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THE WHEEL - AN ANCIENT DEVICE - PRODUCED BY MAN TO EASE HIS TOIL



A SMOOTH RIDING SURFACE - PRODUCED BY MAN TO SPEED HIS TOIL

W. B. HOOVER

FOUR EMPLOYEES GIVEN PROMOTIONS ON JANUARY 1

Bert Rownd, bridge maintenance engineer since February 1958 assumed new duties as head of the Surveys Division January 1. He replaces Kent Brown who requested that he be placed on a consultant basis. Mr. Brown, who has 30 years with the Department, has the title of Surveys Division Advisor.

The change in personnel is one of four made in key positions in the Department recently. Rownd is no stranger to Surveys, having served for three years as assistant engineer until he was appointed in 1955 to the bridge maintenance engineer position. From 1950 to 1955 he was with Bridge Design Division. He was employed for approximately a year before World War II in the Statistics and Analyses Division (now Planning and Research). An alumnus of the University of Arkansas where he received a BSCE, Rownd, Mrs. Rownd, and their three children reside in the Meadowcliff Addition.

Robert H. Mattox takes over Rownd's job as bridge maintenance engineer. Mattox has been assistant to Mr. Brown in Surveys since February 1958. He came to the Department in 1950 in Bridge Division. He has a BSCE from the University of Arkansas, and is a registered professional engineer. The Mattox family includes wife Adelle, and two young boys. They also reside in Meadowcliff.



Bert Rownd

Bennett A. Van Patten, who has been acting head of the Utilities Section in Right of Way, assumes the full duties and title of chief over that section, replacing A. W. Hardy, who retired December 31. Van Patten came to the Department in June 1960, from the Texas Highway Department at Beaumont, where he was associate Right of Way agent. A native of Pangburn, Arkansas, Van Patten is married and has three children.

Herbert E. Hooten was promoted to head of the Appraisal Section in Right of Way on January 1, replacing Fay Wallace, who retired December 31. Hooten worked for the Farmers Home Administration in Little Rock for seven years prior to coming to the Highway Department in 1957. A native of Guy, Arkansas, Hooten attended the University of Arkansas, graduating with a BS in agronomy, economics, and agricultural engineering. Hooten, and Mrs. Hooten, the former Zola Wallace, have two children. They reside at 8708 Stanton Road, Little Rock.



Bob Mattox



Bennett Van Patten



Herbert Hooten

THE CIVIL ENGINEER IN HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION

(Part I)

by Ward Goodman
Chief Engineer

*"Highways and motor vehicles have furnished the people of the United States the freedom and flexibility in personal transportation that has won unprecedented acceptance and use of the motor vehicle. This has strengthened the economy of this country by giving us transportation advantages that no other country enjoys." In so doing, however, it has created tremendous problems to be solved by the Civil Engineer and others in the engineering profession. A need for a nationwide system of inter-regional highways has been felt for a long time but it was only during the early forties that the Federal Aid Act of 1941 emphasized a strategic network of highways. This, of course, was during World War II and the emphasis was placed on defense. In 1944 the Bureau of Public Roads, in conjunction with state highway departments, produced a report entitled "Inter-regional Highways" in which was recommended a national system of inter-regional highways for the purpose of taking care of present and future traffic, and specifically for the national defense. This report recommended that the national system of Interstate Highways should not exceed 40,000 miles. In 1947, the Interstate System was approved.

Just what is the Interstate System? This system, set by law at 40,000 miles (later changed to 41,000 miles by the Federal Aid Act of 1956), was estimated to cost \$40 billion and embraces about 1.2% of our total road mileage. It joins 43 state capitols and 90% of all cities with over 50,000 population. It carries more than 1/7 of all traffic - 1/5 of all rural traffic, and directly serves 65% of the urban and 45% of the rural population. One of the purposes of the System, according to law, is to serve the National Defense.

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The first specific authorization of funds for the Interstate Highway System was in 1952 in the amount of \$25 million annually. Matching was on a 50/50 basis. This was raised to \$175 million annually in 1954, with the matching ratio set at 60% federal and 40% state. At that rate of modernization, it was estimated that it would take more than 50 years to reach even a tolerable level of efficiency. Therefore, in 1956, Congress demanded that the Interstate System be completed in a lesser time than that, and passed the now famous 1956 Federal Aid Highway Act for a 15 year program for the Interstate System and a continued program for other federal aid roads. It provided that the federal aid would be matched on the basis of 90% Federal Funds and 10% State.

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The Federal Aid Act of 1956, in addition to making a national system of highways available in a relatively short period of time, increased many of the duties of the civil engineer. For instance, the law included a number of design criteria. The Interstate System must be a controlled access type highway and have no crossings at grade. The program was so great that a new means of financing had to be undertaken. Public hearings must be held in order that each individual be given a chance to speak for or against a project - and before a project can be built, the economic effect of such location has to be considered.

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One of the immediate problems was in finance. Congress established a trust fund into which all funds from motor fuel, tax on tires, camelback, busses, trucks, truck trailers, and highway use tax on vehicles over 26 thousand pounds, were deposited. Some of the states, in order to keep up with their regular Primary, Secondary and Urban financing and to provide the 10% for federal aid matching in the Interstate System, had to resort to bond issues.

Thus, the civil engineer has graduated from a person of corduroy britches and boots, and smoking a pipe, to a man of many facets - one of which is finance. At one time since 1956; it was thought that due to financial problems, a slowdown in the program might be necessary. When it was learned that nearly 74 million motor vehicles were registered in the calendar year of 1960 and registrations were increasing at the rate of about 2 million vehicles a year, it was felt that the slowdown must not happen. Of the 74 million vehicles, 62 million were automobiles and 12 million were trucks and busses. The 71 million vehicles registered in 1959 travelled 700 billion vehicle miles. The travel in 1960 is estimated at about 720 billion. If we assume 10¢ per mile for the average cost of operating an automobile, and remember that trucks and busses cost more than that to operate, it becomes evident that the money spent in motor vehicle transportation now amounts to more than \$80 billion a year. This is a sizeable share of the American economy - and is indicative of the intimate involvement of the motor vehicle in American life. Motor vehicles in 1961 are expected to number 76,007,000 - a gain of over 2 million vehicles per year. With these staggering statistics, Congress determined that no slowdown was possible. The 1961 Federal Highway Act guarantees that the money will be available to finish the Interstate Highway on time.

It remains then for the civil engineer to do his part - knowing that the money is available - to do such things that will insure the completion, and on time.

Old methods of field surveying, computing quantities, and plotting cross sections will not suffice. More and more he must depend on electronic and photographic equipment. Every state is using, to a large extent, photogrammetric mapping. Many states use photogrammetric maps for the plans and design. Some states use photogrammetric methods for computing preliminary and final quantities. The electronic computer is used by nearly every state in the Nation. With the use of this computer, programs have been worked out which will solve, in a few minutes, problems that the civil engineer used to take days to solve. For example: for one average traverse closure for a parcel of right-of-way, it takes a man - with the aid of his electric calculator - at least a half a day to close the survey, compute the area of the parcel, compute the area of the taking, and the area of the remainder. An electronic computer of the average speed can do this work in about 5 minutes. Cut and fill quantities can be balanced in comparable time.

