

Grow old along with me!  
The best is yet to be,  
The last of life, for which  
the first was made.

—ROBERT BROWNING

# The Illuminator

The victory of success  
is half won where  
one gains the habit of  
work.

—SARAH H. BOLTON

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## Henry C. Skaggs Appointed Manager Of New Kanawha River Steam Plant

Henry C. Skaggs, Jr., has been appointed manager of the Kanawha River Plant which is now under construction near Glasgow, W. Va.

Mr. Skaggs, who was promoted to his new position from the assistant managership of the Cabin Creek plant, will assume his new duties July 1. During the construction period, he will work closely with the engineers who designed the plant and will begin planning for its operation which is scheduled for October, 1952.

A native of Fayette County, Skaggs attended Montgomery High School, West Virginia Institute of Technology and was graduated from West Virginia University in 1936, with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

He was employed by Appalachian at the Cabin Creek Plant as a maintenance man on June 16, 1936. In 1938, he was promoted to the position of foreman of the boiler maintenance department and four years later was named assistant plant manager.

Skaggs is a member of the Montgomery Methodist Church. His wife is the former Miss Virginia Backus of Montgomery and they have three children.

Skaggs will continue to live in Charleston, where he recently moved his family into a new home.

C. G. Coughlin, manager of the Cabin Creek Plant, who has been on leave of absence for several months, will resume his duties at Cabin Creek. Mr. Skaggs has been acting plant manager during Mr. Coughlin's absence.

## C. E. Archer Named Assistant Manager At Glen Lyn Plant

Clarence E. Archer, supervising engineer at the Glen Lyn plant, has been promoted to assistant plant manager.

Born at Havaco, W. Va., Mr. Archer attended Concord College and is a graduate of the University of Kentucky with degrees in electrical and mechanical engineering. He was a unit operator with Du Pont at Belle, W. Va., before being employed by Appalachian in 1937 at Switchback in the maintenance gang.

From 1938 to 1940 he was maintenance foreman of the automatic substation at Switchback and then relay engineer in the Welch district for three years. From 1943 to 1945 he served as assistant substation superintendent at Switchback and was promoted in 1945 to supervising engineer at the Glen Lyn plant.

A member and officer of the Kiwanis Club at Narrows, he is married, has one daughter and resides in Glen Lyn.



Mr. Skaggs

## James E. Prater Is Elected President Of Abingdon Jaycees

James Edward Prater, an Abingdon district employee, has been elected president of the Abingdon Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1951-52.



Mr. Prater

Ed, who has been an active member for some time, has worked on many of the Jaycee projects. He also has held several other offices in the Abingdon organization.

In community affairs, he serves as Captain of the Abingdon Volunteer Fire Department.

He is a native of Washington County and was graduated from high school at Meadowview. He received his electrical training at the Washington County Technical School and was employed by Appalachian in 1948 as an appliance serviceman.

## Third Sporn Unit Starts Operation Late This Month

### Stator For Unit Is Not Damaged In Train Wreck

The third 150,000 kilowatt generating unit at the Philip Sporn Plant, Graham Station, W. Va., is scheduled to go into operation late this month. Tests are now being conducted on the electrical equipment and boiler tests are scheduled to start soon.

The addition of unit three will bring the Sporn plant generating capability to 450,000 kilowatts. The fourth unit of 150,000 kilowatts is scheduled to go into operation in 1952.

The completion of unit three at the plant might have been delayed considerably if it hadn't been for four feet of mud.

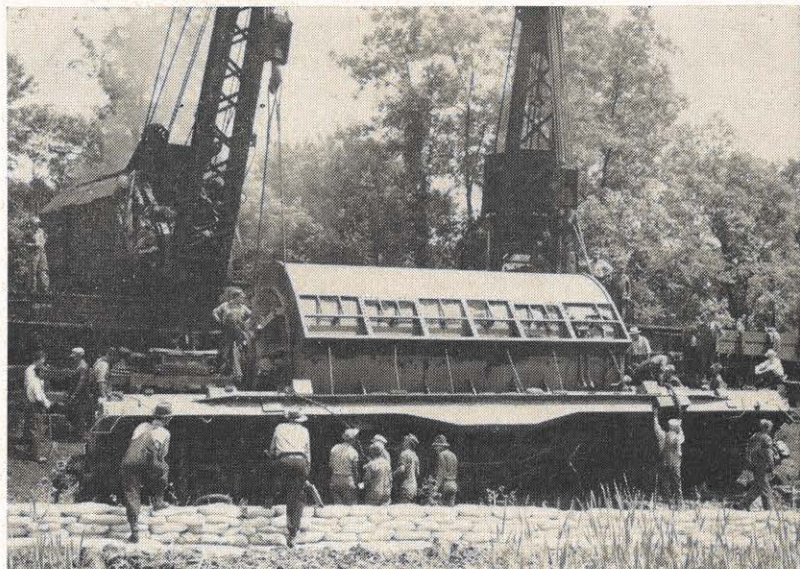
On June 7, the flat car to which the generator stator for the low pressure side of the unit was bolted was derailed about 40 miles from the plant.

The car was traveling on the tracks of the New York Central Railroad. According to the railroad's explanation the car jumped the track and traveled about 3,000 feet on the ties. At a curve the wheels struck a siding which sheared them off. The car and stator went over an embankment about ten feet high and settled four feet in the mud.

Considerable construction work such as building a retaining wall and a foundation was done so that cranes could lift the car back on the tracks. Two 130-ton cranes were provided by the railroad. At noon Sunday, June 10, the cranes made their first hitch. By 5:00 p. m., the car and stator were on their way to the plant.

The stator has been installed on its foundation. After a thorough inspection no damage was found.

Some idea of how fortunate we were is revealed by the fact that the stator had been under construction for 18 months at the General Electric Plant in Schenectady, N. Y.



Two 130-ton cranes are being used to put this railroad car carrying the stator for Sporn Plant unit three back on the tracks.

## Two System Men Receive Promotions

Two promotions have been made in the system offices. G. Fred Murphy, administrative assistant, has been named system transportation supervisor. W. Earl King, appraisal engineer, has been named system supervising appraisal engineer. Both advancements are effective July 1.

Mr. Murphy has been an administrative assistant since 1946. He was first employed by Appalachian in February, 1937, as a clerk in the Huntington transportation department. He was transferred to Roanoke in 1944, as statistician in the system transportation office.

Mr. Murphy is married and has one daughter. He is a member of the Highland Baptist Church of Huntington and the Virginia Heights and Williamson Road Lodges A. F. & A. M. of Roanoke.

Mr. King, a graduate of the Capital City Commercial College, Charleston, W. Va., first became associated with the electrical industry in June, 1924. At that time, he was employed by the Inter-State Power Company

and followed general construction work with the Central Virginia Power Company, the New River Develop-



Mr. Murphy



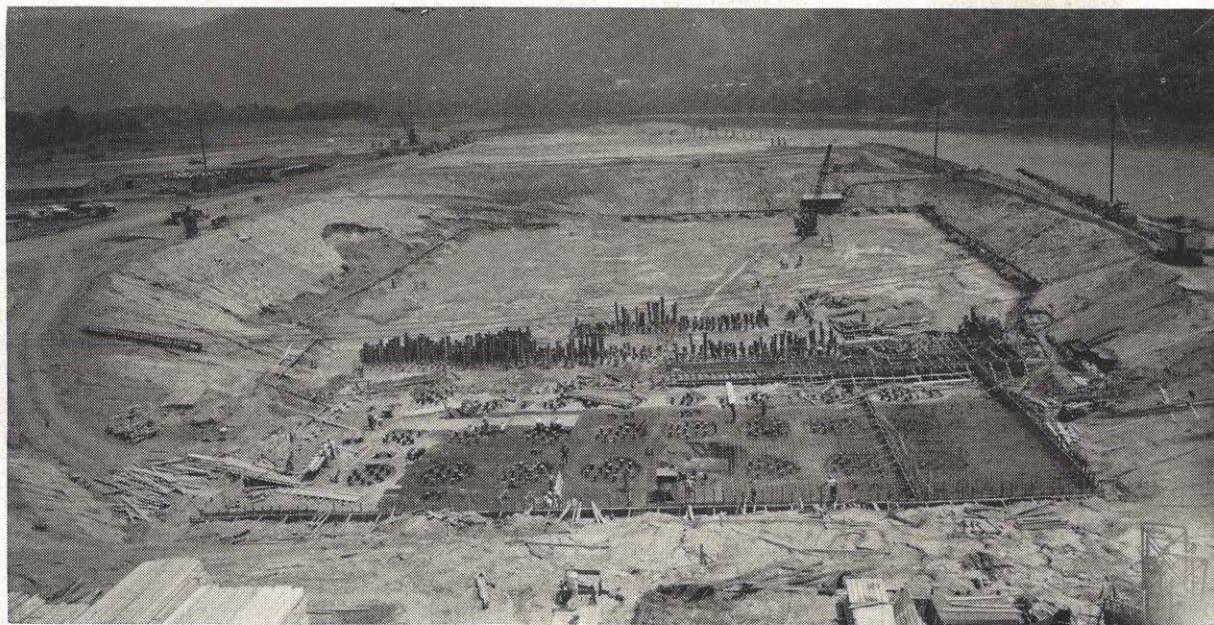
Mr. King

ment Company, and the Appalachian Electric Power Company until 1930.

He then became a member of Appalachian's evaluation department. In 1939, he was transferred to A. G. & E. for property evaluation work with the Atlantic City Electric Company. In 1946, he returned to Appalachian as an evaluation engineer.

He is married and has two daughters and is a member of the Huntington Court Methodist Church in Roanoke.

## Kanawha River Plant Construction Progresses



This photograph of the new Kanawha River Plant construction at Glasgow, W. Va., was made about the middle of June. Up to that time construction forces had moved over 150,000 cubic yards of earth and were progressing according to schedule. Resident Engineer R. W. Lawson says that the first of some 45,000 yards of concrete is scheduled to be poured early this month. The picture was made looking toward the front of the building, which will cover an area 540 feet long by 395

feet wide. In the foreground is the machine shop, over which the office will be located on a second floor. Immediately behind, where the piling has been driven, will be the boiler room. Directly behind the boiler room in the area in which the pile driver can be seen will be the turbine room. The first 200,000 kilowatt unit of the authorized 400,000 kilowatt capacity plant is scheduled to go into operation late in 1952.

## System Loads Reach New All-Time Peaks

New all-time peaks for the delivery of electricity were reached the latter part of June on the systems of the Southern Properties and the American Gas and Electric Company.

On June 25 at 11 a. m. the peak on the Southern Properties' system reached 996,100 kilowatts. This surpassed the previous all-time high of 993,975 kilowatts which was established on December 19, 1950.

The new A. G. and E. peak of 2,438,000 kilowatts was also established on June 25 at 11:00 a. m. This new record topped the previous all-time A. G. and E. peak of 2,425,700 kilowatts which had been established the day before.

The new peak on the Southern Properties' system apparently was caused by the full operation of the coal mines, a full air-conditioning load and the fact that the day was dark.



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## To Be Better Informed

In this issue of your ILLUMINATOR you received a questionnaire about our Information Program. Those who have the responsibility of developing this program desire to have your opinions and suggestions to guide them in preparing the remainder of the sessions which are to follow. The main purpose of the program is, of course, to help all of us to be better informed about our work and our business—thus help us to do a better job.

When we do our jobs, do we really know what we're doing? Sounds like a silly question, doesn't it? But just think it over for a minute, and you'll see it's not so silly after all.

Many of us approach our work each day in a sort of "automatic" way. We do our jobs mechanically—with our minds often on a dozen other things—and sometimes without knowing just why the job is being done. And, that's when mistakes and accidents are most likely to happen.

As we do our work each day, let's ask ourselves about the HOW and WHY of our jobs. Let's not just do the job mechanically. Let's think what we're doing, and we're bound to do better work. And all of us know that better work is the basis for job advancement.

When we think of the HOW and WHY of our work, we can not only catch our own possible mistakes much faster, but also we can see new and better ways for doing the job better and easier.

Success comes to those who THINK—even though the job may seem to be a purely routine one.

## What Ideas Can You Offer?

We often hear it said that "There is nothing new under the sun." This may be true with many fundamental facts, but it will hardly apply to new ideas and the better application of old ones in the operation of our business.

Many stories have been carried in *Operating Notes* which show the new ideas and suggestions our employees are contributing toward the improvement of our operations and the advancement of the industry.

Do you have an idea for saving time or material? Do you have an idea for doing the job with less effort so that there will be less of a strain on the human beings involved? Do you have an idea for doing a job more safely?

Sometimes, the simplest idea is the best one for all practical purposes in turning in a better job. So don't look for complicated ideas—look for the simple idea "right under your nose." It may very well be the one that can accomplish the greatest work improvement.

Do you have an idea? Why not talk with your supervisor about it?

# Your Opinion

What are your recommendations that might be helpful to other employees when they retire?

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**JOHN WALTERS, retired right-of-way agent, Charleston:**



I suggest to other retired employees never to allow themselves to lose interest in business and people. Forget that you are growing old and remember the pleasant part of life and forget the unpleasant part. Be true to friends tried and found true and worthy of your confidence and forget

those who have proven unworthy of your confidence. For a long, successful, happy life, never worry over the wrongs of others or over things you cannot help. Be truthful and honest with all classes of people. We have nothing to fear except death and taxes.

**C. E. KENNEDY, retired stores supervisor, Kingsport:**



The day of retirement is a date we look forward to, but when the time arrives and we must say goodbye to our company and the old gang, we are not at all happy. By all means don't go home and think you are finished and start to pity yourself. Start on a hobby early in life and if finances permit, travel to the various places you have always dreamed of seeing. Help the wife with the family wash. Mop, sweep, dust and help with the flower garden. Last but not least, line up with the church of your choice. Take an active part in church activities and you will receive many blessings.

**HOWARD R. COLLINS, retired distribution superintendent, Ashland:**



Unless you are a person who is easily content, don't plan to "just do nothing" when you retire. Most of us look forward to the time when we will no longer have to go about our routine tasks. But habits are very hard to break, especially so as we get older.

I would advise you to develop a hobby. People who have been active through the years can't adjust to inactivity. If you enjoy gardening, then try doing it. Devote more time to those little odd jobs around home that you never had time to do before. It is important also to keep interested in what is going on in the world. If a man feels there is no service he can render to his family and his community he is restless and discontented.

**J. P. SURBER, retired working foreman, Glen Lyn Plant:**



My recommendations to an employee ready for retirement would be to own his home and also have some business or hobby to bring him in an average livelihood.

