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Annual AEP System Managers Meeting To Be Held In Roanoke November 10-12

The 1958 annual American Electric Power System Managers Meeting will be held in Roanoke November 10-12.

This will be the eleventh such meeting. Last year it was held at Fort Wayne, Ind., the year before at Canton, Ohio, and in 1955 at Huntington. Sessions during the three-day meeting will be held at Hotel Roanoke.

Philip Sporn, president of AEP and of our companies, will open this year's meeting with his annual address. Two main subjects will occupy managers during the three days: sales and operating economies.

Making up the general arrangements committee for the meeting are G. S. Dunn, system public relations director, chairman; G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager; R. E. Hodges, assistant Appalachian general manager; and

F. G. Lippert, director of personnel administration for the AEP Service Corporation.

Serving with these men will be C. O. Roberson, Appalachian administrative assistant, hotel reservations; J. A. Mundy, system employee relations supervisor, meeting facilities; E. L. Munday, assistant Roanoke district manager, office facilities; J. G. Harvey, Roanoke division personnel supervisor, and W. A. McClung, system advertising and publications supervisor, transportation; and W. P. Booker, Roanoke district manager, and Mr. Dunn, meals.

New York Office Going To Move

After half a century at the Hudson Terminal building at 30 Church Street in New York City, AEP system headquarters will move further downtown to a building under construction at 2 Broadway.

The 900 employees of our parent company and the service corporation expect to be moved by June 1959 into the 9th, 10th and 11th floors of the new 30-story building.

In announcing the move, President Philip Sporn said the new offices would provide comfortable and utilitarian quarters essential to the proper functioning and the carrying out of the service, management and administrative responsibilities of the AEP system for the years ahead.

AEP system headquarters are now located in parts of nine floors in the Hudson Terminal building. The new offices will be about one-half mile further downtown near Bowling Green and Battery Park.

AEP System Hits New Peak

The American Electric Power System exceeded 4,000,000-kw for the first time in the company's history, establishing a new all-time peak demand Monday, October 27.

The new peak of 4,132,000-kw was set from 11 a. m. to 12 noon. Earlier in the day, peaks of 4,012,000-kw, from 9 to 10 a. m., and 4,108,000-kw, from 10 to 11 a. m., had been established.

The previous all-time AEP system peak of 3,971,000-kw was hit September 29.

All-Electric Homes Popular At Clinch As Three Employees Get Medallions



Receiving their Gold Medallion Home certificates from Abingdon district manager Claud K. Kirkland are two of the three Clinch River plant employees who recently completed all-electric homes. From left are James E. Prater, Mr. Kirkland and P. B. Blizzard. T. E. Peay is the third plant employee with a Gold Medallion Home.

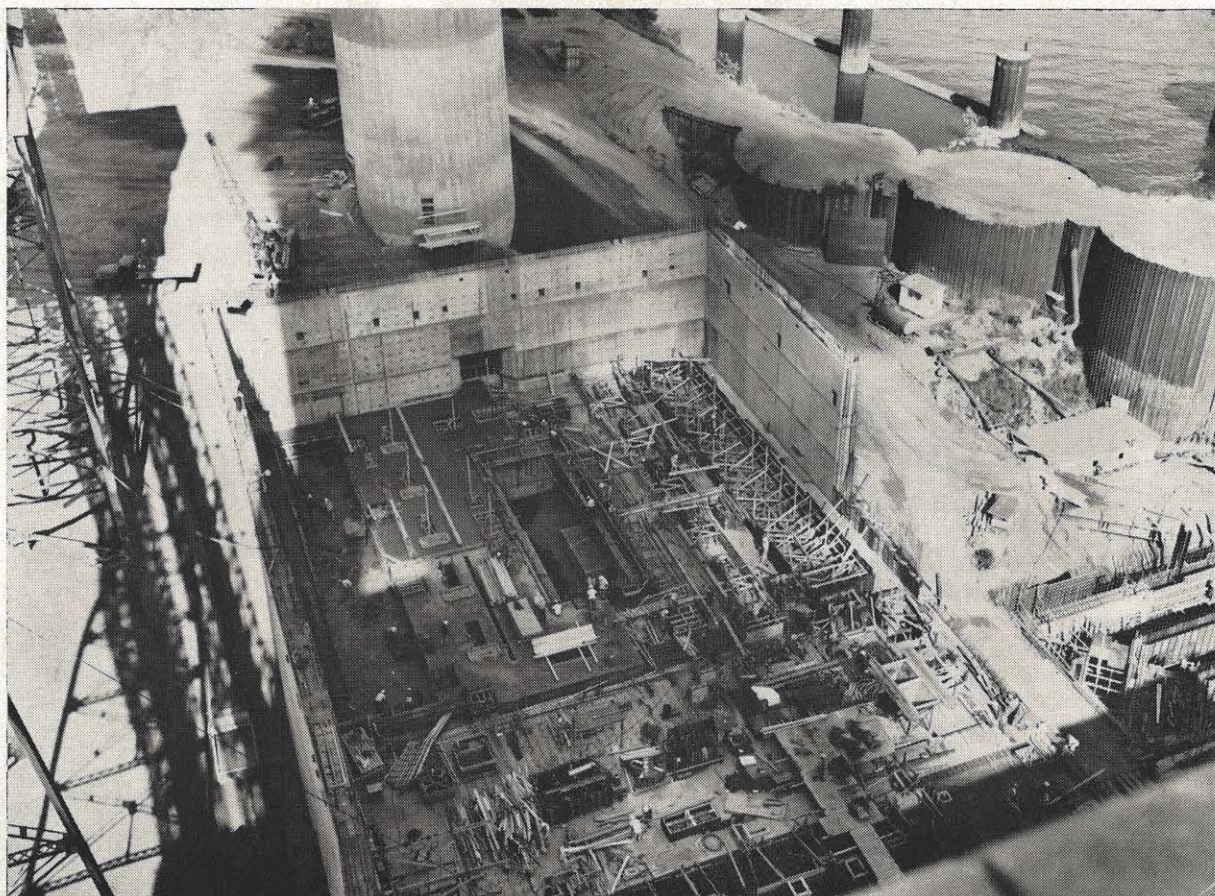
All-electric homes are extremely popular with Clinch River plant employees.

Three employees just completed Gold Medallion homes, and a recent survey of the plant showed that all employees who plan to build homes in the next year will heat them electrically. One employee who recently purchased a home has converted it to electric resistance heat.

The Gold Medallion Home owners are E. Page Ott, Thomas E. Peay and Paul B. Blizzard. Their homes

contain electric heat, meet certain wiring and lighting standards, and contain only electric appliances. These homes are located in Lebanon Manor in Lebanon, a new subdivision where 13 other all-electric homes have been built and six others are now being constructed.

The three Clinch River employees are the first in Russell County, and the first employees in the Abingdon district, to receive Gold Medallion Home certificates.



Work is progressing on many phases of the new unit being built at Philip Sporn plant. In this picture taken from the roof of the existing plant, most of the construction area can be seen. Part of the stack, over half com-

pleted, is in the rear. A coffer dam at right, serving as a retainer wall to keep the river from the foundation area, was completed last April, signaling the start of construction of the new unit.

Work Progresses On Sporn Unit

Work is progressing rapidly on the new 450,000 kilowatt unit under construction at Philip Sporn plant.

Concrete pouring on the \$60-million addition is at the halfway point with 25,000 cubic yards of concrete already poured. In addition, 120,000 square feet of wood forms and 1,600 tons of reinforcing steel have been placed for the substructure (that portion below ground level) of Unit 5.

Slated to begin soon is the erection of about 6,000 tons of steel for the superstructure. And rising slowly on its way to becoming a real landmark in the Ohio Valley is the new unit's 600-foot stack, tall as a 50-story building on completion. Although half of the stack can be seen above ground at present, more than half of the stack work is completed because the base is 38 feet below ground level. Diameter of the stack varies from about 42 feet at the base to about 17 feet at the top.

Million Kw

Upon completion in 1960, the new unit will raise Sporn plant's total generating capability to 1,050,000 kw. It is similar to another 450,000 kw unit being installed at Indiana & Michigan's Breed plant. At the times of their completions, these units will be the largest capacity machines in the history of the electric power industry. The Sporn unit will be theoretically capable of supplying the residential electric requirements of a city of 4-million people.

Coal Use

At full load, the new Sporn plant unit will consume about 150 tons of coal for every one of the 8,000 hours a year it is expected to operate—or almost 1.3-million tons of coal per year. This will raise Sporn plant's annual usage to almost 3-million tons.

Construction of the new addition began in April 1957. General con-

tractor is Sollitt Construction Company, which carried out general construction work on Sporn plant's four 150,000 kw units, the last of which was completed in 1952.

Coffer Dam

Pouring of concrete began in April 1958 after completion of a six-cell coffer dam that serves as a retaining wall to keep the river from flowing

into the foundation area. Most of the cells will be removed after plant completion.

General Electric Company will build the turbine-generator for the 450,000 kw unit, slated to have the nation's first water-cooled stator windings (instead of oil-cooled). The Babcock & Wilcox Company will build the unit's 23-story boiler, which will be of outdoor design.

Paul D. Brooks, Vice President, Dies

Paul D. Brooks, 53, commercial vice president in charge of sales for the American Electric Power System, died October 23 in the Englewood, New Jersey, Hospital following a four-week illness.

A 30-year veteran in the electric utility industry, Mr. Brooks was commercial vice president and a director of the AEP Service Corporation and also a vice president and director of the AEP System's six operating companies.

Funeral services were conducted October 25 at the Presbyterian Church, Tenafly, N. J., and interment was in Fountain City, Tenn. on October 27. Mr. Brooks, who resided at Tenafly, is survived by his wife, daughter, parents and two sisters.

He was well-known as a sales executive throughout the entire industry and had served on numerous national committees, including participation in activities of the Edison Electric Institute, trade association of the industry. Prior to joining AEP in 1954, he had been associated with Ebasco Services, Inc., of New York for 16 years and with Tennessee Public Service Company of Knoxville for nine years.

Mr. Brooks was born in Knoxville and was graduated from the University of Tennessee, receiving his BS degree in Electrical Engineering



Mr. Brooks

in 1929. He had joined Tennessee Public Service in 1928 as a commercial sales engineer. In 1929 he became supervisor of that company's rural department, in 1932, manager of an operating division, and in 1936, general sales manager.

He joined Ebasco in 1938 as a sales sponsor. He became assistant manager of the sales and marketing department in 1944 and manager of that department in 1950.

As commercial vice president for the AEP System, he directed the sale of electric power to 2,300 communities and 5-million people in seven states. In 1957, AEP power sales totaled 21.4-billion kilowatt-hours—an all-time record for a private utility system.

Freedom Or Socialism?

Whether a person is directly engaged in business or not, an understanding of our productive system is essential to intelligent citizenship. No one can afford to be unconcerned about efforts to undermine our economic strength and well-being.

One such effort in our country today is being made through socialism. Socialism is a political and economic theory of social organization based on collective or governmental ownership of the essential means of production and distribution of goods. Socialism works on the principle "from each according to his ability; to each according to his need." In other words, the government will take more goods from those who are able to produce more, and will give more to those who have the greatest need, regardless of their ability to produce.

Socialism eliminates private ownership and operation of business; it eliminates competition, since government owns or controls all industry and no one is left the freedom to compete. For investment capital, socialism uses the taxes of the people instead of—as in a free economy like ours—the profits of tax-paying private enterprise.

Symptoms of socialism are present in this country. We should learn to recognize them.

Attempts to destroy private enterprise in the electric power industry is an example. Such power groups as the Tennessee Valley Authority are socialistic in nature. Everyone in the country pays taxes to support TVA, which furnishes electric power to only a small portion of our population.

David Lawrence, public affairs commentator, in speaking of what he calls "galloping socialism," points out the great danger when one industry in a country becomes socialized. He says: "If it is desirable that the Federal Government knock private enterprise out of the electric light and power business in America, it is just as logical for the Federal Government to take over and operate the steel, copper, coal, oil, aluminum and other natural resource industries as well as automobiles, food and retail stores, railroads, bus lines, air lines and all the other businesses now handled by private enterprise and private investors."

Back in 1878, Senator Benjamin Harvey Hill said: "I do not dread these corporations (privately owned corporations) as instruments of power to destroy this country; because there are a thousand agencies which can regulate, restrain and control them; but there is a corporation we may all dread. That corporation is the federal government. From the aggression of this corporation there can be no safety . . ."

His warning then should mean even more to us now.

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Your Opinion

What are the basic differences between Socialism and Free Enterprise?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



BILL SCHWIETZER, Power Sales Engineer, Ashland

There are many differences between Socialism and Free Enterprise.

Perhaps the most fundamental difference is that in a free enterprise system the tools of production are owned by the individual people. In a socialistic system the tools of production are owned by the government.

Under the Free Enterprise system the wealth of the nation is produced and owned by the people and government is supported and controlled by the people. In the socialistic system the wealth of the nation is produced and owned by the government and the people are supported by the government.



INIS D. NEBEL, Commercial Stenographer, Huntington District

In order to understand this question, we would need a definition of socialism. Webster describes it as "A more equal division of property and the fruits of labor through common ownership."

Socialism aims to place ownership and control of the principal means of production and distribution in the hands of the people—usually through their government.

Free enterprise, on the other hand, leaves each person free to make his own decision in economic life, places means of production in private hands and allows each man an income somewhat in proportion to what his labor and other resources produce.



WINFRED H. HART, JR., Electrical Engineer, Roanoke

Socialism is defined as a theory that land,

industries, and goods produced should be owned, managed, and distributed by a government representing the people; any system aimed to put these ideas into practical application. Our government today, complex as it is, would be simple as compared to such a many-headed Hydra.

On the other hand, Free Enterprise as we citizens of the United States know it, is enjoying the liberty to undertake as an individual or in collaboration with others, a project or venture, with only the necessary restraints which we must be ever vigilant to keep reasonable.

Under this system of Free Enterprise, we enjoy the highest standard of living in the world. What stronger recommendation could be given any system of government?



C. S. LINGAR, Heating and Builder Sales Representative, Kingsport

Scarcity, need, and desire for goods and services impose upon all societies the necessity to organize some type of economic system.

Three primary decisions affecting available goods and services must be made. (1) Which of the needs and wants are to be satisfied and to what extent? (2) Who will produce the goods and services, with what resources and by which technological process? (3) How will the goods and services be distributed, i.e., who gets what and how much?

In an economy based on Socialism, the people rely largely on policies drawn up or approved by the governing body in determining the answers to these questions.

In a free-enterprise system prevailing markets and prices shape the decisions which are made by individuals or groups of individuals.



CORRIE B. GRAFF, Cashier, Beckley

The basic difference between Socialism and Free Enterprise is that Socialism deprives an individual of incentive, and Free Enterprise encourages it.

Socialism is a doctrine and movement aiming at collective organization in the interest of the people as a whole, with collective control of production and exchange. The aim is to abolish all private income, rent, interest and profits from such sources.

In sharp contrast to this ideology is the Free Enterprise system which emphasizes private initiative for individuals and the right to

organize industrial corporations and operate for personal gain on a fair and competitive basis.