This largest of all public works program immediately placed before the highway department the problem of a shortage of competent engineers. To correct this problem, the highway departments have had to resort to training schools of their own, to take alert young men who have had some experience with the Highway Department, and train them in certain technical and mechanical duties. Many of the duties which used to be done by the civil engineer are now delegated to technicians - those who have been trained by the Highway Department to do such things as running levels, making inspections, doing instrument work, etc. Those duties are now in general being performed by young men who have come up through the ranks or have had one or two years in college. The civil engineer is being reserved for more technical duties - many of them leaning more and more toward duties other than civil engineering.

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The controlled access provision of the Interstate System created a problem that was new to most of us. Some of the facets in connection with this requirement are far reaching. New concepts in design have to be undertaken, more studies have to be made to be sure that the road is exactly in the right place. Right-of-Way has become a major part of highway design and location. It is no longer possible for the civil engineer to set up his transit on one end of the road and pick the most feasible route for the location, so far as he is concerned, without any question. Engineering judgement is no longer enough. Now he has to project a number of lines and, usually from photographic maps; traffic engineers have to assign traffic to the various routes selected and pick out the one most likely to give the highest user - cost benefit ratio. The right-of-way people have to make studies to determine the damages imposed by the purchase of land and severance of the property, and the taking of access rights. Economic studies have to be made to determine land use and benefits after the project is in operation -

construction costs are estimated - then all of these factors are compiled into a composite report and it is the line that has the best overall picture that is used which may or may not coincide with the one that seemed to be most obvious from the first selection. In Urban areas, much conversation and discussion has to be had with planning commissions, city councils, and housing officials. This puts the civil engineer more and more into public relations.

Prior to 1956, right-of-way acquisition was one of the smallest divisions in the highway department - the reason being that we were, in general, building roads that were land service and people along the road used them and were glad to give the land for a new highway. With this new Interstate highway, however, we are designing additional routes - probably by which the land owner is severed, at great inconvenience. He cannot get on the road at the specific point that he would like to - he has another route that will serve him for short distances; therefore, nowadays very little land is given for Interstate highway. The Right-of-Way Division is now one of the biggest and most important in the Highway Department. For example: prior to the 1956 Highway Act, Arkansas had one person in the Right-of-Way Division whose major task was the writing of court orders. One attorney was on the staff as general counsel. Now these two divisions have a total of 87 employees, with an additional number of fee appraisers and attorneys. Here again, the new civil engineer has had to expand his thinking into a field which at one time was thought to be negligible.

(To be concluded)

LOUIS CONE

Louis Cone Sr., permit clerk in the Central Offices, died in a Little Rock hospital December 30, after a month's illness. Mr. Cone, employed in the Highway Department for 23 years, was born June 20, 1898. He was a native of Snyder, in Ashley County, Arkansas. His immediate survivors include his widow, Mrs. Bessie Cone, a daughter, Mrs. R. A. Bolin, and a son, Louis Cone, Jr.

JAMES H. MAIER

James H. Maier, a truck driver in District 4, died of a heart attack December 24. Mr. Maier began working for the Highway Department in April 1958, as a laborer, but was shortly promoted to mowing machine operator and then truck driver. He was born April 22, 1918 at Charleston, Arkansas. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Floy Louise Maier.

JAMES EDWARD WARRINGTON

James Edward Warrington, a construction trainee in District 2, died of a heart attack December 23, 1961 at his home in McGehee, Arkansas. He had been employed by the Department only three months at the time of his death. He was a native of Monticello. He was discharged from the U. S. Navy June 1, 1961 after serving three years as a machinist mate.

PROFILE ON J. F. PRICE



Our first entrant as "Man of the Month" for 1962 is John F. Price, who has been around the Highway Department for over 22 years, serving in several fields helping to build highways in Arkansas.

A product of Nashville, Ark., Price is District 10 engineer at Paragould, a position to which he was assigned in November 1959, when the district offices were re-established in the maintenance divisions. Prior to that he was resident engineer at Walnut Ridge for 11 years.

Price was born in 1905 to the late Paralee Goodlett and John F. Price Sr. His father had moved to Arkansas from Alabama. He settled at Junction City, later moving to Nashville where he married Mrs. Price, a young lady from Hope, whose father owned an insurance company. Johnnie (as he is more familiarly known) graduated from Nashville High School and continued his education at Henderson Brown College at Arkadelphia.

His first job was with the engineering staff of the Justin Matthews Real Estate Developers in Little Rock. He continued with the firm until 1933 when he started working for the Highway Department. Another big event occurred in 1933 when he married Miss Kathleen Lewis of McCrory. Price's work in AHD in those early years took him to Wynne and Forrest City.

When preparations were begun for World War II in 1940, John resigned from the Department to accept employment with Black and Veatch Architect Engineers on the reconstruction of Camp Robinson (formerly old Camp Pike) in Little Rock. In 1941, still with the firm, he moved to Ft. Smith and began surveys for Camp

Chaffee. When the contract for the camp was awarded, John was promoted to assistant to the chief engineer of Black and Veatch and was placed in charge of all road and street construction for the camp. Two years later, when the firm's work was completed, John transferred to the U. S. Corps of Engineers and continued to build access routes into the training areas. After a year with the Corps of Engineers, he became associated with a Tulsa, Okla. firm and for the next two years, Johnnie was busy doing oil explorations in Oklahoma and later in southern Mississippi.

In June of 1946, he returned to Little Rock and the Highway Department. It was then that he went to the resident engineers job at Walnut Ridge. In May 1957, he transferred to West Memphis as resident engineer on the Interstate Program and other projects in Crittenden County, before being promoted to his present job.

Johnnie has always had a keen interest in sports and outdoor life. It is said that in high school and also college, he established quite a reputation as a football player. One Highway Department member who was a classmate of John's stated that the only reason he didn't make All-American was because the powers that be who make the selections just didn't get down that way to see him. And, the friend went on to say, football was really rough. If a boy made the team, he had no chance to sit out for a few minutes because he played the full 60 minutes without any letup. Since early childhood Price has been very enthusiastic in his pursuit of hunting and fishing, and seldom now lets a year pass without dividing some venison among fellow employees. He has been known to knock over a rabbit on the run with no effort at all, and gives quail and squirrels quite a time. More recently he even goes out to the "wild and wooly" West, to indulge in big game. Last year he made a trip to Colorado for elk and deer, and when he can, he loves to hunt pheasant in the Dakotas and Nebraska. Another interest is farming, and while we didn't check it out, we heard that he has quite a large farm in Woodruff County which he operates as a sideline, when possible.

The Prices are members of the Methodist Church and immediately after moving to Paragould, Johnnie was elected to the Official Board of the First Methodist Church. He is a member of the Paragould Rotary Club; a registered professional engineer; a member of the Arkansas and National Societies of Professional Engineers; and at one time was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

JESSE ELEM HENSLEY

Jesse Elem Hensley, 42, died December 9 at his home at Tuckerman. He had been on sick leave prior to his death.

Mr. Hensley had been with the Highway Department since September 1, 1960. He was employed in the Maintenance Division. Prior to his work in AHD Mr. Hensley was engaged in farming.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Gladys Hensley.

Summary of Roy Jorgenson's Speech to SASHO

"What happens when we have a sudden vacancy in a key job?"