Above everything don't decide on a business or hobby just to make a lot of money, but something you have always had in back of your mind to do and just haven't had the time for.

I have three lots with my home where I raise hogs, chickens and vegetables, from which I realize a very nice income.

**MISS LUCY BRAMMER, retired employee of the managerial department, Lynchburg:**



So you're retiring! Thanks to your company, your government and your own efforts, you face the future with a satisfying sense of economic security.

But how to live this carefree life is your responsibility. I hope you've built up moral and emotional stability through cultivation of outside interests, fine friendships, worship of God and service to mankind.

If possible begin your new freedom with that longed-for trip. See some of nature's wonders and give your soul a priceless deposit of golden memories.

And now, forgetting the past, press forward. You'll find avenues of service worthy of your best efforts in your home, your community, your church. Be alert. Keep busy. It was Lowell who said, "To give is to live."

**C. P. PETERSON, retired substation operator, Bluefield:**



My recommendations which I believe will be helpful to other employees when they retire from "Uncle App" can best be expressed in this manner:

Retirement should be something that an employee looks forward to as a coming event or attraction. In order to get the greatest benefit out of retirement an individual should look upon this as a reality and make preparations for retirement well ahead of schedule from an economical stand point, as well as a social change. An employee, should in order to get the most out of retirement, develop in his earlier life, a hobby which he can continue after retirement. Some hobbies may be developed to a financial success, as well as a means of preparation for an individual's change in life.

By planning to retire in advance and working towards these plans, I believe you can make this adjustment with very little difficulty.

**JOHN F. BECHER, retired clerk, Cabin Creek Plant:**



From my own experience, I feel that the most helpful suggestion I could make to an employee, who is due for retirement soon, would be in connection with filing claims for Unemployment Compensation and Social Security benefits. Of course, practices may differ from one state to another, as well as the advice of various people who are connected with these departments. In West Virginia, as the plan works now, this is the way to get the maximum benefits to which you are entitled upon retiring at age 65:

Immediately upon retirement, file claim for unemployment benefits, which are payable starting with the eighth day after retirement. Upon expiration of unemployment payments, file claim for Social Security retroactive to retirement date. While unemployment compensation will not pay a claim while benefits are being received from another source, Social Security will, at least in some cases, back pay for a period during which benefits were received from another source.

**J. D. CARPER, retired line foreman, Roanoke:**



I went to work in Roanoke in 1909 with Roanoke Railway and Electric Company. Appalachian Electric Power Company took over the company in 1926, and I worked with them until I retired October 15, 1944. Then I had to adjust myself to a different life.

I very soon became satisfied doing odd jobs on our 30-acre farm and around the house. I am more satisfied than ever now; I have a 2½-year-old granddaughter who loves to go with me to feed the turkeys, chickens and things on the farm.

It is more comfortable to sit on the porch when the mercury hits an all-high than to be on a high pole.

There isn't any need for the boys to worry about the pension, for "Uncle App" has it on hand by the first of the month.

**W. H. JONES, retired billing supervisor, Huntington:**



"When I retire?" is naturally a more or less constant question rambling in the minds of older employees. Why let it ramble? Give it careful consideration well in advance of the rapidly approaching retirement date.

Analyze the financial outlook with a much smaller income in prospect.

Possibly you are a bit hazy as to why your salary checks vanish so quickly. If so, jot down figures for a few months and be in a position to budget yourself on a retirement income.

Next analyze yourself. Consider your temperament. Will you enjoy a life of ease—working leisurely around the house and yard, enjoying a hobby, reading, an occasional auto trip—or will you stagnate without more strenuous activities.

If you are apprehensive of stagnation, by all means get some kind of a job which, incidentally, will supplement your income.

The fact that retirement is possible should be appreciated.

## How Times Have Changed

The following notice appeared in 1861 on the Bulletin Board of John Wanamaker's:

"Store must be opened at 6:00 a.m. and remain open until 9:00 p.m. the year round. The store must be swept, counters, base shelves and showcases dusted, lamps trimmed, filled and chimneys cleaned, pens made, doors and windows opened; a pail of water and a scuttle of coal must be brought in by each clerk before breakfast, if there is time to do so, and attend to customers who call.

"Store must not be open on the Sabbath day unless absolutely necessary, and then only for a few minutes. Any employee who is in the habit of smoking Spanish cigars, getting shaved at the barbershop, going to dances, and other places of amusement, will most surely give his employer reason to be suspicious of his integrity and all-round honesty.

"Each employee must not pay less than \$5.00 per year to the church, and must attend Sunday School every Sunday. Men employees are given an evening a week for courting purposes, and two if they go to prayer meeting regularly.

"After 14 hours of work in the store, the leisure time must be spent in reading good literature."



## Huntington District Leads At Halfway Point Of 'Sweepstakes' Sales Campaign



These men were the leading representatives in the water system promotion during the month of May. This special promotion was part of the four-month long "Sweepstakes" campaign. Left to right are: J. E. Grantham, Pulaski, O. L. Bennett, Logan, R. C. Wilton, Huntington, Paul Jeffrey, Logan and J. M. Wysong, Huntington.

The Old Nag from Nags Head, symbolic of being the leader at the half-way point of the "Sweepstakes" sales campaign is resting in Huntington.

The Huntington district commercial department with a percentage of 87.6 of quota on June 2, led all districts in the Appalachian-Kingsport campaign at the half-way point. The range, water heater and water system promotion is scheduled to end July 31.

In second place at the half-way point was Logan with 80.3 per cent followed by Roanoke with 71.42. On a division basis Huntington led with 78.3 per cent of quota followed by Roanoke with 62.1, Charleston 46.05 and Bluefield 45.81.

The members of the Huntington commercial department and the five leading representatives in the water system promotion in May were honored at a dinner given in Huntington by Julius Hall, Jr., system commercial manager.

### Employees Hold Square Dance In Abingdon

Abingdon district employees recently held a square dance in the American Suppliers Warehouse. More than one hundred and twenty-five employees and guests enjoyed the dancing and refreshments. Music for the dance was furnished by "Cousin Zeke" Leonard and his string band.

During the dinner, S. R. Pritchard, Huntingdon district manager, was presented a plaster horse, named "The Old Nag from Nags Head." The "Old Nag" will remain in possession of Huntington as long as the district leads the campaign, but if Huntington falls from the top spot, the "Old Nag" must then be sent on to the leading district.



"The Old Nag"

The five top men in the water system promotion during the month of May were: J. E. Grantham, Pulaski; O. L. Bennett and Paul Jeffrey, of Logan, and R. C. Wilton and J. M. Wysong, of Huntington.

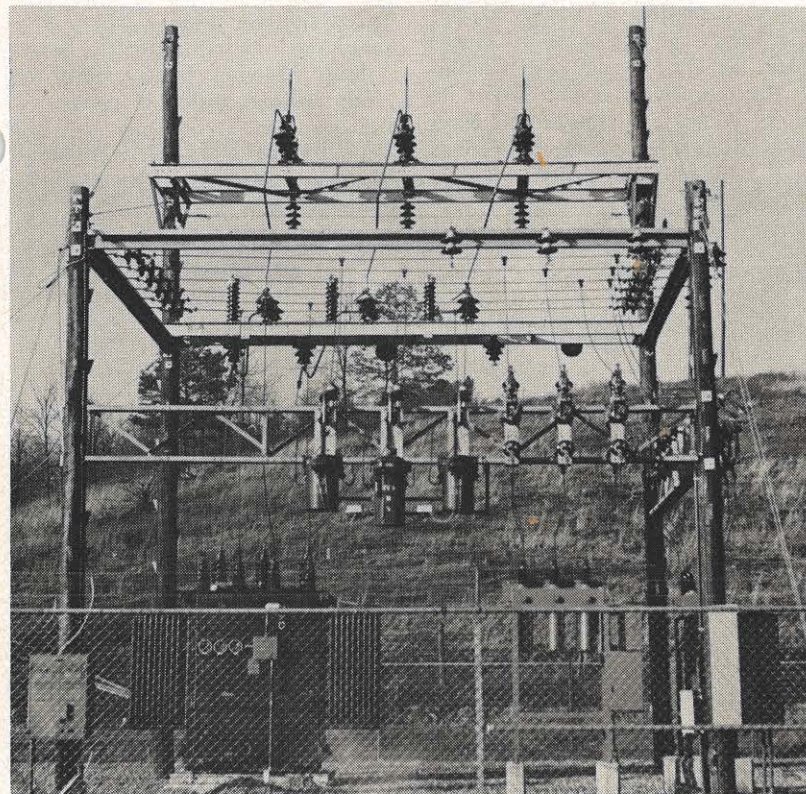
At the half-way mark of the campaign, total unit sales were running almost even with the same period last year. The report for all districts for the week ending June 2, showed 4,627 range sales; 2,520 water heater sales and 1,990 water system sales.

### Charleston Kilowatts Enjoy River Excursion

Members and guests of the Charleston district Kilowatt Club recently enjoyed a cruise on the Kanawha River aboard the steamer *Avalon*.

This was the second Kilowatt Club outing of the season and music for dancing was furnished by the Rhythm Masters.

### New Louisa Substation In Service



This new substation was recently put in service at Louisa, Ky. The station, which has a capacity of 2,000 kva, serves the Town of Louisa and the rural distribution system in Lawrence County. The station was part of a three-phase program which included the rebuilding of the distribution system in Louisa and the construction of a 33,000-volt line from Wayne, W. Va., to Louisa.

### Man Who Developed Pole-Top Respiration Is Given Citation

To at least three men in the Southern Properties, the pole-top method of artificial respiration has meant longer life. This method of respiration was used to save their lives when they had been shocked by electricity.

The man who developed the pole-top method of artificial respiration, E. W. Oesterreich, was presented a citation and plaque by the Edison Electric Institute.

General superintendent of distribution of the Duquesne Light Company, Pittsburgh, Mr. Oesterreich, developed the pole-top method in 1931. Since its first use this method of artificial respiration has saved the lives of more than 100 linemen.

At the ceremony in Denver was George Fritz, whose life was saved 18 years ago when as a lineman for Duquesne he received a shock while working on a pole bearing 4,000-volt conductors.

His rescuer was a fellow lineman, who was the first of 95 linemen using the pole-top method of artificial respiration to receive the Edison Electric Institute medal for resuscitation.

The employees in the Southern Properties who have received this medal are C. E. Jordan, who saved the life of A. L. Ward in 1941; James R. Watkins who resuscitated J. W. Peery in 1947, and F. S. Russell, who revived C. E. McNutt in 1949.

The pole-top method of artificial respiration is an integral part of the company's safety program. Line crews throughout the properties practice it regularly and are well trained in its use.

### Vincent Talley Receives Masters From University



Vincent C. Talley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Talley of Charleston, received his masters degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan.

He will be affiliated with General Electric Company in their Boston commercial office after July 23.

### Roanoke Engineer Gets Merit Award For 'Notes' Article

Gordon H. Broyles, Roanoke district distribution engineer, received a merit award for an article which appeared in the May issue of *Monthly Operating Notes*.

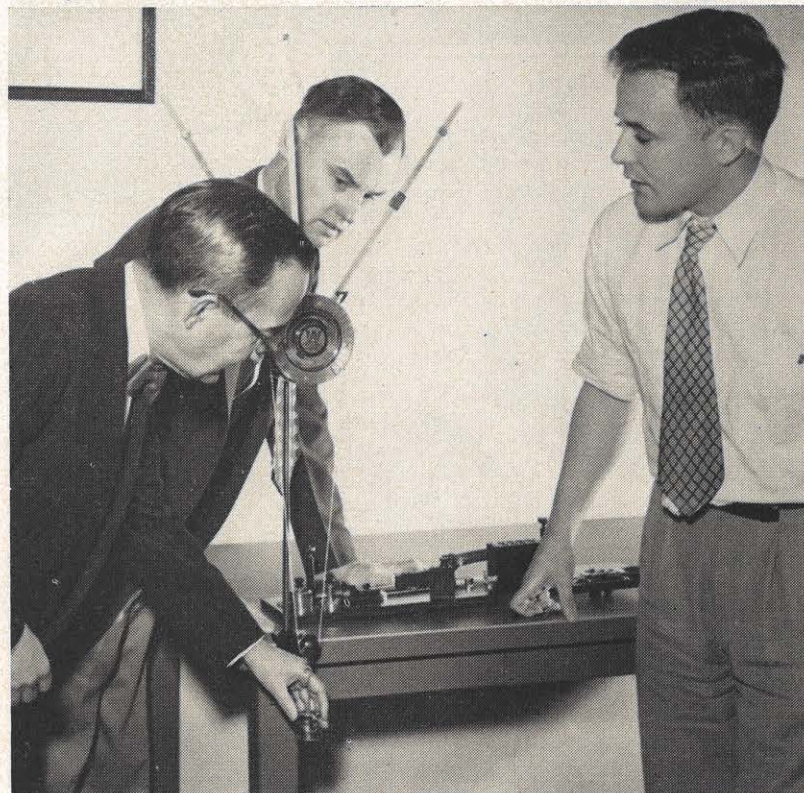


Mr. Broyles

Gordon's article was based upon the use of a hot stick device for the re-fusing of branch lines and distribution transformers. It helps to eliminate injuries that have in the past resulted from the re-fusing operation. In a number of cases, fuses blew and shattered and at times this caused multiple cuts about the troubleman's face and head.

Gordon's hot-stick fuse puller was placed into operation several years ago and is now standard equipment on all trouble trucks in the Roanoke area.

## Model Is Used In System Operating Department's Educational Program



H. E. McCormack, left, is shown demonstrating a system transmission problem upon a Westinghouse Mechanical Model to G. T. Moore, right, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology cooperative student. J. E. Ebeling, system operating department, center, looks on as Mr. McCormack applies more load to the model.

The System Operating Department, under the supervision of H. E. McCormack, has been carrying on an extensive educational program for its operators, dispatchers, trainees and other employees.

The training deals primarily with system operating problems. The mechanical model, shown in the accompanying photograph, has been used as a means of visualizing problems encountered in the everyday operation of a power system.

This mechanical model has proved to be helpful in demonstrating system stability or the maintaining of the designed capacities of a transmission system.

The mechanical model, as seen in the photograph, consists essentially of two rotatable arms which are mounted on a common shaft. One arm represents generating facilities while the other is designated as load, such as

the amount of power used by a manufacturer. Each arm is linked to the other by springs and force can be applied through a series of weights. When this force, which represents any combination of increased load or increased generation, is applied to the model the linking springs are stretched. The amount of stretch depends upon the increase in any one of the elements.

