He has a right to criticize who has a heart to help.

Abraham Lincoln

The Illuminator

Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits. Thomas A. Edison

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APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

Steel structure and concrete stack of the new unit at Philip Sporn plant rise at left in the middle of a sea of materials. The 450,000-kw unit will go into operation next summer.

Construction On Sporn Unit Is Progressing On Schedule

Construction work on Philip Sporn plant's huge Unit 5 is proceeding on schedule. So far, two-thirds of the

Flannery Saves Life Of Locked-In Boy

There's one little boy in Charleston who's glad E. C. Flannery, Charleston division administrative assistant, took a day's vacation recently.

That day Mr. Flannery was working in his yard when his eight-yearold son Mike ran to him crying, "Quick, there's a boy locked in a trunk over here!"



Mr. Flannery

curtain down. A playmate had locked him in. The key jammed, and when Mr. Flannery arrived, the boy had been inside for about five minutes. Mr. Flannery could hear him whimpering as he smashed the lock with a hatchet.

and pulled the

Terrified and chalky white, the boy was dragged out. Mr. Flannery took the opportunity to stage a welltimed safety conference for the thoroughly frightened children.

OVEC Names **Neff To Post**

structural steel in the unit housing has been erected - 4,000 tons - and 50,000 cubic yards of concrete have been poured to form foundations.

Employment has reached 450 currently, below the peak of 1,000 expected in early 1960.

The 650-foot stack is virtually completed, with only insulation and fire-

will have a capacity of 450,000 kilowatts. When it goes into operation

Threat Of TVA Expansion Into Our Territory Cited By Donald Cook In Senate Testimony

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KINGSPORT UTILITIES, INC.

"I am here to urge—as earnestly as I can-that, if the Congress is to authorize revenue bond financing, such authorization should provide that TVA may not expand outside its existing service area unless, and except to the extent, expressly authorized by the Congress."

This was the plea made by Donald C. Cook, executive vice president of the American Electric Power Service Corporation, in testimony June 10 before the U. S. Senate Committee on Public Works. He was one of a number of representatives of the private electric utility industry who appeared in hearings on legislation to permit the Tennessee Valley Authority to carry out revenue bond financ-

financing through the issuance of up to \$750-million of its own bonds in the private money market;

• Permit TVA not only to raise its own money but also to spend it with little or no Congressional control;

• Extend from 40 to 120 years the period in which TVA is required to repay Congressional appropriations, and

• Direct TVA to charge power rates large enough to cover debt service on the bonds as well as an outlay to the U.S. Treasury to pay a 'return' of about 3% and the above repayment of appropriations."

Finally, the Kerr Bill not only would permit virtually unlimited expansion of the TVA area, it would tend to encourage such expansion into areas now adequately served by private companies.

Expansion Testimony

It was the territorial expansion feature of the Kerr Bill to which Mr. Cook addressed the major portion of his testimony. He reminded the committee that the Davis Bill, as adopted by the House of Representatives, had included the substance of an amendment, originally proposed by Rep. Carl Vinson (D., Ga.), providing that TVA "shall confine its operations to its existing service area unless Congress authorizes any proposed expansion," and he urged that the Senate committee take similar action.

Mr. Cook described the territorial expansion problem as one of "the most immediate, direct and greatest concern" to the companies of the AEP System and said that the threat of uncontrolled expansion of the TVA service area "could result in direct and substantial injury to the properties of the System."

(See TVA, Page 3)

Kanawha Second Clifty Creek Plant Rated Most Efficient In World

Clifty Creek Plant at Madison, Ind., the largest power station ever built by private industry, ranks today as the world's most efficient generating plant.

According to preliminary electric power industry figures, Clifty Creek recorded the lowest heat rate of any power plant during 1958. This Ohio Valley Electric Corporation station last year produced electricity at an average heat rate of 9,130 British thermal units per kilowatthour of net generation.

This accomplishment marked the 9th consecutive year that an American

Electric Power System plant or an AEP-designed plant was first in the "most efficient" standings. In addition, in the 1958 rankings AEPdesigned plants held down five of the top eight positions.

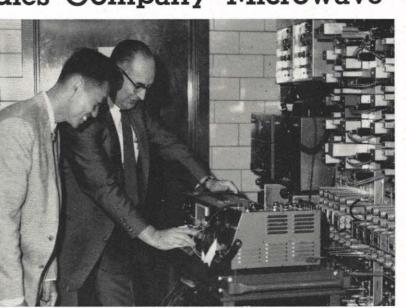
Kanawha River Plant of Appalachian was 2nd with a heat rate of 9,143 Btu per kwh; Muskingum River Plant of Ohio Power Company was 4th at 9,161 Btu; Kyger Creek Plant of Ohio Valley Electric Corporation was 6th at 9,166 Btu, and Tanners Creek Plant of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company was 8th at 9,209 Btu.

This was the second time in which. an OVEC plant had ranked 1st; Kyger Creek won the top honor in 1955. Clifty Creek has six 215,000-kilowatt generating units with a total capacity of 1,290,000 kw; Kyger Creek has five such units and a total capacity of 1,075,000 kw. Together, these two plants supply all of the tremendous power requirements of the Atomic Energy Commission's giant Portsmouth (Ohio) diffusion plant-an around-the-clock demand of almost 2,000,000 kw.

In previous years, Kanawha River had been "most efficient" in 1953, 1954 and 1957; Tanners Creek in 1951, 1952 and 1956, and the Philip Sporn Plant in 1950.

S. N. Fiala Joins Kentucky Board

S. N. Fiala, vice president and chief engineer of American Electric Power Service Corporation, has been



brick lining still to be done. The new unit, fifth in the plant,

next summer, it will bring the plant's total capacity to 1,050,000 kw, making it the third largest privatelyowned power plant in the world.

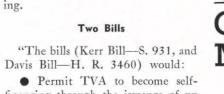
Hands Across the Sea Formosan Studies Company Microwave

Appalachian's microwave know-how will shortly find its way, via the skills of Mr. Chun-mao Yang, to the island of Formosa, where, in his job of communications chief of the Taiwan Power Company, he is coping with a power demand growth of 18% a year.

Mr. Yang is spending six months in the United States studying communications systems of power companies. For part of this period Mr. Yang was with Appalachian, going over the microwave system established recently, and learning from George Guill, senior electrical engineer in system T&D, some of the problems Appalachian faced, and some of the solutions engineers came up with.

For the 31-year-old engineer this

At a house across the street, a group of children had gone through the ga-



Appointment of W. Frank Neff as superintendent of electrical operations of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation was one of four appointments announced by OVEC in June. Mr. Neff succeeds Wilbur H. Ruese, who recently was named vice president in charge of operations.

James G. Cox, administrative assistant, was named executive assistant to the vice president; John S. Foster, engineer assistant, was named staffengineer-production, and Walter M. Cornett, supervisor of employee relations, was named acting director of personnel. Mr. Cornett takes over the duties formerly held by Myles H. MacMillan, who recently resigned to accept another position.

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was a first American visit. He came to Appalachian from a visit to Virginia Electric & Power Company in Richmond, and goes from here to Pennsylvania Electric Company in Johnstown, Pa. Altogether in his six months Mr. Yang will visit six companies, and attend two schools in communications.

Returning to Formosa his first assignment will be to plan and construct a communications system in the central part of the island which will connect four plants. This network also calls for the building of two relay stations. Cost of the project will be \$100,000. The training program here was arranged by the International Cooperation Administration.

The Taiwan Power Company serves

Chun-mao Yang, Appalachian's visitor from Formosa, inspects microwave testing equipment with George Guill, senior electrical engineer, system T&D. Mr. Yang, in the United States to watch power company communications in action, will supervise the planning and construction of a microwave system in Formosa when he returns.

an area of over 40,000 square miles and a population of 10 million. In a period of five years, dating from 1946 when the island was formally returned to China after the war, Chinese engineers rebuilt the system from one carrying barely 33,000 kw to one with a capacity of 582,000 kw. Enormous demands have been made on the system since 1951. Two development programs have been started which will add 600,000 kw to the system. Last year, 70% of the power came from hydro plants, the rest from steam

plants burning local coal.

A cross-island transmission system currently brings electric service to 894,000 customers, about 70% of the population. Growing aluminum and fertilizer industries take about 26% of the available power. Low reserves and increasing costs make the future of coal as steam-generating fuel doubtful. Instead the Formosans are looking to nuclear power as a future fuel source, and plan to build a nuclear plant when the economics of nuclear power become more clear.

elected a director of Kentucky Power Company.

Mr. Fiala, who has been chief engineer since 1954, has been associated with the company's engineering department for 25 vears. Нe was

named mechan-

ical engineer in



Mr. Fiala

charge of the mechanical engineering division in 1945, and chief engineer nine years later. He is a mechanical engineering graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology.

Your Opinion

Medical Protection

'This month those of us who are members of the company's Comprehensive Medical Plan will have an additional small amount deducted from our paychecks.

This is to pay the employees' share of an approximate 20 per cent increase in premiums in the plan. But what a small amount to pay for what we are getting!

It is recognized that our medical plan is one of the best, if not the best, comprehensive hospital and medical expense plans in existence today. Through the plan we have coverage for ourselves and for our families that includes reimbursement for nearly all medical expenses, surgical operations, hospital charges and miscellaneous expenses.

Why do we have medical insurance? Some families will have staggering medical expenses in any given year. Others will have bills amounting to almost nothing. Medical insurance is necessary because no one can tell with any certainty just what each family's medical expense will be. Rather than gamble that we will not have large bills arising out of sickness, we protect ourselves through a medical plan.

The July I rate increase was made necessary by rising costs of medical treatment — rising to the extent that costs of the plan had appreciably exceeded total premiums paid through 1958. This gap has widened during 1959 to date. Every effort is being made by the insurance company and our companies to control rising costs.

Two-thirds of the cost of the plan is being paid by our companies. Even with this first increase in the $3\frac{1}{2}$ years' existence of our plan, comprehensive medical protection for ourselves and our families remains a bargain.

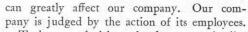
What Is A Customer?

- A Customer is the most important person ever in this office—in person or by mail.
- A Customer is not dependent on us—we are dependent on him.
- A Customer is not an interruption of our work—he is the purpose of it. We are not doing him a favor by serving him he is doing us a favor by giving us the opportunity to do so.
- A Customer is not an outsider to our business—he is part of it.
- A Customer is not a cold statistic—he is a flesh-and-blood human being with feelings and emotions like our own, and with biases and prejudices.
- A Customer is a person who brings us his wants. It is our job to handle them.

—PAUL T. BABSON Chairman of the Board Standard & Poor's Corporation

The Illuminator

Published monthly for employees of Appalachian Power Company, Kentucky Power Company and Kingsport Utilities, Inc., and their families. Articles herein may be reHow can my actions in my community affect the company?



To be a good citizen, loyalty to our family, our company and our community should be the aim of each of us. We should take part in our churches, schools, community activities and civic organizations, as well as practicing the golden rule with our fellow citizens. By so doing, the effect on our company will be exemplified and will promote the support and appreciation of the public. Community attitude toward the company depends solely on the attitude they have toward us as employees.

Let us remember the community represents our customers and our customers are purchasing our product, and this jointly constitutes the livelihood of our company and us.



NELLE L. PHILLIPS, Utility Clerk, Roanoke

By maintaining a friendly attitude reflects in a great way the policy my company strives to have in our community.

A friendly chat with a fellow passenger on the bus or a clerk in a store goes a long way toward building goodwill for my company. Quite often this is the only contact that person has with my company other than paying his bill.

If it should become necessary for someone who has a problem to call or come in our office, he is more at ease and can discuss his problem more freely, and we in turn can be of more help to him if he has already had a friendly contact with the company through one of the employees.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

your community and continually work toward the betterment of it, this will reflect the training and respect of your company, through you, for your neighbor and community.



JANICE CHAMPE, Secretarial Stenographer, Montgomery

"A chain is as strong as its weakest link," and our company's standing in our community is only as good as ours. Our personalities become our company's because we're synonymous. The public cannot see one without the other.

Therefore, if our company is to be considered an asset in our community, we, as individuals, must take our place willingly in church and civic affairs. We must be careful not to make enemies because our personal enemies become the company's.

I have heard some companies referred to as "no good outfits." That is because the employees of the companies haven't contributed to the community. I am happy to say when our community wants something done they say: "Call the power company."



HARGIS CAUDILL, R/w Agent, Hazard

Each employee is the mirror in his respective community in which the Power Company is seen and from which reflection it is in large



CHARLIE BURCHETT, Area Service-

My actions in the community can benefit

or hurt the company. When a customer calls

me requesting service or other information,

I always try to be prompt, pleasant and courteous and give the customer the information he

may need. Above all, I give him service as

soon as possible because good relationship with

our customers in the community benefits the

Any problem the customers may have I al-

ways help them with it. By my actions I show

the people just what type person I am and

what type employee of the Company I am. I

think all employees of the Company should be

outstanding in their community.

man, Williamson

company.

