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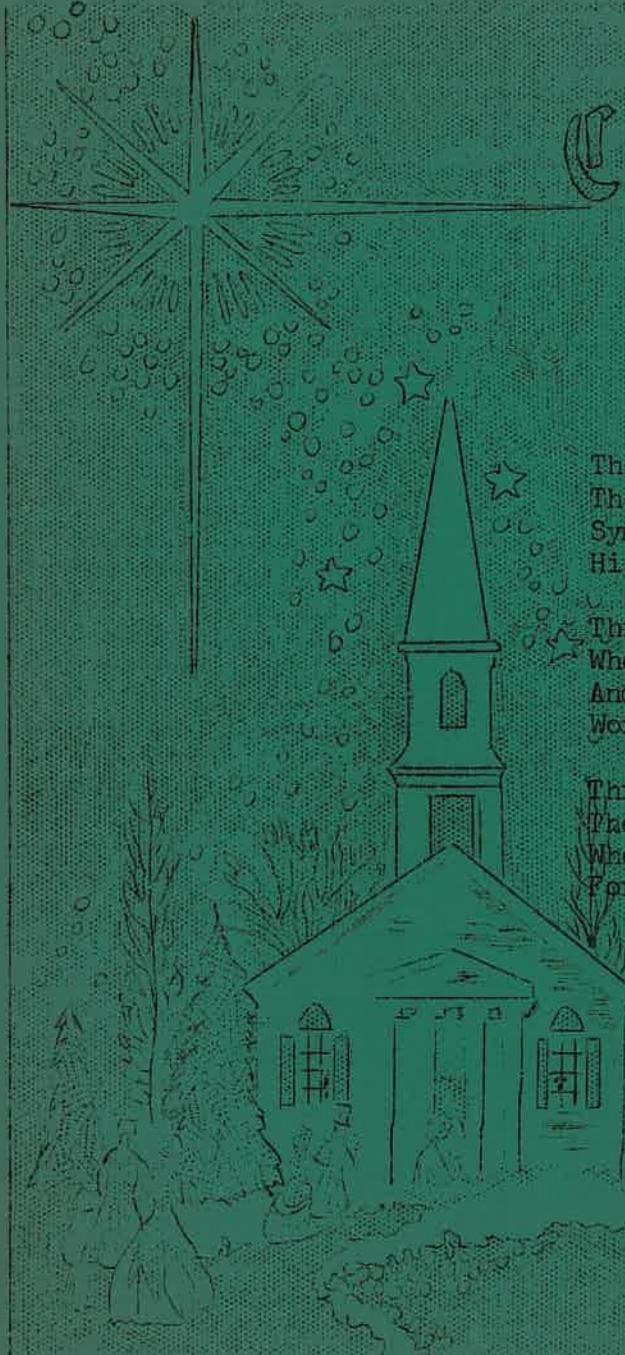
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This is the spirit of Christmas
The holly, the candle, the tree.
Symbols of God in His glory
His Son born for you and for me.

This is the faith of the shepherds
Who saw in the East a Star...
And followed to Bethlehem's manger
Worshiping from afar.

This is the Time to remember
The lowly manger bed
Where the Son of God was born
For the living and the dead.

This is the voice of God's people
Who pause to say a prayer,
Asking forgiveness and mercy
Release from their worry and care.

This is the Hour of His coming
Will there be room in the Inn?
Or is your heart too crowded
To open the door for Him?

—Author Unknown

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MY BLESSING NOT MY DOOM —

submitted by Martha Meredith

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was taken from a booklet with this same title which was written by John Luther and printed by the Economy Press. We are indebted to Jim Meredith's wife for sending us a type-written copy of this booklet we consider excellent food for thought; and regret that space will not permit its reproduction without condensing. You will find a kindred feeling here...and perhaps, appreciation which will enable you to find more happiness in your work.

How many people who think they hate to work would, if they knew the truth, recognize it as the thing they most need in order to find contentment? People need work almost as badly as they need food; without it they're devoured by restlessness and discontent. This might not seem like a particularly valuable piece of knowledge. Yet the lack of it causes millions of people all over the world to suffer needless drudgery and discontent.

Realizing that you actually enjoy working is a part of growing up. But many people never learn it; they never achieve the peace of mind and contentment this knowledge brings. They spend their lives in a prison where work is the eternal punishment. Others wake up to the fact that they like to work only when the time comes to retire. As their daily job comes to an end, they suddenly realize how much it has meant to them, and what a vacuum will be left in their lives without it. Then they belatedly try to develop hobbies and pursuits that will keep them active.

The knowledge comes too late to do much good. If they had only realized this fact 20, 30, or even 40 years earlier, think how much happier they would have been! Instead of drudging away all those years, they could have found pleasure and satisfaction in the work they were doing.

To some people, the fact that they like to work is as obvious as sunlight. To others, like myself, it's often a slow and difficult discovery.

My discovery that work, in itself, was enjoyable came accidentally when I took a 2-month vacation. The first 3 weeks were perfect. In the fourth week, though, an unaccountable restlessness set in. By the fifth week, something was obviously wrong. It was like being all primed to do something but nothing seemed to satisfy. Pleasure had lost its flavor.

My wife sensed it too. "What you need," she said, "is something to work on." And she was right! I not only wanted to work, I needed to work to restore my personal balance and peace of mind.

The discovery was disturbing. Why should a man who had loved outdoor sports all his life be anxious to turn his back to them and go to work? Had I become so stuffy and serious-minded that I couldn't enjoy a little fun? Was I the victim of some sort of neurosis, a work compulsion from which I could not escape? It was possible, but not probable.