In substance, Socialism demands governmental control and ownership—Free Enterprise advocates and promotes an economy with a minimum of governmental regulations and restrictions.

LONG LIVE FREE ENTERPRISE.



BARBARA B. MARSHALL, Hillville Cashier, Pulaski

To me the basic difference between Socialism and Free Enterprise can best be described by comparing slavery to freedom. Socialism is Free Enterprise in bondage, bound by the constricting red tape of a bureaucratic government.

A change from the Free Enterprise system to Socialistic form of government could lead to Communism. All present day communistic countries first accepted Socialism; none having made the transition directly from a government with Free Enterprise to Communism.

We then must be on guard to prevent Socialism from creeping into our lives. We should use our influence to steer others from it when we see its signs at hand.

A company such as ours could not, of course, exist under Socialism and the way of living which we enjoy would be impossible.



KENNETH L. FINLEY, Investment Accountant, Philip Sporn Plant

The basic difference between Socialism and Free Enterprise is that Socialism advocates public collective ownership of the means of production, public collective management of all industries and production for need and use instead of profit.

Private enterprise advocates the right to purchase through private capital natural resources, manufacture products derived from these natural resources in private industries for sale on the open market at a profit; thereby creating a competitive market.

Through this competitive market private corporations are constantly experimenting with new ways and means of producing better products for less and in doing so are in reality helping the common man by enabling him to purchase more products cheaper and by creating better working conditions.

Second Unit At Kammer In Operation; February Target Date For Third Unit

The second 225,000-kilowatt generating unit at Kammer plant is now in operation. Unit 2 followed Unit 1 on the line by about four months.

Progress continues meanwhile on the 225,000-kilowatt Unit 3 at the Captina, W. Va. plant, slated for completion in February 1959. The \$93-million generating station provides power for the Ormet Corporation's new aluminum reduction plant at Hannibal, Ohio, about 10 miles down the Ohio River.

Ormet Generating Corporation, a subsidiary of Ormet Corporation, which in turn is jointly owned by Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation and Revere Copper and Brass, Inc., owns the first two units of Kammer plant. The third unit will be owned by Ohio Power, which will operate all three units.

Construction began at Kammer in early 1956, shortly after first announcement of the unique operation involving coal mining, electric power generation, aluminum production and fabrication of aluminum products—all in one major industrial complex.

Bulk of the generation of the first two units supplies the Ormet plant and the new Olin Mathieson aluminum rolling mill adjacent to it. Generation of the third unit, and

the balance of the generation of the other two units, will be fed into the Ohio Power System.

The three-unit Kammer plant is expected to consume about two-million tons of coal a year, all of which will be supplied by the new Ireland Mine of the Consolidation Coal Company. Coal will be delivered from the mine's cleaning plant to the power plant site via a one-third mile conveyor system.

M. W. Scott Named PTA Council Chief

M. W. Scott, Point Pleasant rural and residential sales supervisor, has been re-elected president of the Mason County PTA Council.

During his past year in office, the council has organized a citizen's steering committee, and has promoted a "Meet Your School Board Candidate" campaign. Plans are now being



Mr. Scott

made to study the feasibility of hiring a teacher for the county's retarded children.

Mr. Scott has served the North Point Pleasant PTA as president and vice president. He has been with Appalachian for 10 years, is married and has one daughter.

Supervisors Tour Plants, New Office

Fifty supervisors from Charleston district and Kanawha Valley Power Company visited the Philip Sporn plant, Kaiser Aluminum's new Willow Grove, W. Va., plant and the new Appalachian office at Point Pleasant recently.

While at Sporn plant, the group inspected the new 450-mw unit No. 5 now under construction and the 345-kv switchyard.

Modernization Of Distribution System In Hazard Completed With Cut-Over

A new improved distribution system serving the city of Hazard went into operation October 12 when a final cut-over from the old system was made.

The new system provides electricity to meet present and future demands of customers in the city, and allows interchangeable circuits. This means that when one circuit goes off another can pick up its load, restoring power in a matter of minutes.

The work began at the Combs station, six miles below Hazard, where regulators were installed. The line from Combs to Walkertown was rebuilt and voltage was increased from 4,000 to 12,000 volts. The street lighting system of Walkertown was also remodeled.

The business section of Hazard is now being served from the Blue Grass 1,500 Kva station by new voltage regulators, and the East Main Street and Woodland Park area are being served from the 3,000 Kva station at Lothair, this circuit also getting new regulators.

Another circuit serves the Baker Hill and Backwoods section of Hazard. The new circuits have made it possible to equalize the load in Hazard.

Company Honors 35, 40-Year Veterans

Nine Appalachian veterans recently received pins for long years of service.

Awarded 40-year pins were W. Peyton Saul, Roanoke, and A. J. Thomas, Beckley. Receiving 35-year emblems were: George G. Nicholson, system; William E. Mitchell, and Bernard H. White, Jr., Beckley; M. J. Hartley, system; Frank P. Styles, Howard C. Mathews and Benjamin R. Currence, Charleston.

W. P. Saul



Mr. Saul

Roanoke station man W. Peyton Saul was employed as a lineman in 1918. Since then, he served in the line and station department as troubleman before his last promotion.

A native of Pulaski, he is married and has one daughter. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

A. J. Thomas

Albert J. Thomas, Beckley station man, completed 40 years' service October 1. After joining the company as a switchman in 1918, he was promoted to station operator in 1937. He was made station man in 1956.

A native of Jeffrey, W. Va., he attended schools at Kanawha Fork, W. Va. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, is married and has one son.

G. G. Nicholson

In 1923, Mr. Nicholson joined the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company in Huntington. When Appalachian was formed in 1926, he was made district purchasing agent and chief storekeeper. In 1942 he moved to Roanoke as assistant purchasing agent. He has served in his present position as system stores auditor since 1947.

A ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church, he is a member of various Masonic Lodges in Huntington and Roanoke. He has attended schools in England and Detroit and the International Business College at New-



Mr. Thomas



Mr. Nicholson



Mr. Mitchell



Mr. White



Mr. Hartley



Mr. Styles



Mr. Mathews



Mr. Currence

B. R. Currence

Mr. Currence celebrated his 35th anniversary with the company on October 8. Throughout his employment, he has worked in the Charleston meter department where he is a meterman. He first served as a helper and later became a meter tester.

Prior to his employment with Appalachian, he was employed by the U. S. Postal Department. A native of Elkins, W. Va., he is married. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, assistant director of the Shrine and active in the Scottish Rite.

Contest Leader Sets AEP Record

Ohio Power's Philo plant, which in October became the second division and first plant on the AEP System to work two-million man-hours without a disabling injury, still leads the annual AEP Division Safety Contest.

At the three-quarter mark of this fourth annual contest, September 30, Philo was nearing the coveted two-million mark with 1,982,176 man-hours since the last disabling injury. I&M's Marion-Muncie division is second with 1,251,707 man-hours, and Ohio Power's Central division jumped from seventh at the halfway mark to third with 992,802 man-hours.

In fourth, fifth and sixth are the three divisions that have no disabling injuries since the contest began January 1, 1955. They are Kanawha River plant, Kingsport and Logan plant. Kentucky Power is eighth at the end of the third quarter.

Scouter Honored



An Ashland district employee has received the highest award that can be given a volunteer Boy Scout worker. Frank Alexander, serviceman in the meter department, is shown holding the "Silver Beaver" award. He has been leader of Grayson, Ky., Troop No. 160 since 1950. Mrs. Alexander has also been active in scouting, serving as a den mother for Cubs.

OVEC Executive Dies In October



Mr. Shedd

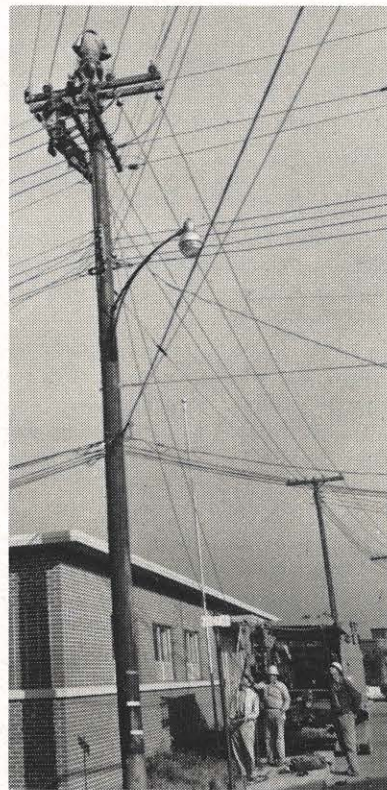
Fred R. Shedd, 59, executive vice president and general manager of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation, died October 22 of a heart attack. He began his career in the utility field in 1919 with Appalachian.

Mr. Shedd, who was stricken while attending a meeting of OVEC sponsor companies in Columbus, had recently returned to work after a heart attack suffered on April 20.

He joined Appalachian's Glen Lyn plant in 1919. After several promotions in engineering assignments throughout the American Electric Power system, he became superintendent of plants for Ohio Power in 1943. He was later made an assistant division manager of Indiana and Michigan Electric Company.

In 1953 he was elected a vice president of OVEC and three years later was made executive vice president. OVEC was formed in 1952 by 15 private electric utility companies of the Ohio Valley region to build and operate a \$400-million power project supplying electricity to the Atomic Energy Commission's Portsmouth, Ohio, project. Appalachian, I&M and Ohio Power are three of the sponsor companies.

Mr. Shedd was born in Niagara Falls, N. Y., in 1899. He attended the University of Michigan School of Engineering. Funeral services and burial were in Chillicothe, Ohio, where he was a resident. He is survived by his wife.



Working on the Blue Grass circuit at High Street during modernization of Hazard's distribution system are, on the pole from left: Clark Hays and Earnest Pennington; on the ground from left, Adrian Combs, H. C. Barnett and Earl Smith.

port News.

Married, he is the father of one daughter.

W. E. Mitchell

Mr. Mitchell, Beckley line supervisor, entered company service in 1923 as a lineman. In 1932 he was promoted to utility man and since then has served as foreman, general foreman, line foreman, and assistant district superintendent. He received his last promotion in 1947.

He is a member of the Beckley Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge and Shriners and the Beckley Elks Club. A native of Toronado, W. Va., he is married and has one daughter.

B. H. White, Jr.

Beckley local office manager Bernard H. White, Jr. began his career with our company in 1923 as ledger clerk in Charleston. He was promoted to chief clerk in 1934 and received his last promotion in 1945.

A native of St. Albans, he attended the Capitol City School of Commerce in Charleston. He is secretary of the Beckley Civitan Club and is active in the St. Francis deSales Catholic Church. He is married and has two children.

M. J. Hartley

Joining Indiana and Michigan Electric Company in 1923, Mr. Hartley, system meter superintendent, transferred to AEP system in 1946 as meter engineer. He transferred to Appalachian as senior meter engineer and was later made assistant meter superintendent. He received his present position in 1954.

Entering the armed services in 1941, he served as a test pilot for Glenn H. Martin Company. He is married and the father of three children.

F. P. Styles

On October 2, Mr. Styles, Charleston division sales analyst, completed 35 years with our company. Until 1937 he worked in a clerical capacity in the commercial department. He was then promoted to residential sales. In 1948 he moved to the division sales office in residential and rural sales promotion.

A native of West Virginia, he attended Charleston Business College. Among hobbies he includes hunting, fishing, woodworking and farming. He is married.

H. C. Mathews

Howard C. Mathews, Charleston district meterman, has served his entire 35 years with the company in the meter department. He joined the company as an electrician's helper. He was then made a meterman. He is married and resides in Charleston.



Clinch River Plant

Patsy M. Vanhook, clerk trainee; Stanley B. Wagoner, laborer; and Charles B. Hinchey, results helper, are new employees.

Abingdon District

James F. McReynolds, Clintwood accounting, is a new employee.

A. D. Rosenbalm, retired employee now living in Washington, D. C., visited the office recently.

Mrs. Larrie L. Bucklen, wife of the Scott County area representative, agricultural engineer, is convalescing at home after hospitalization.

Glen Lyn Plant

The Kilowatt Klub held a Halloween costume party at the American Legion Hall in Narrows.

Sympathy is extended E. L. Knight, retired employee, and O. S. Knight, unit foreman, on the death of their wife and mother, respectively.

Welch District

Dorothy W. Lawless, Keystone cashier, attended the fall session of the Eastern Star held in Huntington.

Nancy Stover, record clerk-typist, is a new employee.

A. F. Horne, district manager, has been appointed by Governor Cecil Underwood as a member of the Department of Public Assistance Council.

Charles Brown, Grundy area serviceman, has returned home after having major surgery in a Boston hospital.

Pulaski District

Aulden E. Lemons, Pulaski dealer sales representative, has been named second vice president of the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce.

Evelyn E. Buckland, records stenographer, has been elected to serve a two-year term as a director of the Pulaski County Unit of the American Cancer Society, Virginia Division.

William M. King, area serviceman, has returned to work after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. E. L. Whitley, wife of the district commercial manager, has returned home following operations and hospital confinement of four weeks.

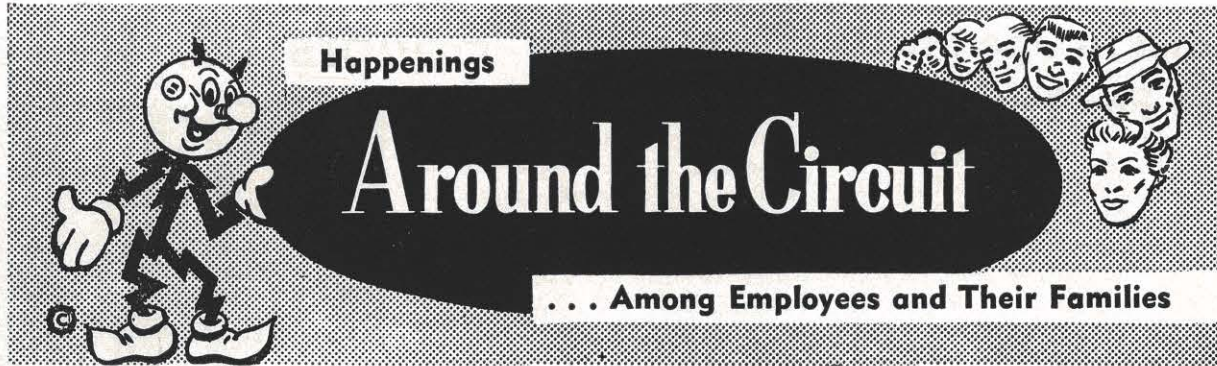
Andrew L. Graham, Jr., electrical engineer, has been appointed finance chairman of the New River District for the annual drive for the Boy Scouts of America.

Sympathy is extended Fred M. Bennington, Galax area sales representative, on the death of his father and James L. Earles, Christiansburg meter reader, on the death of his father.

Benevolent Group Begins Year



New officers of the Roanoke area Appalachian Employees' Benevolent Association are pictured above. They are from left: Mary Lou Graybill, system appraisal, secretary; E. T. Jones, Jr., local accounting, president; and Yonice Gish, system accounting, treasurer. For 1957-58, a total of 636 employees paid \$11,109.32 into the association, an average of \$17.45 per employee, which was contributed to various charitable organizations.



