

*A great deal of talent is
lost in the world for
want of a little courage.*

—SYDNEY SMITH

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*He who has conquered
doubt and fear has
conquered failure.*

—JAMES ALLEN

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Among those attending the Point Pleasant dinner at which Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company announced a new plant at Apple Grove were the above Appalachian, Goodyear and Point Pleasant officials. They are from left: G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager; Richard Jay, manager of Goodyear's engineering department; Frank Quirk, manager of Goodyear's tax and

insurance department; George Hervey, Point Pleasant district manager of Appalachian; John Hushion, president of the Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce; Russell DeYoung, Goodyear executive vice president; and Oka Carlson, manager of Goodyear's announced Point Pleasant Plant. (Related picture on page 10).

Goodyear To Build Giant Plant At Point Pleasant District Site

A new plant for a new product of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company will be built at Apple Grove, W. Va., on part of the power plant-industrial site acquired last fall by Appalachian.

Announcement of plans to build a \$9-million plant to produce Videne were made at a dinner last month sponsored by the Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce and held in

Appalachian's new Point Pleasant office.

Videne, according to Russell DeYoung, executive vice president and member of the board of directors of Goodyear, is a completely new polyester laminating film that can be adhered under heat and pressure to a wide variety of end products in a number of industries.

The new plant, to be known as The Point Pleasant Plant, will consist initially of a five-story structure covering 100,000 square feet of floor space. "More than 200 employees, most of them coming from Point Pleasant's labor pool, will be needed to operate the plant at full capacity," Mr. DeYoung said. Preliminary engineering work on the 300-acre site at Apple Grove will start at once and full production is expected by early spring.

Goodyear acquired 300 acres of Appalachian's 1,450-acre site at Apple Grove, 15 miles from Point Pleasant and 27 miles from Huntington. Goodyear officials say Apple Grove was one of five sites under consideration and was chosen for its river, rail and truck transportation facilities, available labor supply, and location in respect to industrial users of the new product.

Appalachian's remaining 1,150 acres offer space for further industrial development as well as a site for a major power plant. At the Point Pleasant dinner, G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager, said that a sufficient portion

of the tract would be retained for a power plant, which will be "constructed when demands for electricity in the area cannot be met with existing plants."

At the plant Videne A will be produced for direct or stretch-laminating applications in the textile, metal, wood, paper, plastic, automotive and packaging fields and as a special wrap—Videne TC—for machine packaging of meat and other food products.

Employees Save Customer's Home



Mr. Plybon

Mr. Layman

Three alert Roanoke district employees are credited with saving a customer's home and furnishings from fire.

On a routine service check, E. W. Holland, S. F. Plybon and I. J. Layman noticed smoke coming from a window of Mrs. Lee Smith's home on Patterson Avenue in Rocky Mount. They called the smoke to Mrs.



Mr. Holland

Smith's attention, and she explained that the furnace was causing trouble. She had just opened a window, she told them, to let out the smoke.

However, concerned over the smoke, the servicemen checked the basement and found the ceiling ablaze. They turned in the alarm. While waiting for the fire truck, Mr. Plybon, who along with Mr. Holland is a Rocky Mount volunteer fire company member, uncapped a nearby fire hydrant.

After two hours, the fire was put out. It had burned inside the walls, and the house was badly damaged.

March 31 Deadline For Medical Claims

Employees insured under our companies' Group Medical Expense Benefits Plan are reminded to file 1957 medical claims with their personnel supervisors no later than March 31.

In some instances, where no claim has been filed in 1957, the expenses incurred during the last three months of 1956 may be considered part of your 1957 claim.

Such claims must be filed by March 31, 1958. Contact your personnel supervisor for details about these instances.

Coal By Wire

3 1/2-Million Tons Of Coal Used In '57 By Appalachian

Appalachian used more coal in 1957 than in any other year in its history.

A total of 3,558,227 tons was burned in Appalachian's steam-electric generating stations during 1957. This amounts to an average of 6.7 tons a minute, 24 hours a day.

Coal By Wire

This coal was used to produce electricity for Appalachian's 471,000 customers in 31 counties of western Virginia and 21 counties in southern West Virginia. 1957 was a record year for coal usage because the homes, farms, industries and businesses we serve used more electricity than ever before. For example, the average residential use of electricity in 1957 was 3,094 kilowatt-hours, compared to a 1956 average of 2,809 kilowatt-hours.

Many new businesses opened their doors during the year, and several new industries began production in both states.

Mining Industry

The 3,558,227 tons of coal used in 1957 would require the services of 1,757 people in the mining industry whose total annual payroll would amount to over \$7,906,500. A total

of 71,165 fifty-ton hopper cars would be needed to transport the 3,558,227 tons of coal in a train that would be about 480 miles long.

Ten-Year Use

During the last 10 years Appalachian has used a total of 31,120,853 tons of coal, practically all of it coming from within the territory it serves. Appalachian is the largest coal consumer in its service area.

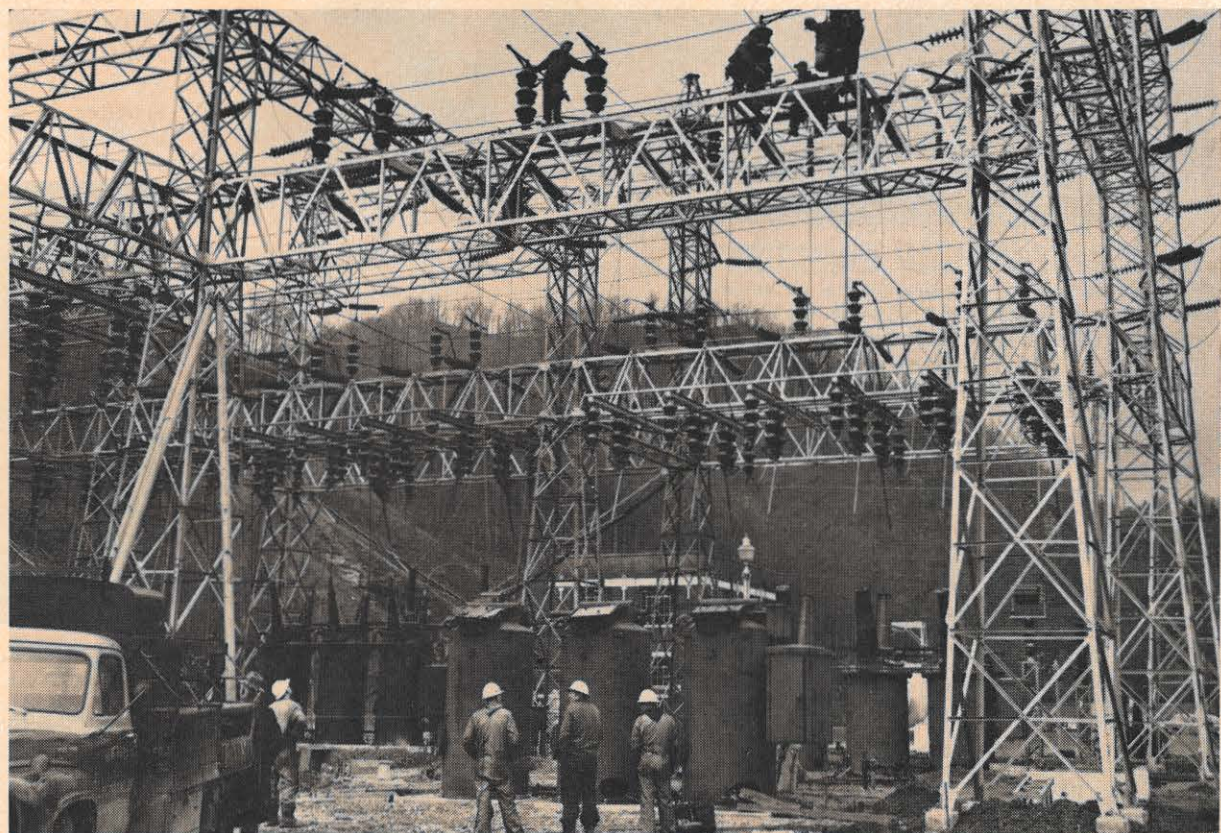
Report Request In This Issue

Employees who are interested in receiving a copy of the 1957 AGE Annual Report can obtain one by filling out and mailing the postal card which is enclosed with this issue of THE ILLUMINATOR.

Those employees who are also AGE stockholders will not have to mail the card for a copy of the Annual Report—they will receive one when it is mailed to all AGE stockholders.

Postage is prepaid on these cards, and employees who want a copy of the Report are urged to mail their cards as early as possible.

More Power On Way For Kentucky



Work progresses on Kentucky Power Company's Beaver Creek station. This addition to the Pikeville district station is scheduled for completion this month. The addition will

make more power available to Kentucky Power customers by tying the station to Appalachian's new Clinch River plant under construction at Carbo.

A major addition to Kentucky Power Company's Beaver Creek station in the Pikeville district is scheduled for completion this month.

The project will tie the station to Appalachian's Clinch River plant now under construction at Carbo. A double circuit, 132-kv line from Clinch River will feed the station via the new Freemont transmission station in the Abingdon district.

A new bay, including two oil circuit breakers and associated equipment, has been installed in the Beaver Creek station. The 132-kv circuits entering Beaver Creek from Kentucky's Hazard station and the Sprigg station in Appalachian's Williamson district have been moved from the old to the new section. The double circuit Clinch River lines are to be tied into the old section.

Work on the station was done by Kentucky Power and Appalachian employees and the contractor. Cost of the station addition totals approximately \$186,500. Kentucky Power's portion of the Clinch River-Beaver Creek line cost about \$892,800. Although the Beaver Creek-Freemont portion of the line is almost completed, the Freemont-Clinch River segment to be finished at a later date.

Socialism Promises; Free Enterprise Performs

Although we Americans earn our living within a system called free enterprise, few of us give thought to its meaning.

Free enterprise is the only economic system under which the person who has something to sell, and the person who is in the market to buy, meet on terms of equality and freedom, without interference so long as common laws of justice and decency are observed.

Free enterprise is the right of all who live within it to offer whatever they have created—whether products, services or skills—to other individuals, who are just as free to take them or pass them up.

While socialism promises, free enterprise performs. J. Frederic Dewhurst, noted economist, says:

"Of all the great industrial nations, the one that clings most tenaciously to private capitalism has come closest to the socialist goal of providing abundance for all in a classless society."

Free enterprise is not perfect, as mankind is not perfect. But free enterprise gives full scope to many of man's highest virtues: his imagination, inventive genius; courage to try unknown paths; his self-reliance, capacity for work, and determination to build a better world.

Safe Kite Flying

If this year is like others, two things are beginning to happen. One is the blowing of March winds, and the other, which seems to naturally follow the first, is children flying their kites.

A few years ago kite flying was easy. There were plenty of spots to fly a kite without worrying about cars, electric lines, TV antennas and the like.

But conditions have changed. Kite flying today, while still as much fun, can be dangerous.

Our companies, through the news media, in schools and other places where parents and children can see them, are stressing four rules for safe kite flying.

The first rule is to be sure the child is using a kite without metal in it. Secondly, beware of cord with tinsel or with little strands of wire wrapped in it. If they came in contact with a power line, these metal cords can cause burns and shock.

Youngsters are advised to pick a level spot away from power lines, TV antennas, rocks and trees so they have plenty of room to run. Children should be discouraged from using the streets or highways where there is real danger from traffic.

Parents can also help by telling their young kite flyers to leave the kite alone if it gets caught in a tree or on electric wires. It's better to get another kite than to have a child injured.

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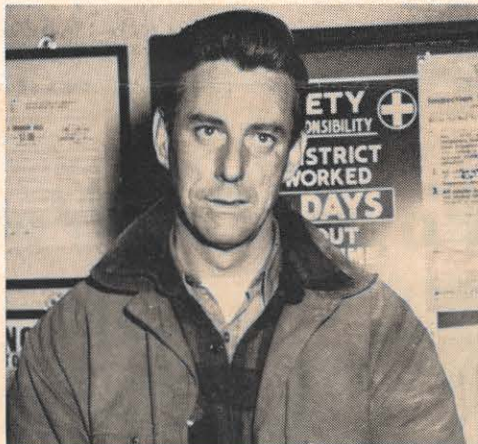
Safety is everybody's responsibility.
What can I as an individual do to
promote safety in my company?



A. J. TURNER, Maintenance Man,
Glen Lyn Plant

Promoting safety is a full time job. Recently in a safety magazine I read of six steps to safety. (1) Can you substitute men, methods, or material? (2) Relocate or isolate. (3) Guard the object. (4) Guard the person. (5) Make it conspicuous. (6) Educate. I sincerely believe that these steps would promote safety.

Being alert, physically fit, and knowing your job may not only save your life, it may save someone else. A very common cause for accidents is "I forgot". I feel that with good public relations and good fellowship, 1958 will bring forth a job well done.



W. G. KIRBY, JR., Groundman,
Charleston

As an individual I can participate instead of just attending safety meetings.

I can be receptive to safety suggestions and offer suggestions pertaining to safety to my co-workers and to the company.

To me, safety is an insurance policy that does not appear on my payroll deductions.



VIRGINIA STAFFORD, Bookkeeper,
Williamson

Certainly the old adage of "practice what you preach" applies to safety. And I can set a good example for my fellow employees by working safely and following the rules in our safety manual. I can always be alert and constantly watch for unsafe practices and conditions, and report them to my supervisor. I can attend all safety programs and take an active part in them.

I should be thoroughly convinced that the company's safety program is designed for my protection and well being and help convince my fellow employees. I can become so safety conscious that everything I do, both on and off the job, will be done safely through habit.

I believe that by assuming the responsibility for my personal safety that I can promote safety in my company by my attitude toward our safety program by practicing it in all I do.



BETTY L. ROMERO, Clerk-Stenographer,
Fieldale

To promote safety within our company it is my responsibility as an individual employee to so act while at work that I will help provide safety for myself and fellow employees.

