

Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits.

—THOMAS A. EDISON

The Illuminator

It is never too late to give up our prejudices.

—HENRY DAVID THOREAU

Vol. X, No. 5

KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

KINGSPORT UTILITIES, INC.

February 1959



Happy over their 1958 safety record and the million manhour mark reached January 26 are these five employees, representing the 435 employees of the Charleston district. They are, seated from left: Imogene Legg, customer service clerk, the woman with the longest injury-free record in the district; W. L. Miller, truck driver-groundman, the man with the longest injury-free record in the district; and John C. Frazier, district safety supervisor. Back row, from left: C. B. Talley, district manager, and G. W. Unangst, district superintendent.

Attain Three Goals

Charleston Employees Work One Million Safe Manhours

Charleston, largest of the 13 Appalachian districts in number of employees, completed a million manhours without a disabling injury January 26.

This marked the first time in the history of the district that this goal has been attained. The 435 employees of the district began their injury-free manhour record on November 16, 1957.

Actually the million manhour record is the third of three goals employees set for themselves. According to posters and bulletins to employees, the first goal was November 16, 1958, marking 365 consecutive days without an injury. The second goal was December 31, 1958, making a calendar year without an injury and winning for the district the annual Appalachian award for most consecutive manhours in a year without a disabling injury. And the third, "The Big Payoff", as it was called,

was the million manhour record.

Now a fourth goal, the two million mark, has been set by employees for themselves.

Many things were done in the district to keep the safety record before all employees. Safety scoreboards were set up, showing the district's day-by-day progress. Employees talked it up among themselves. District Manager C. B. Talley, while in Florida on vacation in November, wrote letters to the wives of the district's 60 supervisors, telling them of the goals. The letters went on: "Because I will not be in Charleston to thank your husband for his part in reaching the first goal, will you please do it for me when he arrives home from work this evening..."

These letters, and the other efforts in the district, drew praise from D. C. Duncan, system safety director, and W. S. Kitchen, system safety supervisor for their uniqueness and effectiveness.

What one thing made the records possible? Both Mr. Talley and John C. Frazier, district safety supervisor, said no single part of the accident prevention program did more than others. They agreed that it was a combination of constructive suggestions, active support and wholehearted participation of all employees.

Huntington Is All-America City

Huntington has been named one of eleven 1958 All-America Cities. The annual award is co-sponsored by the National Municipal League and *Look Magazine*.

The award was based on great strides the citizens of Huntington have made to bring about improvements for the happiness and welfare of themselves and the community.

Some of the city's achievements, on which the city was judged, include: 282 new classrooms, many other school improvements and four successive special levy elections to operate the schools; the Memorial Field House and a \$1-million bond levy to keep it operating; a new City-County Hospital; a \$4-million airport; increased library funds; a cerebral palsy center; a complete change in local government to the Council-Manager form; and many others.

Review Of 1958 In This Issue

Major events of 1958 in our three companies and the AEP System are related on page 7 of this issue.

This outline of the year past will be followed shortly by an Employee Information Program, which will tell in more detail how our companies fared during 1958. Scheduling of this program in the various locations will be announced later.

1958 C-I Sales Best In History; Residential Sales Off From 1957

All three of our companies exceeded residential and commercial-industrial sales quotas during 1958, contributing to a good sales year throughout the AEP System.

Appliance sales were off over the AEP System from the record year of 1957, but the 267,459 kilowatts in commercial-industrial sales added to lines was the largest in AEP history. In addition, there were 3,649 resistance heating home installations and 205 heat pump installations, topping 1957 performances.

Residential Sales

Kentucky Power attained the highest percentage of quota in residential sales of any company during the year, 114 per cent. Kingsport was second in the Exciter Division with 111 per cent of quota, and Wheeling Electric was third.

Appalachian finished second in the Generator Division with 103 per cent of quota. Indiana & Michigan was first and Ohio Power third.

Our three companies set personal sales records during the year. All three recorded more resistance heating installations than ever before, and Kentucky Power had more sales of electric clothes dryers in its territory than in any other year in its history.

Breakdown

Here is a breakdown of sales in our three companies:

Appalachian — 24,142 ranges, 13,397 water heaters, 13,063 dryers for a total of 50,602 total appliance

units; 877 home heating installations and 77 heat pump installations.

Kentucky — 3,149 ranges, 1,565 water heaters, 2,189 dryers for a total of 6,903 appliances; 98 home heating installations and 9 heat pump installations.

Kingsport — 831 ranges, 728 water heaters, 777 dryers for a total of 2,336 appliances; 321 home heating installations and 25 heat pump installations.

Commercial-Industrial

Kingsport finished second with 120.8 per cent of quota and Kentucky third with 119 per cent of quota in a tight race in the Exciter Division. Wheeling was first with 121 per cent of quota. Appalachian finished third in the Generator Division although 125 per cent of quota was attained. I&M was first and Ohio Power second.

All three companies set personal

records in C-I Sales. Appalachian's 5,708 kilowatts added in space heating was the highest in the history of the company. Kentucky added 2,562 kw and Kingsport 859 kw in lighting for all-time highs.

Here is the company breakdown, in kilowatts added during 1958:

Appalachian — 26,661 in lighting, 16,269 in cooking, 5,708 in space heating, 8,987 in production heating, 10,153 in air conditioning, and 813 in heat pumps for a total of 68,591 kw.

Kentucky — 2,562 in lighting, 2,088 in cooking, 571 in space heating, 395 in production heating, 755 in air conditioning, and 99 in heat pumps for a total of 6,470 kw.

Kingsport — 859 in lighting, 358 in cooking, 358 in space heating, 476 in production heating, 283 in air conditioning, and 154 in heat pumps for a total of 2,488 kw.

Kentucky, Kingsport Have Injury-Free Year In 1958

Employees of Kentucky Power and Kingsport Utilities went through the entire year of 1958 without a disabling injury, both approaching the coveted million-manhour safety mark.

And in Appalachian, where 14 districts, plants and system departments had injury-free years, the Charleston district was awarded the bronze

plaque by the system safety department for accumulating more consecutive manhours during the year without a disabling injury than any other Appalachian group.

Kentucky employees worked 744,562 manhours during 1958, bringing their consecutive string of hours without a disabling injury to 928,662 on December 31. The last injury occurred on September 30, 1957.

Ashland district employees have compiled 1,163,427 manhours since the last disabling injury on March 17, 1954. Pikeville employees have gone 447,857 hours since their last injury, and Hazard employees have compiled 265,563 manhours since their last injury.

Only twice before, in 1955 and in 1953, has the company as a whole experienced injury-free years.

Four For Kingsport

Kingsport employees have now completed four consecutive years without a disabling injury, reaching 970,292 manhours on December 31. Their last injury was on November 6, 1954. This enviable record was continuing at press time.

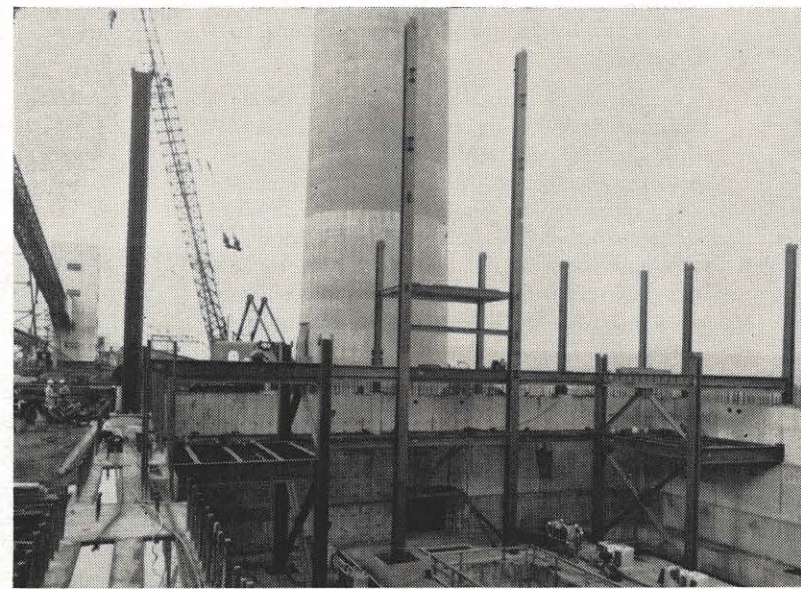
Charleston district employees compiled 844,041 manhours during 1958 without a disabling injury to earn the Appalachian award. At the end of the year the district had totaled 942,781 consecutive manhours without an injury.

Other Records

It is notable that three of Appalachian's four largest districts by number of employees, Charleston, Roanoke and Bluefield, completed the year without disabling injuries. Also with spotless records during the year and receiving Certificate of Merit awards, were: Beckley, Logan and Williamson districts; Kanawha River, Clinch River, and Logan and Radford Arsenal plants; and these system departments: accounting, station, operating, real estate and right-of-way, and meter.

(See Safety Record, Page 3)

Structural Steel Goes Up For New Sporn Plant Unit



Structural steel has started going up in the turbine room area of Unit 5 at Philip Sporn plant. In the background is part of the stack, now 60 percent finished. The unit is expected to be completed in mid-1960. This picture was taken from the plant proper.

Work on the stack has been suspended until spring, but elsewhere construction on Unit 5 at Philip Sporn plant is progressing rapidly.

The 450,000 kw unit will be the world's largest on completion. Construction began in June 1957, and since then 163,000 cubic yards of machine excavation have been completed, 32,325 cubic yards of concrete poured, 60 per cent of the 600-foot high stack completed, 2,241 tons of reinforcing steel placed, 190,000 square feet of forms for concrete built,

and 93,000 cubic yards of back fill have been placed.

The erection of structural steel was started in December and since then 581 tons have been placed. In addition, work continues on the changes in the 138 kv switchyard to take care of the additional power production of Unit 5.

There are over 300 employees working all phases of the construction. Work on the stack will continue when the weather gets warmer, and the entire unit is expected to go into operation in mid-1960.

The Sound Of Broken Lives

These are voices from broken bodies. They speak of broken lives.

"Mommy said I can't play cowboys with Tommy anymore. She said I'll have to stay in my bed for a long, long time. She even showed me what I'll have to wear when I can get up. They look like what you put on a pony to make him turn, but they go on my legs. Mommy said I'll have to use those things like Tiny Tim uses in the story—you know, they go under your arms to help you walk.

"My legs still hurt but not like they did after the car hit me or afterwards when I had to stay at the doctor's place. They had trucks and fuzzy dogs there, but I didn't play with them because my legs hurt too much.

"Mommy always told me to cross streets at white lines and to look both ways. I told Mommy that cross-my-heart I looked, but the car came so fast. It made me drop my candy. It was chocolate candy.

"I wish Mommy didn't cry so much."

Another voice . . .

"Man it's tough for a restless guy to be in this shape. Especially right now with basketball season underway and all. I figured my chances for first string guard were pretty solid. Oh yeah, I figured I was a pretty good driver, too.

"I put a lot of work into making that car what it was. Ground out the block and even re-designed the carb. It's a beaut—I mean, it was. It could have been worse, I guess. That guy I ran off the road could have been killed.

"Maybe I'll learn to use this fake arm, but my legs—Man, it's tough!"

Another voice . . .

"I've been in much physical pain since the accident. Breathing has been difficult, and these headaches persist.

"The physical pain isn't the bad part of this, though. Losing my eyesight isn't the worst part. It's the realization that I can't be the wife and mother I once was. Joyce has been brave. Poor little dear, she even said she would be my eyes if I would let her. It hurts to know we can't be the pals we once were. I can't help her sew doll clothes; we can't bake together. I can't even watch her grow, becoming a junior miss and then a young woman.

"With a lot of work, my life can be almost normal again, they say. It must. I must help my husband throw off his guilt. He hasn't sounded the same since we skidded into that car. His once vibrant voice is toneless and without humor. 'I've taken a life,' he repeats, 'and ruined my wife's, my little girl's and mine.'"

The anguished voices of lives broken in the roar of traffic blend into a sorrowful chorus. As the strains swell, they should teach us a lasting lesson—to drive safely.

The Illuminator

Published monthly for employees of Appalachian Power Company, Kentucky Power Company and Kingsport Utilities, Inc., and their families. Articles herein may be reproduced provided credit is given.

EDITORIAL STAFF

ROANOKE MAIN OFFICE
40 Franklin Road
Roanoke, Virginia

G. S. DUNN *Public Relations Director*
C. R. LOVEGROVE *Editor*
R. T. YOBAGGY *Feature Writer*

ASSOCIATE EDITORS

C. B. YEAROUT *Bluefield Division*
L. M. COBBS *Charleston Division*
W. R. WITZEL *Huntington Division*
J. G. HARVEY *Roanoke Division*
J. A. MUNDY *System*
R. F. MILLIKAN *Kentucky Power Company*
W. Z. TRUMBO *Kingsport Utilities, Inc.*

Your Opinion

What can employees as individuals do to help promote traffic safety?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



PARIS W. HATCHER, Auto Repairman, Beckley

We can start by obeying all traffic laws and extending common courtesy on the highways. There are two safety factors that I would like to bring out that would enable us to be better and safer drivers. One is the condition of the vehicle. The condition of your automobile should be treated exactly the same as your physical condition. When defects appear the automobile should have a check-up the same as the human body.

Second is the condition of the highways. As we know, the tire industry has never made a snow tire that will replace chains, and when we need chains we should cut our speed in half, and more if necessary, so that we may have control of the automobile at all times.



HERBERT H. BENTON, Lineman, Kingsport

Employees as individuals can help promote traffic safety by being courteous at all times while driving. Courtesy is contagious. By respecting the rights of other drivers, the accident experience rate would be greatly reduced.

Employees should be thoroughly familiar with and obey all the local and state traffic laws and regulations. This would promote traffic safety. Employees should have their cars inspected regularly to be sure they are in perfect mechanical condition. Bad lights, faulty brakes, etc., are the cause of many accidents.



JEAN STULTZ, Stenographer, System Commercial

Today, the public has been persistently cautioned and implored to observe all safety factors. Yet we find accidents and fatalities from traffic soaring higher. "What can employees as individuals do to promote traffic safety?"

To begin with, we find manufacturers introducing new features such as safety belts, tubeless tires and padded dashboards which we can utilize to help promote safety. We can further insure safe automobile performance by having our cars inspected periodically.