This thought-provoking question was Roy Jorgenson's opener when he addressed the Administration Committee of SASHO. Jorgenson is an independent highway consultant from Washington, D. C., and a member of the AASHO-NHUC Management Project Advisory Committee.

Mr. Jorgenson's primary point of emphasis was the importance of having a reserve of qualified and developed people.

As an illustration he pointed out that the secret of the New York Yankees' record of consistent wins is, in reality, no secret at all. It is a well-known fact that for every position on the field there are two Yankees qualified to fill it.

Youth, Jorgenson stated, is many times confused with underdevelopment in employees. Supervisors and department heads often say a man is too young for a job, thus putting the prospective or new employee at fault, when more often than not, the person is merely undeveloped, thus placing the responsibility on management.

In a light vein, he passed on to the Committee a recent meeting with a GM executive to whom he asked, "What does it mean when we say 'he is too young'?" The exec replied, "It means the person who said it is too old."

Mr. Jorgenson told of several management improvement activities reported at this year's AASHO-NHUC seminar, one being an Engineering Activity Analysis which is designed to determine if the various classifications of engineers are being utilized to their fullest potential, and if engineer trainees are receiving experience in the proper fields.

Another innovation is the compilation of a Manpower Inventory, which entails a summary of each management and engineering employee's qualifications, experience, professional goals and extra curricular interests.

CHEESE STRAWS

Submitted by Mrs. Mariestes Anders

Sift together 1½ cups flour, ½ cup meal and 1 teaspoon salt.

Cut in 2/3 cup shortening; add 1/4 cup cold water, 1 tablespoon at a time. Mix until pastry forms a ball. Let rest 5 minutes. Roll mixture on floured canvas until pastry is 12x15 inches. Sprinkle ½ cup grated cheddar cheese over ½ pastry and fold over, and roll again. Repeat with another ½ cup grated cheese and roll to original dimensions.

Brush with melted butter, sprinkle ½ pastry with caraway seeds and other ½ with poppy seeds. Cut into strips 3/4 inches wide. Bake in pre-heated oven 7 to 8 minutes at 425 degrees on ungreased cookie sheet.

NEW ATTORNEYS IN LEGAL



Donald Ray Langston



Donny Gene Gillaspie

Donny Gene Gillaspie, one of the new attorneys in Legal, began work in the Legal Division November 16, to replace Middleton P. Ray, Jr., who resigned. Gillaspie, a native of Patmus, Hempstead County, attended Tufts University, Southern State at Magnolia, and took an LLB at the University of Arkansas. He passed the Arkansas Bar exam to practice law in March 1961, and was with a law firm in Fayetteville from that time until August 1961. Gillaspie is married and has one child.

Donald Ray Langston, also a graduate of the University of Arkansas, where he received a BA in 1959, completed requirements for his law degree in 1961. He attended the College of the Ozarks for two years before entering the University. He is a native of Coal Hill, Ark., and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter W. Langston. A member of the U. S. Army Reserve, Langston took six months infantry training in 1961, serving as Pvt. E-2.

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From: Payroll Section - Accounting Division
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PLEASE submit the information immediately to the above and to the Personnel Office, Headquarters, Little Rock.

COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Commission Meeting dates for the second half of Fiscal Year 1962 have been scheduled as follows: January 31; March 7; April 11; May 16; and June 20.

Christmas Parties

Part of the Christmas activities in the Central Office Building included a film, "The Coming of Christ," a 16mm full-color film, which was shown to all employees in the Commission Room at 2 and 2:30 p.m. The film, 23 minutes long, was secured from United States Steel.

Most of the other Christmas "doings" were confined to each office or division, rather than the usual large parties. The Maintenance Division did have a large open-house to which everyone was invited. The serving table held delicious refreshments and hot coffee.



Tommy Koehler, Edwin Rogers, Charlene McClain, and Bob Jukes at the L. A. McCain's home.



Guests and hosts at the Maintenance Division open-house. R. B. Winfrey, engineer of Maintenance, is the one with the camera.



The C. K. Browns in Surveys Division during one of Mrs. Brown's infrequent visits to the Department.



Mrs. L. A. McCain takes a pan of hot muffins from the oven to serve her guests, the Construction Division employees, at a buffet luncheon she and Les McCain gave in their home.



Some of the Jacksonville crew around their tree



Jim Meredith, third from left, is shown with his crew in Procurement. Others are: Frank Caple, Amy Tedford, Willene Gray, Lewis Wade, Linda Schmidt, and Juniata Morgan.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS

ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Pat Koonce

Christmas brought the usual parties and vacations. A potluck luncheon was enjoyed and gag gifts, some rather apropos, were exchanged. The party was also the occasion of Jimmy Meyer's leaving us to await the arrival of a little Meyer.

Georgia Cottrell has joined us to fill the gap left by Jimmy's leaving. Welcome, Georgia.

The Sugar Bowl will be the conversation with many in our division. Lee Wagner was the fortunate one to go. Ed Orsini, internal auditor, also was among those attending.

Blanche Smith and her husband were happy to have their daughter and family as holiday guests, but they have returned to their home in California, via plane. Blanche's household is half-way back to normal.

After several strains, sprains, and cuts, with four children, we finally broke a bone. This reporter's youngest daughter, Janice, managed to break two in her left arm.

We are going to miss G. W. Stanford who retired at the end of December. We hope he enjoys a rest from the day-to-day grind and will get out and run the wheels off his brand-new Chevrolet.

BRIDGE DESIGN

Virginia Tackett

Bobby Joe Parker and M. B. Gentry are Bridge Design's newest trainees, and we're trying to make the big impression on them so they will choose this Division for their permanent assignment. Bob Seay has transferred from Construction back to Bridge Design and we are very glad to have him back with us. Ted Hannah, an officer in the Navy Air Corps, and one-time Bridge Designer stopped by for a Christmas visit while on leave. It was good to see him again.

Before the holidays started and our personnel started fanning out over the country for Christmas visits we had a fine Christmas party. In a Division so well supplied with willing and able wives, all that is necessary to bring on a flood of delicious eatables is just a word that we are having a party and contributions will be welcome. Along with our punch and coffee we had stacks of cookies, sandwiches, candy, and snacks. After that people took off in all directions for the holidays. Mr. Carlson flew to Seattle to spend Christmas with Catherine and Kenneth Rochester, his daughter and son-in-law, and Larry had flown down from Juneau and was already there. They went skiing, saw the preparations for the

1962 World's Fair to be held in Seattle, and drove up to Snoqualmie Pass. He says that the country up there is beautiful. Walker Haigh spent Christmas in Fayetteville with his family, and the Division benefitted to the extent of a two-day supply of cookies he brought back with him. W. E. Wilson, recuperating from a short stay in the Hospital with emphysema, drove down to Texas with Mrs. Wilson for a few days in the sun. He's still feeling a little pale, but is back on the job.

Leonard Kerr and Bobby Joe Parker spent Christmas at home in Dermott, and Charles Venable and his family went to Pine Bluff, Marcy Gross, with Darlene and the boy, drove down to Texarkana for the holidays, and Bob Seay went to Fayetteville. M. B. Gentry took his family home to Searcy and Dale Loe, of course spent Christmas in Prescott.

