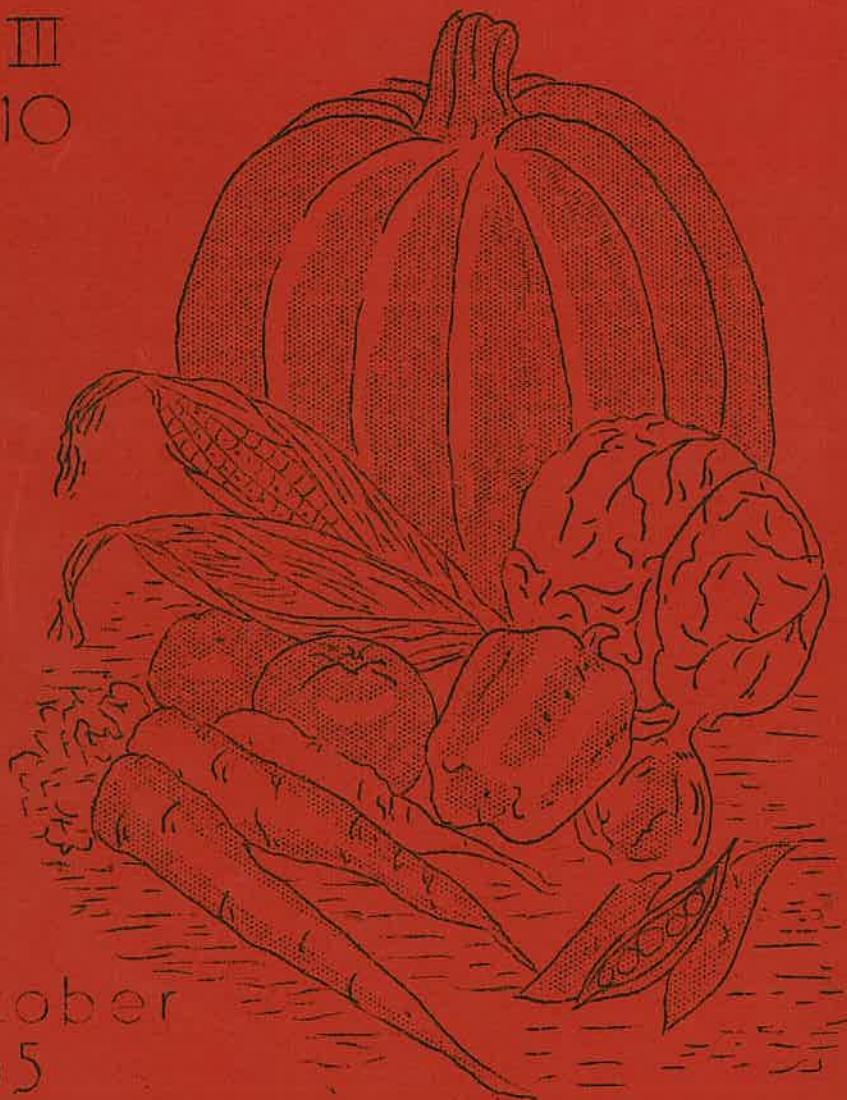


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CONTRACT AWARDS

Benton County. No. 59. Siloam Springs-Gentry, 0.227 miles surfacing, 1 bridge, to A. K. McBride, Fort Smith.

Craighead County. No. 18. Jonesboro-Nettleton, 2.826 miles surfacing, bridge, BucTon Construction Co., Hazen.

Crittenden County. No. 42. Turrell-61, 1.380 miles of surfacing, West Memphis Asphalt Co., Inc., West Memphis. No. 149, Carle-Marked Tree, 9.151 miles surfacing, 2 bridges, Mississippi Valley Contracting Co., Inc., Paragould.

Faulkner and Perry Counties. No. 60. ferry service, Arkansas River at Toad Suck, to Clay Cross of Dumas.

Hempstead and Nevada Counties. No. 67. Hope-PreScott, 3.70 miles repairs, Campbell Construction Co., Inc., Shreveport.

Jackson County. No. 145. Jct. 14-Jct. 37, grading, 2 bridges, W. R. Fairchild Construction Co., Ltd., Warren.

Montgomery County. No. 27. Mt. Ida-Washita, 10.216 miles surfacing, 1 culvert, to Reynolds and Williams, Little Rock.

Pope County. No. 124. Russellville-Appleton, 0.369 miles grading, 2 bridges, to Forsgren Bros., Fort Smith. No. 64, Morrilton-Russellville, 7.196 miles re-surfacing, to Southeast Construction Co., Inc., Pine Bluff.

Prairie County. No. 70. Devalls Bluff, reflooring White River Bridge, to J. H. Leveck and Sons, Little Rock.

White and Cleburne Counties. County Road, Pangburn-Hiram, bridge, 0.350 miles approaches, Forsgren Bros., Fort Smith. No. 36, Georgetown-West Point, 0.264 miles grading, bridge, Mississippi Valley Contracting Co., Inc., Paragould.