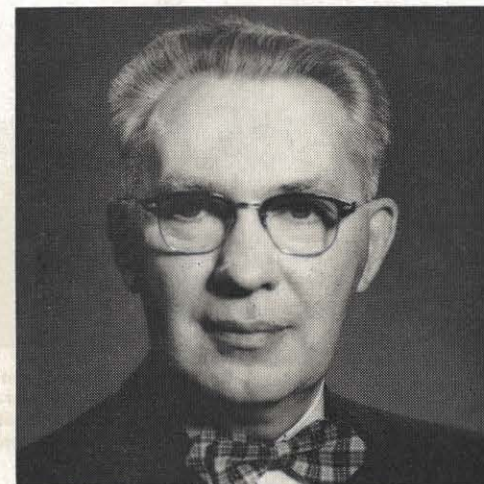
Even if we utilize all these safety measures, there is still one factor which could completely void all these precautions. That is what I call the "human element"—or how we perform when driving. We need to know and abide by all traffic regulations. Alertness, courteous road manners and patience, if practiced, I believe, would do more to promote traffic safety than any device which safety engineers might develop.



DOROTHY FORD, Stenographer, Pikeville

The word, safety, in general, is uppermost in the mind of any power company employee since it is stressed so vigorously in our dealings with the company. Safety on the highway can be brought about by:

- (1) Checking to see that your automobile is in good working condition and having any necessary repairs as quickly as possible after they are detected.
- (2) Taking advantage of any new device, which is definitely an improvement, such as safety belts, etc.
- (3) Being a courteous driver and "holding your temper" while you are behind the wheel. A courteous driver is generally a safe driver.
- (4) Reading the Driver's Manual periodically to help you keep in mind the "do's" and "don't's" of safe driving.
- (5) Observing and obeying traffic laws at all times.



W. DOVAL LeSAGE, Administrative Assistant, Huntington

If every driver of motor vehicles would observe the statutes and ordinances that are enacted for the regulation of vehicular traffic and, in addition, observe the common courtesies of the road, the specter of death would vanish from the streets and highways of the nation. We, as individuals, are part of the driving public and, to that extent, can promote traffic safety by careful attention to our own safe-driving practices.

But we can do more than that. Each of

us has a circle of influence—whether it be our family, our friends or our associates. And within that circle, by example and precept, we can become a factor in spreading the message of safe motor vehicle operation. The information constantly gained from our company safety programs equips us uniquely to exert this humanitarian influence.



T. W. WEATHERS, Division Radio Engineer, Bluefield

Statistics still prove that the "nut" behind the steering wheel is the major cause of traffic accidents. Most traffic mishaps are a direct result of driver error, neglect, and/or poor judgment. It seems to me that if one would form and consistently practice safe driving habits, maintain a high respect for traffic laws, and apply the Golden Rule to driving, one's chances for an accident would be greatly reduced. Driving habits often determine whether, or not, we place ourselves in a hazardous situation, and will greatly affect our reactions during an emergency.

Acts of impatience, such as excessive speed, following too close, taking chances when passing, and allowing one's mind to become preoccupied—thus failing to anticipate hazards—are some common examples of unsafe driving habits.

Driving habits, like health habits, can determine how long and how well we live.

Obedience to traffic laws should be no problem to one with safe driving habits. The support of strict traffic law enforcement should be encouraged as protection against the unsafe driver.



HANNAH W. COLEMAN, Clerk-Stenographer, Cabin Creek Plant

Accidents on the job have declined over the years in spite of the increased number of employees, high speed machinery, and rapid rate of production. Why? Because enough people have recognized that safety must be an integral part of every job an employee performs.

If each employee could educate himself, his family, and his associates to believe that driving is a part of his job of living and that the principles of safety he learns on the job apply with equal importance to driving, then traffic accidents would be reduced.

We build better roads, equip automobiles with safety devices, have efficient law enforcement, but accidents still occur at an alarming rate. The driver is the key to the problem and as long as he leaves safety at the plant office or at the house, accidents will continue.

Safety begins at home, but it should never end—when it does, somebody pays.



Fresh from effectively battling a house fire with giant snowballs are these three Bluefield employees. They are from left: Joseph L. McNeal, William C. Cox and James E. Hash, Jr.

Alert Employees Use Giant Snowballs To Combat Fire In Tazewell Dwelling

Some people, especially children, like snow. Others consider it a nuisance. But at least one Tazewell family thinks snow is pretty nice stuff to have around.

Their fondness for snow comes from the fact that it was used to contain a fire in their home recently. The human actors in the drama were three Bluefield district employees, W. C. Cox, instrumentman, and James E. Hash, Jr., and Joseph L. McNeal, rodmen of a district survey crew.

The three were driving near Tazewell when Mr. Cox spotted the house on fire. They rushed over and found

the kitchen burning in one corner, with some cabinets already consumed. An elderly lady and two younger women were trying to move furniture out and had succeeded with two cedar chests and a table.

The near-tragedy was that no water was available—water pipes had frozen outside the house. One employee accompanied the elderly lady to a neighbor's house to call the fire department.

And then snow, six inches of it on the ground, entered the picture. The employees, acting quickly, started rolling giant snowballs and battled the fire with them. As the snow melted it effectively kept the fire under control until the fire department arrived to finish the job.

A disaster had been averted, thanks to the winter snow and three alert Bluefield employees.

A. H. Jopp Elected Society President

A. H. Jopp, Pikeville district commercial manager, has been re-elected president of the Big Sandy Chapter, Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers.



Mr. Jopp

This is his second term in office. One objective of the chapter is to encourage high school students to look toward engineering careers. The chapter is also working to develop a high school curriculum slanted toward advanced engineering study.

Mr. Jopp joined Kentucky Power in Ashland in 1937 as a distribution engineer. He was transferred to his present position in 1948 after serving as commercial manager for the Hazard district.

Married, he is active in the Lions Club and the First Presbyterian Church.

Philo Is First In AEP Safety

Kanawha River plant advanced to third place as Philo plant of Ohio Power took top honors for 1958 in the annual American Electric Power System Safety Contest.

Marion-Muncie Division of Indiana & Michigan Electric was second, with Kingsport fourth, Kentucky Power fifth, Logan plant seventh and Charleston ninth.

Philo employees have accumulated 2,177,958 manhours without a disabling injury. Kanawha River, Kingsport and Logan plant have had no disabling injuries since the first contest began four years ago. This is the fourth time an Ohio Power division has finished first in the AEP contest.

New Service Emblem Available To Employees

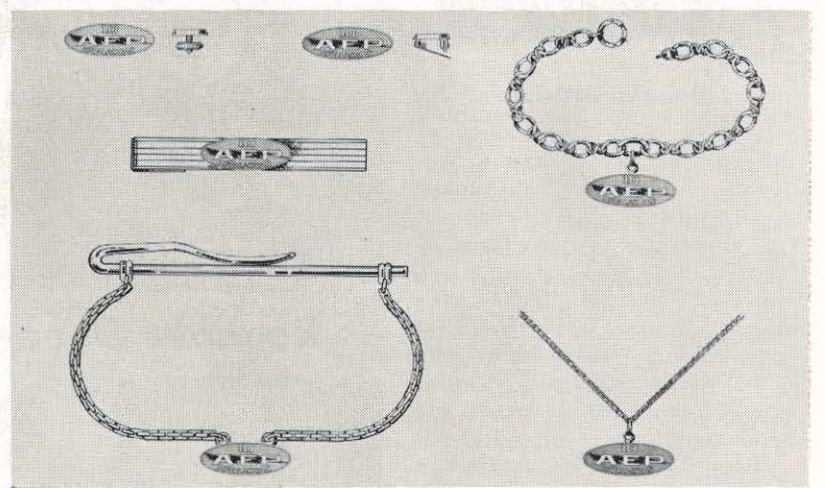
The new American Electric Power System service pin, bearing the new AEP insignia and the individual operating company name, is now available.

Henceforth, employees will receive a new pin as they complete each five-year period of service. Employees who completed such a five-year period since June 1, 1958 (when the new company name was adopted) will receive a new pin within the next few weeks.

A new feature is the employee's option among several styles of accessory jewelry on which the pin is mounted (see illustration).

The new AEP service emblem can now be had either as a lapel pin with safety clasp or with a bayonet-screw back. In addition, women employees have a further choice of a gold bracelet or pendant with the emblem an integral part. The men have a choice between a gold tie bar or tie chain arrangement bearing the insignia. Therefore, all employees have a choice of four designs.

Employees, as before, are eligible for a new service pin on the completion of each five-year period of service. Five, ten and fifteen-year pins carry the service numeral above the AEP insignia. The 20-year pin has four diamonds in place of the numeral and for each additional five years' service the pin carries an extra diamond with a maximum of seven diamonds—representing 35 years' service. Those with 40 or more years



receive a pin with one large diamond on it.

The former American Gas and Electric System pin, which had become outdated by the change in name of the parent company, had been used since 1925.

Safety Record . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

Appalachian's frequency rate in 1958, the number of disabling injuries per million manhours worked, was 3.42, less than the frequency rate of 3.50 in 1957. Employees suffered 25 injuries in 1958, compared to 26 the year before. However, there were three fatalities among employees during the year, two more than in 1957.

Significant during 1958 were honors accorded employee groups. Three groups, Ashland, Beckley and Roanoke districts, reached a million consecutive manhours without a disabling injury, and received the Edison Electric Institute Award. At press time all three locations were continuing toward two million man-hours.

Three employees became members of the Turtle Club, a national organization honoring those men whose lives have been saved by the wearing of hard hats. These men were Claude B. Smith of Charleston, Ernest Scott of Pikeville and Bob C. Thomas of Beckley.

On 13 different occasions during the year, employees used their first-aid training and quick thinking to aid in acts of mercy, lifesaving, fire warnings, rescues and other similar occasions.

Commendation

In commenting on the fine performance of the employees of his company, F. M. Baker, Kentucky vice president and general manager, commented: "Each employee shared in last year's safety achievement. I know you also share my feeling of gratitude and pride in this accomplishment of completing the year without a single disabling injury. Measured by this important standard, 1958 will go in the record as an outstanding year. Let's all resolve to do our part in making 1959 another year without a disabling injury."

Cause To Pause

D. C. Duncan, system safety director for Appalachian and Kingsport, had this to say: "While Appalachian's frequency rate was lower in 1958 and many locations did fine jobs in safety, the distressing thing to me is that there were three fatalities, the highest number in several years. This should make all of us pause, and resolve more than ever to make safety a part of our jobs in 1959."

"Kingsport employees are to be congratulated on their safety record. This record is a tribute to the awareness and earnest efforts of all employees to work safely. We are looking to a fifth consecutive year without a disabling injury in 1959."

System Foreman Has Article In 'Notes'

J. B. Doss, general foreman for the system transmission line department in Bluefield, wrote an article for the January 1959 issue of *Monthly Operating Notes*.



Mr. Doss

He was the author of "Temporary Bus For Station Maintenance." He points out that for several years the system station department has been using a temporary bus scheme for de-energizing the main station buses and structures to safely perform necessary maintenance without interrupting customers' service. This has been used on most structures in the 4 to 69 kv range.

His article goes on to describe how this scheme was used to clean and paint one of the largest 34.5 kv stations on the Appalachian system. Mr. Doss goes into detail in explaining the set-up and the results.

Abingdon Youth Eagle Scouter



It's a proud moment for Richard Lee Bocock of Abingdon, as his mother pins his recently-earned Eagle Scout pin on him.

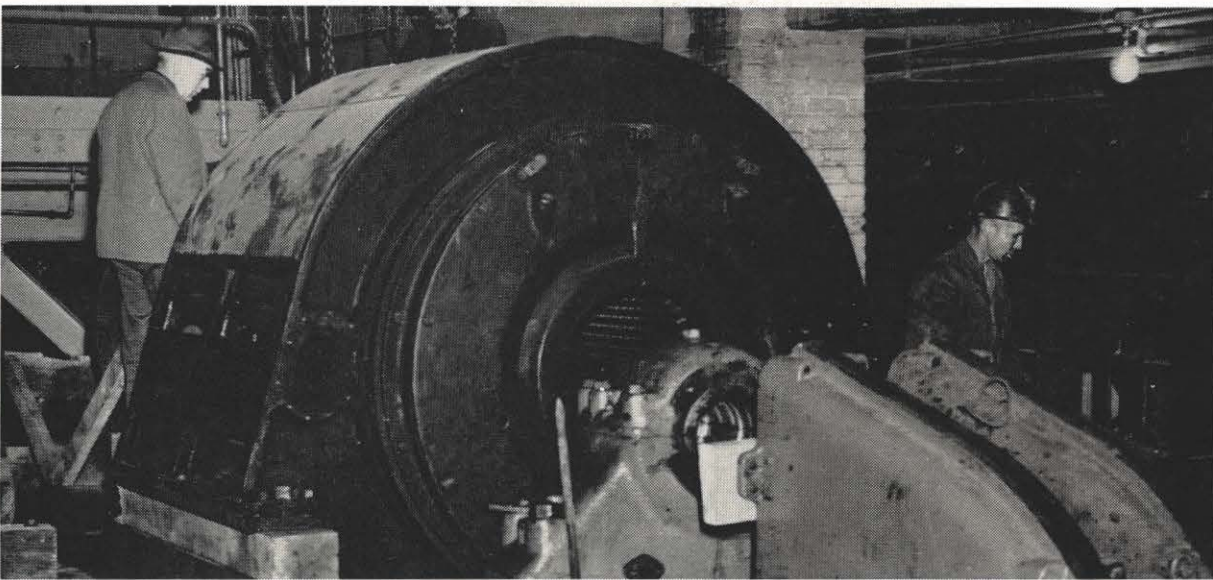
Celebrating five years of Scouting, Richard Lee Bocock of Abingdon received his Eagle Scout pin recently.

The 13-year-old son of Forrest L. Bocock, Abingdon district sales supervisor, Richard became a Cub Scout in December 1953 in Welch. When he left the Cubs he had earned his Wolf, Bear and Lion pins and 12 Arrow points. He had also attained the highest Cub rank, Webelos.

In June 1956 he joined Troop 9 of the Boy Scouts at Welch and the next year attended the Fourth National Jamboree at Valley Forge. He transferred to Abingdon's Troop 22 in 1957.