When a person's reactions, all his life, have been almost discouragingly normal, he isn't apt to change overnight.

I finally decided that my reaction to a 2-month vacation was just about normal, too. Almost anyone accustomed to working for a living would, sooner or later, feel the same restlessness and dissatisfaction. Work is the main course, the meat and substance of our lives. Recreation is the dessert; we like it best in modest portions at the end of a good meal. When we try to substitute the dessert for the meal itself, we lose our taste for it.

The more you think about work, the more you realize that it's a subject about which the human race is sadly confused. What is work, anyway? The fellow who goes fishing once in a while thinks it's great sport. The man who has to fish for a living thinks fishing is work. Which is it?

The handy man likes to fix things up around the house...he says it's fun. But the carpenter, plumber, and painter think the same jobs are work. Who is right?

Mark Twain knew what work was: "Work consists of whatever a body is obliged to do and play consists of whatever a body is not obliged to do." Twain's definition holds the key to making any job easier and pleasanter. Work is not a concrete thing...it's a mental attitude. Nothing is either work or play but thinking makes it so.

Whatever you do, if you do it under a feeling of compulsion, it's work. If you have no feeling of compulsion, it isn't work. How can we avoid the feeling of compulsion that makes work a burden? To some extent, we can't escape it. Most of us have to work for a living. There's no use trying to kid ourselves about that. Nevertheless, there are two things anyone

can do to take the edge off the feeling of compulsion and make his job pleasant.

One is to do more work and better work than you have to. Don't do only as much work as you have to. Do more! Don't do work that is barely good enough to get by. Do the best job you know how.

"That idea," some people will snort, "is strictly for the birds." But it isn't. It's practical. Take a look around you and judge for yourself. To whom does work seem of great interest, to those who do only as much as they are forced to do, or to those who throw themselves into the job and do more than they have to do?

Why does a good workman fret when there isn't enough work to be done? Because he finds it more tiring to work halfheartedly than to work hard. He knows the day is longer when he has to goldbrick. And the end of the day leaves him with no warming sense of accomplishment.

The man who does only as much as he has to turns his job into a prison. Compulsion hangs over every move he makes. Everything he does, he does only because he is forced to do it.

The man who does more than he has to clears the walls of this prison in a single bound. He does whatever he is doing not because he has to but because he wants to. He is working of his own free will. Compulsion has been left behind.

This may seem like a subtle mental distinction. But it's real. You can see it reflected in the happiness and satisfaction...or the lack of it...in those around you.

The second way to circumvent a feeling of compulsion in your job is to realize

this fact: even if you didn't have to work, you would probably want to work anyway. If you don't believe this, stop and think a moment. If you didn't work, what could you possibly do with yourself? Would you like to join the idle rich? Study their faces sometime. Do they reflect peace and contentment? They are the most bored and empty people on earth.

Can you think of any adult who doesn't work whom you believe to be happy? Countless men who were born rich have spent millions of dollars to buy or create enterprises in which they could have the pleasure of working. They could not stand a purposeless, workless existence.

We need work desperately. We need it to absorb our mental and physical energies. If these energies are not expended in constructive fashion, they turn inward and poison our minds and bodies with restlessness and dissatisfaction. We need work to give us a feeling of being needed, wanted, and useful. We also need it to give balance to our lives; without work, rest and relaxation have no meaning.

Some people say: "I don't mind working, I just don't happen to like my job." Maybe so. But would they like any job? To each individual some jobs are undoubtedly more satisfying than others. But happiness depends not so much on the job as on the attitude of the person who holds it. No job can deny a man one basic satisfaction: the knowledge that he has done it well. And if he doesn't do it well, what has he to recommend him when he wants a better one?

The rubbish collector on our block has the right idea. He cheerfully tells my

wife, "Throw out everything, even your husband, we'll take care of it." I respect that man. He has found satisfaction in his job by doing it well. Furthermore, I'm sure he doesn't go home at night as tired physically and spiritually as those who begrudge every ounce they carry away.

Progress is a funny thing. Modern machines and technology have taken the backache out of our labors. We produce more and more with less and less effort. Each decade seems to bring shorter working hours. That's fine...but where do we stop? Our national goal sometimes seems to be work as little as is necessary in order to make a good living. Is that what we want? Will constantly working less and less actually make us happy? Sometimes the less people have to do, the more they complain. At what point will our jobs become more of a nuisance than a satisfying occupation?

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. But so does all play and no work. Our leisure time has increased greatly. But so has our general restlessness, nervous tension, alcoholism, mental instability, and outright insanity. Too much wealth and leisure, and too little work, debauched the rulers of the Roman Empire and brought its downfall. What would happen if the same virus infected our world?

People who think they don't like to work remind me of an officer I knew who griped for 4 years about everything connected with the Navy. Then when his time was up he signed for 4 more years.

Don't wait until you retire to realize that you really like to work. Start enjoying your job today!

SERVICE AWARDS FOR DISTRICT TWO — —

by Brewster Shalmy

Division Maintenance Superintendent

December 1 was a red letter day for District 2, when 135 of our Maintenance and Construction employees received their Service Awards at a presentation program in the District 2 Shop.

H. R. Lucas, District Engineer, opened the meeting and gave a most inspiring talk on being a coordinated team, working and pulling together. He said that the Highway Commission couldn't do without each employee's help, which certainly made us all feel needed. Mr. Lucas then introduced Gerald Sisk, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer, who greeted the group but declined to make a speech.