WINSTON MORRISON, Line Foreman, Kingsport

Each employee is the company to many of our customers and especially to the people in the community in which he lives. They come to him for answers to many questions—like rates, voltage problems or the kind of electric appliance to purchase. The employee should be able to answer these questions or refer them to the proper department to secure the answers. If the employee shows an interest in the problems and helps to correct the situations, they will have a high respect for the company.

In addition, it helps the company through public relations when you are active in civic and community affairs in trying to make the community a better place to live.

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Actions of employees in any community

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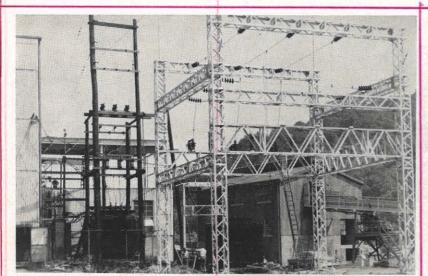
Every employee working for the company is a "goodwill ambassador" where the company and public is concerned. To your neighbors and friends, you are a direct representative of the power company. Your actions, however trivial, are a reflection of your association with both the public and company. If you are happy and content with your job, your neighbor will know it. He will judge the company by what you say and the way that you conduct yourself in your daily affairs. If you reserve judgment and criticism of measure judged.

Service without selfishness, leadership with humility, diplomacy in human relations; these are qualities which if possessed and practiced by an employee will enhance his and his company's standing in any community.

Small attentions, little acts of kindness, a friendly smile, a helping hand in time of trouble are within reach of all of us as employees. These are far more important mediums of advertising than that big column which we may spend a lifetime hoping to achieve.

Thomas Jefferson said, "The sum of all religion as expressed by its best preacher is, 'Fear God and love thy neighbor'." If we as employees will pattern our actions by this rule, the company will be safely represented in our community.

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The new 6,000 kva prefabricated aluminum substation being built by Appalachian to serve the Owens-Illinois Glass Company plant in Lynchburg nears completion. The station is being built on the plant site and partially replaces an old privately-owned generator

First Appalachian Aluminum Station Serves Lynchburg's Biggest Customer

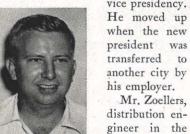
A new type of electric station to serve a new industry is occupying the attention of Lynchburg district employees.

Modernization of an existing plant by Owens-Illinois Glass Company at Big Island to accommodate highspeed production of paper boxes resulted in the need for greater electric service to the plant to partially replace privately-generated power and to allow for future growth. Appalachian responded with plans to build a pre-fabricated aluminum substation to supply a load of 7,000 kw, largest ever contracted for in the Lynchburg district.

To accomplish this Appalachian has installed a 6,000 kva station at the Owens-Illinois plant site, and constructed 11.5 miles of 69 kv single circuit line from the Reusens hydro station. This line not only will serve the plant and surrounding area, but will have power available for future demands. The station's capacity can be increased as the load exceeds 6,000 kva.

Zoellers Heads Pikeville Jaycees

W. W. Zoellers was installed last month as president of the Pikeville Junior Chamber of Commerce, just a month after his election to the first



Mr. Zoellers

on a number of Jaycee projects, having served as chairman of the state-wide Jaycee safety committee, chairman of the

Pikeville dis-

trict, has worked

The station is the first of its type built on the Appalachian system, and the second of four planned for the AEP. The first was built by Kentucky Power at Fleming in the Hazard district. By using prefabricated aluminum components, the company realizes savings in assembly time and costs and by reducing future maintenance to a minimum.

Cost of the Appalachian project was in excess of \$250,000.

Owens-Illinois, which plans to use the cardboard boxes manufactured in the new plant to ship its glass products, expects to begin its operations in January.

TVA Threat . . . (Continued from Page 1) **Our Companies Affected**

He pointed out that the boundaries of Appalachian Power Company and Kingsport Utilities, Inc., are contiguous to those of TVA for about 150 miles in northern Tennessee and southwestern Virginia, and added that Kingsport is the only substantial investor-owned electric utility still operating in Tennessee.

In the case of the AEP System, his testimony stated, the expansion permitted by the Kerr Bill would enable TVA to take over some 4,600 square miles served by the AEP System in Tennessee and southwest Virginiaan area in which we have an investment of almost \$100-million.

Mr. Cook said, "We and other investor-owned utility companies operating in the areas directly adjacent to TVA are deeply concerned about the possibility that, unless restrained, TVA will expand its operations to take over our customers and, by attrition or forced sale, materially impair the value of our properties."

Economic Advantages

He explained that, in addition to the advantages of its size, TVA, as a government agency engaged in a commercial enterprise, has a number of economic advantages not available to private electric companies. The two most important of these, he said, relate to taxes and the cost of capital.

"These latter two items, taken together, represented over 45% of our total System costs in producing and selling electric power," Mr. Cook as-

Mr. Fitzgerald

Mr. Frey

serted. On the other hand, he continued, the equivalent items of tax and capital costs represent at most only 23% for TVA.

"These economic advantages inevitably create pressures for continued expansion of TVA's service area," Mr. Cook declared.

"TVA's expansion outside its existing service area can come about only by taking away customers who are now being served, directly or at wholesale, by utilities providing service in the adjacent areas. It is basically unfair to permit an agency of the Federal government to engage in outright competition to take away customers, and materially impair the value of the properties, of a business enterprise which is operating lawfully under state and, in the case of the AEP System, Federal regulation. And, if such competition is to be authorized, it should certainly not be left to the uncontrolled discretion of the three-member board of the Federal agency. At most, it should be permitted only after submission of all the facts and circumstances to the Congress and only after express Congressional approval authorizing the government agency to take over the customers and properties of the business enterprise affected."

Atomic Group Elects Sporn

Philip Sporn, president of American Electric Power Company and of our companies, has been elected to the board of directors of Atomic Industrial Forum

The AIF is a non-profit association of more than 500 organizations, representing industry, research, labor, education and government groups engaged in the development and utilization of nuclear energy for constructive purposes.

Mr. Sporn has been active in other electric industry groups concerned with atomic research. He is a director and former president of Nuclear Power, Inc., a non-profit research and development corporation, which is participating with Commonwealth Edison Company in designing and building a 180,000-kw boiler water reactor in Illinois; he is chairman of the research and development committee of the East Central Nuclear Group, Inc., which recently submitted to the Atomic Energy Commission a proposal to research, develop and build a 50,000-kw advanced atomic reactor, and is a member of the Edison Electric Institute's Technical Appraisal Task Force on Nuclear Power.

Kentucky Service Knocked Out

Retirement Ends 40 Years' Service For L. E. Turner



Mr. Turner

Lawrence E. Turner, a pioneer in the electric industry with 50 years' experience, 40 of them with Appalachian, retired July 1 as plant consultant at Glen Lyn.

Plant manager at Glen Lyn from 1947 to 1957, he joined Appalachian December 3, 1919 as a shift engineer at Glen Lyn. He later moved up to assistant plant manager.

He was born at Milwaukee, Wisc., July 3, 1894 where he attended public schools. On October 6, 1914, he was married to the former Mai Sue Bennett of Mont Eagle, Tenn. They have two daughters and one son, all married.

Prior to his employment with Appalachian, Mr. Turner worked for the Tyrrel-Hedges Company, electrical contractors at Chattanooga, Tenn., for two years; the Chattanooga Railway and Light Company for six years and in a power plant at Sheffield, Ala. for two years.

Mr. Turner is past president of the Narrows Kiwanis Club, the Giles County Chamber of Commerce and is a director of the Giles Memorial Hospital.

For many years his hobby has been photography and recently he started coloring enlargements of many of the scenic views of Giles County. A resident of Glen Lyn for 35 years, he and his wife now live at Narrows.

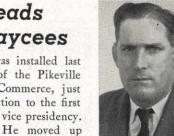
Colwell, System, **Goes To New York**

Ralph E. Colwell, senior power sales engineer in Appalachian's Roanoke office, has been promoted to the



AEP Service Corporation in New York City, effective July 1. He will be in

charge of the technical service group in the air conditioning di-



their homes who have had no direct sales contact with the company. This has prevented this added load from causing line failures.

Too" was written by Marvin C. Short, instrumentman, and Joel E. Fitzgerald, groundman, of the Roanoke district. By welding a driving head to the back of a regular brush

C. E. Green, Kingsport engineering, wrote "How to Locate New Heating Customers." H e describes how his company finds out what customers are installing



difficulties and transformer

hook for driving stakes, the men have





Mr. Feiszli

"Special Brush Hook Drives Stakes

By Employees In 'AEP Operating Ideas' Ideas having to do with electric heat, surveying, plant operations and station transformers formed the basis of articles by seven Appalachian and

Ideas In Four General Areas Listed

AEP Operating Ideas.

Teenage Road-e-o in Pikeville, and chairman of the Pike County Fair Committee, another Jaycee program.

He began his company service in 1951, and moved to the engineering department in 1955. He and his wife have two sons.

Inez Installs Four Heat Pumps

Two new buildings in Inez, Kentucky are the first in Martin County to be heated and cooled electrically.

One heat pump was installed in the new bank building and three in the Post Office. Inez, in the Sprigg district, has a population of 900. There can't be many areas with a higher ratio of heat pumps to population,

created a two in one tool that improves the safety and efficiency of two and three-man survey crews.

C. H. Feiszli, assistant mechanical maintenance supervisor at Logan plant, was the author of "Valve Operates With Broken Yoke Bushing." The article describes how to modify a valve to secure the upper part of the broken bushing to the valve yoke so that it can be operated manually.

George Frey, Logan plant mechanical maintenance supervisor, wrote "Water Sealing Avoids Valve Repair." This article describes the use of the principle of water sealing to prolong the useful life of valves under certain conditions.

"Supporting Beams While Grout-



Mr. Stockton Mr. Walker

ing Underneath" was written by A. D. Stockton, Jr., system station. He tells of a method developed for leveling the steel I-beams used to support station transformers. This method accurately supports the beams during and after grouting.

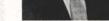
Roger L. Walker, maintenance helper at Philip Sporn plant, wrote "Steam Leak Detector For Multiports" in which he describes the use of a cup-shaped steam detector which fits over each port of a multiport gauge glass and indicates leaks when the lens of the detector fog up.

By Low Plane

A careless or incompetent pilot last month took power service out of a section of Pikeville district when, flying low over a company river span near Ivy Creek, the small private plane caught in the line and ripped it loose.

Charles Campbell, serviceman who investigated the trouble, said that persons in the neighborhood saw the plane slide along the wire for some little way before its tail wheel caught. This is what snapped the line. Spectators reported the plane had difficulty keeping an even keel.

The damaged wire had to be replaced and a new wire conductor installed befort service was resumed.



Mr. Colwell

Vision. His duties will include the initiation, investiga-

tion and evaluation of research and development projects on the operation and performance of electric air conditioning and associated equipment.

Mr. Colwell, a veteran of World War II for close to four years, came to Appalachian on January 3, 1949 as a power sales engineer following his graduation from VPI with a BS degree in industrial engineering. He has had extensive experience in the design and application of air conditioning systems, including heat pumps and electric resistance heating installations.

He is married and has one child.



Ashland District

New employees are Joyce England, home service representative; and Juanita Kocio, Charles Lewis and Lee Anne Betterton, sales trainees.

Fred, son of W. D. Gesling, was a delegate to Kentucky Boys' State.

Waldo S. LaFon, assistant general manager, returned to Beckley to be honored with 31 other past presidents of the Beckley Chamber of Commerce.

Hazard District

James R. Stidham, student engineer, has returned to work for the summer.

H. F. Boling and his wife attended the Southern Baptist Convention as delegates from the First Baptist Church of Hazard.

Sue Donahue and Elizabeth Ann Colwell are new accounting employees.

Morgan Ozee has returned to work following surgery.

Sympathy is extended Clark Hays, lineman, on the death of his father, and Betty Maggard, commercial, on the death of her grandfather.

Pikeville District

Jo Nell Robinson, pre-audit clerk, was honored with a farewell party and a gift by the women of the district upon her resignation.

William Kennedy, groundman, and Charles Ratliff, truck driver-groundman, have returned to work following extended illnesses.



Welch District

Jack C. Green, meterman, was elected president of the Black Diamond Officials Association of Southern West Virginia. He was also elected secretary of the Welch Lions Club.

Nancy Smith, cashier, was elected president of the First Baptist Church choir.

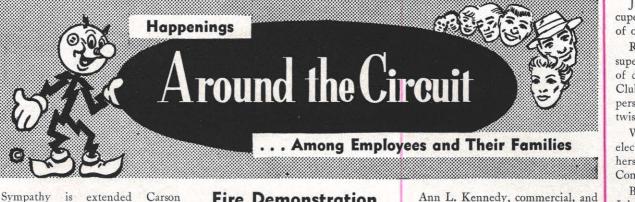
W. L. Mitchell, Grundy lineman, has been elected president of the Vansant PTA.