Young Richard is a member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 24 merit badges.

Dismantling Continues At Hazard Plant



Dismantling of equipment at the retired Hazard steam plant is continuing. Here, workers are removing a 6,250 kva General Electric turbo generator. This generator will be shipped to the Tahsis Lumber Company Ltd., North Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Before this company puts the unit into operation, they plan to send it to

Burmanhaven, Germany, for rewinding and a complete overhaul. Much of the equipment being dismantled in the plant is being sold for scrap, however. Platnick Brothers of Bluefield is doing the dismantling work. The Hazard plant was retired last year after 40 years of operation.



Pulaski District

H. B. Newland, district personnel supervisor, has been named to succeed D. P. Minichan as the citizen representative on the Retirement Plan Committee of the Town of Pulaski.

Kelly L. Buckland, T&D clerk; Carl G. Powers, Wytheville T&D clerk; and Mrs. Winston Miller, wife of the line inspector, have returned to their homes following surgery and hospitalization.

Helen R. Cox, PBX operator, is back at work after hospital confinement.

Sympathy is extended Dallas B. Cassell, Marion lineman, on the death of his mother.

Maj. Ray C. Heldreth, dealer sales representative, has been named career reservist, surplus disposal section, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, the Pentagon, Washington.

Welch District

Alonza Hardy, Jr., meter serviceman, was elected a Deacon in the Grundy Baptist Church.

W. L. Mitchell, lineman, has been elected treasurer of the Vansant School PTA.

Sank Smith, district personnel supervisor, was elected an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Grace R. Hajash, general clerk, is recuperating at home from a severe hand burn.

Sympathy is extended P. R. Grubb, working foreman, on the death of his mother-in-law and Lia Pais, home service representative, on the death of her mother.

Sympathy is also extended Clyde Welch, T&D clerk, on the death of his grandmother.

Glen Lyn Plant

Mrs. Henry Davis and Mrs. Ira Wiley, wives of the retired employees, have returned home after hospital confinement.

G. A. White has returned to work following an extended illness.

Sympathy is extended W. M. Collins on the death of his wife.

Abingdon District

C. K. Kirkland, who was transferred to Welch as district manager, was honored with a dinner party and presented a gift by the Abingdon district supervisors.

John L. Anderson, engineering student, has resigned to re-enter VPI.

W. H. Coe, Haysi serviceman, has been elected treasurer of the Haysi Kiwanis Club.

J. G. Craig and T. G. Brabson, commercial department, completed an electric heating and air conditioning course. J. R. Warden, commercial, has completed the industrial engineering course and D. T. Robinson, T&D, has completed the course in practical lineman.

(See Bluefield, Page 11)



C. E. Holyoke, district supervising engineer, was elected lieutenant governor of the Optimist Club.

Myra, daughter of George Gott, has recovered from a recent operation.

Mrs. C. E. Kennedy, wife of the retired stores supervisor, has returned home following hospital treatment.



Roanoke Donors Get Early Start



Getting the jump on American National Red Cross Month, which is March, are these Roanoke employees giving blood at the Roanoke Regional Blood Center. The employees are, foreground back: Carol C. Branch, district commercial; Pauline Smith, system accounting; and R. F. Cooke, district accounting. The nurses are from left: Mrs. R. M. Pilcher, voluntary nurse's aide; and Mrs. Mary J. Stuart, chief nurse at the Center. Roanoke employees attended information meetings in January to acquaint them with the blood donor program. In March, the Red Cross will hold its annual drive for funds and the giving of blood. The theme of the drive this year is "The Red Cross—On The Job When You Need It Most."



Williamson District

Woodrow Holbrook has been elected financial chairman of the Boy Scouts.

Emma Warren, maid, was elected vice-daughter ruler of Prodigal Guide No. 316, social chairman of the Federated Woman's Club and treasurer of the Steward Board of the St. James A. M. E. Church.

C. C. Darrah, district manager, was elected to the board of directors of the Mingo County Country Club. Mrs. G. B. Trent, wife of the electrical engineer, has returned home after hospitalization.

George Hairston, janitor, has returned to work after hospitalization.

Sympathy is extended Price Copley on the death of his two brothers.

Huntington District

Ethel L. Hyldahl, T&D engineering section, department president of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, attended the national midwestern conference of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the VFW in Washington, D. C.

Dolly C. Shank, division payroll, has resigned.

Charles E. Porter has returned to work following surgery.

C. E. Morrison has returned to work following an occupational injury.

Sympathy is extended C. C. Ransbottom, retired employee, on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is extended T. M. Payne on the death of his brother-in-law and K. D. Moore on the death of his mother-in-law.

Clarence Copley has returned to work after being hospitalized due to a heart condition.

C. A. Beatty has returned home following a second major operation within seven weeks.

J. T. Bing and A. J. Darrah, retired employees, are recuperating at their homes following major surgery.

Oscar Endicott, who has been off since August due to a heart attack, has returned home after hospitalization.

Retired employees T. W. Hardy and J. J. Galligher have been hospitalized due to heart conditions.

(See Logan, Page 11)



Cabin Creek Plant

W. L. Nuhfer, chief electrician, upon completion of a 14-week Dale Carnegie Course in effective speaking, human relations and leadership training, was awarded a gavel as the person receiving the most good from the course out of a class of 35 people.

Sympathy is extended C. H. Marks, turbine operator, on the death of his father and L. O. McKinney, transformer maintenance mechanic, on the death of his brother.

Sympathy is also extended W. C. Vealey, electrical maintenance man, on the death of his brother and G. L. Douglas, mechanical maintenance mechanic, on the death of his brother.

Charleston District

Eli Wooten, employee on military leave, and his wife visited the office during the Christmas holidays.

W. R. Witzel was presented a 53-jewel wrist watch by fellow employees on the occasion of his transfer from Charleston to Huntington.

Leonard Gray, janitor, is a new Montgomery office employee.

Bill Grimmett, Montgomery line; Alfred M. Jones, Charleston line;

and Wanda Nelson, accounting, have returned to work following extended illnesses.

Retired employees R. R. Lucas and Steve Webb are patients in the hospital.

F. R. Frishette, retired employee, visited the office after an extended vacation in Florida.

Retired employees French Snyder and Walter Ashworth are spending the winter in Florida.

Sympathy is extended J. G. Powell, station, on the death of his father.

Kanawha River Plant

Sympathy is extended Eugene Proctor on the death of his stepfather and J. C. Burnette on the death of his brother.

(See Pt. Pleasant, Page 6)



Ashland District

Wesley Ellis, records supervisor, and his DeMolay group visited all patients in King's Daughters' Hospital and Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital and left special greeting cards for adults and books for children.

Sympathy is extended W. S. Lafon, assistant general manager, on the death of his mother-in-law and G. A. Weatherston, general commercial manager, on the death of his mother.

Hazard District

Hershel Adams, lineman, has returned to work after an extended illness.

Pikeville District

Ed Marrs, retired employee, was a recent visitor at the office.

Sympathy is extended H. R. Flanagan, local office manager, on the death of his father.

Elizabeth Joyce King is a new clerk trainee in accounting.

Ruth Wells, contract clerk, has resigned.

Apelcoes Officers



Leading the Lynchburg Apelcoes Club in 1959 will be from left: Anne R. Cothran, treasurer; W. D. Crews, president; and Kathryn G. Jessee, secretary. Margaret Shorter, assistant treasurer, is not shown.



Fieldale District

Neil, daughter of Virginia Hancock, home service representative, received her nurse's cap from the Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke recently.

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

Virginia Hancock, for her outstanding achievement in the year-ending home service activity, won a trip to the residential lighting conference at Nela Park in Cleveland, O.

Sympathy is extended J. W. Eanes on the death of his father-in-law.

System

Kathleen Booth, Lillian Dymock and Robert F. Walker, system accounting, have resigned.

Morris E. McCrary, Jr., is a new system accounting employee.

Sympathy is extended H. M. Hamilton on the death of his mother.

Roanoke District

C. E. Smith, clerk-trainee, has returned from six months' military leave of absence.

Mike Fortner is a new co-op student engineer from VPI.

J. D. Lawrence, division manager, has been appointed to a four-year term on the Roanoke City Planning Commission.

W. C. Reynolds, meterman, was elected deacon of the Fincastle Presbyterian Church.

Roanoke cashiers, Alice Naff, Joyce Kraige and Pat Allison, were on balance every day from September 20, 1958, to January 5, 1959, during which time they collected a total of \$4,741,126.19.

J. W. Bryant, station man, has returned home after hospitalization.

Bertha Baldwin, head of the mailing section, is back at work after an operation.

H. A. Howbert, area sales representative; D. M. Rusmisell, heating and builder sales representative; M. L. Clemons, groundman; D. N. Sink, lineman; S. R. Ferguson, truck driver-groundman; R. E. Dennis, lineman; and C. R. Mills, head cashier, have returned to work following extended illnesses.

Sympathy is extended L. E. Hopson, head janitor, on the death of his son.

Lynchburg District

Richard, son of electrical engineer W. L. Booth, Jr., made the Dean's list at VPI for the fall quarter. He is the Lynchburg district winner of the 1958 AEP Education Awards competition.

Ernest B. Pinkard, truck driver-groundman, is at home following hospitalization for electrical burns received in November.

Mrs. F. M. Cloyd, wife of the district commercial manager, and Robert A. Campbell, PBX operator, are recuperating from broken hips as results of recent falls.

Delores, daughter of Herbert M. Figg, Jr., engineering aide, is recuperating at home following a tonsillectomy.

Mannie D. Everett, janitor, has returned to work after being off several weeks with a torn cartilage in his knee.

Byrd G. Gilbert, groundman, has returned to work following an illness of five weeks.

(See Lynchburg, Page 5)



ITT Plant Opening Near Roanoke

This new plant of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation in Roanoke County is beginning production of electronic tubes. The plant, containing 58,000 square feet, cost \$2½-million. Employment during the starting weeks will be from 20 to 50 workers, with employment reaching 150 to 175 by the end of the year. In 1960 employment will reach a capacity of 250 with a

million dollar payroll. The first finished tubes should leave the plant by March 1. Founded in 1920, IT&T has 37 manufacturing and laboratory units in 23 countries. In the United States, it has 15,600 employees and 19 factories and laboratories. Photo by Howard Hammersley, Jr., 'Roanoke Times'.

Albert Alley Ends Lynchburg . . . Company Service



Mr. Alley

Albert Alley, Huntington district station man helper, retired February 1 after completing 30 years' service.

Employed in 1928, he has worked as relief janitor, car washer, ground-man and electrician helper.

A native of Wayne County, Mr. Alley was a member of the National Guard from June 1916 to April 1917. He is a member of the Church of Christ, and enjoys fishing and farming. He is married and has one daughter and four grandchildren.

Kentucky Power To Run Mining Camp System

Kentucky Power Company is taking over the last independent mining community distribution system in the Sprigg district.

The 48 home community, located about a mile from South Williamson, Ky., is owned by the Osborne Mining Corporation.

Lynchburg . . .

(Continued from Page 4)

Mrs. Ben C. Cook, wife of the material clerk, and Mrs. Massie T. Howard, wife of the appliance serviceman, are now at home after hospitalization.

Sympathy is extended Harry L. Candler, agricultural sales engineer, on the death of his mother-in-law and Herbert A. Brooks, air conditioning engineer, on the death of his brother.

Sympathy is also extended A. W. Haley, meterman, on the death of his father-in-law.

Sympathy is extended F. M. Cloyd, district commercial manager, on the death of his brother.

A. T. Wilks Is Recent Retiree



Mr. Wilks

A. T. Wilks, assistant to the Huntington division manager, retired February 1.

In 1915, Mr. Wilks began his career in the electric utility industry in Huntington with the Ohio Valley Electric Railway Company and the Consolidated Light, Heat and Power Company. Both firms were predecessors of Appalachian.

From 1923 to 1943, he served as sales manager, manager of lighting sales and manager of residential sales. In 1943, he became district commercial manager and a year later was made division commercial manager. After serving as administrative assistant, he was promoted to his last position in 1950.

Active in club and civic work, he is currently serving as president of the Huntington Automobile Club, TB Association and the West Virginia State Automobile Association. He is a director of the American Automobile Association, the Governor's Committee on Traffic and the executive board of the West Virginia Highway Users' Conference. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Guyan Country Club, the Guyandot Club and the First Presbyterian Church.

Upon retirement, he will remain active in business. He will head the Huntington Primary Dealer Organization and the newly-incorporated A. T. Wilks, Inc., Consultant, a public relations, employee relations and sales promotion advisory firm.

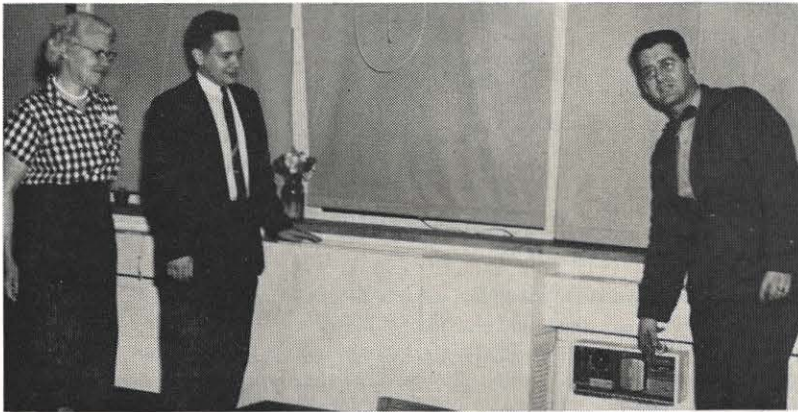
Included among Mr. Wilks' hobbies are trees and golf, and he enjoys developing his farm in Wayne County. The Wilks have two daughters and two grandchildren.

Medallion Home



A Gold Medallion certificate is awarded Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matney of Buchanan County by former Welch district manager A. F. Horne, left. The Matney home was the first Gold Medallion home constructed in the Welch district.

Heat Pumps For School



A Roanoke district school has become the first in the Appalachian system to have heat pumps installed. Here, D. B. Roberts, right, air conditioning engineer, explains operation of the thermostat to a Cloverdale Elementary School second grade teacher, left. W. D. Clower, power sales engineer, watches. Heat pumps were installed in three new classrooms of the school on a research basis. Purpose of the project, sponsored by the AEP Service Corporation, is to determine the desirability and practicability of heat pumps in school buildings.