E. E. Mashburn, Construction Engineer, was introduced next. He talked about the improved working conditions and the better salaries, which gave us food for thought and a feeling of appreciation. Cecil Lynch, Chairman of the Highway Commission, was the next speaker. He said: "We have had a great year in the Highway Department. It takes more than talk to build roads and each person should receive credit for the work they do when it is done well, whatever their status may be. We want to build the best Highway Department in the United States. I think we have come a long way toward that goal." Mr. Lynch said he was glad to have the honor of giving out the pins, to which Mr. Lucas added: "I hope you will appreciate yours as much as I will mine."

Mr. Lynch then presented the awards and pins to each employee and wished them

well. Mr. Mashburn shook hands with them and added his best wishes. O. A. Tinsley and John S. Harris, Jr., helped with the presentation by calling each employee's name, and a photographer from the Pine Bluff Commercial took pictures.

The 6 people receiving 20-year service awards were: Mr. Harris, Joe Tice, Cass B. Ussery, Lester B. Baker, Dennis Matthews, and John E. Morgan.

There were 12 to receive the 15-year awards: Dewey Dew, Cleet Harper, Robert Jarboe, Willard Johnson, Robert Kirkland, Cleve Pamplin, Brewster Shalmy, Woodrow Wilson, William Yearian, Noel Diffie, Willie Williams, and J. I. Lookadoo.

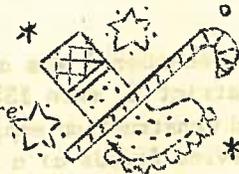
We honor Miss Lizabeth Edith Green as the only lady to receive an award and she is with the following group of 38 people to receive 10-year awards: Charles Emrick, Edgar Carpenter, Walter Combs, George Cooley, John Deal, Floyd Fulbright, John Hollis, Wess Kyle, Elbert Martin, Will Nowden, Edgar Rabb, Roth Rabb, Will Rabb, Joseph Roark, John Sanders, Joe Savage, Guy Thomasson, Robert Waller, Samuel Adams, Homer Atchley, Van Baker, Ezra Baldwin, Fred Beliew, J. R. Cearley, Robert Cross, Samuel Elkins, Lewis Carlington, Woodward Hardin, James Lybarger, J. E. McCook, Gus Paul, Cairroll Roach, Richard Stanton, William Warford, Jess Whitaker, Richard Day, Jim Williams, Newton Suitt, and Cayle Gunn. The 84 employees receiving a 5-year award were: Elbert Anderson, Dewey Hicks, Giles Bordeaux, James Burks, Claude Cope,

William Breech, James Cockrell, Roy Chisem.
 Willard Cooper, Willie Bustie, Barney Doss.
 Emmett Daugherty, Joseph Doss, Glen Jacks,
 Johnnie Fox, Charles Gaddy, Howard Green,
 Herbert Garrison, John Allen, Benjamin F.
 Jackson, Eshroum Gregory, Buster Hollis,
 William O'Briant, Albert Jackson, Carmon
 Johnson, Rudolph Rinehart, Everett Linzy.
 Robert Rinehart, H. R. Lucas, Ted Hurst,
 Robert Merritt, Jesse Nelson, Aubrey
 Murphy, James Perry, Robert Speer, Edgar
 Thomasson, Norbert Piper, Huston Reedy.
 Lester Rabb, Jewell Taylor, John Waters,
 Charles Snyder, Ola Townsend, Ike Brewer,
 Sanford Varnell, Robert Warren, Robert
 Atchley, O. V. Williams, Van Bratton, Jr.,
 James Whitten, Rayburn Chenault, William
 Ginerich, Frank Barton, John McClinton,
 James Claussen, George Earle, William
 Green, Jesse Crowson, Delbert Edge, Henry
 Elrod, Thomas Fort, Louis Gershner, Henry
 Miller, Milburn Holiman, Lowell Holt,
 George Engle, Arthur Mahan, Lee Jackson,
 Keedy, Thomas Latimer, Rayburn Paxton,
 Daniel Pierce, Luther Watson, Benard Hart,
 Jeff Whitehurst, Robert Wimberly, Deward
 Ashcraft, James Yarbero, Alvin Gosnell,
 John Tallant, Guy Smith, Leroy Marlin,
 and James Burke.

Mr. Lynch then gave the History of the Arkansas Highway Department since he has been a member of the Highway Commission. He said that 3 years ago we had 4,000 miles of unpaved roads in the State. When we complete all the jobs that are set up now, we will only have 2,700 miles of unpaved roads. "We are doing things and we want to keep the good work going." Congratulations to each award winner!

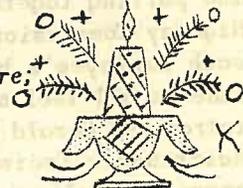
A BOY'S DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Christmas is coming—
 It's almost here—
 Oh, but the day before
 Seems like a year!

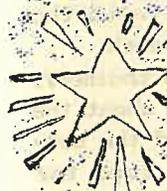


* The wreaths are all hung,
 And even the mat—
 With "Welcome" upon it
 In letters like THAT—

Is placed on the roof,
 By the chimney with care;
 I know 'cause I helped
 My Dad put it there.



Now I'm going to bed...
 I hope I can sleep—
 But right now, tomorrow
 Seems like next week!—Doyle



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Personnel Division requests that all employees of the Arkansas Highway Department furnish us with their correct mailing address. It is necessary that we have this information by the end of December, so that your Withholding Statement (4-2 Form) can be mailed to you. We will appreciate your promptness in this matter.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning the first of the year, our "Arkansas Highways" magazine will be issued every other month. This bimonthly status will continue only until certain difficulties have been overcome enabling us to again produce the magazine monthly.