Mrs. George Mitchell, Grundy contract clerk, was in charge of a kitchen tour sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club and Appalachian.

R. H. Ruff, power sales engineer, was named to the board of directors of Lions, International.

Sympathy is extended O. J. Bragg, commercial sales representative, on the death of his mother-in-law, and Wyatt Ratliff, Grundy meter reader, on the death of his mother-in-law.

ing hospital confinement. an illness.



Fire Demonstration

Pulaski district supervisors and guests at the monthly operating and safety meeting saw fire close at hand when

Harold Hock of the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Mines demonstrated the characteristics of various flammable materials, and control and extinguishing of accidental fires. this picture Mr. Hock works with his exhibit for the supervisors, relating new and improved methods of fire prevention.



Williamson District

Milton Cole, heating and builder sales representative, was elected president of the Methodist Men's Bible Class.

Patricia Boothe, daughter of commercial sales representative G. T. Boothe, Jr., was sponsored by the K-Appa-K Girls' Club to attend Girls' State at Jackson's Mill.

Mrs. Woodrow Holbrook, wife of the district sales supervisor, is able to be out after hospitalization.

Mrs. Kermit Epperly, wife of the lineman, and Mrs. Charlie Burchett have returned home after hospitalization.

Walter Holbrook, father of Woodrow Holbrook, district sales supervisor, and Winifred Joplin, father of Emma Warren, maid, are confined to local hospitals.

Sympathy is extended Virginia Stafford, merchandise bookkeeper, on the death of her mother, and to G. B. Trent, electrical engineer, on the death of his wife.

Huntington District

Retired employee Myrtle "Tillie" Tetman has returned home following hospitalization.

Ann L. Kennedy, commercial, and R. S. Musgrave, division commercial manager, have returned to work following surgery.

O. E. Freeman, station man, has returned to work following a heart attack.

W. T. Locke, T&D line, has returned to work after an illness.

George W. Akers has returned to work after hospitalization from food poisoning.

Ted McCurdy, district personnel supervisor, was elected chairman of the Industrial Hygiene Section of the West Virginia Public Health Association.

Sympathy is extended J. R. Callicoat on the death of his mother-inlaw, and retired employee John Byrom on the death of his sister.

Sympathy is also extended E. M. Colegrove on the death of his sisterin-law.

Logan District

Harriet J. Harless, home service representative, was given a kitchen shower by members of the Appa-Lassies.

Mrs. Dallas Kinser, third vice president of the Logan County PTA Council, attended the State Leadership Conference at Camp Caesar,

Mary Elizabeth Davis, commercial, was elected president of the young adult class of the Peach Creek Methodist Church.

Mrs. James Williamson, mother of home service representative Barbara

Williamson, is recuperating at home following surgery. Irvin M. Turner, groundman, has

returned to work after a two months' absence due to a knee operation.

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Fieldale District

James T. Flythe, Richard W. Mc-Bride, David A. Purcell, Gerald C. Sanders and Edward C. West are new groundmen.

Shirley Shelton, local accounting, and W. H. Kahle, T&D, have returned to work after illnesses.

Patricia, daughter of Virginia Hancock, home service representative, was elected Big Scribe at the 4-H Club

James K. Reid, lineman, is recuperating at home from an illness of over two months.

R. L. Hatch, Reusens hydro plant supervisor, was elected to the board of directors of the Lynchburg Lions Club, and L. G. Dougan, district personnel supervisor, was elected "tail twister".

W. D. Crews, T&D clerk, has been elected as state director by the Amherst County Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Benjamin C. Cook, material clerk; John H. Ward, truck driver-groundman; George C. Hensley, line foreman; and Waddie E. Crouch, lineman, have returned home after hospitalization and/or surgery.

Sympathy is extended Mildred V. Marcus, contract clerk, on the death of her sister, and Clyde M. Brown, janitor, on the death of his stepfather.

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Kanawha River Plant

Sympathy is extended John Telisko on the death of his mother, and R. L. Bias on the death of his father-in-law.

Philip Sporn Plant

William R. Dean, equipment operator, has returned to work after a two months' absence while recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Sympathy is extended Louis Karschnik, unit foreman, on the death of his father-in-law.

Beckley District

A. E. Zutaut, Ansted area serviceman, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Hayden Lodge No. 113 AF&AM in Ansted. Mrs. Mildred Webb and A. B. Bailey continue off work due to illnesses.

Charleston District

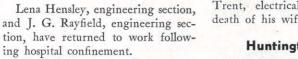
Cliff Flannery, division administrative assistant, has been elected vice president of the Charleston Civitan Club.

J. R. McGinnis, Montgomery area superintendent, has been elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the Montgomery Lions Club.

Ronald Hively, division commercial manager, has been appointed to the industrial sales committee of the Southeastern Electric Exchange.

C. B. Talley, district manager, has been elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the West Virginia Safety Council.

Jack Lawhorn, son of Myrtle Lawhorn, PBX operator, was ordained



Mose Jackson, miscellaneous department, has returned to work after

Rasnake, Clintwood lineman, on the

K. C. Skeen, son of A. C. Skeen,

district line inspector, was named

Petty Officer of the Month aboard the

Clinch River Plant

ner, William C. Hedrick, Homer E.

Morrison and Otto C. Conley,

James A. Massie has returned to

R. E. Senter, assistant plant mana-

ger, was elected vice president of the

Lebanon Lions Club. L. C. Houchins,

plant personnel supervisor, and J. S.

Carter, administrative assistant, were

Clinch River plant employees

elected to offices in the Lebanon

Junior Chamber of Commerce are:

J. R. Blankenship, vice president; H. G. Gillespie, Jr., state director;

Harold V. Johnson and Clyde F.

Glen Lyn Plant

gineer, is a new employee in the re-

Thomas E. Crewey, mechanical en-

Retired employees G. C. Johnston,

Carl M. Thomas and Raleigh N.

Wilkinson visited the plant recently.

ship has returned home following

has returned to VPI following com-

pletion of his third work assignment.

Pennington, test engineer, on the

death of his grandmother, and Ned

Clemons, retired employee, on the

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death of his mother.

Retired employee F. H. Blanken-

W. Bruce Coldiron, co-op student,

Sympathy is extended Sandy K.

laborers, are new employees.

named directors of the club.

Yates, local directors.

sults department.

surgery.

work after an extended illness.

Charlie D. Burke, James B. War-

death of his brother.

USS Bryce Canyon.

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Sympathy is also extended Leonard Adams, Welch meter reader, on the death of his step-father, and Charles D. Stover, groundman, on the death of his father.

Abingdon District

L. C. Angle III, son of the division power sales engineer, has been awarded a scholarship to the forestry training school at Holiday Lake as a result of his scouting activities.

Audrey Haga Moorefield, stenographer, and Maebelle Grace Smith, contract clerk, have resigned.

Sue Sanders is a new employee in the accounting department.

W. A. Denny, Lebanon lineman, is recuperating after surgery.



First Aid Program Wrapped Up

Eleven employees of the Russell County line crew have completed the standard first aid course. In the process of wrapping up their training, they did the same to Tolbert Rasnake, on the stretcher. J. M. Orr, station maintenance man, was instructor. In the picture are from left: H. S. Taylor, Henry Jones, Eugene Rasnake, Jay White, Tolbert Rasnake, Harold Parks, Woodrow Garrett, W. B. Clatterbuck, Ralph Puckett, Bill Denny and Leon Valley. Russell County is in the Abingdon distinct County is in the Abingdon district.

camp recently.

Danny, son of M. W. Brown, local office manager, pitched a no-hitter baseball game in Fieldale's Little League, winning 24 to 1.

Lynchburg District

Charlotte Anne Jewell is a new home service representative.

Harry L. Candler, division agricultural sales engineer, was elected second vice president of the Lynchburg Federation of Parents and Teachers.

Kathleen V. Hudson, T&D clerk, and Mannie D. Everett, janitor, have returned home following hospitalization and surgery.

a Presbyterian minister after graduation from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.

C. T. Older, retired, visited the office recently.

John C. Frazier, safety supervisor, has been elected national representative of the West Virginia Chapter, American Society of Safety Engineers.

Sympathy is extended Frances Mc-Henry, personnel, on the death of her father, and Sarah Sweeney, meter, on the death of her brother.

Mrs. Eugene Dahmer, wife of the Charleston meterman, recently won a trip for four to Sarasota, Fla., in a contest sponsored by Rank-Sigman Appliance Company.

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Service Emblems Presented Veterans



J. R. Wolford System 30 Years



R. E. Shipwash Bluefield **30 Years**



H. W. Mitchell Charleston 25 Years



H. B. Kidd Bluefield 25 Years



J. R. Pugh **Point Pleasant** 20 Years

Employee's Son Wins Scholarship

Francis Marion Criswell, son of David Criswell, of Kentucky Power's commercial department at Ashland, graduated last month from the Uni-



F. M. Lawson System

W. E. Coleman

System

30 Years

H. L. Davis

Lynchburg

30 Years

Joe P. Gills

Charleston

25 Years

R. S. Nash

System 25 Years

D. P. Newman

Charleston

20 Years

graduation pres-

ents: a graduate

school scholar-

ship for \$1,800

offered by the

United States Public Health

Service.



J. W. Craig

Roanoke

30 Years



System

30 Years

J. W. Bryant

Roanoke

25 Years

Cabin Creek

25 Years

30 Years



L. H. Lawrence Pulaski **30 Years**



Kingsport



F. K. Umberger, Jr. 25 Years



R. G. Hooper

Lynchburg

25 Years

E. W. Holland

Roanoke

25 Years

Beckley

30 Years

O. A. Hawkins System 25 Years



S. R. Pritchard P. M. Vannoy Huntington Huntington 25 Years **25 Years**



W. S. LaFon Ashland 20 Years

Webster Retires In Charleston



Mr. Webster

Dahmer Assumes **Roanoke Post**

Stanley P. Dahmer, Charleston division payroll supervisor, has been transferred to Roanoke to become assistant payroll audit and procedures supervisor in the system accounting department.

Mr. Dahmer started work in December 1938 as clerk, and worked subsequently as payroll clerk, clerkstenographer and assistant payroll supervisor before his promotion in February 1958

R. Y. Woodburn

Glen Lyn

30 Years

Ralph Slade

Welch

25 Years



Mr. Dahmer

to division payroll supervisor. Mr. Dahmer served in the Navy for nearly four years during World War II. He is married and has two daughters.

Cruickshank Goes To Army Service

Robert J. Cruickshank, test engineer at Philip Sporn plant, was inducted into the Army June 1. He reported for duty at Fort Monmouth and enrolled in officers' training school.

Mr. Cruickshank graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1958 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He was employed at the plant June 16, 1958 as test engi-



Mr. Cruickshank neer. He and

his wife live in Gallipolis, Ohio. He is the son of J. P. Cruickshank, general superintendent, system T&D department.

Three Cities Elect Kanawha Employees

Five Kanawha River plant employees were recently elected to posts in their respective city governments recently.

W. W. McColgan, results engineer, and F. H. Mannin, unit foreman, were elected to the Glasgow City Council. W. L. Wilshire, maintenance foreman, was chosen for a third term on the Marmet City Council, and J. W. Hammar, maintenance man, was elected councilman, and R. T. Hardy recorder for the City of Pratt. Mr. Hardy is conveyor operator.

All five were elected to two-year terms.

Golden Anniversary





J. A. Allinder

W. M. Mills Roanoke 20 Years



W. B. Moore Kanawha River 20 Years



Roanoke

20 Years

20 Years

J. M. Scites Huntington 20 Years

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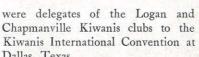
Eleanor Cunningham, managerial, and Barbara Williamson, home service representative, received awards for highest and second highest improve-Dallas, Texas. ment in their average at the Logan

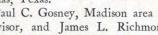
Paul C. Gosney, Madison area supervisor, and James L. Richmond,





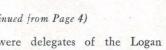






















J. K. White Kingsport 20 Years





Mr. Criswell

Majoring in science and psychology, Mr. Criswell plans to do his graduate work in the latter field. At Kentucky he was a member and officer of Pi Kappa Alpha, and served on the Interfraternity Council, and was a member of a number of social and scholastic groups.

quet. Mrs. Cunningham, outgoing versity of Kenpresident, was presented with a tucky, and recigarette lighter as a gift of appreciaceived one of the best possible tion.

Woman's Bowling Association ban-

Sympathy is extended Richard C. Kuhn, meter service foreman, and T. J. Hanley, heating and builder sales representative, on the death of their grandmother.

Gayle, daughter of district manager M. C. Porterfield, and Beth, daughter of W. E. Bivens, commercial, attended the West Virginia Girls' State Camp at Jackson's Mill.

Robert Porterfield was sponsored by the Midelburg Garden Club to the West Virginia Conservation Camp.