SAFETY PATROL

Submitted by Newt Carter

Not the "right of way" when driving
But the simple way of right;
And never once forgetting
To be courteous and polite.
Just a little bit of patience
As behind the wheel you sit,
And you'll never lose a fender
And a child you'll never hit.

Oh! the worst of phrases ringing
All through motordom today...
Is that selfish bit of wording
That is known as "right of way."
It has filled the graves of many
Who have sped some road along...
Since death never asks the question
Is the driver right or wrong.

Just a little thought for others...
Just remembering to be kind...
Just the willingness in traffic...
To slow down and stay behind.

Just the show of gracious manners
Which all gentle folks display...
And the accidents that happen...
Will be fewer day by day.

Just control that flash of temper
When another sounds his horn:
In the car may be a mother
Soon to have her baby born.

Be considerate in your driving,
And be courteous and kind.
And you'll reach your dwelling safely...
And you'll keep your peace of mind.

AIM AHEAD FOR MORE GOALS

by Herbert Redridge

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I accept the opportunity to speak to you through the pages of "Arkansas Highways." You are doing a wonderful job and I am proud of you, the Commission is proud of you, and I hope that you are proud of each other. The fact that so much has been accomplished during the past 34 months is indicative of the strides we can and must make during the coming months and years.

We have a tremendous task ahead of us. For every stretch of road we have paved, there are many more to be paved. For every bridge we have replaced, there are many more to be replaced. For every single job we have accomplished, there are many more of like nature to be accomplished.

Procrastination, or putting off from day to day, is a definite fly in the ointment. It is something we cannot afford. Most things are minor in the beginning, but when we put them off from day to day they finally become major projects and problems. Then, when this happens...who cries havoc? It is the people who have caused a minor job to become a major headache by putting it off. Let's not allow procrastination to keep us from our goal. No one wants a full explanation of why something cannot be done, no matter how logical the excuse may sound...but everyone is interested in how a thing can be accomplished and in seeing its accomplishment. Think of that the next time you find yourself figuring out the reasons why a thing cannot be done,

and use that time to better advantage by trying to figure out how it can be done.

Most of you are familiar with the manner in which the Commission handles Highway business, and that is by Minute Orders. We believe these Minute Orders furnish a very desirable method of procedure. By having copies of the Minute Orders delivered to all supervisors, they can keep up-to-the-minute on Highway affairs and there should be no misunderstanding. Incidentally, since the establishment of Minute Orders early in 1953, more than 1,000 Minute Orders have been signed for official record. I hope that all of you will be with the Department when we pass the 10,000 mark.

Many of you may have heard me explain the necessity of getting our ditches as far away from the pavement as possible. There cannot be too great a stress laid on the importance of this need. There has been an improvement in this line, but not as much as there should be. In the first place, water standing in a ditch close to the pavement causes a softening of the base and produces its deterioration long before it has reached its normal life expectancy. This must not be allowed. In the diagrams shown opposite, notice the waste of right-of-way in No. 1. With our ditches close to the pavement there is badly needed right-of-way which cannot be used. The only way this portion can be maintained is by hand. Too, we are tempting the owner of the property next to the right-of-way to use that excess since it

is left unattended. Such a condition invites encroachments of all kinds.

In Diagram No. 2 you will see an improvement, but a full correction has not been made. The maintenance problem still exists, the ditch is still too close to the pavement, and the full width of right-of-way is not being utilized.

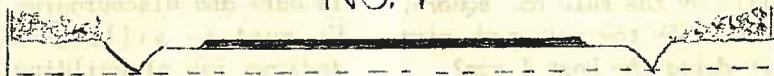
Now, in Diagram No 3. you really have something. There is no spot for encroachments. You have something you can mow and in which you can use heavy equipment. You have preserved the life of the pavement. You have provided a needed safety measure for the driver who may lose control of his car...he now has room to manipulate the vehicle and get it back on the road without a serious accident. You have brought about a highway condition to please all users. You have attained a degree of perfection. Let's see to it that all our ditches on this type of road are built in accordance with Diagram 3.

We have many needs, it is true. But we can make improvements as we go along,

adding a few extras each day until most of our needs have been attended. We need more and better roadside parks. Nature has endowed Arkansas with a loveliness to inspire poetry. We have only to choose the right spots for our roadside parks, maintain them regularly, and let nature provide the background, in order to beckon travelers to our State from all over the country. By attracting travelers to use our highways we earn more money to build more highways.

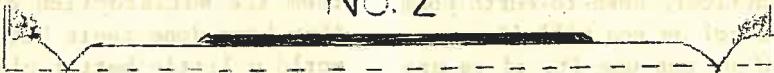
Let's make every phase of highway service to our people of such nature that it will invite praise and never criticism. Let's create within ourselves a sincere desire to do a good job of everything we undertake, regardless of what the task may be. If each and every one of us will develop a consciousness of the need to do the very best we can in all our work, then we will make even greater strides than the most progressive imagination could ever dream possible. We can do it...let's prove that we can.