Life Of Employee's Father Saved By Actions Of A Dog, Three People

For 53 minutes, the life of an employee's father was in the hands of a dog and three people he could neither see nor reach.

The ordeal was suffered by the 69-year-old father of Keith Chambers. Keith is an electrical engineer in the system station department. Mr. Chambers was returning to Beckley from Buchannon when his car skidded on ice, left the road and plummeted to the banks of the Elk River.

A bitter cold night was falling as Mr. Chambers freed a pinned leg and crawled bleeding from the wreck. His head had gone through the windshield, and blood from two cuts above the eyes was blinding him. Wiping the blood away, he surveyed the situation. It was growing darker and colder. His right leg was broken above the knee.

He crawled from the car onto the snow-covered ground. He called for help but no one answered. By roots and small trees, he dragged himself up the bank. Fifty feet from the car, he collapsed on a pile of tin cans and boxes. A dozen feet above him cars passed in each direction. Twenty minutes passed. He prayed, waited and listened.

Across the river, help was on the way—help in the form of a 3-year-old collie-shepherd dog named Rover. Somehow sensing the man's danger, the dog ran to his owner's home about three-fourths of a mile away. Barking and whining, Rover scratched at the door. Each time Mrs. Ed Jarrell went to the door, the dog would run toward the river.

Realizing Rover was beckoning to her, she called her son and daughter, and, taking a small flashlight, followed. Reaching the river, they searched the banks but could see nothing. All the while the dog whimpered.

About 300 yards away, across the river, Mr. Chambers heard the voices, and his mind cleared. "Help me," he called, "my leg is broken."

The young boy ran for the nearest phone—over a mile away. "Be brave, now. Help is on the way," shouted the woman through the chill darkness.

At last, an ambulance came. The woman watched as searchlights probed the darkness. Horrified, she saw the ambulance pass without stopping. It had missed the wreck.

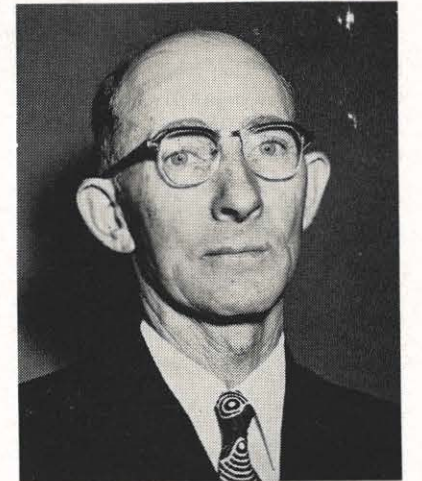
In desperation, she sent her daughter for a stronger light. Stumbling and falling, the girl ran home and returned with a red lantern. The ambulance came back. This time they saw the signal and found Mr. Chambers.

As the blinking red light on the ambulance passed from sight with Mr. Chambers aboard, Mrs. Jarrell turned toward home, "I wonder who he was," she said.

Two days later, she found out. The wife of the man she had helped save was her first cousin. He was Bernard B. Chambers, retired superintendent of schools in Raleigh County. Mr. Chambers is recovering, but the car was a total loss.

Rover, as much a hero as anyone, wasn't forgotten. He will soon be nominated for a medal given nationally to dogs credited with saving a life.

C. A. Peirce Dies After Illness



Mr. Peirce

Charles Alexander Peirce, 64, of Narrows, died in a Pearisburg hospital January 17 after an illness of several weeks.

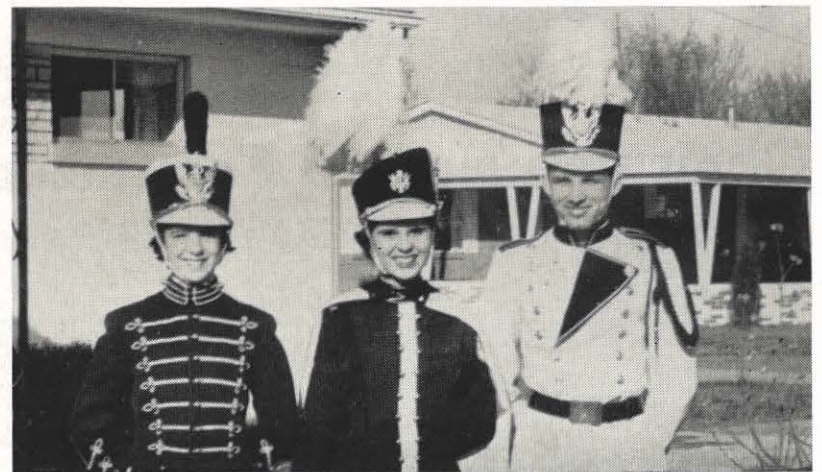
The Bluefield district lineman was the oldest employee in point of service in the district. He joined the company August 20, 1915 in the construction department and has worked throughout the system. He has also served in the line, substation and meter departments.

A native of Ivanhoe, he attended schools there. In 1917 he entered the Air Corps and served in France and other parts of Europe until 1919. He was an aircraft mechanic.

He was a member of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 235, AF&AM, the Narrows First Methodist Church and the American Legion, of which he was past commander. He was also a member of the Legion's board and was adjutant for 11 years.

Mr. Peirce is survived by his wife. Funeral services were held at the Narrows First Methodist Church and interment was at Birchlawn Cemetery at Pearisburg.

Robinsons March With Bands



When Dunbar bands march, the family of Chester Robinson, system station department, is well represented. Wanda, left, plays clarinet in the junior high band. Gladys, center, is a majorette in the high school band. She plays clarinet and is also a member of the concert band. Jimmy, right, plays bass horn for the high school band. Planning on a career in music, he also plays bass fiddle in a dance combo. All three sing in their church choir.

35-Year Service Milestone Reached By Four More Appalachian Veterans

Four Appalachian veterans have completed 35 years of service with the company.

They are O. C. O'Brien of Lynchburg, Elmer G. Dalton of Pulaski, R. S. Burdette of system in Roanoke, and Harold R. Jackson of Logan.

O. C. O'Brien

Employed January 21, 1924 as a meter tester, Otway C. O'Brien is now right of way agent in the Lynchburg district. He was transferred to the R/w department in 1929 as a rural extension agent and rose to his present position in 1945.



Mr. O'Brien

He is a member of the Centenary Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge No. 301 AF&AM of Appomattox. He is married and has a son.

E. G. Dalton

Elmer G. Dalton, Byllesby hydro operator in the Pulaski district, joined the company January 1, 1924 as a station operator. He has also worked as a maintenance man and became hydro operator in 1947.



Mr. Dalton

A native of Carroll County, he attended public school at Pike, Ky. He is married and has one son, Leroy, who is employed in the Pulaski T&D meter section. Mr. Dalton's hobbies are woodworking and hunting.

Jack Osborne Takes Reins Of Two Groups

Jack Osborne has been elected Worshipful Master of the Clintwood Masonic Lodge No. 66. He has also been named president of the Clintwood Town Council.



Mr. Osborne

A native of Dante, the Abingdon district sales representative joined the company in 1945 in the Clinch Valley district. He transferred to the Abingdon district in 1948 as area serviceman. He was promoted to his present position in 1957.

Mr. Osborne is married and has two daughters.

R. S. Burdette

System Purchasing Assistant R. S. Burdette joined the Consolidated Power & Light Company of Huntington, an Appalachian predecessor, on January 7, 1924.



Mr. Burdette

He served as a meter reader and collector until 1925 when he transferred to the Ohio Valley Electric Railway, an affiliate company, as storekeeper. In 1926, when Appalachian was formed, he was named storekeeper in Huntington.

He became chief storekeeper in 1927 and when the system purchasing and stores department was formed in 1942 he came to Roanoke. He rose to his present position in 1948.

Married and the father of two children, he is a member of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and Franklin Lodge No. 7 AF&AM in Buckhannon, W. Va.

H. R. Jackson

Harold R. Jackson, Logan stores supervisor, joined the company January 4, 1924 as assistant time-keeper at Cabin Creek plant. He was promoted to assistant storekeeper in 1935 and moved up to storekeeper at the plant in 1944.



Mr. Jackson

In 1947 he became assistant stores auditor for the system, and was named stores supervisor at Logan in 1953.

A native of Buffalo, W. Va., he was educated in Putnam County schools. He is married and has one son, Bill, who is employed in the Charleston meter section.

Charles L. Stayton Promoted Recently

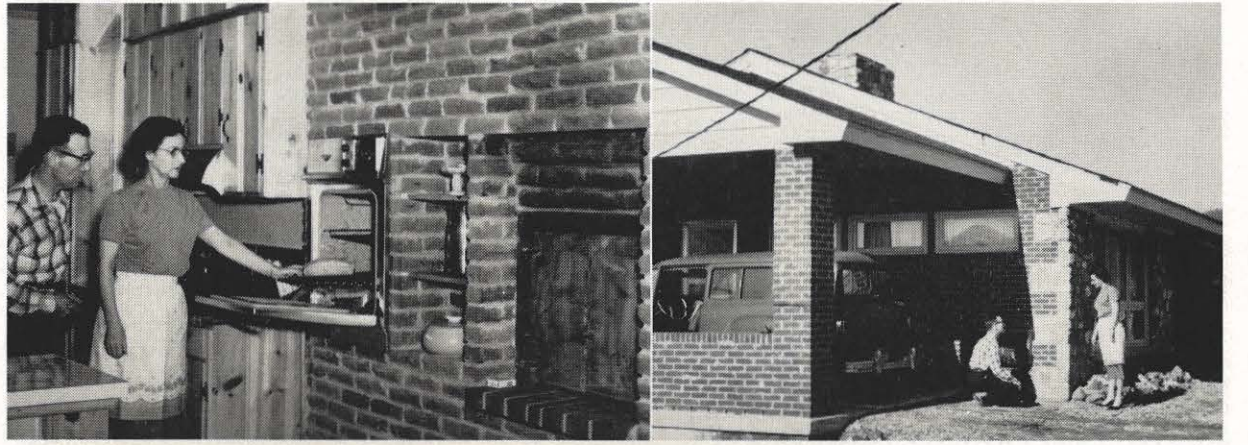
Charles Lee Stayton of the Ashland district has been promoted to assistant local office manager. He had been serving as utility clerk.

Mr. Stayton joined the Kentucky Power in 1948 as a PBX operator in the Pikeville district. Since then, he has served as contract entry and final bill clerk, junior general clerk and senior general clerk. He transferred to Ashland in 1958 as utility clerk, senior.



Mr. Stayton

J. C. Irby Family Home Nearing Completion



LEFT: J. C. Irby, Roanoke working foreman, watches his wife take a loaf of bread from the built-in oven. The brick wall shown here is part of the 1,200-brick fireplace that centers in the living room, dining room and kitchen

of the home the Irby's built by themselves. RIGHT: Here is how the house appears from the outside. Mr. Irby is kneeling beside one of the air conditioning units in the house.

A three-year project is nearing completion for the J. C. Irby family.

The Roanoke working foreman in the transportation department is

Point Pleasant . . .

(Continued from Page 4)

Point Pleasant District

W. F. Machir, head T&D clerk, was elected secretary of the Pat Wilson Shrine Club.

O. C. Hall, district superintendent, was elected vice chairman of the Middle Ohio Valley Engineers Council.

Randy, son of L. C. Bias, local office manager, and Andy, son of Bessie M. Wilson, cashier, are members of the Biddy Basketball Team in Point Pleasant.

Betty, daughter of J. W. Campbell, janitor, is recuperating at home from a broken heel.

Kathy, daughter of O. C. Hall, district superintendent, has been ill at home for several days due to an allergy.

Mrs. P. F. Rairden, wife of the R/w agent, is at home following hospitalization.

G. E. Hervey, district manager, was elected a member of the Vestry at Christ Episcopal Church.

Alice Ann Bartlett, home service representative, has resigned.

J. W. Morrison, groundman, and R. D. Miller, lineman, have returned to work following illnesses.

Sympathy is extended C. H. Murray, Jr., on the death of his mother-in-law.

Philip Sporn Plant

Marjorie Matchniski, secretarial stenographer, has resigned.

Donald C. Brown, chief chemist, was elected president of the Esto Fidelis Association of the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Mrs. Brown was elected secretary of the organization and Karl Wiles, assistant office manager, was appointed head of the finance committee.

Sympathy is extended Homer Gordon, maintenance foreman, and Charles Gordon, maintenance man, on the death of their father.

building his own home with the aid of his family. Located about 10 miles from Roanoke in Botetourt County, the Irby home has six rooms, a bath and carport.

When the house was started, Mr. Irby planned to do the excavating and the foundation only. Work went so smoothly that he decided to complete it himself. He worked as carpenter, brick mason, plumber and electrician.

Among the many features of the home are the six 1 hp year-around air conditioners. The Irbys are especially proud of their 1,200-brick fireplace which centers in three rooms. In the living room, it is an open fireplace. In the dining room it is a combination barbecue pit, fireplace and incinerator. In the kitchen it houses a built-in electric oven.

At least one wall of each room is pine paneled, and the kitchen fea-

tures knotty pine cabinets. Mr. Irby even made the stainless steel top for the surface units of the electric range.

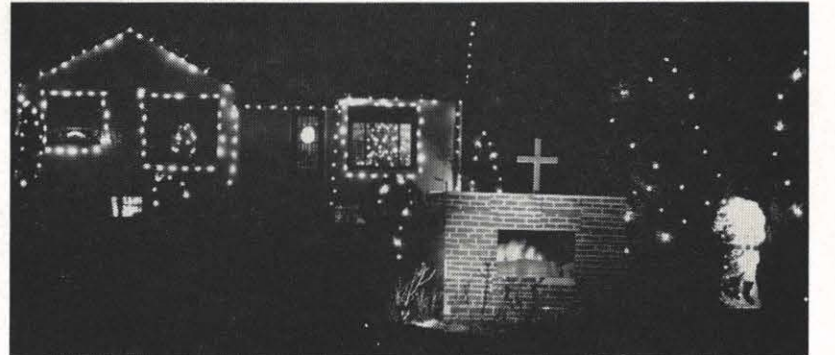
Construction was strictly a family affair with only Mrs. Irby and their two sons assisting. Among Mrs. Irby's contributions to the home were the drapes which she made for all windows.