Veral and Mary Pinkerton and Denise spent Christmas in New Hope and John Hall and family drove over to Benton for Christmas with John's brother. Curt Mahla bagged an 8-point buck down on the family ranch near San Antonio to top his last year's 6-pointer. The horns will look nice on the wall of the back room of the Bridge Division. The few of us remaining stayed home and had company mostly. It was an absolutely satisfactory Christmas in every way and we're looking forward to the next one.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Hazel McKim

A. J. White, one of our night watchmen, received his 5-year service awards on December 14. A party was given to celebrate the occasion and all the night crew attended. Norman Smith, supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, was present as was Joe Hohnbach, night foreman, who acted as moderator and presented the awards. Johnnie Gray, staff photographer, and his son, were on hand for picture-taking. Cake and cokes were served.

Norman Smith returned to work January 2 after a two weeks' vacation. We hope the Smiths and daughter, Linda, had a most enjoyable Christmas holiday.

Roy E. Caldwell retired from the night shift but will work on week ends as day watchman. We will miss him being here as he was liked by everyone.

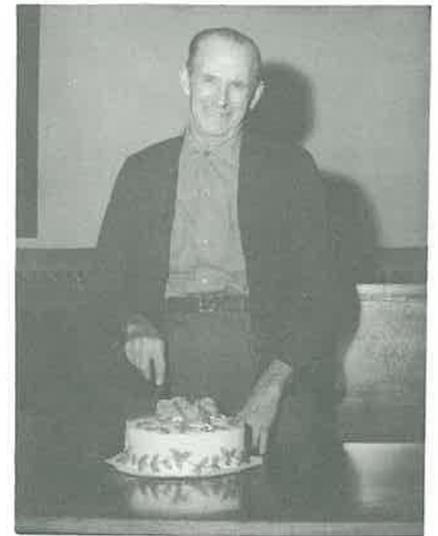
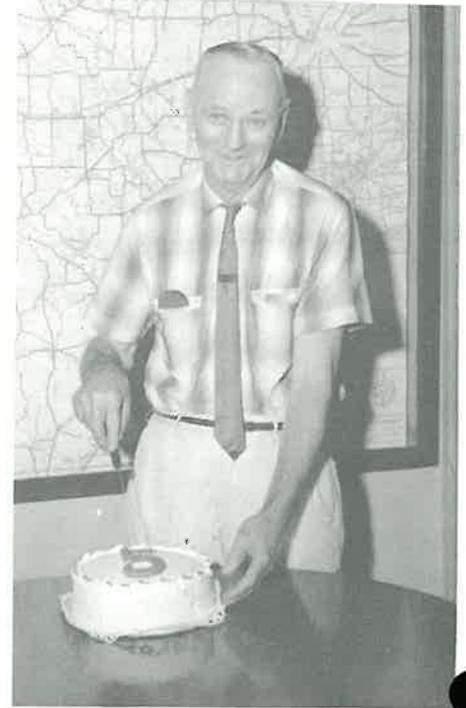
Thomas E. Smith joined the night crew recently, replacing Roy Caldwell. G. E. Foresight also is a new employee in Buildings and Grounds, working as week end watchman. We hope both of these new employees will enjoy their new jobs.

Ralph Post's son has returned home from Munich, Germany, where he had been stationed with the U. S. Army.

Another night watchman, Francis O. Brady, received his 5-year service

award also, sometime ago, but we were unable to get our news at that time. We held a small party to commemorate the occasion. Refreshments were served to the Buildings and Grounds crew.

Happy New Year to Everyone!



The two night watchmen who received their service awards are Francis O. Brady, top, and A. J. White. Both men are in Buildings and Grounds Section of General Services.

BLYTHEVILLE OFFICE

Johnnie Alexander

James Gibson has a 1962 red and white Rambler station wagon. Mighty pretty!

Recent vacationers in our office were Donald Barnes, Billy Mulhollen, Billy Hyde, James Gibson, John H. Mitchel, and yours truly.

Bill Mulhollen was very proud of the 7-point deer he bagged while on vacation in November. It weighed approximately 190 pounds.

This writer's husband, Wayne, was promoted to SP-4 in October. He was home for a week over the holidays. He is still stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. and will be out of the Army on July 26, 1962. Thank goodness!

We still can't believe it, and those who know him probably won't either, but Billy Hyde is engaged to Peggy Jones of Missouri. We don't know the date of the big event and Bill won't tell us.

John F. Price and L. A. McCain visited our office last month.

CHIEF-OFFICE ENGINEER

Leontee Connelly

Holiday Activities:

The Ward Goodmans went to Shreveport and parts of east Texas...Ferol Jones and family spent Christmas with her sister in San Antonio, Tex. Jo Ann Almond flew out to Coos Bay, Ore., to be with her family during Christmas... Katherine Jones went to Melbourne, Ark., and son Tracy, who goes to school in Austin, Tex., joined her there.

The John Pendergrasses stayed at home, home being their beautiful country place out on Miller Road in Sylvan Hills...Ralph Stiefvater stayed with parents in Conway...the W. C. Johnstons went to Marshall, Ark., and were joined by their son, James, a student at the University of Oklahoma... Cap Boen and family went to Ft. Smith.

Hub Holland took a week's vacation the last of December to spend with his new daughter...Leontee Connelly and family went to McComb, Miss., where her husband's family live...Bob Andrews won't say but there is reason to believe he stayed at home...Ed Ray went to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

Charles Wroblewski and family spent Thanksgiving in Omaha, Neb. with family and friends. He said pheasant hunting is good there.

Bill Rainwater went to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. for three days' army training recently.

Goodloe Hampton was at home ill for a while, but returned after a few days.

The Dan Morgans have moved into a new home on Speer in North Little Rock.

June Dillon is pleased with her new 1962 Galaxie. It's red and white. Millie Houston says her old '54 still gets her there and most of the time gets her back.

Now that the holidays are over and most of the employees have returned, we have settled down to await the January 31 letting.

CONSTRUCTION

Geraldine Kissire

Bob Jukes is a new employee in our office, replacing Tom Henderson who retired in December. Bob transferred from District 6.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McCain entertained the entire office crew in their home December 14. A buffet luncheon was served. Guests included Mrs. E. E. Mashburn, and the Johnnie Grays. (In the picture below, Mrs. McCain is pouring coffee for Tom Henderson at the buffet. Tom retired in December. More pictures of the festivities are shown elsewhere in the magazine..Ed.)



Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lucas spent the Christmas holidays in their home in Thayer, Mo. We're all looking forward to Mr. Lucas' return to work very soon.

Our office held its Christmas party on Thursday, December 21, with a luncheon. Our guest list included the F. R. Olivers, the Ward Goodmans, the E. E. Hurleys, the Harry Wrights, Mrs. C. A. Shumaker, the John Lawrences, Mrs. John Tallant, Mrs. McCain, Mrs. Mashburn, and Judy Matthews.

Margaret Weathers, husband Bob, and their son, spent the holidays with daughter and sister, Virginia in Houston, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rogers and son Edwin, spent the holidays in Forrest City with Mrs. Rogers' mother.

Judy Matthews, daughter of H. B. was at home for the holidays. She returned to her studies at Henderson State Teachers College January 2.

COUNTY ROADS

Zelda M. Riggs

Maurice Cooper and Gerald Gassaway vacationed during the holidays.