The changes in the movement of the arms can be measured in direct proportion to such changes in power transmission. By attaching a third spring, shown attached to the center arm, employees can see the effect of a synchronous condenser on a system. The third spring absorbs some of the shock of the load and tends to hold the two arms at the desired levels or within designed capacities. In this way, operating department employees get a picture of power transmission under variable conditions.

## So That You'll Know

These are the questions that were asked on the back page of Booklet Four in the employee information program. Answers appear on Page 8.

### QUESTIONS

- Q. 1. In our business, are the investors, the customers or the employees most important?
- Q. 2. Can you name the seven subsidiary operating companies of the American Gas and Electric Company?
- Q. 3. Which of the subsidiary operating companies has the greatest number of employees?
- Q. 4. What is the largest single group of employees in the Southern Properties?
- Q. 5. What are two of the several factors largely responsible for the length of service of our employees?

### 11 Fathers And Sons Work At Glen Lyn



Like father, like son is the story of these employees at the Glen Lyn plant. These 11 fathers and their sons work in practically every department of the plant. Left to right, the son in front and the father in back: D. E. and T. H. Brown, C. R. and J. E. Thompson, B. M. and O. C. Brown, D. A. and N. A. Buckland, H. P. and H. P. Jackson, Sr., C. L. and F. D. Spangler, J. C. and L. C. Drain, W. S. and Kyle Wade, G. R. and A. P. Whitt, J. C. and A. H. Hare, and D. R. and H. L. Clemons.



## Huntington Division

### Logan Plant

John H. Porter has resumed his duties as electrical maintenance helper after being honorably discharged from the Navy.

Harry C. Weiss has returned after an extended illness.

New employees at the plant include: Keefer White, Mineral Adkins, Ralph Hall, James Abdoney and Robert E. Stone.

Earl J. Dingess has resigned.

Jack R. Blankenship, plant office, and wife vacationed in Charleston and Huntington.

June Abdoney and Mrs. Bill Hatfield honored Clara Vinci, plant manager's office, with a farewell party before she moved to White Plains, New York.

### Williamson District

Vacationers: Maxine Saleeba vacationed in Huntington; Catherine DeGeorge in Roanoke and Blacksburg, where she attended V. P. I. graduation exercises; Doris Dotson, Dewey Dam, Kentucky, and Mrs. Alberta DeWese, Dallas.

Mrs. Mary Lou Blair resigned to join her husband who is stationed at Camp Gordon, Georgia.

Paul Woods recently visited his daughter who is a patient at the Kingsport Children's Hospital.

Francis Keadle recently visited friends in Barboursville, West Virginia.

Leonard Justice, meter department employee, who has been a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Oteen, North Carolina, recently visited the office.

"Dick" Flippen, a West Virginia University student, was assigned to the engineering department for summer employment.

Summer employees include: Walter Oakes and Bennett Smith, commercial department; Wallace Smith, meter department, and Bill Evans and Ann Ardigo, accounting department.

Willard Davis is recuperating after an operation.

John Howell is a new employee in the accounting department.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Clouser attended the wedding of his sister in Detroit.

L. W. Robinette recently visited New York City.

### Huntington District

Jane Witham, system billing office, has resigned.

Pvt. Robert A. King, commercial department employee on military leave, has been assigned to the 101st Airborne Division.

New employees in the Huntington district include: Elsie Ruth Gentry and Richard E. Flower, accounting department; John R. Matthews, Judith Ann Merrifield, Dorothy Louise Merrifield, Joyce Vaughn and John E. Kline, commercial department; Opal B. Jones, billing department; Michael A. Fotos and Geraldine Lapool, transmission and distribution department; Carl L. Nichols, transportation department; James K. Bragg and William C. Kappes, Jr., production department at the Kenova plant, and Mildred L. Buskirk, Wayne office, and Betty Moore and Thelma Jeffers, system billing office.

### Logan District

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lovelace recently visited Mrs. Lovelace's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Morris of Roa-



noke. Mrs. Lovelace is employed in the accounting department.

H. S. Jamison, meter department, vacationed in Mississippi.

Sympathy is extended Lola Henson, cost records department, on the death of her aunt.

H. G. Wilson, cost records department, vacationed with his family at Virginia Beach.

Birdie Messinger, cost records department, has been ill.

Joseph H. Eibling, cooperative student, has returned to school while Robert Heitmann, alternate, has res-

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## Charleston Division

### Beckley District

Sympathy is extended R. H. Price, of the East Rainelle office, on the death of his father-in-law.

L. H. Williams is recuperating from an operation.

Sympathy is extended Archie Riner on the death of his grandmother.

Irven Jones, East Rainelle office, returned to work after an operation.

New employees in the Beckley district: Ellen Maples, engineering department; Mary Agnes Garnett and Mrs. Noka Jane Carter, accounting department; Mary A. Sperow, commercial department; James S. McNeish, substation department; Ruth Cokeley, Keith Chambers and Christine Anderson.

Sympathy is extended A. R. Allen on the death of his mother.

Mrs. Maxine Prince vacationed in Petersburg.

Sgt. E. R. Cantley, Pfc. Cecil L. Evans, Pfc. James R. McVey and Pvt. William S. Wiseman, employees on military leave, recently visited friends and relatives.

### Point Pleasant District

Two new employees in the Point Pleasant district are James Darby, commercial department, and Vonda Lee Barnette, accounting department.

### Cabin Creek Plant

Sympathy is extended E. A. Richards on the death of his son.

F. H. Reese has returned to work after an accident. He escaped serious injury when caught under a coal crane.

Amos Totten has returned to work after suffering a dislocated shoulder in an automobile accident.

C. G. Coughlin recently returned from a trip to Philadelphia and New York.

Margaret Matheney vacationed in Florida with her family.

### Sporn Plant

H. W. Christy and family attended the Christy reunion held in New Lexington, Ohio.

Mrs. James Hart, whose husband is a conveyor operator, is recuperating after a recent operation.

Vacationers: J. W. Frey and family vacationed in Lima; W. J. Buchanan

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## Kentucky

### Ashland District

Harry H. Miller, who is vice president elect of the Ashland Rotary Club, attended the Rotary International Convention in Atlantic City, May 26-31.

New employees in the district: Charlotte Rees and Nora Cales, commercial department, and Tom Wheeler, engineering department.

Vacationers: Lila Lee Simpson vacationed at Virginia Beach; Joan Young, Indian Lake in Ohio; A. R. Surbaugh, Indian Lake in Ohio; Clara Ward, Park Lake in Kentucky.

### Hazard District

Vacationers in the Hazard district: C. A. Zoellers and family vacationed in New York with relatives; G. C. Branson and family, Hot Springs; Elizabeth Grigsby, Florida; Bruce Muncy, Tennessee; H. J. Bonta, Lexington.

Mary Jeanette Franks, PBX operator, is a new employee.

The Kilowatt Club held a picnic at the Bobby Davis Park.

Walter Stidham resigned to go into business with his brother at Campton.

Hershel Adams, line department, recently underwent an operation.

Mosco Blackburn is recuperating from an accident.

### Pikeville District

Sympathy is extended Warnie Blackburn on the death of his mother. Shirley Ratliff has returned to work following an extended illness.

New employees in the district: Betty Ann Martin, home economist; John T. Blackburn, meter reader; Peggy Appleton, meter department; John A. Thacker, PBX operator; Florence Hagan, accounting department; Andy Poulos, substation department, and Paul Butcher, distribution department.

Louise Johnson, accounting department, and Tommy Meadows, PBX operator, have resigned.

Hursel Johnson and Bill Epling have been employed for the summer. Jess Mullins, groundman, has returned to work following an operation.

## Kingsport

Sympathy is extended Tipton Hatcher on the death of his mother-in-law.

John Ingram is recuperating after an appendectomy.

Mose Jackson has returned to work following a recent illness.

Barbara Goddard spent two weeks with her mother who was a patient at a Charlottesville hospital.

New employees: Herbert M. Paul, commercial department; Hoyett R. Morrison, Carl J. Riddle and Hunter W. Wright, distribution department; Kenneth D. Litz, stores department; Jerry Y. Matlock, steam production; William E. McAmis, substation de-

partment, and Lawton W. McNutt, distribution department.

James T. Duncan and family attended the Kiwanis International Convention in St. Louis.

Vacationers: R. E. Hemphill and family vacationed with his parents in Mississippi; E. A. Clay and wife, Daytona Beach; Joe Baker, Cincinnati with his brother who is in the Armed Forces; Mabel Moore, Miami Beach and Silver Spring; Mrs. Betty Boyer and husband, Carolina Beach, and Mrs. Phyllis Bishop and husband, Cherokee Lake.

Mrs. Adele Williams has recuperated after a recent appendectomy.

## Bluefield Division

### Abingdon District

Vacationers: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sheffey vacationed at Myrtle Beach; Ruth Dolinger and Edith Stevens, Newport News and Hampton; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Snead, California; Jack Wright, Cleveland and Cincinnati; Mrs. Gladys Reed and husband, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. John Browder, Daytona Beach; Mr. and Mrs. James Fleenor, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. George Wood and daughter, Wythe County; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crabtree, Smoky Mountains.

Lewis Thomas has returned to work following a recent appendectomy.

Kathryn Dobbins is a new home economist.

C. E. Denny is recovering from a recent tonsillectomy.

### Welch District

Ruth Caton is recuperating after an operation.

Lillian Compton has recovered from recent injuries received in an auto accident.

William E. Carr has recuperated after a recent illness.

John L. Cloyd, son of F. M. Cloyd, attended a Young Peoples Conference at Elkins as a delegate from the First Presbyterian Church.

New employees in the district include: Carol Sue Bowles and Mary Ann Edwards, accounting department, and Lou Ellen Taylor, commercial department.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Galbraith went to Washington, D. C., to attend a relative's funeral.

Dick StClair, engineering department, has resigned.

### Glen Lyn Plant

E. C. Carter and E. E. Medley are new employees at the Glen Lyn plant.

W. L. Bradford has resigned to accept a position with the Celanese Corporation.

### Bluefield District

Mrs. Bertha Hall, Princeton office, is recuperating from a recent illness.

W. J. Gillespie, assistant district manager, and family vacationed at Myrtle Beach.

Mary Barksdale, stores department, has resigned.

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## Roanoke Division

### Lynchburg District

C. W. Hogan and Earl Driskill have returned to work after operations.

Anne Kidd vacationed in Boston.

C. E. Jordan recently underwent an operation.

W. D. Almond, Blackwater substation, vacationed at Newport News where he did some deep-sea fishing.

Mrs. Baxter McIntosh is recuperating from an operation. Mr. McIntosh is employed in the meter department.

Paul C. Deaner, husband of Virginia Deaner of the power department, recently entered the armed forces.

E. L. Baker, employee on military leave, recently visited the office.

G. D. Capito was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Lynchburg Community Council.

Anthony E. Harvey, accounting department, and Malcolm H. Burgess, hydro production, are new employees.

### Roanoke District

Vacationers: A. R. Neal, Jr., vacationed with his family at Pauley's Island Beach, South Carolina; Ben Henderson, Dayton, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rader, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Atlantic City; L. A. Fulcher, Florida; Lucy Hill, Florida.

C. P. Williams is recovering from an operation.

Major Lucian W. Hiner, former employee of the real estate and right-of-way department and son of Mrs. Pauline Hiner of the rural-residential sales department, has returned to Fort Dix after completing an advanced course in anti-aircraft artillery at Fort Bliss.

Verdie Linkenhoker is recuperating after a recent illness.

Evelyn Gillespie is recuperating after an operation.

Jack Meador was on a two-week cruise with the Navy Reserve.

Bernard Woodahl has resigned to accept a position as administrative assistant on the staff of the Virginia Tuberculosis Association.

Sympathy is extended H. R. Miller on the death of his brother-in-law.

Mrs. Pauline Hiner received notice that her brother is in a hospital in Japan, suffering from a broken back and other injuries received in Korea.

E. L. Munday, Jr. and family recently visited with his parents in Ashburn, Va.

David McCue, and J. W. Thomas have returned to work after two weeks' training with the Naval Reserve.

Paul D. Bailey has resigned to attend the University of Alabama.

Harold L. Arrington is a new employee in the distribution department.

### Fieldale District

Audrey and Junior Harlowe and their son, Max, vacationed at Virginia Beach and Back Bay where they caught some 4-pound bass.

Raymond Hogan, son of Bruce Hogan, who is system substation operator at Fieldale, has enlisted in the Army Air Corps and is stationed at Sampson Air Base, Geneva, N. Y.

Sympathy is extended Bruce Cox, district manager, on the death of his brother.

Gilbert and Jewel Faison attended graduation exercises at V.P.I. where Gilbert's brother, Frank, was graduated.

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Ralph G. Amos

## From Wooden Poles To Underground System Is Story Of 40 Years Service

From wooden poles and overhead lines to a modern underground system is one way Line Foreman Ralph G. Amos has seen Appalachian grow in Roanoke.

Ralph completed 40 years of service with Appalachian and its predecessors on June 1, 1951. He was hired by E. J. Sanderson, now retired, in the line department back in 1911. He has been working in that department ever since.

Ralph says when he came to work the company had one wagon and two mules. This transportation was used to do all of the electrical work for the old Roanoke Railway and Electric Company. He helped build the downtown circuits on wooden poles and crossarms and later replaced them with steel poles and aerial cable. Recently he has been in charge of installing the underground system in Roanoke.

Ralph also recalls having slept in one of the rooms of the company building to serve as troubleman after midnight.

Ralph and Mrs. Amos have two children and two grandchildren. Ralph, Jr., is employed in the distribution department in Roanoke.



Mr. Amos

Griffie and wife, Florida; Mrs. Mara Lee Singleton, near Montgomery; B. C. Martin and wife, New York City; W. J. Blake, at his camp on Elk River; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hively, Kansas City; Guy R. Mountse, Virginia Beach; Pauline Maston, Detroit; Gretis Raines, Union; Janet Martin, eastern motor tour; Ida Maye and Paul Newkirk, Myrtle Beach.

A. A. Altizer, accounting department, has resigned.

Rosa Sandor is a new employee in the accounting department at Montgomery.

Jane Rutherford is a new employee in the accounting department at Montgomery.

Lewis Tyree, student at West Virginia Institute of Technology, is a summer employee.

Peggy Evans, Montgomery office, vacationed with her family at Edmond.