Although Mr. Irby had some wiring, plumbing and carpentry experience, he had never laid any brick before starting his home. His first exposure to construction work came as a boy when he carried water for his grandfather who was a contractor.

The house, which measures 64 by 30 feet with the carport, cost Mr. Irby \$7,293.96, including materials, the lot and digging a well.

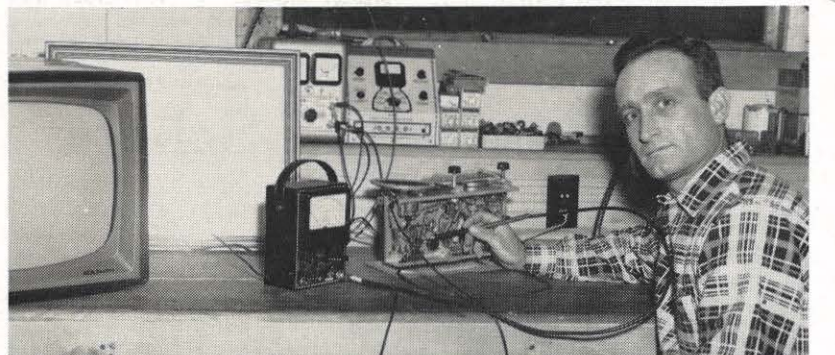
Will Mr. Irby be content to sit back and relax in his home? Not quite yet. A bedroom and recreation room are scheduled for the basement.

Home Display Takes Award



The home lighting display of M. C. Clark, Point Pleasant line and station supervisor, was judged the winner in a contest sponsored by the Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce. The house and the three front windows were outlined in red and blue lights. As the window lights blinked off, a display in the window was lighted. On the lawn were a large fireplace, two decorated trees and a life-size Santa Claus.

Interest In Radio, TV Repairing Leads To Business For Fred Valley



Making last minute adjustments on a radio he built is Fred Alley, Williamson truck driver-groundman. An interest in radio and TV repairing led to a successful spare-time business for Mr. Alley.

Fixing his own television set led to a successful spare-time business for Fred Alley, Williamson truck driver-groundman.

After developing an interest in radio and TV repairing by working with his own set, Mr. Alley enrolled in a repairman's course. The course, offered by the National Radio Institute of Washington, D. C., took Mr.

Alley two years and 10 months to complete. Through the course, he received a diploma as a fully-accredited repairman.

He then went to work building a repair shop. With no previous carpentry experience, he built his shop next to his home and installed the necessary equipment. He estimates he has repaired about 125 sets since going into business.

Chairmen Named For Hazard Committees



Newly-selected chairmen of the Hazard district Safety & Operational Committees are, from left: Adrian Combs, substation; Hargis Caudill, health; H. F. Charles, miscel-

laneous; Morgan Ozee, accident prevention; Russel Compton, line safety, and A. R. Barber, operation and safety.

Major Events Mark 1958 In Our Three Companies

1958 was a fast moving year in many ways for our companies, with events on several fronts making headlines.

Construction and sales highlighted the year, during which recession hit our territory the first six months and a recovery began in some areas during the second six. This recession naturally affected operations of our companies. While revenues for the first six months were down, the second half of the year showed a gradual improvement.

However, this recovery has not solved a major unemployment condition that exists in most of the coal areas of our territory in southern West Virginia, western Virginia and eastern Kentucky. This situation is becoming increasingly critical—employment in coal mining has declined over 100 percent in the last four years. This condition presents a real challenge to our companies in 1959 and in the years ahead.

Industrial development, while continuing to show progress, was below the results of 1957. Employment afforded by new industries and businesses locating in our service area was about 50 percent less than that for 1957. Actual figures show that 20 new industries located in our area in 1958, creating employment for 1,265 persons. In addition, 35 existing industries expanded operations, employing an additional 2,552 persons.

Chief among the new industries in our territory were the plants of International Telephone and Telegraph Company near Roanoke and of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company at Apple Grove in the Point Pleasant district. The IT&T plant, to employ 250 persons, was almost completed during the year. The Goodyear plant was nearing completion at year's end, too, and will employ 200 persons.

On the other side of the picture, some major industrial plants closed during 1958, contributing to the lack of job opportunities. This, like unemployment in the coal industry, is a challenge our companies must face in 1959.

The following is a review of some of the other major events in our companies during 1958.

Construction Activities

One of the biggest stories of the year was the completion of the 450,000 kilowatt Clinch River plant at Carbo, Va. This \$60-million plant, begun in 1956, is helping open a new era in economic development in western Virginia. Power generated at the plant is carried to our service area by three 138,000 volt double circuits. One goes to Beaver Creek station in the Pikeville district of Kentucky Power. Another goes to Hill station in the Abingdon district of Appalachian, with power continuing on to the Kingsport area. The third was built to Saltville station in the Pulaski district, to feed Clinch River Power into the rest of the Appalachian system. Remodeling and new construction work at all three stations was carried out to accommodate the heavier load.

Other transmission line and station work was completed during the year. The Blaine, and Kumis stations in the Roanoke district, and the Fremont, Lick Fork and Clinchfield stations in the Abingdon district were placed in service. A 50,000 kva synchronous condenser and transformer were installed at Turner station in the Charleston district, and additions were made to Williamson's Sprigg and Jaeger stations and to Pulaski's Floyd station.

Construction continued on Kingsport's Reedy Creek station, while in Lynchburg a million dollar project got underway. This work includes a new East Lynchburg station, linked to Reusens station by a new 138,000 volt steel tower line, and additions to South Lynchburg and Elm Street stations.

In the city of Hazard, a new, improved distribution system was cut in, and work begun on the Paintsville office and service building in the Pikeville district and a new Bluefield service building. At the same time, a site was purchased for a new Princeton office in the Bluefield district, and extensive remodeling was done to the two Ashland offices of Kentucky Power.

There was a major development in connection with Appalachian's proposed Smith Mountain hydroelectric combination development on the Roanoke River near Roanoke. The company applied to the Federal Power Commission for a license to construct the project. Proposed is a 320,000 kw development, including a dam at Smith Mountain Gap and a dam at Leesville to provide pumped storage.

Construction continued on a new 450,000 kw generating unit at Philip Sporn plant. Upon completion in 1960, the new unit will raise Sporn's generating capability to 1,050,000 kw.

Sales Activities

Appliance sales were off from 1957, a record year, but our three companies exceeded AEP System quotas in both residential and commercial-industrial efforts.

Kentucky, in recording the sales of 6,903 ranges, water heaters and dryers and 107 resistance heating and heat pump installations, led all other AEP companies in percent of yearly quota. Appalachian had 50,602 appliances and 954 resistance heating and heat pump sales in its territory, while in Kingsport territory there were 2,336 appliances and 346 resistance heating and heat pump sales.

In commercial-industrial sales, Appalachian added 68,591 kw to its lines, Kentucky 6,470 kw and Kingsport 2,488 kw.

Safety Efforts

Employees of both Kentucky and Kingsport went through 1958 without a disabling injury, the third time in history for Kentucky and the fourth consecutive year for Kingsport. Appalachian had fewer injuries during the year, 25, but there were three fatalities, two more than in 1957.

Employees of three districts, Ashland, Beckley and Roanoke, worked 1,000,000 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury, reaching the coveted mark in 1958.

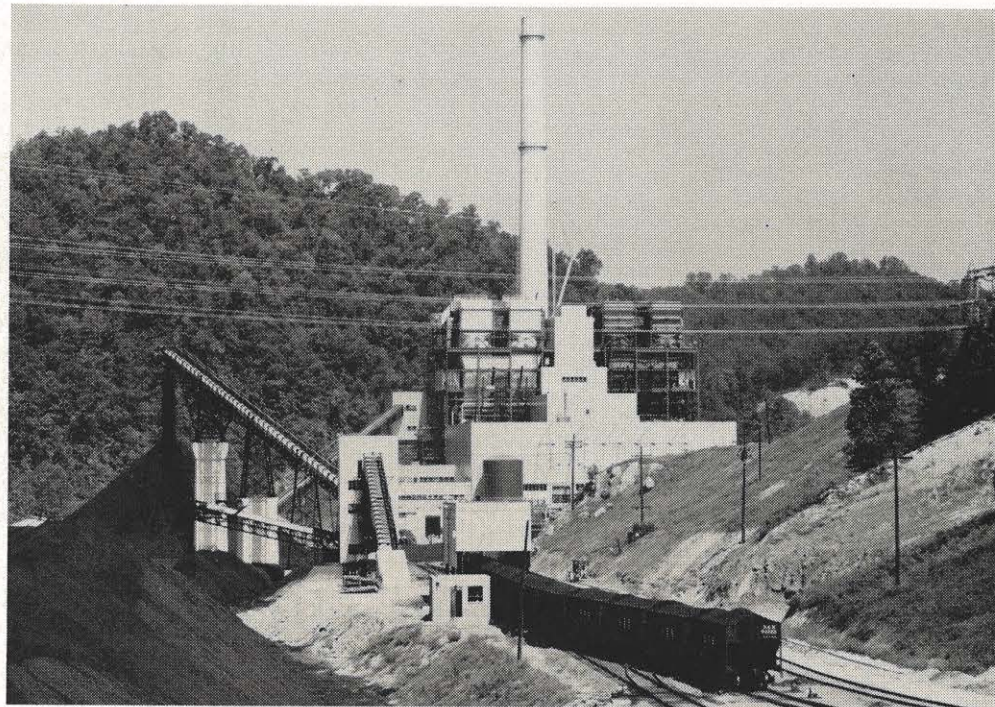
Other Major Events Of 1958

Many other things happened in 1958. Among other major events were these: Appalachian Electric Power Company changed its name to Appalachian Power Company on April 17.

The Hazard steam plant was retired after 40 years of service. A 5 percent wage increase for employees of our three companies became effective April 1.

Appalachian hit an all-time peak of 1,510,000 kw December 15. Kanawha River plant was judged the most efficient plant in the world in 1957 with a heat rate of 9,118 btu per kw of net generation.

Harry Miller, Ashland district commercial sales representative, won \$1,000 for first place in the nation in the "Back On The Track" commercial promotion sponsored by the Hotpoint Company.



Of major importance in 1958 was the completion of Appalachian's Clinch River plant at Carbo, Va. This view of the plant shows coal from Clinchfield Coal Company being delivered to the plant by the Norfolk and Western Railway Company. The plant will burn almost 1,300,000 tons of coal a year.

Three R's Tell '58 Story Of AEP System Activities

The American Electric Power System in 1958, like the schoolroom, was marked by the three R's: Recession, Recovery and Records.

The recession, which had its start in 1957 and reached its greatest depth about April of 1958, had its effect on the results of our operations in many ways—particularly in our industrial business. Yet the general recovery in business conditions which gradually became more evident during the second half of 1958 came in time to enable the AEP System to establish a number of new records in its operations. This was aided by the heavy new aluminum load in the Ohio Valley.

The weekly System load, which is a good barometer of the economy of the seven-state territory we serve, ran ahead of the 1957 load during 43 of the 52 weeks in the year. The first week in January and eight consecutive weeks in April and May, the ebbside of the recession, were the only exceptions.

Among the major new records set in 1958 were these: energy sales—22.65 billion kwh; operating revenues—\$296.5-million; net earnings—\$46.3-million; generating capability—5,432,000 kw; peak load—4,331,000 kw; and electric home heating—3,854 sales.

Here is a review of some of the year's highlights:

Generation And Construction

Five new generating units, each of them with a capacity of 225,000 kw, were placed in operation on the AEP System—three of them owned by the System and two by the Ormet Corporation. Capacity available to the System from these units is 864,000 kw, and this is the largest block of power ever added by the System in a single year. It raised System capability at year-end to 5,432,000 kw, a new high for any private utility anywhere.

The new units in service last year were: Unit 4 at Ohio Power's Muskingum River plant; Units 1 and 2 at the Kammer plant, operated by Ohio Power to supply power for the new Ormet-Olin Mathieson aluminum complex at Clarington, O.; and Units 1 and 2 at Appalachian's Clinch River plant.

Meanwhile, construction continued on three additional units: the 225,000 kw unit 3 at Kammer; the 450,000 kw unit 1 at Indiana & Michigan's Breed plant; and the 450,000 kw unit at Philip Sporn plant. The first two units are scheduled for operation this year, and the Sporn unit for 1960.

Highlight of our work in the transmission construction field in 1958 was the placing in operation of a 345,000 volt interconnection with Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago. The new 90-mile line went into service May 19 and is the largest interconnection for bulk electric supply between two power systems.

The System invested approximately \$155.3-million for construction of new power production and delivery facilities in 1958, the second highest one-year figure in the System's 52-year history. Budgeted for 1959 construction is another \$133.4-million.

Energy Sales

Energy sales in 1958 totaled 22.65-billion kwh, a new high for the AEP System, and, in fact, for the entire private electric utility industry. This was an achievement recorded in spite of the recession and incorporated in it were new records in every major category of our business: residential, farm, commercial and industrial sales.

The total energy sales were 5.7 percent greater than in 1957 and this increase was due primarily to two factors: the increasing popularity of the all-electric concept among all classes of our customers, but particularly among the residential group, and the large increase in our industrial load brought about by coming of the aluminum industry into the Ohio Valley.

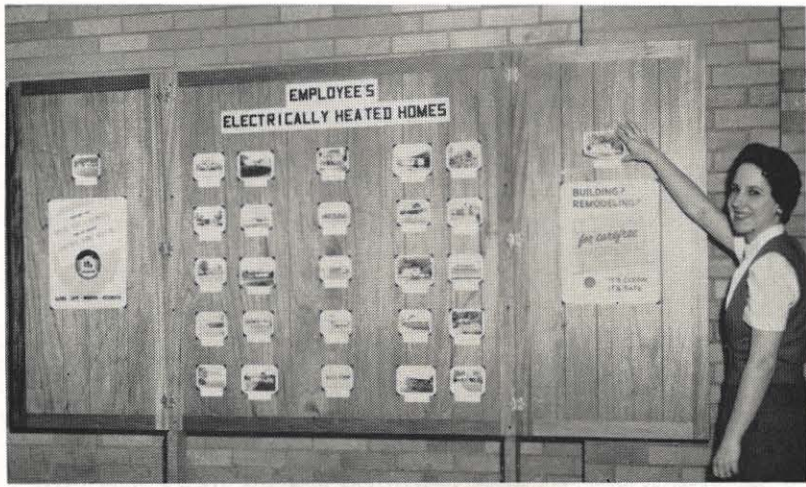
At the end of 1958, a total of 14,320 electric home heating customers were on the AEP System lines, an increase of 3,854 over the previous year. Among these were 13,625 homes using resistance heating and 695 using heat pumps.