Mrs. John "Pat" Allen of Houston, Tex. has just returned home following a two weeks' stay with her parents, Jack and Mary Teasdale.

Donald L. Legate, a former employee of our drafting section, returned from Chicago six months ago to resume his work as draftsman, and now has resigned to return to the Academy of Art in Chicago for his second year in commercial art. Marvin Griffith, formerly of Augusta, is taking Donald's place. He and his wife, who is employed as a pathologist at Arkansas Baptist Hospital, are living on West Eighth, Little Rock.

Max C. Hall had a house full of daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren over the Christmas holidays: Gwen and Bill Usery and son, from Ft. Worth; Helen and Don Banks, and daughter, from Atlanta; and Jo and Ernest Avra and four children, from nearby Sherwood. Don, a former employee of the Department, completed his graduate studies in civil engineering at Georgia Tech in December and is now hard at work on his masters degree. After all the company had gone home, Max and Mary boarded a plane for New Orleans and the Sugar Bowl game.

Your reporter's daughter, Eunice M. Johnson, who resides on Pine Valley Road, returned home after a stay of three weeks in St. Vincent's Infirmary, where she underwent major surgery. She is doing nicely and hopes to return to her job at Ft. Roots in the near future. Also, Mother Martha Anne Allen, suffered a severe fall just prior to the holidays, fracturing an old break in her left hip and breaking several ribs. She is recovering and enjoyed having her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren for brief visits during the holidays and is looking forward to soon being up and able to enjoy her eighty-seventh birthday March 1.

EQUIPMENT DIVISION

Doris Healy

We had a surprise visit from Kay Bonnell, a former employee in the Procurement Office. We were all very glad to see Kay and it was a welcome surprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Kavanaugh Heard celebrated their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary while he was off, due to an injury. Kavanaugh was off several

months and we're glad to have him back with us.

P. L. Harris is sporting a new Ford pick-up truck, which is a pretty blue.

Employees who visited out-of-state during the holidays were: Shirley Healy and family, who visited relatives in Graham, Tex; Carol Hilton and husband, visited relatives in Colchester, Ill., and reported a shite Christmas; and Carl Hillis and family, who visited relatives in Morehouse, Mo. They all reported a nice trip.

At our Christmas party, C. Don Hayes, our boss, was presented a Polaroid camera. We had as our guest, Johnnie Gray. We exchanged gifts and enjoyed refreshments.

Vacationers before Christmas were Purvy Lee Harris, George Lewis, W. E. Ripberger, Delbert Pearl, Lem Kirkpatrick, and W. W. Yancey, Kirkpatrick enjoyed sleeping late every morning while he was off.



C. Don Hayes not only received a Polaroid camera for Christmas but a new hat (gift certificate) to boot! Don models his new headgear below and although it looks chic, is it a bit small?

FREEWAY

Patsy Willis

Long Remembered will be the Christmas party held by our engineers on Friday night, December 15 at the Ark.-La. Gas Clubhouse on Roosevelt Road. It was attended by an estimated 100 happy people, the majority of which were Freeway employees and their ladies. The guests included: the C. A. Shumakers, the John Tallants, the

E. E. Hurleys, the Lester McCains, as well as a good attendance by contractors' personnel and other invited guests. Plenty of chip and dip, shrimp and sauce, and soft drinks were served and everyone had a big time. Unplanned entertainment was a version of the Twist. A gift was presented to John Lawrence from the employees of the expressway. Credit for the success of the party goes to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Metcalf for their excellent preparation of the food; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Little for the entertainment; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frazier for the decoration of hall, table, and tree, and to this reporter and Clyde Mayhan for the stereo set and danceable music they provided; and H. H. Perkins, chairman of the Arrangements Committee.

R. Y. Williamson resigned December 20 to return to the University of Arkansas. He worked for Ralph Jones. Jane Longing resigned from Bob Crafton's office to join her husband in Lincoln, Neb. Mary Marrow is replacing Jane. Crafton was on vacation the week following Christmas, visiting relatives.

J. T. Busbee, Bill Price, James Frazier, and Charles George were all on leave during the holiday season.

Mendal E. Lambert brought his wife home from the hospital December 27. She is recovering nicely from major surgery.

Mrs. Buddy Orton's main Christmas present to her husband was a baby girl, born December 20. Buddy works for George Peevy, resident engineer.

John Youngman killed a deer on his hunting trip in Brinkley.

Resident Engineer Ralph Jones reports that Bill Price and Jim Rives each bagged a deer about 6 miles out of Ozone in Johnson County December 30. Rives killed a 100-pound towhead deer at 100 yards. Price killed a 120-pound, pure white albino at 300 yards. (See pic.)

From H. H. Perkins we get the following news items: Charles Miller had a large holiday season. First, he and Miss Betty Wyers of Ozark were married December 22 in the Grand Avenue Baptist Church of Ft. Smith, with Reverend McCray officiating. They are at home at 2201 Main, Apt. 17, Little Rock. Secondly, Charles was notified that he had been successful in passing the exam for registration as a professional engineer and will receive the certificate in February. We congratulate Charles on both counts.

Also due for congratulations are newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. James Carlisle, who tied the knot November 23. Mrs. Carlisle is the former Miss Betty Jones of Carlisle, Ark., and is employed at an insurance firm in Little Rock. They make their home at 1310 Rock Street.

Ruben McConnell, a graduate of the University of Arkansas and now in the

Engineering Training Program, was transferred recently to this office. We hope his stay with us will be both beneficial and enjoyable.

Many of the employees have enjoyed a much-deserved vacation period. We had an almost uninterrupted construction period for the past several months and much progress has been made. Much talk of deer, quail, ducks, and fish was had before vacations, but this writer (H. H. Perkins) has seen neither antlers, feather, or fin and no bragging since.

Our condolences are extended to Louis Cone, Jr. on the death of his father, Louis Cone, Sr., permit clerk, who died December 27.



Albino and Towhead, bagged by Bill Price and Jim Rives.

LEGAL DIVISION

Betty Grimes

Christmas has come and gone but the memory of its joyous season lingers on. The most eventful occasion for our offices was a luncheon given by Dowell and Mariestes Anders in their lovely new home. Mariestes is an excellent cook and her spacious, wood-paneled kitchen is well equipped to handle the chore of feeding a mob of hungry people. Our appetites were well appeased before the supply of delicacies dwindled. Speaking of delicacies, have you ever eaten pickled okra? It was delish! The "Cheese Straws" served piping hot were out of this world. We asked Mariestes for the recipe so we could pass it on to you. Our thanks to Dorothy Switzer who "telephone-sat" for us while we were gone, enabling us to all have luncheon together. (The cheese straw recipe, printed on page 6 in the magazine, is different from the one submitted by Marie Rossing and printed in the January 1960 issue. Ed.)

The New Year finds several new faces up and down our hall. Donnie Gillaspie and Donald Langston are the new attorneys and Willie Chastain and Helen Garrett are the new secretaries. Two, not new, but welcome faces are Ed Boyett and Brenda Pruitt. Ed has returned to the fold after two and one-half years in Washington as attorney with the Bureau of Public Roads. Brenda has transferred to our division from Right of Way. We extend a welcome to all, both the new and old friends, to our congenial group.