Merrill R. Atkinson, managerial, and Ohley L. Bennett, commercial, district superintendent, were elected councilmen of Madison and Mitchell Heights, respectively.

Logan Plant

Retired employee Sam W. Woody visited the plant recently.

G. G. Bias, instrument maintenance mechanic, and W. E. Fortune, instrument maintenance mechanic, were elected as councilmen for the Town of West Logan.

M. F. Morrison, plant personnel supervisor, was elected a director of the Logan Lions Club.

Paul M. Hefner, Jr., son of the control operator, attended the 22nd Annual Mountaineer Boys' State at Jackson's Mill.

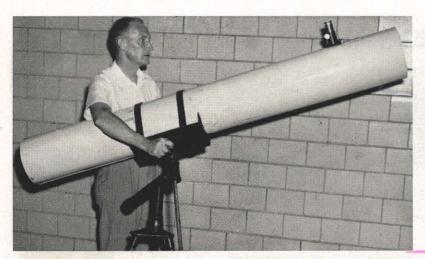
Retiring after 16 years of company service is William Webster, janitor in the Virginia Street office of the Charleston district.

Mr. Webster started work in 1943. A veteran of World War I, Mr.

Webster served in France and is a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter 3812 in Charleston. He is also active in church affairs, serving as an usher in the Ebenezer Baptist Church, in which he will be ordained a member of the board of deacons this summer. His hobby, Mr. Webster says, is work, and after resting and visiting, plans to go back to work somewhere. He and his wife live in Charleston.

They have one daughter and one grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha H. Murphy of Ceredo, W. Va., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary May 30. Mr. Murphy retired from company service March 1, 1952. He had been turbine auxiliary equipment operator at Kenova plant. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy have lived in their present home for 30 years. Photo courtesy Huntington Herald Advertiser.



Draftsman Ford Muncy of the Williamson district poses with the telescope he designed and built for himself. Grinding of the lens took him a year of pains-taking and careful work.

Muncy Ends Years Of Part-Time Work With Completion Of His Own Telescope

A book, chosen at random from the shelves of an Army post library several years ago, has led to a delicate and demanding spare time hobby for Ford Muncy, Williamson district draftsman. The book, read to while away the time before shipping overseas, was "How To Build A Telescope."

Now, two books and one unsuccessful attempt later, Mr. Muncy has indeed built a workable 300-power telescope with which to scan the heavens over the Williamson district and neighboring areas.

The first effort to make a telescope came to grief when the special glass needed for the mirror broke under grinding. The second time, Mr. Muncy began by grinding the mirror with water and carborundum, and so delicate is the operation that it took

School Honors Go To Three Students



Suzanne Wolpert Carolyn Milhoan

Children of Philip Sporn plant and station employees have recently received high honors at their schools. Henry Bur-

gess, son of Roy

Burgess, system

operator, was salutatorian of his Wahama High School graduating class. He also received the Arion Award as the outstanding

band member.



Henry Burgess

him a year to get it down to the proper degree of curvature. While the mirror was being silvered by a professional, Mr. Muncy designed a tube and tripod and had them built to his specifications. The final step in the process was mounting the lens in the tube to get the proper convergence of rays from an object to a point image at the deflected focus of the mirror.

Carolyn Chapman Wins 2nd Scholarship

A second scholarship has come to Carolyn Chapman of Salem.

Miss Chapman, daughter of Carroll S. Chapman, Roanoke district rightof-way agent, won a \$500 Yale and Towne Manufacturing Company scholarship when she graduated last month from Andrew Lewis High School. The company, located at Salem, awarded it for outstanding leadership, scholastic achievements and citizenship.

Earlier, Miss Chapman won a \$500 AEP educational assistance award this year.

Army Gives Honor To Employee's Son

Top ROTC grades at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, high academic standing and extra-curricular activities won the Superior Cadet Ribbon from the Department of the Army for Edwin C. Cassidy, Jr. He is the son of E. C. Cassidy, general power sales supervisor at Ashland.

Cadet Cassidy is majoring in physics at VPI, and upon graduation, will be commissioned in the Army.

Regulation Important Aspect Of Our Companies' Business

Our companies are regulated public utilities. Sometimes people do not understand (1) that we are regulated, (2) who regulates us and (3) what aspects of our business are regulated.

It is no exaggeration to say that our companies are regulated at virtually all governmental levels. We are regulated by local governments, by the state governments and by the Federal government.

We are regulated in certain respects by local governments, since we may not serve in a city or town without the consent of the authorities to use the streets and public places for our facilities. As a public utility or public service corporation, we are subect to the broad regulatory powers of corporation commissions or public utility commissions of the states we operate in under the various laws affecting public utilities administered by them. Since some of our electric power business is in interstate commerce, we are regulated on the national level by the Federal Power Commission (the FPC) under the Federal Power Act. In addition, as a member of a public utility holding company system (the American Electric Power System), we are regulated by the Securities Exchange Commission (the SEC) under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

Purpose of Regulation

What is the purpose of all this regulation? As our industry developed, it became clear that it was in the public interest to have only one supplier of electric service in any one area. If there were more than one power company in a particular locality, there would be costly and wasteful duplication of facilities and service. However, if there were only one power company and that company were not regulated, it would be free to charge any rates it saw fit and even to discriminate among its customers as to rates and service. Governmental regulation is, therefore, intended to insure the proper exercise of the rights of public utilities and the fulfillment of their duties and obligations to the public.

Because of the public service nature of our business, we must offer adequate and dependable service, equal treatment of customers, fair and reasonable rates. We also have certain rights: among them, the right to charge rates sufficient to meet our expenses and to provide a reasonable return on the money invested in our business.

State Regulation

The scope of the regulatory powers of the state bodies governing our operations is extremely broad. They have the power to determine the territory in which we may serve. We may not serve anywhere until the Commission has issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity, which means in effect that the public needs us. We are required by the state commissions to furnish adequate service and facilities, and they have the power to make us answer complaints as to our service. Perhaps most important of all, the Commissions have the power and obligation to determine whether the rates we charge for electric service are just and reasonable and to fix the rates that we may charge. By law, our rates must be "just and reasonable", but that also means that we are entitled to a reasonable return on the value of our property used and useful in rendering service to the public.

The commissions regulate our financing activities, including the issuance and selling of stocks and bonds, which is the way we raise money for the construction of necessary facilities and the carrying on of our business. The commissions regulate sales and purchases of utility facilities and transactions among affiliated companies. We may not construct a hydroelectric project without first obtaining a license from the commission of the state or states affected. Finally, the commissions prescribe accounting procedures for us to follow in keeping and making public the records of our business.

Federal Regulation

If we were regulated only by the State Corporation Commissions, we could honestly say that every aspect of our business was regulated by the people of the states we serve. However, we are also subject to extensive regulation by agencies of the Federal government, such as the SEC and the FPC. Some of the Federal regulation duplicates or overlaps state regulation; some of it deals with interstate matters that are not within the jurisdiction of any one state. Briefly, the FPC regulates interstate business and hydroelectric developments. The SEC exercises broad authority over the activities of holding company systems, including financial transactions and the acquisition and disposition of securities and utility properties.

Unlike other businesses that are more or less free to serve or not to serve the public as they choose, we are at all times servants of the public.

Seven Employees Of Hazard District Move Into New All-Electric Homes



Members of R. T. Cornett's family pose in front of their new Gold Medallion home. Six other employees in the Hazard district have also moved into allelectric homes.

Seven Hazard district employees have moved into all-electric homes, paced by the Gold Medallion residence of R. T. Cornett, assistant local office manager.

The seven embrace all kinds of electric heating, and all feature builtin appliances, effective lighting, and electrical entertainment and kitchen equipment. Much of the work on the homes was done by the employees.

The other employees are Roy Miller, J. V. Caudill, Marvin Holbrook, N. W. Collier, John Pennington and Creal Lusk.



Suzanne Wolpert, daughter of Philip J. Wolpert, operations supervisor, received the DAR American History Award for excellence in American history. She was also named Junior-Senior Prom Queen, and was selected for Girls' State by the Smith-Capehart Post of the American Legion Auxiliary.

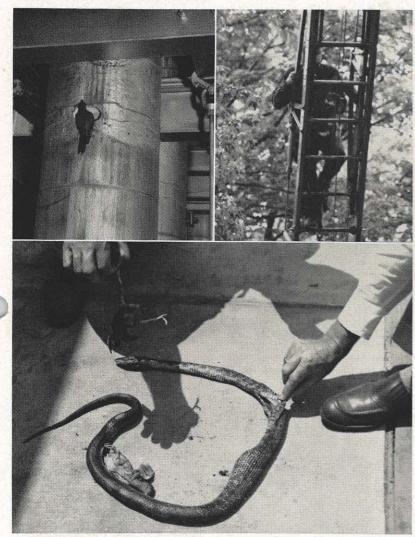
Carolyn Milhoan, daughter of Mrs. Paul E. Theis, was crowned queen of Community Day activities at Middleport, O., following selection to the competition by her school. Mr. Theis is accounting supervisor at the plant.

All three youngsters have been outstanding scholastically and been active in school functions throughout high school.

Nuclear Reactor Project Discussed

A progress report on the gas-cooled nuclear reactor project of the East Central Nuclear Group and the Florida West Coast Nuclear Group was heard at the group's quarterly meeting recently. The report was made by staff members of the General Nuclear Engineering Corporation, nuclear design agent for the project. Attending were, from left: W. J. Clapp, president, Florida Power Corp.; J. M. Stuart, president, The Daytona Power and Light Co.; D. E. Stultz, president, The Potomac Edison Co.; R. D. Welch, project manager, FWCNG; W. C. MacInnes, president, Tampa Electric Co.; W. H. Sammis, president, Ohio Edison Co.; J. L. Rice, Jr., president, The West Penn Electric Co.; Dr. Walter H. Zinn, president, GNEC; G. R. Armstrong, president, Louisville Gas and Electric Co.; Philip Sporn, president, American Electric Power; H. K. McKean, vice president, Florida Power Corp.; Elmer Lindseth, president, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.; W. A. Gentry, vice president, Indianapolis Power & Light Co.; R. J. Mc-Cutcheon, Jr., director, Florida Power Corp.; C. S. Bowden, executive vice president, Pennsylvania Power Co.; George V. Patterson, assistant general manager, Ohio Power; E. W. Wilkinson, secretary-treasurer, The West Penn Electric Co.; R. E. Hodges, assistant general manager, Appalachian; R. J. Knipe, director, Florida Power Corp.; and W. L. Webb, head, nuclear power section, AEP Service Corporation. Mr. Sammis is president of ECNG, Mr. Wilkinson is secretary-treasurer, Mr. Sporn is chairman of its research and development committee, and Mr. Webb is its research and development manager. The 14 trustees of ECNG include the Messrs. Armstrong, Bowden, Hodges, Lindseth, Patterson, Rice, Sammis, Sporn, Stuart and Stultz, and the following four (not pictured): A. B. Brown, president, Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co.; O. T. Fitzwater, president, Indianapolis Power and Light Co.; Harry M. Miller, president, Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Co.; and E. S. Thompson, chairman, The West Penn Electric Co.

Assorted Creatures Provide Odd Incidents



A bird, a snake and a cat played important parts in events at three locations recently. TOP LEFT: "Some Like It Hot" might be the title of this picture showing a woodpecker building a nest in a steam line at Glen Lyn plant. TOP RIGHT: Darrell Boggess of Ravenswood is shown descending the ladder on a company truck after rescuing a cat (in his left arm) from atop a tree. BOTTOM: These are two of the four baby woodpeckers found in this snake by Charleston employees. The snake caused an outage when it contacted a power line.

Roanoke . . .

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Roanoke District

Joe Butler, retired Roanoke garage attendant, and his wife attended the 50th anniversary of his high school graduating class in Steelton, Penn.

J. W. Vaughan, division commercial manager, has been appointed to the industrial sales committee of the Southeastern Electric Exchange.

L. A. Fulcher, district residential and rural sales supervisor, has been appointed to the research-advisor committee of the Virginia Farm and Home Electrification Council.

Mildred Campbell, PBX operator, and W. I. Hartman, groundman, have returned to work following illnesses.

Hallie Simpson, credit and collection clerk, has returned to work after hospitalization.

Jerome M. Quarles, car washer, is a new employee.

Sympathy is extended H. P. Laughon, division residential and rural sales supervisor.

Lina Light Heads College Alumni

The new president of the Bluefield College Alumni Association is Lina P. Light, private secretary to the Bluefield division assistant manager. Miss

Light, active in the association for a number of years, moves up to head the organization from vice president. Miss Light

also attended Westhampton College, received a degree from Concord

College and did graduate work at George Washington University.

Lina P. Light

She joined Appalachian in 1937, and has worked for such Bluefield civic organizations as the Bluefield Civic League, Quota Club, Appalachian Girls' Service Club, Salvation Army, YWCA, Chamber of Commerce and the Laurel Garden Club. a week in Mason County Courthouse.