New employees in the substation department include W. E. Watson, J. G. Knight and A. F. McDonie.

New employees in the meter department include W. G. Stewart, E. H. McClintock, Jr., Robert Fleener, Leo Thompson, Clyde W. Drake, Kermit H. Walker, Jr. and LaFon Lewis Hallman.

Bill Lovell, a student at the University of Louisiana, is serving as a staff officer at Camp John Evans, BSA at Longleaf, La. He is an Eagle Scout with Bronze Palm and the son of C. W. Lovell, assistant division manager.

Harriet Hill Hodges, a student at the University of Virginia, is vacationing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hodges.

### Charleston . . .

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and family, Pennsylvania, New York, and Virginia; Lloyd Hennon, and family, Zanesville; Harry Sayre, Georgia; Robert Johnson and family, Finley.

Harry Davis has returned to work following a recent illness.

Paul E. Scally was recently elected president of the White Falcon Boosters, an organization supporting the Wahama High School Athletic Association.

Paul D. Nease is a new employee working as a coal handler.

New employees in the labor department include: Major F. Justice, Arthur H. Hill, Clarence A. Bradford, Gail P. Buck, William E. Stivers, John L. Dyer, James H. Layne, William H. Scites, Gordon L. Johnson and Charles L. Stanley.

### Charleston District

Jack Lloyd was reelected to the Board of Directors of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce.

W. G. Stewart has returned from a cruise with the Naval Reserve.

Vacationers: L. M. McKibbin and family vacationed in Kentucky; Rita Marie Schneider, Columbus; John

## Employee Heads Reserve Officers Association In W. Va.

Ray C. Heldreth, Bluefield district sales representative, was recently elected president of the West Virginia Reserve Officers Association at their state convention in Bluefield.



Mr. Heldreth

Ray, who served as an armored division captain during World War II, has been an active ROA member since his release to inactive duty. Before assuming his present office, he served as president of the Bluefield chapter, state vice president for Army, member of the national membership committee, state representative at the 1951 national council meeting, and chairman of the 1951 convention committee.

During World War II, nineteen months of Mr. Heldreth's five years of service were spent in the Mediterranean theatre as army surplus property disposal officer with the Foreign Liquidation Commission.

## T. M. Watkins Presides At Bridge Ceremony

T. M. Watkins, Williamson district manager, was master of ceremonies at the opening of the new \$400,000 bridge connecting Williamson and Pike County, Kentucky.

Mr. Watkins gave the welcoming address to the thousands of people at the opening. Notables from West Virginia and Kentucky also made short addresses, followed by the ribbon-cutting by Governor Wetherby of Kentucky and by West Virginia State Treasurer William H. Ancel, Jr., representing Governor Patten.

## John Orville Cox Dies At Pulaski



Mr. Cox

John Orville Cox, a retired employee of the Pulaski district, died June 18, at a hospital in Pulaski.

Mr. Cox retired at Wytheville, Va., June 1, 1947, after having worked continuously from 1937. Prior to 1937, Mr. Cox had a number of years broken service which started in 1923. He worked with G. C. McCall on the early construction of lines and substations. At the time of retirement, he was employed at Wytheville.

Since retiring he made his home in Galax and Hillsville, Va. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Jim Nester, of Hillsville; two sons, Howard and Jess Cox, of Anaka, Minnesota; a sister, Mrs. G. C. McCall, Pulaski, and four other sisters and five brothers, one of which is Bruce Cox, Fiedale District Manager.

## Welch Club Members Study First Aid



B. E. Bates, Welch district meter superintendent, is shown demonstrating the fundamentals of artificial respiration to several members of the Welch Caledso Club. Jack Hogg is simulating a victim. Club members receiving the instructions are, left to right: Virginia Butler, Nancy Hammond, Joyce Calloway, Ann Hervey, Elsie Katz, and Mildred Edwards, the club president. Sank Smith, district personnel supervisor, observes from the background.

## Skinner, Cobbs, Witzel And Hammer Are Promoted In Charleston Division

Four promotions were made in the Charleston division last month. R. G. Skinner was promoted to division commercial manager and L. M. Cobbs became division personnel supervisor, succeeding Mr. Skinner. W. R. Witzel became Charleston district personnel supervisor as John E. Hammer was promoted to Beckley district personnel supervisor, succeeding Mr. Witzel.

Mr. Skinner has 28 years of service with the company, first employed by American Gas and Electric System as power engineer at Scranton and transferred to Charleston in 1923. He was commercial representative, division manager of residential sales and district commercial manager before becoming division personnel supervisor. In his new position, he fills the vacancy left upon the recent promotion of C. B. Talley to Charleston district manager.

A graduate of Peekskill Military Academy and Cornell University, Mr. Skinner is married and has two sons.

Mr. Cobbs came with the company as bookkeeper in 1919, and has served as accountant, assistant to the division manager and administrative assistant. He studied bookkeeping at the Charleston School of Commerce and accounting at LaSalle Extension University. He is married and has one child.

W. R. Witzel was employed by the Atlantic City Electric Company and was transferred to the Cabin Creek plant. In 1932 he was assigned to commercial and accounting work in Charleston, Mt. Hope and Beckley before becoming Beckley district personnel supervisor in 1948. He is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney, is married and has two children.

J. E. Hammer, former personnel



L. M. Cobbs R. G. Skinner  
W. R. Witzel J. E. Hammer

assistant in Charleston, succeeds Mr. Witzel as Beckley district personnel supervisor. A graduate of V. P. I. with a degree in business administration, he saw service with the Marine Corps in the Pacific area during World War II. Married, he came with the company in 1948.

## W. R. Witzel Honored By Appaleisure Club

W. R. Witzel was honored before his transfer to Charleston as district personnel supervisor at a wiener roast given by the Appaleisure Club at the 4-H Lake at Beaver. About 200 members of the Beckley district club and their guests attended the outing on June 15.

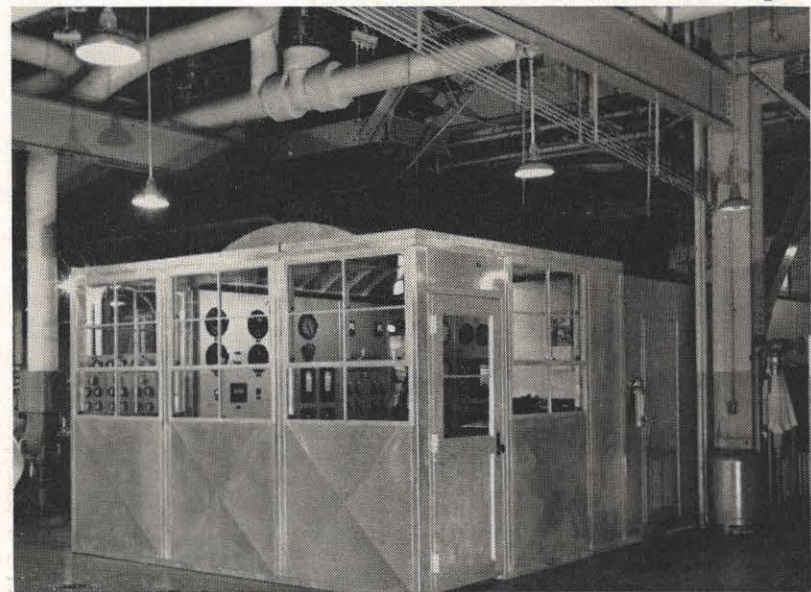
Mr. Witzel was presented a brief case from the club and a set of golf clubs from the district employees.

## Mr. Funk Is Officer Of Southeastern Exchange



These men are the new officers of the Southeastern Electric Exchange. Left to right: M. C. Funk, second vice president; C. B. McManus of the Southern Company, president; H. C. Leonard, Gulf States Utilities, vice president and L. C. McClurkin, Savannah Electric and Power Company, third vice president.

## New Boiler Control Room At Glen Lyn



Shown above is a new enclosure recently completed on the main floor of the Glen Lyn Steam Plant. The twenty by forty-foot aluminum structure is used as a control room offering protection to the employees operating the boiler controls for number 5 turbine. The enclosing of number 5 control board has improved working conditions for operating personnel and eliminated drafts, lessened noises and improved the appearance of the working area.



## C. C. Belchee Has Served 35 Years



Mr. Belchee

Chester C. Belchee, general line foreman in the Welch district, has completed 35 years of service with Appalachian.

Chester began his service as a groundman in Bluefield in June, 1916. He was promoted to lineman and later patrolman.

In 1923, he was named line foreman at Switchback and served in that position until 1942, when he was promoted to service foreman at Welch. He has held his present position since 1949.

An ardent sportsman, Chester played baseball in his youth. He enjoys hunting and spends some time each year hunting with his son and two sons-in-law.

Another of his hobbies is gardening and he spends many of his leisure hours growing vegetables and flowers.

## Snags Big Trout



Dave Rowe, Tazewell line foreman, is shown above with a large rainbow trout he caught while fishing in Hunting Camp Creek, Bland, Virginia. The twenty-four inch rainbow weighed four and one-half pounds and staged a lengthy battle before being hauled from the water.

## Huntington . . .

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sumed training.

Mary Alice Wineland, bride of Melvin Fowler, was honored with a dessert-bridge and personal shower at the Triadelphia Country Club where 17 guests attended the shower presented by Mrs. Alda Jones and Mrs. Rush Elkins, Jr. Mrs. C. W. Parkins and Eleanor Winter were hostesses at a party given the bride-elect at Stollings with 20 guests attending while Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Watkins gave a dinner for Miss Wineland and Mr. Fowler at the Logan Country Club with 38 guests attending.

The baby daughter of Carey Keener, line department, was recently treated in the hospital for drinking poison.

New summer employees in the district include: Luther Clark Hansbarger, commercial department; Donald Elmer McDonald, meter department; T. L. Henritze, Jr., substation department; William H. Giles, substation department; John Carey Val-



### Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

**Ashland District**—25 YEARS: Hugh T. Mitchell, district stores supervisor.

**Pikeville District**—5 YEARS: William B. Syck, transmission and distribution department, and Macie Boston, commercial.

### Appalachian Electric Power Company

**Abingdon District**—15 YEARS: Lloyd B. Lee, district superintendent. 5 YEARS: James R. Warden, engineering department.

**Beckley District**—15 YEARS: H. F. Thomasson, commercial department. 5 YEARS: Rose Ann Lafferty, local accounting department; John A. Thompson, meter, and James B. Richmond, substation.

**Bluefield District**—15 YEARS: C. F. Mundy, transmission and distribution department. 10 YEARS: Charles McCrady and Greever C. Roach, transmission and distribution department; Howard S. Meadows, distribution, and Willard A. Johnson, meter. 5 YEARS: Edward Lee Garrett and Elmer E. Hash, transmission and distribution department.

**Cabin Creek Plant**—15 YEARS: K. L. Williams, K. E. Farley and G. B. Carrico, production department. 10 YEARS: A. J. Totten, C. H. Marks, H. S. Mullins, M. G. Williams, E. F. Darlington, M. M. Wingfield and John Moses, production department.

**Charleston District**—25 YEARS: J. O. Bartlett, substation department, and H. W. Jones, transmission and distribution. 20 YEARS: E. A. Murray, Jr., commercial, and W. L. Turley, transmission and distribution. 15 YEARS: E. E. Landers, J. L. Foster and D. A. Allison, transmission and distribution department; G. T. Turley, stores, and C. J. Kelley, substation. 10 YEARS: M. H. Campbell, transmission and distribution department, and J. D. Walters, accounting. 5 YEARS: J. C. Nutter, meter department; B. B. Blizzard, Kanawha Valley Power Company; Robert Isner and L. M. Cavendish, transmission and distribution.

**Fieldale District**—5 YEARS: H. S. Mason, stores department, and A. T. Hundley, transmission and distribution.

**Glen Lyn Plant**—15 YEARS: E. E. White, J. C. Drain, A. C. Hollins, Ned Clemons, G. T. Powell, E. E. Comer, and E. W. Comer, production department.

**Huntington District**—35 YEARS: June H. Davis, accounting department. 10 YEARS: James A. Massey, Robert C. McCoy, Harry Irons, Arlie Chaffins and Hershel V. Mayo, production department; I. C. Handley, managerial.

**Lynchburg District**—25 YEARS: W. E. Metts, transmission and distribution department. 20 YEARS: E. J. Rice, district right-of-way department. 15 YEARS: R. L. Lewis, transmission and distribution department. 10 YEARS: J. E. Howard, transmission and distribution department, and H. L. Candler, commercial. 5 YEARS: G. C. Wheeler and W. C. Boblett, transmission and distribution department; A. H. Guill, substation; H. M. Easter, accounting; W. R. Worley, Jr., Reusens hydro.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—15 YEARS: Keith E. Arnold, operations department. 10 YEARS: J. W. Lawrence, operations.

**Pulaski**—20 YEARS: Shirley R. Miller, local accounting department. 15 YEARS: D. B. Cassell, transmission and distribution department. 10 YEARS: L. R. Mabe, meter department. 5 YEARS: D. N. Whitaker and F. R. Cecil, transmission and distribution department.

**Roanoke District**—40 YEARS: Ralph G. Amos, transmission and distribution department. 10 YEARS: W. I. Hartman, production department, and J. W. Hall, commercial. 5 YEARS: J. R. Tuck, substation department, and F. G. Lloyd, transmission and distribution.

**System**—10 YEARS: C. F. Whately, Jr., substation department; A. R. Main, Jr., civil engineering; W. M. Childers, operations.

**Welch District**—35 YEARS: Chester C. Belchee, transmission and distribution department. 15 YEARS: Charles J. Brown, Jr., transmission and distribution. 10 YEARS: Alice Spencer, pay roll. 5 YEARS: Charles Taylor, transmission and distribution department.

entine, engineering department; Nancy Rae Mosley, home economist trainee in the Madison office.

New employees in the Logan district include: Donald Earl Pryor, Jr., substation department; Ona Marie Murray, stores department; Martha Ann Booth, home economist in the Man area; Alfred Cogbill, Jr., commercial department sales trainee, and James Dale Moore, engineering department.

Sympathy is extended H. J. Collins on the death of his mother in Ashland.

W. H. Honaker, engineering department employee who is secretary of the Logan Rotary Club, attended the Rotary International Convention at Atlantic City, May 27-30.

Merrill Atkinson, commercial department, was elected assistant sergeant at arms for the Kiwanis Club at a meeting in St. Louis on June 18.

## Johnny Quillen Elected President Of Key Club

Johnny Quillen, son of John H. Quillen of Abingdon, was elected president of the Key Club at the William King High School for the 1951-52 term.