Donald Kelly was confined to the hospital almost two weeks prior to Christmas and it sure is good to have him "up and at 'em" again. His illness was jokingly diagnosed as acute "title-itus" but being ill, especially at the holiday season, is no joking matter. This is a fact to which we can all attest, as the flu has made its rounds among us and our families. Let us hope that 1962 brings the gift of Health and Prosperity to each and every one.



When Betty Grimes brought her news up to the Magazine Section, she "just happened" to have with her a picture of her darling granddaughter, Frances Elaine Foley, pictured here at three and one-half months. She is the young offspring of Betty's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Foley.

PERSONNEL OFFICE

M. A.

Christmas 1961 is only a memory for most of us, but it was enjoyed by all in Personnel. We slowed down a few days before the long holiday week end - long enough to get our bearings and make

final plans for Christmas. The office had a small Christmas party among the staff and exchanged gifts. We headed for home or other places when we were released from work the Friday before Christmas. And then, another long week end was enjoyed when New Years rolled around.

Ruth Foll spent the holidays (both Christmas and New Years) at home in Mountain View...said she partied every night until late. When she returned from Christmas week end she brought her younger sister Linda with her for a few days. Linda visited us in the office a couple of days during her stay. She's a mighty pretty girl.

Jane Greenlee started working for the Department just long ago to have accrued two weeks' annual leave so the holidays were particularly nice for her. She visited her mother and other members of her family in Tennessee during part of her vacation.

Jim Zinn, who will retire at the end of this month, was also off on a few days' vacation during the Christmas holidays. We hate to think about Jim leaving us. Ironically, Jim will reach the compulsory age for retirement on his next birthday, January 31, which will be his last day with the Highway Department. Jim would have had 13 years' service in March. It won't be the same without him but we wish him a bushel of good luck. Jim will probably find something to keep him occupied because he's too active and young looking to sit in a rocking chair.

Jim and Maxine Higgins, with their three young sons, spent Christmas with their parents at Vilonia...Hoyt and Linda Thomas alternated their time during the holidays with her parents at Guy, Ark., and Hoyt's parents in Little Rock.

Jackie Wallace took a couple of days off after Christmas, but she stayed in town...Billie Ruth and Bubba Hatcher threw a New Years' party at their house on New Years Eve, and she said they had a lot of fun.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Bonnie Thomas

With the holidays out of the way, things are about to settle down to normal again. Several employees were on vacation during the past weeks while others visited relatives and friends. Leroy Beckett and family spent New Years week end in Denton, Tex. Charles Frazier visited in Kentucky for a week... Bill Moore was off for a week during the Christmas season. His daughter, Pat, a student at Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia, was also home for the holidays...Claude Roberson spent part of his vacation in the woods tracking deer. He got lucky and killed one but he hasn't come up with any invitations for a venison dinner yet.

The women in our division had a Christmas party in the Terrace Room of the Hotel Sam Peck on December 22. We exchanged gifts and everyone enjoyed the food and get-together... Before leaving for the Christmas holidays on December 22, Planning and Research employees had a small party with cake and coffee and Christmas caroling. We presented Mr. Henderson with a gift.

Lester Jester, who is presently attending Purdue University in Indiana, working on his masters degree, came by to visit with us while he and his family were home for the holidays.

There are several new home owners in P&R...Ken Graves and his wife have a new home on Hendrix...Bob Kessinger and his family moved into a new house on Harrow Street...Bill and Dorothy Cooper bought a new home on North Melon.

Jim Carvell, Jr. who was employed here until last October before going into the U. S. Army, received orders to leave for Korea for duty of 16 months. Good luck to Jim.

Ruben McConnell of the Engineering Training Program, spent the month of December with us in P&R.

PROCUREMENT

Amy Tedford

The holidays are behind us now and in a way everyone is glad. However, there was so much excitement since the middle of November it's been rather hard to settle down again.

First, let us welcome Juniata Morgan to our office. She came to work on November 16, replacing Linda Mode Thomas, who was married October 13 to Hoyt Thomas of the Personnel Section. Juniata and Morris, Susan and Robert reside on West Sixteenth in Little Rock.

Someone was missing this Christmas: Roger Gray. This was the first time Roger has been away from home at this time of the year. The son of "Widow" Gray, Roger is stationed at Moron Air Force Base in Spain. (Moron is pronounced with the accent on the last syllable and with a long O, although Willene affectionately said, "of all places for that nut to be sent was a place called 'Moron.'" Willene did have guests holiday-time: her mother, Mrs. John Rogers, and a sister, Mrs. Harry Steed, visited her and her other son, Haywood.

Conley Meredith spent some of his holiday vacation in Shreveport visiting relatives. Jim and Martha drove down for the New Year's week end to pick him up. They had a lovely drive down and back, and while there Jim and Martha celebrated their eighteenth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Vestal Vassaur, Linda Schmidt's mother, spent a few days with Linda and Fred. Mrs. Vassaur now lives with Linda's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Farnham at Delaware, Ark.

This writer and family spent Christmas with my parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Marshall of Humphrey. Our family all got together for the first time in four years and we had a lovely time.

The evening of December 28, the Merediths (Jim and Martha) entertained the office personnel and their husbands and wives with a lovely buffet of barbequed turkey, with all the trimmings, and talk about FUN! We had it. A word of warning though, to anyone planning to visit the Merediths. Beware of what you say. A tape recorder that Conley had received for Christmas was hidden in the dining room and later in the evening the party conversation was played back to us. The Merediths also introduced us to two games, the instructions for which can be obtained by calling anyone in Procurement. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith, you are wonderful hosts and we really enjoyed it...thanks again.

If any of you might have sampled the peanut brittle Leta Wade sent to us, we have the recipe in the office. It was just delicious.

Frank, Sylvia, Pam, and Debbie Caple all had a nice Christmas. They were "home for the holidays" at Frank's parents in Lonoke. Frank was home though after Christmas and New Years trying to overcome a bad cold and virus.

We wish everyone a VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

REPRODUCTION

Rachel Simmons

Mamie Fanning enjoyed 10 days' vacation during the holidays, although, she just stayed at home and rested.

Reproduction had a party on Friday night before Christmas at Tia Wanna and we all had fun. Those attending were the crew, wives, husbands, and girl friends.

Although this item is late getting printed, Henry Vopel celebrated his birthday November 3. We had cake, coffee, and presented him with a gift.

At right, Henry is shown blowing out the lone candle on his cake. Grouped around him are Patsy Roling, David Johnson, Buddy Aley, Lucille Huffstutlar, Mamie Fanning, and Rachel Simmons.



RIGHT-OF-WAY

Kaye Green

The end of 1961 marked retirement time for two of our division's most beloved employees, Fay M. Wallace, staff consultant of the Appraisal Section, was guest of honor at a retirement party held December 15 at Morrison's Cafeteria, at which time his co-workers of the Appraisal Section surprised him with a reclining chair in which to relax and enjoy his well-earned leisure time. A. W. Hardy, staff consultant for the Utility Section, retired December 22 and was presented with an engraved attache' case by the Utility Section and a traveling clock by the Engineering Section.