This can only be achieved by loyalty, cooperation, and a thorough understanding and practice of safety measures taught in our safety meetings and outlined in our safety manual.

Active participation on the part of each employee, in observance of unsafe conditions and practices, will help to eliminate and control these conditions.

When we practice safety on the job we also realize the importance of safety at home.

Safety is a way of life and all we put into the lives of others comes back into our own, therefore it is my responsibility to practice safety daily.



LOOMIS E. NUTTER, Line Supervisor,
Kingsport

Since the creation of man, the law of self-preservation has been made predominant in the minds of each of us; however it is our duty as a supervisor or as an individual to unite our efforts for the safety of ourselves and our fellow men.

As line supervisor, I arrange for the holding of a safety meeting regularly each week for the purpose of impressing all employees to be safety conscious at all times. I endeavor to emphasize the importance of all equipment being kept in the very best condition at all times. We emphasize, in the training of our employees, the proper use of tools and equipment.

In view of the above, I feel that safety is everybody's responsibility. Therefore we should work individually and collectively in the furtherance of same.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



FORREST E. PHILLIPS, General Serviceman,
Pikeville

Make safety an important part of each job to be done. Help your fellow man to become and stay "safety conscious". Lend yourself in pointing out the hazards of any close work that is to be performed, either by yourself or in his part of the job.

Make a habit of helping the other employees plan their work so they can become familiar with the safe way to perform their duties.

The practicing of First Aid and the schooling of employees, safety-wise, is an important phase of promoting safety among the employees.

I, as an individual, can further promote safety by following safety rules provided by the Safety Manual, the proper use of tools and equipment, and Think safety.



PAULINE B. BOWMAN, Clerk-Stenographer,
Bluefield

Safety demands mental alertness; mental tension hinders this alertness; and associated with everyday living is a certain amount of unavoidable mental tension.

Easing this tension for oneself as well as others is, indirectly, promoting safety.

This is accomplished by maintaining an atmosphere of friendliness and consideration, which comes from the simplest everyday kindnesses between co-workers such as an occasional greeting, an unexpected offer of assistance, merely a smile, or just the small gesture of keeping personal depressive thoughts to oneself. Insignificant as it might seem, in this way employees create a pleasant, friendly working environment which lessens tension to a degree for everyone.

Appreciating fellow employees' establishment of this environment, and trying to contribute to it in some small way, is, I believe, promoting safety.

In Reply To Reddy

I, too, have worked day and nite,
I haven't taken time to write,
This autograph you find enclosed,
Will very soon be forever reposed.

Huntington Customer



"No need to look. You know there's nothing back here. Come on back." And the driver who heeds Tempy in this situation has caused and will cause suffering, injury and death. A real danger spot in driving is backing up a vehicle from a parked position. The driver can see part of the way behind him with a rear view mirror. But small children and objects are sometimes hidden. The only sure method of being positive that nothing is in the way is for the driver to walk to the front and back of his car before he attempts to back it out. Tempy would have the driver be lazy. But the smart driver will take the extra time and effort to make really sure he has a clear path. He can't afford not to. And when he does, he's helping Back The Attack On Traffic Accidents.

Bluefield Division Manager Given Citizenship Award By Legion Post



James P. Gills, Bluefield division manager, receives the annual Distinguished Citizenship Award of American Legion Riley-Vest Post No. 9. The presentation is being made by H. Edward Steele, a former post commander.

James P. Gills, Bluefield division manager, has been awarded the annual Distinguished Citizenship Award of Riley-Vest Post No. 9, American Legion.

At the presentation, attended by Legionnaires, friends and business associates of Mr. Gills, congratulatory telegrams were read from Congresswoman Elizabeth Kee, Congressman Pat Jennings, AGE President Philip Sporn and Appalachian Vice President and General Manager G. L. Furr.

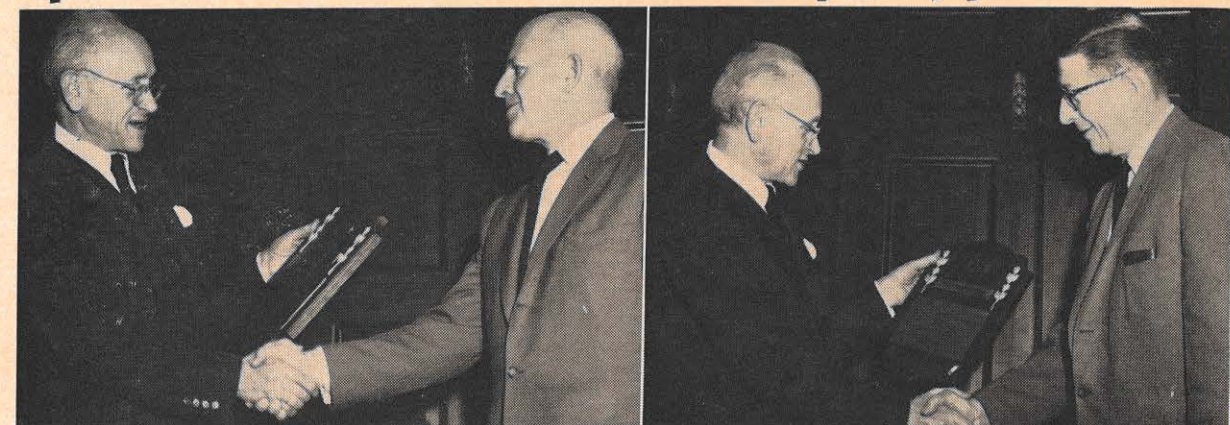
The honor was given Mr. Gills in appreciation of almost 40 years of

civic activity. His contributions to area development and road improvement were emphasized.

Mr. Gills, who was first employed by our company as a timekeeper during construction of the Glen Lyn plant, is a former president of the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club and Bluefield Country Club. He has also been active in the Community Chest, the Red Cross, the State Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts and the College Avenue Baptist Church.

Mr. Gills has been a resident of Bluefield since soon after his graduation from the University of Virginia.

Sporn Awards Go To Kentucky, Appalachian



Accepting 1957 AGE sales awards from Philip Sporn, president of AGE and of our companies, are: left picture, F. M. Baker, Kentucky Power vice president and general manager; and right, R. E. Hodges, assistant Appalachian general manager. Both Kentucky and Appalachian won

Philip Sporn Awards for their residential and commercial-industrial sales efforts, and the general managers of both companies won Philip Sporn Special Awards for over-all sales efforts by their companies. The awards came in a year when sales in AGE territory set an all-time record.

Gold, Bronze Medallion Program Promotes All-Electric Living In New, Older Homes

A major campaign is underway in 1958 to create a nationally recognized hallmark of electrical living. It's called the Live Better Electrically Medallion Home Program, and Appalachian will devote major effort in 1958 to promote the Medallion All-Electric Home.

Through this program, minimum requirements for gold and bronze Medallion Homes are set forth. New or remodeled homes meeting these requirements will have a gold or bronze medallion, whichever is applicable, mounted in the walk or walls, or in some conspicuous place.

"As the campaign progresses, these medallions will become a symbol of the comfort and convenience of electrical living," L. L. Koontz, system supervisor of residential and rural sales, reported. "People will look for the medallion emblem when they build, buy or rent."

Goals Of Program

The Medallion Home program has five basic goals:

- To give the prospective home buyer a recognized symbol of electrical excellence in his new home.
- To raise the electrical contents of these new homes above what they might otherwise be.
- To give the Medallion Home builder an assist in selling his homes by helping impress upon his customers the advantages of electric living.
- To show visitors who go through Medallion Demonstration Homes the electric living features needed for comfort.
- To give national support to existing electric home programs conducted by utilities to boost residential electrification.

Included in minimum requirements for gold and bronze Medallion Homes are appliances, both required and selective, and lighting and wiring standards.

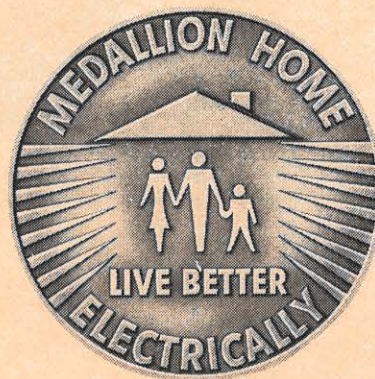
Gold Medallions

For gold Medallion Homes, the following electric appliances are required: water heater, clothes dryer, resistance heating or heat pump and range—standing or built-in model.

Reporters Hold Meet

A dinner meeting for ILLUMINATOR reporters in the Williamson district was held February 11.

A talk was given by E. J. Clouser, district personnel supervisor, and revised copies of the "Guide for ILLUMINATOR Correspondents" were given the reporters.



In addition, the home must contain two of the following list of electric appliances: dishwasher, waste disposer, refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner, automatic washer, combination refrigerator-freezer (counts as two) or combination automatic washer-dryer (counts as two).

Also, lighting must meet minimum American Home Lighting Institute standards or equivalent. For wiring, the home must have a minimum of 150 ampere service entrance equipment or load center equivalent with ample circuits and outlets to include one 3-wire 115/230 volt appliance circuit or equivalent in kitchen and dining room area.

Bronze Medallions

Requirements for bronze Medallion Homes include installation of an electric range—built-in or standing—electric water heater and electric clothes dryer. Also, three electric appliances must be selected from the following list: dishwasher, waste disposer, refrigerator, freezer, air con-

ditioning, washer, combination refrigerator-freezer (counts as two) or combination washer-dryer (counts as two).

Lighting must meet AHLI minimum standards. Wiring must include a minimum of 100 ampere service entrance equipment or load center equivalent, with ample circuits and outlets to include one 3-wire 115/230 volt appliance circuit or equivalent in the kitchen-dining area.

After prospective Medallion Homes meet minimum requirements, medallions and necessary certificates will be presented by Appalachian.



The Gold Medallion is placed in the walk of the first home to receive this distinction in West Virginia. Contractor Andrew McCausland, builder of the all-electric home, directs his workman in the operation. The home is located in Montgomery, W. Va. of the Charleston district.



C. B. Talley, Charleston district manager, congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Pirrung, owners of the first Gold Medallion Home in West Virginia. The home, which is heated and cooled by a heat pump, is located at 117 Fifth Ave. in Montgomery, W. Va. Looking on at left is H. K. Shabdue, heating and builder sales representative. At right is Andrew McCausland, contractor.

Akers Will Head 1958 Credit Union

Carlos J. Akers was named president of the Huntington district employees' credit union at the group's 22nd annual meeting. Over 153 members of the union were present at the meeting and a five per cent dividend was voted on shares for 1957.

During the past year the organization provided savings and loan services to 433 members.

Other officers elected were: W. D. LeSage, vice president; R. T. Hibner, re-elected treasurer; W. M. Langstaff and Iva S. Nowlan, directors. Members of the Credit Committee were R. D. Webster, chairman; W. R. Wagner and V. D. Altizer. The supervisory committee is composed of J. T. Russell, chairman; Laura Gouldman and G. F. Schwartz.



Mr. Akers

Kentuckian Goes To I&M Position

H. K. Johnston, Kentucky Power tax and statistical supervisor, has been promoted to the system general accounting department of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company.

He has been named to the position of general accountant in the methods and procedure section at I&M in Fort Wayne. He joined Kentucky at Ashland as a clerk in general accounting in July 1939 and became supervisor of that department February 1, 1950.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky in 1939 with a BS degree in commerce, he is a certified public accountant in Kentucky. He is married and has two sons and a daughter.



Mr. Johnston



System

Roxana J. Stoots, system operating clerk-stenographer, and Robert F. Walker, system accounting, are new employees.

Sympathy is extended Thelma D. Manning, system accounting, on the death of her father and Ruby Weddington, system accounting, on the death of her father.

Eileen M. Montgomery, system operating stenographer, and Bonnie E. Key, system accounting, have resigned.

Sympathy is also extended Bobby Saul, system accounting, on the death of his father and Kathleen T. Martin, system accounting, on the death of her father.

Rixine Nelson is the new employee in system purchasing, replacing Gloria Ganske who resigned.

Lynchburg District

Employees who graduated from the Dale Carnegie course in public speaking and good human relations are Earl R. Driskill, dealer sales representative; Herbert M. Figg, Jr., engineering aide; and D. J. Thompson, Jr., area sales representative.

David G. Blondino is a new rodman in engineering.

Sympathy is extended Edith B. Wofford, PBX operator, on the death of her brother and Henry T. Woodson, meter serviceman, on the death of his brother.

Rose S. Harvey, contract entry and final bill clerk, has returned to work after hospitalization and surgery.

Eleven women received certificates for completing the first aid course taught by Nicholas K. Langhorne, material clerk, and Joe F. Wilson, Jr., engineering aide.

Jeanne P. Ramsey, secretarial-stenographer in the managerial department, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Wesley Garner, meter service helper, on the death of his father-in-law.

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Abingdon District

Perry Johnston, area sales representative, is a new commercial department employee.

James Cole, power sales engineer, addressed the Glade Spring Junior Chamber of Commerce on industrial development.

Paul S. Dunn, administrative assistant, is chairman of the Boy Scout Fund Drive in Abingdon.

Lloyd Smith, stores supervisor, and J. R. Warden, commercial sales representative, attended the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Richmond recently.

Pulaski District

King H. Mustard, retired employee, and his wife are spending the winter in Tampa, Florida.

Mrs. P. H. Grubb, wife of the Wytheville area supervisor, is improving following surgery in a Durham, N. C., hospital.

Sympathy is extended H. M. Lawrence, Christiansburg accounting, on the death of his father and Clark Alley, Galax meter serviceman, on the death of his brother.

Dewey E. Parks, Hillsville line-



man, has been re-hospitalized with an acute asthmatic condition.

Posie Bower, part-time janitor at the Christiansburg local office, died suddenly January 27. Sympathy is extended his family.

Arthur McEnheimer is the new janitor at the Christiansburg office.

Sympathy is extended Elmer G. Dalton, Byllesby hydro operator, and Leroy Dalton, Pulaski meterman, in the death of their father and grandfather.

