He attended Riverside Military Academy and is a graduate of National Business College. He is a Red Cross swimming instructor and is a member of the Fieldale Baptist Church, where he teaches Sunday School.



Still dripping, Mac Romero uses a towel to dry himself after completing a grueling 7-hour swim in Philpott Lake. Mr. Romero, whose wife Betty is a Fieldale employee, swam nine miles in the lake from Union Bridge to the dam.

Logan Softball Team Makes Semi-Finals

The Logan plant-district softball team has completed a successful season in the 6-team businessmen's league. The Kilowatts advanced to semi-final play where they were defeated by the league leader 5-3.

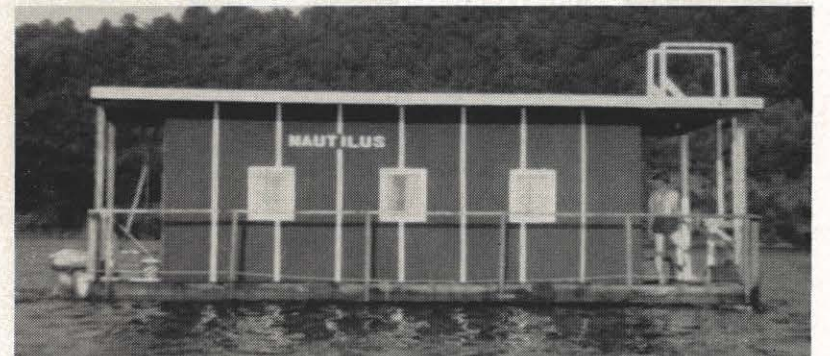
Team members were: R. L. McComas, manager, M. C. Porterfield, Jr., J. L. Spicer, J. B. Bell, W. Z. Lee, N. R. Pridemore, W. W. Chambers, F. Queen, C. W. Broughton, A. Ashburn, H. S. Jimison and Coonie Hager.

Church Loop Teams Feature Employees

Eight Point Pleasant employees played on various teams in the City Church Softball League this year.

Trinity Methodist won the league title, with the help of T. J. Rose, meter record clerk, and Clarence Donahue, lineman. W. H. Stricklen, line foreman, played for the Baptist-Episcopal team, G. K. Roach, meter reader, was on the Nazarene Church club and F. E. Wolfe, appliance serviceman, played for St. Paul Methodist. The Bellemeade E.U.B. Church team boasted C. A. Simmons, electrical engineer, Keith Shinn, engineering aide, and Fred Nibert, T&D clerk.

Employees Build "Nautilus"



Under way on South Holston Lake is the Nautilus, built by four Clinch River plant employees. The houseboat is described as a "recreation paradise" in spite of the fact that skeptics said "it couldn't be done."

The "Nautilus" was christened recently on South Holston Lake by four Clinch River plant employees.

Bearing no resemblance to the atomic sub of the same name, this Nautilus is a 30 x 14-foot houseboat built by employees Jack Facemire, Gene Spitzer, Perry Smith and John Ward.

The name was suggested by skeptics who felt it would do most of its sailing under water like the submarine. "Some said it was top heavy, and others said it was so big it would sink," says Mr. Facemire who designed the craft. "Now," he laughs, "they're out at the lake looking for rides."

The boat, which took 15 months of construction time, has a 22 x 10-foot cabin, a grill for cooking, a sunbathing deck and diving platform, cabinets, windows, a sink and connections for a power line from shore. It is pushed by a 25 h.p. motor and floated by 25 oil drums.

The men estimate that about 400 manhours of labor went into the construction. The longest single period of work was seven hours, when wall sections and roof panels were erected.

W. W. Zoellers Has Winning Team

William W. Zoellers has managed his Babe Ruth League baseball team to a championship 1958 season.



Mr. Zoellers

This is the second time in four years that the Pikeville distribution engineer's team has won league honors. Mr. Zoeller's team, which was the Jaycee entry in the league, won 13 and lost 5 during regular season play.

Serving on the team were five sons of Kentucky Power employees. They were Don and Lynn Williamson, sons of deceased Hylton Williamson, lineman; Jay Collier, whose father is Jesse Collier, lineman; Billy Burke, son of James Burke, groundman and Bobby Rutherford, son of Martha Rutherford, cashier.

Wins Pleasure Craft Race



James Bowman, Kingsport Utilities appliance serviceman, has won the first pleasure craft race to be held in the Kingsport area. Pushed by a 60-h.p. motor, Mr. Bowman's boat averaged 40 mph around the half-mile closed-circuit course. About 15 boats with motors ranging from 40 to 70 hp entered the race which was sponsored by the South Holston Conservation Club.

First Switching Conversion Made At Sporn

The new breaker-and-one-half switching arrangement has been put into service on Bay No. 5 of the Philip Sporn 132-kv station.

This is the first change-over in the project to convert the entire station to the new switching scheme. The breaker-and-one-half arrangement utilizes three oil circuit breakers for two circuits instead of one breaker per circuit as under the dual-bus set-up.