Creatures of assorted kinds have been demanding the attention of employees in three locations recently.

At Charleston it was a snake, at Glen Lyn a woodpecker and at Point Pleasant a cat. Each one has a different story.

At Glen Lyn construction workers were busily engaged in making repairs to Unit 6 during an outage. Then one of the men noticed an unscheduled job in progress. Up 110 feet a woodpecker, obviously mistaking one of the main steam lines to the unit for the mighty oak, was building a nest in the line.

Because the steam temperature in this line when it is in operation is 1050 degrees F., eviction proceedings are in process for the woodpecker.

Woodpeckers indirectly had a part in the Charleston story, where a blacksnake in his greed to devour a nest of baby woodpeckers on a power pole on Kellys Creek electrocuted himself.

The snake, in contacting power lines, caused an outage for customers in a 15-mile area. When Romeo Gulley and his crew arrived at the scene, they found the snake at the bottom of the pole. Returning service, the men took the snake back to the company storeroom at Morris Creek, where the next morning they discovered at least two, and possibly two other, baby woodpeckers inside the snake.

The men couldn't help feeling sorry for the woodpeckers, but at the same time recalled what a nuisance the bird is to company poles. Power poles seem to be favorite targets for the woodpecker, and he is credited with a great deal of damage to poles each year.

The Point Pleasant incident provided evidence that on occasion man is cat's best friend. A pet cat, at odds with a neighborhood dog, fled into the top of a tree at Ravenswood and found itself trapped.

After the telephone and city wouldbe rescuers failed, Darrell Boggess, Ravenswood area serviceman, volunteered to try a rescue. Using a ladder truck he reached the cat and brought it down to a very grateful owner.

A nesting woodpecker, a greedy snake and a tree-bound cat had served to bring the unusual to company operations.

Employee Teaches First Aid For CD

Courses in first aid to implement Mason County's civil defense program have been undertaken by W. C. Gilmour, administrative assistant for the Point Pleasant district.

The course he teaches is the standard Red Cross program. Present civil defense plans call for four or five classes. The group meets once

Fire Protection At Clinch

Blue Ribbon Rose



Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lovell smile happily over their blue ribbon winner in the annual Charleston Rose Show. The rose, a Tiffany, was the best in the class of pink blends. The Lovells also took two other ribbons in the show. Mr. Lovell, president of the Rose Society, is assistant Charleston division manager.

Pulaski, Bluefield . . . (Continued from Page 4)

Pulaski District

Nicki Clark, daughter of district superintendent A. D. Clark, received a BS degree in English from Florida Southern College, and R. C. Nickols, Jr., son of the Pulaski working foreman, received a BS degree in metallurgical engineering from VPI.

Gleason K. Smythers, T&D clerk, has been elected chairman of the board of stewards of the First Methodist Church. H. B. Newland, district personnel supervisor, has been appointed to a 3-year term on the board.

E. W. Henson, Jr., Marion lineman, is recuperating from surgery.

R. C. Littreal, Byllesby hydro plant foreman, has returned to work following hospitalization.

Sympathy is extended George K. Sands, T&D clerk, on the death of his mother, and K. C. Phillips and A. D. Thornton, Claytor hydro, on the death of their mother and motherin-law, respectively.

Sympathy is also extended Mrs. Opal M. Newland and Bruce B. Mc-Call on the death of their mother.

Bluefield District

Earl A. Jackson, Jr., Pearisburg local office supervisor, has been elected president of the Pearisburg Elementary PTA.

Lewis C. Thomas, commercial sales representative, was elected state director of the West Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce, representing the Greater Bluefield Chapter.

Ray C. Heldreth, dealer sales representative, has been elected first vice president of the Whitethorn PTA.

W. J. Gillespie, Jr., district manager, has been appointed general chairman of the Bluefield YMCA membership drive.

Paul V. Kelsey, division commer-

James F. Keller, brother of Frances Keller, secretarial-stenographer, received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va.

Earl A. Jackson, Jr., Pearisburg local office supervisor, has been elected third vice president of the Pearisburg Lions Club. Mrs. Jackson was elected treasurer of the Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club.

Mrs. Glenn B. Nash, wife of the Tazewell groundman, and Mrs. James H. Harris, wife of the Tazewell lineman, are at home following hospitalization and surgery.

Retired employee Warren E. Brooks visited the office recently.

John E. Weaver, auto repairman, is improving at home following injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Alfred H. White, photographer and reproduction man, attended the State Lions Club Convention as a delegate from one of the Bluefield chapters.

Felix O. Glover, Mullens line; Sandy L. Bragg, Princeton line; Joyce A. Dickinson, local accounting; Harry H. Yost, commercial; and Stephen C. Buchanan, station, are new employees.

Sympathy is extended Murray R. Callaway, district R/w agent, on the death of his aunt, and Marie B. Dunn, PBX operator, on the death of her sister.

John, son of John E. Weaver, auto repairman, and Steven, son of Harry L. Buston III, meter service helper, have returned home after surgery.

M. P. Kirk, Jr., division station inspector, is improving in a Lebanon hospital.

Fred J. Mullins, meterman, has returned to work after an extensive illness.

Robert D. Lawrence, office messenger, is recuperating in the hospital after an appendectomy.

System

New employees are Anne Entsminger and Ruth Saville, system accounting, and Gene M. Gillock, system operating.

Joyce Kidd, system accounting, and Joseph S. Wickes, Jr., system operating engineer, have resigned.

Kenneth, son of Albert Dodson, system regional dispatcher at Philip Sporn plant, was selected by the Bend Rotary Club to be a delegate to Camp Horseshoe, West Virginia YMCA leadership training camp.

Sympathy is extended A. R. Kiser, system accounting, on the death of his daughter-in-law.

Richard Stinnett, system civil engineering, is recuperating after an operation and hospital confinement.



Fire protection classes at Clinch River plant in May were conducted by C. H. Yoho of American Electric Power Service Corporation. Here some of the 85 employees who were in the classes examine equipment used in firefighting.

cial manager, has been elected secretary of the Bluefield Sales Executives' Club.

Mrs. W. Price Carter, wife of the system transmission line superintendent, was elected first vice president of the Bluefield Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Lois K. Rounion, division secretarial-stenographer, and Mary Ruth Chambers, system secretarial-stenographer, attended the state convention of the National Secretaries Association, Int., recently.

Mrs. Jack D. Spraker, wife of the station man helper, was elected first vice president of the Builders' Class of the Graham Christian Church.

Boys' Dream Briefly Becomes Reality

One of boyhood's bright dreams came true-briefly-for the two sons of Paul Jeffrey, dealer sales representative at Man, Logan district. At a horse show a pony was given away as a gate prize. It turned out that Mr. Jeffrey held the winning ticket.

The two boys, Tim and Tom, were happy with their prize, but agreed that there was no place to keep him. So a sale was arranged with another boy who lived on a farm, and the pony can live in proper surroundings. Tim and Tom, now ponyless, have a few dollars put by anyway.



Youthful winners of District 5 Achievement Day pose with Kingsport Utilities personnel. From left, Rhenda Pierce, Becky Pierce, who will represent the district in state competition; Bennett McAlpine, home service representative; Billy Ratliff, Mack Williams, dealer sales representatives; Ouida Fay Anderson, Roger Montgomery and Clydetta Long, home service representative.

Employees Hold Electrical Courses For District 4-H Youths In Kingsport

Five 4-H Club members from the Kingsport area who took elementary electrical courses taught by Kingsport Utilities, Inc. personnel recently won honors in District 5 Achievement Day.

Learning about electrical applications in the home and on the farm, the youngsters also demonstrated their own projects. Teaching the elementary course and an advanced course were M. C. Simpson, commercial manager; Fred LaRue, area sales representative; Mack Williams, dealer sales representative; Arthur Stair, power sales engineer, and Bennett McAlpine and Clydetta Long, home service representatives.

Honors in Achievement Day competition were awarded on the basis of demonstrations and submission of record books of projects and activities.

Four-Team League Starts At Sporn

The four-team intra-plant softball league at Philip Sporn plant got underway June 10. Organized under the slow pitch rule, the league has adopted a schedule calling for three rounds of nine games, and completing the season with a tournament. Winners were Ouida Fay Anderson and Billy Ratliff, Sullivan County junior winners; Rhenda Pierce and Roger Montgomery, Hawkins County junior winners, and Becky Pierce, Hawkins County senior winner. Becky will represent District 5 in the state contest.

Bright Fourth



A bright light was to be shed in Pineville, W. Va. July 4 when 13 new mercury vapor street lights were to be turned on as part of the town celebration of Independence Day. These lights replace the old type incandescent lights, and make Pineville the fourth community in the Welch district to use them. Here, installing the new fixtures, are lineman H. S. White, left, and lineman Erle Mc-Kinney.



Appalachian Power Company

Bluefield District

JAMES E. BAILEY from T&D clerk to T&D clerk, senior; RYLAND Y. BAILEY from area sales representative (ag. engr.) to heating and builder sales engineer; ROBERT E. CROWDER from lineman A to Princeton area serviceman; CLYDE L. FARLEY, working foreman, from Mullens to Princetor; ARCHIE G. PHLEGAR from area sales representative (ag. engr.) to heating and builder sales engineer; JERRY R. WHITEHURST from heating and builder sales representative to heating and builder sales engineer.

Charleston District

CHARLES GRAY from St. Albans meter reader to payroll clerk; ALAN HARRISON from Charleston office messenger to St. Albans meter reader; C. E. HAYMAKER from groundman to lineman C.

Clinch River Plant

STEUBEN CAIN, assistant shift operating engineer, from Clinch River Plant to Breed Generating Station, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company; ARNOLD J. CONLEY from auxiliary equipment operator to equipment operator; HARRY C. JACKSON from laborer to utility man; JAMES G. KISER from utility man to utility operator; JAMES A. MASSIE from auxiliary equipment operator to equipment operator; CHARLES E. MURPHY from unit foreman to assistant shift operating engineer; GRAHAM K. TILLER from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator; IRVEN W. WREN from equipment operator to unit foreman.

Four Veteran Employees Attain 35-Year Status

Four employees joined the ranks of 35-year company veterans last month. They are Earl King, system valuation engineer; Lonie C. Drain, equipment operator, Glen Lyn; James S. Dodd, Bluefield district sales supervisor; and Eugene P. Rairden, system right-of-way supervisor.

Earl King

Mr. King joined the Interstate Power Company, an Appalachian predecessor, in Charleston June 3, 1924. His first job was in the construction department, working on 138,000 volt lines. He transferred to the valuation department of Appalachian in 1930. In 1939 he transferred to the American Electric Power Service Corporation to do valuation work over the system. Mr. King returned to Appalachian as valuation engineer in 1946. He is an active member of Huntington Court Methodist Church, and has two daughters and two grandsons.

L. C. Drain

Mr. Drain came with the company June 30, 1924 as a repairman at Glen Lyn. He has worked in operation for 27 years on various assignments before his present job as equipment operator. Mr. Drain is a native of Alabama, and makes his home with his wife in Glen Lyn. He is the father of John C. Drain, Glen Lyn unit foreman.

J. S. Dodd

Mr. Dodd celebrates his service anniversary June 27. On that date 35 years ago he started Appalachian work as a bookkeeper in Bluefield. He has worked as rural service salesman, rural solicitor, rural supervisor, rural service supervisor, and district residential and rural sales supervisor before assuming his present duties. A native Virginian, Mr. Dodd attended Washington and Lee University and Roanoke College, and taught English in Roanoke public schools before joining the company. He and his wife live in Bluefield, Virginia, and have two daughters.

E. P. Rairden

Starting as a rodman with the Interstate Power Company June 28, 1924, Mr. Rairden transferred the next year to Roanoke as right-of-way agent. Stamp- and coin-collecting are his avocations, and he is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Elks. He is married and has one son.

Meetings Held In Kentucky On Electric Heat

Pikeville district employees, dealers, contractors and bankers heard the



Mr. King Mr. Drain



Mr. Dodd Mr. Rairden

Charleston Personals . . . (Continued from Page 4)

Mike Guyer, a sophomore at VPI, is working his first assignment as a co-op student in the line section.

Steve Carpenter, going to Point Pleasant, was honored with a farewell party by Montgomery employees. He was presented a bridge table and chairs.

Louis Saunders is the new North Charleston Service Building janitor, replacing E. C. Blake, who resigned. Norman Caldwell is the new Virginia Street building janitor, replacing Bill Webster, who retired.

Sympathy is extended Katie Wilkerson, accounting, on the death of her sister,

Fred Helm, St. Albans office superintendent, is recuperating in a Charlottesville, Va., hospital after surgery.

Steven Webb, retired station section employee, is recuperating at home following hospital confinement.