Dale, son of A. J. Lawson, Galax T&D clerk, is improving at home after hospitalization.

R. L. Overbay, Saltville substation operator, has been confined in the hospital with an infected elbow.

A. E. "Red" Lemons, Pulaski dealer sales representative, has returned to work after an illness.

Clinton N. Robinson, heating and building sales representative, has been elected treasurer of the Pulaski Area Girl Scout Council.

Carl G. Powers, Wytheville T&D clerk, is recuperating from surgery at Pulaski Hospital.

Mrs. M. T. Akers, Jr., wife of the Wytheville lineman, is improving in a Roanoke hospital.

Mrs. Alvin Croy, wife of the electrical engineer, is recuperating at home after hospitalization.

Sympathy is extended R. Eston Lawrence, Christiansburg T&D clerk, on the death of his father.

Welch District

Janice Morton, home service representative, was elected secretary of the McDowell County Alumni Chapter of West Virginia University.

The Appalachian "Kilow-ettes," a singing quintet composed of five employees, entertained at a recent Welch Kiwanis Club meeting. Members of the quintet are Nancy Smith, cashier; Janet Browning, clerk-stenographer; Grace Hajash, bookkeeper; Mary E. Lanter, clerk; and Betty Marino, clerk-typist. Helen Vermillion, PBX operator, accompanied them on the piano.

Mrs. J. M. Spence, wife of the Grundy meter serviceman, is receiving treatment at the University Hospital in Charlottesville, Va., where she has been for several weeks.

H. H. Bivens became a member of the Red Cross Gallon Club.

Mary E. Lanter, clerk, has been selected as a leader of the Pioneer Group at the Baptist Church.

B. E. Bates, meter supervisor, taught a First Aid course recently and 23 employees received certificates.

Hazard Credit Union Elects Officers



New officers have recently been elected for the Hazard district credit union. They are, from left: Bradley Dixon, second vice president; Dewey Sizemore, president; Arnett Strong, treasurer; and Stanley Slone, first vice president. J. W. Scholtens, secretary, is not pictured. The credit union has 84 members and total assets of \$12,642.18. In 1957, 30 loans were issued for a total of \$5,620.

Abingdon Employees' Club Officers



Abingdon district Employees' Club officers for 1958 are, seated from left: Edythe Garnand, secretary and Charles E. Bailey, president. Standing from left: Thomas Crabtree, treasurer and H. S. Fogleman, vice president.

Twelve employees received certificates in a class taught by Claude Bell at Switchback.

Kenneth A. Jackson, business administration trainee, is a new employee in accounting.

Four employees are members of the cast of "Come Back Little Sheba," a tragic comedy to be given by the "Footlighters." They are C. M. (See Welch, Page 5)



Clydetta Long, home service representative, and Marie Hickman, accounting, have returned to work after illnesses.

Sympathy is extended C. E. Kilgore, T&D line, on the death of his father-in-law and James P. Smith, line section, on the death of his brother.

Mrs. Genevieve Dorton, wife of Thomas Dorton, line section, is at home following hospital treatment.



Williamson District

J. T. Harrold, retired employee, is able to be out after recent hospitalization.

Robert F. Rouse, rodman, is a new employee in T&D engineering.

Mrs. George Boothe, wife of the commercial sales representative; Mrs. G. B. Trent, wife of the electrical engineer; and Mrs. Hiram Stollings,

wife of the station man helper, are recuperating at their homes after hospitalization.

E. J. Clouser has been elected as a director of the Williamson Kiwanis Club.

Sympathy is extended Calvin Thompson, truck driver-groundman, on the death of his father-in-law.

Huntington District

T. A. "Andy" Gilkerson, who has been off from work five months due to a heart attack, is recuperating from a second attack which occurred recently.

Gordon P. Chain, draftsman, is recovering at home from surgery.

Sympathy is extended T. I. Ward, retired employee, on the death of his mother and T. R. Templeton on the death of his father-in-law.

Ethel L. Hyldahl, draftsman, and Betty Adkins, PBX operator, conducted a coffee hour at the Huntington office for the East Huntington Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary No. 9738 with all proceeds going to the March of Dimes. Mrs. Hyldahl is state senior vice president of the Auxiliary and Mrs. Adkins is state chief of staff.

Logan Plant

Brownie Troop No. 24 recently made a tour of the plant.

Logan District

Ohley L. Bennett, area sales representative, was elected to the board of governors in the Logan Shrine Club.

M. R. Atkinson, administrative assistant, attended a special meeting of the Congress of the Sons of American Revolution in Washington recently.

H. S. Trussell, engineering, is recuperating at home after surgery.

P. M. Vannoy, commercial manager, spoke to the Lions Club on the "Growth of Power Generation."

Sympathy is extended Jean M. Williams, accounting, on the death of her grandmother and Corbett Brumfield, lineman, on the death of his brother-in-law.

M. M. Donohoe, E. L. Adkins, G. A. Blankenbeckler and Calvin Cyfers are recuperating at their homes after hospitalization.

Dolores S. Wilson, accounting, has resigned.



Pikeville District

Mrs. Jess Collier, wife of the lineman, and Mrs. Jerry Bartley, wife of the appliance serviceman, have returned to their homes after hospitalization.

A. H. Jopp, district commercial manager, was elected director of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers.

Sue Ratliff, accounting clerk, and Carole Kincaid, meter clerk, have resigned.

Sympathy is extended Dorothy Cardinal, accounting bookkeeper, on the death of her grandmother.

Marlene Mosgrove is a new clerk in the meter department.

Ashland District

George A. Weatherston, general commercial manager, was elected second vice president of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers. E. C. Cassidy, general power sales supervisor, and Roy Saltee, general heating sales supervisor, were elected second vice president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Ashland Chapter of the Society.

Harry Miller, power sales engineer, was co-chairman of the annual "Together We Organize" dinner of the Boy Scouts.

F. M. Baker, vice president and general manager of Kentucky Power, was elected second vice president of the Ashland Board of Trade.



Kanawha River Plant

M. W. Stanley, W. G. Massey, A. P. Legarde, Jr., S. L. Ellis, Kenneth Webb and R. S. Ellis are new employees in the labor department.

Point Pleasant District

Approximately 60 employees and their families held a skating party at the 22nd Street Bowling Alley Rink recently.

Jimmy Gene Tucker is a new T&D line and station employee.

O. W. Hesson, groundman, has returned to work after a brief illness.

J. A. Ferrell, retired employee, visited the office recently.

Jean O. Somerville, former employee, is working as a temporary accounting employee.

Philip Sporn Plant

Beverly Jean, daughter of James H. Ball, maintenance man, was elected queen of the Wahama High School Valentine dance.

Sympathy is extended Richard Russell, laborer, on the death of his mother and Roy Reuter, maintenance man, on the death of his father.

Sympathy is also extended George Wright, Maintenance man, on the death of his grandmother.

Cabin Creek Plant

Sympathy is extended W. R. Brooks, coal and ash equipment operator, on the death of his sister and J. D. Poore, laborer, on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is also extended J. A. Moore, assistant plant manager, on the death of his mother-in-law.

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Six Operating Employees At Kanawha Promoted To Clinch River Positions



Mr. Buskirk Mr. Myers Mr. Trail Mr. Richards Mr. Hollins Mr. Murphy

Six employees at Kanawha River plant have been promoted to positions at the new Clinch River plant, now under construction at Carbo, Va.

E. D. Buskirk, Kanawha shift operating engineer, will serve in the same position at Clinch. B. D. Myers has gone from Kanawha unit foreman to Clinch shift operating engineer, and R. W. Trail and C. E. Richards, Kanawha unit foremen, have been named assistant shift operating engineers at Clinch.

L. E. Hollins, assistant Kanawha control operator, and C. E. Murphy, Kanawha auxiliary equipment operator, have been named unit foremen at Clinch.

Mr. Buskirk, new Clinch shift operating engineer, is a native of Logan, where he attended schools. He also attended Marshall College, and was employed as a laborer at Logan plant in July 1933. He held several positions and was a shift supervisor when he went to Kanawha as shift operating engineer November 1, 1952. He has served as Cubmaster, Explorer advisor, Scoutmaster and member of the organization extension committee of the Boy Scouts. He is a member of the Cedar Grove Lion's Club, Glasgow City Council and Chelyan Masonic Lodge No. 158. Married, he is the father of two children.

Mr. Myers, new Clinch shift operating engineer, is a native of Kanawha County and is a graduate of East Bank High School. He was a lockman with the U. S. Engineers before coming to Cabin Creek plant as a laborer in 1935. He was a boiler operator when he was promoted to control operator at Kanawha December 1, 1952. He is a member of Chelyan Masonic Lodge No. 158 and is a chief Scout counselor. Married, he has two children.

Mr. Trail, new assistant shift operating engineer at Clinch, is a native of Kanawha County and attended schools there. He was employed with

Hazard Supervisor Receives Rite Honor

A Hazard district employee has recently received the highest honorary degree in the York Rite of Freemasonry.



Mr. Bonta

Herbert J. Bonta, rural and residential sales supervisor, was named Knight of the York Cross of Honor. The degree is granted those who have held the highest office in each of

the four bodies of the Rite. Mr. Bonta has served as Master of Hazard Lodge No. 676 A.F.&A.M., High Priest of Hazard Chapter No. 185, Royal Arch Masons, Master of Allison Holland Council No. 97, Royal and Select Masters and Commander of Hazard Commandery No. 47 Knights Templar.

He is also a Shriner and belongs to Oleika Temple in Lexington.

Airplane Crash



In the picture from the left are B. M. Nuckolls, Grundy area supervisor, and Lineman Roger McClanahan, who drove a company power wagon into rugged mountain area near Grundy, Virginia, to remove the bodies of five people who were killed in a plane crash. A plane en route from Florida to Charleston crashed in the mountains near Grundy. At the request of State Police and the Grundy Rescue Squad, Mr. Nuckolls furnished a walkie-talkie radio and the power wagon to help in getting the bodies from the crash before dark. Lineman McClanahan drove the power wagon and helped to remove the victims from the demolished plane.

Welch, Bluefield Districts

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Wagner, Jr., residential and rural sales supervisor; Janice Morton, home service representative; O. K. Mann, merchandise order and billing clerk; and W. B. Belchee, power sales engineer.

Max K. Spraker, working foreman, was elected secretary-treasurer of the First Presbyterian Men's Club.

G. E. Adams, Pocahontas area supervisor, has returned to work after hospitalization.

John L. Horton, Switchback T&D clerk, is recuperating at home after surgery.

Bluefield District

Calvin T. Gills, garage supervisor; M. R. "Duck" Callaway, district R/w agent; and John R. Greear, meter reader, have returned to work after illnesses.

Betty L. Wolfe, contract entry and final bill clerk, and Elsie H. Shields, division stenographer, have resigned.

Larry Dunn, retired employee, is convalescing at his home.

Ardis E. Anderson, William H. Lineberry, T&D line; Betty F. Williams, division commercial; Barbara

L. Marrs, T&D records; and Jerry T. Hinchee, T&D engineering, are new employees.

Mrs. Murray R. Callaway, wife of the district R/w agent, has been elected president of the Bluefield Senior Women's Club.

Harry M. Strong, Jr., Princeton local office manager who was transferred to the Williamson office, was honored with a luncheon.

Alfred H. White, photographer and reproduction man, and his wife have been elected to the office of first vice president of the Bluefield Y-Weds Club, an affiliate organization of the YWCA.

Archie G. Phlegar, Jr., son of the Pearisburg heating and builder sales representative, is improving at home after an operation.

Annie Hubbard, maid, spoke on "New Procedures In First Aid Training" at a recent meeting of the Girls' Service Club.

Roger, son of James E. Hash, Jr., rodman, is improving at the hospital.

Shirley A. Long, clerk-stenographer, was honored with a bridal luncheon given by the Girls' Service Club.

W. Jeff Gillespie, Jr., district manager, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Bluefield City YMCA.

Sarah Moore, division residential lighting advisor, has been appointed chairman of the lighting equipment committee to aid in the promotion of the "Lighting For Better Living Program" by the Virginia Farm and Home Electrification Council.

David, son of David M. Davis, Pearisburg working foreman, is convalescing at home after suffering a fractured arm.

Sympathy is extended Jerry T. Hinchee, tracer, on the death of his father.

John E. "Jack" Taylor, local office manager, has been elected president of the Bluefield Council of Social Agencies.

Regina, daughter of Pauline B. Bowman, division clerk-stenographer, has returned to school following surgery.

Harold E. Coon, auto repairman, has returned to work after surgery and hospitalization.

Artie Grinstead, division administrative assistant, is convalescing in the hospital. His wife has returned to their home following hospitalization.

Members of the Bluefield Girls' Service Club toured the new United States Post Office building recently.

Jerry R. Whitehurst, electrical engineer, completed a course of study on "The Design and Construction on Overhead Power Lines" through the International Correspondence School.

John Burnett Ends 31 Years' Service



Mr. Burnett

John Dent Burnett, Byllesby plant hydro maintenance man, retired January 31 after more than 31 years with our company.

Mr. Burnett was employed as a truck driver at the plant in 1927. He has also served as mechanic there.

He has recently moved with his wife and two sons to their new home in Fries, Va. He is a member of the Methodist Church and the Odd Fellows Lodge.

During his retirement, Mr. Burnett plans to do some reading and to devote time to his favorite hobbies, hunting and fishing.

Bluefield Man Is Picture-Taking Fan



Photographic hobbyist Charles Peirce shows how he looks projected on his own enlarger easel.

Charles A. Peirce, Bluefield district lineman, who has the longest service record of any district employee, is probably the district's oldest photography hobbyist. He has been a picture-taking enthusiast for the past 40 years.

When he built his new home a few years ago, he set aside much space for his hobby. Drawer and cabinet space in the kitchen was doubled to accommodate photographic materials, and a complete darkroom was built in the basement.

Mr. Peirce joined the company in 1915. He and his wife live at Narrows, Va.