The Key Club, sponsored by the Abingdon Kiwanis Club, bases its membership

qualifications upon the student's scholastic achievements during his sophomore, junior and senior years.

Mr. Quillen is district right-of-way supervisor for Appalachian in Abingdon.



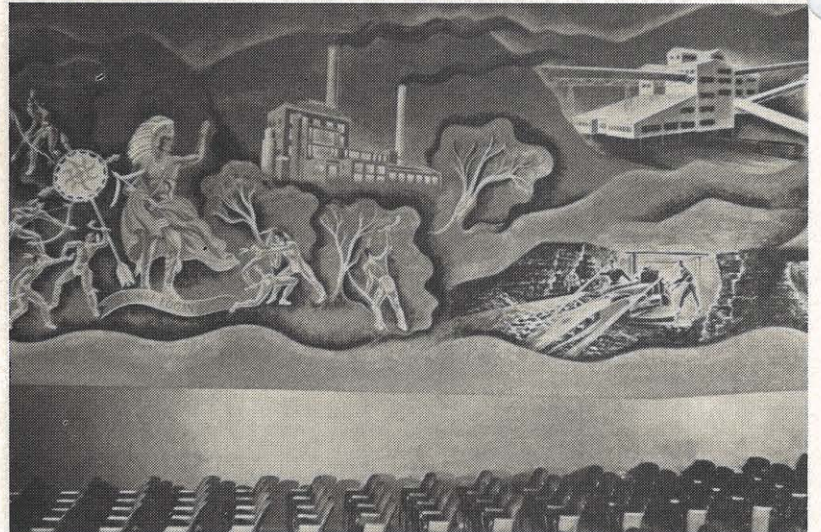
## Seven Veterans Awarded Service Pins



These seven employees received pins for 20 years or more service during the past month:

Top row, left to right: H. T. Mitchell, Ashland, 25 years, and Shirley T. Miller, Pulaski, 20 years. Second row: J. O. Bartlett, Charleston, 25 years, and E. A. Murray, 20 years, Charleston. Third row: W. E. Metts, Lynchburg, 25 years, and E. J. Rice, Lynchburg, 20 years. Bottom row: H. W. Jones, Charleston, 25 years.

## Theatre Mural Depicts Logan Plant



The Logan plant is a prominent feature in an unusual mural adorning the walls of the new Guyan Theatre in Logan. The mural was painted by Frank A. Lackner, a Chicago artist, who visited many places in the county for first-hand information and local color. Pictured above, from left to right, are Chief Logan and the Shawnee Indians, the Logan plant, a modern tippie and underground coal workings. Other murals not shown depict various stages of early history and development. Paints used in these murals change color character when subjected to ultra-violet or "black light." When the lights of the auditorium are dimmed, the concealed "black light" is focused on the murals and makes the rich colors glow.



# Slow Settlement But Rapid Progress Mark Hazard Area

## Railroad Opened Rich Coal Mines In Five Counties

A weary traveler walked slowly beside the plodding oxen as they pulled his wagon. Coming to a swollen creek, he drove the team across and in so doing cut his shin. Proceeding on his journey, he came to another creek, more swollen and more turbulent than the first. He took one look, remembered his recent mishap and said, "Well, by jeeminy, this is hell-fer-sartain."

Thus the taciturn pioneer passed on but the names Cut-Shin Creek and Hell-fer-Sartain Creek are reminders of a time when the Hazard district was almost inaccessible to the outside world and offered little to attract settlers.

Perhaps no other area served by our companies was ever more isolated than this mountainous region which is the southernmost district of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company and which embraces five counties in eastern Kentucky.

### First Settlers

The first group of settlers to cross Pine Mountain and make a permanent settlement in what is now Letcher County was led by John Adams in 1804. When the county was formed, Whitesburg was made the county seat.

In 1822 the first court session was held in the home of Elijah Combs in the newly organized county of Perry, named in honor of Oliver Hazard Perry, hero of the Battle of Lake Erie. In 1826 Elijah and Sarah Combs gave 10 acres of land so that the county seat of Hazard might be established in the settlement known as Perry Court House.

Breathitt County was formed in 1839 and Jackson, named after Andrew Jackson, was made the county seat. The first white settlers in what is now Leslie County were John and Nancy Sizemore from North Carolina who settled in 1817 in the Valley of the Middle Fork of the Kentucky River near the two creeks, Cut-Shin and Hell-fer-Sartain. Growth of the small settlement was so slow that as late as 1880 not even a wagon road connected Hyden, the county seat, with other parts of the state.

Knott County, the last of the five counties formed in the area, was formed in 1884 with Hindman as the county seat.

One of the early sources of income in this region was ginseng. Roots of the herb were dried, baled and shipped to China where they were valued for their medicinal properties. The hillspeople, especially the women, used to go into the mountains at dawn with sacks and small hoes. There they worked filling their bags with the roots which they carried



Main Street in Hazard seemed to be fighting back the hills when the top photo was made in 1916 when the Kentucky River Power Company was serving the town. The bottom photo, taken in the same location, shows Main Street today and makes evident the progress made by this town which now has 10,000 people living within its corporate limits. The one big building in the top photo still stands and is the third from the right in the bottom picture. The tree in the courthouse yard also shows that many years have passed since the first picture.

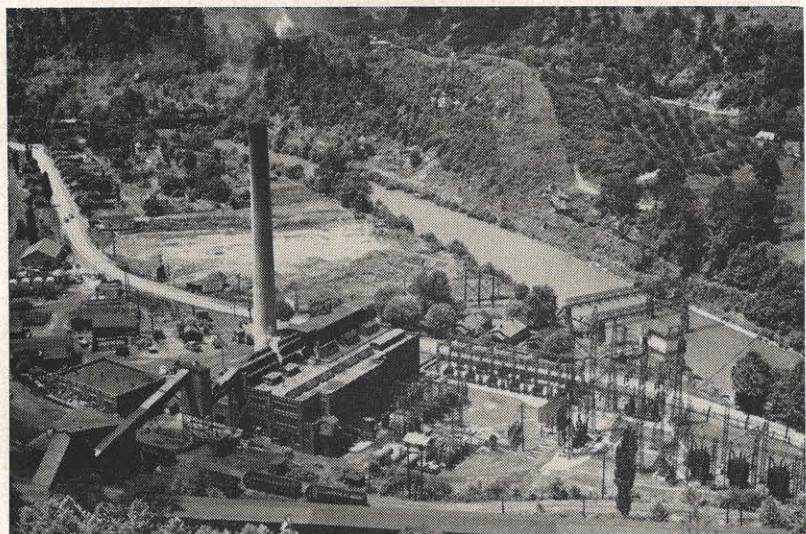
wearily home at twilight. At the end of each week all the dried ginseng was exchanged at the country store for "factory" gingham and calico, salt, soda, coffee and other items that could not be produced on their little farms.

### Outsiders Answer Plea

In a district full of unusual institutions, the Hindman Settlement School established in 1902 is unique. May Stone and Katherine Pettit at the turn of the century volunteered their services to help educate the people of Hazard. Their tent where sewing, cooking, reading and writing were taught was viewed with suspicion and curiosity by the hillspeople.

While they were doing their work in Hazard they were startled to see an old man of eighty, with bare feet and an amazing shock of white hair. He had walked 24 barefooted miles across the ridges from Troublesome Creek in Knott County. After watching the ladies at work for several hours, he suddenly spoke the words that have been so often quoted:

"When I was just a chunk of a boy hoeing corn on the steep mountain-sides, I used to look up Troublesome Creek and down Troublesome Creek and wonder if anybody would ever come to learn us anything—I heard the tale of you women and I am persuaded you air the ones I have looked for all my lifetime."



Highway 15 and the North Fork of the Kentucky River pass by the Hazard plant which dates from 1917 when the first 1500 kva turbine was installed. Additional improvements and enlargements brought generating capacity to 19,500 kw. Its capacity was supplemented in 1929 by the 44,000 volt transmission system, changed to 132,000 volt line in 1942, from the Beaver Creek substation.

chased plants, the company in 1917 built a new plant equipped with a 1,500 kva turbine and two 500 hp boilers at Lothair, site of the present plant. Another 1,500 kva turbine and another boiler were added in 1918.

In the meantime, the Whitesburg Electric Company had been founded by Walter Daniels. Original equipment consisted of a dc generator which furnished 250 volts to an ice plant and a few residential customers. The plant was located near the present site of the Boone Motor Company.

The Kentucky River Power Company was acquired in 1919 by the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company. In 1922 the American Gas and Electric Company acquired the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company and the properties at Whitesburg. The Hazard plant was again enlarged and extensive improvements were made to the switchyard. Other small companies acquired by the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company were those at Neon, Chavies and Jackson.

The Neon Light and Power Company was founded in 1920 by F. J. Wright who sold his interest to Willie Quillen in 1923. When it was acquired in 1925, the company was serving about 100 residential customers.

The Chavies Electric system was founded in 1919 by the Kenova Coal Company to serve its mine, later expanded to serve about 50 residential customers. It was acquired in 1925.

The Jackson Utilities Company was established by O. G. Gillum who put in 40 kva, 20 kva and 75 kva generators to serve about 150 residential customers. The company was acquired in 1927.

A. R. Barber is manager in the district which has 173 full-time em-



"Book Day" is the best day in the week for many rural children because this bookmobile is one of two from Homeplace which loaned 64,000 books last year while traveling along the creeks and up the hollows in three counties. Homeplace, founded in 1930, is another of the district's unusual institutions and operated the first traveling library in Kentucky.

representative at Jackson in 1940.

Mooney, mechanical maintenance man at the Hazard plant, started in the production department in 1918 as a conveyorman. Ferguson, plant superintendent, began working with the company in 1916 and worked as maintenance man, watch engineer, boiler operator and working foreman before he became plant superintendent.

### Serving the People

Many unusual institutions serve the people in the district. Caney Creek Junior College and Community Center at Pippapass in Knott County was founded in 1917 by Mrs. Alice Lloyd and now consists of a 175-acre farm and 30 buildings. Four of the company's engineers, M. X. Yonts, Adrian Combs, Stanley Slone and James Burdsal, received their preparatory training there.

In Breathitt County is Lee's Junior College and Highland Institute at Jackson while in Leslie County is the Frontier Nursing Service Hospital founded in 1928 by Mary Breckinridge. The hospital serves a large mountain area. Part of its program is the nursing service whereby eight nursing centers are maintained in almost inaccessible areas with two nurse-midwives attending the sick, assisting women in childbirth and giving instruction on sanitation, health and hygiene.

That this five-county area is no longer dependent upon outside benefactors is evident as the monthly payroll of the mines is over one and a half million dollars. Expanding coal mining activities show over eight million tons mined in 1950.

But coal has meant more to the Hazard district than just an income. It has meant the physical, social and cultural development of the area once referred to as "the most isolated section of Kentucky." Four decades have seen this region take its place as an important asset to the state and as a fast-growing area proud of its past and confident of its future.

## Three Hazard District Veterans



J. H. Albin

L. B. Ferguson

N. J. Mooney

the establishment of the school which now has an average enrollment of 400.

### Railroad Extends Tracks

About the time of the establishment of the school, the Louisville and Nashville Railroad built its Lexington and Eastern Division to Jackson in Breathitt County. In order to tap abundant coal deposits near Hazard, the company in 1910 began to extend its tracks through Perry and Letcher counties.

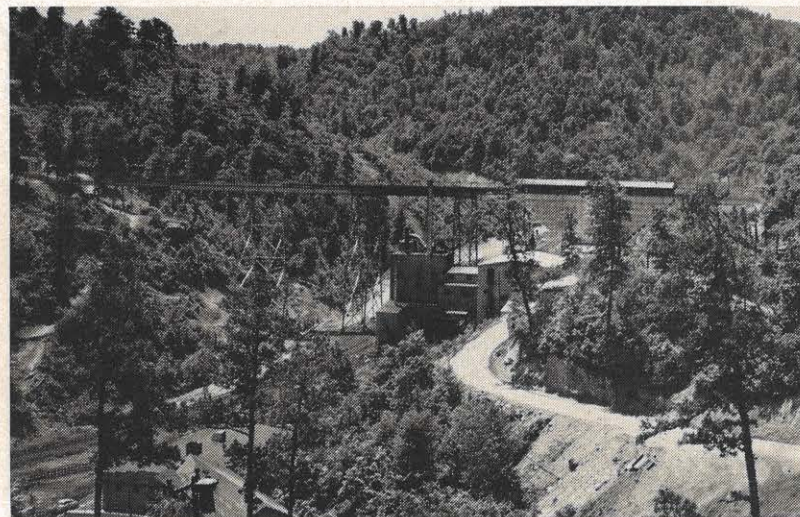
The railroad was completed in 1912, a time when Hazard was a village of 500 persons who had no paved streets or sidewalks, no water system nor electric lights and only one brick dwelling.

Just as the railroad opened the area to development, electricity helped make that development possible. Coal companies soon installed small generating plants to serve their mines. The plants of two such companies, the East Tennessee Coal Company at Glomawr and the Blue Grass Coal Company at Hazard, were purchased in 1916 by the first electric service company in the area, the Kentucky River Power Company. This company was organized in 1916 by Edward O'Toole, H. N. Evenson and others who also organized the Tug River Power Company at Sprigg, West Virginia.

After interconnecting the two pur-

employees serving more than 21,500 customers in 1,894 square miles. Some indication of the tremendous growth of the Hazard district is evident when one considers that there were only 6,000 customers in the district just 10 years ago.

Three district employees who have seen this development through many years are J. H. Albin, N. J. Mooney and L. B. Ferguson. Albin began as a laborer in 1918 and became local



Reflecting the area's high opinion of the value of coal in developing the entire region is the name of the Blue Diamond Coal Company, whose new plant on Leatherwood Creek is encircled by steeply wooded hillsides.



## State Parks Offer Wonderful Vacation Facilities



Many employees taking vacations are not going to overlook good bets right in their own backyards—state parks. These parks offer the pleasant combination of the best of the seashore with the best in mountain vacations. Swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, all are parts of these summer wonderlands scattered throughout Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky.

Virginia has nine state parks with more than 155 cabins, varying in size to accommodate from two to six persons. They are completely equipped and furnished, each having indoor sanitation and shower baths. Cabins in all parks are electrically equipped.

Virginia parks of particular interest to employees are Hungry Mother, Douthat, Fairy Stone and Claytor Lake. Hungry Mother State Park is three miles from Marion in Smyth County. It has 25 electrically equipped cabins and a tent and trailer camping area.