No. 1



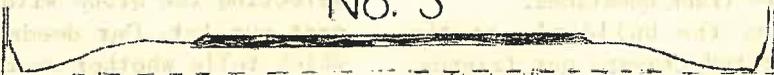
Wrong

No. 2



Better but still wrong

No. 3



Right

BUILDER OR WRECKER--?

by J. B. Shores

Director of Public and Employee Relations
The Texas and Pacific Railway Company

There are two kinds of people in the world...those who build and those who tear down what others have built.

In one of G. K. Chesterson's poems he tells in simple language the difference between the builder and the wrecker. Here is how he put it:

I watched them tearing a building down

A gang of men in a busy town...

With a yo-heave-ho and a lusty yell,

They swung a beam and the sidewall fell.

I asked the foreman: "Are these men skilled...the kind you'd hire if you wanted to build?"

He laughed and said: "Why no indeed;

Just common labor is all I need;

They can easily wreck in a day or two

What builders have taken years to do."

I asked myself as I went away,

Which of these roles have I tried today?

Am I a builder who works with care,

Measuring my life by the rule and square,

Shaping my deeds by the well-made plan

Patiently doing the best I can?

Or am I a wrecker who walks the town,

Content with the labor of tearing down.

In this practical, down-to-earth poem is as fine a moral as you will find anywhere. Each of us can use it, if we are inclined to do so, to take our own moral and spiritual measurement by asking ourselves a few frank questions.

Do we have the builder's or the wrecker's attitude toward our friends, our neighbors, and our fellow workers?

Do we try to make our home, our neighborhood, our state, and our nation a better place in which to live, to work, and to rear our children?

Or, are we content to let others do the building while we sit on the sidelines and critically snipe at their work?

It is far easier to be a wrecker than a builder. Anyone can go about swinging, with lusty yo-heave-ho, devastating beams of criticism and abuse. No skill is required to tear down and destroy. That can be accomplished merely by indifference and unconcern. No matter how fine and beautiful the structure, nor whether it is spiritual, economical, or material, it will disintegrate and fall apart unless there are builders to keep it in good repair.

A builder must have a great deal of patience, tolerance, and perseverance. He must be willing to work when the outlook is dark and discouraging, even hopeless. He must be willing to go about his tedious job of building in the face of criticism and abuse. But life compensates the builders for their trials by giving them the satisfaction of knowing that they have done their bit in making this world a little better place in which to work, to live, and to die.

Life has left with us the choice of selecting the group with whom we shall cast our lot. Our deeds cast a shadow which tells whether we are builders or wreckers.--T & P Topics.

Maintenance Accomplishments

by Hazel S. Erdmann
Magazine Editor

Highway Maintenance! That certainly sounds like a very simple task of maintaining, doesn't it? However, don't be misled into believing that such is the case. It is much more complicated than it sounds. As a matter of fact, our 10 Maintenance Divisions not only provide maintenance in the broadest interpretation of the term, but they also manage to accomplish a great deal of construction work on our roads and bridges...and they do a really fine job of it, too.

We have made a comparative study of certain phases of maintenance work which has been completed during the 8-month period from January 1, 1955, through August 31, 1955. Unfortunately, a few of the Divisions failed to send in their monthly reports for September on time and consequently this study is a month short of the three-quarters mark for the year. We will, however, give you that analyses next month and additional comparisons each quarter thereafter.

It must be understood that the following comparisons are made on jobs which have actually been completed this year and not on those projects in the process of completion. The totals can radically change from month to month, and the true Division winners for this year's maintenance work will not be known until the December reports have been tallied. Any project incomplete at the end of the year will not be included in any portion of the 1955 accomplishments.

Division 2 holds the top spot for the greatest number of completed miles of resurfaced pavement, with a total of 24.40 miles out of the 55.68 miles completed by all 10 Maintenance Divisions.

Division 1 takes first place in the new pavement completed, with 9.96 miles of highway construction out of the Divisions' total of 21.82 miles.

Division 10 noses into first for gravel resurfacing with the completion of 74 miles; but Division 5 is a close second with 70 miles completed.

Sealing honors go to Division 9 for 80 miles completed; and to Division 3 for their 77 miles completed.

Division 4 has a terrific lead in the dust palliative jobs completed with 86.95 miles out of the Divisions' total of 124.58 miles.

Division 3 wins the bridging honors with the completed construction of 9 new bridges, 3 bridges redecked with 4-inch concrete, and 13 bridges widened and redecked with concrete. Division 5 and Division 7 also completed the construction of 9 new bridges each, but lost out in the over-all bridging honors with low redecking totals.