OUR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS LIVED BETTER ELECTRICALLY IN 1957

Customers Used This Much More Electricity

For

This Much More Money

	Average Kwh Use		Increase	Average Annual Bill		Increase
	1957	1956		1957	1956	
Appalachian	3,094	2,809	10.1%	78.27	73.19	6.9%
Kentucky	2,535	2,282	11.1%	66.59	61.69	7.9%
Kingsport	6,944	6,678	4.0%	113.30	110.09	2.9%
I & M	4,607	4,267	8.0%	95.42	90.27	5.7%
Ohio Power	3,631	3,418	6.2%	84.26	80.82	4.3%
Wheeling	2,645	2,422	9.2%	70.63	66.64	6.0%
AGE System Average	3,587	3,318	8.1%	83.26	78.77	5.7%

Safe Driving Important In Our Companies; Abingdon District's Program Good Example

Safe driving is a personal responsibility. But to help employees know how to drive safely, our companies promote a vigorous safe driving program.

The 10-year-old Abingdon district operates a program similar to those in other districts. The idea behind such programs in all districts is to prevent driving accidents, and thus prevent injury, loss of life and property damage. As part of our general safety program, safe driving works under the idea that People Are The Company's Number One Asset.

What does Abingdon do to promote safe driving? There are a number of things.

Improvement

In 1949, a driver improvement program was held for all Abingdon employees who operate company equipment. Every two years a refresher course is held. Each new employee or employee whose job changes to one that requires him to operate a vehicle, is given a driving test.

Many of the regularly scheduled safety meetings are conducted on highway safety. On several occasions, the Virginia State Police have assisted with these programs.

Other things are done. Cars and trucks are inspected often to make sure they are mechanically sound. Safety posters, talks by supervisors, and many types of literature serve as constant reminders to employees that safe driving is safe living.

Driver Honors

Drivers who complete a year with-



Six-year-old Ellen helps her father, Roy Gregory, Abingdon meter serviceman, read a letter of congratulations from district manager C. K. Kirkland. Roy is being congratulated for driving safely for nine years, and with the letter received a card noting this fact. This is one phase of a safe driving program operating in the Abingdon district.

out an auto accident are honored by the district. Each of them is presented a Safe Driving Card, stating the number of years since January 1, 1949, when the program started, that he has driven without an accident in the Abingdon district. This year, 59 of 63 employees were presented these cards.

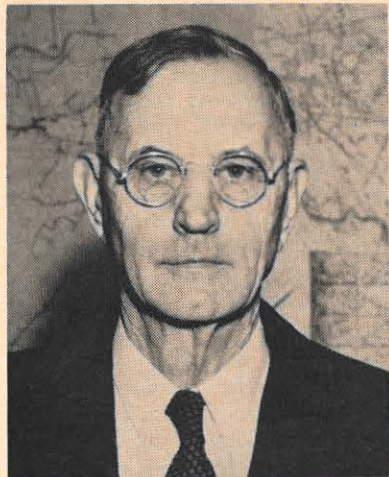
But what happens when an employee does have a traffic accident? In these cases the district has a "cure" that serves as an aid to prevention of additional accidents.

First the employee involved in an auto accident must file a report on it. A committee composed of his department supervisor, the safety supervisor and the transportation supervisor make an investigation and

report the facts to the regular supervisors' monthly operating conference. After a discussion, a vote is taken on whether the employee is responsible, contributed or did not contribute to the accident. A letter is written to the employee by the district manager informing him of the results of the investigation, how serious the accident could have been, the cost to the company and the importance of driving safely at all times.

Drivers involved in accidents are not condemned—they are helped so they may drive safely in the future. In this, and in other ways, Abingdon district, and all our districts, are helping Back The Attack On Traffic Accidents.

C. D. Mattox Ends Service As Clerk



Mr. Mattox

Charles D. Mattox, customer service clerk in the Lynchburg district local accounting department, retired February 1 after completing more than 14 years of service.

He was employed in 1943 as PBX operator and promoted to his last position in 1951. Before joining our company, he was employed as paymaster for the Big Vein Pocahontas Coal Company in West Virginia. He has also been a farmer and retail sales clerk.

A veteran of World War I, he served with the U. S. Army Air Force from 1917 to 1919. He was promoted from the rank of private to sergeant first class.

At a dinner in his honor, fellow employees presented him with a wrist watch. He also received a waffle iron and grill from the Apelcoes Club.

His plans for retirement are indefinite, but he believes he will "take life easy" and follow his two hobbies, gardening and hunting.

Married, he has one son.

Landon King Named To Honor Societies

Landon Thomas King, son of E. E. King, Williamson district superintendent, has recently been initiated into two honorary organizations at the University of Kentucky.

He has become a member of the Lancers, a junior men's honorary society, and the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, electrical engineering honorary fraternity.

He is also treasurer of his social fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Last year he was initiated into the Keys, an honorary sophomore society.



Mr. King

Beckley Engineer Heads Society Group

Felix E. Fisher has been elected president of the Appalachian Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers.

The Beckley electrical engineer has been a member for 11 years and has held the offices of vice president and secretary-treasurer.

He joined the company at Charleston August 25, 1938 as a distribution engineer and went to Beckley in 1946. He became electrical engineer October 1, 1953. A native of Flat Woods, W. Va., he graduated from West Virginia University.



Mr. Fisher

Beckley Credit Union Officers



New officers have been elected to serve the Beckley Electric Credit Union for 1958. Front row from left are: R. E. Presley, president, and P. W. Burks, board member. Back row from left: H. F. Thomasson, secretary-treasurer; J. E. Hammer, assistant secretary-treasurer, and H. F. Arnott, vice president.

Employees Promoted To Engineering, Maintenance Positions At Sporn Plant

Six employees have been promoted at Philip Sporn plant.

Charles H. Evans, results engineer, has been promoted to plant engineer, succeeding Russell E. Senter, who was named assistant manager of Clinch River plant earlier. James P. Gilbert, assistant results engineer, has become results engineer, and Robert Johnston, test engineer, has moved up to assistant results engineer.

Howard J. Rader, maintenance supervisor, has become project engineer. Edwin L. Stein, Jr., maintenance foreman, has been promoted to maintenance supervisor, and has been succeeded by Homer R. Gordon, master maintenance man, as maintenance foreman.

Mr. Evans, new plant engineer, joined the company July 18, 1949 as a test engineer. He became assistant results engineer in 1952 and results engineer in 1954. A native of Meigs County, O., he graduated from Ohio University with a BS degree in electrical engineering. A three-year veteran of the Army, he is married.

Mr. Gilbert, new results engineer, joined the company February 1, 1951 as a junior test engineer and became assistant results engineer in 1954. Born at Monongah, W. Va., he graduated from West Virginia University with a BS degree in mechanical engineering. He is married and has two children. He served two years in the Army.

Mr. Johnston, new assistant results engineer, joined the company as junior test engineer July 9, 1951 and became test engineer in 1952. A native of Washington, Pa., he is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a BS degree in mechanical engineering. He is past president of the Lions Club and active in Scout work. He is married and has four children.

Mr. Rader, new project engineer, was employed as a boiler repairman at Cabin Creek plant June 5, 1927. He later served as fireman, head fire-



Mr. Evans

Mr. Gilbert



Mr. Johnston

Mr. Rader



Mr. Stein

Mr. Gordon

man, boiler room man and assistant watch engineer. He went to Ohio Power's Tidd plant in 1945 as shift operating engineer and came to Sporn in 1949 in the same job. He was promoted to plant engineer in 1952 and to maintenance supervisor in 1954.

A native of Winifred, W. Va., he attended East Bank High School. He is a registered stationary steam engineer, is married and has one daughter.

Mr. Stein, new maintenance supervisor, was employed at Kenova plant in the Huntington district December 21, 1936 as a maintenance man. He later became assistant chemist and junior engineer, and transferred to Tidd plant in 1946 as master maintenance man. He came to Sporn in 1949 in the same job. He was promoted to maintenance foreman in 1950.

A native of Wayne County, W. Va., he graduated from Ceredo Kenova High School. He is a two-year veteran of the Navy, president of the New Haven Rotary Club, married and has two children.

Mr. Gordon, new maintenance foreman, was employed January 4, 1950 as a maintenance helper. He became a maintenance man and in 1952 was promoted to master maintenance man. A native of Gallia County, O., he attended Middleport, O., High School and served six years in the Navy. He is married and has one child.

March Money



Cabin Creek Plant employees raised a total of \$155.45 for the annual March of Dimes drive. Here, W. A. Martin, mechanical maintenance helper, presents the money to Mrs. Nathan Maddox, assistant chairman of the local March of Dimes drive.

Winning Towns Given Awards

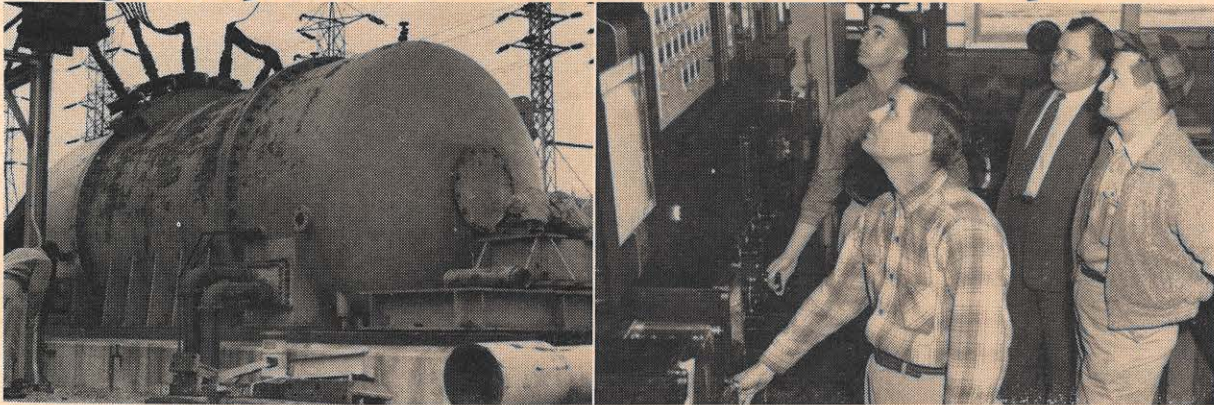
Winners of the second annual Better Eastern Kentucky Community Improvement Contest were announced February 28 by Rufus P. Thomas, Kentucky Power industrial development representative. The contest was sponsored by Kentucky Power in cooperation with Eastern Kentucky banks and financial institutions.

The winners of Group I, including towns up to 1,200 in population, were South Shore first, West Liberty second, and Salyersville, third. The first three winners in Group II, respectively, were Vanceburg, Grayson and Greenup. Group II towns were from 1,201 to 2,000 in population. First three winners of Group III, including towns from 2,001 to 10,000 in population were Paintsville, Hazard and Catlettsburg, respectively.

Fifteen eastern Kentucky communities entered the competition by submitting scrapbooks showing their progress in 1957. This represented an increase of three entries over the previous year. First place winners received \$150, second place \$100 and third place \$50. Each community receiving an award was obligated to use the money in promoting its 1958 campaign.

Winners' scrapbooks have been entered in the state-wide contest sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Big Project At Turner Station Completed



LEFT: J. G. Tapley, system substation engineer, inspects the new 50,000 Kva synchronous condenser just completed at Turner transmission station. He was in charge of the installation. RIGHT: Bill Ferrell, regional chief operator, foreground, turns the switch that puts the condenser on the line. Others are from left: Bill Bacchus, system station operator; N. J. Burnside, system operations coordinator; and M. L. Hayzlett, system station man.

Installation of a giant synchronous condenser and transformer to provide more efficient service to Charleston and Huntington area customers has been completed at Turner station.

Turner, located at Institute in the Charleston district, is the switching point for 132,000-volt circuits from Philip Sporn, Logan, Cabin Creek and Kanawha River plants. The additions at Turner will provide for more efficient operation of these plant generators and lines.

The 50,000 Kva synchronous con-

denser was installed to allow for more capacity on the transmission lines from the station. The transformer, stepping power down from 132,000 to 66,000 to 11,000 volts, provides for a 66,000-volt sub-transmission

system in the area. Part of this system has been completed in the adjacent Point Pleasant district.

Work on the \$1-million installation began in mid-1956 and was completed recently.

Appalachian Participation In 'Notes' For February Strong; Seven Contribute

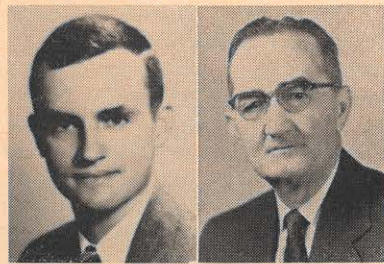
Seven Appalachian employees were authors of six articles appearing in the February 1958 issue of AGE's *Monthly Operating Notes*.

W. G. Gourley, Fieldale district superintendent, wrote "Safe Storage Of Explosives", in which he described the construction and location of storage cabinets for dynamite and explosive caps. They have been constructed for maximum safety and located a safe distance from any other object or construction.

"How Temperature, Humidity Influence Demand" was written by W. L. Young, Jr., summer employee of system operating, now back in school, and H. E. McCormack, superintendent of system operations. Subtitled "A Progress Report", the article is a report on studies made of temperature and humidity and how they influence demand. The studies began in the summer of 1954 and the report carries them through 1957. The findings are described in detail, and questions that are often asked about the investigation are also answered in the article.

W. J. Buchanan, Jr., Kanawha River plant maintenance supervisor, was the author of "Long-Life Lamps Reduce Lighting Costs \$2,200". He tells of his plant deciding to change shorter-life, brighter lamps for ones that lasted longer, thus saving many manhours of replacement time and much material cost. These lamps are used for general illumination.

Another Kanawha employee, George Youell, Jr., instrument maintenance man, wrote "Recorder String Stretcher Cuts Costs." He describes an instrument built at the plant to straighten cat-gut strings when they are being installed on temperature recorders.