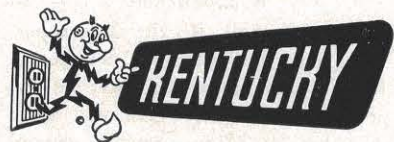
Bluefield District

E. W. Meador, division radio engineer, was runner-up in the Fay Ingalls Memorial Skeet Shoot and the All-Gauge Championship Shoot, annual events at Hot Springs, Va.

M. E. Rich, records supervisor, has been selected general co-chairman of the Bluefield, Va., United Fund Drive. He has also been elected a delegate to the fall conference for District 24-F of Lions International.

Richard J. Wood, assistant district manager, has been appointed chairman of the science fairs committee by the Pocahontas Industrial Council for Education.

(See Bluefield, Page 9)



Hazard District

Kay McDaniel, commercial, is a new employee replacing Gayle Muncy, who resigned.

The girls of the Hazard district honored Dixie Lee Napier, bride-elect, and Gayle Muncy, who resigned, with a dinner recently. Attending were Tommy G. Bailey, Pauline Garrett, Louis Graef, Eunice Poore, Cydia Combs, Doris Combs, Carolyn Centers, Leyburn Cody, Margie Wilder, Wanda Napier, Joyce Combs, LaRedith Pratt and Rita Barker.

Pikeville District

The girls of the Pikeville district held a going away party for Martha Rutherford who was transferred to Ashland.

L. M. Newsom, record supervisor, was selected to represent Pike County at the Southern States Cooperative Convention.

A. H. Jopp, district commercial manager, served as a guide for a three-day tour made by several federal officials, members of Congress and industrial leaders to make a study of the industrial potential of eastern Kentucky.

Ira Smith, lineman, has resigned.

Ashland District

Paul B. Lumbard, district personnel supervisor, was elected vice-chairman of the Boyd County Chapter of the American Red Cross.



System

Carolyn B. Stevens, Deanna D. Cooper and Nancy L. Belcher are new system accounting employees in Roanoke.

Members of the Appa-Mo Club held a dinner-dance at the Candlelite Club. Following the dinner, these new officers were installed: Joe Schultz, president; Phyllis Howell, secretary; W. L. Gordon, treasurer; and R. H. McDearmon, assistant treasurer.

Alice M. Leffell, system accounting, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended C. C. Lance on the death of his son and F. H. Rouse on the death of his sister.

Lynchburg District

C. Bryan Higgins, Jr., rodman, has returned to work after six months' military service.

James H. Haley, Jr., customer service representative, has returned to work following hospitalization and eye surgery.

Kenneth R. Brooks, groundman, and Emmett T. Kidd, Jr., groundman, have resigned.

Sympathy is extended Joseph W. McCarthy, assistant local office manager, on the death of his mother-in-law and Jack D. Harker, electrical engineer, on the death of his father-in-law.

Fieldale District

Harvey L. Agee, meterman, is recuperating from burns received during a recent fire in his home.

Mrs. J. W. Eanes, wife of the meter serviceman, is improving after an operation.

George W. Turner, Stuart area sales representative, has returned to work after an illness.

Fifteen employees donated blood for the Bloodmobile on its visit to Fieldale. Ralph Naff, dealer sales representative, became a Gallon Club donor.

Roanoke District

Nancy Hamlett, clerk trainee; Marion Shank, payroll clerk; and Ann B. Campbell, clerk trainee, are new employees.

James Crouch, administrative assistant, has returned to work after recovering from a broken ankle.

C. R. Mills, local accounting, has been confined to the hospital for a month.

E. B. Ferguson, truck driver-groundman, and J. H. Witt, line foreman, have returned to work following illnesses.

J. I. Muncy, district commercial, has returned to work after an operation.

Mrs. C. E. Moore, wife of the commercial department employee, and Gary, son of D. B. Stoner, local accounting, have returned to their homes following hospitalization.

John B. Whitmore, division commercial manager, has been elected treasurer of the Roanoke District of the Virginia Methodist Church.

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Fund Officers



In operation for a decade, the Pulaski Employees' Fund has selected these two as officers for 1958-59. B. B. McCall, power sales engineer, left, has been named chairman, and Adelene Newman, stenographer, has been selected secretary-treasurer. On the board are G. G. Roseberry, R. H. Cornett, and P. T. Gress. The Fund was organized in 1948.



Charles S. Lingar, co-op student, has completed his education at East Tennessee State College and returned to work as heating and builder sales representative.

Lawrence Jones, line section, is a new employee.

James O. Addison, Holston station, and Jesse L. Williamson, lineman, have returned to work following hospitalization.



Logan Plant

Sympathy is extended George Frey, supervisor of maintenance, on the death of his mother-in-law.

M. F. Morrison, plant personnel supervisor, has been appointed to serve on the Logan County Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

Logan District

Bill E. Bailey, janitor, is a new employee in the Man office.

H. J. Collins, district personnel supervisor; W. E. Bivens, residential and rural sales supervisor; J. A. Kovich, district engineer; and P. C. Gosney, area supervisor, attended the Foreman-Manager meeting at Marshall College.

Sympathy is extended Eleanor Cunningham, secretarial-stenographer, on the death of her father.

Williamson District

Landon, son of E. E. King, district superintendent, was a delegate from the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity at the University of Kentucky to the Leadership Training Conference at Northwestern University.

John, son of H. M. Strong, local office manager, has been appointed one of the freshman basketball managers at West Virginia University. He also has been pledged to the Phi Sigma Kappa National Social Fraternity.

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Kanawha River Plant

D. H. Brown, head material clerk, has returned to work after an operation.

Josephine Fultz, timekeeper who resigned, was honored with a farewell dinner and gifts at the Savoy Restaurant in Charleston.

W. E. Childers, utility operator, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended H. L. Ballard, yard foreman, on the death of his mother-in-law.

Charleston District

Barbara Thabet, home service representative who resigned, was honored with a luncheon at Woodrum's Tea Room.

Ernie Williams, meterman who retired, was presented a wrist watch and a drill set at a party in his honor. His hobby is fishing, so Jean Sturm, meter clerk, baked a cake in the shape of a straw hat and decorated it in yellow and green frosting.

Charlie Coughlin, T&D line section, is a new Montgomery employee.

G. B. Moir, Sr., and E. A. Riehl, retired employees, are convalescing at home following hospitalization.

Retired employees French Snyder, Walter Stricklen, Oscar Dabney, R. R. Lucas and L. F. Nichols visited the office recently.

R. G. Skinner, retired division commercial supervisor, has returned to Charleston after spending the summer at his home at Lake Chautauqua, N. Y.

Cabin Creek Plant

Sympathy is extended Eldin Roush, electrical maintenance helper, on the death of his father-in-law and Donald Raines, turbine auxiliary equipment operator, on the death of his father-in-law.

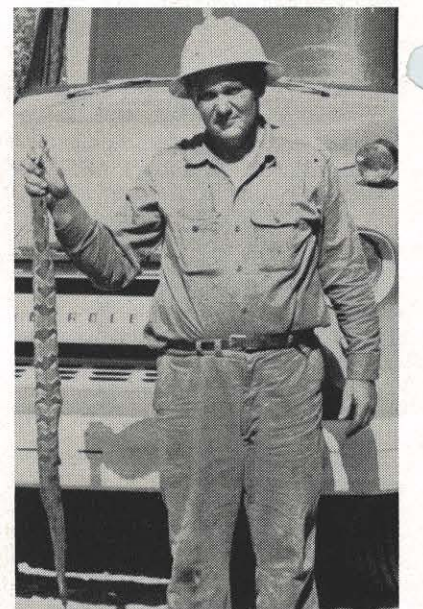
Sympathy is also extended R. E. Larabee, Jr., transformer maintenance helper, on the death of his mother.

Beckley District

James M. Gates, commercial sales representative, was elected president of the Lincoln School PTA. He was also elected vice president of the Presbyterian Men of the Church and secretary of the Men's Bible Class of the Beckley Presbyterian Church.

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Snake Sandwich?



For those who like rattlesnake meat, this 5-pound viper is worth about \$50. It is displayed here by Henry Mosley, Charleston truck driver-groundman, who killed it on Scabble Creek near Gauley Bridge. The going price for rattlesnake meat in Charleston is \$1.95 for a 3-ounce can. The snake measured 46 inches in length and sported 13 rattlers and a button.

Moving Large Transformer Poses Problem

Kingsport Utilities received rail shipment of the area's largest transformer recently and, along with it, a transportation problem.

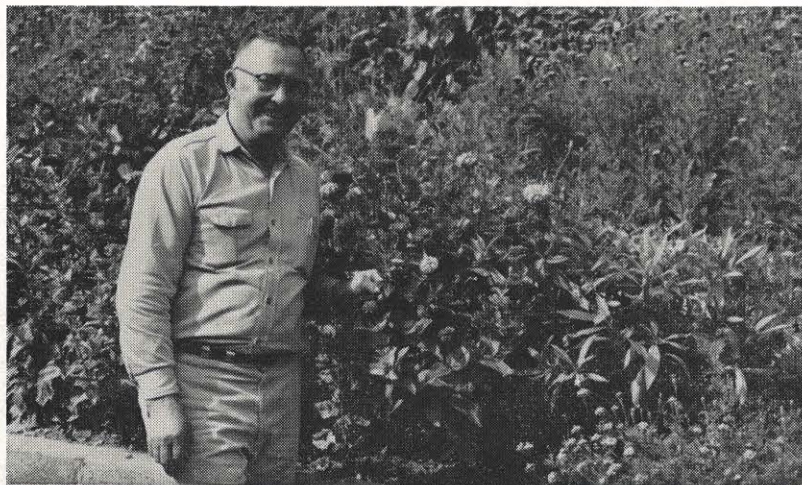
For installation in the new Reedy Creek station, the 62½-ton transformer had to be hauled about five miles. A prediction by R. C. Scarlett, station supervisor, that the tractor would not pull the 60,000-kva unit came true near Holston.

The vehicle stalled on a slight grade, and the help of two more trucks was required to complete the trip.

Scheduled for completion next summer, the Reedy Creek station will cost about \$458,000. It will serve the Kingsport area at 33-kv with additional capacity for 69-kv. The station, which is located on the Clinch River-Holston line, was started in October 1957. The steel structure was completed in January 1958.



The 62½-ton transformer for Reedy Creek station near Kingsport was more than this tractor could handle. The tractor stalled on this slight grade, and two additional trucks were required to help complete the 5-mile trip to the new installation. This 60,000-kva transformer is the largest in the Kingsport area.



It's with much pride that W. H. Stratton, Williamson district line and station supervisor, displays his flower beds to visitors. His gardening hobby, which had a modest start, has grown until his back yard is a show place of the community.

Actions He Took To Stop Rain Damage Started Hobby For W. H. Stratton

Because rain was damaging his property, W. H. Stratton terraced his back yard. This led to a hobby which takes up a great deal of his spare time.

After the terraces were completed, the Williamson district line and station supervisor planted them with

flowers. Gaining enjoyment from his gardening efforts, he added three more beds, each 4 by 60 feet.

His hobby developed until this year, he had about 1,500 feet planted with about 25 varieties of flowers. Many of his plants were from Florida and required special soil treatment. These plants must be "taken in" during the winter to prevent freezing.

Mr. Stratton plants his own seeds, and when the flowers grow about six inches, he transplants them into permanent beds. In the fall, he gathers seeds from his flowers for planting in the spring.

Do these activities satisfy his yen for gardening? Not quite. He also has a strawberry bed which provides him with frozen berries throughout the winter.

Two "Aid" Classes Held In Williamson

Two Red Cross first aid courses were completed in the Williamson district recently.

Twenty-three employees took the course bringing the total of district employees who have completed the training to 88 per cent. Instructors for the classes were C. L. Miller, electrical engineer, and H. W. Cerrato, head T&D clerk.

Completing the instruction were: E. E. King; H. M. Strong, Jr.; Myrtle Bevins; Lorraine Corea; Naomi Cantees; Frances Keadle; Virginia Stafford; Glenada Gilman; G. B. Trent; Jack Riddle; Ernest Bevins; Hazel Farris; Woodrow Holbrook; Billy Williams; C. J. Maynard; Mary Kessinger; T. F. Valley; Ruth Windle; Alberta Shelton; Michael Kohari; Betty Roach; J. W. Robinson, and Clyde Runyon.

Pulaski Native Dies At Age 36



Mr. Hudson

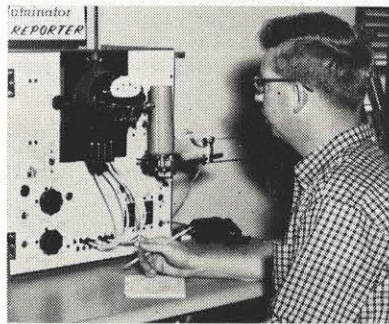
John R. Hudson, 36, Pulaski district material clerk, died October 12 of a heart attack suffered the previous day.

He joined the company in 1945 in the stores department, where he spent most of his 13 years of service. He was a native of Pulaski County.

Mr. Hudson was an active member of the First Methodist Church and a member of its choir, active in the Masonic Lodge and past worthy patron of the Eastern Star.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, his mother and six brothers. Funeral services were conducted at the First Methodist Church of Pulaski, with burial in the Highland Memory Gardens at Dublin.

Always Accurate



A veteran of 44 years' service was retired in Roanoke recently—a veteran serving all those years on the back porch of a customer. The veteran, a kilowatt-hour meter, is shown here undergoing final testing by J. R. Loving, division meter department. The meter tested as accurate as its modern counterparts.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon District

STACY J. GRIZZLE, JR., from Clintwood groundman to Lebanon meter reader; KELLY K. NIPPER from groundman to lineman C; HAROLD PARKS from meter reader to T&D clerk; JOSEPH A. SELF from groundman to lineman C; JAMES R. WARDEN from commercial sales representative to power sales representative.

Beckley District

SAMUEL J. FARMER, JR., from general clerk to general clerk, senior; MARGARET GARGES from PBX operator to office messenger; HESTER LILLY from cashier to PBX operator; MARCENE SHAVER from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer; MARJORIE H. WILLARD from clerk-typist to cashier, Oak Hill; HILDA J. WINNER from merchandise bookkeeper, senior, to stenographer; LORETTA WISEMAN from credit & collection clerk to cashier, senior.

Clinch River Plant

GILES B. CARTER from rodman-chainman engineer, construction department, to laborer production department; JAMES G. KISER from timekeeper, construction department, to laborer, production department.

Glen Lyn Plant

R. C. BROWN from utility man to guard; J. F. JESSEE from utility man to guard; N. J. JESSEE, JR., from utility man to guard; M. L. LESTER, JR., from utility man to janitor; C. L. VIA from utility man to janitor.

Huntington District

E. LAWSON BAILEY from electrical engineer to power sales engineer.

Logan Plant

WILLIAM BRESCOACH from laborer to utility man.