Division 6 easily captures first place in bridge redecking with a total of 23 completed, 2 of which they widened.

For further comparison, we have set up a table on pages 8 and 9 showing individual totals accumulated in each Division during the first 8 months of this year.

HIGHLIGHTS OF COMPLETED

January 1, 1955

TYPE OF WORK	DIVISION 1		DIVISION 2		DIVISION 3		DIVISION 4		DIVISION 5	
ROADWAY	Miles									
Pavement Resurfaced	1.10		24.40				0.84		2.36	
Widened & Resurfaced							7.05			
New Pavement	9.96		6.37				1.05		7.24	
Gravel Resurfaced	46.40		35.60		28.78		62.33		70.00	
Sealing	42.21		60.92		77.00		36.49		21.10	
Dust Palliative	1.05		17.79		5.97		86.95			
TOTAL ROADWAY MILEAGE	100.72		145.08		111.75		194.71		94.70	
BRIDGES	No.	Linear Ft								
Replaced by Culverts			1	20	4	165				
Old Bridges Redecked										
Concrete			7	295	3	156				
Asphalt										
Timber			2	120					1	439
Widened & Redecked										
Concrete	3	488	1	42	13	1,218			1	21
Asphalt										
Timber										
New Bridges										
Precast Concrete	2	90	4	247	7	758			8	647
Steel			3	216						
Timber					2	97			1	20
TOTAL BRIDGING	5	578	17	920	25	2,229			11	1,127

DIVISION MAINTENANCE WORK

— August 31 1955

DIVISION 6		DIVISION 7		DIVISION 8		DIVISION 9		DIVISION 10		TOTAL
Miles		Miles		Miles		Miles		Miles		Miles
		12.98		14.00						55.68
		0.06		1.70				1.50		7.11
.90				10.60		4.00		74.01		21.82
41.90		34.15		30.50		80.00		44.15		374.62
		10.42						2.40		468.78
84.80		57.61		56.80		84.00		122.42		1,052.59

No.	Linear Ft										
		2	90							7	275
16	1,872					8	905			34	3,228
5	296	3	446							3	446
				1	100					9	955
						2	51	1	40	21	1,860
				3	184			2	124	5	308
2	169									2	169
1	112	6	455	1	30	1	20	3	204	33	2,563
		1	24							1	24
						1	100			4	316
1	62	1	45	2	60					7	284
25	2,511	11	970	7	374	12	1,076	6	368	119	10,153

HOW GOOD IS YOUR RATING?

Congratulations to Division 10 for meriting the honors accorded the Maintenance Divisions in accident prevention at the end of the third quarter for 1955 with a total of 15 accidents this year. This is a Divisional honor only and NOT a District honor, for Division 10 is in District 1 coordinated with Division 1 which had the largest number of preventable accidents at the three-quarter mark for the year.

Division 7 is not only in second place with a total of 16 accidents for the year, but District 3 with the twin Divisions of 3 and 7 wins first place for the 9-month period with an over-all total of 37 accidents. Division 5 deserves credit for the total of 17 accidents but its teammate, Division 9, reduces the over-all total. Bottom on the totem pole is District 2 with an over-all total of 50 accidents; and, barely above the bottom is District 1 with an over-all total of 49 accidents.

Our highest praise to Little Rock and Jacksonville for having the least number of accidents in the entire Highway Department. Little Rock is first with a total of 9 accidents and Jacksonville is second with 11. Congratulations to both, and our thanks for the obvious effort being made to eliminate as many accidents as possible.

<u>First Quarter.....50</u>	<u>First Half....142</u>	<u>Three Quarters....242</u>
Division 1.....2	Division 1.....13	Division 1.....34
Division 2.....6	Division 2.....13	Division 2.....21
Division 3.....7	Division 3.....15	Division 3.....21
Division 4.....7	Division 4.....20	Division 4.....25
Division 5.....5	Division 5.....9	Division 5.....17
Division 6.....7	Division 6.....18	Division 6.....29
Division 7.....0	Division 7.....7	Division 7.....16
Division 8.....4	Division 8.....11	Division 8.....22
Division 9.....4	Division 9.....14	Division 9.....22
Division 10.....2	Division 10.....7	Division 10.....15
Jacksonville.....4	Jacksonville.....7	Jacksonville.....11
Little Rock.....2	Little Rock.....8	Little Rock.....9
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	District 1.....49	
	District 2.....50	
	District 3.....37	
	District 4.....47	
	District 5.....39	

SEPTEMBER PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS

Division 1 - Total 3

- 9/19/55, cleaning undergrowth from around bridge, poison ivy on arms.
- 9/20/55, mowing machine turned over on worker, bruising back and hips.
- 9/27/55, dumping load of premix, foot slipped off truck, knee sprained.

Division 2 - Total 2

- 9/19/55, automobile accident, no injuries.
- 9/22/55, exhaust blew foreign particle into eye, causing damage.