Mr. Young Mr. McCormack



Mr. Buchanan Mr. Youell



Mr. Frier Mr. Carnifax

"Safety Idea Has Other Training Uses" was written by Jack B. Frier, Abingdon district personnel supervisor. He describes a treasure chest he uses in safety meetings. The chest is filled with objects used to make work safer, and as he pulls each object from the chest he discusses it and its importance. This method, according to Mr. Frier, has proved effective in getting across safety messages.

Leonard Carnifax, Cabin Creek plant mechanical maintenance man, wrote "Fan Outage Time Cut By Special Puller." He tells of a puller designed to use when bearings on forced-draft fans are being replaced. The puller saves time and effort.

Two Engineers Receive Promotions; One Added To Staff At Glen Lyn Plant

Two engineers have received promotions at the Glen Lyn plant and a third has been added to the staff.

Robert H. Walton, Jr., who has been serving as results engineer, was promoted to plant engineer. Robert Barns Ratliff has been promoted from test to results engineer and Sandy Kermit Pennington has been employed as test engineer.

Mr. Walton was employed at the plant in 1949 after graduating from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg. He received a mechanical engineering degree. Since his employment, he has served as mechanical engineer, boiler maintenance foreman and test engineer.

During 1954 and 1955, he was assigned to the AGE system's New York office where he helped compile instructions on the instruments and various controls in the No. 6 unit at the plant. He is a World War II veteran. Active in the Rich Creek Baptist Church, he is a Deacon and Sunday School teacher. With his wife and two children, he resides at Rich Creek.

Mr. Ratliff began employment with the company in 1950. He has also served as assistant chemist and mechanical engineer. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a mechanical engineering degree and was also assigned to the AGE New York office in 1955 writing instructions for the unit No. 6 manual. He was with the Air Force in World War II. He resides at Narrows with his wife and three children.

Mr. Pennington is a graduate of West Virginia University with a degree in electrical engineering. He is a native of Speedway, W. Va., and he attended Concord Training School prior to his enrollment in the University.



Mr. Walton Mr. Ratliff

John D. Dalton Retires At Welch



Mr. Dalton

John D. Dalton, 65, Welch district line supervisor, retired March 1 after more than 34 years of service.

He began his continuous service in 1923 with some broken service prior to that time. He has served as patrolman, foreman, line foreman and general foreman.

He recalled that his days of broken service with a construction crew were hard since the crews stayed in camps in the field. He remembers that crewmen then made \$1.50 a day and paid 52 cents daily for room and board. Each man was required to present a tag to the paymaster in order to receive monthly wages. He remembers going without pay for two months after losing his tag.

At a party given in his honor, Mr. Dalton was presented with some luggage.

A veteran of World War I, he served 14 months in France. He is a member of the VFW.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton have four children, two boys and two girls, and five grandchildren.

Abingdon Man To Lead Festival

James E. Prater has been elected president of the 1958 Burley Tobacco Festival and Farm Show.

The Abingdon heating and builder sales representative just completed a three-year term as Junior Chamber of Commerce representative to the Festival steering committee, and was selected by committee members to head the entire proceedings. He was chairman of the parade last year.

Mr. Prater was employed in September 1948 as rural sales representative and was appliance serviceman before rising to his present position. He is past president of the Jaycees and active in other civic groups. Married and the father of two children, he is a member of the Abingdon Baptist Church.



Mr. Prater

J. A. Ferrell Is Recent Retiree



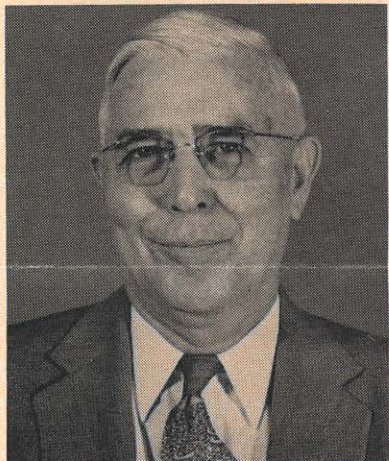
Mr. Ferrell

J. A. Ferrell, Point Pleasant district administrative assistant, retired February 1 after almost 35 years of service.

Mr. Ferrell joined our company in 1923 as a bookkeeper in the Charleston district where he was promoted to rural solicitor. In 1942 he was transferred to Point Pleasant as local superintendent. He has a perfect safety record with no disabling injuries during his employment.

He is active in church affairs, and his hobbies are hunting and fishing. Married, he has one son and one grandson.

Charlestonian Ends Service



Mr. Dabney

In 1936, Oscar W. Dabney joined our company with the intention of working three months when the company was first installing demand meters. On March 1 the Charleston district right-of-way agent retired after 21 years continuous service.


He explains his decision to stay with the company this way: "Things kept turning up until I had been here a year. That automatically made me a regular employee." He added that he looks back with pleasure on his work and "would not change a single thing" if he had it to do over.

Mr. Dabney worked on meter and service location jobs until 1942 when he was made a dispatcher of trucks in an effort to conserve gasoline, oil and tires during wartime shortages.

In addition to his continuous service, Mr. Dabney had eight years broken service with the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company. He was employed for five years with the Staunton, Va., Lighting Company and spent five years in the electrical contracting business.

About his retirement, he says he has looked forward to the time when he and his wife would be "free to do as we please." "We have planned all our lives and looked forward to the time when we wouldn't have to plan," he stated.

A native of Staunton, he received a masters degree in accounting from Dunsmore Business College and has completed correspondence courses. He is a veteran of World War I. He and his wife have one son, one daughter and six grandchildren.



ALL-Electric Homes Box Score

Electric heat is being enjoyed in the following number of homes in our three-company area:

	Employees	Customers	Total
Appalachian	255	1379	1634
Kentucky	28	113	141
Kingsport	26	1852	1878
Total	309	3344	3653

One 40, Three 35-Year Service Pins Presented Four Appalachian Veterans

Service emblems for 40 and 35 years of service have been presented to four Appalachian employees.

Carl H. Murray of system purchasing has completed 40 years, while A. W. Brendel of Charleston and Charles E. Carroll and Clarence E. Tennant of Philip Sporn plant have reached the 35-year mark.

C. H. Murray

March 1, 1918 was the day Carl H. Murray joined Appalachian at Logan. In 1926 he went to Charleston as storekeeper, and became division stores supervisor in 1936. He was promoted to system purchasing and stores assistant in Roanoke in 1956.

He is a member of the Virginia Heights Baptist Church and is a World War I veteran. He has a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.

A. W. Brendel

A. W. Brendel, Charleston district personnel assistant, joined the Virginia Power Company, Appalachian predecessor, on February 1, 1923 as secretary to the manager.

When the safety program was organized in the district in 1929 he was placed in charge of it. He also handled insurance work for the company. He was appointed personnel assistant when the personnel department was organized in 1951.

Born in Ohio, he is a graduate of the St. George Commercial College in Cincinnati. He was supervising clerk at the Naval Ordnance plant in Charleston before joining the company. Mr. Brendel is married.

C. E. Carroll

Charles E. Carroll joined the company February 11, 1923 as a laborer at the Windsor plant of the Beech Bottom Power Company. He later became a boiler room man, turbine operator and assistant boiler room foreman. He came to Sporn in 1949 as assistant shift operating engineer and became a shift operating engineer in 1952.

Forty Children Of Our Employees Vying For Awards

A total of 40 students from our three companies are among the 123 from AGE who have entered the 1958 competition for 10 AGE System Education Awards of \$500 each.

Twenty-nine of these are from Appalachian, nine are from Kentucky, and one each from Kingsport and Philip Sporn plant. In the other AGE companies, 42 entered from Ohio Power, 28 from Indiana & Michigan Electric, eight from the AGE Service Corporation, three from Beech Bottom and two from Wheeling Electric.

Three awards each will be presented to winners from Appalachian and Ohio Power. Two awards will be made to winners from I&M, and another will go to the winner from the AGE Service Corporation. The tenth award will go to the winner from the group consisting of the other AGE companies, which include Kentucky, Kingsport and Sporn.

Deadline for entering this year's competition was January 24. Eligible to enter were employees' sons and daughters who plan to enter the freshman year at a degree-granting institution in the fall to pursue a course leading to a baccalaureate degree. Applicants will take a competitive exam, the Standard College Entrance Board Scholastic Aptitude Test, on Saturday morning, March 15, in key cities in or near our service area.



Mr. Murray

Mr. Brendel



Mr. Carroll

Mr. Tennant

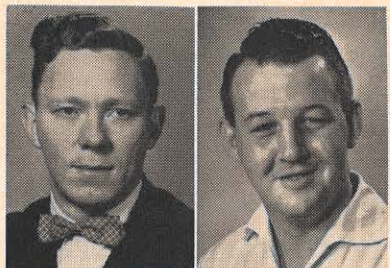
A native of New Martinsville, W. Va., he attended the Pleasant Valley School. He is active in civic affairs, having served as assistant leader of the 4-H Club and commissioner for the Boy Scouts. He is married and has two children.

C. R. Tennant

Clarence R. Tennant, also Sporn plant shift operating engineer, joined the company February 22, 1923 as a laborer at Windsor plant of Beech Bottom Power. He served as boiler room man, boiler operator and assistant boiler room foreman before coming to Sporn as assistant shift operating engineer in 1949. He became shift operating engineer in 1953.

Born at Eight Mile Road, W. Va., he attended Reader High School. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Lions Club, is married and has eight children.

Logan Plant Men Go To New Jobs



Mr. Adams

Mr. Woolcock

Two men have been promoted at Logan plant to fill vacancies left when earlier two were transferred to Appalachian's new Clinch River plant at Carbo. Lanna D. Adams has been named administrative assistant, and D. F. Woolcock has been promoted to chief chemist.

Mr. Adams, who replaces Jack R. Blankenship, joined the company in 1950 as a laborer. He has worked as a utility operator, mechanical maintenance helper and electrical maintenance helper before his last promotion. A graduate of Chapmanville High School, he attended National Business College in Roanoke and Marshall College in Huntington. He is married and has one son. An active member of the Striker Bible Church at Chapmanville, he is a deacon and Sunday School teacher.

Mr. Woolcock replaces Ray G. McComas as chief chemist. Joining the company in 1951, Mr. Woolcock has served as a laboratory attendant, chemist assistant and chemist. A graduate of Logan High School, he attended Marshall College and has taken correspondence courses in analytical chemistry. He is a regular member of the plant basketball and softball teams. Married, he has a son and daughter.



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Beckley District

G. D. COVEY from commercial sales representative to area sales representative; R. L. HARDY from lineman B to lineman A; T. L. HUMPHRIES from area sales representative to commercial sales representative; J. C. KEATON from station man C to station man B; EMORY R. MILLER from area sales representative to dealer sales representative; TONEY PALLARES from area sales representative to heating and builder sales representative; W. E. WARD, JR., from lineman A to area serviceman; QUENTIN WICKLINE from area sales representative to dealer sales representative; A. E. ZUTAUT from lineman A to area serviceman.

Bluefield District

THALIA B. MATHENA from junior meter clerk to stenographer; DOUGLAS V. ROACH from meterman B to appliance serviceman A; DAVID K. SPIVEY from print machine operator to tracer; ALFRED H. WHITE from appliance serviceman B to photographer and reproduction man.

Charleston District

C. R. AUSTIN from Montgomery area sales representative to Charleston dealer sales representative; W. C. COLLINS from St. Albans area sales representative to Charleston dealer sales representative; RALPH HOLMES from groundman to lineman C; LENDON R. JIVIDEN from area sales representative to dealer sales representative; W. G. MCGRAW from area sales representative to dealer sales representative, Montgomery; WALTER H. MINSKER from area sales representative to heating and builder sales representative; JOHN E. MOSS from groundman to lineman C; FELIX PORTER from lineman C to lineman B; MARY J. QUICKLE, clerk-typist, from Charleston to St. Albans; ROBERT S. YOUNG from area sales representative to heating and builder sales representative.

Huntington District

R. T. BEATTY from meter serviceman C to meter serviceman B; M. H. COTTLE from junior PBX operator to junior T&D clerk; H. C. DAVIS from line inspector to electrical engineer; KEITH ROWE from junior T&D clerk to line inspector.

Logan Plant

ELIZABETH L. EGNOR from clerk-stenographer to stenographer; EDITH F. HAINER from stenographer to results clerk.

Lynchburg District

JOYCE A. BROWN from engineering stenographer to managerial secretarial-stenographer.

Point Pleasant District

JAMES W. BRYANT from Ripley meter reader to Point Pleasant junior T&D clerk; C. E. FOWLER, JR., from lineman B to lineman A.

Pulaski District

JOHNNY R. KIDD from groundman to truck driver-groundman.

Philip Sporn Plant

JESSE M. ABEL from maintenance man to master maintenance man; EDWARD P. DUFFY from helper to junior maintenance man; LEO C. HILL from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; CHARLES D. KENNEDY from helper to junior maintenance man; CARL D. KING from junior maintenance man to maintenance man; CHARLES F. KING from junior maintenance man to auxiliary equipment operator; WILLIAM A. OHLINGER from helper to junior maintenance man; CARL E. SEARLS from helper to junior maintenance man; WILLIAM T. SOULSBY from helper to junior maintenance man; OREN L. WRIGHT from helper to auxiliary equipment operator.

System

W. M. HAULSEE from truck driver-groundman, Pulaski, to system station operator C, Kanawha station.

Welch District

THOMAS B. HENLEY, JR., from draftsman senior to right-of-way agent.

Kentucky Power Company

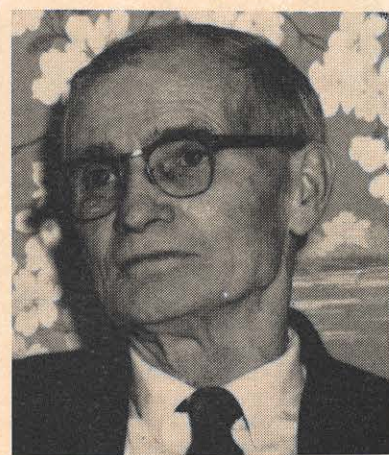
Ashland District

CHARLES D. HOWARD from meter serviceman B to meter serviceman A; RICHARD HUTCHINSON, JR., from laborer to engineering junior clerk.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

FAIN W. LEAMON from instrument man to engineering aide.