Other Major Developments

Research and development work was continued or even intensified in some areas during 1958. Notable in this broad field was the work done in nuclear power.

Three AEP System companies—Appalachian, I&M and Ohio Power—are members of the East Central Nuclear Group, Inc., which made considerable progress in 1958 toward its objective of developing a gas-cooled, heavy water-moderated power reactor. Plans call for construction of a 50,000 kw prototype reactor by two Florida utilities, with the research and development work carried out by ECNG cooperatively with the Florida companies and the Atomic Energy Commission.

The year 1958 also saw a change in the name of the AEP System's parent company: from American Gas and Electric Company to American Electric Power Company, Inc.



Adding the picture of an employee's home to the new electric heat display board at Philip Sporn plant is Mary Jane Sayre, clerk-stenographer, herself an owner of an electrically heated home.

Display Promotes Electric Heat Using Photos Of Sporn Employees' Homes

"Ask the man who owns one" is a pretty good sales method. And to promote electric heat among employees, a display board has been designed at Philip Sporn plant.

On the board are pictures of electrically heated homes owned by 28 plant and two substation employees at Sporn.

Formerly these pictures were displayed around the plant's cafeteria. The new board was unveiled at Christmas parties, and was made available through the combined efforts of personnel at the plant and in the Point Pleasant and Pomeroy (of Ohio Power) districts. The board has been designed so that additional pictures

can be added.

Employees at the plant with electric heat include: Clayton A. Athey, William R. Dean, Jack W. Needs, Nelson R. Roush, James H. Bennett, Ernest L. Damewood, Elroy E. Kaylor, Ralph S. Fink, Edwin F. Hudson, Bob R. Moore, Carl L. Tennant, Luther O. Smith, James P. Gilbert, Aubrey V. Newell, James P. Keefer, Roy M. Reuter, Claude M. Baumgarner, Robert Johnston, Don E. Rea, Ira R. Mulford, Charles D. Yeager, Darrell C. Hoffman, Gail P. Buck, James L. Hart, Wyatt F. Chadwell, Paul D. Nease, Mary Jane Sayre, Lindsey B. Ferguson, Larry King and Willis Dudding.

New Office Shows Exterior



The Paintsville office building has donned its exterior as construction nears 75 percent completion. Located in Kentucky Power's Pikeville district, the structure is scheduled to be completed by late spring. The heat pumps have been installed and are in operation. Plastering of inside partitions and walls has been completed, but floors and ceilings are unfinished.



Appalachian Power Company

Beckley District

HOMER W. GREENE from contract clerk, senior, to meter reader; JOE A. STANLEY from meter reader to utility clerk.

Bluefield District

DEWEY W. BARNETTE from line inspector to lineman A; JOHN A. DANLEY from clerk-typist to credit and collection clerk.

Glen Lyn Plant

W. F. EPLING from Glen Lyn plant janitor to Radford plant utility operator; D. D. LAMBERT from Glen Lyn plant guard to Logan plant laboratory attendant.

Huntington District

B. C. CONNELLY from T&D clerk, senior, to engineering aide; BARBARA L. MARKIN from contract clerk, senior, to credit and collection clerk.

Kanawha River Plant

J. B. ARMSTRONG from maintenance man to master maintenance man; JOHN TELISKO, JR., from maintenance man to master maintenance man; J. R. BOSTIC from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; R. S. JOHNSON from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; G. C. FANNIN from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; J. L. JOHNSON from helper to junior maintenance man; F. W. HOLDREN from helper to junior maintenance man; and J. W. MARTIN from laborer to helper.

Logan District

JAMES M. SULLIVAN from station man B to station man A.

Charleston Island Traded For Rifle

L. M. Cobbs, Charleston division personnel supervisor, might well heave a sigh every time he drives through South Charleston and passes Blaine Island.

The island, situated in the chemical capital of the world, and now worth millions of dollars, once belonged to his great-grandfather. In 1791, Fleming Cobb (whose tombstone reads "Cobbs" and whose descendants insist it was spelled that way), traded the island for a rifle worth about \$24.

At that time the trade wasn't such a bad deal, because good rifles were hard to come by and Mr. Cobbs needed it to fight Indians. Then, too, Mr. Cobbs, one of Kanawha County's most imminent pioneers, still lived on the island after the trade, fishing along its shores and hunting in its wilderness.

Today the sprawling plant of Carbide and Carbon takes up every available inch of the island.

Appalachian's Mr. Cobb describes his ancestor as quite a colorful character, an adventurous man and quite used to danger and surprise, but as the *Charleston Daily Mail* reported in a recent story about him and the island, "surely his eyes would pop today if he could see the amazing concentration of manufacturing equipment which stands on busy Blaine Island."



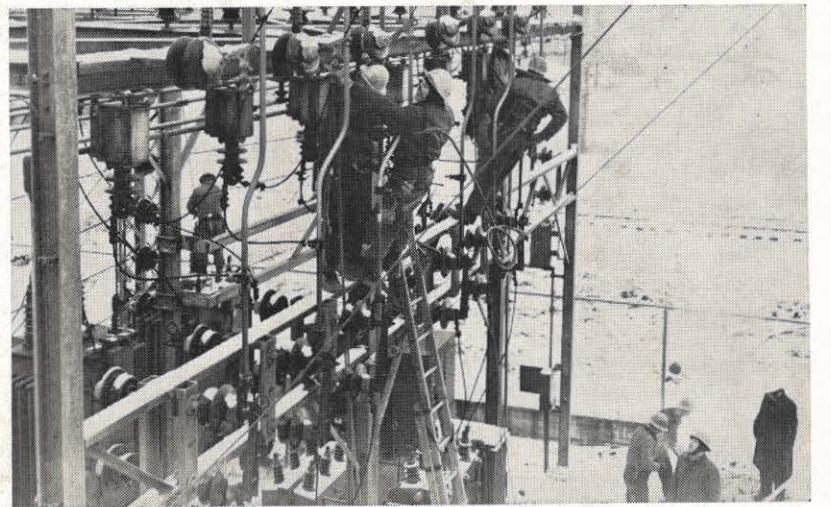
Roanoke: The Norfolk and Western Railway has announced that it is recalling 1,460 employees who have been laid off. Among employees being recalled are ones at Roanoke, Williamson and Bluefield.

Point Pleasant: About 4,000 applications for employment were received in Point Pleasant by a 10-man personnel team of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. These applications were for 200 jobs at Goodyear's Apple Grove Plant. Those with proper qualifications will be asked to appear for personal interviews and aptitude tests.

Charleston - Beckley: The DeMac Manufacturing Company of Nitro is moving its operation to Scarbro, near Oak Hill. This independent manufacturer of metal enameled containers employs 10 to 15 persons.

Lynchburg: Employment at General Electric's Lynchburg operation now has reached an all-time high of about 1,150 and it is anticipated that several hundred more employees will be added by the end of 1959.

"Neither Rain, Hail, Sleet Nor Snow" Not Exclusively For Postal Carriers



Pikeville district crewmen work in freezing weather on a snowy Sunday morning to bring more electricity to customers. Here, at the Fleming station, maintained by the Pikeville district, work was done on the transformer bank, and new breakers were added.

The expression "neither rain, hail, sleet nor snow" was meant for the postman, but it also applies to men of the electric utilities.

A good example was logged in the Pikeville district last month one frosty Sunday morning. Additional capacity was to be added to the Hazard district Fleming station, maintained by the Pikeville district. Work was scheduled for the transformer bank, and new breakers were to be installed.

Sunday morning dawned cold and cloudy and snow blanketed the ground. After crews arrived at the station, thought was given to postponing the work, but since all arrangements were made, it was agreed to go ahead.

At 10:00 a. m. the signal was given to open breakers, pull disconnects and ground. When the "all clear" was given, crew men clambered up the cold steel. The bitter weather was soon forgotten as work progressed.

Less than one hour later came the call, "Is everybody in the clear?" Grounds were removed; disconnects and breakers were closed. Service was restored. After final checks, calibrations, spot calls and one last gathering around the small warming fires, the trucks moved toward home.

New Foreman Named At Kanawha River

C. W. O'Daniels has been promoted to the position of labor-janitor foreman at Kanawha River plant.



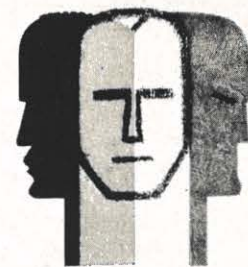
Mr. O'Daniels

He rises from the post of maintenance man. He joined the company in 1950 at Cabin Creek and was transferred to Kanawha River as junior maintenance man in 1953.

After completing work at East Bank High School, he served in the Army from 1943 to 1945. He was employed by Kelley's Creek Colliery before joining Appalachian.

A choir director at Kincaid Methodist Church, he is a scoutmaster and committeeman for the Boy Scouts. He is also a qualified first aid instructor. Mr. O'Daniels is married and has two sons and a daughter.

BROTHERHOOD WEEK



February 15-22

Brotherhood
Believe It — Live It
Support It

Sponsored by
THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

Glen Lyn Man Develops Art Hobby



Working on a landscape is George A. Thwaites, Glen Lyn plant utility man. On the table are several other paintings done by George, who has never had an art lesson but has been painting since he was nine. From 1952 to 1954, while in the Hawaiian Islands with the Air Force, George painted and sold over 200 canvasses to an art dealer

there. The paintings were done under the name of J. Akhu. While he prefers water colors, he also uses oils and pastels. Landscapes and people are his favorite subjects. George also paints store card displays and decorations for parties.

Retired Employee Of Bluefield Dies



Mr. Swecker

Harry Jackson Swecker, 53, retired Bluefield employee, died December 19 at Waynesboro, Va. while en route to Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Swecker lived in Roanoke. He was employed April 20, 1931, and retired early on March 13, 1953 because of a disability. He also worked for the company from 1925 to 1927. During his service he was a meter helper and a meterman.

Mr. Swecker was born at War Eagle, W. Va. and attended public school in Bluefield. He attended Bluefield College a year and served 2½ years in the Navy Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of the American Legion, Forty & Eight, and VFW.

He is survived by his wife and one child. Funeral services were held at the Mercer Funeral Home in Bluefield and interment was at Monte Vista Cemetery.

50-Year Marriage Marked By Whitts



Cutting their fiftieth anniversary cake are Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Whitt. He is a retired Glen Lyn plant employee.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Whitt of Kelleville, W. Va. have been married for fifty golden years.

Mr. Whitt, retired Glen Lyn plant maintenance foreman, married the former Sylvia Maxfield at Welch December 25, 1908 and moved to Kelleville in 1911. The couple have 7 children, 18 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, all of whom were present for the anniversary celebration. Fifty-five neighbors and friends also dropped in during the day.

Fieldale Cashiers Set Envyable Work Record

Cashiers in the Fieldale district have chalked up an enviable record—for the past six months they have balanced to the penny.

During that period \$1,346,630.44 has been collected and recorded. Altogether, the cashiers recorded nine perfect months in 1958. The cashiers include Mrs. Shirley Shelton, Mrs. Lois Sheppard, Norma Woodward, C. A. Fudge, Mrs. Dorothy Via and George W. Turner.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon District—10 YEARS: WILLIAM H. FERGUSON, JR., dealer sales representative.

Beckley District—10 YEARS: PAUL C. ELLIOTT, lineman; CLYDE A. MARSHALL, T&D records supervisor.

Bluefield District—5 YEARS: EDWIN D. COOPER, truck driver-groundman; EDWARD B. GREGORY, lineman.

Cabin Creek Plant—20 YEARS: WILLIAM HARRIS, boiler maintenance mechanic.

Charleston District—15 YEARS: RUPERT W. LACY, auto repairman. 10 YEARS: LYLE E. HUDSON, meter service helper; GUY R. MOUNTSE, petty cash clerk; WILLIS J. WINEBRENNER, appliance serviceman. 5 YEARS: ELI J. WOOTEN, station man helper.

Fieldale District—20 YEARS: AMMON SEARS, area supervisor.

Glen Lyn Plant—10 YEARS: R. H. WALTON, JR., plant engineer.

Huntington District—10 YEARS: ROBERT D. WEBSTER, electrical engineer. 5 YEARS: EVERMONTE HUFFMAN, JR., dealer sales representative; INIS D. NEBEL, stenographer.

Kanawha River Plant—10 YEARS: G. B. KRATZ, shift operating engineer.

Logan District—35 YEARS: H. R. JACKSON, stores supervisor. 20 YEARS: VIRGIL C. MAUCK, lead draftsman.

Logan Plant—30 YEARS: W. H. SNIDER, boiler operator. 25 YEARS: E. E. McDONALD, control operator. 10 YEARS: J. R. ELLIS, mechanical maintenance helper. 5 YEARS: MICHAEL BABINETZ, plant engineer.

Lynchburg District—35 YEARS: OTWAY C. O'BRIEN, R/w agent.

Pulaski District—35 YEARS: ELMER G. DALTON, hydro operator. 30 YEARS: CHARLES P. BAILEY, electrical engineer; DOROTHY P. HAGAN, local office supervisor. 20 YEARS: JAMES G. BUTTS, lineman; BENNETT E. THOMPSON, hydro operator. 10 YEARS: G. R. SMITH, JR., meterman.

Roanoke District—20 YEARS: T. C. SMITH, assistant payroll supervisor. 15 YEARS: LOIS S. GORDON, meter clerk; LESLIE T. LAUGHON, chief PBX operator. 10 YEARS: S. H. MARTIN, utility clerk; D. B. ROBERTS, air conditioning engineer.

Philip Sporn Plant—10 YEARS: MARVIN T. ROUSH, unit foreman; RICHARD E. ROUSH, unit foreman. 5 YEARS: GEORGE R. JOHNSON, laborer.