Division 3 - Total 3

- 9/19/55, caught thumb in tail gate.
- 9/20/55, stumbled over blacksmith anvil, cuts and bruises of right leg.
- 9/26/55, putting cement into mixer when 8 bags of cement fell, bruising foot.

Division 4 - Total 1

- 9/8/55, hammering with right hand, held punch in left hand, hammer glanced from punch and hit left hand, abrasion and near blood poison.

Division 5 - Total 0

Division 6 - Total 6

- 9/7/55, working on Highway, foreign particle from truck lodged in eye.
- 9/12/55, struck on chest by crowbar, crowbar slipped while prying barrels.
- 9/14/55, fuel tank of motor patrol fell on hand, completely mashing nail from second finger.
- 9/16/55, driving truck, hauling dirt, foreign particle in left eye.
- 9/20/55, started to make left turn off highway, hit by another vehicle; injury to head resulted in death.
- 9/25/55, putting water in radiator, foot slipped, worker fell to ground and injured lower part of back.

Division 7 - Total 3

- 9/9/55, mowing, became overheated, and suffered heat stroke.
- 9/12/55, automobile accident involving our employee, No injuries.
- 9/12/55, automobile accident, our driver was not injured.

Division 8 - Total 3

- 9/1/55, automobile accident involving our employee, who was not injured.
- 9/15/55, had loosened dirt from around post, was lifting sign out of ground, ruptured right groin.
- 9/15/55, blading road, blade of patrol struck rock, throwing worker against metal frame; cut across bridge of nose and on forehead.

Division 9 - Total 3

- 9/7/55, holding chisel to cut piece of iron, second finger of left hand mashed and broken.
- 9/12/55, lifting rock, injured back.
- 9/19/55, mowing weeds on right-of-way, going up bank when steering wheel came loose, right leg bruised.

Division 10 - Total 2

- 9/7/55, checking timing on patrol, wrench slipped and cut his finger, cracked bone in finger.
- 9/13/55, auto accident involving our employee. No injuries.

Jacksonville - Total 3

- 9/7/55, caught left hand in cleets on tractor, bruised hand.
- 9/16/55, while using chain hoist, piece of steel fell into left eye.
- 9/19/55, strained back while lifting piece of scrap iron, strained back.

Little Rock - Total 0

PUT IN YELLOWHORSE

by Jimmy Zinn

Personnel Interviewer

Just before the leaves started their annual carnival of color, we had as our guest in the Highway Building one of the long-remembered and most colorful baseball pitchers ever to grace a uniform of the Little Rock Travelers Baseball Club in the roaring 20's. This guest of ours was none other than the inimitable Moses Yellowhorse, a full-blood Pawnee Indian, from Pawnee, Oklahoma. In the "good ole days" he was a teammate of mine with the Pittsburgh Pirates in the National League where a traditional call for help was "Put in Yellowhorse!"

Moses is employed in the Surveys Division of the Oklahoma Highway Department. He is par excellence as a tracker and spotter with the survey parties. His native Indian instincts are unequalled in his ability to find displaced landmarks and starting points for surveys.

One of his Oklahoma Department friends remarked, "He may not use the most modern means of locating the point, but somehow he always seems to know the practices and

habits of the individuals in the community where we are running our lines."

While in conversation, one of his old acquaintances inquired into his marital status. Moses' expression changed to that of meditation...then with a twinkle in his eyes, he replied, "Yep, my friend I was once married...and for a while things went along right well...but somehow there came a bad time and she decided she wanted to break it up, so we "split the blanket. And do you know, that woman took both halves of it! So I suppose you could call me a confirmed bachelor."

Moses was here on his annual vacation and, as usual, calling on his friends in Greater Little Rock. We like his stout assertion, "when and where better people may be found as friends, these twin cities will provide them."

It was good to see my friend, Moses Yellowhorse. We may not be pitching for a baseball club any longer, but we will both frankly admit that we are still right in there "pitching" nevertheless.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Sorry to disappoint you, but we had to pull four pages or else fail to get out the October magazine. We preferred to give you the magazine, so please don't look for pages 13, 14, 15, and 16....they aren't lost, they were not included. We will try to make up for it in the November Anniversary issue of "Arkansas Highways." Look for articles and news on:

⊗ Outcome of the Referendum Vote on Social Security ⊗ Service Pins and Certificates of Merit Awards ⊗ How to Become a Professional Engineer ⊗ Lead Article by Cecil S. Lynch ⊗ Praise for Lending a Helping Hand When Needed ⊗ Keeping Your Personnel Record in the Clear...and many more

Party Line Parade

— HEADQUARTERS —

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Betty Lane - Reporter

Congratulations to Margie and Herman Shirley who have moved into their lovely new home at 111 Sheridan Road, Park Hill. We understand that on a rainy Friday night, shortly after they moved in, they were given a surprise "housewarming." We are sure they will be very happy and wish them the very best of everything. Congratulations are also in order for Herman who passed the Certified Public Accountant's examination. It is a very difficult examination so we are proud of him and, of course, it goes without saying that Margie is beaming. Good luck, Herman.