William Jennings Ends Long Service



Mr. Jennings

William Palmer Jennings, Ansted area serviceman of the Beckley district, retired January 31 after more than 23 years' continuous service. His broken service record dates back to 1926.

Mr. Jennings was first employed as a utility man.

A native of Blue Creek, W. Va., he attended schools at Big Fork. He is a loyal sports fan of Ansted High teams where his two teen-age boys attend school. His hobbies are hunting and fishing, and he plans to devote time to both during retirement.

Two Promoted At Cabin Creek



Mr. Brier

Mr. Willis

G. E. Briers, Jr., has been promoted to plant engineer at the Cabin Creek plant, and O. E. Willis has been named his successor as results engineer.

Mr. Briers was employed at the plant as a junior mechanical engineer in 1951. He was promoted to mechanical engineer before being made results engineer. A mechanical engineering graduate of West Virginia University, he is a member of the Chelyan Lions Club and is a veteran of three years' Navy duty. Married, he is the father of two children.

Mr. Willis was employed as test engineer in 1954. He had previously been employed by du Pont at Belle and the Kanawha Manufacturing Company in Charleston. He was graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is a registered professional engineer and a member of A.S.M.E. He is married and the father of four children.

Repairman's Son Plays In State Band

A Fieldale district employee's son has participated in the all-state band concert held at Wytheville for his second time.



Richard McBride

Richard W. McBride, son of Aubrey W. McBride, repairman, was chosen first trombone in this year's concert band.

The 17-year-old musician is a junior in Fieldale High School.

Veterans Honored



W. C. Collins
Charleston
30 Years



M. J. Ozee
Hazard
25 Years



O. D. Smith
Roanoke
25 Years



James Booth, Jr.
Abingdon
20 Years



T. M. Roberts
System
20 Years



C. J. Crawford
Charleston
20 Years



G. N. Rutherford
Welch
20 Years



R. A. Melton
Pulaski
20 Years



Appalachian Electric Power Company

Abingdon District—20 YEARS: JAMES BOOTH, JR., assistant local office manager; 5 YEARS: RHEA ALLEY WELLS, authorization clerk.

Beckley District—10 YEARS: JAMES C. BARKER, dealer sales representative; 5 YEARS: HARRY A. WILTON, JR., engineering aide.

Bluefield District—15 YEARS: MILDRED H. BISHOP, stenographer; 10 YEARS: LOIS K. ROUNION, secretarial-stenographer.

Cabin Creek Plant—15 YEARS: J. D. ARTHUR, boiler operator; N. E. BASS, control operator; H. W. BELCHER, boiler operator; E. E. FARRELL, boiler operator; GENEVIEVE FARRY, PBX operator; J. H. MARTIN, turbine operator; R. A. MILLER, boiler operator; H. D. MOORE, boiler operator; EARL O'NEAL, boiler operator; 5 YEARS: E. E. CRIST, electrical maintenance helper.

Charleston District—35 YEARS: A. W. BRENDEN, personnel assistant; 30 YEARS: W. C. COLLINS, dealer sales representative; 20 YEARS: C. J. CRAWFORD, auto repairman; 10 YEARS: L. R. JIVIDEN, dealer sales representative; C. H. WALL, station man; S. C. MORRIS, JR., meterman; BETTY M. SMITH, merchandise order and billing clerk; 5 YEARS: D. R. HUFFMAN, T&D clerk.

Clinch River Plant—5 YEARS: RAY G. McCOMAS, chief chemist.

Fieldale District—10 YEARS: A. W. McBRIDE, auto repairman; 5 YEARS: J. B. WOOD, meter reader.

Huntington District—10 YEARS: FREDERICK G. BRUCE, station man; FRANK W. CHAPMAN, janitor; 5 YEARS: LOUISE E. BROWN, private secretary.

Kanawha River Plant—5 YEARS: H. D. EDELMAN, guard; H. T. FERRELL, JR., guard; F. W. HOLDREN, helper; J. L. JOHNSON, helper; C. E. MURPHY, auxiliary equipment operator.

Logan District—10 YEARS: FLOYD HAYNER, rodman.

Logan Plant—15 YEARS: OPIE PRIDEMORE, guard; LEE A. SINGLETON, mechanical maintenance mechanic.

Lynchburg District—5 YEARS: ANNE C. SHOWALTER, clerk-stenographer.

Pulaski District—20 YEARS: RUPERT A. MELTON, meter serviceman; 15 YEARS: JESSIE B. SMITH, hydro maintenance man; 10 YEARS: HORACE L. HONEYCUTT, hydro operator.

Roanoke District—25 YEARS: O. D. SMITH, station man; 10 YEARS: B. M. GRISSO, appliance serviceman; J. E. LONG, janitor; G. L. MURPHY, janitor.

Philip Sporn Plant—35 YEARS: CHARLES E. CARROLL, shift operating engineer; CLARENCE R. TENNANT, shift operating engineer; 5 YEARS: RALPH S. FINK, material clerk; EDWARD N. HUMPHREY, filter plant operator and sampler.

System—40 YEARS: CARL H. MURRAY, system purchasing and stores assistant; 20 YEARS: THOMAS M. ROBERTS, system civil engineering chief draftsman; 15 YEARS: BERTHA B. GRUBB, system accounting addressograph operator; 10 YEARS: PAULINE SMITH, system accounting prepare clerk; N. C. TURNER, system tax accounting clerk; J. W. WHITENACK, system accounting bill printing addressing operator; 5 YEARS: H. E. DIXON, utility operator, Radford Arsenal steam plant; I. B. MILLER, auxiliary equipment operator, Radford Arsenal steam plant; CLYDE NECESSARY, plant clerk, Radford Arsenal steam plant; HELEN L. THOMPSON, system accounting peg bar calculating machine operator-clerk; V. N. WILLIAMS, system accounting invoice and order clerk; J. K. YATES, auxiliary equipment operator, Radford Arsenal steam plant.

Welch District—20 YEARS: G. N. RUTHERFORD, meterman; 10 YEARS: J. W. BOOTH, lineman; J. B. RHODY, meterman.

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Hazard District—25 YEARS: MORGAN J. OZEE, district personnel supervisor.

Pikeville District—10 YEARS: OTTIS BLANKENSHIP, meter reader.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

15 YEARS: O. E. McCLELLAN, groundman.

Roanoke . . .

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Roanoke District

J. L. White, division supervising engineer, has been re-elected to the presidency of the Roanoke Hospital Service Association, the Blue Cross organization serving 26 counties in Southwest Virginia.

J. E. Jones, division area development representative, and I. B. Peters, district personnel supervisor have been appointed to the speakers bureau for Roanoke's \$8-million school bond referendum.

Mary Lou Wirt, cashier, has returned to work after an extended illness.

R. F. Bowman, former temporary employee and son of F. E. Bowman, assistant residential and rural sales supervisor, received a degree in business administration from Bridgewater College.

B. H. McKeever, meter supervisor, was elected an elder of the Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church. He has also been elected junior deacon of Virginia Heights Masonic Lodge.

Mrs. T. W. Abshire, wife of the meter serviceman, has returned home after hospitalization.

W. P. Booker, district manager, was elected for a three-year term to the board of directors of the Roanoke Valley United Fund. He has also been named chairman of a ten-man committee to study the feasibility of a new municipal auditorium in Roanoke.

Sympathy is extended Reva Kirk Bratton, cashier, on the death of her father.

R. E. "Toby" Slaydon, area sales representative; P. H. Lynch, rodman; and C. S. Chapman, R/w agent, attended the 180th Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia in Richmond.

L. R. "Zeke" Thomas, meterman, is improving at home.

T. A. Kirby, district safety director, gave a talk on the purposes of first aid training to the Rocky Mount Home Demonstration Club.

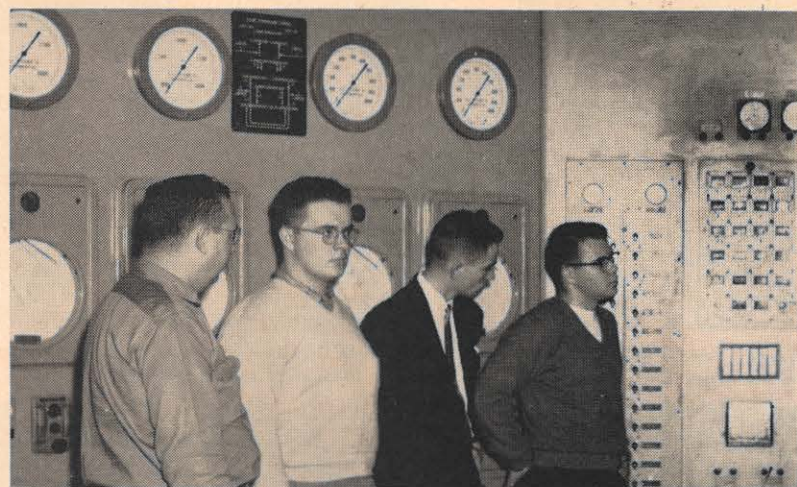
H. Miles Smythers, Rocky Mount area sales representative, was elected vice chairman of the Franklin County Red Cross fund raising campaign.

Raymond Martin, Rocky Mount area superintendent, has been elected to the board of directors of the Rocky Mount Retail Merchants Association.

James R. Bryant, working foreman, has returned to work after an absence of several months.

Jack, son of A. J. Good, lineman, showed color slides and made a talk at the monthly supervisor's meeting on his recent trip to Pakistan as an exchange student.

Students Tour Three Plants Observing Electrical Week



W. W. McColgan, results engineer at Kanawha River plant, left, explains the slag blower controls for unit one at the plant to a group of West Virginia State College students. Science and engineering students from that school and Charleston Catholic High School, Montgomery High School and West Virginia Institute of Technology were conducted by guides through the plant operating, maintenance and engineering departments. H. C. Skaggs, Jr., plant manager, preceded the tours with a talk on how coal is turned into electricity. The tours were part of Kanawha's and Appalachian's observance of Science-Youth Day and National Electrical Week.

High school and college students toured three plants as our company observed Science-Youth Day February 11.

This day, which came during National Electrical Week, was set aside nationally for youth, who were given an opportunity to learn, first-hand, from engineers the scientific skills needed in the electric industry. February 11 was picked for Science-Youth Day because it was the birthday of Thomas A. Edison, called the "father of practical electricity."

Actually, students toured our plants

at different times during the entire week. A total of 181 high school and college science students toured Kanawha River plant, another 123 high school students went through Philip Sporn plant, and 1,089 high school students toured Glen Lyn plant.

At these plants, the students observed how coal is turned into electricity, following the producing of kilowatts through the various plant stages. Employees were on hand to explain the operation.

National Electrical Week was observed by electric utilities, electrical equipment manufacturers and distributors and many other businesses within the electric industry. Object of the week was to emphasize the importance electricity has played in the lives of everyone.

Stanley Dahmer Gets Division Post

Stanley P. Dahmer has been named Charleston division payroll supervisor. He was promoted from assistant payroll supervisor, replacing Sidney C. Smith, who had previously been assigned to the system accounting office.



Mr. Dahmer

Mr. Dahmer joined Appalachian in 1938 as accounting department clerk. He has also served as payroll clerk and clerk-special.

A Navy veteran, he saw action in the Pacific theatre. He was born in Maxwellton, W. Va., and graduated from Frankford High School and the Charleston School of Commerce.

He is married and the father of two daughters.

Clyde A. Marshall Receives Promotion

Clyde A. Marshall of Beckley district has been promoted from senior T&D clerk to T&D records supervisor.

Mr. Marshall joined Appalachian in 1949 as a laborer. He has served as groundman, clerk and junior T&D clerk. He was promoted to senior T&D clerk in 1957.

A graduate of Pulaski High School, he is presently taking an accounting course through correspondence school. He is married and resides in Beckley.

Ernest Biggs Named To System Position

Ernest R. Biggs has been promoted from Beckley district stores clerk to assistant system stores auditor in Roanoke's system accounting office.

Mr. Biggs was graduated from Beckley College in 1949 with an associate degree in business administration. He joined Appalachian in 1950 as an office messenger in the Beckley local accounting office. He was made stores clerk in 1953.

Married, he is a member of Beckley Moose Lodge No. 1606 and A. F. & A. M. No. 95 in Beckley.



Mr. Biggs

Employee Teaches Handicapped



Ryland Y. Bailey, standing left, Bluefield district area sales representative, Ag. Engineer, recently instructed this group of handicapped children in lamp making. The children, ages two through 16, are members of the Sunshine Workers' 4-H Club which has 22 members in Ramsey Junior High in Bluefield. Standing at right of table are the two teachers who instruct the group from first grade through high school, Mrs. Mary Thompson and Miss Edith Tuggle.

Seven Couples Married Recently



Recently married were from left: Mrs. Ronald M. Wilson, Williamson; Mrs. Robert O. Baird, Point Pleasant; Mrs. Joseph F. Burnett, Pulaski; and Mrs. Jack R. Strange, Williamson.



Also married were from left: Mrs. Gerald Eugene Hackworth, Williamson; Mrs. Avon G. White, Logan plant; and Mrs. T. Richard Mann, Lynchburg.

Varney-Hackworth

Patsy Ruth Varney became the bride of Gerald Eugene Hackworth February 1 at the South Williamson Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Hackworth is a commercial clerk-stenographer, Williamson.

Adkins-White

Agatha Yvonne Adkins and Avon G. White were married in a double ring ceremony read by Rev. Zack Browning, Logan plant guard. Mr. White is a time clerk at Logan plant.

Carrico-Wilson

Margaret Ann Carrico was married recently to Ronald Mack Wilson. Mrs. Wilson is the daughter of Everette Carrico, Williamson line foreman.