At Douthat, near Clifton Forge, there are 30 cabins with modern furnishings and equipped with electricity for lighting and cooking. Horses may be rented for riding along the many miles of trails. Boats are available and the streams and the lake are well stocked with game fish.

Fairy Stone, near Bassett in Patrick County, has 25 cabins overlooking the lake, well stocked with largemouth bass and bream. Horses may be rented and the park has a tent and trailer camping area, located in a wooded section adjacent to the picnic grounds.

Claytor Lake near Dublin in Pulaski County has 12 cabins overlooking the lake, all equipped with modern conveniences, including electric lights, ranges and water heaters. The park is the only one in the state system where motor boats are allowed on the lake because of the vastness of its size and the flow of water. Boating and fishing are especially popular, the lake being stocked with game fish.

West Virginia has 16 state parks with 95 cabins which are provided with cooking implements, dishes, bedding and linen. They are electrically equipped and accommodate from two to eight persons.

Ten of the parks and forests have lakes or pools for swimming and boating while ten parks and five forests have fishing facilities. A favorite among employees is Babcock State Park about 40 miles north of Beckley near Ansted. The park has 20 cabins and boasts good trout fishing on Glade and Mann Creeks.

Kentucky has 22 parks and shrines, two of which are in the eastern part of the state, Natural Bridge State Park west of Campton and Carter Caves about 35 miles from Ashland. Natural bridges and interesting rock-cave formations abound in the latter park that offers vacation cottages as well as facilities for group camping. Each cottage is equipped with electric range, refrigerator and water heater. Furnishings include kitchenware, bedding and linen.



**Top: Babcock State Park near Ansted, West Virginia, is one of the most popular of state parks. The second photo shows the sandy beach and clear lake of Fairy Stone State Park near Bassett. The exterior and interior of a cabin at Carter Caves State Park near Ashland are shown in the two adjoining photos. Right: A cabin typical of over 155 cabins in Virginia state parks.**



Write your State Park Commission for information about rates, season, facilities and reservations. As some of the park facilities are reserved as early as March, mark that month on the calendar so that you can spend next year's vacation in your backyard state park. And even if you have taken your vacation or have a trip planned, you can still have plenty of fun for the rest of the summer at these parks on the week ends.

### Cabin Creek Plant Nine Stays In Unbeaten Class

The Cabin Creek Plant softball team, under the direction of manager Clarence Petry, remains undefeated after having played eight games.

The plant's clouters played their June schedule with several area teams. The co-captains are Thomas Vickers and Arvle Frye.

### Our People

## So That You'll Know

Here are the answers to the questions which appeared in the fourth session of the employee information program. The questions will be found on Page 3.

### ANSWERS

A. 1. Neither investors, customers nor employees can be most important in our business because each is vital to the other. Like a man going sailing needs a sail boat, a breeze and a stretch of water, we need investors to finance our business, employees to run the show and customers to receive our service. All three are part of the same turning wheel.

A. 2. Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, The Ohio Power Company, Central Ohio Power and Light Company, Wheeling Electric Company, Appalachian Electric Power Company, Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company and Kingsport Utilities, Incorporated.

A. 3. Appalachian Electric Power Company, 3,893 employees.

A. 4. Employees responsible for the generation of power.

A. 5. (a) Our work is not seasonal.

(b) We enjoy having a part in providing a public service which is absolutely vital to our way of life.

## Thanks Given Employees For Aid At Accident

Three Bluefield employees recently received heartfelt thanks for the first aid they gave three wreck victims from Williamson.

George Francisco, Douglas Lambert and Charles Howell of the meter department were returning to Bluefield on the afternoon of May 22, from Rocky Gap. Suddenly the car in front of them, driven by J. J. Tsutras, swerved across the road, jumped the embankment and turned over.

The employees removed Mrs. Tsutras and Miss Sophia Kourkoupas from the car. They administered first aid to Mrs. Tsutras who was unconscious and to Miss Kourkoupas who suffered a gash over her eye. All three victims were suffering from severe shock.

A passing vehicle was stopped and Francisco attended the injured on their way to the hospital while Lambert and Howell went ahead to notify the hospital. Mr. Tsutras, upon learning that his benefactors were Appalachian employees, insisted that the victims remain in their care until they arrived at the hospital.

Following are excerpts from Mr. Tsutras' letter of June 20, to L. W. Bates, Bluefield district manager:

"Your company should be proud to have men of that caliber and that they were able to give us first aid. At that time I did not know the men's names. I contacted Mr. T. M. Watkins, district manager of Appalachian here in Williamson, who notified you so that you could give the men's names.

"In behalf of me and my wife, I want to give my best regards and thanks to Mr. George Francisco, B. D. Lambert and C. E. Howell. The first time I am in Bluefield I will come in and give my personal thanks."

### Bluefield . . .

(Continued from page 4)

Oscar Adams, engineering department, and family vacationed in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Richmond vacationed at Myrtle Beach.

Elsie Heifner is a new employee, working as secretary to Shirley Brown. Mrs. Sybil C. Jones has resigned.

### Pulaski District

Mrs. Irene Terpening, PBX operator, has resigned and moved to Everett, Pa., where her husband has accepted a position following his graduation from V.P.I.

Carl G. Powers, Wytheville local office, vacationed in the Great Smoky Mountains, Tenn.

Mrs. Jeanne K. Duncan, PBX operator, and Evangeline Coker, home economist, are new employees in the Pulaski district.

Mrs. Andy Lawson has returned from a Roanoke hospital. She is the wife of A. J. Lawson, of the Galax line crew.

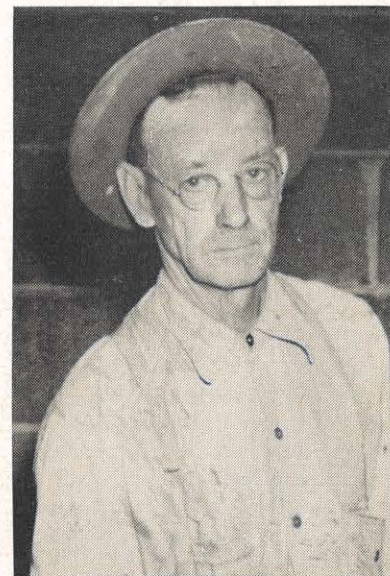
Mary Louise Haskins, home economist, visited her parents in Grafton, W. Va. Her sister, Janice, is visiting her.

E. L. Shaw, Jr. is a junior engineer trainee after his graduation from V.P.I. with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. His father is hydro operator at Byllesby.

### Enthusiasm

Study the unusually successful people you know, and you will find them imbued with enthusiasm for their work which is contagious. Not only are they themselves excited about what they are doing, but they also get you excited.—PAUL W. IVEY.

## W. H. Callahan Dies While En Route To Abingdon Hospital



W. H. Callahan

W. H. Callahan, a veteran Abingdon district employee, died while en route to an Abingdon hospital, June 15.

Bill, as he was known to area personnel, was employed as district blacksmith and had completed more than 31 years of service in the electrical industry.

Prior to the formation of the Abingdon district by Appalachian, he was employed by the Edmondson Electric Company and the Holston River Power Company, predecessors of Appalachian.

Mr. Callahan had been a member of the Greenfield Baptist Church for many years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lena Clark Callahan; six children, June, Charles, Sally Ann and Sammy, all of Meadowview; Mrs. Vernon Williams, of Bristol, and Pvt. J. W. Callahan, U. S. Air Force. He also is survived by one brother, V. E. Callahan, an Abingdon district serviceman.

## Good Citizenship Medal Given Petie Jefferson

Petie Jefferson recently received a Good Citizenship Medal awarded by the daughters of the American Revolution, Nancy Fleming Chapter of Roanoke. He is the 14-year-old son of L. E. Jefferson, department supervisor in the system accounting office.

Petie was one of the outstanding junior and high school students chosen for their scholarship, service, honor, courage and leadership. A ninth-grader at Lee Junior High, he was captain of the Monitor Club, captain of the Reporters' Club and a member of the student council and school choir.

## Keehne Is Named Assistant Secretary Of Appalachian

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Appalachian Electric Power Company, W. F. Keehne was elected assistant secretary of the company.

Mr. Keehne is system office manager with headquarters in Roanoke.

### Main Source

The success or failure of every business enterprise is traceable to one source, and one source only, namely, somebody's mind, for no one has yet invented a machine that can think.—H. W. PRENTIS, JR.



# Wedding Vows Are Exchanged By Fourteen Couples



Here are some of the recent brides among the employees of the companies. Top row, left to right: Mr. and Mrs. James C. Akers, Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. James L. Marshall, Pulaski; Mr. and Mrs. William R. Wagner, Huntington. Second row: Mrs. James F. DeHart, Roanoke; Mrs. David T.

Crickenberger, Charleston; Mrs. Samuel H. Chandler, Jr., Kingsport. Third row: Mrs. Melvin Fowler, Logan; Mrs. Carson Carmichael, Abingdon; Mrs. Ralph Venable, Welch, and Mrs. Michael J. Blaner, Bluefield.

## Pettyjohn-Marshall

Miss Mary Catherine Pettyjohn became the bride of James L. Marshall, Jr., on May 19. They were married at the First Baptist Church at Pulaski, Virginia.

Mr. Marshall is employed in the Pulaski residential sales department.

## Wilson-Hall

On June 1, Miss Jennie Wilson and Ernest Hall were united in marriage.

Mrs. Hall is an employee of the accounting department in Charleston.

## Parrish-Venable

The First Baptist Church, Welch, West Virginia, was the scene of the wedding of Miss Nancy Parrish and Ralph Venable on June 2.

Mrs. Venable is an employee of the Welch engineering department.

## Arrington-Crickenberger

Miss Helen Elizabeth Arrington became the bride of David T. Crickenberger recently, at the First Baptist Church, Miami, Florida.

Mr. Crickenberger is an employee of the meter department in Charleston on military leave and he is the son of H. P. Crickenberger of the system operating department in Roanoke.

## Johnson-Barton

In a ceremony performed in the parsonage of the United Brethren Church, New Haven, West Virginia, Miss Doris Eilene Johnson and Robert W. Barton were married on June 8.

Mr. Barton is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

## Brown-Akers

Miss Celestia Brown was married to James C. Akers at the First Baptist Church, Roanoke, on May 19.

Mrs. Akers is an employee of the Roanoke distribution department.

## Reece-Chandler

On June 2, at the Butler Baptist Church in Carderview, Tennessee, Miss Gladys Reece and Samuel H. Chandler, Jr., were wed.

Mrs. Chandler is employed as a home economist at Kingsport and Mr. Chandler, in the distribution department.

## Bowling-Blaner

Miss Charlotte Ann Bowling and Michael J. Blaner were united in marriage at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bluefield on May 26.

Mrs. Blaner is an employee of the Bluefield pay-roll department.

## Wineland-Fowler

Miss Mary Alice Wineland and Melvin Fowler were united in marriage on June 16, at the Nighbert Memorial Church in Logan, West Virginia.

Mrs. Fowler is employed in the Logan managerial department.

## Tabor-DeHart

Miss Billie Marie Tabor was married to James F. DeHart at the Calvary Baptist Church, Roanoke, on June 9.

Mrs. DeHart is employed in the system safety department, Roanoke.

## Bluefield Club Honors Mrs. Michael Blaner

Mrs. Michael Blaner, the former Charlotte Bowling, was recently entertained with a dessert by the Girls' Service Club in the Bluefield auditorium.

Mrs. Blaner and her mother were presented corsages and the honoree received a gift of silver from Dorothy Boyd on behalf of the club members. Ernestine Johnson, chairman of the social committee, was assisted by Mrs. Callie Jones, Mrs. Hermeia Lucas, Louise Gilmer and Neal Howard. Mrs. Eugene Jones played the piano.

## Landers-Bogges

Miss Juanita Landers and D. F. Bogges were married on June 2.

Mr. Bogges is an employee of the distribution department in Charleston.

## Cales-Wagner

Miss Leah L. Cales and William R. Wagner were married on May 25, at the First Methodist Church in Huntington, West Virginia.

Mrs. Wagner is employed as a cashier in Huntington and Mr. Wagner, in the commercial department.

## Robertson-Barbour

Miss Iona Robertson and Gerald Barbour were united in marriage on June 2, in Bennettsville, S. C.

Mrs. Barbour is employed in the system billing office and Mr. Barbour, in the system engineering department at Roanoke.

## Clarkston-Carmichael

At the Seminary Methodist Church, Big Stone Gap, Virginia, on June 2, Miss Rosemary Clarkston became the bride of Carson Carmichael, Jr.

Mr. Carmichael is an agriculture engineer in the Abingdon district.

## They're Engaged

MISS KATHERINE ANN JORDAN to Joseph Goehring. Miss Jordan is employed in Charleston and Mr. Goehring is a former employee of the Charleston office.

MISS KATHLEEN THRASHER to Chester Weaver. Mr. Weaver is employed at the Philip Sporn Plant.

MISS CECIL ANN KELLY to Richard W. Reese. Mr. Reese is employed in Roanoke.

MISS LORRAINE MARKS to Joseph Blaker, Jr. Miss Marks is an employee at Beckley.

MISS SHIRLEY ANDERSON to Seaman Robert W. Dean. Miss Anderson is employed in the Kingsport office.

MISS PHYLLIS PATTERSON to Vincent C. Talley. Mr. Talley is the son of C. B. Talley, who is employed in Charleston.

MISS BARBARA BRADFORD JOHNSON, to John Lewis Shissler, Jr. Miss Johnson is the daughter of W. M. Johnson, who is employed in the A. G. & E. Service Corporation, New York.

## Feminine Fancies

### Seeing Double

## Even Second Look Leaves Huntington Employees Confused About Identities

Looking twice means twice as much confusion because Judy looks like Dotty who looks—well—like Judy who . . . And so Huntington district employees have had an identification problem since Dorothy Louise and Judith Anne Merrifield were employed.

These identical twins are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Merrifield. He is employed in the Huntington distribution department. The girls are not only identical in appearance but dress alike, making chaos of confusion.

Dotty and Judy are working during the summer months in the home service section of the commercial department where they assist home economists with demonstrations and home calls and help prepare food.

The twins graduated in 1949 from Huntington High School where they were majorettes for three years. Both are majoring in home economics at Marshall College. Dotty is president of the Home Economics Club while Judy is treasurer of Kappa Omicron Phi, national honorary home economics organization. Both are members of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.