Our annual Christmas party was held in two segments on December 22. Around noon we partied with Christmas cookies and cakes and the usual festive refreshments. Eugene Nelson was presented with an attache' case from the entire staff and Don Martin received a combination barometer, thermometer and clock in a pretty red case to be used for desk or travel. The Acquisition and Accounting Sections presented W. D. Luton with a barometer. At 7:30 that night, the party continued at Tia Wanna where a happy holiday time was had by all.

Naturally, everyone waited until the holidays to take most of their vacation time, so it has been kind of difficult to scrounge up news as to how these vacations were spent, but we are sure everyone made the most of it and spent their time most joyously.

We have three new brides: Dolores Mahan was married to Bob Freppon on November 17. She was honored with a luncheon at Brownings Restaurant and presented with a gift of Corningware. Gloria Cobb and Ed Tyson were married

over the Thanksgiving holidays. Gloria resigned December 29 to move to Ozark where her husband is employed. The girls presented her with an electric toaster. (These two items were deleted from last month's issue.) Mary Beth Walton pulled a sneaky on us over the Christmas holidays by running off to Oklahoma to marry Bob Brown, her childhood sweetheart who was home on leave from the Navy. Congratulations and best wishes to all of you.

We were sorry to see Brenda Pruitt transfer to Legal Division this past month, but know she will be an asset to them, and since she is just "right next door," we don't really feel that we have lost her completely.

Benny Walden of the Engineering Section returned to work December 26 after being off several weeks with a back injury. Good to have you with us again, Benny.

Retha Griffin, our payroll clerk, has returned to work after six weeks' convalescence from an operation.

DISTRICT 1

Janet McElduff

We're all still talking about our Christmas party! The effort on everyone's part which went into making a success of it was well worth it. We turned our new conference room into our buffet room and used map racks for tables, which literally groaned with food. The dessert table held the "mostest and bestest" of homemade cakes, cookies, and candy. Jeff Lindley supplied us with an abundance of greenery and we decorated throughout the office. Aside from the food, we had the fun of opening the toys brought by all attending and after we grownups had our fill of playing with them, they were delivered to the county welfare for distribution.

But the real fun started after everyone had eaten. We had planned no entertainment, but the day before, we had moved my Hammond organ out to the office so we could sing Christmas carols. What those carols turned out to be is something else! Grady Dye's son, Curtis, came to the party with his father, bringing his accordion along to help out on the caroling. One of the most interesting and talented young men we have ever seen, Curtis is 19 years old, and despite the fact that he has been blind since birth, he can make music with that accordion like nobody's business. He has been playing only two years strictly by ear and his happy disposition only enhances his ability to make pretty music. After this reporter and Curtis started the carols other voices joined in. Before long we heard the twang of a guitar tuning up, then another, and before it was over we

had six guitars joining in. Fred Tacker was one of the players along with his two sons, Willard Earl and Jody. Thomas Rooks brought his brother and their guitars, and J. D. Willis with his, was at the helm. The caroling went into something a little faster and hotter and before long we had to move players, instruments, and listeners out into the shop for more room. I realized shortly that the type of music being played was not too suitable for the organ, so I gave up, but the accordian and guitars went on and on, and when we left late in the afternoon, the shop rafters were still ringing with music and singing. Everyone was tired and full, but happy. It was the nicest way in the world to start the Christmas week end.

Christmas wasn't the only thing we were celebrating, however, but it was not a celebration in the true sense of the word. Tom Ellis, foreman, who retired December 31, was our honor guest and appropriate gestures for the occasion were made. James Hamilton made a short speech of appreciation to "Mr. Tom," and he was presented with a Winchester pumpshotgun, a gift from his fellow-employees. Mr. Tom went to work for the Department in 1937 and had worked continuously since then. On the first work day since his retirement, January 2, Mr. Tom was out on the lot at 7 a.m. scraping the ice off the truck windshield, and getting ready for a day's work. We know he will miss the Department but most of all, the Highway Department and his host of friends will miss Mr. Tom.



"Mr. Tom" Ellis, shown with his gift shotgun, presented by his fellow-employees.

Vacation leaves were in abundance over the holidays, too numerous to list. News from Marianna Area Headquarters tells us that Mr. and Mrs. Leon Aunspaugh are parents of a 9 pound boy whom they named Nicky Lee. In the area too, R. L. May is building a new home and Area Foreman Adler Williams is sporting a beautiful new 1962 Falcon Station Wagon. From M. J. Jordan's crew we learn that Dalton Voyles had an accident resulting in having stitches in his head and leg, and that Tom Glover has been out with the flu. We also know that Jeff Lindley is a proud grand-pappy again, and best of all we are glad to have James Hamilton, maintenance superintendent, back on the job again.

Well with Christmas over, the New Year begun, and some 8 or 10 boxes of candy (and pounds) later, we are settling down to work again. A very Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all!

DISTRICT 2

Ouida Grimes

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Pierce are parents of a baby daughter, Terri Renee, born December 3 at Jefferson Hospital. They have two other daughters, Lanelle and Rose Lynn.

The W. L. Wrights had their son, Wilton, and his wife home for Christmas. Wilton is a lieutenant in the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Shalmy had as their guests for the holidays their son Pat and his wife Nancy from Fayetteville.

We had a combination Christmas party and retirement dinner in the District Shop December 22. Those who retired effective January 1, and whom we honored at the party were: N. M. Mitchell, 35 years service with AHD; W. H. Cook, 25 years; and William R. O'Briant, over 12 years; and Jesse D. Herring, over 7 years. Mr. Cook and Mr. O'Briant were unable to be with us. Our menu consisted of ham, barbecue pork, barbecue beans, potato chips, coffee, cokes, and all kinds of delicious cakes and cookies. Our special guests were Mrs. Inez Royston, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Morgan, Bob Warren, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ussery, and all the employees' wives, husbands, and children.

DISTRICT 3

Olive Jackson

Two of our long-time employees, Carlisle Crews of DeQueen and Ernest Pender of Ashdown, both foreman, retired from AHD on December 31. Carlisle has received his 30-year service pin and has worked continuously since February 1937. He has worked in many capacities during his

tenure in the Department. Ernest, who first started working in 1932, also has worked in many capacities and has worked most of the time with the exception of a few brief intervals. We extend our best wishes to them in their retirement.

The office personnel really rated this year at Christmas. Just before the holidays, Ethel Lowder brought out delicious fruit cake and salted nuts which were served with coffee. Also, we received fresh apple cake sent us by Lula Haynie of Prescott and a huge box of homemade candy, made by "Dock" Greeson's wife, Opal, of Texarkana.

Andrew Schaeffer and Ivan Black of Miller County, who have both been in the hospital in Texarkana, have now returned to their jobs. Also, Clovis Tittle, who sustained an injury in an accident in the shop, has been released from the hospital and is recuperating at his home.

Houston Kitchens, Pierre Malardier, and Donald Embry, with the U. S. Army Reserve and stationed at Camp LeRoy Johnson, New Orleans, came by the office to see us while on leave during the holidays. All three of these boys are looking forward to their return to the Department and their jobs.

Floyd Pharris, equipment supervisor, and Sam Huckabee, stock clerk, attended a showing of equipment parts in Jacksonville recently. A film was shown and there was a discussion period which was beneficial.