Point Pleasant District

DONNA M. MULLIN from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer.

Roanoke District

PATTY B. PARKEY, home service representative, from Roanoke to Bluefield.

System

BETTY LOU CARTER from clerk-stenographer to stenographer, public relations.

Welch District

EARL P. DOSS from meter service helper to meter serviceman C.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District

HARRY C. DIXON from clerk trainee to payroll clerk; ELLA MAE ROLAN from clerk trainee to PBX operator.

Pikeville District

MARTHA RUTHERFORD, cashier, from Pikeville to Ashland.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

MACK D. WILLIAMS from appliance serviceman A to dealer sales representative.

Williamson . . .

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The K-Appa-K Girls' Club held a candy sale to raise money to buy shoes and clothing for indigent school children.

Price Copley, T&D clerk, won a \$75 U. S. Savings Bond in connection with "Crazy Days" sponsored by the Williamson Retail Merchants Association.

Members of the commercial department and the Williamson district supervisors presented W. F. Giles, former district commercial manager, with a piece of luggage, robe and other items at a surprise dinner.

E. E. King, district superintendent, is convalescing at home after hospitalization.

Ben Scaff, retired employee, is able to be out after a broken leg.

Sympathy is extended Cecil Ball, station operator, and Thurman Ball, working foreman, on the death of their father.

Huntington District

Dorothy P. Rowsey, T&D meter section, has resigned.

Jack B. Smith, T&D meter section, and William T. Locke, T&D line, have returned to work after being off several weeks due to illnesses.

Carlos I. Akers, safety supervisor, attended the National Safety Council Conference at Chicago.

Azel McCurdy, Jr., personnel supervisor, acted as moderator on the panel discussion of the keynote address at the 7th annual Health Education Workshop.

Oscar Endicott, T&D line section, Boyd Richardson, division T&D, Dorcas H. Lindsey, accounting, and LaVecta Peters, commercial, have returned home after hospitalization.

Sympathy is extended S. R. Pritchard, district manager, on the death of his mother and Hollis E. Harrison on the death of his father.

Albert Alley, T&D station, is recuperating from an illness at his home.

Point Pleasant Hits High Heating Mark

Point Pleasant has become the first Appalachian district to reach a residential heating saturation of two per cent.

A total of 236 homes in the district are heated electrically. District employees account for 15 of these installations with Sporn plant employees accounting for 31.

The district has 9 heat pump installations, 84 convector installations, 137 ceiling cable installations and 6 glass panel installations.

Bushels of Beagles



This 20-month-old mother beagle belonging to Carl Mooney, Kanawha River plant unit foreman, has set what might be a record in the beagle breeding business. She has given birth to 11 pups shown here at snack time. The average beagle litter is about five.

Electrical World Has Kanawha Man's Article

An article by W. J. Buchanan, Jr., Kanawha River plant maintenance supervisor, appeared in the September 29 issue of *Electrical World*.

The article was entitled "Schedule Board Shows Pulverizer Status."

Hospital Groundbreaking Held



Groundbreaking ceremonies were held recently in Point Pleasant as a kick-off for construction of the 40-bed Mason County hospital. Shown here is the architect's model of the \$588,000 structure. The hospital features individual window heat pump units for each room and electric water heating and sterilizing equipment.

A Week With Engineer Trainee

An engineer for our companies must be familiar with just about every phase of our business.

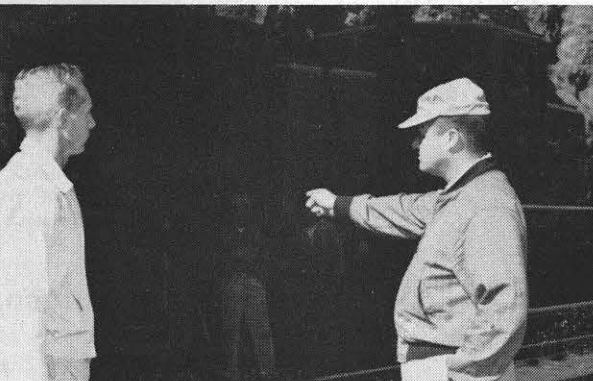
To acquaint engineering trainees with company operations, an Engineer Indoctrination Program has been designed, covering from 12 to 15 weeks and consisting of rotating assignments where he spends a short time in each of several departments. He learns the department function, how it ties in with other departments and how it will affect his work.

Among the departments he visits are accounting, stores, meter, power plant, distribution, commercial, system operation and system T&D.

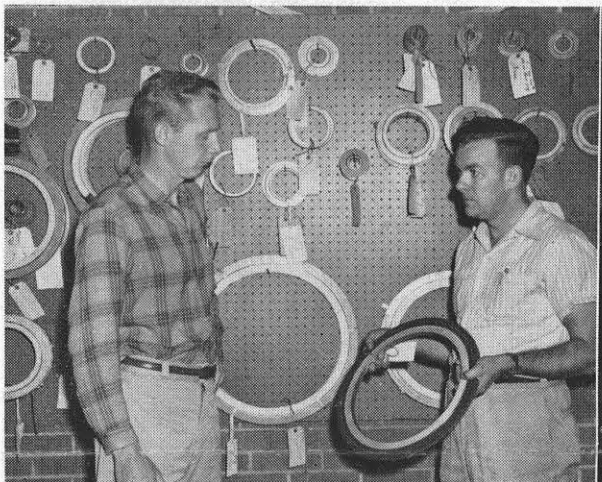
The week an engineering trainee spends at a plant is usually a full one, because he sees—and learns—the plant from beginning to end. Glen Reynolds is an engineering trainee who recently completed a week at Glen Lyn plant. The following pictures show many of the plant operations Glen visited.



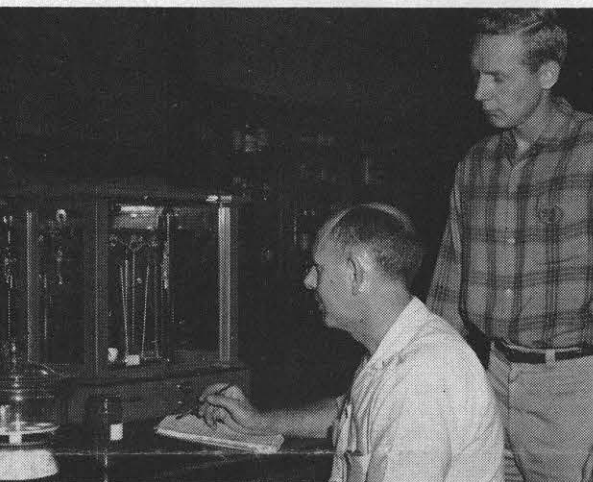
When he arrived at the plant Glen Reynolds, right, was greeted by C. E. Archer, plant manager, who outlined the plant's operation and traced its background. Glen next met C. L. Spangler, safety supervisor, who showed Glen the plant's safety equipment and checked him out on safety measures in the plant.



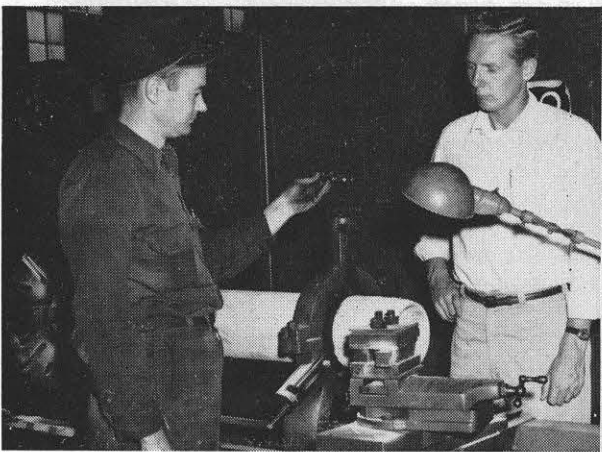
Glen visited the coal yard facilities, where J. O. Heslep, coal handling supervisor, explained the system to him. Mr. Heslep traced the system from the coal cars through the crusher over the conveyor belts to the storage bunkers in the plant, and from there to the pulverizing mills from where coal is blown into boilers.



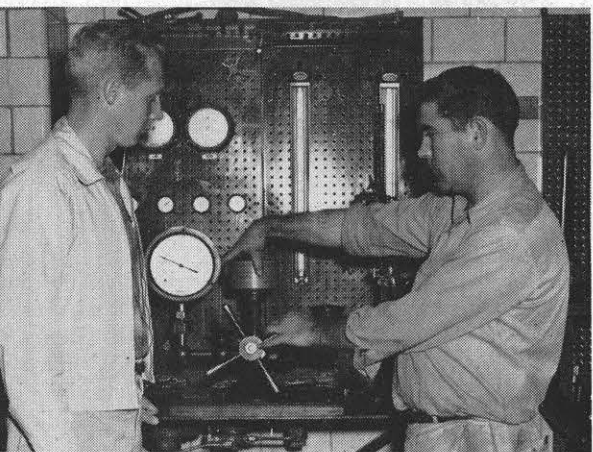
The stores department, where materials are stored and handled, got Glen's attention next. Here, W. R. Fleshman, material clerk, shows him the gaskets used on Unit No. 6 steam lines. Glen found out that large quantities of materials must be stored, and he learned the ordering and handling methods used at the plant.



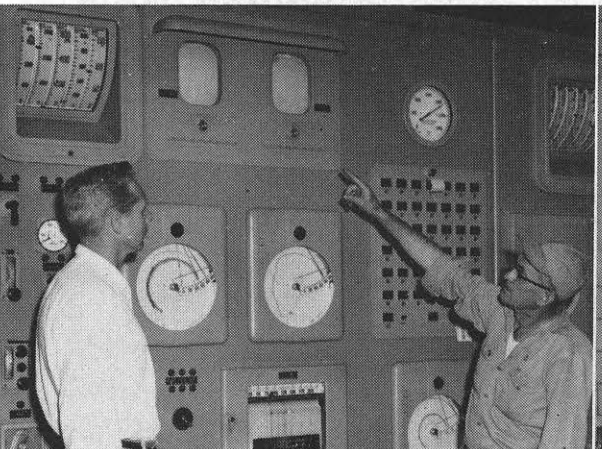
Important to every plant is the laboratory, where coal, oil and water are constantly being tested to make sure proper grades and types are being used in plant operation. Here, J. A. Saunders, chemist assistant, explains one of the coal testing procedures used in the laboratory to Glen Reynolds.



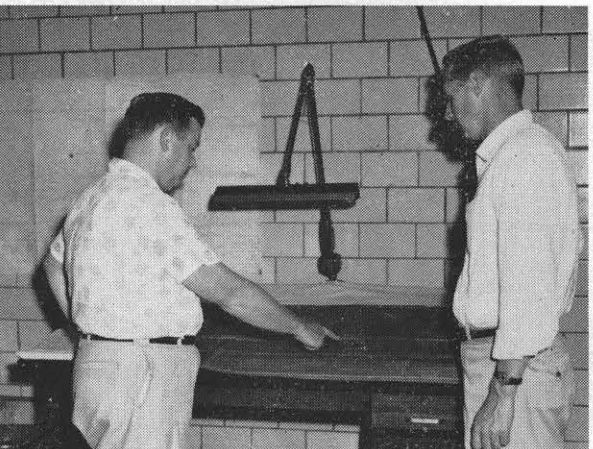
Playing an important part in our service to customers is plant maintenance, which keeps the plant in good working order. Among the many maintenance jobs Glen observed in this department was this one: D. L. Garrison, maintenance man, shows how fittings for firefighting equipment are made on a lathe.



Next Glen found that the instrument department is responsible for the installation, maintenance and calibration of measuring, indicating, recording and controlling devices used at Glen Lyn. J. M. White, instrument maintenance man, shows Glen how a pressure gauge is calibrated at the plant.



After seeing the operating department in action, where dispatching orders are received and carried out, he also sees how the boilers, turbines and auxiliary equipment are operated. Here Sidney Sarver, equipment operator, points out how the water level in main steam drums of Unit No. 6 is observed by television.



An engineering trainee meets an engineer, as Glen Reynolds talks with R. H. Walton, Jr., plant engineer. This section is of vital interest to Glen—Mr. Walton explains to him engineering problems that arise at a plant. Now Glen will go on to another section of the company, to continue his learning.

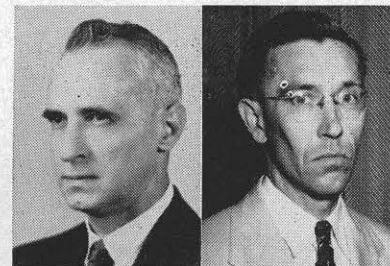
Two District, Two Plant Employees Write For AEP's "Operating Notes"

Employees from Roanoke district, Cabin Creek and Kanawha River plants were authors of articles appearing in AEP's October issue of *Monthly Operating Notes*.

W. W. Krebs, Roanoke district superintendent, and B. T. Stone, district engineer, co-authored "Better Way To Apply Distribution Cutouts." The article explains a system for replacing inadequate cutouts. This system insures the gradual and economical replacement of inadequate and obsolete cutouts near high capacity distribution stations.

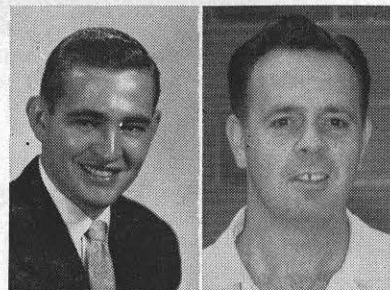
"Passing the Word on Costs" was written by R. E. Morrison, Cabin Creek plant. It explains a display board used to point out the cost of smaller items used in quantity. The display, called a material cost board, was built for about \$10.

J. W. Fore, Kanawha River plant, wrote "Purchase Of Gas Cylinders Pays Off." In the article, he brings out that a savings in the rental of cylinders with gas to calibrate oxygen



Mr. Krebs

Mr. Stone



Mr. Morrison

Mr. Fore

analyzers can be had by buying the cylinders outright.

Philip Sporn To Co-Sponsor Engineer Week

Philip Sporn, president of American Electric Power Company and of our companies, is one of 15 nationally-known engineers serving as sponsors of National Engineers' Week February 22-28.

Theme for this special week will be "Engineering for the Age of Space." The 15 sponsors were selected to represent engineering in industry, education, private practice, government service and the military.

Other sponsors are: Wernher Von Braun, director of the Development Operations Division, Army Ballistic Missile Agency; Allen B. DuMont, chairman, Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc.; T. Keith Glennan, president-on-leave, Case Institute of Technology, and administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Maj. Gen. Emerson C. Itschner, chief of engineers, U. S. Army; Charles F. Kettering, General Motors Corporation; James R. Killian, Jr., special assistant to President for science and technology; Clarence H. Linder, vice president, General Electric Company.

Thomas E. Murray, consultant, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy; Granville M. Read, chief engineer, E. I. duPont de Nemours and Company; Rear Adm. H. G. Rickover, chief of naval reactors, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission; Royal W. Sorensen, California Institute of Technology; David B. Steinman, consulting engineer; Bertram D. Tallamy, federal highway administrator, and Charles Allen Thomas, president, Monsanto Chemical Company.