January 15 will be the deadline for all Party Line Parade news and distribution of the magazine will be February 15. March 15 will be the next news deadline with distribution April 15, and so on.

There has been a noticeable decrease in our Party Line news since the change in the District setup July 1. Perhaps this has been caused by the Division offices believing that the District office should do the reporting. Actually, it would be to great advantage if, in addition to the District reporter, each Maintenance Division would also appoint a reporter. That way there is bound to be more news about more people because there will be closer contact.

The magazine will be larger when we are on a bimonthly basis and you will want everyone to know that your Division is on the map, too. Let's get better acquainted. Let's all know each other. We have "Tips for Reporters" which will help in gathering news if any reporter would like a copy. Just write the Editor at the Highway Department in Little Rock.

We need news of the work you are doing and how you are doing it. If you have a new method of solving an old problem, let us know. If there is any subject you would like discussed or on which you wish more information, let us know. Let us know what you want in your magazine.

PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS

Division 1 - Total 1

11/25/55, employee fell, hurting back.

Division 2 - Total 3

11/14/55, automobile accident, no injuries.

11/30/55, automobile accident, no injuries.

Division 3 - Total 3

11/9/55, employee fell on blade of bulldozer and injured chest.

11/7/55, a piece of mesh wire flew up and hit left eye.

11/4/55, mashed fingers on radiator.

Division 4 - Total None

Division 5 - Total 3

11/25/55, while digging rock the tooth broke off dipper, throwing employee against back of seat, hurting back.

11/15/55, car swept from highway by tornado and thrown against another car.

11/4/55, dipper of ly-lift struck left leg.

Division 6 - Total 5

11/14/55, automobile accident, no injuries.

11/1/55, burned eyes while using welder.

11/4/55, nail torn from right thumb while dumping a truck.

11/18/55, a 3-car collision, no injuries.

11/15/55, employee fell against side of truck, injuring side.

Division 7 - Total 2

11/17/55, injured left eye while unloading gravel.

11/15/55, automobile accident, no injuries.

Division 8 - Total 2

11/4/55, driver lost control of truck and hit fellow employee, injuring leg.

11/9/55, employee received two fractured toes when hydraulic lift fell on foot

Jacksonville - Total 1

11/29/55, working on tractor, injured back.

Little Rock - Total None

BATTLE FOR SURVIVAL

by an Appreciative Listener

Bill Headrick of Statistics & Analyses Division witnessed quite an unusual and interesting event several years back while hunting in the rugged Ozark Mountains north of Batesville.

Bill was hunting squirrels without a dog. Hunters speak of this as "still" hunting. The hunter goes into the forest and moves slowly and very quietly around or just finds himself a likely spot and stands still...waiting for the squirrels to make the first move.

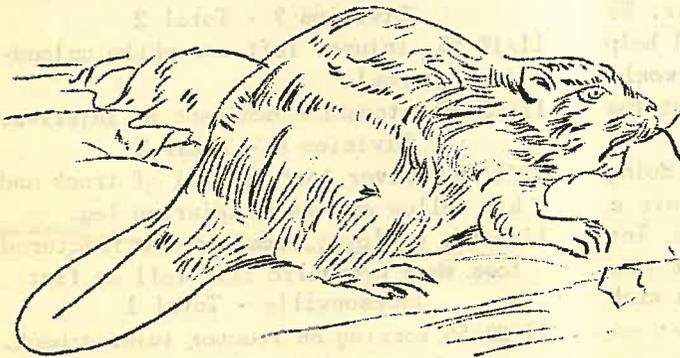
Bill had located what he considered to be a good spot to wait and was arranging things for comfort when suddenly a very strange noise came from the canyon nearby. Bill was experienced enough in the habits of wild life to know that the noise he heard was truly the noise of battle.

He hurried to the edge of the canyon where he could see what was causing all the noise. What was occurring in the canyon below was a duel, with no holds

barred, between a wild boar and a bobcat. The combatants were so locked in battle that they were completely oblivious to the presence of the human spectator.

Bill relates that the duel continued at high pitch for fully three-quarters of an hour. The bobcat would climb upon a ledge about 5 feet above the boar and leap upon him with all the fury of which the cat family is capable. Each time the boar would be knocked down but would rise with a sideswipe movement that would bring his long tusks into contact with the cat. Finally the bobcat lay dead and the boar continued his search for larger and better acorns.

The only regret Bill expresses about this battle is that he did not have a motion picture camera. It is surprising how many "citized dudes" think this story is told for a joke, or that Bill had lingered much too long that day with a jug of mountain dew.



Hey! I don't
want in on
this!

JEST FOR FUN

by Jimmy Zinn

SECOND BEST

Doc: "Now Joe, as I see it, you must give up smoking, drinking, and running around at nights. Early to bed, early to rise, you know. That's the best thing for you."

Joe: "Doc, I really don't deserve the best. What's second best?"

WHOOPS!

"Could you know that I have had eight sittings today?"

"Having your portrait painted?"

"Oh no, icy streets."

PROFESSIONAL PATTERN

The worried man went to his doctor and said his wife was getting deaf.

"Oh, you just tell her it's a sign of advancing years," Doc advised.

"Oh no, not me Doc," spouted the husband. "You tell her."

IMAGINE

An 80-year-old man with young ideas had married a girl of 26, and more than anything else in the world wanted a son, so he went to his old doctor friend and explained his situation.