Francis-Strange

Highland Presbyterian Church at Canada, Ky., was the scene January 9 for the wedding of Peggy Joyce Francis and Jack Randall Strange. Mrs. Strange is a T&D engineering clerk-stenographer in Williamson.

Hatfield-Baird

Joan Lee Hatfield and Robert O. Baird were united in marriage January 31 at Red House, W. Va. Mrs. Baird is a Point Pleasant T&D record clerk-stenographer.

Sorority Sweetheart



Mrs. Irene Pauley, wife of Paul E. Pauley, Beckley district commercial sales representative, was chosen 1958 Valentine Queen at the annual Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Sweetheart Ball. Mrs. Pauley was chosen over seven other nominees for the title. Here, she is presented with a bouquet of roses by Price Calfee, Jr., president of the Beckley Chamber of Commerce.

Viars-Burnett

A ceremony performed February 8 at Woodlawn, Va., joined Emma Louise Viars and Joseph F. Burnett. Mr. Burnett is a Wytheville groundman in the Pulaski district and the son of Fred Burnett, Byllesby assistant hydro operator.

Baton Artist Listed Among Nation's Tops

A picture and biography of Melinda Lou Hervey is featured in the new national edition of "Who's Who In Baton Twirling."

She is the 15-year-old daughter of G. E. Hervey, Point Pleasant district manager. The annual list of the country's top baton twirlers is released by the National Baton Twirling Association and "Drum Major" magazine. Only 1,200 of the country's more than 500,000 active baton twirlers were featured in the *Who's Who*.

Brides-Elect Feted At Hazard Showers

Tommy Jean Gabbard and Margaret Baker, Hazard brides-elect, were recently honored with showers.

Hostesses for the shower for Miss Gabbard were Mrs. David Begley and Margie Wilder. Mrs. Barney Baker was hostess for Miss Baker's shower.

Attending the Gabbard shower were Dixie Napier, Joyce Combs, Eunice Dixon, Leyburn Cody, Margaret Baker, Mrs. Claude Combs, Mrs. Bob Muncy, Mrs. K. C. Brashear, Jr., Mrs. Pauline Garrett and Mrs. Dave Huff.

Attending the Baker shower were Joyce Combs, Wanda Napier, Wilma Jean Combs, Margie Wilder, Eunice Dixon, Dixie Napier, Leyburn Cody, Mrs. K. C. Brashear, Jr., Mrs. Claude Combs, Tommy Jean Gabbard, Mrs. David Begley, Mrs. Dave Huff, Mrs. Pauline Garrett, Mrs. Bob Muncy and Mrs. Louis Graef.

Miller-Mann

Jacqueline Aileen Miller became the bride of T. Richard Mann at the Elon Presbyterian Church on February 7. Mrs. Mann is the daughter of Lloyd M. Miller, Lynchburg district residential and rural sales supervisor.

Fraternity Honors College Sophomore

Judy Duncan, East Tennessee State College sophomore, has been selected sweetheart of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

The daughter of James T. Duncan, Kingsport local office manager, she is a member of Kappa Delta sorority and the ROTC Sponsor Corp. In her honor by the fraternity, she was chosen because she "represented the fraternity's idea of a perfect sweetheart."

Tireless Employee Teaches 791 Scouts To Cook In 1957

"Tireless" is perhaps a good word for Mrs. Helen Eaton.

The Ashland home service supervisor set a record for herself and for Kentucky Power when she taught cooking to a total of 791 Girl Scouts and their leaders during the year.

This far exceeds any number she has taught in any other year. The girls came from 12 Ashland area troops, and with Mrs. Eaton's training qualified for their proficiency badge in cooking. Classes were taught in the Ashland Company auditorium.

Mrs. Eaton joined Kentucky Power at Ashland February 3, 1930 as home economist and became home service supervisor January 1, 1948. She graduated from Carnegie Institute, earning a BS degree in home economics.

New Arrivals

Abingdon

MR. AND MRS. JAMES W. CALLAHAN, a daughter, Pamela Jayne, February 4. Mr. Callahan is a lineman.

Beckley

LT. AND MRS. M. T. RUPLE, a daughter, Lorena Anne. Lt. Ruple is on military leave of absence from the Beckley engineering department.

Bluefield

MR. AND MRS. JAMES D. CASSELL, a son, Michael Darden, February 5. Mr. Cassell is a Tazewell T&D clerk.

Charleston

MR. AND MRS. W. R. FINCH, a son, William Robert, Jr., February 19. Mr. Finch is a meter service helper.

MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK LAWRENCE, a son, Frederick Barry, February 15. Mr. Lawrence is a meter service helper.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL D. SLACK, a son, Jeffrey David, January 18. Mr. Slack is a Montgomery meter reader.

MR. AND MRS. BRYAN SMITHERS, a daughter, Kathleen Ann, February 5. Mrs. Smithers is a former clerk-stenographer in the T&D record section.

MR. AND MRS. CECIL TAYLOR, a daughter, Sandra Gayle, January 6. Mr. Taylor is an auto mechanic.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD WELLS, a daughter, Karen Elaine, January 22. Mr. Wells is a meter service helper.

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. M. W. STANLEY, a daughter, Beverly Lynn, February 14. Mr. Stanley is a laborer.

Logan

MR. AND MRS. RALPH H. BRAGG, a daughter, Mary Ann, February 11. Mr. Bragg is a Madison area meter serviceman.

MR. AND MRS. FLOYD HAYNER, a son, Edwin Phillip, February 13. Mr. Hayner is a roddman.

Pikeville

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM J. KENNEDY, a daughter, Teresa Lynn, February 15. Mr. Kennedy is a groundman.

Point Pleasant

MR. AND MRS. LORAIN CRUMP, a son, Jeff Allan, February 11. Mr. Crump is a lineman.

Pulaski

MR. AND MRS. E. E. FANNING, a son, February 15. Mr. Fanning is a Wytheville meterman.

Roanoke

MR. AND MRS. W. GENE WILLIS, a son, William Gene, Jr., January 30. Mrs. Willis is a former home service representative and the daughter of Mrs. Ruth Lucas, division commercial secretarial-stenographer.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. CARL J. GIBBS, a daughter, Carletta Geraldine, February 14. Mr. Gibbs is a labor department employee.

System

MR. AND MRS. J. O. ADDISON, a daughter, Linda Faith, January 15. Mr. Addison is a system operating employee at Holston station in Kingsport.

MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS E. PETERS, a daughter, Karan Elizabeth, January 21. Mr. Peters is a system transmission line employee, Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. FRED M. ROYAL, a daughter, Deborah Ann, December 31. Mr. Royal is a boiler operator at Radford Arsenal steam plant.

Welch

MR. AND MRS. LAWRENCE LANE, a son, James Edward, January 17. Mr. Lane is a lineman.

Charleston . . .

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Charleston District

Anne Calvert, accounting; Vernie Whitt, line section; William R. Finch, meter; Blake Sheets, division commercial; and Neil Smith, Turner station, are new employees.

Romeo Gulley, line foreman, Montgomery; Golda Johnson, managerial; D. F. Purvis, engineering; and Leno Bianchinotti, Turner station, have returned to work after extended illnesses.

Pauline Murray, division commercial, has resigned.

Dick Speas, hydro plant supervisor, has returned to work after recovering from an operation on his hand.

Chris Tardy, personnel, was elected secretary of the 51st Dale Carnegie graduating class in Charleston.

Beckley District

Carl W. Smith, line section, has been appointed Sunday School superintendent of the Mabscott Baptist Church where he also serves as president of the Young Adult Class.

Maggie B. Phillips is a new employee in Oak Hill accounting.

Sympathy is extended C. L. Honaker on the death of his father-in-law.

K. K. Keatley, lineman, has been elected president of the Teel School PTA.

Quentin H. Wickline, Rainelle area employee, has returned to work after hospitalization and surgery.

Harriet, daughter of W. H. Lively; Pamela, daughter of R. R. Smith; Phil, son of Paul P. Hancock; and Dewey and David, sons of D. H. Williams, are all recuperating at their homes after hospitalization.

They're Engaged

PATRICIA ANN FORBESS to Jackie Lee Ellis. Mr. Ellis is a clerk at Cabin Creek plant. PEGGY EVANS to Ronald Perry. Miss Evans is a Montgomery cashier, Charleston district.

DELORIS FIELDS to Ernest Colegrove. Mr. Colegrove is an office messenger in the Huntington district.

KATHLEEN TOONE to Barrie D. Booth. Miss Toone is a system accounting employee, Roanoke.

DELORES DOTSON to Thomas L. Lineberry. Miss Dotson is the daughter of W. L. Dotson, Galax truck driver-groundman in the Pulaski district.

Five Help Make Dinner Success



The high point of a recent dinner in the new Point Pleasant office auditorium was the announcement that Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company was going to build a plant at Apple Grove near Point Pleasant. But making a strong contribution to the success of the dinner were five Point Pleasant district women employees. These five offered to serve the dinner, which was held for Goodyear officials and attended by Point Pleasant business and civic leaders, news media people and Appalachian officials. Four of the five who did an outstanding job are shown above being congratulated by G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager. Absent when the picture was taken was Rose S. Martin, clerk-stenographer. Others are from left: Vonda L. Barnette, cashier; Alice Ann Bartlett, home service representative; Phyllis A. Miller, clerk-stenographer; and Donna M. McCoy, clerk-typist.

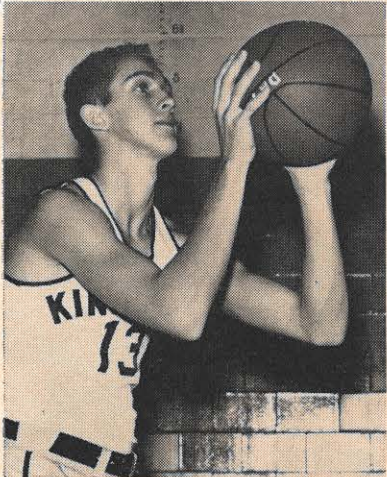
Four Teams Vie In Sporn Plant League



The recently-organized Philip Sporn plant basketball league has four teams which meet each Monday night at the New Wahama High School gym for an evening's competition. The majority of league players are pictured here. First row, from left are Robert Gilland, John Ferguson, Okey Killingsworth, Charles Allensworth, Wyllis

Davis, Jack Needs, Dorwin Clark, Lou Gilland, Delbert Murray and Ralph Gibbs, Jr. Second row, from left are Paul Roush, Gerald Arnold, Gerald Clark, Willis Dudding, James Haggerty, Robert Couch, Fred Smith, Harold Russell, Harry Pickens and Lawrence Lieving.

Defensive Ace



Defensive ace and first-string forward for Kingsport's undefeated Dobyns-Bennett High School is Clark Bryan, son of Clarence J. Bryan, assistant Kingsport general manager. Clark is his team's leading rebounder and has scored over 200 points in the school's 26 games, all of which the team has won. This has been called the best team in the school's history, and now the squad is playing in a district tournament with an eye to the state title. Clark, a junior, is six feet one inch tall. An interesting sidelight to the team's showing this year is a compilation of the number of game mistakes each player has made, such as bad passes, walking, throwing the ball away and so on. Clark has the lowest average on the team, making the fewest mistakes of any player.

Kilowatts End Fifth In Logan Tourney

The Logan district Kilowatt bowling team placed fifth in a city tournament held February 8 and 9. Members of the team are Alda Jones, Ann Pozega, Ona Murray, Ruby Walls, Oreltha Lambert and Frances Thompson.

Eleanor Cunningham, secretarial stenographer, and her partner won second place in doubles. Ruby Henritze, wife of retired employee T. L. Henritze, won first place in total pins with handicap. Mrs. Henritze and Mrs. Cunningham will participate in the State tournament at Parkersburg March 8 and 9.

Pikeville Employee Kills Wildcat Found Fighting Dogs In His Yard

On investigating a dog battle in his yard one noon recently, Mont Cline, Pikeville district general clerk, discovered that one of the main adversaries was a wildcat, an animal not often seen in that section.

After dogs had cornered it under an outbuilding of his Cowpen Creek home, Mr. Cline fired three shots into the big cat's head. This failed to completely subdue the animal, and a rake was employed to drag it from under the structure before the job was finished.

The wildcat measured 18 inches in height, was 30 inches from head to hindquarters and weighed 35 pounds. It is reputed to be a "fair" size record for wildcats in that region.

The cat's head was sent to Health Department officials for examination and found to be rabid, probably



Mont Cline, Pikeville district general clerk, shows the wildcat he found in his yard fighting dogs. Upon examination of the head, the wildcat was found to be rabid.

accounting for the cat's being found in a residential district during daylight. Mr. Cline has taken a series of anti-rabies inoculations, since he handled and skinned the diseased animal.

Rod And Gun Club Plans, Has Election

At a recent meeting of the Pikeville district Rod and Gun Club, officers were elected for 1958 and plans were made for improving the club's property on Dewey Lake.



Mr. Syck

This year, the club plans to erect a permanent cabin at the Dewey Lake site. Also, plans have been made to complete payments on the property. A membership drive is underway.

During 1957, picnic areas at the lake site were cleared of underbrush, the road was improved and the cabin site was cleared.

New officers are: V. A. Syck, president; Jess Collier, vice president; and Leon Huffman, secretary-treasurer. Members of the board include Ira Smith, Oscar Hamilton and Ireland Charles.

Robert L. Sayre Has Keen Ear For Music



Robert Sayre, Philip Sporn plant labor department, listens intently for that "just right" tone while tuning a piano. In his spare time, Mr. Sayre tunes pianos in several counties of Ohio and West Virginia.

Robert L. Sayre, Philip Sporn plant labor department, has a hobby which demands a keen ear for musical tones.

In his spare time, Mr. Sayre tunes, repairs and reconditions pianos. As the only piano tuner in his area, he works on an average of 10 pianos a month and estimates he has tuned between 300 and 400.