Districts Given Safety Awards

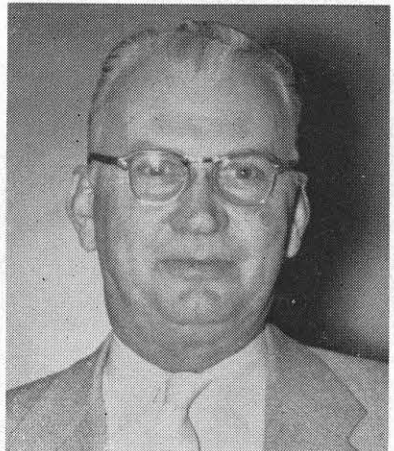
Two Appalachian districts recently received Edison Electric Institute awards for completing 1-million man-hours without a disabling injury.

Certificates of achievement were presented to the Beckley and Roanoke districts. W. C. Duncan, system safety supervisor, presented the Beckley award at a dinner held to celebrate the achievement. Roanoke's award was presented by G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager, at the October supervisors meeting.

Beckley's last disabling injury occurred August 27, 1955. The million man-hour goal was reached last September 22. The district has approximately 170 employees who worked about 6,000 man-hours each to meet the mark.

This was the fourth time that Roanoke district employees have reached the million man-hour record. The present accumulation, which is still continuing at press time, began December 22, 1956.

Bluefield Man, J. F. Lewey, Dies



Mr. Lewey

Joseph Franklin Lewey, Pearisburg area serviceman in the Bluefield district, died October 15 after a lingering illness. He was 56.

Born at White Gate, Va., Mr. Lewey joined Appalachian in 1936. He had broken service dating from 1920 to 1934. He has held positions of lineman, district serviceman, local representative and serviceman.

He is a member of the Masons, Kiwanis Club and the Presbyterian Church. Survivors are his wife and one son. Burial was in the Birchlawn Cemetery in Pearisburg.

Plant Employees Reach Safety Mark

On Tuesday, September 16, the employees of Logan plant completed four years without a disabling injury.

The last disabling injury occurred on September 16, 1954, and since then plant employees have worked more than 828,635 manhours. At press time, the record was continuing.

After the mark was passed, employees were congratulated at brief "coffee break" meetings, where coffee and doughnuts were served.

Line Maintenance Work Involves Planning, Co-Ordination Problems



The co-ordination and planning of line maintenance work have become routine for our companies. Here, from left, linemen Earl Bellamy, Ira Smith and Auburn Helvey, Pikeville district, replace a cross-arm on a 46-kv line.

An hour's service interruption for routine line maintenance involves a great amount of pre-planning and co-ordination.

An example is recent repair work done on a 46-kv transmission line in the Pikeville district.

It was dawn on a Sunday morning when the line and station employees were given the final briefing on the replacement of some cross-arms. When they arrived at the line, the crews had to carry materials and tools up a mountain to the towers needing repairs.

Communications were by walkie-talkie. At the stations, switchmen were standing by to do the necessary switching and grounding. When the "all clear" was received by the crews, the linemen scrambled up the poles to complete the work.

Before the operation could begin, customers affected by the outage had to be notified, and travel and work time had to be co-ordinated. Many days of planning were involved in the hour-long outage. Such outages have become typical and routine as our companies strive to improve service.

System Station Hits 500,000 Safety Mark

The 76 employees of the system station department have worked over 6,500 safe manhours each to compile a record of 500,000 manhours without a disabling injury.

The group was recently presented a 500,000 manhour certificate by D. C. Duncan, system safety director. The department has 20 employees in Charleston, two at Sporn plant, one at Switchback, W. Va., and 12 at Bluefield. All others are stationed in Roanoke.

William Collins Dies In October



Mr. Collins

William C. Collins, 55, Charleston dealer sales representative, died October 3 in a Charleston hospital after an operation for a heart condition.

Mr. Collins joined our company in 1928 as a salesman. In 1937 he became an appliance serviceman, and was made a rural sales representative in 1946. He became an area sales representative in 1952 and received his last position February of this year.

Born in Charleston, he was a life-long resident of Kanawha County. He attended West Virginia University and Capitol City Commercial College. He held memberships in the Perrow Memorial Presbyterian Church; Charleston Lodge No. 153, A.F.&A.M.; Scottish Rites Bodies; Beni Kedem Shrine; Charleston Elks Lodge No. 202 and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

He is survived by his wife. Funeral services were in the Barlow-Bonsall Funeral Home with burial in the Sunset Memorial Park in South Charleston.

Beckley . . .

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L. D. McGraw is off from work due to an illness of several weeks.

P. C. Elliott has returned to work after several weeks' illness.

A. J. Thomas, station man, and his wife are recovering at their home from an automobile accident which occurred while they were on vacation in Florida.

Sympathy is extended John Thompson on the death of his father-in-law.

Philip Sporn Plant

Homer R. Gordon, maintenance foreman, was appointed assistant scoutmaster of Troop No. 239 of the Sacred Heart Church of Pomeroy, Ohio. Edward Ryan, maintenance man, was appointed a committeeman of the troop.

Donald F. Thompson, crane operator, has returned to work after a six weeks' absence due to a back injury.

Harold R. Russell, tractor operator, has returned to work after being absent for over two months while recovering from a broken ankle.

Point Pleasant District

J. K. Sterrett, son of E. M. Sterrett and a co-op engineering student, has been appointed sergeant of the Pershing Rifles at the University of Cincinnati.

J. L. Darby, heating and builder sales representative, and F. H. Taylor, Jr., district commercial manager, attended the International Convention of Lions Clubs as representatives of the Point Pleasant Lions Club. Darby is past deputy district governor and Taylor is president of the local club.

Four employees are in a group of local engineers who are working to organize a local chapter of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. They include F. H. Taylor, Jr., temporary secretary of the group; P. H. Steenbergen, Jr., member of the steering committee; G. E. Hervev; and O. C. Hall.

Donna M. Mullin, commercial clerk-stenographer, has returned to work after a week's illness.

L. M. Miller Heads New Ruritan Club

Lloyd M. Miller has been elected first president of the newly-chartered Elon Ruritan Club.



Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller, Lynchburg district residential and rural sales supervisor, has served as president of the Amherst-Monroe Ruritan Club, the first such organization in Amherst County. The

Elon club is the sixth to be chartered in the county, the second this year.

The purpose of the Ruritan organization is to bring the rural and farm people into a civic organization to promote community interests.

Industrial Group Tours Point Pleasant Sites

Industrial representatives visited prospective sites in the Point Pleasant district recently as part of a 2-day tour by the Central Ohio Valley Industrial Council.

Members of the tour stopped briefly at the company's auditorium for coffee and rolls. Serving refreshments were Ann Bartlett, Donna Mullin, Joan Baird, Rose Martin and Phyllis Miller.



Carol L. Shockey used an old washer to develop a new idea for shelling beans recently. The Bluefield district personnel supervisor found that beans could be squeezed from their pods by the wringer of an old-fashioned washing machine.

The Shockey Method Pushes, Prods October Beans Out Of Their Pods

Folks said Carol L. Shockey really used the Old Bean recently in developing his own work simplification idea.

When confronted with a garden full of October beans to shell, the Bluefield district personnel supervisor thought awhile, rolled out the old wringer washer and put the roller and Reddy Kilowatt to work.

Mr. Shockey found that he could place the bean pods end-first into the wringer, and the beans would be squeezed right out of the pods. The pods went through the rollers, and the beans dropped into the pan.

A little experimentation showed that the system would work best if the beans were moist.

The Shockey Shelling Method runs a bushel through in 20 minutes as compared to about two hours by hand. Mr. Shockey believes that his method could be used on all varieties of round and nearly-round beans.

About 17 bushels of October beans were harvested from the Shockey gar-

den this season. It was found that this harvest consisted of 19,380 pods with 116,280 individual shelled beans.

About the productivity of his garden, Mr. Shockey states, "This has been a good year."



Huntington: ACF Industries, Inc. has announced the awarding of a contract to the Neighborgall Construction Company for the construction of a \$1½-million building to house their paint shop. This is part of a \$2½-million improvement program.

Fieldale: Fieldale district's first all-electric factory is nearing completion. The No. 1 tempering oven at Virginia Glass Products Corporation in Henry County is now in use, joining No. 6, and it is expected that all three of the plant's ovens will be in operation in 90 days.

FACTS ABOUT



% Increase In Revenue For Company From 1947 Compared With % Increase In Gross National Product

	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
Appalachian	224%	164%	71%
Indiana & Michigan	171	141	78
Kentucky	223	163	56
Kingsport	287	153	100
Ohio	158	131	150
Wheeling	99	86	266
AEP System	186	146	104

Gross National Product—42% Increase During Same Period

(Gross National Product—Value of all goods and services produced in U. S., adjusted to 1957 dollar value in this case)

Basement Remodeled In Spare Time



Using spare time to do the work, Henry D. Hatfield, Williamson head material clerk, has remodeled his basement. He now has a utility room and a game room. Here, he and his wife relax in the game room portion. Mr. Hatfield partitioned the basement, stuccoed the walls and finished the floor and ceiling in completing the work.

Home Awarded Gold Medallion



Fillmore McPherson, Jr., right, assistant Pulaski district manager, makes the district's first Gold Medallion Home presentation. The medallion and certificate are presented here to the owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Donnelly of Marion. Lorene Nester, home service representative, and Sarah E. Moore, home lighting specialist, helped plan the lighting. C. N. Robinson, home heating specialist, made the wiring diagrams and heating recommendations.

Vets Honored For Service



W. P. Booker
Roanoke
30 Years



G. B. Trent
Williamson
25 Years



D. L. Buckingham
System
25 Years



G. S. Bruce
Pulaski
20 Years



F. W. Leamon
Kingsport
20 Years



E. H. Hall
Cabin Creek
20 Years



C. E. West
Roanoke
20 Years



Burl Fewell
Charleston
20 Years



P. O. Goode
Charleston
20 Years



R. D. Kuster
Huntington
20 Years



C. E. Green
Kingsport
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.

1957 AEP Annual Report Presented Two "Oscars"

For the second time in two years, the annual report of the American Electric Power Company has won the "Silver Oscar."

The award is presented each year by *Financial World* magazine for the best annual report published by any utility company in the Western Hemisphere. The 1957 AEP report was judged best of approximately 500 reports in the utilities category, including all electric power, gas, communications, pipeline, telephone, telegraph, municipal transit, water and utility holding companies.

In addition, for the fourth time in as many years, the AEP annual report also won a "Bronze Oscar" as the best report published by a utility holding company.

More than 5,000 annual reports were entered in the 18th annual competition, and the AEP report was one of only six to win the broad-category "Silver Oscar."

The two "Oscars" and a citation were presented to AEP at a New York banquet on October 27. They were accepted on behalf of the Company by W. J. Rose, vice president and secretary. Close to 1,500 business and financial executives attended.

Chairman of the jury making final selections was Dr. G. Rowland Collins, dean of the graduate school of business administration, New York University. He was assisted by Paul Haase, managing director, Controllers Institute of America; Edna Beilenson, president of the American Institute of Graphic Arts, and Nicholas E. Crane, past-president, New York Society of Security Analysts, Inc.

The screening of reports was under the direction of Ralph A. Rotnem, president of the New York Society of Security Analysts, Inc., with the cooperation of 26 investment analysts, all members of the New York Society.

Lighter Look



Pulaski district crewmen are shown here installing new street lights in the downtown section of Hillsville. Lighting in the business district has been converted to new enclosed-type luminaries on 10-foot arms. At the project's completion, the town has 19, 1,000 candle power units, seven 600 candle power units and six lights of 400 candle light power. Also 20 were converted from 100 candle power to 250.

This Accident Not Like Others

For the third time in a year Hubert King has administered first aid to an accident victim, but this one was different from the others.

His son was the victim this time. Hubert, Williamson meter serviceman, was refereeing a midget football game when there was a pile-up on the line of scrimmage. When the boys unscrambled, one was left on the field.

Hubert discovered it was his son, Jack, and that he had a broken arm. He kept the boy still, calmed him and sent for his mother to take Jack to a doctor. Hubert then returned to the game.

On two occasions earlier this year Hubert used his knowledge of first aid to advantage in other accidents.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon District—10 YEARS: HAROLD M. BOOTHE, meter reader; CLETUS E. FIELDS, lineman.

Beckley District—40 YEARS: ALBERT J. THOMAS, station man. 35 YEARS: WILLIAM E. MITCHELL, line supervisor; BERNARD H. WHITE, JR., local office manager. 15 YEARS: SANFORD S. SCOTT, truck driver-groundman. 10 YEARS: JOHN M. GATES, commercial sales representative.

Bluefield District—15 YEARS: JAMES L. HALE, meter reader. 10 YEARS: LACY H. WALLACE, lineman; CHARLES E. HOWELL, meter serviceman. 5 YEARS: EARL A. PROFFITT, auto repairman; ALICE H. COALTER, power billing clerk.

Cabin Creek Plant—20 YEARS: E. H. HALL, turbine operator. 15 YEARS: W. R. BARTON, plant janitor; N. S. SEARLS, laborer; G. R. WALLS, plant janitor. 10 YEARS: J. K. DANIELS, assistant control operator; C. R. WHITTINGTON, assistant control operator.

Charleston District—35 YEARS: BENJAMIN R. CURRENCE, meterman; HOWARD C. MATHEWS, meterman; FRANK P. STYLES, division sales analyst. 20 YEARS: BURL FEWELL, Winfield hydro utility operator; PAUL O. GOODE, engineering aide. 10 YEARS: DENNIS L. BLAKE, meter serviceman; KERMIT W. FISHER, division station engineer. 5 YEARS: BILLY L. CHASE, lineman; NORMAN YOUNG, station man helper.

Glen Lyn Plant—15 YEARS: OLIN W. BOND, results engineer.

Huntington District—20 YEARS: ROBERT D. KUSTER, commercial sales representative. 10 YEARS: HAROLD L. BACK, lineman; JAMES R. DRENAN, lineman; GENEVIEVE R. TAYLOR, secretarial stenographer. 5 YEARS: DAVID W. RITCHIE, lineman.

Kanawha River Plant—10 YEARS: C. H. MOONEY, unit foreman. 5 YEARS: E. M. ARMSTRONG, janitor; W. F. SAMPSON, assistant results engineer.

Logan District—10 YEARS: RICHARD D. BLEVINS, engineering aide; HAROLD E. GARRETT, meterman.

Lynchburg District—20 YEARS: ELGA T. WRIGHT, lineman. 5 YEARS: LEWIS D. EVANS, heating and builder sales representative.

Pulaski District—20 YEARS: GARLAND S. BRUCE, T&D clerk.

Roanoke District—40 YEARS: W. P. SAUL, station man. 30 YEARS: W. P. BOOKER, district manager. 20 YEARS: C. E. WEST, JR., lineman. 15 YEARS: S. W. FISHER, auto repairman. 10 YEARS: J. O. BOWLING, groundman; D. N. SINK, lineman.