"Well, I'm sorry," said old doc, "you may be heir-minded, but you are certainly not heir-conditioned."

CASE HARDENED

A lawyer was attending a funeral when a friend came in and took a seat beside him and whispered:

"How far has the service gone?"

The lawyer nodded toward the Clergyman in the pulpit and whispered back, "He just opened for the defense."

Flirtation: Attention without intention.

PATIENCE, LADDIE BOY

Youthful suitor: "Sir, how long do you think it'll be before your daughter makes her appearance?"

Pop: "Why she's upstairs making it now."

HEARD AT WATER FOUNTAIN

"I feel as fresh as a 2-year-old."

"Oh yeah, horse or egg?"

ON HIGH

First Angel: "How did you get up here?"

Second Angel: "Flu."

TIME WILL TELL

"Sam, how long are you going to be in the jug for shootin' your wife?"

"Two weeks."

"Jest 2 weeks for killin' your wife?"

"Yeah, then I get hung."

WHAT'S ALL THE NOISE

Alert traffic cop, flagging a motorist:

"Say mister, your wife fell out of the car three blocks back."

Motorist: "Oh, thank heavens, I thought I'd gone stone deaf."

ARE YOU CAREFUL?

A young girl approaching the perfume counter reading the widely advertised name titles, "My Sin," "Ecstasy," "Midnight Rapture," and such lurid names, guardedly asked the saleswoman, "Do you have anything for a beginner?"

Now that the Yuletide season is upon us, I take this opportunity to extend to all a very Merry Christmas with the hope the New Year will bring happiness and the fulfillment of all your dreams. -- Jimmy Zinn

Peace on earth, good will to men.--H.W.L.

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HEADQUARTERS

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Betty Lane - Reporter

Our heartiest congratulations to Mildred and Herbert Eldridge who celebrated their thirty-third wedding anniversary on November 22; and to Joyce and "Gick" Spencer, whose tenth anniversary was observed on December 8. We wish both couples many, many more happy and prosperous years together.

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Ferol Jones' son, Jerry, who played quarterback for the Pulaski Heights Panthers, made the First Team of the Junior High City League All Stars. That is quite an achievement, and one of which we know Ferol is very proud.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thrasher have a new 1956 Chevrolet in light yellow and light green, and it is a real beauty. Looks like Santa Claus came early this year for the Thrashers. Congratulations.

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We are sorry to report that Margie Shirley is sick with a virus. We send our best get-well-quick wishes and hope she will be back with us real soon.

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We are also sorry to hear that Eloise Ray's little daughter, Darla, who is 2 years old, has been ill. We hope that she gets well soon so that she will be in tip top shape to welcome the jolly old man in the red suit and long white whiskers.

We offer our deep and heartfelt sympathies to Joyce Spencer, her mother and her family in the loss of her father, J. A. Dillon, who passed away suddenly October 22 at the Baptist Hospital. May God in His own kind and loving way bring comfort to their hearts and minds in their time of sorrow.

REPRODUCTION ROOM

Lucille Huffstutlar - Reporter

Mamie Fanning was very happy when her brother, Reverend Buren Johnson, stopped by for a visit. Mamie hadn't seen him in over 4 years, so the 2-day leave she took to be with him was spent in rehashing old times and making a tour of our city. Mamie reports that they had a very enjoyable time.

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We are happy to spread the welcome mat to Hess Gordon who transferred to Reproduction recently from Personnel. She is working with Pat Patterson and from all indications they are both kept plenty busy. Hess reports that she enjoys her work very much.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Carter are planning to spend the Christmas Holidays with their son and daughter-in-law, Jesse and Christine Carter, of La Grange, Georgia. They are also anxious to see their grandchildren. We are sure they will have a wonderful Christmas.

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MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Mae Halliburton - Reporter

Our best wishes go to Thornton Rowe, Ed Raach, and B. F. Strange who celebrated birthdays this month. Merald Sneeds birthday was in November and we offer him our very best "belated" birthday wishes.

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We are all happy to hear that H. Hays Medlock, who suffered a broken disk in his neck after a freak accident, is convalescing at his home in Plumerville.

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Congratulations to Frances and Irwin Roller, and Hazel and Thornton Rowe who celebrated their wedding anniversaries in November, AND to Georgia and Bob Donham who celebrated theirs this month. We wish all of you many more years of happiness.

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We were glad to see Horace Cox and Red Pierce, former employees of M & T, when they stopped by for a visit with us recently. We hope they will come by to see us again soon.

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H. A. Dreher and Regal Cotton took to the woods recently on deer hunts. H. A. and his party bagged one, and Regal also had the pleasure of killing one. They both were gone a week and of course we were "filled in" with some mighty interesting deer stories.

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Russell Newsom spent a week of his vacation traveling through New Mexico and other points of interest. He reported to have had a marvelous time.

We extend a hearty welcome to Odell Ballard of Benton, James Earnhart of Plummerville, and Billy Tanner of Prescott who recently joined our Highway family.

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We are happy to report that Bob Donham is back on the job with us after being on the sick list for a few days.

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We were glad to see Martin Crow and his 5-month-old daughter, Rebecca, when they came by to see us recently. Rebecca is a darling little girl.

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We were sorry to lose C. F. Cato and Earl Allen who resigned recently. We wish them both the best of luck.

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Commander J. T. Pendergrass is spending a 10-day leave with the Naval Reserve in New Orleans. Have fun, J. T.