The new system reduces switching time to a minimum when removing equipment from service for maintenance. Only 10 minutes of switching time are required under the new system as compared to about an hour for the dual-bus scheme.

Also, the new arrangement makes



Lindsey B. Ferguson, regional chief dispatcher, throws a switch in the Philip Sporn station control room putting the new breaker-and-one-half system in Bay No. 5 into operation. Kermitt Ford, assistant regional chief dispatcher, watches.

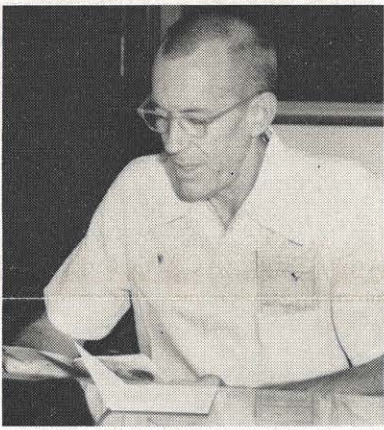
it possible for both buses to be in service at all times unless work on the entire bus is necessary. Under the

State Officer Given Sales Talk In Bluefield

Helen Holt, West Virginia secretary of state, was guest speaker of the Bluefield Senior Woman's Club recently at the Appalachian auditorium.

After appearing on the program, Mrs. Holt was shown the demonstration kitchen set up there.

John W. Layne Is Recent Retiree



John Walter Layne, Charleston district heating and builder sales representative, reads the card to the retirement gift he received from fellow employees. The card read "Have Cooler—Will Deliver." It indicated that a one-ton air conditioner had been sent to Mr. Layne's Orlando, Fla., home.

John Walter "Jay Bob" Layne, Charleston district heating and builder sales representative, retired recently because of ill health.

Mr. Layne joined the company in 1927 as record clerk and stenographer in the meter department. He was promoted to chief clerk in 1937. After serving in the Navy from 1943-45, he returned to the meter department and became meter record clerk in 1950. He became a commercial sales representative in 1955 and a year later was made heating and builder sales representative.

A native of El Paso, Texas, he studied law at West Virginia University. Married, he is the father of one son. He has moved to Orlando, Fla., to spend his retirement.

old scheme, one bus carried a major portion of the load when a breaker was taken from service.

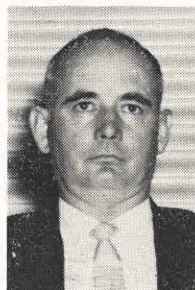
Kentucky Employee Named As "Colonel"

A Pikeville district employee has been commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Governor A. B. Chandler.

Lawrence M. Newsom, engineering department records supervisor, received the honor for outstanding community service. The commission mentions specifically his work with Little League and Babe Ruth League baseball teams.

Active in 4-H work, he is a member of the 4-H Council in Pike County and has served on the Extension Service Council.

Mr. Newsom joined Kentucky Power in 1941 as a rodman and in 1943 became a draftsman. In 1948 he was promoted to engineering and moved up to his present position in 1950.



Mr. Newsom

Damages Caused By Three Storms

Three severe wind and rain storms hit the Williamson district recently causing service outages and in one case damaging a fair.

A storm that hit the town of Matewan caused a service outage of three hours and 15 minutes. A three-phase, 4,000-volt circuit and arc-circuit came into contact and burned. In addition, 50 street lights burned out and had to be replaced.

In another storm, about 2,200 customers in a 20-mile area from Delbarton, W. Va., to East Fork of 12 Pole Creek were without service when a tree fell into a distribution line. The tree, which was growing about 100 feet off company right-of-way, was caught by the wind and tumbled into the line.

A twister-type storm hit the Matewan Fair blowing down booths and damaging displays. The storm hit without warning and exhibitors had no time to anchor booths or protect displays.

City Teachers Tour Kingsport Stations

During Kingsport's 9th Business-Education Day, 15 city school teachers toured the facilities of Kingsport Utilities.

In charge of the tour was Jack Isley, supervisor of area development. The teachers were shown a film, the Holston station and the Highland distribution station.

Electricity From Atom, Philo Unit Discussed At World-Wide Conferences

Our three companies, and the rest of the American Electric Power System, were represented at two international conferences in September.

President Philip Sporn attended the second Atoms-For-Peace Conference in Geneva, Switzerland the first week of the month. He is a member of the Edison Electric Institute Committee of Atomic Power which presented a paper describing the nuclear power program of investor-owned companies in the United States.

Delegates from 66 nations heard progress reports from many countries. However, all the reports emphasized there is no cheap or easy way to get electric power from the atom. Another five years, at least, is the earliest any major nation foresees being able to produce atom power as cheaply as with coal or other conventional fuel, according to these reports.

At the September 7-11 World Power Conference in Montreal, Canada, presentation was made of a paper written by Mr. Sporn and

S. N. Fiala, AEP Service Corporation vice president and chief engineer. Their subject was the "Evaluation Of Supercritical Pressure Steam Plants Based Upon The First-Time Operating Experience At Philo."

Representing the AEP System was J. A. Tillinghast, Service Corporation staff engineer. About 1,000 delegates from 50 countries attended the conference that stressed "economic trends in the production, transportation and utilization of fuel and energy."