Philip Sporn Plant—10 YEARS: CLAUD M. BUMGARNER, material clerk. 5 YEARS: JOHN N. LEWIS, helper; GEORGE W. NASH, helper; BERL E. WALLACE, helper.

System—35 YEARS: M. J. HARTLEY, system meter superintendent. 25 YEARS: DONALD L. BUCKINGHAM, system station foreman; WILLA BIRD TYREE, system operating analyst. 15 YEARS: J. D. MURRAY, assistant system office manager. 10 YEARS: C. L. FULP, system accounting analyst; CARL H. HAGER, svstem transmission man; VERNON S. LIKENS, system station clerk; MARCELLUS V. WARD, system station man. 5 YEARS: STANLEY E. LATHAM, system control wireman; DONALD O. WISSLER, system station man.

Welch District—10 YEARS: JACK C. GREEN, meterman; CLOYD E. SRAKER, lineman; BURNARD C. WALLACE, lineman.

Williamson District—25 YEARS: GILBERT B. TRENT, electrical engineer. 15 YEARS: ERNEST SLATER, truck driver-groundman. 5 YEARS: AMOS P. HENRY, area serviceman.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District—10 YEARS: DAVE H. LEASURE, head contract clerk; CLAYTON H. WILBURN, meter reader.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

20 YEARS: FAIN W. LEAMON, engineering aide; CLYDE E. GREEN, civil engineer. 15 YEARS: COY A. ARNOLD, station man. 10 YEARS: JAMES W. JOHNSON, groundman; ELBERT H. PRESLEY, lineman.

Welch Employee Retires Recently



Mr. Carr

William E. Carr, Pocahontas T&D clerk in the Welch district, retired October 1. Ailing for about a year, he had been confined to his home since last February.

Mr. Carr joined the company in April 1930 as a lineman. He has worked as a truck driver, truck driver-groundman, lineman, distribution record clerk and field time and material clerk.

A former supervisor of his stated that he was an outstanding truck driver. The supervisor said Mr. Carr could estimate within 10 pounds the load a winch would pull.

Born in Littleburg, W. Va., in 1896, Mr. Carr was a veteran of World War I. He served in the medical corps and was discharged a sergeant. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

J. C. Hansbarger Re-Elected To Post

J. C. Hansbarger, assistant Huntington division manager, has been re-elected chairman of the Huntington Cabell Chapter of the American Red Cross. This is his third term as chairman.

A native of Peterstown, W. Va., Mr. Hansbarger attended West Virginia University and Eastman School of Business. He joined Appalachian at Welch in 1937 as an electrician

helper. He has served as rural solicitor, groundman, clerk, electrician, general superintendent and district superintendent. He was Welch district manager from 1946-50. He then served as Logan district manager and was promoted to his present position in 1953.

A member of the Rotary Club, Guyan Golf and Country Club, Chamber of Commerce and the Guyandot Club, he is also an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church. Married, he is the father of two children.

Lynchburg Employees Given UF-RC Plaque

United Fund officials recently presented Lynchburg district employees with a plaque for participation in last year's campaign.

The award was presented to district employees on the basis of participation, average amount contributed per employee and increase over the previous year.

The district was the tops among Group II companies, those having between 61 and 180 employees. D. C. Kennedy, district manager, received the plaque on behalf of the employees.

"Do It" Dryer Display



A photo-electric cell was used to attract attention to a clothes dryer display in the window of the Roanoke general office building recently. By placing a hand over the hole in the box lower left, a passerby could activate the dryer. The window was arranged by Joy Nash, Roanoke district sales display arranger. G. H. Broyles, service foreman, prepared the photo-electric cell, which is the type used for cutting street lights on and off.



Jane Plunkett, Lynchburg T&D clerk, has made needlework her hobby. Here she displays two of her embroidered cross-stitch pictures.

Needlework, Threads, Designs Make "Excellent Hobby" For Jane Plunkett

Needles, thread and intricate designs make "an excellent hobby," according to Jane Plunkett, Lynchburg T&D clerk.

Miss Plunkett has been sewing, embroidering, knitting and crocheting since she was 12. Afghans, bedspreads, sweaters and cross-stitch pictures are among her repertoire of needlework.

During the Christmas season, her knitting abilities are called upon to produce gifts for the family. Three years ago, she knitted 10 sweaters for gifts. Last Christmas, averaging one per week, she completed six, each decorated by a Mother Goose character.

Miss Plunkett has completed three afghans, each about four by six feet. At one time for a wedding gift, she completed one of these large coverings in three weeks.

She derives the most enjoyment from embroidering cross-stitch pictures. The many colors of thread and the complicated charts, she believes, are a real challenge.

Among the many items of needlework she has produced, her proudest accomplishment is a crocheted bedspread. It is a white, full size spread

with pink roses and green leaves. It took three months to complete.

In spite of her many needlework activities, she still finds time to paint toleware, raise flowers and read novels. However, her favorite hobby is needlework, and she has this to say about it: "You can make it cost as little or as much as you like, and it's impossible to worry about small everyday problems when trying to follow an intricate pattern."

Auxiliary Headed By Lorraine Corea

Lorraine Corea, Williamson secretarial-stenographer, has been elected president of the Mother's Auxiliary of Boy Scout Troop 79.

This recently-formed auxiliary is one of the first in the area. Its function is to help the Scouts with their projects. The auxiliary is helping make Christmas corsages, table and house decorations and cookies for the Scouts to sell during the holidays.

Mrs. Corea is also active in Cub Scouting. She is assistant to the district commissioner in charge of cubbing sessions at the monthly roundtable meetings.

15 Lynchburg Veterans Feted For Long Service

Fifteen Lynchburg district employees who reached service anniversaries of 20 years or more in 1958 were honored at a dinner recently.

A total of 68—or 43 per cent—of the district's employees have 20 or more years' service.

Bluefield . . .

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Mrs. Willard A. Johnson, wife of the Princeton meter reader, has been elected president of the Princeton Council of Church Women.

Carlos, son of William M. Hawthorne, janitor, is convalescing at home following a bicycle accident in which he broke his leg.

Michael, son of Frank B. Pearman, dealer sales representative, is recuperating at home after suffering a broken collar bone in a football game.

Mary Lou, daughter of Ralph Smith, retired meter superintendent, has been chosen president of the Virginia Intermont Faculty Club.

Mary Jane, daughter of William M. Hawthorne, janitor, was elected cheerleader at Tennessee State University.

Beth, daughter of Howard S. Meadows, district engineer, has been elected president of the Junior Debs of Fairview Junior High School. Freda, daughter of Lewis C. Thomas, commercial sales representative, has been elected secretary of the Glama Club at the school.

I. F. "Slim" Houston, Tazewell working foreman; E. V. Dunn, Bland area serviceman; Jackson E. Boyd, merchandise order and billing clerk; J. Donald Haynes, Princeton general clerk; and Dewey Jessee, Richlands area serviceman, have returned to work following extended illnesses.

Sympathy is extended Irene Peery, Tazewell cashier-clerk, on the death of her brother and Ira W. Henderson, administrative assistant, on the death of his father.

Jerry R. Whitehurst, heating and builder sales representative, attended a meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Samuel W. Hylton, Jr., accounting, and Glenn H. Reynolds, electrical engineer, are new employees.

Retired employees Warren E. Brooks and L. H. "Jack" Saunders visited the office recently.

H. P. Crabtree, retired employee, has returned to Osprey, Fla., for the winter months.

Point Pleasant Vets Honored At Dinner

Fourteen Point Pleasant employees who received service pins during 1958 were honored recently at a banquet.

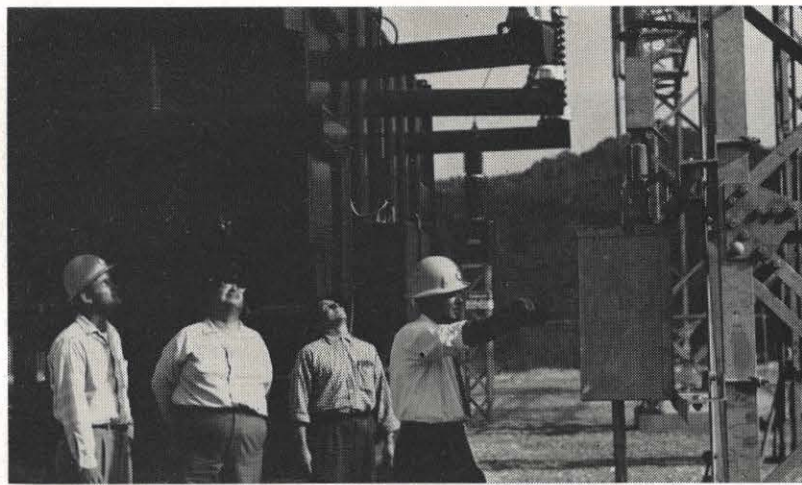
Attending the dinner were the district manager, G. E. Hervey, supervisors and foremen.

Employees receiving pins during the year were: T. A. Jewell; M. C. Clark; Bernice M. Roush; R. D. Miller; F. E. Wolfe; Lorain Crump; M. W. Scott; H. L. Chambers; J. W. Morrison; C. E. Fowler, Jr.; F. H. Taylor, Jr.; Joan Baird; Mavis Weaver; H. E. Walters, and K. C. Morris.

Bluefield "Association" Officers



New officers for the Bluefield Employees' Benevolent Association are from left: Chalmers M. Bailey, chairman; Betty W. Farley, secretary, and Ryland Y. Bailey, treasurer. Members of the executive committee are Jack Newland, Manderville E. Rich, Kyle B. Shelton and Earl E. Sprinkle.



Rufus M. Bondurant, Abingdon district superintendent, energizes the new 138-kv transformer at Hill station. Watching from left are R. A. Sheffey, Jr., district engineer; J. J. Armstrong, system operations supervisor, and Edsel Johnson, dispatcher at Switchback.

New Transformer At Hill Station, 138-Kv Section Of Line Energized

The new 138/34.5-kv transformer at Hill Station in the Abingdon district was switched into service recently.

Also placed into service was the Clinch River-Hill section of the Clinch River-Holston 138-kv line.

The new line and the 40,000-kv

transformer will feed the station directly from the Clinch River plant about 15 miles to the north. A tie line to the Gate City-Sunbright line makes an alternate 34.5-kv source of power available for the Gate City station, fed presently from Kingsport.

The Hill station was built in 1956 and has been fed at 33-kv from the Holston station in Kingsport. The Hill station serves the 12-kv distribution in the north and western sections of Scott County, Va., and the Foote Mineral Company at Sunbright.

J. R. Burdsal Leads Christmas Committee

James R. Burdsal, Pikeville district supervising engineer, has been selected to head the city of Pikeville's



Mr. Burdsal

Christmas lighting committee. The committee is part of an effort to plan activities for Pikeville during the holiday season. Besides the lighting activities, plans have been made for a parade, for

decorating homes and stores and for other festivities. Mr. Burdsal is vice president of the local Rotary Club. This is his second year as chairman of the lighting committee.

Radio Amateur Wins Sweepstakes Contest

Keith Chambers, Bluefield electronics engineer, has just been notified that he won the American Radio Relay League 1957 sweepstakes contest for the West Virginia section. This is his second consecutive win.



Mr. Chambers

The sweepstakes contest, held annually on two weekends in November, tests the flexibility and efficiency of ham radio operators. Throughout the United States, Canada and their possessions, radio operators compete on a sectional basis. For 40 hours air time, the amateurs carry out a high speed message exchange to contact as many different stations as they can.

During the competition, Mr. Chambers contacted stations in 49 states, Hawaii, the Canal Zone, Canadian provinces and ships at sea. He made 362 contacts in 69 of the 73 international sections for a score of 65,070.

His station, with call sign of W8SSA, consists of a receiver, transmitter and an all-band trap antenna. Normally run at 1,000 watts, he was using the prescribed 150 watts for the contest.

Ashland Man Heads Boyd County Drive

R. F. Millikan has been named chairman of the 1959 Community Chest Red Cross Drive for Boyd County.

He is general safety and employee relations supervisor of Kentucky Power.

The Boyd County Community Chest Red Cross Drive has set a goal of \$117,876 to meet budget needs of 14 participating agencies.

Huntington Reaches 500,000 Safety Mark

Huntington district employees have received a safety award for completing a half-million manhours without a disabling injury.

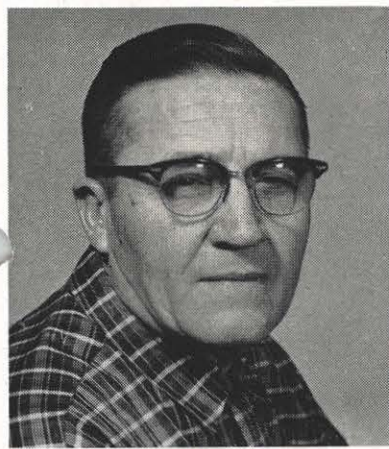
The district achieved the 500,000 manhour record on August 10, 1958. The last disabling injury occurred July 12, 1957. The award was presented N. B. Kean, district superintendent, by W. S. Kitchen, system safety.

Best Bike



Philip Hays, whose dad, Nolan, is a Hazard district substation man, was recently awarded a new bicycle as winner of the boy's division, annual Safety Day Bicycle Parade. His costume, slogan and bicycle decoration were judged best among the boys' entries.

Frank Campbell Dies Suddenly



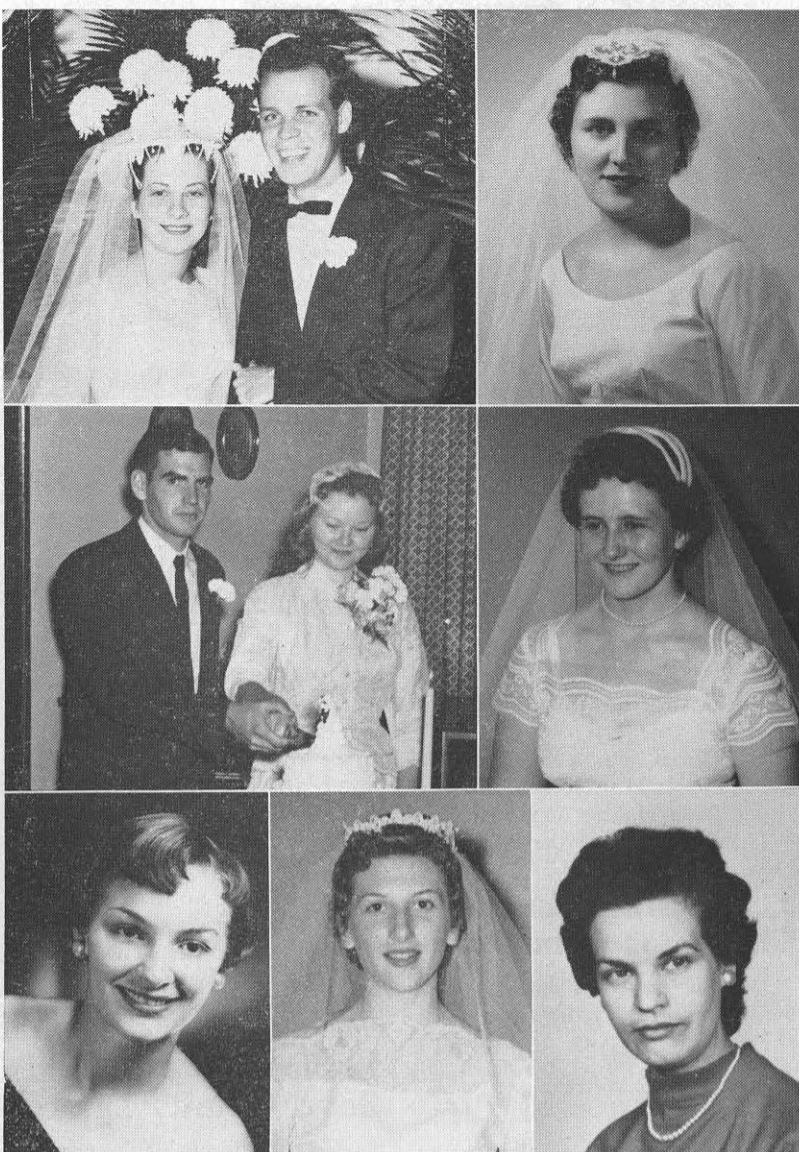
Mr. Campbell

Frank H. Campbell, Kanawha River plant labor-janitor foreman, died September 27 of a heart attack. He was 60.