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We've had another very enjoyable luncheon. This time Mr. Scott treated Pat Denson to a belated birthday party at Lido's with the following people attending: Joyce Spencer, Betty Lane, Margie Shirley, Eloise Ray, and Ferol Jones.

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We are happy to welcome Eloise Ray to our Highway family. Eloise is a Stenographer in Mr. Scott's office and we hope she will be very happy with us. Eloise's husband, H. W., is a minister and at present is working toward his doctor's degree at the Missionary Baptist Seminary on Asher Avenue. The Ray's pride and joy is their pretty little 2-year-old daughter, Darla. We wish them all success and a life filled with happiness.

COUNTY PROGRAM

Zelda M. Riggs - Reporter

We were very sorry to lose Scotty D. May who resigned on September 26 to accept a position with Allied-Arkansas Bearing Company of Little Rock. We all wish you the very best of luck on your new job, Scotty.

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Mary and Jack Teasdale visited with relatives in Dallas recently and came back by Malvern, and Mary's mother came home with them. They were also delighted to have their daughter, Pat Allen, of Houston, visit with them for a few days.

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We spread the welcome mat for Gerald A. Gassaway of North Little Rock who joined our office force October 6, replacing Scotty May. We are glad to have you with us, Gerald, and hope you will enjoy your work with us.

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We are happy to report that Carl Pendergraft is improving after a recent illness and is back on the job with us. We offer our best wishes for a complete recovery soon.

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Your reporter was happy to have her sister, Ella B. Hurst, of Fayetteville, recently when she came down to attend a board meeting of the Democratic Club. Mother Allen was also delighted at the opportunity of visiting with her.

Party Line Parade

BRIDGE DESIGN DIVISION

Virginia Tackett - Reporter

Bob Mattox ushered October in with a trip to Fayetteville to see the TCU-University game. A request for a report on the game elicited a "no comment," but it was clear to all that he enjoyed the game, as well as visiting his old college again.

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Other important dates in October were Jim Matthews' birthday on the 5th, and H. F. Bastian's on the 14th. Happy birthday boys, and we hope you have many more.

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The office atmosphere these days alternates between joy and gloom. Everyone is so pleased to have Eddie Williams back with us after an absence of several years, and at the same time realizing how much Bill Rainwater is missed. Bill resigned October 1 to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity with a private firm. We wish both Bill and Eddie much happiness on their new jobs.

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The office personnel vied to see who had the most harrowing tale to tell of how long it took to get back to Little Rock after visiting the SAC's Base opening October 9. The reports varied from 45 minutes to 4 hours. Other pathetic stories floating around the place had to do with the scarcity of squirrels encountered over the first week end of the season. All of our squirrel hunters preferred to remain anonymous until a luckier expedition.

Congratulations to Amy and Bill McMahon who celebrated their wedding anniversary October 15. We offer them our very best wishes for many more years of happiness together. The latest development in the McMahon household is the completion of a new hi-fi phonograph set-up. This was accomplished with the help of fellow engineer, Glen Buchanan. Bill reports the sound is so perfect that it's really and truly amazing.

MATERIALS AND TESTS

Julia Halliburton - Reporter

We are glad to have the following employees back with us after being on the sick list with colds: Billie Wood, Hays Medlock, Bob Donham, and C. N. Roach.

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E. L. Wales is leaving October 14 to attend the SASHO annual convention in Charleston, West Virginia. He plans to be back in the office October 24.

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We spread the welcome mat to Henry Uhrman of Lonoke, and to Bill E. Cook of Fayetteville who recently joined our forces as materials inspectors.

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Mildred and Henry Schneider recently returned from a 2-week trip to Washington where Henry attended to business. They visited points East enroute home and reported to have had a marvelous time.

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We were sorry to lose Tom White who resigned recently to go into the car business. We wish you lots of luck, Tom.

Party Line Parade

STATISTICS AND ANALYSES

Headrick and Hume - Reporters

Daisy Conley was very happy to have her daughter, Dorothy Milligan, and children, Al and Jane, spend a week with her recently. Dorothy's husband, Bill, spent the week end before taking his family back to their home in Dallas.

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The surprise of the month was when Mary Ann Bell walked into the Personnel office at the noon hour on September 9 and found a large group of friends and a desk piled high with beautiful gifts for the special little bundle of joy the stork will deliver in November. Mary Ann was so pleased and surprised she got downright sentimental and so did the rest of us.

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We are sorry to report that lightning struck Katie Gardner's electric water pump causing extensive damage. Katie appreciates the thoughtfulness of Pete Benetz and Henry Mercer who have volunteered to build a well house for her. We all hope that lightning doesn't strike twice in the same spot.