Point Pleasant District

R. D. Miller, lineman, was elected councilman of the Sixth Ward in the recent Point Pleasant election.

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

C. H. Murray, Jr., inspector, and Jean Golway, home service representative, taught first aid and cooking classes at the recent Mason County 4-H Camp.

G. E. Hervey, district manager, is a new member of the board of directors of the Mason County Country Club.

Sympathy is extended L. C. Bias,

Huntington Civitans Name S. W. Mustaine

Samuel W. Mustaine, Jr., Huntington local office manager, was recently elected president of the Huntington Civitan

Club for the year ending July 1, 1960. His Civitan membership is only one of Mr. Mustaine's activities. He has

served as past

president of the



National Office Managers' As- Mr. Mustaine

sociation, worked in PTA and the Huntington East High School Booster's Club, Chamber of Commerce committees, Cub Scouts, Little League and Babe Ruth League baseball, Beverly Hills Baptist Church and Masonic work.

He has been an Appalachian employee for over 30 years.

local office manager, on the death of

his mother-in-law. Betty, wife of W. P. Workman,

groundman, broke her spine in a fall.

W. C. Gilmour, administrative assistant, was elected recording secretary of a newly organized group of personnel men from various industries. Mr. Gilmour, accompanied by his wife, also recently attended the national Lambdi Chi Omega sorority convention in Cincinnati. Mrs. Gilmour, former state and chapter president, was a delegate from West Virginia.

G. K. Roach, center fielder for the Nazarene Church team, was elected vice president of the Church Softball League. R. A. Armistead, Jr., janitor, is coach and T. J. Rose, T&D clerk, is manager of the Shrine Club Pony League entry.

T. A. Jewell, groundman, has returned to work after being off several months due to illness.

Casey Graduates From Notre Dame

James Casey, selected by American Electric Power Service Corporation to participate in a test program at Muskingum plant this summer, was graduated cum laude from the University of Notre Dame last month.

Jim has been employed at Cabin Creek plant for the past three summers, and took his degree in electrical engineering. He will enroll in the University of Chicago this fall for graduate study.

New Lighting At Logan

Philip Sporn Plant

ROBERT E. DAILEY from maintenance man to master maintenance man; WILLIAM C. GIBBS from results helper to instrument maintenance man C; BOB R. MOORE from helper to junior maintenance man; EDWARD D. SAYRE from instrument maintenance man C to instrument maintenance man B; CARL E. SEARLS from junior maintenance man to maintenance man.

Welch District

OTHO KARL MANN from merchandise order and billing clerk, senior, to heating and builder sales representative.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District

CAROLEE BUSCH from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer; BILLIE LOIS GAYHEART from clerk-trainee to merchandise bookkeeper.

whole electric heating story in a series of meetings last month.

Conducted by Chester Smith, power sales engineer in the district, the meetings were designed to show by means of slides, charts and films details of installation and operating costs, available equipment and insulation.

This is the first time a presentation on such a wide scale has been attempted. Previous sessions had been on a limited basis. At the June meetings lengthy question and answer periods provided first hand knowledge to prospective users.

The meetings were divided into two sections, one for employees, the other for dealers, contractors and buyers.



The new high school and fieldhouse at Logan are wearing a new night-time look. Modern street lighting was installed in time for graduation ceremonies last month. The Logan school has 24 fixtures, each with 21,000 lumens. Similar lighting was installed at the new school in Man, where there are 11 fixtures each with 21,000 lumens.

Glen Lyn Employee Is Coal Inspector

Richard B. Bailey of Glen Lyn plant has transferred to the American Electric Power Service Corporation as coal inspector and will be located in Ohio Power

Mr. Bailey

In his new job the former results clerk at Glen Lyn will coordinate the shipment of coal

to the Tidd,

Philo and Mus-

kingum River

Mrs. J. P. Gills

Mr. Gills is

executive assist-

ant to the vice

president and

general man-

Dr. Gills

majored in bi-

ology at Vir-

Bluefield.

plants.

territory.

Mr. Bailey joined the company June 18, 1956 in the accounting section of the Appalachian construction department. He transferred to Glen Lyn's coal office on June 1, 1957. A business administration graduate of VPI, he is married and has two sons.

Dr. James P. Gills Duke Graduate

James Pitzer Gills, Jr., graduated from Duke University Medical School last month with a Doctor of Medicine degree. Dr. Gills is the son of Mr. and

of

ager.



Dr. Gills

ginia Polytechnic Institute where he received his BS degree in 1955; he entered Duke University Medical School the next fall. In his senior year he was awarded a fellowship by the National Institute of Health. Dr. Gills will serve his internship in surgery at Duke University Hospital.

Logan Couples See **Electric Kitchens**

New interest in all-electric kitchens has been stirred up by Barbara Williamson and Harriet Javins, Logan district home service representatives. Towards the close of school the two conducted several kitchen and home tours for home economics students at Logan and Man High Schools.

The latest tour saw a group of women from the McConnell Tabernacle Church bring along their husbands to tour four electric kitchens.



Appalachian Power Company

Beckley District—30 YEARS: VERA HAYNES, utility clerk. 10 YEARS: R. R. GRIFFITH, Oak Hill area supervisor; R. W. MARTIN, engineering aide; ARCHIE RINER, T&D clerk.

Bluefield District-35 YEARS: JAMES S. DODD, district sales supervisor. 30 YEARS: ROBERT E. SHIPWASH, T&D clerk. 25 YEARS: HOWARD B. KIDD, division station man. 5 YEARS: RYLAND Y. BAILEY, heating and builder sales engineer.

Cabin Creek Plant—30 YEARS: F. E. HEMMINGS, shift supervisor. 25 YEARS: J. A. ALLINDER, chief chemist; PATRICIA HASTINGS, clerk-ste-nographer; R. H. WILLIAMS, assistant shift supervisor. 15 YEARS: E. L. WORKMAN, laborer. 10 YEARS: J. D. POORE, laborer.

Charleston District—25 YEARS: JOE P. GILLS, division manager; H. W. MITCHELL, Whitesville area serviceman. 20 YEARS: D. P. NEWMAN, district engineer. 15 YEARS: T. E. PROFFITT, London hydro maintenance man. 5 YEARS: W. HERBERT BARKER, lineman.

Fieldale District-15 YEARS: D. G. MERRIMAN, station man. 5 YEARS: D. W. COOPER, lineman.

Glen Lyn Plant-35 YEARS: L. C. DRAIN, equipment operator. 30 YEARS: R. Y. WOODBURN, plant office supervisor. 15 YEARS: PATRICIA N. DUNN, secretarial-stenographer; O. M. McCLAUGHERTY, chemist assistant; R. M. TRENT, working foreman; L. O. WHITTAKER, coal conveyor operator; M. M. WOODYARD, maintenance man.

Huntington District—25 YEARS: S. R. PRITCHARD, district manager; P. M. VANNOY, division power sales engineer. 20 YEARS: W. D. HOCKER, janitor; J. M. SCITES, administrative assistant. 10 YEARS: MAGGIE W. SPURLOCK, cashier-clerk. 5 YEARS: LEANNA K. FORD, clerk-typist; BARBARA L. MARKIN, credit and collection clerk.

Kanawha River Plant-20 YEARS: W. B. MOORE, shift operating engineer. 10 YEARS: J. R. BOSTIC, maintenance man.

Logan District-10 YEARS: MARY ELIZABETH DAVIS, stenographer.

Logan Plant-5 YEARS: JOHN B. BELL, electrical maintenance helper.

Lynchburg District—30 YEARS: HAMPTON L. DAVIS, janitor. 25 YEARS: ROBERT G. HOOPER, meterman. 20 YEARS: DAVID E. BOOTH, assistant hydro operator.

Point Pleasant District-20 YEARS: J. R. PUGH, meterman.

Pulaski District-30 YEARS: L. H. LAWRENCE, area serviceman.

L. WEBB, home service representative.

Philip Sporn Plant-10 YEARS: JAMES H. BENNETT, unit foreman; JOHN A. BRYAN, guard; LAWRENCE HALL, guard; RALPH E. WARNER, maintenance

System—35 YEARS: EARL KING, senior appraisal engineer; E. P. RAIRDEN, system R/w supervisor. 30 YEARS: J. B. DOSS, system transmission general foreman; W. E. COLEMAN, system superintendent R/e and R/w; F. M. LAWSON, regional chief dispatcher, Clinch River station; JAMES R. WOLFORD, system transmission foreman. 25 YEARS: ROY S. NASH, system transmission man; O. A. HAWKINS, general bookkeeping supervisor. 20 YEARS: CHARLES E. FERNATT, system station man. 15 YEARS: JEAN S. LIVESAY, private secretary. 5 YEARS: HELEN K WEST stemographer HELEN K. WEST, stenographer.

Welch District-25 YEARS: RALPH SLADE, station supervisor. 10 YEARS: MILLARD C. GIBSON, meter serviceman.

Williamson District-15 YEARS: V. A. HARRIS, area serviceman.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District—20 YEARS: WALDO S. LAFON, assistant general manager, Kentucky Power Company. 15 YEARS: CHARLES SCHIFFLER, merchandise order and billing clerk. 5 YEARS: CAROLEE BUSCH, clerk-stenographer. Pikeville District—5 YEARS: WINIFRED R. MILLER, distribution engineer.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

25 YEARS: FRANK K. UMBERGER, JR., assistant local office manager. 20 YEARS: J. K. WHITE, payroll supervisor. 10 YEARS: S. H. CHANDLER, JR., electrical engineer; MARJORIE SEAL, cashier.

How Are You Fixed For Blades?

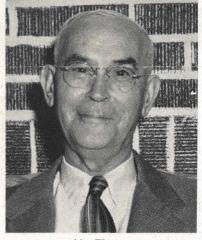
Tri-State Stamp Collectors Elect Hobbyist C. A. Beatty To Third Term

The Tri-State Philatelic Society has elected C. A. Beatty, Huntington district commercial sales supervisor, its president for the third consecutive year.

Thus he continues to bring to other stamp collectors the benefit of his wide experience, gleaned through years of collecting. He became interested in stamps in his grade school days, engaged in it mildly before the war, and has been intensively active in the past five years. His collection contains over 10,000 items. He is a member of the American Philatelic Society, of which the Tri-State group is the only chapter in West Virginia, and the American Tropical Association and Stamp Collectors Exchange Club. In civic affairs he is a member of the Rotary Club of Huntington, the Chamber of Commerce and the Elks.

Mr. Beatty was employed by Kentucky Power in September 1931, and transferred to Appalachian at Williamson as merchandise salesman in 1933. He worked successively as lighting service man, power engineer, district commercial manager, and assistant district manager. He transferred to Huntington as district commercial manager and was promoted in April of this year to his present position.

Thomas Retires; Served 40 Years



Mr. Thomas

A. J. Thomas, station man in the Beckley district, retired July 1.

At the time of retirement he had more than 40 years of service, having ioined the company in October 1918. His first job was switchman, and he worked later as substation operator and station man.

A native of West Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas plan to retire to Ormond Beach, Florida, where they have bought a home.



C. A. Beatty, re-elected for a third term as president of the Tri-State Philatelic Society, hinges some stamp specimens into his album. He is Huntington district commercial sales supervisor.

High Band Honor Conferred On Two



Gregory Ruff William Carrico

Sons of two employees have been chosen for the West Virginia All State Band, one of the highest honors accorded high school musicians.

The two are Gregory Ruff, son of R. H. Ruff, Welch power sales engineer, and William Carrico, son of Everette Carrico, Williamson line foreman.

Gregory plays solo cornet, second chair, in the All State Band, while Bill plays the bass drum. This is Bill's second consecutive time to be chosen for the honor.

In addition to music, both are versatile in other fields. Greg took second place in his high school science fair, and has been chosen as a representative to Boys' State. He is also junior steward in the Order of Demolay, and has been awarded the Chevalier Award, highest given by the International Supreme Council of Demolay. It is for outstanding work in the organization. He also is a member of the Spanish Club and the high school orchestra.

Equally active is Bill Carrico, who is secretary of the Hi-Y, president of the First Presbyterian Youth Group, and a member of the Key Club, French Club, band committee, Boy Scouts and its Order of the Arrow.

David Kendrick Finishes ICS Course In Engineering With High Average

Completing an entire ICS course



Getting ready for Cabell County's sesquicentennial celebration are these Huntington employees, members of the Appalachian Chapter, Brothers of the Brush. Their whiskers, derbies and string ties will add color to the entertainment in Huntington this summer when the county

celebrates its 150th birthday. The employees, from left, are Gordon Chain, Homer Bunn, Bob Burgess, Maurice Cottle, Jimmy Hicks, Jim Wysong, Charlie Hoschar, Albert Lewis, Bob Kuster, Herb Davis, Byron Hunt, Bob Webster and John Bartholomew.

in industrial engineering in less than three years, and scoring an average of A throughout, David L. Kendrick, Jr., Grundy commercial sales representative in the Welch district, received his diploma at a special ceremony recently.