Roy Foster Elected To High Church Post

Roy M. Foster, Roanoke area sales representative, has been elected Moderator of the first district of Virginia Church of the Brethren.

This is the first time a layman has been named to this position in the first district. He was also first layman in the district to serve as a member of the Standing Committee to the annual conference of the church.

A Sunday School superintendent and teacher, he has served the church as a member of the National Men's Cabinet and the Church Extension Commission. Active in civic affairs, he has served as president and secretary of the Colonial Ruritan Club.

Mr. Foster joined the company in 1926 as a clerk in the meter department. He was promoted to his present position in 1944. Married, he has three sons.



Mr. Foster

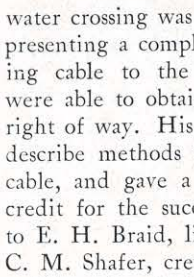
Employees Write For AEP 'Notes'



Mr. McColgan Mr. Knight

One Charleston and two Kanawha River plant employees wrote articles for the September issue of AEP's *Monthly Operating Notes*.

T. J. O'Connor, Charleston station engineer, was the author of "Installing Cables On A Bridge." He described how clamping cable to a bridge solved the problem of providing a second source of power to East Charleston over the Kanawha River. A river crossing span was not feasible because of lack of tower space, and an under-

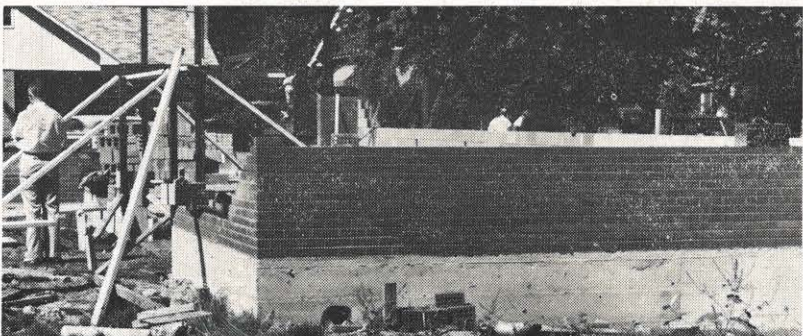


Mr. O'Connor

water crossing was too expensive. By presenting a complete plan of clamping cable to the bridge, engineers were able to obtain approval for the right of way. His article went on to describe methods used to install the cable, and gave a large part of the credit for the success of the project to E. H. Braid, line supervisor, and C. M. Shafer, crew foreman.

"Stamping And Storing Recorder Charts" was written by W. W. McColgan, results engineer, and C. L. Knight, results helper, of Kanawha River plant. The men described a charts rack and stamp-holding board they devised to save three-fourths of the time formerly needed to prepare round recording charts weekly. They concluded their article by saying the new method of stamping and assembling the charts saves 156 man-hours a year.

Paintsville Office Takes Shape



The new office building at Paintsville in the Pikeville district is taking shape. Concrete for the foundation has been poured and contractors are laying the concrete block and brick walls. The new building will consolidate facilities in the Paintsville area, enabling the company to better serve customers there.

Two Boys Benefit From First Aid

First aid training for employees has paid off again, this time in the Welch district.

Sam Fain and Wyatt Ratliff, Grundy meter readers, recently assisted two young boys who had been injured when their motorcycle wrecked. One of the boys suffered a deep, badly bleeding cut on his leg. Using their training, the two employees stopped the bleeding with compresses and bandaged the wound.

They also treated both boys for shock.

Short Hops and Long

Unusual Way Of Getting To Work Used By Air-Minded Clinch River Employees



Pausing beside their plane at the Clinchfield Coal Company's Carbo airstrip are from left: Lewis Lawrence, Edison Counts and Gene Spitzer.

Every morning and afternoon on their way to and from work, two Clinch River men are logging another few minutes of air time.

The two, Gene Spitzer and Lewis Lawrence, fly their own plane which they own with Edison Counts, from their private airfield in Abingdon to a Carbo airfield and back each day. All three are members of the plant construction department, and figure they save at least 70 minutes a day using this modern mode of transportation.

In July 1957 Mr. Spitzer and Mr. Lawrence joined with Harold Crawford to buy their Piper Tri-Pacer. When Mr. Crawford was transferred to I&M's Breed plant, Mr. Counts became the third partner.

In the last year, the three have logged over 500 hours of flying. Both

Spitzer and Lawrence have been to Florida and northern Indiana several times. Their total mileage, on week-ends and vacations, as well as each day, totals over 60,000 miles.

The plane was first hangared 40 miles from Abingdon at the Tri-City Airport. After a search of the area, they located and leased a field about two miles from Abingdon. Required excavation, grading and removal of trees and fences was completed by volunteer labor, using borrowed machinery. The final result was an airstrip 2,100 feet long and 50 feet wide, complete with wind sock and tie-down brackets to accommodate 10 planes.

On the other end, near work, they use the Clinchfield Coal Company's airstrip at Carbo, about a mile from the plant.