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Leroy Beckett went on a successful 3-day hunting and fishing trip recently at McMinns Camp on Maddox Bay. A play-by-play revealed that he bagged 3 squirrels and caught 3 bass and 6 crappie. Other squirrel hunters are: Pete Benetz, Harold Dunn, and Henry Mercer. They all had good luck and from the report they gave, there are plenty more in Pulaski County.

We are all planning and looking forward to our autumn picnic with our families and friends to be held at the Junior Deputy Sheriff's Playground on October 28. We are expecting a big turnout and a grand time.

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Mayo White and family have moved into their beautiful new home on Geyer Springs Road. Mrs. White is teaching in Stonewall Jackson School. The White's moved from Enola where she taught for several years. We hope they will be very happy here.

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We were sorry to lose Freddie McCabe, personable employee, who resigned recently to accept a job in the sales field. We all miss you, Freddie, and wish you the very best of luck on your new job.

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Hilery Eason has been transferred from the Batesville District to our Traffic Section. Hilery has been assigned to the northeast section of the State as traffic recorder operator. James Willard, former IEM employee, has also joined the ranks of the Traffic Section. Welcome, boys.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lukie Atkinson have moved from Jacksonville into a lovely new place recently purchased in North Little Rock where Mrs. Atkinson will be teaching. We wish them the very best of everything.

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Vealless Hudspeth plans to attend the Institute of Traffic Engineers to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 24 to October 27. We hope to have a report when he gets back.

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EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Mary M. Hill - Reporter

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. Don Hayes who celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary on September 19. They are two wonderful people, and we wish them many more happy anniversaries.

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Frank Pratt, Sr., has returned from a wonderful vacation and we bet he gave the "fishes" a fit. How about it, Frank?

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Patsy Jane Navens, Procurement Office, went on her vacation the last of September. She attended the football game in Fayetteville on October 1 and reported to have had a wonderful time.

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We are happy to have Oscar T. David and A. G. Jackson back on the job with us after being absent for several days because of illness.

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The Allen Pannell family enjoyed a 2-week vacation recently visiting in Fort Worth, Texas, and Minnesota. They traveled through 8 states and visited many points of interests and Allen reports they all had a wonderful time.

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Asa L. Duncan took his annual leave the week of September 18 to be at home for the arrival of his daughter and family, Captain and Mrs. Robert Eikling, and their two sons, who came home after 2½ years in Austria, and Rome, Italy. Captain Eikling is now stationed in Fort Hood, Texas.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Fuqua who are the proud parents of an 8-pound son, Charles Andrew, born on September 13 at the Baptist Hospital.

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T. C. Ellis and H. "Doc" Burns went on their vacation the last part of September. We do not have the details, but we are sure they had fun.

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The employees at Jacksonville were grieved to hear that Charlie Stewart passed away September 9. Charlie had been employed in the Department for approximately 18 years and was loved and respected by all who knew him. Funeral services were conducted September 12 by Griffin and Leggett, with burial in Roselawn Cemetary. We extend our sincere sympathies to Mrs. Stewart and to the other members of his family.

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Joe Tice is a happy man these days. His son, Sgt. David Tice, was discharged from the Army in September. Sgt. Tice spent 18 months in Korea and had some wonderful experiences and received his promotions rapidly. We wish David the best of luck in all future undertakings.

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Charles Gaddy, division stock clerk, joined about 26 members of the Griffin family at Oaklawn Park on October 2 for a reunion with 4 generations represented. Charles' grandfather, A. O. Griffin, who is 90 years of age was present, along with his "kid" brother, Guy, who is 82 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Griffin came from Segoville, Texas, to attend the reunion. Delicious barbecue was served and everyone had a wonderful time.

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We are sorry to report that Mrs. Floyd Walker is in the St. Vincents Hospital, Little Rock. We all send her our very best wishes, with the hope that she will have a speedy recovery.

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We are glad to spread the welcome mat to Hurshel Harwell, Jr., who joined our Highway family on October 3. We hope you will be very happy on your new job, Hurshel.

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We offer our deep and heartfelt sympathies to Howard Green and his family in the loss of his father who passed away recently.

Our hearty congratulations to Ann and Lester Rabb who became the proud parents of their first baby on September 25. The new arrival was a precious baby girl, Leslie Dawne, weighing 7 pounds and 14 ounces. Mrs. Rabb was the former Ann Lytle. (It was told on Lester that he stuck his head in a barrel and called "Daddy" trying to find out how it would sound.) We're only kidding, Lester, we are all happy for you.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Morgan are justly proud of their son, Pvt. Charles Morgan, who is stationed in England with the Corps of Engineers. Charles is keeping up with his college work by taking correspondence courses with the University of Maryland and at present is taking algebra and trigonometry. He was one of two boys picked from a group of about 600 to do survey work on an air base they are building in England.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green of Star City are very happy to have their son, Charles Green, home on leave from the Air Force. Charles will be stationed in England upon his return to duty. Our very best wishes go with you, Charles.