System—35 YEARS: R. S. BURDETTE, purchasing assistant. 30 YEARS: R. G. TAYLOR, payroll and employment tax supervisor. 10 YEARS: R. E. COLWELL, power sales engineer; MARY H. HALL, secretarial-stenographer; JACK F. MEADOR, system station clerk; W. A. McCLUNG, advertising and publications supervisor; V. D. WILLIS, classification clerk. 5 YEARS: FRANCES L. BUCHANAN, machine operator; H. R. MAYES, system station man.

Welch District—25 YEARS: BERT M. NUCKOLLS, area supervisor. 10 YEARS: GRACE R. HAJASH, general clerk. 5 YEARS: VIRGINIA R. BELCHER, clerk-stenographer.

Williamson District—10 YEARS: LEE COMPTON, groundman. 5 YEARS: MICHAEL KOHARI, appliance serviceman.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District—15 YEARS: NORA SEITZ, operating cash book clerk. 5 YEARS: RAY ADKINS, lineman; JOAN MOSCO, secretarial stenographer.

Hazard District—30 YEARS: HOBART F. BOLING, meterman. 10 YEARS: OSCAR HUDSON, meter reader. 5 YEARS: PAULINE D. GARRETT, home service representative.

Pikeville District—10 YEARS: JACQUELYN A. KIDD, petty cash clerk; JAMES T. McREYNOLDS, truck driver-groundman.

Employee Promoted In System Accounting

Lauren Himes has been named head—accounts payable section in the invoice and accounts payable section of system accounting. He succeeds the late W. F. Moore.



Mr. Himes

Mr. Himes joined Appalachian's system accounting department in 1940 as an analysis clerk in the original cost study. In 1945 he was transferred to the invoice and accounts payable section where he has held various positions in invoice audit and classification work.

A World War II veteran, he served in the Navy as an instructor in the Navy Aviation Radioman and Radar School for two years. He is a member of the Airlee Court Baptist Church, where he serves as assistant superintendent of the Sunday School and is on the finance committee of the church. He is married and has a son and a daughter.

Beckley Engineer In Military Service

Thomas G. Allen, Beckley power sales engineer, left for military service January 16.

An electrical engineering graduate of West Virginia University, he was employed in his present position June 9, 1958. He had previously worked the summer of 1957 as an engineer trainee. He is a native of Hinton and a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Mr. Allen is married.

Service Veterans Honored



Dorothy Hagan Pulaski 30 Years



C. P. Bailey Pulaski 30 Years



R. G. Taylor System 30 Years



W. H. Snider Logan Plant 30 Years



H. F. Boling Hazard 30 Years



E. E. McDonald Logan Plant 25 Years



B. M. Nuckolls Welch 25 Years



B. E. Thompson Pulaski 20 Years



J. G. Butts Pulaski 20 Years



V. C. Mauck Logan 20 Years



Ammon Sears Fieldale 20 Years



William Harris Cabin Creek 20 Years

SERVICE

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



T. C. Smith Roanoke 20 Years

Hazard Man Heads School Study Group

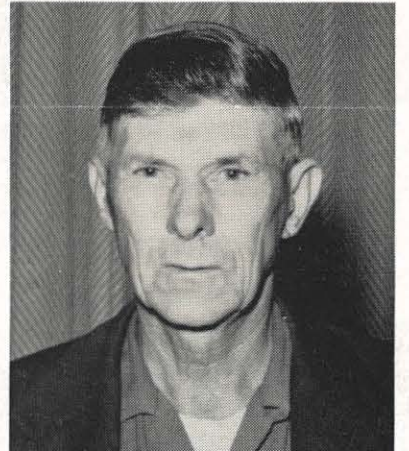
Chalmer V. Cornett of Hazard has been elected chairman of an advisory committee of over 100 interested citizens making a thorough study of the Perry County School system.



Mr. Cornett

Mr. Cornett is a Hazard district power sales engineer. The committee formed in Perry County is in line with a state-wide movement that is in progress, with the aim in mind of introducing legislative measures for more state aid for the school systems in Kentucky.

Employee Retires To Florida Farm



Mr. Conner

I. E. "Ike" Conner, system station man, retired February 1.

He was employed as a coal handler at the Walnut Avenue steam plant in Roanoke in 1936. He also has six years' broken service. In 1944 he was transferred to the system station department and in 1957 went into his present classification.

The Conners plan to move almost immediately to Tampa, Florida, where they are developing a farm they recently purchased. He hopes to spend a good deal of time fishing in the Gulf. The Conners have 11 children and 32 grandchildren.

Hazard Credit Union Names New Officers



New officers of the Hazard Credit Union are from left: Bradley Dixon, director; Arnett Strong, treasurer; H. F. Charles, secretary; R. T. Cornett, president and E. S.

Slone, director. The organization has assets of over \$12,000 and 79 members.

Eleven Couples Married Recently



Married in recent weeks were those employees or members of employees' families pictured above. TOP ROW from left: Mrs. James Emmett Blackwell, system; Mrs. George Boothe, Jr., Williamson; Mrs. Phillip M. Brown, Williamson;

Mrs. Byron Rose, Welch; and Mrs. Merle C. Lanthorne, Logan plant. BOTTOM ROW from left: Mrs. Jack M. Kamishlian, Fieldale; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bobby Lampert, Bluefield, and Mrs. Gary Virgil Mauck, Logan plant.

Employee's Daughter Wins School Award

Tina Bias was recently presented a high award at Point Pleasant Junior High School.

The 13-year-old daughter of L. C. Bias, local office manager, Tina received the Religious Award and was presented \$25. She is in the eighth grade.



Tina Bias

Each semester, the award is presented for church activities and scholarship standing.

Tina attends Sunday School and church at Trinity Methodist where she is a member. She is treasurer of the Intermediate M. Y. E., Carol Choir, and the Tip Top Topper's 4-H Club.

Employee's Daughter Is 'Miss Lakeview'

Morna Deloris Hairston has been crowned "Miss Lakeview 1958-59" in Columbia, S. C., where she is a senior in high school.

The daughter of George Hairston, Williamson district office janitor, she was chosen by popular vote of the student body. The student newspaper praised her as having a dynamic personality, and pointed out that she was fond of science, basketball, singing and reading. Her basketball prowess is well-known in the area—she has scored as many as 32 points in a game.

After graduation, Morna plans to attend Allen University in Columbia.

They're Engaged

JEAN CARTER to Thomas Toombs. Miss Carter is a home service representative in Ashland.

HARRIET ANN JAVINS to James Harless. Miss Javins is a Logan district home service representative.

HELEN ELIZABETH WEBBER to Donald A. Minnick. Miss Webber is a home service representative in Lynchburg.

ALICE ANN BARTLETT to Justin Allen Johnson. Miss Bartlett is a Point Pleasant home service representative.

Workman-Lampert

Sharlet Virginia Workman became the bride of Charles Bobby Lampert on December 19 at the Graham Christian Church in Bluefield. Mr. Lampert is a groundman in the Bluefield line department.

Parks-Beasley

Mrs. Stella Parks and Guy C. Beasley were married December 18 at the parsonage of the Fries Methodist Church. Mr. Beasley is a hydro operator at the Byllesby hydro plant.

Farley-Brescoach

Ina Lee Farley and William Brescoach were united in marriage on November 26 at the Central Baptist Church in Holden, W. Va. Mr. Brescoach is a Logan Plant utility man.

Blackwood-Blackwell

The wedding of Arden Bey Blackwood and James Emmett Blackwell took place in the Rectory of Our Lady of Nazareth Church in Roanoke on December 13. Mr. Blackwell is a business administration trainee in system personnel in Roanoke.

Coveted Award Won By Roanoke Teenager

Carolyn Chapman has been named Andrew Lewis High School's Good Citizen by the Fort Lewis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Carolyn Chapman

The 17-year-old daughter of C. S. Chapman, Roanoke R/w agent, Carolyn won the coveted award on the basis of a letter she wrote on her activities and accomplishments. She was chosen by the faculty and student body.

A senior, Carolyn will receive a Good Citizenship pin and certificate at graduation. The award was based on leadership, dependability, patriotism and service to church, community, school and home.

Active in the First Methodist Church, she is president of the Lake Spring Junior Garden Club, charter member of the Fort Lewis Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution, co-editor of her school annual, recording secretary of the Beta Club, treasurer of the Latin Club and vice president of the local National Forensic League.

Graham-Mauck

A double ring ceremony performed November 27 in the New Mt. Zion Lutheran Church of Blacksburg, Va., united Sadie Juanita Graham and Gary Virgil Mauck. Mr. Mauck is a Logan Plant test engineer.

Ferguson-Lanthorne

The Nighbert Memorial Methodist Church was the setting of the December 23 wedding of Anita Louise Ferguson and S/Sgt. Merle C. Lanthorne. Sgt. Lanthorne is a former Logan district employee and the son of B. W. Lanthorne, Logan Plant shift supervisor.

Windle-Boothe

Mrs. Ruth Windle was married January 9 to George Boothe, Jr., at the First Methodist Church in Williamson. Mrs. Boothe is a general clerk and Mr. Boothe is a commercial sales representative in the Williamson district.

Gourley-Kamishlian

December 27 was the wedding day of Julia Carol Gourley and Jack M. Kamishlian. Mrs. Kamishlian is the daughter of W. G. Gourley, Fieldale district superintendent.

Logan Appa-Lassies Pick Leaders



Beginning their seventh year of operation, members of the Logan district Appa-Lassies have selected these employees as 1959 officers. They are from left: Frances Thompson, second vice president; Barbara Williamson, president; Alda Jones, first vice president; Eleanor Cunningham, secretary; and Mildred Hannah, treasurer. Meeting monthly, the organization has 16 active members.

New Arrivals

Abingdon District

MR. AND MRS. W. H. CONNER, JR., twins, a boy and a girl, Bruce Alan and Terri Lynn, December 9. Mr. Conner is a serviceman in the Honaker area.

Beckley District

MR. AND MRS. PAUL P. HANCOCK, a son, Richard Douglas, December 22. Mr. Hancock is an area serviceman.

MR. AND MRS. E. C. ROBERTSON, a son, Mark Gregory, December 29. Mr. Robertson is a lineman.

Bluefield District

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD B. GREGORY, a daughter, Lisa Diana, December 12. Mr. Gregory is a Tazewell lineman.

Charleston District

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM BARNHART, a daughter, Vicki Lynn, December 29. Mr. Barnhart is a groundman.

MR. AND MRS. W. H. BOSTIC, a son, William, Jr., January 1. Mr. Bostic is a draftsman.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL ROWE, a daughter, Julia Lynn, December 19. Mrs. Rowe is a former personnel stenographer.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES WALKER, a son, Charles Owen, January 6. Mr. Walker is a customer service representative.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIS W. WINEBRENNER, a son, Robert Crites, December 30. Mr. Winebrenner is an appliance serviceman in Montgomery.

Fieldale District

MR. AND MRS. AUBREY L. BRADSHAW, a son, John Aldon, December 24. Mr. Bradshaw is a station man helper.

MR. AND MRS. L. W. JENKINS, a daughter, Rebecca Ann, January 13. Mr. Jenkins is an area sales representative, agricultural engineer.

Glen Lyn Plant

MR. AND MRS. EVERETT V. HARRIS, a daughter, January 8. Mr. Harris is chief chemist.

Hazard District

MR. AND MRS. DAVID BEGLEY, a son, December 24. Mr. Begley is an appliance serviceman.

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH R. FULTZ, twin daughters, Brenda Ray and Linda Jo, December 29. Mrs. Fultz is a former time clerk.

MR. AND MRS. WOODROW McCLUNG, a daughter, Lu Ann, December 29. Mr. McClung is a helper.

Logan District

MR. AND MRS. JIMMIE BUTCHER, a daughter, Karen Lea, December 18. Mr. Butcher is a lineman.

MR. AND MRS. ALPHA OSBURN, a son, Allen Duane, January 10. Mr. Osburn is a groundman.

Logan Plant

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD L. McCOMAS, a daughter, Rhonda Lee, January 17. Mr. McComas is a plant office supervisor.

MR. AND MRS. AVON G. WHITE, a daughter, Laura Ann, January 15. Mr. White is a time clerk.

Lynchburg District

MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND O. WITT, a son, Thomas Owen, December 26. Mr. Witt is a meter serviceman.

Point Pleasant District

MR. AND MRS. J. W. BRYANT, a daughter, Susan Beth, December 29. Mr. Bryant is a T&D clerk.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD S. BARTON, a son, Kevin Lee, December 8. Mr. Barton is an auxiliary equipment operator.

MR. AND MRS. DENNIS W. JOHNSON, a daughter, Vickie Louise, January 14. Mr. Johnson is a helper.

MR. AND MRS. LARRY R. KEEFER, a son, Larry Allen, January 6. Mrs. Keefer is a former clerk-typist.

MR. AND MRS. MARVIN W. LIVESAY, a daughter, Marsha Lynn, November 7. Mr. Livesay is a test engineer.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES K. PARNESS, a son, Steven Kenneth, December 28. Mr. Parness is a test engineer.

MR. AND MRS. TOMMY SIMMONS, a daughter, Melanie Kay, December 21. Mr. Simmons is a coal handler.

System

MR. AND MRS. ERNEST R. BIGGS, a daughter, Susan Elaine, December 22. Mr. Biggs is a system accounting employee.

Welch District

MR. AND MRS. JACK C. GREEN, a son, James Robert, December 28. Mr. Green is a meterman.

Bowlers Crown Six First Half Champions

Bowling teams in many locations have begun second half play after crowning champions for the first half of the season.

Champions have been decided at Beckley, Philip Sporn plant, Williamson, Kanawha River plant, Charleston and Roanoke.

Beckley

The Jokers, by defeating the Six Hits And A Miss, won the Beckley bowling crown. The Jokers took the first quarter crown, and emerged victorious in three games over the second quarter winners, the Six Hits team.



LEFT: Members of the Jokers, winning team in the Beckley Bowling League first half, are, front row from left: Tony Pallares, Linda Bryant and John Steele, captain; back row from left: Jim Lowery, Bill Lively and Emory

Sporn Plant

In a close race, E Shift took top honors in the Sporn plant league, edging the Pulverizers by one game. E Shift ended with a 36-18 record, compared to the Pulverizers' 35-19. Tennant's Shift was third and Maintenance No. 2 was fourth in the 10-team league.