He acquired the skill while assisting his father on piano tuning jobs and continued the work after his father's retirement. His tuning services are called upon in several counties of Ohio and West Virginia.

Mr. Sayre was employed at the Philip Sporn plant in 1956. A native of Mason County, he attended Wahama High School. He and his wife reside in New Haven, W. Va.

Jerry West, One Of Best Basketballers In Nation, Pacing West Virginia Team

Pacing one of the nation's top college basketball teams is no small task, but that is what Jerry West is doing this season.

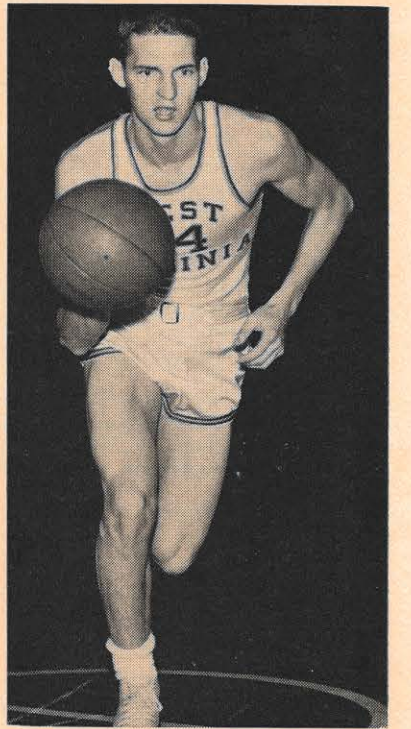
A summer employee at Cabin Creek plant last year, Jerry is the brother of Mrs. Hannah Coleman, Cabin Creek clerk-stenographer. Only 19 and a sophomore, the court wizard is leading West Virginia University to one of its best seasons. The school team has ranked first or second in the nation most of the year, and has lost only once.

At press time, Jerry had just been named to the All-Southern Conference first team.

Jerry's contributions have been many—he is leading the team in scoring and free throw accuracy and is second in rebounding. He is six feet three inches tall, about average for today's basketball players. But his jumping ability, which has become nationally famous, makes him a defensive threat on top of his offensive efforts.

His best scoring nights this season have been 37 points against Villanova, 23 against Pitt, 28 against Richmond and 21 against St. John's in Madison Square Garden. He was selected as an All-Tournament forward in the Kentucky Invitational Tournament earlier this season, when West Virginia defeated North Carolina and Kentucky for the title.

Jerry's fame as a basketball player began at East Bank High School. In 1956, his senior year, East Bank won the state Class A championship and Jerry, as captain of the team, averaged



Coming down for another basket is Jerry West, who is pacing West Virginia University to one of the best seasons in the school's history.

34 points a game for 28 games. His feats earned him selection to the high school All-America.

In his first year at West Virginia, he led the freshman team to an undefeated season. He averaged 19.5 points a game for 17 games, had a 48.7 per cent accuracy from the floor, 83.2 per cent accuracy from the free throw line, and gathered in 17.7 rebounds a game.

Prior to West Virginia's recent loss to Duke University, Jerry had played in 40 consecutive winning games, going back to his senior year in high school.

Line-Station Leads Roanoke Bowlers

In second half competition, Line-Station has taken first place in the Roanoke District bowling league. Meter-Distribution, first half winners, are in second place.

Line-Station has a 13-5 record compared to the second place team's 11-7 tally. L. G. Gregory of Line-Station holds high average with 110. K. K. Hubbard, Meter-Distribution, has high single game and high set with 161 and 387 respectively. Accounting No. 1 scored high team game of 592.

'World' Article Penned By Charleston Foreman

An article by M. D. Prowse, Charleston district line foreman, appeared in the February 10 issue of *Electrical World*.

The article was entitled "Board Facilitates Crew Dispatching" and appeared in the "How To" section of the magazine.

Proof Of Catch



Here's one fisherman who can prove his story. James Cook, Bluefield district building supervisor, holds a 35-pound king mackerel which he caught on a recent Florida fishing trip. The mackerel measures four feet one inch—and if you don't believe him, James has the mackerel in his freezer at home and he'll be glad to measure it again for non-believers.

Tap-Changers Take First Half Title



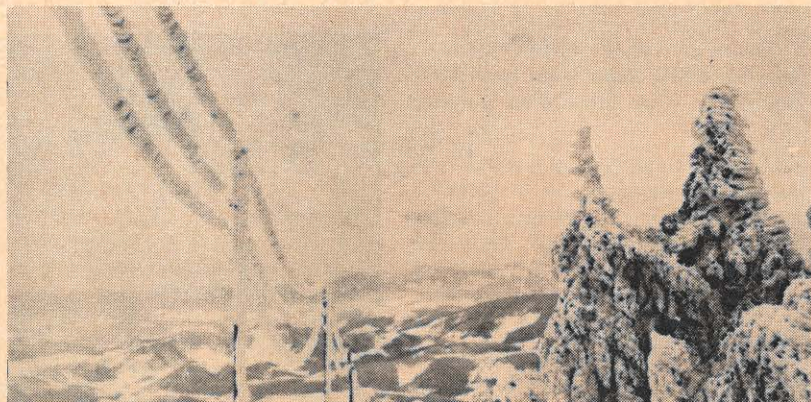
The Tap-Changers clinched the first half Williamson district bowling title with a 27-18 record. The Redikilowatts finished second with the Breakers in third place. Tap-Changers pictured from left are Hubert King, C. L. Miller, E. E. King, Hazel Farris, Harold "Tucker" Akers and E. J. Clouser. League high game was scored by Jack Maynard of the Redikilowatts with 219. Ernest Bevins of the Breakers had high series and high average with 544 and 150 respectively.

Maintenance Takes Tourney Honors



The Logan Plant Maintenance team took the plant-district basketball league championship with a 9-1 record. The plant Operators ended in second place with a 6-4 record. District Meter was third in the four team league with plant Office in last place. Here, P. T. Schneider, plant manager, presents the winning trophy to N. R. Pridemore. Other team members were presented trophies. From left are N. T. Dial, D. F. Brumfield, J. R. Ellis, and L. H. McDonald. Emil Hall was not present when the picture was taken. An all-tournament team was also chosen. Included were J. R. Blankenship, Coonie Hager, Frank Queen, J. R. Ellis, N. T. Dial, W. Z. Lee and N. R. Pridemore.

Ice, Snow Encrust Line On High Mountain



A snow storm on White Top Mountain in the Pulaski district caused these unusual snow and ice conditions on a specially-constructed 7,200-volt line. At left, the three strands of steelductor are coated with snow and ice. At

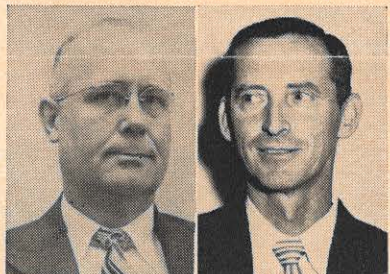
right, a pole and insulators are encrusted with ice and snow. White Top Mountain is the third highest peak east of the Mississippi River.

A service outage on White Top Mountain, the third highest peak east of the Mississippi, led the Pulaski district Marion office line crew to some rather unusual snow and ice conditions.

The trouble report came on January 27 when the Marion area was blanketed with about four inches of snow. It took the crew close to six hours to complete the 26-mile trip to the mountain. Just below the summit, they encountered a 14-inch snowfall.

After several tries, they reached the top and found conductors encrusted with 8-10 inches of snow and ice. Tops of two poles were broken, and pole top pins were bent as if fashioned of soft iron. J. S.

Meter Supervisors Named To Positions In Bluefield, Welch



Mr. Bates Mr. Vermillion

New meter supervisors have been named to the Bluefield and Welch meter departments.

Benjamin E. Bates was transferred from Welch district meter supervisor to the same position in the Bluefield district. John W. Vermillion has been promoted from Welch working foreman to Welch district meter supervisor.

Mr. Bates joined our company in 1923 in the Bluefield meter department. In 1944 he was transferred to Welch district as meter superintendent.

He attended public schools in Cleveland, Tenn., and Bluefield and attended Emory and Henry College. A native of Somerset, Ky., he is past president of the Welch Kiwanis Club, Past Master of Harmon Lodge 22, A. F. & A. M. and a member of the American Legion. He is married and the father of two girls and a boy.

Mr. Vermillion was employed by our company in 1937 as a meter helper in Bluefield. He was transferred to Welch in 1944 and has worked as a meter tester and meterman.

A native of Tazewell, Va., he attended Beaver High School in Bluefield. He is married and has two daughters. A member of the First Baptist Church in Welch, he has served as Sunday School superintendent and a member of the Board of Deacons.

Both men are members of the Pochontas Electrical and Mechanical Institute.

Sutphin, local area supervisor, reports this was the first time "in a good

Warren E. Brooks Retires In March



Mr. Brooks

Warren E. Brooks, Bluefield district meter supervisor, retired March 1 after 38 years' continuous service.

He joined our company in 1917 as a meterman after working for General Electric in Fort Wayne, Ind., and what is now Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, an affiliate of Appalachian's in the AGE system.

From 1918-20 he served with the Army. He has worked as meterman, shop foreman and district meter superintendent. He was promoted to meter supervisor in 1953.

Active in the First Christian Church, he has served as a deacon and as Bible class superintendent. A member of the Masons, he is Past Master of Mercer Lodge 160, Past High Priest R.A.M. No. 20 and is Past Commander of Bluefield Commandry No. 19. He is also a member of Beni Kedem Shrine of Charleston.

He and his wife plan to continue living in Bluefield in their new, all-electric home.

Service Pin Dinner Held At Beckley

The Beckley district annual service pin dinner was held January 31 honoring employees who received service pins during 1957.

J. V. Mann, district manager, was master of ceremonies, and employees who received pins were introduced by their department heads.

Attending were Kyle Ellison, Roland Witt, Elmer Wright, Lloyd Humphrey, Dwight Williams, John Steele, Toney Pallares, Emory Miller, Bob West, Regina Slayton, Homer Greene, Corrie Graff, Daniel Bozo, Joe Stanley, June Winner, Fred Bonham, W. D. Foster, A. H. Lilly, Keith Evans, Arnold Yost, A. E. Zutaut, B. B. Corker, Ruth Wilson, Jim Barker, Jim Lowery, R. L. McGraw, Mildred Webb, Eloise Pierce, Eddie Zopp and Emory Weikle.

many years" the line has been so heavily coated.

Temporary repairs were made, but it was four days until poles could be moved in and permanent repairs completed. The 7,200-volt, specially-constructed line has closely-spaced poles holding high strength, stranded conductor. The line serves the White Top Company caretaker's house, a WCYB-TV (Bristol) micro-wave relay station, a TVA weather repeater station and a Virginia State Police radio repeater station.

Employees Prepare Point Pleasant Map

Working nights and week-ends, three Point Pleasant district employees have prepared an official city map for Point Pleasant.

With new industries and families moving into the area, the city's Chamber of Commerce found need for such a map. Wandell Pancake, draftsman, Fred Nibert, T&D clerk, and C. H. Murray, Jr., line inspector, who is also chairman of the map committee for the Chamber offered to do the job. Mr. Murray did much of the preliminary work, such as locating buildings and correcting street names.

Then the other two began, working week-ends and at night. Using Appalachian records, since the Chamber did not have city records, they worked for about two months preparing the map.

Abingdon District Administrative Assistant, Paul S. Dunn, Receives High Jaycee Award

Paul S. Dunn, Abingdon district administrative assistant, was presented the Abingdon Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award and named Abingdon's "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" at a banquet recently.

During the past year, Mr. Dunn has been active in church work, the Cancer Crusade and finance drives for the Red Cross and Boy Scouts. He was president-elect of the Kiwanis Club and served as a member of the Glenrochie Country Club board of directors and the swimming pool committee. He is one of the two honorary members of the county 4-H Club. Mr. Dunn has worked with the blood program, the Virginia Highlands Festival of the Arts, Jaycee Teen Age Rodeo, Washington County Historical Society and the dance society.

Walter Combs Named To System Data Post

Walter H. Combs, accounting supervisor of Kentucky Power Company in Ashland, has been transferred to Roanoke as data processing supervisor of system accounting's new electronic data processing department.



Mr. Combs

Mr. Combs was first employed by Kentucky as payroll clerk in 1935 in Hazard. He was later promoted to assistant local office manager before his transfer to Ashland.

He holds an AB degree in mathematics from Berea College in Kentucky and an accounting diploma from the extension division of LaSalle University. He is past president of the Hazard Kiwanis Club and a member of the Ashland club. Active in the Ashland Recreation Commission, he serves as a referee for basketball games. He is a member of the First Methodist Church.

Married, he is the father of two sons and a daughter.



Paul S. Dunn, left, Abingdon district administrative assistant, is presented the Abingdon Jaycee Distinguished Service Award by Alvin H. Newman, state Jaycee president.

A native of Bland County, Mr. Dunn was employed by our company in 1948 in the Abingdon district residential and rural department. He was promoted to administrative assistant in 1950. Married, he is the father of one daughter.

Glen Lyn Men Enter Military Service



Mr. England Mr. Dent

Two Glen Lyn Plant employees have entered military service. Test engineer William D. England has been assigned to Fort Jackson, S. C., while Thomas E. Dent, maintenance helper, has been assigned to the Army Infantry at Camp Fort Hood, Tex.

Mr. England graduated from West Virginia Tech in June 1957 and shortly afterward was employed at Glen Lyn. He is a native of Greenbrier County, W. Va., and worked at the plant during summer vacations.

Mr. Dent was employed as a laborer in June 1953 and has held positions of utility man and utility operator before becoming a maintenance helper.

Aerial View Shows Clinch Layout



This aerial photograph of Clinch River plant was taken by Harrison Hall of the "Bristol Herald Courier". The plant is at top center, the switchyard at bottom center and the cooling towers at right. The towers and switch-

yard are complete, and work is progressing rapidly on other sections of the plant and its facilities. The plant's two 225,000 kilowatt units are scheduled to go on the line this year.