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Your reporter and husband, accompanied by my brother, returned recently from a most enjoyable vacation spent in Old Mexico. We also visited relatives in Brownsville, and Houston, Texas, and Shreveport, Louisiana. We visited many points of interests on the trip and all agree it was really wonderful.

Party Line Parade

DISTRICT 3

Division 3 Olive Jackson Hope

Mr. and Mrs. Ardell Clark were week end guests of their daughter, Sue, at the University of Arkansas, October 1-2. They saw the TCU-University Game and enjoyed it very much.

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Other football enthusiasts were W. T. Jeter and his son, Eddie, who also saw the Game in Fayetteville on October 1.

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We extend our best get well wishes to George W. Cox who is in the Veterans Hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana. We miss you, George, and hope you will be back with us real soon.

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Our hearty congratulations to Janell and Jay Roberts who are the proud parents of a baby boy, Gary Lee, born October 1. The young man weighed in at a hefty 7 pounds and 15 ounces.

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Sam Huckabee, who is a member of the Air Force Reserves, has recently returned from a 2-week military leave in Shreveport, Louisiana. While he was there, he took a course in communications. Glad to have you back with us, Sam.

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We are all very happy to report that C. G. Tittle's wife, Nettie, has recently returned to her home after spending several weeks in the hospital. We offer Mrs. Tittle our best wishes for continued improvement, with the hope she will be well and strong again real soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Taylor enjoyed a recent visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Martin, of Memphis.

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Maude and Carlisle Crews visited their son and daughter-in-law, Don and Dorinda Crews of Marion recently. Don is teaching and coaching at the Marion High School.

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We offer our deep and sincere sympathies to Wilma and Hal Baker and family in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Hugh Laseter of Shover Springs, who passed away September 27; and to A. L. Skinner and his family in the loss of his father, Lester Skinner, who passed away on September 26.

DISTRICT 4

Division 4 Faye Carter Fort. Smith

Speaking of lucky people!!! Mrs. Eugene Symonds, wife of our welder, is originally from Detroit, Michigan, and each year she buys several tickets to the annual Detroit Firemen's Ball. Well, this year she bought only one ticket and won first prize, which happened to be a 1955 "fire engine" red and ivory Cadillac. Congratulations, Mrs. Symonds, and may you have good luck next year.

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Congratulations are also in order for F. L. Stovall, foreman in Montgomery County, who had a streak of good luck too. While attending a local drive-in-movie in Mt. Ida, his ticket was pulled out as the lucky winner of \$85.00.

Party Line Parade

We here at Division 4 have the welcome mat out for everyone! The painters have finally put away their brushes and moved us back into our offices. We not only have a new paint job throughout, but we also have a new asphalt tile floor. Believe me, it doesn't look like the same place and it has really given us a lift, making our work even more pleasant. When you are up this way, please stop by and see our attractive offices because we are really proud of them.

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Montgomery County has shown an increase in its population the past 3 months and we offer our congratulations and best wishes to the following proud and happy parents: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brakefield who have an 8-pound 2 ounce son, Robert Mickel, born July 5; Mr. and Mrs. Helton Stovall, a daughter, Martha Vienna, weighing 8 pounds and 8 ounces and born on June 25; Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Kimzey, a daughter, Donna Carlene, who was born September 1 and weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces; and on July 19 a daughter named Sharon was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Qualls, weighing 6 pounds and 10 ounces.

DISTRICT 7

Division 7 Sula Burnham Camden

Johny Jones is on his way to Chicago for a 2-week vacation. Have a good time in the windy city, Johny, and be careful.

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Eddie Sweatman spent 2 pleasant weeks in Natchez, Mississippi, recently visiting his son and family.

We are happy to report Jim Fultz is able to be home after spending a week in the Ouachita County Hospital. Jim was the victim of an automobile accident in which he suffered 2 fractured ribs and cuts on his face and legs. As a result of this accident, he contracted pneumonia. We all send him our very best wishes for a speedy recovery with the hope he will be back with us soon.

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Congratulations to Herb Gebler and family who have moved into their new home in Fordyce. We are sure the slogan "Home Sweet Home" will ring true for them.

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We can all take a brand new lease on life now that the World Series, Football, and all the other extra activities are here. So, we bid goodbye to Summer and extend a hearty welcome to Fall. By the way, squirrel hunters, we are looking forward to the good ole squirrel mulligan you have talked about all summer, so we are hoping when you read this article you will think of us.

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We are glad to welcome Doyle Jacks to our Division as area foreman of Columbia County, replacing L. E. Jacks who resigned a few days ago. We wish L. E. the best of luck in all his future undertakings.

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We offer our deep and heartfelt sympathies to Dewey Brandon and his family in the loss of his father, and to George Orsburn and his family in the loss of his father-in-law.