STATISTICS AND ANALYSES DIVISION

Headrick and Hume Reporters

The members of our Division are planning a Christmas party for December 20 to be held in the Fair Park Club House on West Markham. All employees with 5 years service or more will be awarded Service Pins. Plenty of soft drinks and sandwiches will be served.

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Daisy Conley and son, Bill, motored to Dallas recently to spend a long week end with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Milligan. They reported to have had a wonderful time and Daisy especially enjoyed being with her two lovely grandchildren.

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PURCHASING OFFICE

Mildred Sanderson - Reporter

Santa Claus visited Jon Shaw a little early this year, and guess what he put in her stocking? Why a Ford of course. You know the slogan, "There's a Ford in Your Future," well Jon believes it now. She took all the gang riding in it the other day and it performs beautifully.

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Bob Landfair should be dubbed "The Arkansas Traveler," from all the places he has been lately. Bob just returned after a carefree week of basking in the good old Florida sun. Lucky guy! He spent some time in Jacksonville, and Daytona Beach, and even went swimming on Thanksgiving day. Sounds wonderful, Bob.

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Did you know that the big senior football star of Central High School is our own John Plegge's younger brother, Frank? We are just as proud of Frank as you are John, and expect to hear big things about him when he enters college next year.

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A very Merry Christmas and the happiest New Year ever is wished for all of our friends in the Department by Jim Meredith, Bob Landfair, John Plegge, Jon Shaw, Willene Gray, and Yours Truly.

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

Doris Hodge Reporter

We are all glad that Mrs. Lew Greer is home from the hospital and send her our best wishes for her continued improvement.

We are glad to welcome Robert Andrews back to our Final Estimate Section. "Bob" has been working in the field with Johnny Robinson, Resident Engineer in El Dorado.

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Our hearty congratulations to all those in Construction personnel who was awarded Service Pins and Certificates of Merit ranging from 5 to 25 years, and to W. E. "Pappy" Carter who received a Certificate and a Pin for 35 years of service.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mashburn and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchell attended the annual AASHO meeting held at New Orleans and they reported they had a grand time.

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We in Construction extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to EVERYONE.

BRIDGE DESIGN DIVISION

Virginia Tackett - Reporter

The month of November was a momentous one for Flo and John Hall. They celebrated their wedding anniversary November 19 and 4 days later their son, James Phillips, was born. November 28 was John's birthday, so it's no wonder that he began his annual leave at that time. Our Hearty Congratulations to the Hall's on all 3 events.

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The fact that Mike Mattox celebrated his third birthday on November 10 with a party may sound anti-climax after the Halls' triple play, but father Bob tells us that the affair was a 3-ring circus in all respects. Many happy returns, Mike.

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EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Mary M. Hill - Reporter

C. Don Hayes presented Certificates of Merit and Service Pins to the employees in the Equipment and Procurement Division and Central Shops on November 20. Those who received the awards for 20 years service were: Herbert Burns, T. J. Eby, Carl Hosack, and Frank E. Fleming; 15 years: W. B. Cape, Asa L. Duncan, R. C. Mosby, Cecil C. Hamrick, S. K. Heard, George D. Lewis, Frank Pratt, Sr., R. A. Short, and W. P. Vanderburg; 10 years: Mary M. Hill, Cecil L. Elliott, P. L. Harris, Cecil W. Lacey, H. W. Pittman, Adolph Stroble, J. H. Roberson, and C. D. Thomas; 5 years: James S. Alexander, James M. Baker, J. W. Berryman, W. E. Burns, Oscar T. David, Hugh Fuqua, Charles Green, M. L. Price, Bruce Hardcastle, J. E. Hardcastle, Carl Hillis, Gregory S. Imbery, Matthew W. Skelton, A. G. Jackson, William T. Jones, Henry B. Kirchoff, Lem B. Kirkpatrick, Allen M. Pannell, Joseph Stinson, and E. Wagner. L. O. "Jack" Brown, who resigned September 15 to take a position with R. Al Young & Son Inc., happened to be in at the time the awards were being made and was presented with a 5-year Pin and Certificate. Jack stated that he was very pleased to receive the award. C. C. Howell, with 20 years, and Frank J. Boyett, with 10 years, received their Pins and Certificates on December 5. We all appreciate the recognition for years of continued service and our congratulations are extended to all of the faithful employees.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Casey enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday in Batesville visiting with Ray's family.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bonnell who recently moved into their new home at 504 McArthur Drive, Jacksonville.

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Shirley and Henry Kirchoff reported to have had an enjoyable visit in Paragould the week end of November 11.

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We are happy to report that Mrs. W. P. Vanderburg has been released from St. Vincents Hospital after suffering from pneumonia. We offer our best wishes for her continued improvement.

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We are sorry to report J. H. "Rube" Roberson suffered chest and rib injuries recently when he slipped and fell on ice. We hope that he will have a speedy recovery and be back with us soon.

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Marvin Robinson took his annual leave to be with his son Jesse, and his family, when they visited in the Robinson home in November. Jesse is in the Navy stationed in Honolulu.

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We're happy to have Red Shaw and Amos Bell back with us again after being on the sick list in November.

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Our deer hunters in November were J. W. Berryman, W. K. Heard, Eruce Hardcastle, James M. Baker, and Hugh Fuqua. J. W. was the lucky one. He bagged a 4-pointer. We wish the others better luck next time.

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DISTRICT 1

Headquarters Kathryn Booher Jonesboro

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Perkins spent the Thanksgiving Holiday at their home in Harrison with friends and relatives and had a wonderful time. The Perkins' are also the proud owners of a television set.