Mr. Campbell was employed by the Kanawha Valley Power Company in 1935 and transferred to the Cabin Creek plant in 1942. He was named to his last position at Kanawha River plant in 1952. During his employment, he had worked as a laborer, turbine operator and maintenance man.

Born at Sandyville, W. Va., he is survived by his wife, a daughter and two grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at Ravenswood, W. Va., with burial in the Ravenswood Cemetery.

Nine Couples Wed



Married in recent weeks were TOP ROW from left: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Busch, Ashland; and Mrs. Gary Rhudolph Holdren, Pulaski. MIDDLE ROW from left: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anders, Pikeville; Mrs. Jimmy Preston Hardwick, system. BOTTOM ROW from left: Mrs. William B. Napier, Hazard; Mrs. Orren Richard Anderson, system; and Mrs. Jack S. Smith, Abingdon.

Napier-Napier

Dixie Lee Napier was married to William B. Napier in the Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church of Hazard on October 12. Mrs. Napier is an accounting clerk-typist in Hazard.

Thompson-Anderson

Betty Jane Thompson and Orren Richard Anderson were united in marriage October 4 at the Belmont Christian Church of Roanoke. Mrs. Anderson is a system accounting employee in Roanoke.

Verburg-Holdren

Helen Verburg became the bride of Gary Rhudolph Holdren October 4 at the Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church. Mr. Holdren is the son of Clyde R. Holdren, Claytor Hydro working foreman.

Wins Beauty Crown



An Abingdon district employee's daughter has been crowned "Miss Dickenson County" for 1958-59. Peggy Sue Branham, whose mother, Vivian H. Branham, is a part-time employee in the Clintwood office, won over 25 contestants. The judging was held during the Farmers' Fair in Clintwood. Peggy Sue is a senior in Clintwood High School.

Luther-Busch

A double ring ceremony performed October 5 at the 13th Street Baptist Church united Carolee Luther and Lloyd E. Busch. Mrs. Busch is an Ashland clerk-typist.

Burnside-Hardwick

The wedding of Sylvia Sue Burnside and Jimmy Preston Hardwick was solemnized at the First Assembly of God Church in St. Albans on September 13. Mrs. Hardwick is the daughter of N. J. Burnside, system operations coordinator at Turner Station, and Mr. Hardwick is a system station operator at Clinch River Plant.

Kinney-Anders

October 8 was the date of the marriage of Bobbie Ann Kinney and Robert Anders. Mr. Anders is the son of R. C. Anders, station foreman in Pikeville.

Smith-White

Nancy Sue Smith became the bride of Richard L. White in a ceremony performed October 17 in the First Presbyterian Church of Bluefield. Mr. White is chemist at Clinch River Plant.

Lambert-Neely

Agnes Lambert and Paul Neely were married October 3 at Princeton. Mr. Neely is a utility man at Glen Lyn Plant.

Grace-Smith

The Baker's Chapel Methodist Church was the setting October 10 for the wedding of Alice Maebelle Grace and Jack S. Smith. Mrs. Smith is a contract clerk in Abingdon.

Chloe Darrah Wins Kodak Photo Contest

Chloe Darrah was recently named a winner in the 1958 Eastman Kodak high school photo contest.

Chloe, daughter of C. C. Darrah, Williamson district manager, was presented a merit certificate, award certificate and a cash prize at Williamson High School recently.

A senior, she is a member of the French Club, Tri-Hi-Y and is active in church work.



Chloe Darrah

Electric Kitchens Seen In Williamson

The Tug Valley Junior Woman's Club and Appalachian's Williamson district recently co-sponsored a tour of local all-electric kitchens.

About 120 persons visited the six homes open during the tour which was called "The Showcase of Kitchen Living." Members of the Woman's Club served as hostess, explaining the kitchen facilities.

The tour started at the company's auditorium where Woodrow Holbrook, residential and rural sales supervisor, made introductory remarks, and Louise Kessinger, home service representative, served refreshments.

Coincidence Gives Employee Red Face

An 8-year-old daughter, a percolator and coincidence combined to cause John Frazier, Charleston district safety supervisor, some good-natured embarrassment recently.

At an employee sales promotion program at St. Albans, Mr. Frazier's young daughter, Harriet, was asked to draw names for the door prizes. Harriet obligingly dipped her hand into the pot to pick the winner of the first prize, an electric percolator.

The name was drawn and read, and Mr. Frazier's embarrassment began. Whose name had Harriet drawn?—her mother's.

They're Engaged

MARGARET ANN SMITH to Earl R. Johnston, Jr. Miss Smith is a commercial stenographer in Roanoke district.

Bluefield Club Holds 30th Anniversary



Helping celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Bluefield Girls' Service Club are, from left: Polly Gatewood, treasurer; Anne Turner, president; Nancy Tibbs, vice president; Frances Brooks, secretary; Maude McCulloch,

retired home economist; Marie Dunn, charter member, accounting department; Billie Bass, charter member, who now resides in Roanoke, and Marcelle Saunders, charter member, payroll department.

The 33-member Bluefield Girls' Service Club celebrated its 30th anniversary with a commemorative luncheon recently.

At the affair, special recognition was given charter members Billie Bass, who now resides in Roanoke; Mar-

New Arrivals

Abingdon District

MR. AND MRS. ROY R. GREGORY, a son, George Robert, September 24. Mr. Gregory is a meter serviceman.

Ashland District

MR. AND MRS. JACK T. PAULEY, a daughter, Jacqueline Ann, October 5. Mr. Pauley is a meter reader.

Beckley District

MR. AND MRS. L. C. JONES, a son, Robert Crandall, September 25. Mr. Jones is a station man.

Charleston District

MR. AND MRS. SAM DUNN, a daughter, Sandra Jo, September 28. Mr. Dunn is a lineman.

MR. AND MRS. REX W. HAYES, a son, Kevin Lee, October 6. Mr. Hayes is a station man.

Clinch River Plant

MR. AND MRS. GILES B. CARTER, a son, Giles Allen, August 15. Mr. Carter is a laborer.

MR. AND MRS. DON JONAS a son, Don Michael, September 29. Mr. Jonas is chemist assistant.

MR. AND MRS. GORDON W. UNDERWOOD, a son, Mark Alan, September 2. Mr. Underwood is a test engineer.

Huntington District

MR. AND MRS. JAMES R. DRENAN, a son, James Bruce, September 30. Mr. Drenan is a lineman.

Employee's Wife Gives Book Talks

Book reviews are the hobby of Helen K. Sterrett, wife of E. M. Sterrett, Point Pleasant customer service representative.



Mrs. Sterrett

A high school English teacher, Mrs. Sterrett claims that giving book reviews to various groups is "right down my line." For reviews, she usually picks a book to report on herself since the groups she

appears before seem to prefer it that way.

Her hobby also includes the time necessary for reading the books, but she considers this time well spent. "I love to read," she explained, and her favorites are historical novels.

In other activities, she is president of the Association of American University Women, recording secretary for the Woman's Club, vice president of the Reading Club and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

The Sterrett's have one son, an electrical engineering student at the University of Cincinnati who co-ops for Appalachian.

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. J. W. KITCHEN, a daughter, Jean Ann, October 15. Mr. Kitchen is a utility operator.

Lynchburg District

MR. AND MRS. FRANK D. GILES, JR., a daughter, Robbie Lynn, October 9. Mr. Giles is credit supervisor.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD H. MARTIN, JR., a daughter, Catherine Darnell, September 20. Mr. Martin is area sales representative, agricultural engineer.

Pikeville District

MR. AND MRS. SHELBY KINCAID, JR., a daughter, Shelley Rose, October 19. Mr. Kincaid is a former clerk trainee in the meter department.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN H. TURNLEY, a daughter, October 23. Mr. Turnley is a serviceman.

Point Pleasant District

MR. AND MRS. R. D. MILLER, twin sons, Mathew Greely and Andrew Dowell, October 15. Mr. Miller is a lineman.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES E. LESTER, a daughter, Jill Elaine, September 16. Mr. Lester is a test engineer.

System

MR. AND MRS. L. E. FERGUSON, JR., a daughter, Kimberly Ann, October 15. Mrs. Ferguson is a former system accounting employee in Roanoke.

Welch District

MR. AND MRS. EARL DOSS, a son, Mark David, September 1. Mr. Doss is a Keystone meter serviceman.

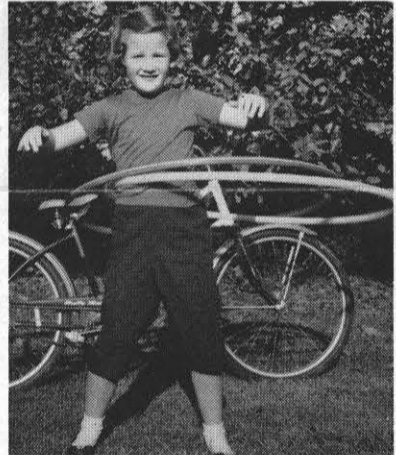
MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL FAIN, a son, Samuel Kenneth, September 25. Mr. Fain is a Grundy meter reader.

MR. AND MRS. DWIGHT W. MEADOWS, a son, Bradley Kevin, October 17. Mr. Meadows is a groundman.

Williamson District

MR. AND MRS. RUFUS MEADE, JR., a daughter, Rhonda Gail, September 19. Mr. Meade is a lineman.

Spinner Winner



Eight-year-old Anne McAlpine spins her hula hoops to show how she won the bicycle behind her. Daughter of Louise McAlpine, Kingsport home service representative, Anne won three events in a contest sponsored by the Kingsport Jaycees and a local merchant. She competed among 40 entries in the division for children in the first, second and third grades.

celle Saunders, payroll department, and Marie Dunn, accounting. Each was presented an orchid corsage.

Supervisors of the members also attended the luncheon, and each was presented a boutonniere. Maude J. McCulloch, retired home economist,

gave a history of the club. Closing remarks were made by J. P. Gills, executive assistant to vice president, and L. W. Bates, division manager.

Scrapbooks and clippings of the club and its activities were displayed in the company auditorium.

A Cold, Wet Rain Tournament Day Didn't Keep Sporn's Golfers Away



Philip Sporn plant manager Albert G. Mehlman, center, awards trophies to two winners of the plant golf tournament. Keith Arnold, left, took low gross honors, and Jack Johnson, right, tallied low net.

A cold rain failed to put a wet blanket on the Philip Sporn plant golf tournament held recently at the Gallipolis Golf Club in Ohio.

Among the 21 participants, Keith Arnold was awarded the trophy for low gross, and Jack Johnson was given a trophy for low net. Prizes were awarded to Albert Mehlman for the drive nearest the hole on No. 4; to Bill Hayes for the drive nearest the pin on No. 8, and to Bob Couch for the longest drive on No. 6.

After completing the 18 holes, the golfers were served a buffet lunch at the clubhouse, and the trophies were awarded.

Nitro Baseball Fans Know Lew Burdette As Home Town Boy

Probably many baseball fans from Nitro, W. Va., and vicinity are supporters of the Milwaukee Braves. The reason? Nitro is the home of Braves pitcher Lew Burdette.

Proud citizens have erected signs at the edge of town reading, "Nitro, W. Va.—Home town of Lew Burdette." After the last series, however, the signs were draped in black crepe.

Joe Donegan, St. Albans area serviceman in the Charleston district, remembers Lew as a boy of 15 just starting to pitch for a chemical plant team. "He was just a rookie in the game, but he had style and the ability to go places," Mr. Donegan said.

Mr. Donegan is convinced that Lew worries his opposition by his restless, nervous actions. "He always was high strung, and couldn't stand still," Mr. Donegan said, "but even as a kid of 15, he tried to worry the opposing players every way he could."

About Lew's future, Mr. Donegan speculated, "He's got enough confidence for 40 fellows, and baseball fans are going to see plenty from this boy yet."

Keen Competition Peps Plant League

Competition is keen in the 4-team Cabin Creek plant bowling league.

After the first three weeks of play, the Kool Kats are leading the Peppers by two games, while the Live Wires and Hot Shots are only three games behind.

High single in the first weeks of play was rolled by L. O. McKinney with a 224. Mr. McKinney also bowled high series of 565.

This season's officers of the league are: Mr. McKinney, chairman; Hannah Coleman, secretary-treasurer, and L. C. Hartman, C. B. Burner and Ed Jarrett are members of the board.

With Failing Eye It Hit The Guy

A frolicsome, blind horse recently caused a service outage for 15 customers at Dingess in the Williamson district.

Checking the outage, Lineman B. L. Curry found that the horse, romping in a field, had run into a guy with a force that slapped two secondaries together. This blew fuses on a transformer.

Service was restored in an hour.

Tennis Trophy



Mrs. J. E. Runyon, whose husband is the Williamson heating and builder sales representative, displays a championship trophy she won recently. Mrs. Runyon took first place in the annual Tug Valley Women's Tennis Tournament. She toppled her opponent 6-4, 6-1 in the finals to clinch the title.

Bowling Underway At Sporn



Spearheading the 1958-59 bowling season for Philip Sporn plant employees are these new officers. They are from left: Karl Wiles, treasurer; Harry Davis, president; Willis Dudding, secretary; and Nelson Roush, vice president. Captains of the teams are members of the board of directors. A total of 63 employees on 10 teams kicked the season off last month. Teams this year are Office, Substation, Laborers, Results, Maintenance No. 1 and No. 2, Grimes Shift, E Shift, Tennant Shift and the Pulverizers.

Engineering Takes Roanoke Kegler Lead

Engineering 13 wins against only 5 losses, Division Engineering has taken the lead in the Roanoke Bowling League.

Not far behind, tied for second, are the Meter-Distribution and Line-Station teams with 11-7 records. L. G. Gregory of L-S has high average of 114 and is in a tie with G. M. Adkins, Stores, for high set of 364. B. T. Bryant, local office, has high game of 135. L-S has high team game of 575 and high team set of 1,611.