Mr. Kendrick was first employed in June 1953 as general clerk in the Bluefield accounting department, and transferred to Welch two years later as general clerk. In March 1958 he was promoted to commercial sales representative and transferred to Grundy.

He is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he earned his BS degree in business administration. He is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.



David L. Kendrick, Jr., right, commercial sales representative in Grundy, is presented his ICS diploma by C. K. Kirkland, Welch district manager. Mr. Kendrick, studying industrial engineering, finished the course in less than three years with an A average.





MR. AND MRS. CHARLES C. LEWIS, a daughter, Leonor Christine, June 11. Mr. Lewis is a sales trainee.

MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS EDWARD Mc-CLOSKEY, a daughter, Cathy Dianne, June 7. Mr. McCloskey is an electrical engineer.

MR. AND MRS. W. H. RADER, a daugh-ter, Charlene Annette, May 20. Mr. Rader is a boiler maintenance helper.

MR. AND MRS. I. E. CANTERBURY, a son, Mark Edward, June 8. Mr. Canterbury is a meter service helper.

MR. AND MRS. DEWEY FOSTER, a daughter, Selene Gay, May 19. Mrs. Foster is a former employee in the division payroll department.

Beauty Queen

Just chosen "Miss Raleigh County" is Barbara Fitzpatrick, daughter of C. D. Fitzpatrick, working foreman,

transportation section, Beckley district. By winning Barbara also won the right to compete in the Miss

West Virginia contest in Charleston. The 18-year-old made the gown she

Nancy Abolin, daughter of T. W.

Abolin, Glen Lyn plant manager, was

awarded the Citizenship Achievement

Award at Falls View Junior High

School as the most outstanding stu-

chants National Bank of Montgomery,

and includes a cash award. A second

honor came Nancy's way not long

after when she was named Best

Camper at Camp Abbott in Beck-

The award is given by the Mer-

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Nancy Abolin

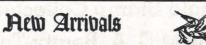
Is Top Student

Ashland District

Bluefield District

Cabin Creek Plant

Charleston District



MR. AND MRS. W. C. McMAHAN, a son, Mark Lee, June 9. Mr. McMahan is Charleston district assistant manager.

Clinch River Plant

MR. AND MRS. GRAHAM K. TILLER, a daughter, Laura Elaine, May 20. Mr. Tiller is an auxiliary equipment operator. MR. AND MRS. CHARLES M. WHALEY, a daughter, Charlene, June 6. Mr. Whaley is an equipment operator.

Huntington District

MR. AND MRS. JACK K. BUTLER, a daughter, Lou Ann, June 14. Mr. Butler is a T&D line section employee.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT D. WEBSTER, a daughter, Bari Lynn, May 26. Mr. Webster is an electrical engineer.

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. G. R. HARTMAN, a daughter, Janis Louise, May 27. Mr. Hartman is a unit foreman.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH WEBB, a daughter, Karri Jean, June 13. Mr. Webb is a laborer.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. MARION K. OHLINGER, daughter, Jill Anne, June 1. Mr. Ohlinger a utility operator,

MR. AND MRS. LUTHER O. SMITH, a son, Timothy Dale, June 5. Mr. Smith is an auxiliary equipment operator.

System

MR. AND MRS. JONAS E. COOK, a son, Victor Eugene, June 1 Mr. Cook is a Sporn Station system operating employee.

MR. AND MRS. RALPH E. MARTIN, a daughter, Leslie Ann, June 1. Mr. Martin is a system operating employee in Roanoke.

Huntington Girl Wins Scholarship

Carolyn Nanette Chapman, a 1959 graduate of Huntington High

School, has won a \$2,000 scholarship to Marshall College. She is the daughter of Clifton N. Chapman, Huntington district auto repairman. Miss Chap-

Carolyn Chapman

man also won the certificate of citizenship award. During her high school days she was a member of the Ro Anns, Home Ec Club, Torch Society, Student Council and Girls' Athletic Association.

Marshall College is located in Huntington.

Kingsport Woman Retires Antique Iron After Using It 51 Years; Gets New One



Wedding Bells Ring For Couples



Wedded in recent weeks were the above. TOP ROW from left: Mrs. James H. Harless, Logan; Mrs. Thomas Toombs, Ashland; Mrs. Kermit D. Bridges, Beckley; and Mrs. Newton Joseph Burnside, Jr., system. MIDDLE ROW from left: Mrs. William Lincoln Horne, Pulaski; Mrs. James Cook, Bluefield; Mrs. M. Jack Burk, Clinch River

Bowyer-Bridges

The First Christian Church of Beckley was the setting May 30 for the wedding of Billye Sue Bowyer and Kermit D. Bridges. Mr. Bridges is an electrical engineer in the Beckley district.

Bradley-Cook

Margaret Ann Bradley and James Cook were united in marriage May 28 at the College Avenue Baptist Church of Bluefield. Mrs. Cook is a pre-audit clerk and Mr. Cook is building supervisor in the Bluefield district.

at the Ceres Baptist Church on June 20 united Jenny Lynn Gross and George Alan Thwaites. Mrs. Thwaites is a personnel clerk-stenographer and Mr. Thwaites is a utility man at the Glen Lyn plant.

Barker-Dent

Betty Josephine Barker and Averol Keith Dent were married April 25

W. L. Gordon, head-system accounting general books section, and Mrs. Lois Gordon, meter clerk in Roanoke district. Mr. Furr is the son of G. L. Furr, Sr., vice president and general manager of Appalachian Power Company.

plant; and Mrs. Averol Keith Dent, Logan plant. BOTTOM

ROW from left: Mrs. Guy Littleton Furr, Jr., Roanoke; Mrs. George Alan Thwaites, Glen Lyn plant; Mrs. Richard

C. Nickols, Jr., Pulaski; and Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Kinzer, Logan plant.

McNeely-Kinzer

Janice Lou McNeely and Donald R. Kinzer were married June 7 at the Nighbert Memorial Methodist Church. Mrs. Kinzer is the daughter of J. S. McNeely, Logan plant mechanical maintenance mechanic.

Woman's Club Elects Mrs. Nell Wenzell

Nell Wenzell, home service representative in the Montgomery office



of the Charleston district, has been installed as president of the Pratt Woman's Club. The installation ceremony took place in Charleston. Mrs. Wenzell, a graduate of Glenville State College.

bride of N. Jack Burk on April 24 at the Lebanon Methodist Church. Mr. Burk is a laborer at Clinch River plant.

Hamilton-Burnside

Brenda Ann Hamilton was married is a station operator in Roanoke and operations coordinator at Turner Station.

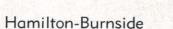
June 19 was the wedding day of Harriet Ann Javins and James H. Harless. who were married at the Madison Baptist Church. Mrs. Harless is a Logan district home service representative.

Deal-Burk

Melody Jean Deal became the

Carter-Toombs

Elizabeth Jean Carter and Thomas Toombs were united in marriage June 6 at the Oakhill, W. Va., Baptist Church. Mrs. Toombs is a home service representative in Ashland.



to Newton Joseph Burnside, Jr., on May 30 at the First Assembly of God Church in St. Albans. Mr. Burnside the son of N. J. Burnside, Sr., system

Javins-Harless

Gross-Thwaites A double ring ceremony performed

Old and new irons are inspected by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allred and Kingsport Utilities representatives. At left Louise Bennett McAlpine, home service representative, holds the iron Mrs. Allred used without repair for 51 years; Mr. and Mrs. Allred are in the rear, and Clydetta Long, home service representative, and Marvin G. Simpson, commercial manager, have the new iron Kingsport Utilities presented to their long-time customers.

Fifty-one years of steady use without any repair work is the notable record of an electric iron belonging to Mrs. J. W. Allred of Kingsport. In brief "ceremonies" last month, the iron was honorably retired and

replaced with a new one by Kingsport Utilities representatives.

Mrs. Allred reported that in 1907. shortly after she and her husband moved into their new house, a power company representative offered them

a free iron if they would "sign up" for electric service.

"Shall we?" said Mrs. Allred. "Sure," said Mr. Allred.

The iron, valued then at \$4.50, arrived as promised, and for over a half-century, was the only one ever used in the Allred home. Its markings say it's a Wrinkle-Proof, with a heating element of 580 watts, 108/116 volts, and it weighs five pounds.

Woods-Hammon

Betty Woods was married June 9 to Orvan E. Hammon, Jr., in the Cowen, W. Va., Methodist Church. Mr. Hammon is a Charleston groundman.

Nielsen-Horne

Ellen Ellegaard Nielsen became the bride of Lt. (jg) William Lincoln Horne on May 30 in Washington, D. C. Mr. Horne is the son of A. F. Horne, Pulaski district manager.

at the home of Rev. Zack Browning, Logan plant guard. Mrs. Dent is the daughter of Hal Barker, turbine operator at Logan plant.

Grey-Nickols

Patricia Ellen Grey was married to Richard Crockett Nickols, Jr., on June 13 at the First Baptist Church of Pulaski. Mr. Nickols is the son of Richard C. Nickols, Pulaski working foreman.

Gordon-Furr

The Greene Memorial Methodist Church of Roanoke was the setting of the June 20th wedding of Judith Ann Gordon and Guy Littleton Furr, Jr. Mrs. Furr is the daughter of



Mrs. Wenzell

has been employed with the company since October 1955. She holds a BS degree in home economics, and lists as her hobbies reading, fishing and raising flowers.



MARY ANN GRISSO to Robert E. Schuer-man. Miss Grisso is a stenographer in the Roanoke district personnel department.

ANN MARIE COUGHLIN to Charles C. Warner, Jr. Miss Coughlin is the daughter of C. G. Coughlin, Cabin Creek plant manager.

LORENA MAE TERRY to Harry Cooper Walton. She is system personnel record clerk,

Kingsport Bowlers Finish Fourth; Rayfield and Trumbo Are High Men



Kingsport Utilities' bowling team, finishing fourth in the industrial league, counted on these stalwarts. Front row, from left, James Kesterson and Emory Fugate; back row, J. A. Randall, Jr., J. G. Rayfield, Wayne Matthews and W. Z. Trumbo.

Kingsport Utilities' bowling team, paced by J. G. Rayfield and W. Z. Trumbo, ended the season in fourth place in the city's eight-team industrial league.

Mr. Rayfield, head T&D clerk, and Mr. Trumbo, personnel supervisor, tied for high seasonal honors with averages of 168. Mr. Rayfield in addition had the league high threegame series with a 228 average, and tied for the single game in the league with a score of 254.

Other team members are James Kesterson and J. A. Randall, Jr., appliance repairmen, Wayne Matthews, collector, and Emory Fugate, electrical engineer.

Employee And Wife Spend Spare Time With Youth Baseball Teams In Ashland



A baseball manager and a league president get together over a book of rules. The manager, believe it or not, is at right; she is Mrs. Edward Humphrey. The president of the league—American Minor Baseball League of Ashlandis Edward Humphrey, an electrical engineer at Ashland.

Working with baseball-playing youngsters this year has claimed the spare-time attention of another company man, this time Edward Humphrey, electrical engineer at Ashland.

Valley Named **Top Athlete**

Gate City High School named Bruce Valley Outstanding Athlete of the year at the

school's all-

sports athletic

banquet last

son of L. C. Valley, Scott

County area supervisor. He

Bruce is the

month.



Mr. Humphrey has been elected president of the American Minor Baseball League in Ashland, giving him responsibility for 12 teams made up of 240 boys between 8 and 12. A total of 12 company families are represented in the league as players or in management. Mr. Humphrey is also director of the American Little League Association and director of the Ashland Youth Baseball League.

Mrs. Humphrev too has a hand in the sport. She coaches the Braves, one of the teams her husband is responsible for.

Hazard Employees Form New Sports Club

When they're not keeping their minds on their jobs, Hazard district employees are keeping their minds on sport activities.

Just formed is a group known as the Hipsters, made up of not jazz buffs, but of pistol shooters, and so far 25 employees have signed up. They have erected a backstop in the old Hazard plant yard where they meet two evenings a week to match skills. In keen competition, district manager A. R. Barber is leading the shooters with a regular four-out-ofpossible-five average. John Pennington, lineman, is second with a threeout-of-five average. Firing is done at a range of 25 yards.

Already established in Hazard is an employee's Rod and Gun Club, now making plans to buy land near the Buckhorn reservoir. This club, now numbering 58 members, plans to build a club house, boat dock and archery range for swimming, fishing and other recreational activities during weekends and vacations. Members plan to do most of the work themselves on the project, which will cost several thousand dollars.

Dickie Gills Wins Five Track Events

Dickie Gills returned from Boy Scout camp last month loaded with track and field honors. He walked away-or rather, ran away, with five

firsts and one second out of seven events, winning the shot put, high jump, running broad jump, 50-yard dash and 100-yard dash. Second place was in the 440-yard relay.

He received his God and Country award in Scouting last fall and has been elected to the Order of the Arrow. Dickie, son of Joe P. Gills, Charleston division manager, enters Thomas Jefferson Junior High School this fall.