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The new offices for the Jonesboro-Nettleton Job, located in the old high school building across the hall from us, opened November 16. Elmer W. Smith is the Resident Engineer on the Job, and Doc Nichols is in charge here. We are happy to have them as our neighbors.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kelly spent the Thanksgiving Holiday in Wichita, Kansas, with their son and daughter, and their families. They reported to have had a wonderful visit.

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We enjoyed a visit from Mr. Rives and Mr. Sisk on December 6-7. Mr. Rives presented Mr. Perkins with his 20-year Certificate of Merit and Service Pin. Mr. Rives also gave him the Pins and Certificates earned by the personnel in Divisions 1 and 10, which will be awarded them at a later date by Mr. Perkins.

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We missed the Crossword Puzzle in the last issue of Arkansas Highways. We hope it will be back this month. (EDITORS NOTE: Glad to hear it, if we receive enough requests you shall have a puzzle every month. So far, very few employees have expressed a desire for the puzzle.)

DISTRICT 2

Division 2 Ouida Grimes Pine Bluff

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Montgomery on the birth of a daughter, Susan Ann, who made her appearance on November 6. Mrs. Montgomery is the former Lila Mae Collins. Our best wishes to the little one for a long and healthy life.

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Several of our employees took a week of their vacation hunting deer during the season in November. Garland Vick, who hunted with the Star City camp, reported their party killed 1-8-pointer and a 2-pointer. George Cooley and Charles V. Earnest reported that their camps bagged 2 bucks each. Woodrow K. Wilson spent only a short time hunting, without any luck, but we bet that he gets his on his next hunt, and maybe even 2 of 'em. The remainder of his 2-week vacation was spent at his home, just working and taking it easy. That's the best kind and we know it was enjoyable.

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Selma Chavis took one week of her vacation last month and she reported to have had a wonderful time playing bridge and she took time out to clean house.

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We offer our deep and heartfelt sympathies to Roosevelt Williams and his family in the loss of his mother, who passed away on December 2. We know she will be sadly missed.

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We wish to extend our best Christmas Greetings and a Happy New Year to All.

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DISTRICT 3

Division 3

Olive Jackson

Hope

Congratulations and best wishes to Laurice and Gilbert Honea who were married November 23 in the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hamilton of Elevins. Laurice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shapley of Elevins. Gilbert is the son of . and Mrs. Cyrus Honea also of Elevins. We hope they have a happy life together.

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The famous Ponder quadruplets of Murfreesboro, who will be 4 years old on January 14, have just returned from Elwood, Indiana, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ponder, after a 2-week vacation visiting relatives. While they were there, the children made personal appearances at a theater. Leonard is an employee in Pike County.

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Rowland and Opal Greeson are the proud maternal grandparents of Paula Jean, born November 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Rowe. We offer our hearty congratulations to the Greeson's and Rowe's with best wishes for a long and happy life to Paula Jean.

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We extend our deep and heartfelt sympathies to the following who have suffered the loss of loved ones: Sidney Flowers and his family in the loss of his mother who passed away November 26; Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Tittle in the loss of her mother who died December 3; and to Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Taylor in the loss of her brother Luther Mitchell, who passed away on November 26.

Edna Lewallen is very proud of her daughter, Carolyn, who was one of the winners in the Lion Oil Scholarship Contest which closed October 14. Carolyn won a \$25.00 award by writing an essay entitled, "My Definition of Good Citizenship," which was in a group of 45.

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We are happy to report that Ed Bonds, who was in the hospital for a week, is back on the job with us.

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Certificates of Merit and Service Pins were awarded to 77 employees at a meeting of Division Headquarters in Hope on November 30. Out of those recipients there were 5- 20-year employees; 5- 15-year employees; 30- 10-year employees and 37- 5-year employees. Carlisle Crews, a 25-year employee, had previously received his Certificate and Pin at the presentation in Little Rock. The awards were presented by A. G. Rives, State Maintenance Engineer and W. E. Hicks, District Engineer. Interesting speeches were made by W. T. Jeter, District Maintenance Supervisor and A. M. Clark, Division Superintendent.

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Jessie Albert Calhoun, age 69, Night Watchman, died of a heart attack at his home in Hope, November 25. Mr. Calhoun had worked almost continuously for this Department since 1947 and will be greatly missed by all employees. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clara Calhoun, one son, Hollis Calhoun of Waldo and two daughters Mrs. E. G. McAdams and Mrs. Arthur Dugan of Hope. We offer Mrs. Calhoun and family our heartfelt sympathies.

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DISTRICT 3

Division 7 Sheila Williams Camden

Our heartiest congratulations to 23 members of our Construction personnel who met in our office November 28 to receive their Service Pins and Certificates. Those who received 20-year pins were: J. T. Durham and J. W. Robinson; 15-year pins: Paschal Crawford; 10-year pins: W. A. McDonnell and R. M. Miller; 5-year pins: C. L. Baucum, James A. Cheatham, Pat Collins, W. W. Cook, R. A. Copeland, Sebern Coston, W. B. Duncan, Jr., C. C. Ellis, B. G. Hatridge, M. A. Lynn, R. M. Cliver, W. L. Oliver, Kellie Pilgreen, Charles D. Rumply, M. E. Rogers, J. D. Sutton, Jewell Tackett, and J. E. Winters. It was a pleasure having Mr. Mashburn and Mr. Carter who participated in the presentation program and we hope they will visit us again soon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and daughters, Judy and Virginia, visited with friends in Fayetteville over a recent week end and they reported to have had a most enjoyable visit.