Dotty is right, on the left, in the swing of the home economics demonstration while Judy is left, on the right, holding a pie, too. Had you noticed that Dotty's right hand, on the left, looks like Judy's left hand, on the right?

## Appaleisure Club Holds Picnic At State Park

Members of the Appaleisure Club in the East Rainelle office of the Beckley district picnicked at Babcock State Park on May 30.

## Miss Davis Gets 35-Year Emblem



Miss June Davis completed 35 years of service with Appalachian and its predecessors on June 26.

A receptionist in the Huntington accounting department, Miss Davis started working for the old Camden Interstate Railway Company in 1916. She worked for the Consolidated Light, Heat and Power Company, which was the name of the company when Appalachian acquired the property.

June is a native of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, and attended schools there and in Wayne County, West Virginia.

Collecting poems and making fancy cookies and candies are some of June's hobbies. She also likes to help plan parties for her friends.

Active in church work, she is a substitute Sunday School teacher at the Central Christian Church.

June is a member of the Conference Club of the Y. W. C. A. and a member of the board of the Morris Memorial Hospital at Milton, W. Va.

## New Arrivals . . .

MR. AND MRS. M. C. PRIEST are the parents of a daughter, Dottie Lou, born May 18. Mr. Priest is employed at the Cabin Creek plant.

MR. AND MRS. E. E. MAMORAN are the parents of a daughter, Carol June, born May 30. Mr. Mamoran is an employee at the Cabin Creek plant.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN W. VAUGHAN, SR., are the parents of a son, John Willis, Jr., born on June 13. Mr. Vaughan is employed at Fieldale.

MR. AND MRS. LEONARD HALE are the parents of a daughter, Joy Lynn, born June 8. Mr. Hale is employed at Pearisburg and Mrs. Hale is a former employee at Pearisburg.

MR. AND MRS. RONALD YOST are the parents of a daughter, Vicki Lynn, born June 5. Mrs. Yost was employed in the Bluefield office.

MR. AND MRS. HENRY M. JONES are the parents of a son, Larry Gilmer, born June 6. Mr. Jones is employed at Cleveland.

MR. AND MRS. BUREN LEE CHITWOOD are the parents of a son, Terry Lee, born June 8. Mr. Chitwood is employed at Fieldale.

MR. AND MRS. LOUIS E. JOHNSON are the parents of a son, Charles Terry, born June 5. Mr. Johnson is employed in the Public Relations office in Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR W. STAIR are the parents of a son born on May 25. Mr. Stair is employed in Kingsport.

MR. AND MRS. W. E. MANNING are the parents of a son, David Alan, born May 22. Mrs. Manning was formerly employed in the Welch office.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES PENDLETON are the parents of a daughter born in May. Mr. Pendleton is employed in Hazard.

MR. AND MRS. WILBUR C. WEST are the parents of a son, David Lee, born June 5. Mr. West is employed in Charleston and Mrs. West is a former employee of the Charleston office.

MR. AND MRS. R. F. JONES are the parents of a daughter born on June 7. Mr. Jones is employed in Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. DAVE ASHWORTH are the parents of a son, David Alan, born on May 22. Mrs. Ashworth was formerly employed in the Welch office.

MR. AND MRS. ELMER LANE are the parents of a daughter, Ronda Karen, born May 26. Mr. Lane is employed at Welch.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD ZEIGLER are the parents of a daughter, Debra Lynn, born June 11. Mr. Ziegler is employed in Beckley.

MR. AND MRS. J. O. AVIS are the parents of a daughter, Jane Cornell, born June 9. Mr. Avis is an employee in the Logan office on military leave.

MR. AND MRS. VERNON TOOTHMAN are the parents of a son, Timothy Wilson, born June 17. Mr. Toothman is employed at the Ashland office.

MR. AND MRS. D. L. GARRISON are the parents of twin sons born on June 16. Mr. Garrison is employed at the Glen Lyn plant.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES H. BROOKS are the parents of a son, Donald Ray, born May 15. Mr. Brooks is employed in Pulaski.



## Flicked Switch Helps Friendship Click



Flicking a switch means more to E. A. "Buddy" Eaton than just throwing light in a room. At a flick of the switch he throws his voice to friends across oceans with the help of electricity and the "rig" shown above. This power sales engineer in the Pikeville district was bit by the "radio bug" soon after his release from military service in 1945. He gradually built his set which is a 500-watt transmitter and a NC 2-40D receiver. He is a member of Military Amateur Radio System, MARS, and has a 25-watt, 10-meter mobile unit in the family car.

## Employee's Daughter Wins \$500 Scholarship

Barbara Patterson, daughter of Oscar Patterson, a building service employee, Roanoke, recently received a \$500 scholarship to Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., for scholastic achievements.



Barbara, who is a 1951 graduate of Lucy Addison High School, Roanoke, also received a certificate of membership in the National Honor Society. The society bases its recognition and membership upon scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Barbara, who is now eighteen, plans to major in general science and upon graduation become a science missionary. She is active in the St. Paul Methodist Church and recently attended youth conferences in Wilmington, Del., Alexandria, Va., and Baltimore.

## Sporn Plant Team Plays Six Practice Games; Start Inter-Departmental Loop

In six recent games, the Philip Sporn Plant softball team won two games from Hartford; one from the New Haven American Legion nine; tied two games with the Lakin State Hospital team, and lost a game to Point Pleasant's AEP clouters.

Six teams, battling in inter-department games, also have aroused considerable interest in the plant's first softball season.

Teams playing in the six-team league: The Results Department, Carroll's team, Rader's shift team, Grimes' shift team, Morgan's shift team, and the Office nine.

## Kappa Pi Omega Club's New Officers



The Kappa Pi Omega Club of the Pikeville district recently elected the officers shown above. Left to right, front row, Betty Frazier, secretary; Francis Huffman, president and Jackie Newsom, treasurer. Second row: Dorothy Cardinal, vice president; Guialene Smith and Florence Hagan, directors and Bobbie Rogers, sergeant at arms.

## Roanoke . . .

(Continued from page 4)

Virginia Hancock recently visited her parents in Roanoke Rapids.

C. A. Fudge was elected Cubmaster of Fieldale Pack No. 73.

Dot Shaw recently vacationed in Baltimore.

Melvin and Juanita Brown and children recently visited his parents in Portsmouth.

Ann Eggleston and Dot Shaw recently passed their pledge ritual and were initiated into Beta Sigma Phi, national cultural and social sorority.

## System

Robbie Sink, billing office, has recuperated from injuries received in an automobile wreck.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hamilton attended graduation exercises at the University of Virginia where their son-in-law, Kelley Turner, received his degree.

Vacationers: Versal Spencer vacationed at Myrtle Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Cline Bradford, Williamsburg, Yorktown and Newport News; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cole, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Graybill, Jr., Summit, N. J., and New York City; Glada Fleishman, California; R. H. McDearmon, Norfolk and Long Island, Va.; Carl V. Smith, Claytor Lake; Margaret Winn, Myrtle Beach; M. L. Burdette, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Noble Marshall and sons, Myrtle Beach; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Aleshire and daughter, Luray; Norwood Turner, Cottageville, Md., and Washington, D. C.; Virginia Welch, Virginia Beach.

A wiener roast and hamburger fry was held at Fishburn Park by members of the system real estate and right-of-way department. About 45 employees, their families and guests played softball, croquet and horse shoes.

Barbara Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis M. Johnson, graduated from Smith College. Her father is now with the A.G.&E. Service Corporation in New York.

Edna Lee King, daughter of Earl King of the appraisal department, graduated from Madison College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education.

New employees in the accounting office: Mabel Ferguson, Norma Hundley, Ernesta Spradlin, Emily Warden, Madge Cushing, Jane Johnson, James Rogers and Dennis Pendleton.

Nancy Keeler, accounting office, has resigned.

Betty Zimmerman, formerly of the accounting office, was given a shower, June 20 at the home of Iris Bostian by women employees of the work order section.

Betty Old, accounting office, has resigned.

Adrena P. Harmon, accounting office, has returned to work following an illness.

Gordon D. Conner has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Thelma Manning on the death of her uncle.

Sympathy is extended Eileen Montgomery on the death of her uncle.

Tyler Stowers is recuperating from a recent heart attack.

Sympathy is extended R. S. Burdette and family on the death of his son.

Albert E. Snyder, son of A. E. Snyder who is a department supervisor in the accounting office, has been promoted to staff engineer with American Viscose Corporation.

## New Tazewell Auditorium And Kitchen



Opened recently, for use by the company and the public is this new assembly room and all-electric kitchen in the rear of the Tazewell office. Ruth Higginbotham, maid, stands beside a part of the service of chinaware, glassware, silverware and kitchen utensils provided for serving meals to as many as 48.

## Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

### Kingsport Utilities

**Kingsport**—K. W. Bradshaw from lineman C to lineman B; H. O. Wexler from lineman C to lineman B; W. C. Kerley from meterman B to meterman A; E. A. Clay from meter helper to meterman C; Cary L. Morrison from meter helper to meterman C; E. M. Jones from laborer to maintenance man helper, and J. D. Spivey from laborer to maintenance man helper.

### Appalachian Electric Power Company

**Abingdon District**—Thelma C. Kite from distribution department to stores department.

**Beckley District**—C. D. Fitzpatrick from auto mechanic A to working foreman; Robert L. Brinkley from junior clerk to material clerk, and H. W. Greene from junior meter reader to senior meter reader.

**Logan District**—Paul Jeffrey from commercial department to area sales representative in the Man area.

**Logan Plant**—W. E. Fortune from mechanical maintenance man to mechanical maintenance mechanic B.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—E. E. Painter from helper-maintenance to maintenance man; J. M. Abel from helper-maintenance to maintenance man electrical; Samuel E. Holliday from laborer-labor department to coal handler-yard; E. J. Morgan, Jr., from coal handler-yard to auxiliary equipment operator; D. E. Hoffman, Jr., from coal handler-yard to maintenance helper; Edward A. Ryan from laborer to helper, and Marvin G. Burt from maintenance helper to maintenance man.

**Roanoke District**—Cynthia Martin from Bluefield office to local accounting; J. S. Shelor from lineman B to lineman A; R. D. Turner from lineman B to lineman A; H. F. Carter from lineman C to lineman B; W. S. Jones from maintenance man C to maintenance man B; Jean S. Cassell from local accounting to commercial; Evelyn M. Gillespie from credit and collection clerk to stenographer; Frances B. Obenchain from junior contract clerk to senior contract clerk, and Richard W. Reese from junior clerk to junior distribution record clerk.

**System Offices**—Mary K. Thompson from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer; Helen M. Shanks from posting media clerk to invoice receipt clerk; Mildred S. Dowdy from purchasing department to hydro production department, and R. L. Lewis from Lynchburg office to substation.

### Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company

**Hazard District**—Herbert F. Charles from Pikeville office to Hazard.

**Pikeville District**—Leonard B. Prater from meter reader to junior meter records clerk.

## Charleston Girls Study First Aid



A class of Charleston district women employees, shown above, are studying Red Cross first aid. This group is typical of the seven other classes which have completed the instruction under the supervision of J. C. Burnette, district safety supervisor. Shown above, top row, left to right, are: Nell Higginbotham, Elsie Walker, Freda Shipley, Ilene Akers, Kathryn Wilkerson, Lois Wilson, Mary Russell, Mary Jenkins and Eldivia Cline. Serving as patients, left to right: Hilda Zontini, Imogene Legg, Rea Jo Eary, Helen Ward, Bernice Dettinger, Pauline Lanham, Ann Chambers, Golda Johnson and Delores McDowell.



# Kingsport To Be Host To Softball Tourney

## Point Pleasant Honors Its Bowlers



Members of the district's championship team, the Distribution Keglers, are shown above. Left to right, front row, are: Tommy Rose and Frank Wolfe. Standing: Carl Murray, Charles Wilson and Dan Nickell.

Members of the Point Pleasant district bowling league and their guests recently honored outstanding teams and players at the district's first bowling banquet.

Among those honored were the championship team, the Pay-Roll bowlers, who were runners-up; Tommy Rose, season high average winner; Harry Chambers, high three game

series winner.

Awards and recognition were also given the following: Patricia Ingraham, Faye Johnson, John Spiggle, Ed Blake and Bob Tillis.

J. V. Mann, district manager, made the presentations while Carl Murray, president of the league, served as toastmaster.

## Williamson Bowlers Honored At Dinner



Williamson district bowlers are photographed as they attended the dinner that climaxed the Power Company Bowling League's 1950-51 season.

A dinner was recently given members of the Power Company Bowling League of the Williamson district. The affair, which honored both teams and individual players, was held in the company auditorium.

Members of the Accounting department team, winners of the 1950-51 season, were presented individual trophies.

Members of the Commercial team, the league's runner-up keggers, also were presented trophies for their season's record. Individual recognition

was given other outstanding bowlers.

League members attending the dinner were: Aloys Williamson, Otis Salmons, Sonny Runyon, Charles Williamson, Ralph Jackson, J. L. Richmond, E. E. King, Ernest Bevins, Milton Cole, Blake Oney, Robert Waggoner, John Lusk, C. L. Miller, Paul Woods, Jack Maynard, Henry Hatfield, John Scenters, Allen Cross, Donald Bain, Dick Wilson, Steve Apple, Henry Kiser, L. W. Robinette, J. L. Gilbert, Charles Fain, T. M. Watkins, C. A. Beatty and O. P. Cornelison.

## Large Catch Treats Sporn Employees



Bethel Vance, a Philip Sporn Plant employee, shown above, left, displays proof of his catch which was made in Currituck Sound on a recent fishing trip near Popular Branch, N. C. Vance's tales, however, were more convincing to his fellow employees when the string produced twenty-five pounds of dressed fish which was served at a fish fry. Vance's catch was served as the main course at a New Haven Park outing for the J. H. Grimes' operating shift of which Bethel is a member. Kermit H. Ford, center, and Jack Frey, right, help Vance display his string of fish.

## Seventeen Teams Are Seeking 10th Softball Crown

Kingsport, headquarters of Kingsport Utilities, Inc., has been selected as the site for the Tenth Annual Southern Properties Softball Tournament. Play-offs for the 1951 championship will be held August 17 and 18.

Prior to the playing of the 1951 tournament, six entries will be selected by elimination. With the exception of Kingsport, preliminary play-offs will be conducted within the companies to determine which teams will play for the championship.

Pikeville and Ashland will be matched to determine the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company representative while Appalachian will match both district and plant teams in the divisions in which they are located.