Balding Leads Effort For Little League

Seventy-four Ripley boys will play Little League baseball this summer,

> thanks largely to L. D. Balding, local office supervisor in the Ripley office, of the Point Pleasant

district. Mr. Balding recently led the campaign to re-

organize the L. D. Balding

Little League association in the area, affiliated it with the national little league organization, rebuilt the local ball field,



quartet of Hipsters take a few practice shots before the regular competition of the newly-formed pistol club of Hazard employees. Standing, from left, are B. K. Ewen, Homer Combs and John Pennington; kneeling, Billy Turner.

Pikeville Rod And Gun Club Elects Officers, Sets Up Future Projects



New officers of the Pikeville district Rod and Gun Club are from left, Ireland Charles, vice president; Oscar Hamilton, director and past president, and Jesse Collier, president. Leon Huffman, secretary-treasurer, was not present for the picture.

Election of officers and formulation of plans for 1959 and a report of 1958 featured the May meeting of the Pikeville district Rod and Gun Club.

Chosen for the top three club posts were Jesse Collier, president; Ireland Charles, vice president, and Leon Huffman, secretary-treasurer. Elected directors at the same time were Oscar Hamilton, V. A. Syck, William Zoellers and Bill Barnett.

A major project for the coming year concerns the Dewey Lake property acquired by the club. They propose to pay off the debt remaining and to subdivide a portion of the land for individual cabin sites. General areas for parking and picnicking will be retained for the use of all, and will not interfere with the subdivi-

The state is currently building a boat dock and facilities in the cove, and adding a road to serve the area.

The club is open to Pikeville district employees.

Two Employees Win In Utility Golf

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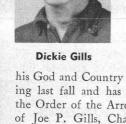
Two Beckley employees were among the winners in the annual inter-utility golf tournament there last month. J. D. Porter won the putting contest and Dick Speas the blind bogey

C&P Telephone Company won the three-cornered event for the second straight year. Amere Gas Utilities Company and Appalachian were the other competitors.

Representing Appalachian were J. V. Mann, Paul Hancock, Eddie Zopp, Keith Evans, Elmer Hutchinson, John Thompson, John Gates, Eddie McGinnis, Kermit Bridges, Tom Dickenson, Jim Farmer, Emory Miller, Jim Morgan, Jim Lowery, Clyde Marshall and John Steele, all from Beckley district; J. E. Hammer, Paul Parsons, John Frazier, J. D. Porter and Dick Speas from Charleston, and G. E. Hervey, W. H. Stricklin, T. J. Rose and Billy Gilmour from Point Pleasant.

LBE—At A Ball Game







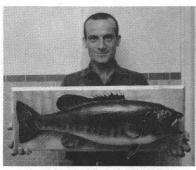
Bruce Valley

won the award for outstanding athletic ability,

sportsmanship and scholastic progress. Bruce also won a second award for showing the most improvement in track. He will attend Wake Forest College in the fall on a football scholarship.

The banquet speaker was Vito (Babe) Parilli, professional football star and former University of Kentucky All-American quarterback.

Two-Foot Fish



That's an eight-pound smallmouth bass Epperson C. Maynard is holding, and it measures 25 inches long and 18 inches around. Mr. Maynard caught it in Dale Hollow, Tennessee on vacation recently. He is lineman in the Huntington district.

put up a fence, and got teams organized.

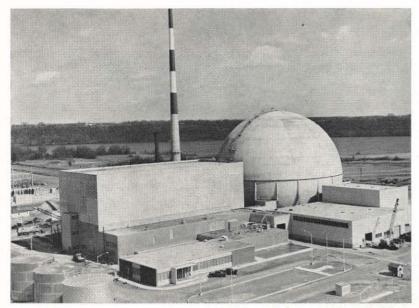
The long hard work was successfully ended recently when the president of the Ripley Lions Club threw out the first ball of the campaign.

Church League Play **Attracts Employees**

Inter-faith fellowship on the softball diamond was the idea behind the establishment this year of the Point Pleasant Softball Church League.

Nine Appalachian employees are playing in the league this year: G. K. Roach, Dana L. Nowlin, Gene Wolfe, Jim Barnette, W. H. Stricklen, R. D. Miller, Fred Nibert, C. A. Simmons and Keith Shinn.

The things a baseball fan has to contend with: favorite hitters in a slump, dropped flies, early spring and night games when the weather is cool. Charleston district Manager C. B. Talley can't do much about the first two, but he's solved the last, as this picture shows. He made an electric vest (on the same principle as an electric blanket) so he can live better electrically at the ball park. Anyone who chooses to follow his example, however, should make sure there's a receptacle nearby.



This is the Dresden Nuclear Power Station near Chicago. The outstanding structural feature of Dresden is the 190-foot steel sphere which will house the reactor assembly. The containment sphere was completed and tested nearly a year ago. The 300-ton reactor pressure vessel has been set in place inside the sphere.

Dresden Nears Completion; AEP System Participating

The Dresden Nuclear Power Station project, in which the American Electric Power System is sharing in a \$15-million research and development expense, is now 75% completed.

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It is expected that the plant will be in regular operation by the middle of 1960, or about six months ahead of the contract completion date of December 7, 1960.

The plant, which will have a capacity of 180,000 kilowatts, is being built on the Illinois waterway 50 miles southwest of Chicago, 8 miles east of Morris, Illinois. Its output will feed into the Commonwealth Edison Company system which serves Chicago and Northern Illinois.

Dresden's nuclear power reactor is the largest under construction in the country. The station will be the first full-scale, privately-financed atomic power plant to go into operation in the United States.

Installation of the turbine-generator at Dresden is in process. Many of the principal parts have been received and the remaining parts are due to arrive in the near future.

Approximately one-third of the nuclear fuel has been delivered to Dresden from the General Electric Atomic Products Department in San Jose, California. The fuel assemblies are being stored in a vault to await initial loading of the reactor this fall.

General Electric Company, which designed the Dresden boiling water reactor project, is building the plant for a contract price of \$45,000,000. The plant will be owned and operated by Commonwealth Edison.

Of the \$45,000,000 contract price, \$15,000,000 is being paid as a research and development expense over a period of five years by the cosponsoring Nuclear Power Group, Electric Power Company: Bechtel Corporation, Central Illinois Light Company, Commonwealth Edison Company, Illinois Power Company, Kansas City Power & Light Company, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and Union Electric Company.

The balance of \$30,000,000 is being paid by Commonwealth Edison, which will capitalize this amount plus something over \$6,000,000 in site and overhead costs.

Kingsport Man's Wife Honored

Kingsport's annual "Woman Of Achievement" this year is the wife of an employee. She is Mrs. Louise M. Allison, whose husband Gus is Kingsport Utilities stores supervisor.

Mrs. Allison was selected for the honor by the Kingsport Business and Professional Women's Club for her activities as "career woman, friend, neighbor, wife, mother and club Mrs. Allison

member." She is assistant cashier of the Kingsport National Bank, and active in such civic organizations as the Kingsport Safety Council, the PTA executive board, Heart Association, Mental Health Association and Community Chest. Mrs. Allison also holds office and membership in several banking associations. Since joining the Business and Professional Women's Club she has served as chairman of a number of committees, treasurer, vice president and president, and has also edited the magazine of the Tennessee

Weather Or Not, F. L. Rouse Keeps Records

Job, hobby, and public service. That's the neat package Frank L. Rouse, Sr., operator at Claytor Hydro plant, has tied up for himself, and for the benefit of a great many persons.

Part of his job at Claytor is to keep a plant record of weather conditions. He then decided that if properly kept, other records could provide valuable data for extrapolation of weather trends. So for years he has kept careful weather records, breaking down his observed information into tables showing daily and monthly averages for the entire Radford area.

The public service part of his activity comes from the fact that he has been, since 1944, co-operative observer for the U. S. Weather Bureau. In addition to reporting high, low, and mean temperatures, rainfall and river gauge readings at Radford, Mr. Rouse makes a cloud study every eight hours and reports his results.

He recently prepared data for the Industrial Development Group at Radford, showing averages on rainfall, snowfall, number of cloudy days, along with actual readings. Prospective industries approached by the group commented favorably on the completeness of the report.

When he retires Mr. Rouse plans to build a weather station at his home to continue his hobby and his weather bureau volunteer work. He will be interested in recording measurable facts, and not making forecasts.

However, forecasts right now fit into the picture, even unwillingly. News of his hobby has gotten around, and one local concrete company regularly calls to get temperature readings to guide them in preparing concrete mixes. And once a visitor from Alabama called to find out if snow was predicted. He was in Radford with his children during Christmas, and he hoped Mr. Rouse could oblige him with a snow forecast, because his children had never seen any.

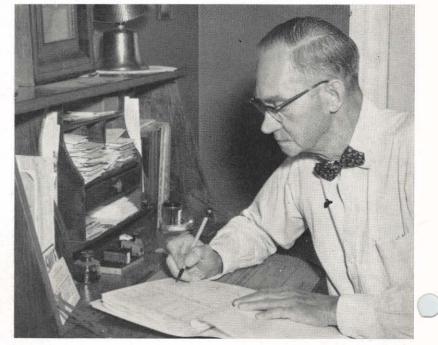
Virginia Engineers Elect R. R. Snedegar

The Southwestern Virginia Engineers Club has elected R. R. Snedegar, Roanoke division electrical engineer, its presi-

dent for the 1959-60 term. He had previously served as secretary and vice president. Mr. Snedegar joined the company in

April 1948 as an engineer in Mr. Snedegar

Roanoke district and transferred to division engineering in 1953. A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Mr. Snedegar holds BS degrees in electrical and mechanical engineering. He is past president of the Roanoke



Frank E. Rouse, Sr., writes a column of figures in his weather record book. Mr. Rouse's hobby is keeping weather information, and he is also a volunteer re-porter for the U. S. Weather Bureau.

C. L. White, Logan, Heads Civic Group

Mr. White

the group for the past two years.

and three grandchildren.

He has over 20 years of company

service, all in Logan. A veteran of

Army service during the war, Mr.

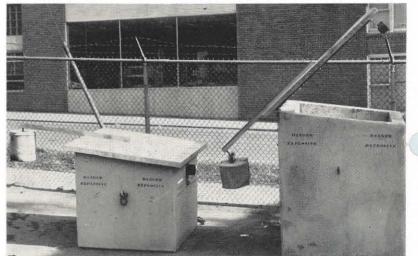
White and his wife have two children

Caleb L. White, building maintenance, Logan local office, has been elected president of the Maachas for the 1959-60 term.

The Maachas, a social and civic group of colored leaders in the community, spon-

technic Institute before earning his BS degree from Memphis State in 1957. In high school in Dublin he distinguished himself in athletics. Mr. Brillheart is employed at the Veterans Hospital in Memphis.

Bluefield Devises New, Safe Method Of Storing, Transporting Explosives



cation has been awarded to Jerry Allen Brillheart, Jr. from Memphis State University. Mr. Brillheart is the son of J. A. Brillheart, Sr., structural engineer, Bluefield.

Mr. Brillheart attended Tennessee Wesleyan Junior College and

J. A. Brillheart, Jr. Virginia Poly-

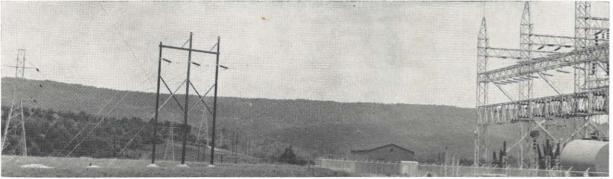
Employee's Son

Granted Master's

A master's degree in physical edu-

sors dances. parties and picnics, as well as operating a program of aid to the needy at various times. Mr. White has served as treasurer of

New Cloverdale Line In Service



Seven 138 ky lines now feed into Roanoke with the energizing of the new line from Glen Lyn into Cloverdale station. The new line, shown at left approaching the

station, was necessary to strengthen facilities and increase power supply to meet demand.

The newly designed and built dynamite magazines in the Bluefield district come in two sizes. They are portable, safe and convenient. Shown here are the counter-weighted lid and enclosed hasp, both safety features.

A new, convenient and safe way of storing high explosives has been devised by the Bluefield district.

The new method involves the construction of two concrete magazines, one for dynamite, the other for exploders. They were constructed at a central location and transported to outlying areas for use.

Portability is one of the major features of the magazines. Two sizes were designed for the dynamite, but even the largest, weighing about two tons, is easily moved. The smaller weighs about 1,800 pounds, and is six inches smaller in every dimension.

Size of the big magazine is four feet square, four feet, four inches deep in front, four feet ten inches deep in the back.

A counterweight on the lid makes it safe and easy for a user to open and close the magazine without the danger of accident, and an enclosed hasp on the lid prevents tampering or unauthorized use of the magazine. Each unit is constructed with eye bolts on the side to make it easy to move.