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We offer our deep and heartfelt sympathy to Jean Hecker of the Division 7 office, and her family, in the loss of her father, who passed away recently.

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We in District 3 had a most enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday, and now that the glorious Yuletide season is here, we take this opportunity to extend a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

DISTRICT 4

Division 4 Faye Carter Fort Smith

Word has gotten around to your reporter that Ed Loyd is wearing a shirt cut off up to the pockets. Now, what we would like to know is this, did that silly deer that jumped out of gun sight three times have anything to do with it, or is that the latest thing in shirts?

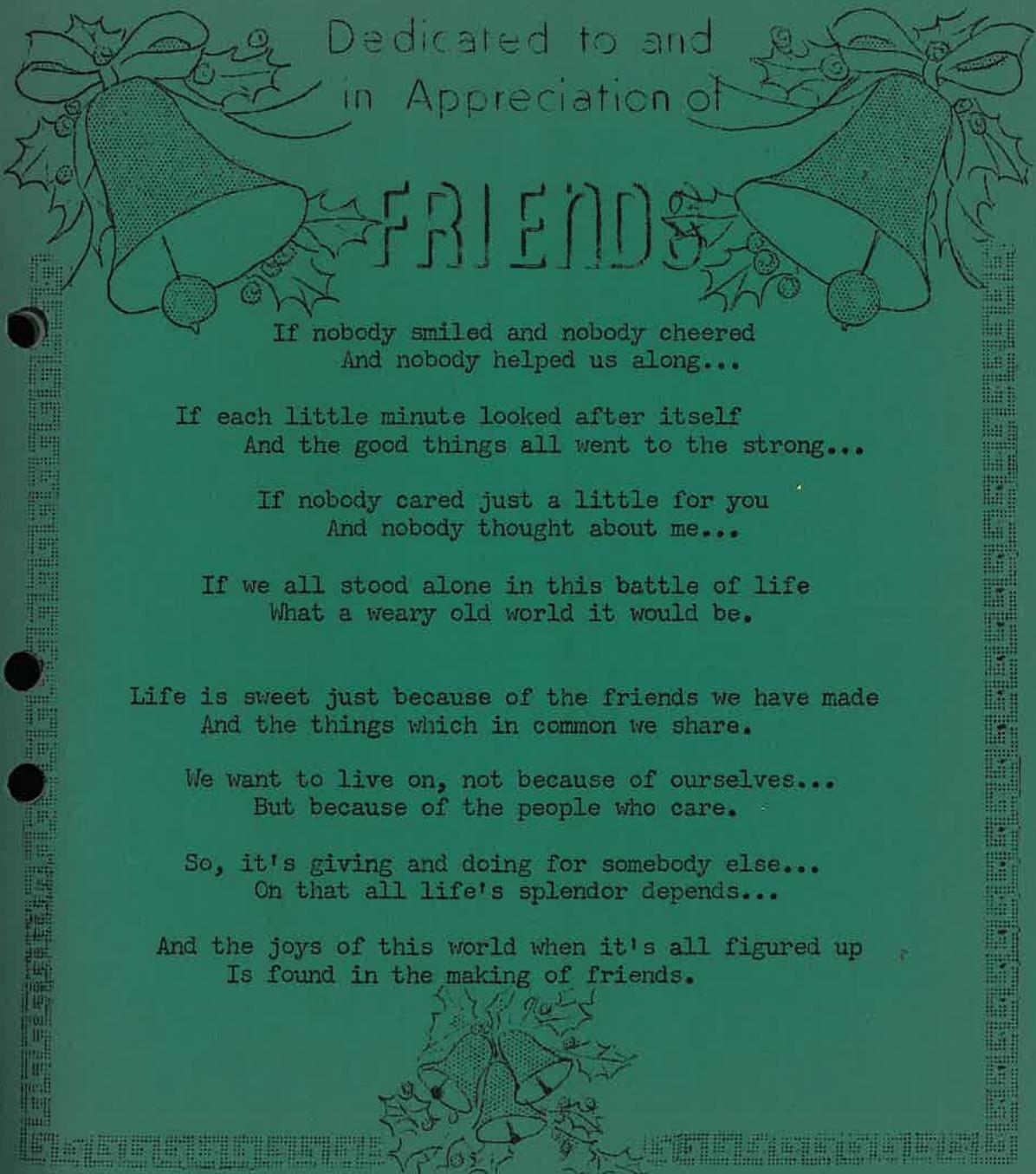
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Joe and Betty Daggs are mighty proud of the new little bundle the stork left for them at St. Edwards Hospital. He flew in one morning about 5:55 and left Curtis Roy, who weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces. Our congratulations to the happy couple.

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Albert Hamlin would like to express his thanks and gratitude to all the employees in Division 4 for their help and thoughtfulness during his recent troubles. His wife and son were in an automobile accident and his wife was pretty badly bruised. Albert has returned to work and reported she is getting along fine now. Albert we were glad that we could help and just wish that there had been more we could have done, and hope the Hamlin's will have smooth sailing from now on.





Dedicated to and
in Appreciation of

FRIENDS

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered
And nobody helped us along...

If each little minute looked after itself
And the good things all went to the strong...

If nobody cared just a little for you
And nobody thought about me...

If we all stood alone in this battle of life
What a weary old world it would be.

Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made
And the things which in common we share.

We want to live on, not because of ourselves...
But because of the people who care.

So, it's giving and doing for somebody else...
On that all life's splendor depends...

And the joys of this world when it's all figured up
Is found in the making of friends.

Happy
New Year