Some of the employees who visited out of town during the holidays were: Jim and Ethel Lowder and children, Sue and Wes, who spent the holidays in Hot Springs; Ardell and Nellie Clark, who visited the Bennett Woods in Hot Springs; Georgia Whitmore, who visited relatives in Prescott; Edna Lewallen, who visited the Robert Stephens in Dallas; Iva McKinnie, who visited parents in Stuttgart; and Olive Jackson, who visited the Hugh Pettys in Marianna and the Bob Fleishmans in Memphis.

Happy New Year to everyone from District 3!

DISTRICT 5

Carl Davis

Most of us in District 5 had a good Christmas, but Sally McMillan, stock clerk, really "out-did" us all on December 19. A sweet little baby girl, Sherry Lyn, was born to her daughter and son-in-law, Jo and Sonny, and then on December 24, daughter Sallye C., became the bride of John L. Dobbins. Congratulations to Sally on the arrival of her first granddaughter and also on a new son-in-law.

Dolores Rust, secretary in District 5, had surgery in St. Bernard's Hospital at Jonesboro on November 9. She returned to work January 2.

L. E. Tomlinson has more than just a buck to brag about during the last deer season; he also has a broken leg to keep reminding him. We hope he continues to improve and is back at work soon.

Coy Frazier transferred to Newport.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to the family of Lester McGinnis, who passed away December 18, and to the family of J. E. Hensley, who died December 2.

DISTRICT 6

Billie Jones

We have two new trainees with us: Jim Baird and Eugene Belknap. We were sorry to lose Tommy Baird, one of our trainees who spent two months with us. We almost adopted him.

Kenneth Nute from Barksdale Air Force Base at Shreveport, son of I. H. Nute, one of our Pulaski County foremen, was married December 9 to Miss Emily White of Benton.

Spearman Allen, crew leader for Mr. Stanton at the Pen Walls, retired at the end of December. Good luck, Spearman.

We celebrated Christmas with a small party and had open house. We enjoyed several visitors from the Little Rock Central Office building. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Winfrey brought their camera and took pictures of our new building, and we were happy to have Mrs. Hurley visit with us also.

Several of our employees took vacations last month. Margie Johnson and her family spent a few days at Coolidge, Tex. visiting her parents. Mr. Jeter spent a week at home just resting.

We all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas, and Santa was good to us all. Mr. and Mrs. Hurley were happy to have their son with them over the New Year holidays. He is an electrical engineer with IBM Corporation in New York City.

Pat Venable returned from the holidays with a carat on her third finger, left hand. The lucky young man is Robert Kissire from Searcy. Pat says they haven't set the date yet.

DISTRICT 7

Burnham and Campbell

Virginia Hicks of Tulsa and Judy Hicks, a student at the University of Arkansas, were guests in the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hicks during the Christmas holidays.

H. C. Steadman, accompanied by his wife and son, spent his vacation in Alabama. Others having their vacations during the holidays were: D. L. Erwin, B. R. Bethea, and M. R. Outlaw.



Shown here are some of the maintenance foremen in District 7 at Camden. The picture was made at a foremen's meeting on December 15, at which all foremen attended except F. A. Lansdale of Dallas County. It is regrettable that the picture of the entire group was not clear enough to reprint. The names of the men and their counties are left to right: W. V. Bradshaw, Union; Ray Rogers, Columbia; H. C. Steadman, Bradley; George Orsbome, Clark; Bun Heldebrand, Ouachita; and Dewey Brandon, Calhoun County.

R. A. Outlaw spent a week deer hunting and reports a lot of fun but no venison for the table...John Livingston bagged a nice spike during the second season.

J. C. Webb enjoyed having his two daughters and their families as guests during the holidays. Mary Nell Carlson and Eddie Beasley shared a visit from their sister and daughter, Mrs. Tommy Ramos and family of Kentucky.

DISTRICT 10

Golvie Light

A Christmas get-together was enjoyed December 20 at our offices in District 10, with a luncheon of ham, cheese, potato chips, coffee, cold drinks, and cakes. There were about 45 employees and their families present. Gifts were presented to the bosses as a token of appreciation for the splendid cooperation they have given District 10 in the year 1961. Pictures were taken of the group and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Mesdames Jason Adams, Junior Wycoff, and John Sanders for such beautiful and delicious cakes.

This reporter got a surprise recently when Cousin Bill Cline came into the office to see her. Bill, resident engineer at Brinkley in District 1, previously worked in the Paragould Construction Office and also has worked for John F. Price who is our boss. Bill, Mrs. Cline, and their son now make their home in Brinkley.



Adele Fiedler, "Girl Friday" Surveys, holds three-month-old grand daughter, Kristie Dell Hicks, offspring of Sandra (standing) and Don Hicks, Adele's daughter and son-in-law.

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This interesting picture was sent by District 7 Engineer W. E. Hicks, in whose bailiwick the subject is located. It is the reconstruction of a Cotton Belt underpass on Highway 7, north of Camden, and is a joint project by the Highway Department maintenance forces and the Railroad. The structure replaces an old one-lane facility with a standard channelized crossing. G. E. Nunnally is district superintendent in District 7 and Hal Woodson is bridge foreman.

The following quotation was attributed to Frank Scroggins, our elevator operator. "Person can't cry much if he's whistling."

Executive ability is the art of getting the credit for all the hard work that others do.

THIS'LL KILL YA

By
Jimmy Zinn



At Las Vegas, Nev., they tell the story of the teenagers who were stopped by two hefty motorcycle policemen for speeding. One cop sauntered up to the hot-rodders' jalopy, pulled out his arrest book and a pencil. At this point the young driver leaned out of the driver's side of the car and said: "I'll have a hamburger and malt." We never did learn the outcome but the teenagers probably won't get out for a while.

Seven-year-old to his father: "Before you married Mom, who told you how to drive?"

"I hear Jim's studying to be a magician."

"Yeah, he was doing pretty well until he went to the hospital."

"What's he doing in the hospital?"

"He turned his car into a tree."

Ducks may be dumb, but they don't pay fancy prices for guns and equipment so they'll have an excuse to sit freezing in dreary marshes in the fall watching men fly south for the winter.

A small boy was bored on a long auto trip. Suddenly, he turned to his father and said:

"I wish you'd let Mom drive...it's more exciting."

How about the two romantic red corpuscles who loved in vein.

The hunting party was hopelessly lost and the hunters turned angrily to their guide.

"We thought you said you were the best guide in Maine!"

"I am," protested the guide, "but I think we're in Canada now."

A police reporter for an eastern paper noticed that a certain desk sergeant occasionally wrote "S & B" after a prisoner's name on the blotter. So one night he asked what the letters stood for.

"Salt and battery," replied the matter-of-fact sergeant.

South American: "Our most popular sport is bull fighting."

Visitor: "Isn't it revolting?"

South American: "No, that's our second most popular sport."

One scientist to another as a glamorous girl walks by: "Now there's an arrangement of molecules for you."

A man rushed excitedly into a smoking car of a train. "A lady has just fainted in the next car," he cried. "Has anybody got any whiskey?"

Immediately several flasks appeared. He seized one, tilted it back, took a drink and returned it saying, "Thanks. Always did make me feel sick to see a lady faint."

A harried mother says: "At Christmastime the kids hang up their stockings. After that it's a full year before any of them hangs up anything again.

"Have you heard that Kathleen is engaged to an X-ray specialist?"

"I'm not surprised. No one else could see anything in her."