James B. Yonts Marches With "100"

James Bradley Yonts, a freshman at the University of Kentucky, has been chosen a member of the school's famed Marching 100 band.



James Yonts

The son of M. X. Yonts, Hazard district engineering aide, James plays tuba with the band. He is majoring in engineering.

In Hazard High School, he was active in the debate and glee clubs and served as president of the Hi-Y and Engineers clubs. A sports enthusiast, he coached a church basketball league his senior year.

Kaye, Reggie Reynolds Earn Awards For Entries In Area Cattle Shows



Kaye and Reggie Reynolds proudly display their prize Herfords and the many ribbons their entries have won in cattle competition. Reggie and Kaye are the children of W. C. Reynolds, Roanoke division meterman.

Reggie and Kaye Reynolds have collected an impressive array of ribbons and prizes for entries in cattle shows.

Son and daughter of W. C. Reynolds, Roanoke division meterman, the two youngsters have ranged far from their Fincastle farm to enter their cattle in shows. The ribbons they have won date from 1954, and, so far, Reggie has brought in most of them.

In competition this year, Reggie won, among others: Grand champion Hereford, at the Roanoke Fair, Lynchburg Farm and Home Show and Botetourt County Youth Fair. Kaye won reserve champion at the Roanoke

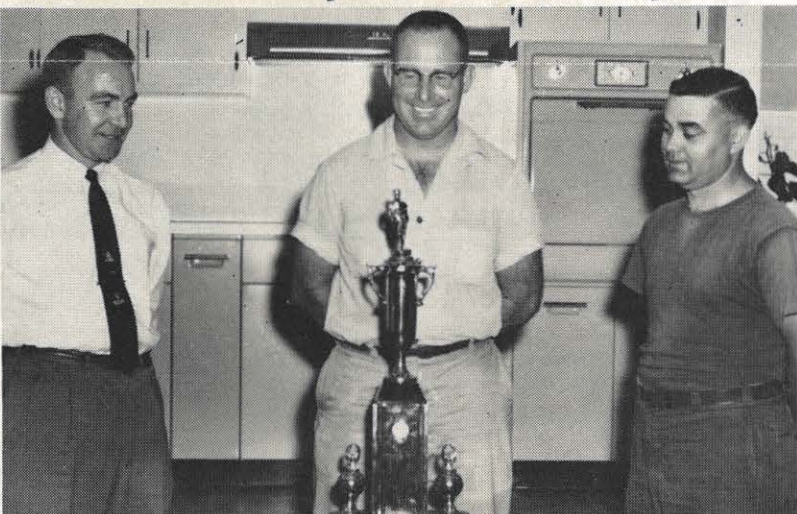
Fair. Reggie has also scored riding Kaye's pony in several horse shows.

Bradie Kidd's "Cat"



Bradie N. Kidd, Pulaski area serviceman, thought he had snagged the bottom when he hooked this 22-pound catfish. Seconds later he found out different. The 38-inch "cat" was caught at Claytor. "If you have never had a 22-pound "cat" on a casting rod with ordinary reel and line," says Mr. Kidd, "you just haven't fished."

Three Beckley District Men Play On State Champion Softball Squad



Members of the West Virginia state championship softball team are, from left: Jim Farmer, general clerk, R. W. Martin, engineering aide, and Eugene O'Neal, line inspector. The trophy at center was presented their team for its victory.

Three Beckley district employees were members of the state championship softball team.

Playing for The Smoke House team in the Beckley city league were Jim Farmer, second base; R. W. Martin, pitcher, and Eugene O'Neal, left field. After clinching the city league title, the team won the state tourney held in Parkersburg last August. In regional competition at Toledo, O., they were beaten in the second game.

About their winnings, the three had one comment. "Who said we're too old to play softball!"

Gold Medallion Home Of Employee Shown

A 2-day open house showing was held at the Gold Medallion Home of Fred Helm, St. Albans area superintendent in the Charleston district.

A total of 1,530 people went through the split-level house during the event. The home features a GE heat pump, "Medallion" wiring and lighting, built-in kitchen and Quick Recovery water heater.

Builder and heating sales representatives were on hand to conduct the tours, and coffee and cookies were served by the home service department.

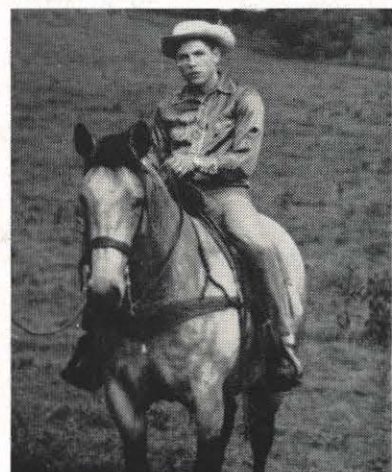
Jan Schneider Takes Champs Ribbon At Ohio State University Horse Show

Jan Schneider, son of P. T. Schneider, Logan plant manager, recently demonstrated his abilities as a champion horseback rider.

A junior at Ohio State University, Jan won the Championship Ribbon at the school's semi-annual horse show. The ribbon was awarded for most points accumulated during the event.

In accumulating points, Jan won first place ribbons in bareback, advanced western, "egg and spoon" race and "spin and ride" classes. In "model and grooming" and advanced English competition, he took two fourth place awards.

An animal science major, Jan is a member of the University's Boot and Saddle and Saddle and Sirbine clubs. He spends many of his non-study hours at the school's horse barn looking after 23 riding horses.



Jan Schneider is as much at home in a saddle as he appears to be. The son of P. T. Schneider, Logan plant manager, Jan recently demonstrated his horsemanship abilities by taking the Championship Ribbon at an Ohio State University horse show.

A Dutchman's Opinion

Competition Cited Better System

A native of the Netherlands in Roanoke to study U. S. methods of electric appliance marketing and servicing said he prefers America's free enterprise system to his country's socialistic economy.

C. J. "Boy" Van Leeuwen, 23-year-old resident of The Hague, said he likes our system of competition. "It is good for the people who are buying," he said, "it gives them the best prices and makes them feel like they're getting a deal." He said this is good for the seller, too. "It gives him a feeling of doing business."

"Boy," as he is called by associates, was in Roanoke for six months with Holdren's, Inc., a local appliance dealer. During this time, he worked in all departments of the store. Upon his return to the Netherlands, he will take over the Frigidaire appliance section of his father's electrical business.

During his stay in Roanoke, Boy became increasingly popular as a public speaker. One of his many appearances was before the Roanoke district's October supervisors' meeting.

In explaining why he came to Roanoke, Boy said Frigidaire suggested Holdren's "out of all the dealers in America" as the best business for him to study.

Comparing free enterprise to the type of socialism in the Netherlands, Boy said, "You have more opportunity here . . . you can start somewhere and build up . . . everyone has the opportunity to be a big businessman."

It is not that way in the Netherlands, he said. There, anyone wishing to enter business must apply to the state. First, an individual must be franchised, he explained, and this entails studying for a license examination. After obtaining a license for a business, the person is advised by the city government as to where he should locate.

After being approved and located by the government, the new businessman must join a "cartel," or association of dealers selling the same product. As a member of the cartel, the dealer must pledge not to undersell other dealers. This means there is no price competition.

Upon his return to The Hague, Boy plans to experiment with the U. S. brand of price competition. There are a few items, such as small appliances, which are not under the control of cartels. He thinks his people will readily accept competition as we know it.

Boy went on to say that in the Netherlands, radio, television, telephone, gas, railroads, the equivalent of our banks and the electric industry are controlled by the government. Most of the electricity is purchased from Germany, he said, because the Netherlands has very limited generating capacity.

Much of America's high standard of living can be attributed to credit, Boy thinks. In the Netherlands, there is no similar credit system. "People may save for two years to buy a

W. H. Stricklen Helps In Treating Snake Bite

W. H. Stricklen, Point Pleasant line foreman, used his company first aid training to good advantage while on vacation recently.

When a member of his party was bitten by a snake, Mr. Stricklen assisted in treating the wound. With no snake bite kit handy, a sterilized razor blade was used to make the incision over the fang mark.



C. J. "Boy" Van Leeuwen, 23-year-old citizen of the Netherlands, practices the American way of selling an electric clothes dryer. Boy was in this country for six months studying our country's methods of marketing electric appliances. He prefers U. S. competition to the socialistic-type economy of the Netherlands.

refrigerator," he said, "and when they buy, they pay cash."

They aren't trade-in conscious, he said. The typical Dutch consumer will use an appliance until it wears away without thinking of the "latest" models or "new" features.

Boy, who has an education comparable to the second year of college here, is a reserve second lieutenant in the Dutch army. He served as a motor transport officer in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization of which the Netherlands is a member.

Asked what things about our appliance marketing system impressed him the most, he listed price competition, trade-in policy and re-conditioning of used equipment.

Broken Power Pole, Electrocuted Boy Mean Double Trouble

A broken pole and an electrocuted boy meant a busy night for T. E. Reed's Charleston district crew, September 19.

About 5:15 p. m., a pole in the Hurricane area was broken when hit by a car. The impact of the collision had torn the car in half—with the halves about 100 feet apart—but the two occupants survived with only minor injuries.

While crews worked to replace two spans of primary and secondary, an ambulance driver ran up to the scene explaining that his vehicle, en route to the hospital with a 10-year-old boy, had developed a flat tire. The driver asked that the crew radio for another ambulance.

While waiting for the second ambulance, Mr. Reed assisted in administering artificial respiration to the boy who had been electrocuted while swinging from a guy wire on a private distribution system. Other members of the crew assisted in the ambulance, holding the boy on the cot and helping transfer him to the other vehicle.

After the second ambulance was on its way and the hospital had been alerted, the crew went back to work on the line. Service was restored to the Coal Mountain area at 10:32 p. m.

The boy was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital, and physicians opined that he had died instantly.

Several calls were received the following morning thanking the crew for its aid in the emergency. Members of the crew working that night were: T. P. Hull, Grady Ramsey, Charlie Conner, Felix Porter, W. A. McClain and Sam Given.

What about the American way of life impressed him the most? "A person here has much more responsibility than in my country," he said. "This gives me a feeling of being 'somebody' . . . I like that."

M. A. Steckel Of System Dies



Mr. Steckel

Miles A. Steckel, 70, retired meter superintendent of the system meter department, died October 15 in a Charleston hospital of a heart ailment complicated by bronchial asthma.

Born August 25, 1888 in Egypt, Pa., he was educated in Pennsylvania schools. He came to West Virginia in 1914 as meter and substation supervisor of the Virginian Power Company, Appalachian predecessor. He became system meter superintendent August 1, 1946, with offices in Charleston, and retired in 1954 after 40 years' service.

Mr. Steckel was a member of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Egypt, Pa. He had been an active worker for the Grand Assembly of West Virginia Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and was a member of the Grand Cross of Color of the group.

He was also a member of Chapman Lodge of Northampton, Pa., Marion Commandery Knights Templar at Lebanon, Ky., Mt. Vernon, Ky. chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, and Scottish Rite and Beni Kedem Temple of the Shrine at Charleston. He was an honorary member of the West Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors.

He is survived by a daughter and two brothers. Services were conducted October 18 in the chapel of Christ Church Methodist, with burial in the Spring Hill Mausoleum. Graveside services were by the Masonic Bodies of Charleston, and honorary pallbearers were district superintendents in our three companies and employees of Appalachian.

Work Completed At Sprigg Station To Handle Clinch River Plant Load

A recently-completed \$32,000 improvement project has enabled the Sprigg station to handle the increased load it receives from Clinch River plant.

A portion of the Clinch River plant load passes through this Williamson district station into Logan.

Modern impedance relays were installed on the Beaver Creek No. 1 and 2, 138-kv line breakers. These are the first impedance relays to be used in the district.

In addition, relays were installed on the Logan No. 1 and 2, 138-kv line breakers and the transfer 138-kv breaker. The over-all project, about 12 weeks in completion, took the efforts of several sections of the system station department.

In over-all charge of the project was S. A. Rich, system station relay branch. To remove the bushing current transformers, the circuit breakers were dismantled by Ernest Bailey's crew under the guidance of C. N. O'Dell, circuit breaker branch.

Then, averaging about one breaker per week, Richard McKinney and Jeff Bryant re-wound these 1,200-pound transformers for the new relay scheme.

New relay panels and switches were installed by Lewis Chittum and C. E. Martin of the switchboard branch, system station. They also re-

Lineman Promoted To Welch Foreman

Clarence H. McVey, Pocahontas lineman in the Welch district, has been promoted to working foreman. He succeeds the deceased Joe C. Graham.

Employed January 7, 1943 as a groundman, he has also worked as a serviceman.

He was born at Glade Spring, Va., and attended schools in Beech Grove, Va. He worked for the Lincoln Furniture Company in Damascus before joining the company.

His hobbies include hunting and fishing, and he is sergeant-at-arms of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. McVey is married and has three daughters.



Mr. McVey



Lewis Chittum and C. E. Martin, system station switchboard branch, install new relay panels in the Sprigg station. The work, which enabled the station to handle the Clinch River plant load, took about 12 weeks.

wired the control panels.

The 138-kv oil circuit breaker relays were calibrated by E. J. White, system station relay branch.

Valuable Bridge Wasn't So Once

This is the story of the bridge that used to not go anywhere. It's also the story of several employees who had to work their ways home.

The bridge is the Pauley Bridge in Pikeville, which was featured in Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" column as the million-dollar bridge that went nowhere. During the depression in the 1930's it was built by WPA labor, and actually went nowhere.

But today the bridge leads to the airport and two housing developments. Or rather, it did lead to them. A few days ago a truck sideswiped the bridge and plummeted through it, rendering it useless for travel.

Several Pikeville district employees used this bridge as the only way they could get home. So H. H. Kincaid, William Zoellers, Craig Fields, Tilden Justice and Arlie Wright had to build their own bridge.

The five, working on a weekend, constructed a low water bridge they could use until the Pauley Bridge could be repaired. The bridge that used to not go anywhere had proved itself extremely important.

AEP Men On National Show



Recording their portion of the November 1 National Farm and Home Hour radio show are, from left: Lee McConnell, I&M; Milton Bliss, NBC; Robert Derry, Ohio Power, and J. E. Collins, Appalachian. The three AEP system representatives discussed electricity on the farm.

J. E. Collins, Appalachian senior agricultural sales engineer, was one of the three American Electric Power system representatives to appear on the Allis-Chalmers National Farm and Home Hour radio show November 1.

Appearing with Mr. Collins were R. K. Derry, Ohio Power Company, and L. W. McConnell, Indiana and Michigan Electric Company.

During their 6-minute portion of the show, the three discussed examples of electricity on the farm and told how our companies promote electric

farming.

Mr. Collins spoke on electric irrigation systems and how they have increased profits of fruit growers in Appalachian's area. Mr. Derry spoke on a heat pump installation in an Ohio hatchery. I&M's representative, Mr. McConnell, told of "bubble barns," inflated polyethylene structures being used as greenhouses and warehouses. The "bubbles" are inflated and ventilated by an electric fan. The show was carried on many stations in our area.