In Appalachian the Bluefield representative will be the team winning the eliminations among the Glen Lyn Plant, Abingdon, Bluefield and Pulaski district teams. Huntington play-offs will match Logan Plant and district team with Huntington and Williamson. At the present time, the Roanoke district has the only team in the Roanoke division. The Charleston entry will be determined by eliminations among the Cabin Creek plant, Sporn plant, Beckley, Charleston and Point Pleasant district teams.

### Tournament Pairings

The tournament drawings, picked from a hat by Mrs. Evelyn Smith, of the system personnel office in the presence of the tournament committee, also have been released. Representatives of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company and the Huntington division drew byes through the first round of play.

First-round games will send the Kingsport and Roanoke representatives against each other while Charleston and Bluefield entries will square off in another game.

The second round will match the Kentucky entry with the winner of the Charleston-Bluefield game while the Huntington entry will meet the Kingsport-Roanoke game winner. Consolation rounds will be played by the losers.

### Tournament Reception

Following the finals, a reception and buffet dinner, honoring teams and players, will be held in the Utilities' auditorium. At that time, trophies, awards, and the announcement of an All-Tournament team will be made.

According to present plans, all tournament games will be played at the Dobyns-Bennett High School Athletic Field. Reservations for accommodations for both fans and players can be made by contacting Wilson Trumbo of the Kingsport Utilities local arrangement committee. Plans for this year's tournament were completed by Messrs. J. A. Mundy, coordinator; W. E. Coleman, Raymond Taylor, G. S. Dunn and D. C. Duncan, the official tournament committee. The host company committee in charge of local arrangements is: C. J. Bryan, Wilson Trumbo and R. A. Parrack.

## Bluefield-Glen Lyn Split Two Softball Contests

In a recent inter-company softball clash, the Glen Lyn Steam Plant team split a twin bill with the Bluefield district nine.

Bluefield won the first game of the double-header 15 to 11 while Glen Lyn downed the host club 7 to 4 in the second.



## Jones Wins Roanoke-Fieldale Tourney



In the photograph above H. L. Gardner, left, is shown presenting W. S. Jones with the championship trophy and a new golf bag. Right: A. R. Main, Jr., and J. G. Harvey, who tied for second place are shown with the prizes they won.

W. S. Jones, a Roanoke district substation department employee, won the 1951 Roanoke-Fieldale district's annual handicap golf tournament. Jones, who shot a net 194 over the fifty-four hole distance, led his nearest rivals, A. R. Main and J. G. Harvey, by three strokes. T. R. Carlton and C. R. Hedgecock were deadlocked for fourth place in the medal-play tournament at 199.

Jones, who succeeds Melvin Brown of the Fieldale district as champion,

won the golfing trophy and a new golf bag for his play. Harvey was presented a badminton set; Main, a croquet set; Carlton, a sports jacket and three golf balls, and Hedgecock, four wood covers and three golf balls. H. L. Gardner, executive department, served as master of ceremonies and made the presentation of trophies and awards.

Following the presentation of prizes special awards and a box lunch were enjoyed by tournament golfers.

## Win Ping-Pong Tourney



R. C. Morris, Jr., left, and Helen Porter are shown with their trophies after having won the Charleston district Kilowatt Club's Ping-Pong Tournament. Bob, an accounting department employee, defeated Paul Parsons in the men's finals. Helen, a member of the commercial department, won from "Sissy" McDowell in the women's finals. The awards were made by R. E. Hodges, division manager, at a recent Kilowatt Club dinner.

## Roanoke AEP Maroons Win First Half Title

Roanoke district's AEP Maroons, undefeated in eight league games, clinched the City Industrial League's first half title with an 18 to 7 victory over The Stone Printing Company nine.

The district's other entry, the AEP Gold team, finished the first half of the season in the same league with a 6 and 2 record.

Ralph Bible, the Maroon's outstanding hurler, has carried most of the pitching assignments for manager Jack Whitenack. Other team members are: D. W. Ayers, Jack Burnett, Leon Chatman, Harold Chocklett, Leroy Hall, Roy Howard, Curly Paxton, Ira Peters, Robert Schaffer, Clyde Skeen, Joe Shelor, Raymond Taylor, Emory Thurman, Gordon Warrick, Shorty Watkins, and Howard Webb.

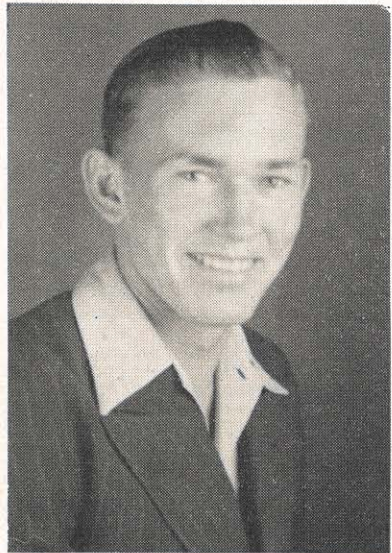
## Fox Chase Is Family's Big Pastime



Shelva McClure, Welch district line foreman, is shown above with a part of his pack of fox hounds. The McClures regularly keep eight to fifteen hounds and both Shelva and Mrs. McClure enjoy the thrill of a good "fox chase." Upon the slightest opportunity, the McClures load their hounds into their Jeep and drive to the nearby mountains for a chase.



## Fieldale Employee Killed In Korea



Bernard Rudolph Koger

Bernard Rudolph Koger, Fieldale meter reader on military leave, was killed in action in Korea on June 6, according to the notice received by his wife, Mrs. Alpha Koger.

He was employed as meter reader in the Fieldale district on March 20, 1950, and was inducted into the Army on October 19, 1950. A private first class in the Infantry, he was sent overseas as a replacement.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Koger, of Bassett, and several brothers and sisters.

## Employee's Son Graduated From Naval Academy



Robert D. Painter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Painter, of Bluefield, was graduated from the United States Naval Academy, June 1. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force and will report to Sherman, Texas, for flight training in August.

A graduate of Pulaski High School, Robert entered the Naval Academy in June, 1947. He played in the Academy's marching and concert band and received a merit award for that activity.

Lieutenant Painter's father is the Bluefield division commercial manager.

## Meter Department Has Picnic At Lavell's

Awards and presents were highlights of the annual family picnic held by the Roanoke meter department at Lavell's swimming pool on June 16. About 47 adults and 21 children attended.

Five-year service pins were awarded Julia Caldwell and Frank Harris while a traveling bag was given Tommy Abshire, called to active service in the Naval Reserve and scheduled to leave June 25. Julia Caldwell was given an electric alarm clock as a wedding present with best wishes for her husband, Bobby, who is cruising in Cuban waters.

## National Rural Electrification Week Announced

Plans for a nation-wide observance to celebrate the near completion of the electrification of America's farms have been announced by the electric power industry. With the expansion of lines to the rural areas this year, electricity will be available to 95 per cent of the country.

The week of August 26, has been set aside as National Rural Electrification week. This observance will mark the progress that has been made in bringing electric service to the farms since 1923.

Electricity will then be available to about 4,900,000 of approximately 5,200,000 occupied farms and to about 15,000,000 of the 15,500,000 occupied rural homes in the nation.

Early experiments in making electric power available to the rural people were begun in the 1920's. The first experimental farm line was strung by the Northern States Power Company near Red Wing, Minnesota. It was a six-mile iron wire that served 18 farms. This was the beginning of electric service to the farmers and was the result of studies by the power companies who realized that farm electrification required new developments and techniques.

In our own companies, the rural electrification program began in the 1920's and except for the war years, was pushed steadily forward. After World War II, added impetus was given to the rural line building phase of the program.

Today the three companies have virtually completed the line building and electric service is available to over 97 per cent of the area served by Appalachian, Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company and Kingsport Utilities. By the end of this year, electricity will be available to about 99 per cent of the area in which the three companies operate.

## Welch Youth Wins Top Award In Area Contest

Miller Porterfield, Jr., son of assistant Welch district manager, M. C. Porterfield, recently won the top award in mathematics in the Browns Creek District contest.

Miller, who is a seventh grade student, was competing with many other McDowell County students for honors.

## Complete First Aid Courses At Logan



These Logan district employees, representing the line, stores, meter and accounting departments, recently completed the American Red Cross Standard First Aid Course. The training periods were conducted in the service building auditorium. Shown above, left to right, standing: Nicholas Roomy, Jr., instructor; R. J. Crum, F. X. Coffey, A. C. Fife, Hursten Swiney, Forest Browning, G. L. LeGrande, Paul Adams, Wayne E. Warren, R. D. Blevins, Ralph Bragg, Frank Stone, Jr., and John J. Friel. Seated: E. L. Adkins, W. K. Shelton, R. H. Wheatley, G. A. Blankenbeckler, T. L. Henritze, Sr., Maurice A. White, and J. B. Tucker.

## Two Promotions In Charleston District



J. M. Kauffman G. E. Hervey

George E. Hervey and John M. Kauffman were promoted in the operating department of the Charleston district. Mr. Hervey, former substation supervisor, became supervising engineer as Mr. Kauffman, former general foreman, moved up to fill the substation supervisor position.

Having 11 years' service with the company, Mr. Hervey has also served as junior and senior electrical engineer. He served three years as an officer in the Signal Corps in the European area during World War II. A graduate of West Virginia University, he is married and has two daughters.

Mr. Kauffman has 23 years' service with the company, having served as substation maintenance man for eight years, in the meter department for two years, substation foreman for 10 years and general foreman for three years. He is married and has two daughters and a son.

## Bartlin Montiegel Gets Logan Post

Bartlin Montiegel, former assistant results engineer at the Tidd Plant of The Ohio Power Company, has assumed duties as results engineer at the Logan Plant. Mr. Montiegel replaces A. S. Grimes, Jr., who was recently transferred to the A.G.&E. engineering department.



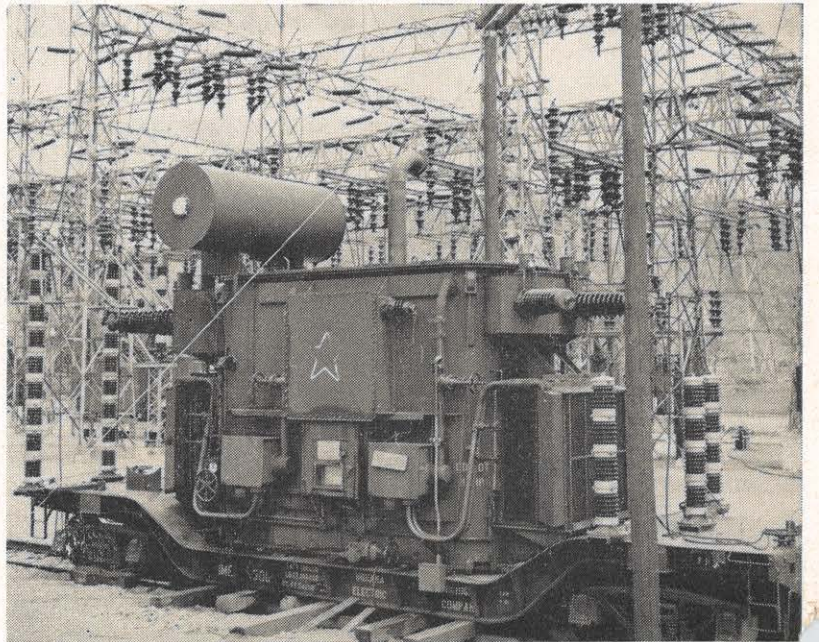
Mr. Montiegel

Mr. Montiegel, whose home is Wheeling, W. Va., attended Brown University, Tufts College and Columbia University. He was graduated from Brown with an engineering degree.

Prior to being employed with the companies of the A. G. & E. System, he was associated with construction and surveying firms. He began his employment at the Tidd Plant in 1948.

He is married and has one daughter, and served as a naval reserve officer during World War II.

## Portable Substation Installed At Turner



This railway portable substation has been installed at the Turner transmission station paralleling the 132,000-44,000 volt transformer bank at Turner. The 15,000 kva portable substation will be used temporarily to increase the capacity of the 44,000 volt system in the Charleston area.

## Cabin Creek Safety Supervisor Named To Kanawha County Court Post



William G. Day

W. G. Day, Cabin Creek Plant safety supervisor, has been appointed to the Kanawha County Court. Day's appointment became effective June 1, to fill the post left vacant by the death of Carl Calvert. He will hold office until a successor is elected in the November, 1952 election.

Bill was born at Handley, W. Va., where he now makes his home. After being graduated from East Bank High School, he attended Georgetown College where he was outstanding in athletics. He was captain of the 1936 football squad.

He is married to the former Miss Lyda Scott, of Eskdale, and is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Chelyan Lodge No. 158, AF & AM and the Beni Kedem Shrine of Charleston.

Mr. Day began his employment with Appalachian in July, 1939.

## Hits 250-Pound Deer, Left With \$250 Bill

Deer meat cost John Gilbert a dollar a pound. And he did not get a single bite.

Although this clerk in the Philip Sporn plant stores department had never been deer hunting before, he made a direct hit May 31 while returning from a New York trip.

Near Marietta, Ohio, a 250-pound deer leaped into the road directly in front of the car John was driving. The deer was hit, thrown to the side of the road and soon died.

That night children at a nearby institution were treated to deer steaks. In the meantime, John had the car towed to a garage. The 250-pound deer left John with an estimated repair bill of \$250.

## Five Men Enter Armed Forces

Five employees entered the service last month. They were: Mickey Bree, Charleston district; Herbert H. Benton, Kingsport; Billy Tom Johnson, Logan district; Rufus M. Bondurant, Abingdon district, and Joe Fred Wilson, Lynchburg district.

Pvt. Mickey Bree is now with the airborne division at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky. He was employed in the accounting department as a collector at the Montgomery office and went to work for the company in February of 1949.

Herbert H. Benton was employed September 8, 1947, and was a lineman in the Kingsport distribution department before volunteering for duty in the armed forces.



Billy Tom Johnson Rufus M. Bondurant Joe Fred Wilson

Billy Tom Johnson of the Logan district accounting department left for service in the Navy on June 18, after being with the company for seven months. He reported to the Norfolk naval base.

Rufus M. Bondurant, Abingdon district supervising engineer, was recalled to active duty in the signal Corps of the Army and reported to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, on June 29. He is a captain and served four years in the Signal Corps during World War II. He was employed as an engineer in Bluefield in 1938.

Joe Fred Wilson, Lynchburg district instrument man, entered the Air Corps on June 22. He served as a lieutenant for three years and flew 29 missions with the 8th Air Force in England. He has over five years' service with the company.