Buck Tennant has high average of 172, Gerald Michael has rolled high set of 587 and James Haggerty has high game of 235. Maintenance No. 2 has high set of 2,550 and Tennant's Shift has high single game of 925. Paul Theis was awarded the ABC Triplicate Club Chevron for three identical consecutive game scores of 135.

Williamson

The Jumpers leaped seven games into the lead of the Williamson league to take first half honors. Their record of 26-10 was seven games above the 19-17 record of second-place Guys.

Ernest Bevins of the Electrons has high average of 150 while C. L. Miller of the Guys has high game of 221. High series honors are held by Claude Ward of the Guys with 547.



LEFT: The Jumpers landed the first half crown in the Williamson League. Team members include, front row from left: Jerry Akers, Allen Cross and Moir Nowlin; back row from left: Jay Runyon, Betty Roach and Myrtle Bevins. Absent is Everett Carrico. RIGHT: Team members of the



Miller. RIGHT: The first half winner of the Sporn Bowling League was E Shift. Team members include, from left: George Wolf, Charles King, Charles Evans, James Hart and Gerald Michael.

Kanawha River

The Silent 7 weren't that way with the pins, blasting their way to the championship of the Kanawha River plant league. The winners finished with a 32-19 record, three games better than the second-place Rickets.

R. L. Vickers has high average of 169 while G. S. Farthing has high game of 257. Wiley Gwinn copped high series with 574. In rolling to the championship the Silent 7 garnered high team game of 1,112 and high set of 3,044.

Charleston

Needing every pin they could get, the Eyeballers had the biggest night of their season the final night of the first half to edge Personnel for the



LEFT: The Eyeballers emerged first half champions at Charleston. Rolling for the team are, from left: Jim Willis, Frank Harkins, Homer Bragg, Fred Clendenin and Charlie Clendenin. Absent are Ben Larson and Ronald Givens. RIGHT: Roanokers crowned Meter-Distribution



first half champions. Team members include from left: K. K. Hubbard, C. B. Comer, G. E. Holdren and W. M. Mills. Absent are R. E. Leftwich, J. A. Wheeler and R. A. Oliver. M-D won the title in a play-off with Division Engineering.

Logan . . .

(Continued from Page 4)

Logan District

Jean B. Patty is a new part-time employee in local accounting.

Ohley L. Bennett, dealer sales representative, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Logan Shrine Club.

Sympathy is extended R. L. Widner, T&D, on the death of his sister and Samuel G. Hoensch, retired employee, on the death of his wife.

Logan Plant

Judy Lynn, daughter of shift supervisor J. R. Beckett, was chosen as senior attendant to Miss Logan High School.

Retired employees J. J. Keck and T. H. Johnson were recent visitors at the plant.

Druey D. Lambert, Jr., laboratory attendant, is a new employee.

Jerry L. Spicer, test engineer, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended the J. B. Bell family on the death of Mrs. Bell's grandfather.

Charleston title.

Personnel needed but one game to win the final night, but couldn't get it. The Eyeballers finished with a 32-22 record, with Personnel right behind at 31-23. Homer Bragg, Eyeballer captain, rolled a 636 series that night, high for the season and for several years.

Other actual pin leaders are: Fred Clendenin, high game of 249; and Judy Hackney, high game of 222

Bags Buck



This nine-point buck was bagged by Clarence Cutter, assistant storekeeper for the construction department at Clinch River plant. He got this one near Sugar Grove in Smyth County, the same place he shot one last year.

and high series of 551 for girls.

Handicap leaders are: Charlie Gray, high game of 284; Homer Bragg, high series of 753; and Joanne Asbury, high series of 679 and tied with Judy Hackney with high game of 258.

Dick Speas has high average of 173.

Roanoke

Meter - Distribution and Division Engineering ended the first half in a tie for first place in the Roanoke league. But M-D took two games in a playoff for the crown.

Both teams had recorded 28-14 seasons.

Pikeville Employees Plan To Lease Links

Learning that a local golf course would not open this year, Pikeville district employees saw an opportunity to have their own golfing ground.

Employees, under the leadership of the Employees Golf Club, plan to lease the links and the pro shop. The club house will not be included in the lease. The course, located at Shelby, Ky., was the site of the employee invitational tourney held last September.

Although about 10 employees promoted the venture, it is planned that all employees will be eligible for membership. The general public may use the course upon payment of green fees but will not be eligible to join.

Although the lease had not been signed at press time, equipment has changed hands and plans are being made to get the course in shape.



This golf course, located at Shelby, Ky., will be leased by Pikeville district employees. The course, which had been scheduled to remain closed this year, was the site of the employee invitational tournament held last September.

Lynchburg Court Team Entered In YMCA Loop

Lynchburg district has entered a team in the six-member YMCA Industrial Basketball League in the city.

The teams will play two games a week until the first of March. Playing for the Lynchburg team are employees Ray Thomas, Harry Ewers, Doug Fuqua, Tom Witt, Bill Robertson, Rudy Wooten, Andy Crews and Bryan Higgins.

Bluefield . . .

(Continued from Page 4)

Bluefield District

Dave Rowe, Tazewell area supervisor, bagged five geese and Robert S. Hylton, Bland meter serviceman, shot a bear on recent hunting trips.

James T. Gregory, groundman; Arnold E. Gillespie, employee on military leave; and Jerry C. Umberger, groundman, have resigned.

Mrs. Robert A. Runion, wife of the Mullens meter reader, was honored with a stork shower recently.

Okey B. Yost, assistant local office manager, has been elected secretary of the Graham Kiwanis Club.

Oscar W. Adams, Princeton area supervisor, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Princeton-Athens Kiwanis Club.

Glenn H. Reynolds, electrical engineer, has completed his indoctrination training program and is now located in the Bluefield office.

Sympathy is extended Morriss M. Yost, station supervisor, on the death of his sister-in-law.

Regina, daughter of Pauline B. Bowman, division clerk-stenographer, is convalescing after undergoing an emergency appendectomy.

James M. Loyd, Princeton local office manager, has been elected second vice president of the Bluefield Shrine Club.

E. Vance Dunn, Bland area serviceman, is recuperating at home after an illness.

Bobby S. Hylton, Mullens groundman, has returned to work following an illness.

Walter P. Hawkins, assistant stores supervisor, continues to improve at home after hospitalization.

Clyde R. Stowers and Tom Allen, retired employees, visited the office recently.

Maude J. McCulloch, retired employee, is convalescing at home after breaking a bone in her foot.

Fred J. Mullins, meterman, and Mrs. Charles W. Hedrick, wife of the truck driver-groundman, have returned to their homes after hospital confinement.



LEFT: Receiving a \$400 scholarship as one of six national 4-H Electric Project winners is Guy O. Farmer of Hamlin in the Huntington district. The scholarship is being presented by Carroll V. Roseberry, vice president and manager of the Mid-Western Region of Westinghouse Electric Corporation, which provides the scholarships through the

Westinghouse Educational Foundation. **RIGHT:** Margie Vest of Check in the Pulaski district was chosen second alternate in national 4-H Electric Project competition. Here, she is being recognized as Virginia State 4-H Electric Project winner by Dr. W. E. Skelton, State 4-H Club Agent.

Two Area Teenagers Honored Nationally For Their Work In 4-H Electric Project

State and national 4-H Electric Project honors have come to two teenagers who live in Appalachian territory.

Guy O. Farmer of Hamlin in the Huntington district has been named one of six national winners of \$400 scholarships for his efforts in 4-H electric projects during 1958. He had previously won the West Virginia title.

And Margie Vest of Check in the Pulaski district was selected second alternate in the national electric project competition, having previously been named Virginia state winner. Carl M. Elkins, Huntington employee, worked closely with Guy Farmer during the year, and Margie was given much instruction and aid by Ray Lester and Martha Horne, Pulaski employees. As part of their duties, these employees are advisors and instructors in 4-H electric work.

Both teenagers attended the national 4-H Club Congress in Chicago late last year, and were competing against winners from 44 other states. The electric program is sponsored by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation, which is supported by Westinghouse Electric Corporation. During 1958 there were 131,000 4-H-

ers from across the nation enrolled in the Electric Program, completing 181,000 projects.

Guy, who is the sixth national winner from Lincoln County, has been in 4-H work seven years. A 17-year-old high school senior, he has received many awards and honors in rural electrification and general 4-H club work. He is a junior leader in the Hamlin Sparkies 4-H Club, and as such assists in the training of younger members in the County Rural Electrification Workshop, which is jointly

supervised by the County 4-H Agent and Appalachian personnel.

Guy plans to attend college next fall, but has not chosen the school.

Margie is an experienced worker in electric projects, having completed 85 electric demonstrations and many separate projects. The largest was the planning of her parents' all-electric home. She plans to enroll in Madison College at Harrisonburg, Va., to major in home economics. She is considering a career as home service representative.

Pikeville Credit Union Officers



Pikeville Employees Credit Union officers for 1959 are, seated, W. W. Zoellers, re-elected president, and standing, left to right: A. H. Jopp, secretary; Rodman Crutchfield, director; Jesse Collier, vice president, and L. M. Newsom, treasurer. At the annual meeting held last month, reports showed the credit union to have \$20,993.76 in assets. A 5.4 percent dividend was declared for each full share month. During 1958 the union made 95 loans and had 86 members.

Charles R. Smith Dies At Narrows

Charles Robert Smith, 42, retired Bluefield employee, died at his home at Narrows January 13.



Mr. Smith

with the company.

A native of Glade Spring, he attended schools at Tazewell.

He is survived by his wife and five children. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church in Narrows and interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Glen Lyn Unit Out For Repairs



For the first time since 1954, Unit 5 at Glen Lyn plant has been removed for a six-week major overhaul. Here, R. B. McKenzie and E. W. DeHart, maintenance employees, prepare to remove economizer tubes in the No. 51 boiler for repairs. The main purpose of the overhaul is to retube the condenser, check wells and repair main steam lines, inspect control and stop valves on turbine, repair drum nozzle valve in boilers and many smaller jobs.

Educational Opportunity

Over 300 At Plants Enroll In 30-Week Math Course

Over 300 employees at Appalachian's six plants have enrolled in the first of a series of evening courses being offered at no charge throughout the AEP System. This is part of the AEP System's broad education and training program.

Emphasizing our company's policy of continued educational opportunities and providing a foundation of understanding for any long-range study plans, the voluntary courses offer not only self-improvement opportunities, but a deeper meaning of the individual's own occupational assignments as well.

Because it is so necessary a tool for mastering any science, elementary mathematics was chosen as the first course of the series. Later electricity and physics will be offered, as well as other courses in demand.

In Appalachian, 45 have enrolled in the course at Cabin Creek plant, 60 at Philip Sporn plant, 89 at Clinch River plant, 26 at Logan plant, 51 at Kanawha River plant and 49 at Glen Lyn plant.

Under the over-all supervision of A. H. Beiler, head of the technical education and training section of the AEP Service Corporation, the course plans were based on two pilot courses conducted at the Windsor plant of Ohio Power in 1956.

The weekly two-hour classes are open to men and women. There will be two classes, in most cases, each week, to accommodate the demands of shift work. The courses will run for 15 weeks, adjourn for the summer, and run another 15 weeks. Generally, instructors from plant area schools will be employed to teach the courses.

The only charge to the student is for text, notebook and other miscellaneous accessories.

No examination will be given, nor will students receive marks. Homework may be assigned and any review or grading of this will be a confidential matter. However, a class attendance record will be kept and those students attending 80 per cent of the classes will be awarded a certificate of completion.

Following are the arrangements for classes at our plants:

Cabin Creek—started January 12 and are held Monday and Thursday nights at plant, with J. A. Allinder, chief chemist at the plant, teaching.

Philip Sporn—started January 13 and meets every Tuesday and Thursday night at the plant, with Douglas P. Rouse, Kyger Creek High School, teaching.

Clinch River—started January 20 and are held Tuesday nights at Lebanon High School, with Jacob Lowe, math instructor at Washington County Technical School, and Samuel Askins, math instructor at Cleveland High School, teaching.

Logan Plant—started January 20 and meets every Tuesday night at Logan High School, with Elmer Lowe of East Logan Junior High School, teaching.

Kanawha River—started January 21 and meets every Wednesday and Thursday night at plant, with George D. Shawver, of East Bank High School, teaching.

Glen Lyn—started January 19 and meets every Monday and Thursday night at plant, with H. C. Ragsdale, math instructor at Narrows High School, teaching.

O. M. Smith Ends Company Service



Mr. Smith

Oliver M. Smith, Charleston PBX operator, retired February 1 after more than 35 years with the company.

He retired early because of ill health. Born at Beards Fork, W. Va., he joined Appalachian in 1923 as a cook in one of the construction camps. Later he became a lineman, and shortly afterward received severe electrical burns, resulting in the loss of his right forearm.

On his recovery Mr. Smith became a telephone operator. He has become well-known in the district for his efficient, friendly service, especially during the long nights when the company was experiencing trouble in storms. This cooperation with company troublemen, and Mr. Smith's personal courage, were praised by District Manager C. B. Talley at a recent service pin dinner.

In reviewing his years with the company, Mr. Smith says he has enjoyed his work and states that his main ambition has always been to do what seemed right to him, and to get along with people. As a result, he has made many friends.

Most of all he appreciates the strides the company has made in its safety program, because he remembers the day when linemen had no protective covering. He believes that if today's safety rules had been in effect when he was a lineman, he would have retired a lineman.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE
Electric Industry

(The following items are based on material appearing in recent issues of "Electrical World.")

Drive Better Electrically:

There's talk of bringing the electric automobile back to the highways in a trim, sleek, safe version. People working on the idea say such a car can be produced at a third of the cost of modern combustion-engine cars and cost about half as much to operate. Battery charging for 200,000 such cars would raise utility revenue by \$8-million a year.

Industry Records: Electric utilities chalked up these records in 1958: 14 million kw of new generating capability went on the line—largest annual addition in history, electric plant investment accounted for one-eighth of the capital expenditures by all industry during the year, average residential use of electricity hit 3,385 kwh per customer—a gain of 211 kwhr over the previous year, and average revenue per kwhr was 2.52 cents—down from 2.56 cents in 1957.